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*"The year that is drawing toward its close has been filled with the blessings of fruitful fields and healthful skies. These bounties... are so constantly enjoyed that we are prone to forget the source from which they come..."*

*It has seemed to me fit and proper that they should be solemnly, reverently, and gratefully acknowledged as with one heart and one voice by the whole American people."*

*Abraham Lincoln  
National Thanksgiving  
Proclamation, 1863*



— Vern M. Bullen Photo

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**Why  
Give  
Thanks**

Each year there is a day marked on our calendar as Thanksgiving. Every school child knows how a group of people, who opposed many of the traditional practices of the Church of England, sailed across the ocean to a new land in search of religious freedom.

This group of people, called Pilgrims, landed at a point on the east coast we now call Plymouth Rock after spending several months on the stormy North Atlantic.

During their first few months in the new land, a great sickness plagued them, killing more than half of the group. The epidemic proved beneficial in one way as it provided fewer mouths to feed from the limited supplies that were brought over on the Mayflower.

For nearly two years the group worked together as a unit for the "... common cause and condition" under the terms of the Mayflower Compact with very little success. Life in the new land became increasingly difficult, everyone seemed to be working hard so all could be provided for equally, but the cribs and barns were not being filled.

In 1623 a new rule was written by Governor Bradford allowing every man to till, plant, harvest and store that which he desired. More corn was planted than ever before in hopes that if a family had more than their own requirements, some could be used for trading for goods and services.

The Autumn of 1623 brought a bountiful harvest to the Pilgrims and the cribs and barns were filled. The group was so happy with the system and the abundant harvest that a day was set aside to give thanks to God.

A new way of life was created — free enterprise was established as a part of the economic system of the new land.

The seed of free enterprise, planted by the Pilgrims, has been cultivated for the past 347 years into the greatest prosperity any nation has ever known.

Today, the people of the same new land face many problems. Today's living is far removed from the life of the Pilgrims, yet their experiences proved that man's dream can come true if he is free to seek his own destiny.

From the dream, hard work and hardship of the Pilgrims, a great nation was built and a Thanksgiving Day was added to the calendar.

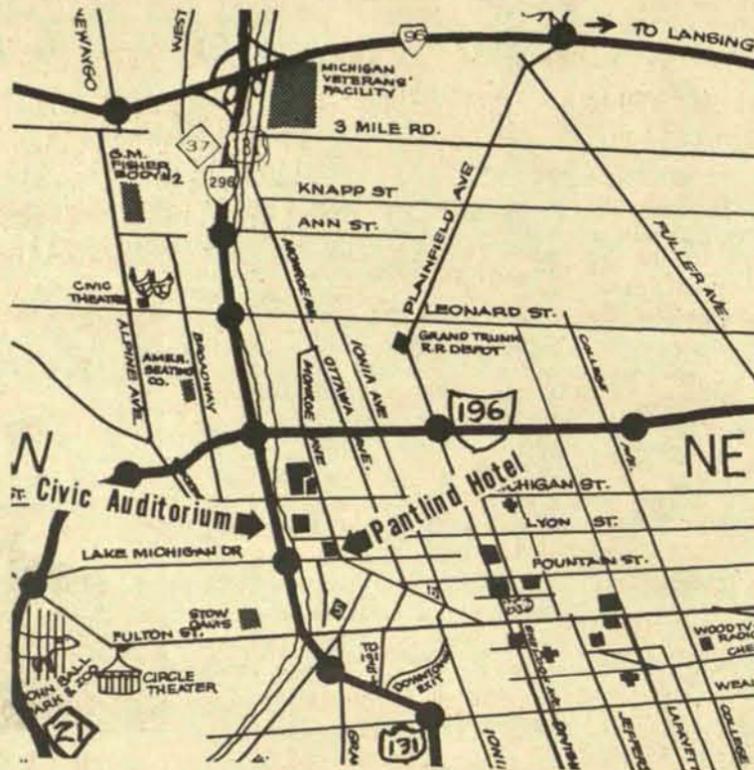
We need to ask ourselves at the Thanksgiving season, is there a better country than that which the Pilgrims gave us? Is there a country with a superior economic and political system, where the individual has a greater chance for personal achievement? Is there a country that provides for its people better health, educational and social opportunities? Is there a country that enables such a large number of people material well being? Is there a country that offers its citizens travel, recreation and communication systems equal or better than we have? Is there a country that grants as much personal or group freedom?

We should give thanks for the Pilgrims and what they gave us — our country with all of its greatness — our heritage of freedom that few people in the world enjoy or understand — a form of government where we govern ourselves and the personal dignity of man granted to us under our Constitution.

Carl P. Kentner

**MFB-FPC-FBS ANNUALS  
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**Monday, November 9, 1970**

- 8:30 a.m. Registration in Civic Auditorium Lobby
- 10:00 MFB Annual Called to Order
- 10:20 Welcome by Mayor of Grand Rapids
- 10:25 President Smith's Address
- 11:00 MFB Annual Recessed
- FPC Annual Called to Order
- 12:00 FPC Annual Adjourned
- FBS Annual Called to Order
- 12:00 Women's Luncheon and Program
- 1:00 FBS Annual Adjourned
- 1:15 Commodity Luncheon
- Finals of Young Young Farmer Discussion Meet
- 3:00 Special Interest Sessions  
Livestock, Dairy, Field Crops, Fruit, and Vegetables, and Poultry
- 6:00 Annual Banquet — Civic Auditorium
- 9:00 FBS-FPC Product Show — Exhibit Hall  
Civic Auditorium

**Tuesday, November 10, 1970**

- 8:30 Reconvene MFB Annual — Civic Auditorium  
Reports and Consideration of Resolutions
- 11:45 Recess for Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. General Session — Civic Auditorium
- 4:00 Recess for Caucuses — Districts 2, 4, 6, 8, 10
- 6:00 Presidents' Banquet — Continental Room,  
Pantlind
- 6:30 Young Farmers Banquet — Black and Silver Rm.  
Civic Auditorium
- Product Show, Exhibit Hall, Civic Auditorium  
Will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, November 11, 1970**

- 8:30 General Session — Resolutions
- 11:00 Veterans Day Ceremony
- 11:05 Election of Directors
- 11:45 Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. General Session — Resolutions

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

**Money  
In  
Your  
Pocket**



Farm Bureau Mutual policyholders recently earned \$300,000.00. The big dividend divided up among members totals 10% of an individual's semi-annual premium.

In paying this dividend to the folks who insure their cars and trucks with Farm Bureau Mutual, the Michigan Farm Bureau Office Services department worked the "presses" all night last month to prepare distribution of funds that amounted to twelve 80-85 pound U. S. Mail bags—a thousand pounds of dividend checks.

We're proud to say this is not the first dividend returned to policyholders. This marks the 14th auto dividend paid to members during the 21-year life of our Farm Bureau Mutual Company, which is one of the four companies that form the Farm Bureau Insurance Group: the largest insurer of farmers in the state.

This event is even more rewarding when we learn that this is the fifth dividend paid to members in less than three years—during these times of inflation when the dollar is worth less—yet must be stretched ever further. This dividend return is a feat that can be the utmost compliment to Farm Bureau.

This is not true in other areas of the insurance world. There are reports of companies curtailing auto-insurance business because of the rising costs. Furthermore, there are those who have declared a moratorium on the sale of auto insurance because of inability to compete during this inflationary economic pinch.

In light of these facts, Farm Bureau Mutual enjoys a distinction greatly desired by competitors. Farm Bureau continues to return a dividend. This distinction is one which folks said would become the backbone and symbol of our farmer controlled company more than two decades ago. Today, this mark of resourcefulness is the trademark of Farm Bureau Mutual; earned through unmatched service to the member.

I'm sure many members can recall the good faith folks put into the new idea of the entire Farm Bureau Insurance program when it began. Farmers matched their beliefs with money—invested in an idea . . . with no assurance of the future, but only with the knowledge of farmer resourcefulness. It was faith like this, plus hard work that has developed Farm Bureau Insurance into one of the outstanding successes of Farm Bureau members.

Back then, starting an insurance company was unheard of. It was too sophisticated—not a job for anyone to tackle . . . supposedly. The established companies of the day scoffed at the mere idea of it. But farmers unflinchingly measured their goals and designed a method to accomplish them. It was farmers supporting each other in this endeavor that introduced new competition into the marketplace, drove insurance costs down and in the long run kept the man on the land well protected.

