For 35 years, Michigan farmers have worked to organize effective units of soil-saving activity throughout the state. There are now 84 Soil Conservation Districts in Michigan, covering 82 counties of the state. Only Oceana is without a Soil Conservation District.

Fifty-five thousand landowners are now cooperators with Soil Conservation Districts, and over 30,000 have complete soil and water conservation plans developed for their land. Over 50 districts are co-sponsoring watershed projects for flood prevention and control and water management.

Hundreds of thousands of man hours of time and effort have been contributed, without reimbursement, by the directors and officers of these districts in the development of good resource management. It is encouraging to see the growing interest in problems involving our environment. There have been times during the past 35 years when it seemed as though the public interest was in destroying our resources, not in maintaining and building them.

Little wonder that this dedicated group welcomes the evidence of public concern. We hope the April 22, 1970 Environmental Teach-In now planned for the campuses of universities, colleges and schools across the nation, will not be a flash-in-the-pan but can be the forerunner of a solid effort to provide for the best of our resources.
Big Government

"So this is where my tax dollars come. Now I understand why it costs so much to run big government with all these big buildings and people here working at the taxpayer expense. This is where they siphon off part of my money before using it for programs." These were but a few comments of the Michigan farmers who recently spent three days in Washington's nation's capital.

This special group of forty Michigan farmers was part of the 10th annual air-trip to Washington, D. C. sponsored by the Farm Bureau Young Farmers. Full story continues at page 11.

THERMAL POLLUTION

Heat that results from the many activities of man and is added to water and to the atmosphere is regarded as a pollutant. Considerable heat is produced during the generation of electricity. Electrical generating plants dispose of heat by using large bodies of water such as rivers and lakes for cooling.

Addition of heat to natural bodies of water increases water temperature and causes major changes in the aquatic ecosystem. Fish populations are affected both in the number of fish that can live in warmer water and in changing the species of fish in the population. Cold water species are replaced by warm water species. Cane fish may disappear and trash fish become plentiful.

Heat affects aquatic life other than fish. The solubility of oxygen decreases as temperature increases. Certain times and fungi flourish. Life cycles of aquatic insects are altered. Some aquatic plants will become plentiful and others die.

As more electricity is generated to meet the increasing needs of a growing population and expanding industry in Michigan, more heat will be added to our lakes and rivers. This may become a major threat to our fruit industry.

Michigan has a fruit industry primarily because of climate. The major element in our climatic environment is the moderating effect of large bodies of water, especially Lake Michigan. The lake moderates the prevailing westerly winds and makes fruit production along the western edge of the state feasible.

The air temperature in the orchard is the primary determinant of whether or not there will be a crop of fruit produced. A change of one degree in temperature at a critical level and time can cause a crop failure instead of having a full crop. Recognizing the tremendous influence that the temperature of a body of water has on the surrounding air temperature, we are concerned about the possible affect on fruit production that a very small change in water temperature could cause.

Noel Stockman
April 22 is the day of "teach-ins" throughout the state, whether it be in the colleges, community colleges, high schools, elementary schools or kindergartens. Pollution problems as they affect our environment will be the order of the day. Words like "ecology" will be used by those who, until recently, had never heard of the term. Much of the day's activities will be purely on an emotional level.

It is good, however, that the general public is becoming aware of some of the facts of nature and that humanity is well on its way to reaching the end of the road. It is not good unless wisdom and judgment prevail and recognition is given to the fact that protecting the environment is a continuing thing and is plain hard work on the part of everyone.

This general movement seems to coincide with efforts presently in the Legislature to pass numerous bills claimed to be necessary to protect the environment. H.B. 3055 is the bill presently receiving the greatest deal of attention. A similar bill is in the Senate — S. 1369. If H. 3055, as introduced, would, in short, permit any citizen to go to court in the name of the state, against any person or governmental agency, and through "lawsuits," claim that a "defendant has or is reasonably likely to pollute." The defendant has the burden of proving there is no "alternative." Farmers could well be the target of such actions, as could anybody else. Under present laws, several farmers in the state are already facing court action due to others arising from livestock.

Farm Bureau's testimony before the committee, indicated that passage of the bill, as introduced, could result in a "chaotic situation" and pointed out that in the view of many lawyers the bill reverses the basic concept of law and assumes a person is guilty until he proves himself innocent instead of being innocent until proven guilty. It was pointed out that such legislation could well be used as an instrument of harassment by any citizen or group of citizens who in most cases could find it relatively easy to develop "prima facie" evidence that another person has or is reasonably likely to pollute.