Farm Bureau is mighty proud of the masterful job being done today as evidenced by the 34,096 checks payable to policyholders that left our Lansing offices a short time ago. It is the frosting on the cake.

However, dividend returns are not the only measure of success. One measurement is attitude. I'm sure that without the positive attitude of policyholders for safety, this dividend would not have been possible. Here all Farm Bureau members can relate the Farm Bureau Mutual success to our own lives. When we can say we have accomplished the positive, like Farm Bureau Mutual, with our family, in our business and in our communities, then we can be sure our future is secure.

Elton R. Smith

November 9-10-11  
Grand Rapids

# The New AGE

MICHIGAN FARM BUREAU—FARM BUREAU SERVICES, INC., FARMERS PETROLEUM COOPERATIVE, INC.  
ANNUAL MEETINGS—PANTLIND HOTEL—CIVIC AUDITORIUM

## Commodity Day Schedule

The Commodity Day Program . . . Monday, November 9, again offers a wide choice of meetings and interesting topics to all attending the three day State Annual meeting, November 9-11, in Grand Rapids.

Delegates and members of Michigan Farm Bureau, Farm Bureau Services, Inc., and Farmers Petroleum Cooperative, Inc., will attend the joint-opening session in the Civic Center from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Noel Stuckman, Commodity Day Program general chairman, reports that the luncheon will be in the Main Auditorium of the Civic Center. Mr. Stuckman is the manager of the Market Development Division, Michigan Farm Bureau. Following the 1:15 luncheon, six Young Farmers will compete in the Discussion Meet State Finals.

### FIELD CROPS PROGRAM

Two outstanding speakers will address the Field Crops portion of the Commodity Day Program to be held at 3:15 in the West Vandenberg Room of the Pantlind Hotel according to Walter Frahm, chairman of Michigan Farm Bureau's Field Crop Advisory Committee. Mr. Frahm reports that Dr. Dale Harpstead, Department of Crop and Soil Sciences, Michigan State University, will discuss "The Narrow Path Between Surplus and Shortage." Also on the program will be Glen Hofer, executive vice-president National Federation of Grain Cooperatives, Washington, D. C., who will explain "Grain Markets and Legislation . . . the National and International Scene."



HARPSTEAD HOFER

Dr. Dale D. Harpstead, chairman and professor, Dept. of Crops and Soils, MSU, since 1969, has degrees from S. Dakota and Nebraska Universities. Dr. Harpstead served as geneticist and director of the Andean Region Corn Program Colombia, South America with the Rockefeller Foundation, for eight years previous to his MSU appointment.

Glen D. Hofer is Executive Vice President, National Federation of Grain Cooperatives; is a member of Sec. of Agr.'s National Advisory Committee on Cooperatives and of the National Wheat Institute and National Education Institute for Agriculture.

### DAIRY PROGRAM

Richard Wieland, MFB Dairy Advisory Committee, will chair the Dairy portion of the Commodity Day Program in the Continental Room of the Pantlind at 3:15. Glenn Lake, president of the United Dairy Industry Association, will tell those attending about "The United Dairy Industry Association and its Coordi-

nated Funding of Research and Promotion Programs." "Dairy Cooperative Mergers" will be the theme of William Powell's topic. Mr. Powell is president of the Mid-American Dairymen.



LAKE POWELL

Glenn Lake is president of the National Milk Producers Federation. Mr. Lake is also president of the Michigan Milk Producers Association, head of the Great Lakes—Southern Milk, Inc., and first vice-president of the National Dairy Council.

William A. Powell, president of Mid-America Dairymen, is also president of the Missouri American Dairy Association. In addition, Mr. Powell is treasurer of the UDAA (United Dairy Association of America).

### FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PROGRAM

James Sayre, MFB Vegetable Advisory Committee chairman, will host the Fruit and Vegetable program in the Red Cedar Room of the Civic Auditorium at 3:15 p.m. Of much interest to growers will be the address to be given by M. J. Buschlen on



BUSCHLEN BRADEN

M. J. Buschlen is Operations Manager of the Michigan Agricultural Services Association (MASA). He is a graduate of MSU, having a B.S. degree in agriculture.

Robert E. Braden is a former vocational agriculture teacher. He has been manager of the Michigan Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Association (MACMA) since its organization in 1961.

"Farm Labor Management, Records and Unionization." Mr. Buschlen is operations manager, Michigan Agricultural Services Association (MASA). Also on the program will be Robert E. Braden, general manager, Michigan Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Association (MACMA).

### LIVESTOCK PROGRAM

"Farm Bureau's National Livestock Marketing Program" will lead off the 3:15 Livestock meeting in the East Vandenberg Room



KEATING DALY

Alfred W. Keating is manager of the American Agricultural Marketing Association's Livestock Division. Mr. Keating assists member State Farm Bureau Marketing Associations in the development and operation of livestock marketing programs.

Gray Daly is vice-president and general manager of Interstate Producers Livestock Association. Daly's livestock marketing career includes many years as a feeder and fat-cattle salesman for Omaha Producers.

at the Pantlind. Arthur Bailey, MFB Livestock Advisory Committee chairman, will open this session. Al Keating, manager, Livestock Division, American Agricultural Marketing Association, will present a recap on the AAMA's program and operation. Gray Daly, general manager, Interstate Producers Livestock Association, will inform the group on "Use of Contracts in Livestock Marketing."

### POULTRY PROGRAM

Eugene Wyngarden, manager of the newly formed FBS Fowl Marketing program, will start the 3:15 Poultry Program in Celebrity



WYNGARDEN MASTERS

Eugene "Gene" Wyngarden, manager, Fowl Marketing Division, Farm Bureau Services, has had 15 years of continuous service in the poultry industry. For the past seven years Mr. Wyngarden served as flock supervisor for Farm Bureau Services Egg Marketing Division.

Gene Masters has spent his adult life working in the poultry industry. Mr. Masters originated and evolved a large IBM 360 computer system at the University of Georgia—a pricing system that is the result of 3½ years research for the USDA Economic Research Service.

Room 124 of the Pantlind, according to Eugene Roberts, MFB Poultry Advisory Committee chairman. Mr. Wyngarden will talk about "A New Approach to Marketing Spent Hens." Another topic, "Egg Pricing . . . What's New?" will be given by Gene Masters, United Egg Producers.

### THE DOOR IS OPEN

Once again, Farm Bureau Insurance Group personnel will be on hand to greet the delegates and friends attending the Farm Bureau Annual Meeting at the Civic Auditorium.

As usual, you'll be able to find a relaxing haven and refreshments at the Insurance Koffee Klatcheteria where donuts, coffee and milk will be served during program breaks.

Delegate courtesy telephones will be available for calls anywhere in Michigan at the Farm Bureau Insurance Group Information Center. Delegates may be reached at the following area code 616 phone numbers: 454-0087, 454-1121 and 454-1385. Local maps, insurance information and displays will also highlight the area.

But a new wrinkle will also be added. Television cameras will monitor some of the proceedings and you'll be able to see yourself on TV in the Insurance Klatcheteria and Information areas.

## TO PRESENT FREEDOMS FOUNDATION AWARD WOMEN'S ANNUAL LUNCHEON SPEAKER



JUDGE DETHMERS

Farm Bureau Insurance Group will accept The Freedoms Foundation Award at the Monday, Nov. 9 evening annual banquet. Michigan Supreme Court Justice John R. Dethmers will make the presentation.

More than 3,500 eighth-grade students from 204 Michigan schools had entries in this third annual Freedoms Foundation contest. This years theme was "What I Can Do For My Country."

Tim Endean, a student at Holland Christian Junior High, was first place winner and was awarded a fully-expense paid, four-day trip to Washington, D. C. with his parents and teachers.

## Where to Park, Register and Eat

The annual meetings of Michigan Farm Bureau, Farm Bureau Services, and Farmers Petroleum Cooperative will be held in downtown Grand Rapids on November 9-10-11, 1970.

Registration of all delegates and the general sessions will be conducted in the Civic Auditorium. The Pantlind Hotel, located across the street from the Auditorium and connected by an underground tunnel, will be used for small meetings and overnight lodging of delegates.

The hotel provides three FREE PARKING lots for their overnight guests. These parking lots are



WARREN NEWBERRY

Warren Newberry, director of field services for the American Farm Bureau Federation, will be the featured speaker at the Women's State Annual Luncheon in the Black and Silver Room of the Grand Rapids Civic Auditorium. "Farm Bureau and the Future" will be the theme of his address. The luncheon is scheduled for 12 noon, Monday, November 9.

Mr. Newberry joined the AFBF staff in 1953 as director of Farm Bureau Young People's Activities, the forerunner of Farm Bureau's Young Farmers and Ranchers program.

Mr. Newberry was recently named to the board of directors of the American Management Board, Inc., a corporate affiliate of the AFBF. Other directors include AFBF President Charles B. Shuman, Sec.-Treas. Roger Fleming and General Counsel Allen Lauterback.

located just south of the hotel. Adjacent to the Civic Auditorium are two city parking lots which will accommodate 850 cars for those delegates and guests who will not be staying overnight.

This year, there are no planned luncheons for Tuesday and Wednesday, but there are eight restaurants located in the Pantlind Hotel and many other eating establishments very close to the convention center.

The Annual Product Preview Show sponsored by Farm Bureau Services and Farmers Petroleum Cooperative will be held in conjunction with the annual meetings. The Product Show, featuring new products and supplies for farm use, will be set up in the Exhibit Hall of the Civic Auditorium.

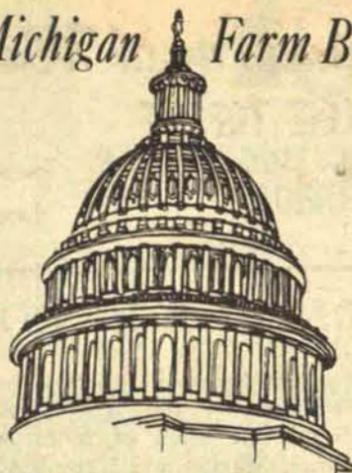
## At Women's Annual Meeting



PLANS ARE TO HAVE . . . the Creston High School Choir of Grand Rapids entertain at the Women's State Annual Meeting in Grand Rapids on November 9. Mr. Gerrit Lamain directs the 160-student choir.

**NOVEMBER 3 ELECTION - CONTROL IS THE GOAL**

*Michigan Farm Bureau*



**CAPITOL REPORT**

**Tax Appeals Board Rules On Agricultural Sales Tax**

The Michigan Tax Appeals Board has finally issued a ruling on an extremely important sales tax case dealing with potato harvesting equipment, specifically the special self-unloading box that is used to load potatoes from the harvester and transport them to the farm storage or to the processor. The Board ruled, as a result of an appeal, that such boxes will remain exempt from the sales tax.

Many farmers may have forgotten that this important issue arose back in the fall of 1968 when two implement dealers were cited by the Department of Revenue for failure to pay sales taxes on stone pickers used for clearing fields of stone for potato production and stone boxes used on the potato harvester. Also, the special self-unloading bulk box.

Farm Bureau has been involved in this issue from the start. Considerable time has been devoted to this issue including time spent in the area taking pictures and interviewing the implement dealers involved, along with individual potato farmers.

As a result of a preliminary hearing in November, 1968, the Department of Revenue finally agreed that the use of the stone picker and stone box was a part of potato production and would remain exempt from the sales tax. They, on the other hand, ruled that the special bulk box, because it was used on the highway, on a licensed vehicle and as a part of transportation, would remain taxable.

In May, 1968, after consultation with Farm Bureau attorney Wm. Wilkinson, the lawyer retained by the implement dealers involved filed an appeal on this issue with the State Board of Appeals. The hearing before the Board of Tax Appeals was held on December 4 and 5, 1969. The Board asked for further legal briefs to be prepared before reaching a decision.

The decision of the Board was released in October, 1970. In its ruling that the potato bulk boxes in question are exempt from sales

tax, the Board said in part that "the record in this case supports the contention that bulk potato boxes are necessary to the mechanical harvesting of potatoes . . . (which) must be stored in a favorable environment in only minutes after they are uncovered and that such an operation can involve the local public roads and vehicles that must be licensed whether such vehicles are hauling to a commercial storage or to a farmer's storage a short distance down the road. No testimony indicated that hauling for great distances was involved."

The Board went on to say that the administrative rule which had been used by the Department of Revenue "clearly applies to licensed motor vehicles, but does not mention removable specialized attachments."

This far-reaching, precedent-setting decision affects every farmer. If the Board had not ruled in favor of exemption of the potato box in question, it could mean that other similar farm equipment would also become taxable under the sales tax, which, in turn, could have led to a continuing loss of the agricultural sales tax exemption for machinery and other farm production supplies by the process of regulations and interpretations by the taxing authorities.

Others involved, besides Farm Bureau, in this two-year-old case were the Michigan Potato Industry Council and the Michigan Farm Power Equipment Association.

Problems similar to this arise very often in many areas. Farm Bureau, over the years, has fought to maintain the sales tax exemption for farm equipment, seeds, fertilizers, etc. and other production supplies since its was achieved back in the early 1930's. The biggest battle, of course, was in the present Legislature, when the effort to remove most of these exemptions was finally defeated. There are, however, other cases concerning the regulations, now pending, in which Farm Bureau will be involved.

*by Robert E. Smith*

The key word of the November 3 election, as in every election, is control. Each major political party is driving hard to gain control of the U. S. Congress, control of the Michigan Governor's office, control of the Michigan Legislature, control of the Michigan Supreme Court, control of the State Board of Education, control of the MSU Board of Trustees and control of all other positions that are up for grabs.

Every single vote is important. The decision will be determined by how well each party gets its vote out to the polls.

In the U. S. Congress, both houses are presently controlled by the Democrat party. In the U. S. Senate, there are 57 Democrats to 43 Republicans; and in the U. S. House, there are 243 Democrats to 192 Republicans. Michigan voters will decide on one U. S. Senator. Democrat Senator Phil Hart is seeking his third six-year term and is being challenged by Republican Lenore Romney. Each voter will also vote on a U. S. Representative — Michigan has 19.

Here in the state, political campaigns have been hot and it is anticipated that the race will be very close of the Governor's office, as well as control of the Legislature. Few voters realize the importance of control by a party. For instance, the Governor's office carries with it not only a great deal of prestige, but also the opportunity to fill vacancies of all types through appointment, thus gaining even a greater degree of control of governmental agencies. Presently, the Governor's office is held by the Republicans, but other major state elective offices, the Attorney General and Secretary of State, are held by the Democrats.

Presently, the State House of Representatives is controlled by the Democrats by a majority of 57 Democrats to 53 Republicans. The State Senate is controlled by the Republicans by the least possible majority — 20 Republicans to 18 Democrats. Here again, the party in control of each House appoints the Chairman and controls all of the committees, which can mean the life or death of any legislation. For example, in the Michigan House, now controlled by the Democrats, the Appropriations Committee has 11 Democrats and four Republicans. In the Senate, controlled by Republicans, the Appropriations Committee consists of five Republicans and three Democrats.

Another key committee — Taxation — in the House is controlled by eight Democrats and five Republicans; and in the Senate by three Republicans to two Democrats. In every case, the Chairman of the committee is from the party in control.

In the House, the Speaker of the House, a very powerful position, is elected by the majority party. In the Senate, the presiding officer is always the Lt. Governor who, under the Constitution, is always of the same party as the Governor and may vote to break a tie.

Control of the State Legislature has added importance this year because, as a result of the new census figures, redistricting of all congressional seats will be necessary in order to carry out the Supreme Court's "one-man-one vote" ruling. It is also pos-

sible that the Legislature will have an opportunity to ratify amendments to the U. S. Constitution, and redistricting of the entire Michigan State Legislature under the "one-man-one-vote" concept.

This brings us to the Judicial Branch, or the so-called nonpartisan ballot, which is often ignored by many voters. Here again, control is the key word. While the candidates for Supreme Court Justices run on the nonpartisan ballot, they are, however, nominated by political parties. There is an exception to this, as a Justice running for re-election can declare himself a candidate without having to rely on a political party nomination. One candidate, Justice John R. Dethmers, is in this position and is running for his fourth term. However, the Republican Convention voted to support his candidacy. The Republican candidate nominated by the party is Judge Edward Piggins, a Detroit Judge and also past Police Commissioner. On the Democrat side, two ex-Governors are running for the court seats. They are John Swainson, presently a Detroit Judge, and G. Mennen Williams.

The Supreme Court's role in government becomes more and more important, as its decisions can nullify laws or, in effect, create new ones. The districting of the entire Michigan State Legislature under the "one-man-one-vote" concept will also be an issue in the coming year. This job is carried out by an eight-member bipartisan commission — four Republicans and four Democrats, appointed by their respective State Central Committees. However, in the event the commission becomes deadlocked, the final decision is made by the Supreme Court. It will be remembered that this was the case in the present districting of the Legislature.