"It was further stated that the bill appeared to represent an "abnegation" of legislative responsibility and that while the rights of some citizens may be broadened, the rights of other citizens could be trampled.

Farm Bureau testimony further stated that presently the Water Resources Commission and Air Pollution Commission have broad powers to cope with pollution of the environment and that such commissions have established procedures for the right of appeal and also have expert knowledge on such issues. Other agencies of government have also certain powers.

In addition, the Attorney General has ruled that the abatement of unlawful water pollution may be brought about not only by the state, but by local units of government and private citizens. Present statutes provide ample means for local governmental units or citizens to file complaints with state agencies to institute correction of pollution problems. It is estimated that about 50 new bills have been introduced involving pesticides, environment, fertilizer, etc. For instance, H. 4260 would make it a misdemeanor to do livestock transport with fertilizers mixed with insectsicides.

It has been said that as the public become more knowledgeable in environment problems a dilemma becomes apparent—that everyone wants what nature gave us, but also wants what industry provides and few would surrender the comforts and conveniences of our modern life in order to regain the "natural life of the past."

The most important issue is now becoming more critical. As this is written, two hearings have been held by the House Appropriations Committee on H. 2100. This bill would bring Michigan's meat inspection program to the level required by the Federal Wholesome Meat Act.

Presently, Michigan has full "initiation and post mortem" inspection and licensing of slaughterhouses. The major amendment to the act is to require that processing and slaughtering of the processed meats produced by the Michigan Department of Agriculture be inspected. Unless this is accomplished by December 15, 1970, it is probable that the Michigan meat industry would be forced to close. These plants have a total of more than $35,000 payroll.

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First, to this, such cattle were not permitted to be fed and were allowed to go to immediate slaughter. The previous law permitted the returning to the farm of cattle under 12 months of age without permit, but cattle between 12 and 18 months of age required a permit, nothing over 18 months of age was prohibited. This proposed legislation does not affect in any way the regular cattle feeding operation.

Legislation further changes the vaccination ages from the present 4.5 months to 3.7 months.
Michigan Farm Bureau women have scheduled their District Spring meetings.

**DISTRICT 1** - April 14, coffee hour at 9:30—meeting to start at 10 a.m. Van Buren County Farm Bureau building, Paw Paw, Larcheone, $1.50. Reservations to be in to Mrs. Harry Webb, Paw Paw, by April 9. In the morning, there will be a discussion on "New Trends in School Curriculum" led by Dick Anderle and Laverne South of the Michigan Department of Education, and in the afternoon, Miss Grace Woodman, IPTE student from Costa Rica, will speak. David Straton, marimba player, will also entertain.

**DISTRICT 2** - April 9, 9:30 coffee hour, at Our Savior Lutheran Church, Gladwin. Larcheone, $1.50. Reservations by April 1 to Mrs. Harriet Schenden, Gladwin, Rt. 5. In the morning, there will be a discussion on "New Trends in School Curriculum" led by Wanda Judbb and Robert Tresne of the Michigan Department of Education. There will be a decoupage demonstration in the afternoon.

**DISTRICT 3** - April 9, coffee hour at 9:30—meeting to start at 10 a.m. St. John's Lutheran Church, Fremont. Larcheone reservations to be in to Mrs. Lawrence Bosmeyer by April 2. Dinner will be served by the church women for $1.75. There will be 25 ¢ registration fee. In the morning, there will be a discussion on "New Trends in School Curriculum" by Bob Sternberg and Dwight Smith of the Michigan Department of Education. Workshops (two for each attending) in china painting, a distrust doll, needlepoint, paper flowers, decoupage, cake decorating and nutrition and Weight Watchers will be the afternoon program.

**DISTRICT 4** - April 22, 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Fremont Community Building, Fremont. Larcheone, $1.50. Reservations due by April 18 to Edna Edlow, Rt. 2, Fremont, phone 924-4867. In the morning, there will be a discussion on "New Trends in School Curriculum" led by Wanda Judbb and Robert Tresne of the Michigan Department of Education. There will be a decoupage demonstration in the afternoon.