The voters should not forget another part of the nonpartisan ballot and that is the election of the judges to the Court of Appeals.

Control is again the key word in the entire educational system. The State Board of Education, which has tremendous power, is presently controlled by the Democrats (six Democrats to two Republicans). The Board of Regents at the University of Michigan presently has four Republicans and four Democrats. The Board of Governors of Wayne State University is also tied at four Democrats and four Republicans. The Board of Trustees at Michigan State University presently has five Democrats and three Republicans.

Michigan State University, of course, is of particular importance to all of agriculture. Two positions are to be filled at the November election. The Democrat candidates are Don Stevens, running for re-election and presently Education Director of the AFL-CIO, and Patricia Carrigan, presently Director of Research for the Ann Arbor Public Schools. The Republican candidates are Richard Ernst, presently a manufacturer's agent, and David Diehl, a well-known and successful farmer in Ingham County and presently a member of the Michigan State Commission of Agriculture and long-time Trustee of the Lansing Community College.

Control is also the key word on Proposals A, B and C. In this case, you, the voter, will directly control the decisions on specific issues.

**PROPOSAL A**

Proposal A, if passed, would authorize the state to borrow \$100 million under general obligation bonds for the purpose of making "grants, loans and advances to municipalities . . . and redevelopment corporations" for the purpose of establishing low-income housing. It is claimed that the cost to the taxpayer to pay off the bonds will be about \$7 million a year. Presently, the state has the power to sell \$300 million in bonds for loans and mortgages, which must be paid back by the families involved. The \$100 million in Proposal A can be used for making grants for housing purposes and acquiring of building sites, which, in some cases, would not need to be repaid. It could also be used for rent supplements. It is possible it could also be used for grants to municipalities for water lines, sewer lines, etc. If the proposal passes, the exact uses of the money will be determined by the Legislature through enabling legislation.

**PROPOSAL B**

Proposal B is another effort to amend the Michigan Constitution to lower the voting age from 21 years down to 18 years. This proposal was overwhelmingly defeated when it was on the ballot in 1966. Congress has already approved a federal law which would give 18-year-olds in all states the right to vote. However, the constitutionality of this new federal law is still in question.

**PROPOSAL C**

Proposal C, if passed, will amend the Constitution to prohibit public tax revenues from being used for non-public schools. This is the highly controversial proclaiad issue. The school aid act now includes \$22 million to be used for nonpublic schools. The Supreme Court ruled by a 5-2 vote that under the present Constitution the \$22 million grant is constitutional. The court also ruled that Proposal C, to amend the Constitution, should be permitted to be on the November ballot for final decision by the people. On this issue, if the voter favors aid to nonpublic schools he should vote NO. If, on the other hand, the voter opposes aid to nonpublic schools, he should vote YES on the amendment. This may seem strange; however, the YES vote amends the Constitution, which, in turn, prohibits the use of public funds.

Numerous local political offices and local issues will also be on the ballot.

To repeat, control is the goal, but the key to that control is you, the voter. It doesn't really matter whether you consider yourself a Democrat, a Republican, or some kind of an independent, your vote, or lack of vote, will contribute to the control of key areas of government by one of the two major political parties. Don't fail to exercise that basic right on November 3.

## 1969 CENSUS REPORT

Scheduled publication of reports on the 1969 Census of Agriculture will begin in February 1971, with individual county and state reports being issued first, according to J. Thomas Breen, Chief of the Agricultural Div.,

U. S. Bureau of the Census. The first report will contain data for farms, including farm acreage, operators, land and size of farms, land-use practices, income and sales, expenditures, machinery and equipment, use of chemicals, poultry, livestock, crops harvest-

ed, nursery and greenhouse products and forest products. The series is expected to be completed by October 1971.

In March 1971, publication of the State reports will begin and will contain five volumes — the fifth volume to start in July, 1972.

*"A minute with Maxine"*

**MAXINE TOPLIFF**

**STATE WOMEN'S CHAIRMAN**



### GREETINGS FROM DORIS

In getting acquainted with the responsibilities and opportunities as State Vice Chairman, I find I not only attend Farm Bureau meetings, but those of other organizations as well. This past summer, Maxine and I attended the C.W.C. (County Women's Council) Annual Meeting. The Michigan Farm Bureau Women is a member society of the Council. This Council acts as a liaison between member societies and the ACWW (Associated Country Women of the World).

I also attended College Week for Women with Marie Postma, third member of the Executive Committee.

One of the classes in which we participated was, "Discussion Leadership Skills." I would like to share some of the things we learned with you.

Qualities of a "Good Discussion Group Member:

1. He listens carefully to what others say.
2. He prepares in advance of the group meeting.
3. He does not decide in advance what the outcome of the group should be.
4. He keeps an open mind as it implies to new concepts.

I would certainly be remiss if I didn't comment on the fine program planning session held in Aug. at Farm Bureau Center.

All of you proved you not only could identify problems but could come up with ways in which they could be solved.

Looking forward to seeing you in Grand Rapids at the Annual Meeting.

— Doris Wieland

### Program Planning Workshops

During September and October Farm Bureau Women's leaders throughout Michigan have been participating in workshops on program planning held in each district of our state. These workshops were conducted by women's district chairmen and vice chairmen, regional representatives and the coordinator of women's activities.

The Women's district officers decided at their state program planning meeting in August to meet with county leaders regarding planning of their activities for the following year. Nearly every county in Michigan was represented at these workshops. The women discussed "the most pressing needs of agriculture today." At each workshop the issues were similar and included the need to improve the marketing and bargaining of their farm products, being better informed

about farm labor issues, environmental quality, taxes, respect for law enforcement, the drug situation and improving the farmers' image.

These Farm Bureau women also selected projects on which they wanted to conduct activities in the year ahead that would help solve these "pressing issues." The county leaders will put special emphasis on involving as many members as possible in the study and solution of the issues most important to them.

Farm Bureau women are concerned and interested about the business of agriculture and about the problems around them that affect their families and communities. Their plans and activities for the future indicate they will be doing something to improve these conditions by working together through their organization of Farm Bureau.



AT A RECENT DISTRICT WOMEN'S . . . workshop, Mrs. Betty Rhoda, Vice Chairman, and Mrs. Alice Burandt, Chairman, listed projects planned by Farm Bureau women in District One.

Mrs. Paul Grofvert, Alamo Township near Kalamazoo, earned the 1970 "Homemaker Of The Year" award at the 121st annual Michigan State Fair. Mrs. Grofvert, wife of a Farm Bureau poultry farmer, mother of three, active church, community and 4-H club leader, led in the "homemaker" competition with her 19 blue ribbons (first place) 14 second, 10 third and 8 fourth place awards, in all three divisions — needlework, baking and canning.

# The shocking truth about dry winter heat



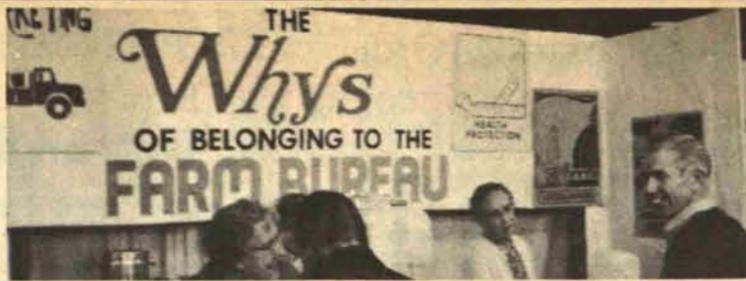
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Hillsdale County Farm Bureau Women "manned" their booth at the Hillsdale County Fair. In addition to selling home made "goodies", they were quick to tell all the reasons for belonging to Farm Bureau.



## D. R. Armstrong, F.B. Services Assumes New Position

### Staff Change



D. R. ARMSTRONG

One of the first appointments made by Mr. Armstrong, was that of Hein Meyering to the Vice-Presidency of the Retail Division. The appointment was effective Oct. 6. Mr. Meyering was manager at the Farm Bureau Supply Center (1966-1968), Kalamazoo Branch (1960-1966), Allegan Farmers Co-op. (1956-1960) and at the McBain Cooperative (1952-1956).

The Meyerings live in Kalamazoo at present but plan to move to the Lansing area in early 1971.



HEIN MEYERING

Donald R. Armstrong has assumed the position of Executive Vice-President and General Manager of Farm Bureau Services, Inc., effective October 1. The announcement was made by Elton R. Smith, president, Farm Bureau Services, Inc., and Carl Heisler, president, Farmers Petroleum Cooperative, Inc.

Mr. Armstrong has been with Farm Bureau since 1948. He has served as Vice-President of the Retail Division of Farm Bureau Services since 1969. He replaces William Guthrie who resigned to establish his own management consulting business in Chicago.

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## Governor's Task Force in Operation



MRS. SETH TOMPKINS, TRAVERSE CITY . . . and a member of the Michigan Agricultural Commission, chaired the Grand Rapids area Task Force meeting. Others pictured are Senator Charles Zollar, Benton Harbor and Task Force chairman Dan E. Reed, MFB Sec.-Mgr.

The Governor's Special Task Force on the Future of Agriculture has been charged with several specific assignments. Governor Milliken appointed several of Michigan's agricultural leaders to the Task Force and specifically charged the Council to:

1. Review the current state agriculture in Michigan and articulate the problems of Michigan farmers.
2. To prepare specific administrative and legislative recommendations.
3. Focus the attention of all Michigan citizens on the

agricultural dilemma.

The Governor asked that the Task Force consider itself action-oriented rather than study-oriented. He pointed out that the Rural Affairs Council has been assigned the task of seeking long-range solutions. He requested that this group concern itself with short-range proposals which can be put into immediate effect to provide Michigan agriculture with new vitality.

The Governor wishes to have the Task Force's recommendations by December 1, 1970, in order to properly include them in his Legislative program for 1971.

## "Explore 70"

"Explore 70" . . . will be an up-to-date career planning program for Michigan high school students to be held in seven areas across the state in November.

"Explore 70" is a career program for students and their parents. Answers will be given to questions such as: What training is needed after high school? What does it cost to go to college? What financial aid is available? Should I go to a community college? What careers are available in agriculture and natural resources? What high school preparation is needed? What kind of jobs are available after college or technical school graduation?

All meetings are scheduled to start at 7 p.m. Local vocational agriculture teachers and county extension agents have further information on the program.

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# MARKETING AND COMMODITIES

## Cherry Market Order Referendum Requirements

It is anticipated that the USDA will conduct a referendum in the eight-state area proposed in the Federal Marketing Order program for red tart cherries during the later part of November and early December.

All cherry producers will be mailed a ballot to be filled out and returned to the USDA. The proposed Market Order program requires an affirmative vote of  $\frac{2}{3}$  of cherry producers by number or volume who vote on the question, and an affirmative vote of cherry processors who process 51% of the cherry tonnage.

It is absolutely essential that all cherry producers and processors who favor the proposed Federal Marketing Order program cast their ballot in the affirmative.

The USDA provides approximately 10 days to two weeks for the referendum so that every producer has an opportunity to cast his ballot. When the Market Order program has been favorably approved, the Secretary of Agriculture will conduct district meetings at which time producers and processors will be elected to the Market Order Board, which will be known as the Cherry Administrative Board.

The proposed Cherry Marketing Order can be in operation by 1971.

## USDA APPROVES TART CHERRY MARKETING ORDER

On October 2 the U. S. Department of Agriculture approved the proposed Federal Marketing Order for red tart cherries. According to Harry A. Foster, Manager, Red Tart Cherry Division, MACMA, the USDA's decision follows two weeks of public hearings held earlier this summer and a period for the filing of briefs by industry representatives.

The USDA will render its final decision after the exceptions, if any, have been filed, and will name the time when growers and processors will have an opportunity to vote on the proposed Market Order at a referendum. It is presently anticipated that the referendum will be held during the last part of November and the early part of December, according to Foster.

The proposed Market Order program for red tart cherries was drafted by an industry group of cherry producers and cherry processors, in cooperation with the USDA. Proponents of the Market Order include: MACMA (Co-operative marketing affiliate of Michigan Farm Bureau); Cherry Growers, Inc.; Michigan Association of Cherry Producers; New York Farm Bureau Marketing Co-operative; New York Cherry Growers Association, Inc.; Orleans County Farm Bureau (New York); Wayne County Farm Bureau (New York); Wisconsin Red Cherry Growers, Inc.; Pennsylvania Red Cherry Growers Association; Knouse Foods Co-operative, Inc. (Pennsylvania); Albion Agway Co-operative, Inc. (New York); Sodus Fruit Farm, Inc. (New York); Michigan Fruit Canners, Inc.; Duffy-Mott Corporation of Michigan; Musselman Fruit Products Division, Pet, Inc. (Michigan); Oceana Canning Company (Michigan); Smeltzer Orchard Company (Michigan); Morgan-McCool, Inc. (Michigan); Silver Mill Frozen Foods, Inc. (Michigan), and others.

The group which drafted the proposed Order explored several alternative marketing programs in the process of designing a program for more orderly marketing of tart cherries. The Federal Market Order concept appeared to be the only way that an industry-wide marketing program could be administered with positive results.

Foster noted that every five years the proposed Market Order will be voted upon in a mandatory referendum by producers and processors. This periodic referendum will ascertain whether there is industry support and agreement for the program to be continued. The Market Order program can be terminated at any interim time by producer referendum.

The proposed Market Order attacks the year-to-year fluctuating production and supply situation in the red tart cherry industry. It provides for the orderly storage of surplus tart cherries in years of a large crop. The stored cherries will be made available to the market place when the market demand indicates the need for these cherries, or in years of a short crop.

The Market Order Board, which consists of both cherry producers and processors elected at district meetings, will administer the proposed Market Order.

The Market Order program was drafted within Michigan Farm Bureau policy guidelines. It has been very carefully reviewed by the MACMA Red Tart Cherry Marketing Committee, and has been given the Committee's complete support, Foster reports.

Farm Bureau members are urged to attend the information meetings to learn about the proposed Market Order, and to vote affirmative in the anticipated November referendum.

## Cherry Market Order Attacks Fluctuating Supplies Improves Incomes and Expands Markets

It is very important that every tart cherry producer become familiar with the proposed Federal Market Order program for tart cherries. Informed cherry producers will be able to take full advantage of the Market Order alternatives, according to Harry A. Foster, Manager, Red Tart Cherry Division, MACMA.

The Market Order has as its main feature the orderly storage of surplus tart cherries in those large production years, to be made available to the market when there is demand, or in short crop years.

The Market Order will aid the tart cherry industry in expanding markets and the utilization of tart cherries, as well as improve the profitability to producers and processors.

The Cherry Administrative Board will be composed of both cherry producers and processors. Each year the Board will assemble a complete review of all crop and market statistics and determine how many tart cherries may be marketed as open market tonnage for the cash market, and how many cherries would be available for the reserve pool or storage (surplus tonnage).

Surplus reserve pool cherries will be stored in the form of frozen cherries and juice concentrate. In years of surplus cherry production, each cherry producer has the option to participate in the reserve pool or non-harvest his surplus cherries.

Foster reports that the cherry producer is the owner of reserve pool cherries, and can sell his equity in the reserve pool cherries at any time. Reserve pool cherries are controlled by the Cherry Administrative Board until the cherries are sold back to the handlers to be marketed.

The Cherry Administrative Board will be able to dispose of

the stored cherries during two ten-day periods each year — once in September, and again in the spring of the year, between March 15 and June 1.

Foster said that it is important to note that there will be a mandatory referendum conducted by the Secretary of Agriculture every five years, at which time both producers and processors must vote favorably for the continuance of the Market Order program. The Market Order can be terminated at any time by a producer referendum.

The proposed Market Order will include all cherry producers and processors in the eight-state area of Michigan, New York, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Ohio, Maryland, Virginia, and West Virginia. The entire cost of the Market Order administration will be paid by the cherry processors.

The question has been raised as to what would have happened in 1970 had the proposed Market Order program been in effect. The Market Order Board, in their review of the entire crop and market situation, could have determined that 250 million pounds of tart cherries could be successfully marketed. With this known quantity of cherries to be marketed, MACMA would have negotiated the full market value price to the producer.

But, as all cherry producers will recall, the USDA estimated and announced a crop size of 313 million pounds of tart cherries to be produced this year. This estimate was instrumental in demoralizing the cherry market. Cherry users delayed in placing orders for cherries; most cherry processors were under-financed to the extent that unreasonable raw product prices in the 7-8¢ range were paid to the cherry producer.

If the Cherry Administrative

Board would have accepted the USDA estimate of 313 million pounds, the Board could have determined that approximately 20% of the anticipated crop would be available as surplus cherries to the reserve pool. At that point, cherry producers would make the decision as to whether they were willing to participate in the reserve pool.