**DISTRICT 5** - April 20, coffee hour at 9:30 - meeting to start at 10 a.m. at Frement Community Building, Fremont. Larcheone, $1.50. In the morning there will be a discussion on "New Trends in School Curriculum" led by Bob Stout and Barbara Ot of the Michigan Department of Education. In the afternoon Marion Brown of Branch County will show slides of her recent trip to the Holy Land. Donna Vright, Branch Country Queen, will entertain.

**DISTRICT 6** - Tuesday, April 8, coffee hour at 9:30 - meeting to start at 10 a.m. at the Mundy Town-ship Hall in Rankin. In the afternoon Doug Chapman, Genesee County Extension Special-ist will talk on "Gardening and Landscaping." Larcheone. $1.50 reservations to be sent by April 18 to Mrs. Donald Hill, 10231 Farrand Road, Montrose 48457.

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**DISTRICT 9** - April 16, coffee and registration to be at 10 a.m. at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, South Haven. Larcheone, $1.50. Reservations are due by April 18 to Edna Edlow, Rt. 5, South Haven, phone 392-0241. In the morning, there will be a discussion on "New Trends in School Curriculum" led by John Osborne and Barbara Ot of the Michigan Department of Education. Calvin Rust, MBF board member, will show slides of his work in Guatemala.

**DISTRICT 10** - E-April 23, 10:30 a.m. at the Shiawassee County Farm Bureau Building, Owosso. Larcheone, $1.50. Reservations are due by April 18 to Mrs. Donald Hill, 10231 Farrand Road, Montrose 48457.

There will be modern music by the Shiawassee County Farm Bureau Women's Committee displayed their new Farm Bureau flag at the rural-urban dinner meeting in mid-March. Mrs. Marian Sutton, current county women's chairman and Shiawassee County Farm Bureau is from Mrs. Leota Westfall, secretary of the MWHS, and all of your local groups who have requested the name of the International Conference for Michigan Women's Organizations conducted at Michigan State University in October, 1969.

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"We hope that each member of your organization will be a part of the Committee Chairman and express her willingness to become an active member of the Community for MWFHS, joining other interested and concerned women leaders in the crusade to halt the violence and the rising toll of death and destruction on the streets and highways of Michigan."

I'm very proud to be a part of this new venture and feel sure that if we all work together our streets and highways will be less hazardous and we can begin to be our Brothers Keeper - as we are supposed to be.

This is just one of our projects for the year — but it is one that can involve each and every one of us.

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In The Spring...

April showers bring the May flowers — and also the spring drivers. I received a letter the other day that I want to share with all of you — it is an open letter to Michigan Farm Bureau Women and is from Mrs. Leota Westfall, secretary of the recently organized Michigan Women for Highway Safety. "WOMANPOWER COMES FROM THE HEART" is the slogan for MICHIGAN WOMEN FOR HIGHWAY SAFETY which was organized to be the 7th annual Highway Safety Conference for Michigan Women's Organizations conducted at Michigan State University in October, 1969.

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Michigan foods were displayed and sampled during the International Food Fair held February 16 through the 20th at Utrecht, The Netherlands. An estimated 40,000 potential buyers from the Common Market countries of Europe and the United Kingdom attended the Fair.

B. Dale Ball, Michigan Department of Agriculture Director, said the project was designed to develop additional world markets for Michigan foods. Participation by Michigan growers and processors was coordinated by the Marketing Division, Michigan Department of Agriculture.

"The Thar Sled," an inexpensive wooden sled cut to asparagus invented by James Thar, Decatur asparagus grower, was awarded the State Agricultural Development of the Year Award. Award presentation and story in May Farm News.

The Young Farmers achieved a co-op status, representing the national organization, Young Farmers in Action; four general sessions with speakers on Farm Labor, The Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1969, Ed-ucational Reform and Public Relations; an information program by representatives of the Dow Chemical Company; addresses by Michigan Farm Bureau President Elton Smith, Kenneth Cheatham, of the American Farm Bureau Federation and a talk by Farm Bureau Queen Jane Ross. Entertainment and recreation was also enjoyed by the group.

Michigan Rendezvous at Expo '70 in Osaka, Japan, is sponsored by the Greater Michigan Foundation. The Economic Club of Detroit, in cooperation with the Foundation, is planning receptions at Toyko, Osaka, Hong Kong and Anchorage.