If the producer decides to go into the reserve pool, he merely proceeds to harvest his cherries. The processor buys 80% of the cherries in the cash market and packs 20% of the grower's cherries for delivery to the reserve pool.

If the grower elects to stay out of the reserve pool in a non-harvest program, he requests the diversion privilege.

Storage of surplus cherries would have provided both confidence and stability to the tart cherry market and cherry users, and a solid basis for price determination.

The cherry harvest would have proceeded. As we now know, the crop picked out at approximately 235 million pounds — nearly 25% less than the June USDA estimate which preceded the pricing of tart cherries this year. The surplus cherries placed in the reserve pool under the 20% determination of the Market Order Board would have been released back to the market in September to fulfill the pre-harvest marketing objectives.

As cherry producers become familiar with this Market Order program, they will readily see that the Market Order has been custom-made for the marketing of red tart cherries. It attacks the problem of fluctuating production and supply of cherries to be marketed each year. The Market Order aids the function of supply and demand to the benefit of the cherry producer.

A large number of county and area meetings are being scheduled to familiarize all cherry producers with the proposed Market Order program. All cherry producers are urged to become familiar with the program and to vote affirmative in the upcoming referendum.

## Cherry Market Order Endorsed

### County Farm Bureaus

County Farm Bureaus throughout western Michigan have endorsed the proposed Federal Marketing Order for red tart cherries. The endorsements have been in the form of resolutions passed at the annual meetings of the county Farm Bureaus.

Noted for particular endorsement at some of the meetings was the participation of MACMA in developing the proposed Order and the fact that the Order conforms to previous policies laid down by Farm Bureau delegates.

### Economics Of Production

Since 1965, mechanical harvesting has replaced piece-rate harvesting on most commercial cherry farms.

The changeover required an investment of \$15,000 to \$30,000 for many growers. Use of the mechanical harvester was accompanied by the use of bulk cherry tanks, forklifts, large wells, cooling pads, and skilled operators. Growers' costs of production are fixed now, more than ever before, as it costs nearly as much to harvest a small crop as a large one.

### MACMA Cherry Committee Chairman

Speaking before the Ninety-ninth Annual Meeting of the State Horticultural Society, P. C. Morrison, Jr., Chairman of the MACMA Red Tart Cherry Committee, summed up the situation as follows:

"The commercial cherry operation is increasing in size. It is depending on high volume at a low margin to generate a profit. With production costs fixed, no commercial cherry producer can protect his operation from economic disaster in the face of a market that fluctuates as the cherry market does . . .

The Future of the cherry industry is in the balance. I believe, if we provide the imagination, the guidance, and the brain-power to stabilize the cherry supply, the financial institutions will provide the financing and the finishing trade will provide the expanded markets which it will take to insure a bright future in the cherry industry."

The proposed Market Order is designed to stabilize the cherry supply, and offset the undue risks created by extremes in production.

### NEW TO STAFF



William R. A. Haas has joined the Michigan Farm Bureau Market Development Division staff, serving as a Livestock Marketing Specialist. "Bill" will have responsibilities in developing and operating new Farm Bureau affiliated livestock marketing programs.

Mr. Haas has also been appointed Acting Manager of the MACMA Feeder Cattle Division. He was most recently with the USDA Livestock Market News Service in Oklahoma. Bill is a native of Huron County and has a B.S. degree in Animal Husbandry from MSU.

## AFBF PLANS FINALIZED

The Reverend E. Hermond Westmoreland, pastor of the South Main Baptist Church of Houston, will give the address at the Vesper Service of the American Farm Bureau Federation's 1970 annual meeting Sunday afternoon, December 6, in Houston.

The Vesper Services will be held at 3 p.m. in the Jesse H. Jones Hall for the Performing Arts in the Houston Civic Center.

First general session of the annual meeting will be held Monday morning, December 7, in Sam Houston Coliseum in the Civic

Center. Charles B. Shuman, president of the Federation, will address the opening session.

Monday afternoon will be devoted to conferences, including the American Farm Bureau Women's Committee, organization, marketing, natural resources, insurance, and open session of the resolutions committee.

## Notes From All Over . . .

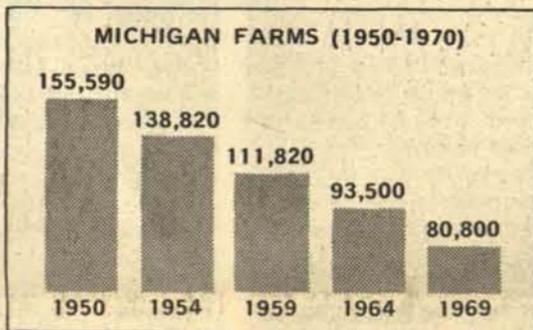
Four Farm Bureau farms will be a part of the Clare County dairy farm tour November 5 from 9:30 to 3:30 p.m. George MacQueen, Clare Co. Extension Director and tour coordinator, reports the William Walters farm, 5590 E. Brown Road; Dick LaPoe farm, 6458 S. Brand Ave., Penrose Dairy Farm, 7901 Beaverton Road and the Wentworth Farm, 3212 E. Surrey Road, will be hosts. Free stall barns, vertical feed storage, liquid manure tanks and many other innovations will be highlights of the tour.

The book, "Food From Farm to Home" is geared to give a better understanding of American Agriculture (and its many contributions) to children, ages 10 through 14. The book is the "brainchild" of the American Farm Bureau Federation. The AFBF wanted to get the story of Agriculture to the non-farm family and through the writings and illustrations of Walter Buehr, feel that it has been accomplished. Walter Buehr writes about the pioneer farm and the improvements over the past years. He tells how crops are planted and harvested—the use of irrigation, pesticides and what the farm of the future may be like. Michigan Farm Bureau's Regional Representatives have copies of the book and will be happy to "show and tell" about it. If your county has a "book" chairman—or a committee—please have them contact your Regional Representative or the Information Division, Michigan Farm Bureau. The book could find "its home" in your home—in the library or classroom.

Edsel Brewer, manager of the Chesaning Farmers Elevator since 1955, has been appointed district manager for the Retail Division, Farm Bureau Services, Inc., according to Hein Meyerling, vice-president, F.B.S. Retail Division. Mr. Brewer will assume his new position November 2. He began his elevator work at the West Branch Farmer Elevator Co. in 1947, worked as assistant manager at Caro Farmers Elevator Co. and was manager at the Sterling Branch of F.B.S. until 1955.

Thomas Larner, assistant manager at Chesaning Farmers Co-op, has been appointed to the managers position, effective immediately. Tom was manager of the Sterling branch of F.B.S. from 1958 to 1961 and the rest of his elevator experience (from 1951) has been with the Chesaning Farmers Co-op.

# 2,540 Michigan Farmers quit last year



Since the 1964 Farm Census, it is estimated that Michigan lost an additional 12,700 farms. That's an estimated 2,540 per year.

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Under \$5,000 and other	69,100 - 15%	55,390 - 9%
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## Let's Fill the Plane To Texas

There are still a few empty seats on the plane to the AFBF Annual Meeting in Houston in December. The plane leaves Lansing on Saturday, December 5, and returns on Wednesday, December 9.

Here's what you will see. The AFBF Annual Meeting is always a thrill. You will hear exciting nationally-known speakers. You will feel a pride in your organization. Yes, and you can see the Ohio Farm Bureau receive the "Horse's" Tail Trophy for keeps.

Tours are included too. See the Astrodome. Visit the NASA Space Center and surrounding area. And, if you act in time, you may obtain tickets to a NFL football game, to be played in the Astrodome.

How much will all this cost? Plane fare is \$117. Tours cost \$10. Hotel costs run about \$10 per day per person. The Ohio-Michigan Breakfast is \$2.50. Football tickets are \$7 each.

So, why don't you join your fellow Farm Bureau members for this exciting trip?

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# FARM BUREAU IN ACTION

## GOVERNOR HOSTS AG LEADERS



GOV. WILLIAM MILLIKEN . . . and Mrs. Milliken (left) were hosts to several Michigan agricultural leaders and their wives at their Traverse City home late in September. Among the Farm Bureau leaders attending were Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Bull, Bailey and Mr. and Mrs. Elton Smith, Caledonia. Gov. Milliken discussed the plans he intends to incorporate in his 1971 agricultural program and the purpose of the "Task Force on the Future of Agriculture". MFB Sec.-Mgr. Dan Reed is chairman of the Task Force.