"Wonderland or Wasteland," The Little Problem, A Challenge to Action and "The Little Problem, How Can Young People Help?" are visual aids and speech offerings of the Michigan Chamber of Commerce to help in the Keep Michigan Beautiful program. Details may be obtained from the Michigan Chamber of Commerce.

Michigan Farm Bureau is well represented on the Michigan Livestock Exchange Board of Directors. Eight of the nineteen members are F.B. members. At the organizational meeting held by the Board following their annual meeting early in March, Milton Brown, Mr. Pleasant farmer, Isabella County, was elected president of the board. David Morris, Clinton County beef farmer, Grand Ledge, was elected vice president. Mr. Brown succeeded Allen Ruth of Lake Orion and Mr. Morris succeeded Milton Brown of Clinton County.

Mr. and Mrs. Remus Riggs, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Horning, Manchester, were named the Outstanding Young Dairy Couple of 1970 by MMPA in a search in their 12 districts in Michigan. Mr. and Mrs. Remus (Ruth) Riggs, Coldwater, Branch county, were named runners-up.

The Homolges operate a 300 acre dairy farm in partnership with his father, Alton. They milk approximately 55 cows of a 110 cow herd and also have about 100 sheep.

Mr. and Mrs. Horning both have degrees from Michigan State University. Mr. Horning's in animal husbandry, and Mrs. Horn-ing's in education. Earl Horning is active in the Michigan Milk Producers Saline Local, (he has served in many official capacities), in Farm Bureau and Michigan State University. Diane Homing has taught school and has been active in county extension work. They have two children.

Remus and Ruth Riggs have a 700 acre dairy farm operation and a 104 cow herd. They have three children.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl (Diane) Horning, Manchester, were named the Outstanding Young Dairy Couple late in the Michigan Farm Bureau Young Farmer Leaders Conference held in June and July. The Upper Peninsula Seminar will be held in June (final details to be announced later) according to David Cook, Citizenship Committee chairman. The Lower Peninsula Seminar will be held July 20-24 at Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant.

Discussion leaders for both seminars will be announced later. County Citizenship Committees and County Farm Bureaus are receiving current information regarding selection of students, etc.

Prices paid by farmers rose one and one-half percent during January as reported by the United States Department of Agriculture. This was the largest month-to-month increase in 1969. The major part of the current increase resulted from increasing annual tax and interest rates and seasonally adjusted farm wage rates, although commodities and services were also up.

While costs to the farmers were soaring, the proportion of the consumer's dollar spent for food declined to 161/2% in 1969 according to a USDA's economic research service.

MMPA Honors Two Young Farm Bureau Couples

Two young couples, both active Farm Bureau families, have been honored by MMPA Milk Producers Association for their outstanding leadership and farming practices.
A Matter Of Survival

Everybody's tomorrow depends on our taking enough time to perpetuate the good natural things of the world that are worth perpetuating.

The 'good natural things' are the soil—the forests—vegetation—the fish and animals—clean air—all the things that Mother Nature spent a million years stockpiling her pantry with for us to enjoy. But look at Mother Nature's pantry now. The shelves are nearly bare. If the doors of the cupboards have been torn from the hinges where outdoor enthusiasts have clamped them to use up her store room of fish, fur, water, air; trees, soil and vegetation.

Finding the cupboards nearly bare, they've moved in with substitutes. Eventually the substitutes—metals, plastic, glass, synthetics—have to be disposed of because they are pushing us off the face of the earth, a situation that has turned into the survival of the fittest.

The fittest? What hasn't been destroyed, inhabitants of countries all over the world are fighting for. They are clamoring for the polluted rivers, lakes, oceans and air. They are maiming and killing each other for the right to call this debris-strown land 'theirs' and for the right to fly their super-jets through already traffic-heavy air waves. Jets also contribute heavily to the air pollution—while carrying the hundreds of passengers to another spot on the earth that is just as polluted—but only of a different type.

An obligation (man made, true) to take care of natural resources has not been met, the soils are washing away in the rivers—wildlife populations are much reduced and even in the most remote part of the earth, one can walk the road or shore and find a non-disposable can advertising a favorite beverage or a leading sun tan lotion.

Obviously, an overlooked part of the resource crisis we face requires our attention: parks, wilderness, farm land, water is a breakdown of parts of our moral fabric. Lack of concern for resources is a symptom of something even bigger. We just don't care. We didn't throw that bag of trash in the ditch—it's not my fault. India has thousands of people starving, and so what? We can still grow potatoes and corn and beef cattle and chickens. Why—the majority of folks in the United States (Michigan included) die of being overweight—not starving to death.

But sooner or later will come the realization that will touch every area of society—it is absolutely necessary that we have good pure water—absolutely imperative that we have clean air to breathe—absolutely good that we preserve our parks from the comfort cravers.

America is calling. The America that we sung about "Oh Beautiful For Spacious Skies—For Amber Waves of Grain—For Purple Mountains Majesty—Above the Fruited Plain—America is calling. The America that we sung about "Oh Beautiful For Spacious Skies—For Amber Waves of Grain—For Purple Mountains Majesty—Above the Fruited Plain—

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On the Way! Farm Bureau Insurance Group Receives Second Honor Award

When you mention 'a volunteer organization'—be sure that members of Michigan Farm Bureau are at the top of the list. As of March 20, 57 counties had made goal—with the remaining 14 to be added to the list within the next few days, (74 counties make up 71 county Farm Bureau.)

Added to the previously announced list of "Buckseye Roast-ers" are the following counties: Wayne, Rav, Sandusky, Kent, St. Clair, Oakland, Lenawee, New, ago, Ingham, Lapeer, Gogun, Iosco and Barry.

Regional making goal are the Saginaw Valley, Upper Peninsula, West, Thumb, Central, Southeast, Northeast and Northwest. Michigan Farm Bureau members work voluntarily toward mutual goals. Volunteers go out to reach new and renewal members and carry on volunteer programs across the state.

Legislative Leaders Fly To Washington

The more than 90 Farm Bureau Legislative Leaders and American Heritage tour participants flew out of Lansing's Capital City Airport, March 16—the first step towards their four-day visit to Washing-

ton, D. C. The group and their Farm Bureau guides gathered in front of the plane that had them in Washington is time for dinner. The next major planned air tour is scheduled for December and the AFBF convention in Houston, Texas.

THE MICHIGAN MILK PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION . . . and Michigan Farm Board Directors held a joint meeting in the Farm Board Board room early in March. Seated (left to right) are Harold Bloydock, MMPA; Glenn Lake, MMPA president; MFB President Elton Smith; Dave Morris, MFB; Eugene Erickson and Marvin Lott, both of MMPA. Standering are (l to r) Ber-nard Doll, Frederic Halbert, Mike Rann Jr., John Gilbert, Bobbist Lemoreaux, all MMPA board members; Harvey Leuenberger, MFB; Erwin public and to encourage Michigan to be more articulate about freedoms in today's America.

Freedoms Foundation presentations ceremonies for Michigan individuals and organizations, including the Farm Bureau Insurance Group Award, will be conducted later this year.
It Pays To Pool Your Wool

According to information from the Agricultural Economics Department of Ohio State University, and 52 years of marketing experience with the Wool Growers Association, it does pay to pool your wool. Many of our customers remember their wool consistently, year after year, because they knew it paid. More and more Michigan shepherds are taking advantage of the Ohio pool, since the Wool Growers marketing service has been made available to them. According to actual records, pooled wool netted greater returns on an average of about 9 years out of 10. These are pretty good odds in favor of this method of marketing. To be honest and realistic, there have been a few years in our 52 year history when the pooled price didn’t equal the local purchase price, but these times have been rare. We promote pooling but it is not the only method we offer. We also purchase wool at a flat price, direct from the growers. However, Ohio Wool Growers is owned and operated by sheepmen and the primary purpose of the Association is to market the wool in the best possible way.

Now, may we point out a few reasons why pooling generally has been a better method. First, when a local buyer offers you a flat price, he doesn’t have to pay for the expense of having it graded and taking the extra end of the stick. There will be helping to pay for the cleaning and the grading of your wool. Another advantage of having it graded and taken the extra end of the stick. There are pretty good odds in favor of pooling your wool.

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The following is an example of a sheepman in north-central Ohio who has been part of the wool pool for many years. The figures represent his actual consignment. He has already sold 4.5 X 4.5 lbs. from about 200 head of ewes and the quality of his clip could be duplicated by a flat price of many other growers.

The figures conservatively, the above clip in our 1969 pool netted the owner over $200.00 more. This is about the same as marketing ten extra lambs.