## CANADIAN VISITORS



EIGHT CANADIAN FARMERS . . . all Co-op members, visited Thumb and Saginaw Valley dairy and beef farms and the grain Co-op and grain terminal early in October. The Co-op group from Hensall, Ontario, Canada, included the Karl Howard farm on their tour.

## CHARLIE IN GERMANY!



CHARLIE BAILEY (RIGHT) DOES GET AROUND . . . and for those who do not know who Charlie Bailey is . . . Well . . . Since leaving Michigan Farm Bureau, Mr. B. is working as an Associate Editor for The Farm Quarterly. (He was formerly Director of Education and Research and photographer at MFB.) Charlie recently visited the swine breeding farm of the Grub Agricultural Experiment Station near Munich, Germany. Dr. Gottfried Averdunk, (left) professor of animal breeding at the Grub station and Renz Weichkaserei, Weinfeld, Switzerland, accompanied Mr. Bailey on the tour. Renz, a Swiss farmer doing graduate work with Dr. Averdunk, markets 800 hogs on his family Swiss farm. Dr. Averdunk uses Hampshire hogs crossed with European breeds. These "Hamps" were exported by the Illinois Produce International, an affiliate of the Illinois Agricultural Association.

## POTATO FESTIVAL



FARM BUREAU MEMBERS . . . from Montcalm and neighboring counties joined in a "Friendly Welcome to the First Annual Edmore Area Potato Festival" in late September. For three days — the potato was king. There was a kiddie carnival, horse shows, farm tours and Potato Pancake dinners were served at noon to several hundred guests. Farm Bureau members donated their time and trucks to take people on the potato farm tours.

## VOC. EDU. MOBILE UNITS



GOV. WILLIAM MILLIKEN, (CENTER); . . . Supt. of Public Instruction John W. Porter (left) and Bd. of Education member Peter Oppewall, (right) viewed the three mobile units recently put into use by the State Department of Education. They are equipped with guidance and testing devices and are on the "educational circuit" in the Intermediate School Districts of Gogebic-Ontonogon, Eastern Upper Peninsula and Charlevoix-Emmet. The units climax a three-year project initiated by the Michigan Dept. of Education with the assistance of the Upper Great Lakes Regional Commission. The three units will service 30 local school systems and some 12,500 students. Students will have the opportunity for individual (from trained, experienced counselors) counseling and testing, small group discussions and career-film viewing. Total budget for the three year project is \$341,000. Costs are being shared by the Great Lakes Commission, the intermediate school districts, and federal funds under the Vocational Education and National Defense Education Acts.

## CO-OP MANAGER'S EXCHANGE DAY



TERMED A SUCCESSFUL DAY . . . was the first annual Managers Exchange Day sponsored by the Michigan Association of Farmer Cooperatives. About 35 managers participated in the program designed to have managers from one affiliate learn something about another affiliate managers' job. While several managers exchanged out-state, Farm Bureau Insurance Group hosted four managers at the home office. Left to right are Art Romig, St. Johns Cooperative Co. manager; Don VerWest, Economist, McDonald Cooperative Dairy Company; Burt Moran, Manager, Portland Cooperative; LA Cheney, Exec. Sec., MAFC; Nile Vermillion, Exec. Vice president, Farm Bureau Ins. Group; John Stucko, Public Relations Coordinator, Insurance Sales and Arnold Musolf, Manager, Lansing Production Credit Association.

DISCUSSION  
TOPIC

# LAW & ORDER

By GARY A. KLEINHENN  
Director, Educational Research



10,395 Burglary Cases In Michigan Last Year.

In Michigan:

- Serious crimes numbered 3,075.7 per 100,000 persons.
- In the past 5 years, major crime has increased 99.9%.
- Crimes, both against persons and property, have increased by 19%.
- Handguns, or pistols, were involved in 53% of the murders.
- 74% of the homicide victims were 25 years of age or older.
- Juveniles represent 15.2% of Michigan's population.
- 42.2% of the apprehensions of the category of criminal homicide, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny and auto theft are juveniles.
- Narcotic apprehensions of juveniles have increased from 61 in 1965 to 963 in 1969.
- 187 of these narcotic apprehensions were under 15 years of age, nine of which were 10 years old or under.

These are just a few of the statistics available in the Michigan Law Enforcement Official Report on Crime, 1969 compiled by the Michigan State Police.

So many of the statistics about crime and how they compare—whether up or down—may indicate a more-or-less efficient reporting system.

It is interesting to note, however, that the 1969 Federal Bureau of Investigation statistics show Michigan a leader in rural area crime in robbery with 179 cases reported, burglary with 10,395 cases reported; larceny with 6,259 cases reported and auto theft with 1,403 cases reported. Other reports also indicate that there is a growing rate of snowmobile theft in our rural areas.

(Discussion groups listening in on the discussion tapes provided by the Michigan Farm Bureau Broadcasting Department will enjoy further facts about law and order in our rural countryside.)

Other statistics of urban and rural crime are included in your discussion leader's information packet.

What are some of the answers to rising crimes, or are there answers? A visit with Lt. Col. Melvin G. Kaufman, newly appointed acting director of the Michigan State Police, offers some insight into the issue of law and order.

Lt. Col. Kaufman, 52, and in his 31st year with the department, represents 61 state police posts throughout the state and an authorized force of slightly over eighteen hundred state police officers working to curb crime in Michigan.

He said the state police facilitate county and local forces in the protection of citizens. Kaufman said that this support service for law enforcement includes many phases such as offering their facilities for local department use. Such facilities include the state police crime laboratory. Many services are available such as polygraphs (lie detectors), a voice print program and other crime detecting devices.

Kaufman adds that these services work well for those departments which can't afford these resources.

Another service of the State Police is the use of state detectives in support of local departments.

All these services, Kaufman related, are designed to cooperate with other departments to derive maximum efficiency in crime prevention. The Michigan blockade system is an example, he said. Kaufman said that if just one or two local departments failed to cooperate, it could render the whole system ineffective, so, he added, "We depend on one another a great deal as we never seem to have enough manpower."

In curbing crime, Kaufman said, the attitude of the citizen can be a tremendous help. In the area of traffic accidents, Kaufman said, without complete cooperation of citizens, I don't believe we could control this.

The attitude of the citizens can go far in reducing accidents also, he said. On our highways, the traffic fatality figure is outrageous, he said. Even in some rural areas where the volume of traffic is not there. He said, Tuscola County is a example, where highway engineering is excellent—yet when two cars come near each other they come together, even on straight roads. Kaufman suggested that farm people could be more alert to high speed traffic. And a real safety factor would be to encourage all farmers to utilize the road shoulder when driving farm machinery, he said.

In the area of drugs, Kaufman said, a few years ago narcotics were pretty much confined to metropolitan areas . . . "Now I doubt there is any school in the state of Michigan where some student hasn't been involved with the use of Marijuana. It's even in the northern part of the state. Rich or poor the class of people makes no difference."

To combat this growth, Kaufman said, the State Police are actively working on a "School Liaison Program" and reports that the State Police is asking more in the budget to get this information to the student and to help him understand what he may be doing to himself.

Weighing the emphasis and seriousness of the drug problem, of a recent \$1.6 million in federal crime control grants to Michigan, the largest grant concentrated on drugs. It totals \$465,900 to support the State Mental Health Department for a mental health-drug abuse center in Detroit. The department is to establish a demonstration drug addiction treatment program.

Kaufman said that a question often asked is, "Why don't police take more action?" He said, "Court decisions have pretty well gauged what a policeman can do and can't do and so this is a limiting factor. Another factor that slows down the effectiveness of crime control is the recent justice of the peace switch to the district judge system." He said officers must spend a lot of time in court and that this affects the entire state.

He mentioned that some crimes are nearly im-

possible to control without witnesses. For instance, in thievery such as gasoline which often happens in rural communities. He said petty larceny . . . unless citizens witness the theft, is most difficult for police to stop. Cattle rustling is another area where if there are no identifying marks on the livestock and no witnesses, there is little that can be done.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation reports that larceny is a crime of opportunity and in most instances the value of the property stolen is a matter of chance. Many of these crimes could be prevented, it reports, if citizens used appropriate precautionary measures to safeguard their property. With the opportunity for theft removed, so is much of the temptation.

But, Kaufman said determinedly, "We never recommend someone taking the law into their own hands. In some rural areas the farmers have installed bright mercury lights. I think this is a deterrent. We've noticed in high crime areas that these have sort-of been a deterrent. But we certainly shouldn't want anyone to take the law into their own hands. We have 61 police posts throughout the state along with county and local police, so normally, the police are not far away and a phone call will reach them with quick reaction."

Much progress needs to be made to effectively reduce crime, rather than just to enforce the laws. One of these areas emphasized by Kaufman is that efforts should be made to speed up the process of the court system and to build in more clearly defined judgements among all the counties of the state. He indicated that when courts vary in decisions of like cases from one county to another, then the policeman's job becomes even more difficult to enforce the law.

On the other hand, Kaufman said that crime reduction can be successful in many areas just by citizens being more attentive to their actions. Being sure to lock up his place of business, when closing, being sure to lock the home before leaving and not forgetting to take the keys from the ignition of the car before leaving it, can retard temptation and curb crime.

Kaufman said citizens really can do a lot more to get involved with helping the police. "One reason they don't," Kaufman offered, "may be because they fear retaliation, or because it is time consuming in courts—where folks go two or three times just to have the case postponed." But, he said, until people get deeply involved and are willing to make some sacrifices, I don't believe we're going to make much of a dent in crime."

Kaufman said, even if a party wants to remain anonymous, they can. At least this would provide a lead to help in solving crimes, he said.

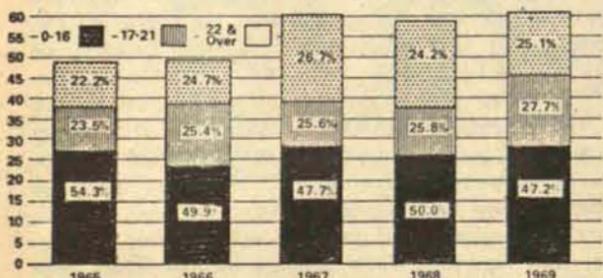
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OFFENSE	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969
Murder	285	308	440	542	625
Rape	1,005	1,227	1,225	1,501	1,575
Robbery	7,468	11,975	15,365	17,058	22,107
Aggravated Assault	8,526	8,782	10,502	11,245	12,443
Burglary	41,034	56,968	70,282	88,626	79,723
Larceny (Felonious)	26,753	34,783	41,953	47,047	61,280
Larceny (Misc.)	85,302	95,022	97,556	89,805	97,566
Auto Theft	21,814	24,166	29,259	31,042	36,709
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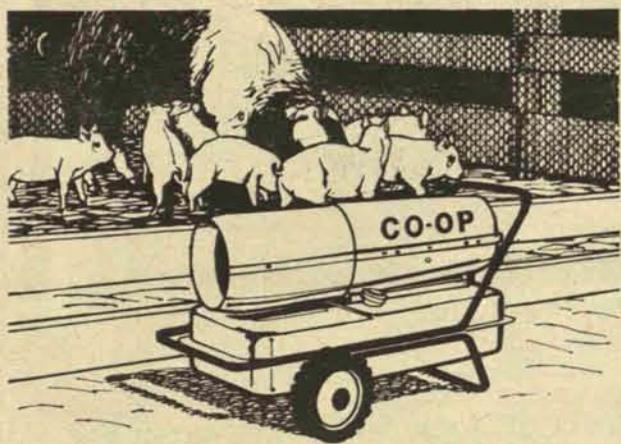
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Rape	402	617	623	604	656
Robbery	413	448	706	550	773
Aggravated Assault	1,815	1,859	2,324	2,557	2,637
Burglary	13,983	15,365	20,982	19,608	24,454
Larceny (Felonious)	7,577	8,510	12,977	12,577	19,005
Larceny (Misc.)	12,894	15,580	20,609	18,354	23,615
Auto Theft	2,394	3,446	4,156	3,690	4,885
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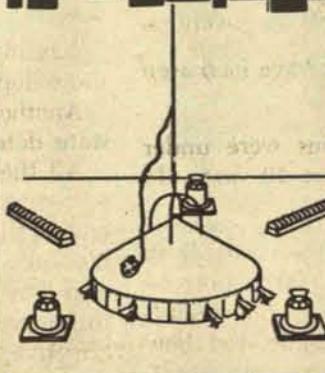
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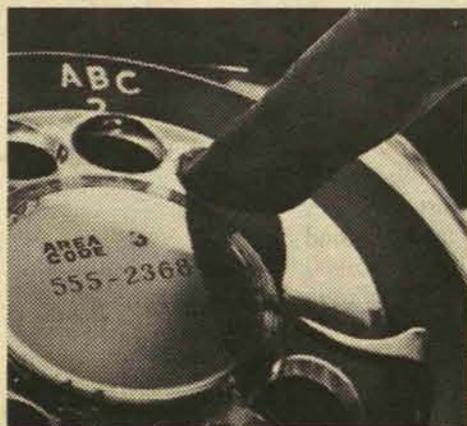
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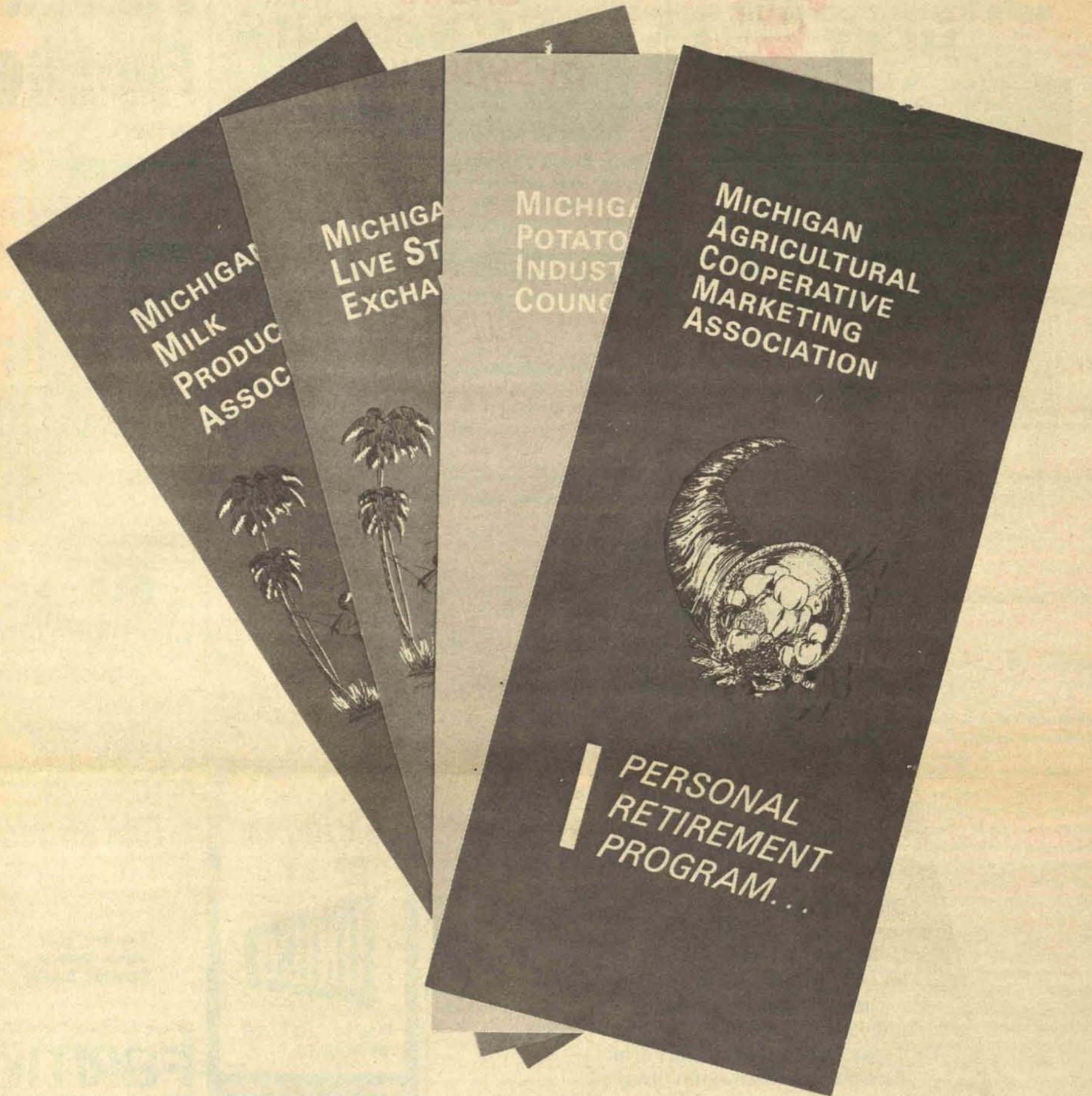
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