AGRICulture is No JOHNNY-COME-LATELY... to the pollution battle. In excess of 35 years of soil and water conservation work by farmers has been an outstanding contribution to pollution control. Representatives of Great Lakes Farm Bureau met in Chicago recently to discuss current developments in pollution activities affecting land, water and air. Pictured, left to right, are: William KasaKoest, Wisconsin Farm Bureau; Clifford Melcher, Director of the National Resources Department, AFBF; Eugene Roberts, Michigan Farm Bureau — Morris Allton, Ohio Farm Bureau — Franklin Schwiderson and Don E. Reed, Michigan Farm Bureau.

DEAN PRIDEGEOE

Two Michigan Farm Bureau members were honored March 25 by Michigan State University for "Distinguished Service to Agriculture."

Receiving citations during a special Farmer’s Week ceremony on the MSU campus were Dean Pridedge, Montgomery and Charles E. Donaldson, Jr., Drageet.

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Pioneer Conservationist

A pioneer—the father of soil conservation—a man a generation ahead of his time—HUGH H. BENNETT.

"Big Hugh" came from North Carolina in 1903 and joined the Bureau of Soils in the Department of Agriculture at Washington, D.C. He had seen sheet erosion strip off six to nine inches of topsoil from bare, heavily-cropped fields and knew that the best part of the land was being swept away to become a pollutant in the streams and lakes. He successfully combined science with showmanship to get an urgent job under way.

Under his guidance, 35 years ago this month (in April of 1935), the U.S. Soil Conservation Service was created. More than any other man, he was responsible for our national soil and water conservation and watershed protection programs. Developed under his guidance, these programs extended into virtually every corner of the United States. They have provided the pattern for development of similar programs in at least 18 other countries. What a legacy to leave to the people of the United States and the people of the world!

Big Hugh's vision led to the organization of Soil Conservation Districts in most counties of the United States, and gave impetus to the growing concern for total conservation of our natural resources. He recognized the need for environmental improvement before many of today's conservationists were born.

"Hugh Bennett, the man of the soil, has returned to the soil," wrote Donald A. Williams, Administrator, U.S. Soil Conservation Service. "He lies under a great oak on a hillside in beautiful Arlington National Cemetery. His monuments are many and they will continue to increase." Big Hugh died July 7, 1960.

Many Michigan Soil Conservation District Directors and friends of our soil and water resources knew him personally. To them April, 1970 means the 35th anniversary of a great man's achievement—the formal organization of the U.S. Soil Conservation Service.

"If I were king of the forest,
With power befitting a czar,
Oh, if I could remodel the woods
I would leave them just as they are."

This short verse was written by former Director of Extension of Michigan State University, Clint Ballard.
What Is Our Role?

Environment, ecology and pollution are words that are now commonplace throughout America. The many problems associated with these words are with us today and the solutions to providing an environment with less pollution are going to be costly and time consuming. Our task as farmers and employees of agriculture is to become involved with the national and community issues. A national biology-teach-in will be conducted in our schools and on the campuses of our colleges and universities. The object of the teach-in will be to inform people about pollution, to promote investigations as to the causes of pollution in local communities and to organize groups to clean up the environment through political action, legislation and community programs.

Agriculture must play a role in its own behalf during these sessions to help inform the entire population. Agriculture is often sighted as one of the irresponsible polluters of our environment. What are the circumstances relative to environmental pollution and agriculture? It is stated that man's involvement is not a new problem to human beings and to their survival. Simply by existing, man unavoidably contaminates the environment. Each individual in miniature is an energy-producing power plant. He consumes fuel-carbohydrates, fats and oils, proteins and other materials he chooses to regard as food - which is turned into energy required for muscular and mental activities. He radiates waste heat to the environment and eliminates other wastes that can cause pollution.

Counting the only effects of his bodily functions he is a major polluter of ground and surface waters. It is stated that free to select the water they will drink, they have a reduced choice in the air which they will breathe. The United States Public Health Service estimated that 185 million tons of pollution were pumped into the air in the United States in 1968, or approximately 4% of a ton of pollution for each man, woman and child. The principle sources of air pollution, according to the Health Department are: automotive and diesel engines (exhaust from internal combustion engines), 17% from industry, 11% power plants, 6% from heating of homes and buildings, 5% burning of trash and disposal of waste.

Give Earth a Chance

Governor William G. Milliken has called the preservation of our environment "THE critical issue of the Seventies." National Congressmen term the making of our environment (at least visible) "a leading national priority" while college campus youth are forming ENACT (Environmental Action for Survival), elementary and secondary students are pitching in to clean up the land, sea and air; teach-ins are being held across the nation - all working together to "Give Earth a Chance."

Looking back over the 60's, there were many facts. We put the first men on the moon; the first human heart transplants were accomplished; and for the first time the populace became vocal about the polluted condition of the environment. In mid-March, the University of Michigan hosted the first Environmental Teach-In with a specific goal. The concept was to utilize every technological breakthrough that will help to take action, in the name of the Michigan Farm Bureau - pollution and the care of the environment is a direct responsibility of the farmer.

Mrs. Andrew Jackson of Hornell, wife of a Farm Bureau Board of Directors member, was spokesman for the farm people. Claudine Jackson's voice was that of the humanitarian. She expressed the desire to help educate the people that there is a universal need to have an adequate supply of wholesome and nutritious food for all mankind.

"This is a heavy responsibility. The problem of furnishing food for a nation rests in the hands and on the backs of 5% of the population.

In order to maintain a quality environment, those of us in agriculture must be able to control insecticides, weeds and diseases and weeds. We need the means to combat the cereal leaf beetle and the most serious pest to Michigan agriculture - the Alfalfa weevil. We must be allowed to spray to keep them, and many other insects, from ruining the crops that are essential to the food production.

"Concern must be shown by subdivisions and road builders. Each time they remove an inch of top soil, they've taken away what it has taken nature 100 years or more to build.

"Let's look at the state's natural rivers. A study conducted on the Red Cedar river flow through the Michigan State University campus showed that the largest amount of particle contamination entering the Red Cedar comes from the waste water treatment plants of the city. A recent state paper (The Flint Journal) reported on Tread Creek - 'Organic and industrial wastes, domestic refuse and flood plain filling have combined to destroy the recreational and aesthetic value of Tread Creek to area residents. Residents reported that odors from the creek are at times so offensive that they can not keep windows open.'

Twenty three tons of phosphates are sent down the Detroit River daily to feed the algae of Lake Erie, according to a January 1970 Detroit Free Press article. Another source claims that two pounds of phosphate per person leaves sewage treatment plants each year.

Let's go across the Atlantic Ocean to England. They are years ahead of us in their environmental program. London has found that by increasing the "green belts" around the city, people living in these belts were found to be much healthier.

Again - as so often in the past - Michigan farmers, soil conservation district representatives, the urban dwellers - all must join into a single force with the ultimate purpose of once again having a healthy atmosphere in which to live.

The farmers have proven that they are willing to go their mile in their offer to change spraying techniques. Industry is making every effort to curb their smokestack and pollution carburetors and car manufacturers will be selling future cars equipped with special filtering systems.

This time, it's not just a community effort - it's a worldwide effort, to save our nation — yes, in fact, to save our very lives.
Late Fred Harger Honored by Resolutions

Fred Harger served farmers of Michigan and Farm Bureau Services, Inc., for many years in a most able manner. He served on the Board of Directors of the Michigan Farm Bureau. Later he managed successfully the retail store and elevator owned by Farm Bureau Services, Inc., located in Saginaw. This was followed by serving as manager and supervisor of all retail branches for the company. He was assigned the responsibility for building the fertilizer plant located at Saginaw and was its first manager. This undertaking brought high analysis fertilizer into Michigan and established Farm Bureau Services, Inc. as the leader in the manufacture of better farm fertilizer. Fred was an incorporator of Central Farmers Fertilizer Company of Chicago. This company has become a powerful force on the side of the farmer in the fertilizer manufacturing field. Fred was a man of vision and a faithful friend and servant of agriculture. Scrupulously honest, he exacted the same from his employees. That which he believed to be right was not to be compromised. A rugged task master, he was respected by employees, farmers and business men.

In his death which occurred on February 8, 1970, we have lost a great servant and friend.

Mr. Harger served on the Farm Bureau Board of Directors in 1929-28 and was given the Distinguished Service to Agriculture Award in 1957 at their annual meeting. The Award read "given for his work in Farm Bureau as a builder of men." Mr. Harger retired in August 1952 as Director of Fertilizer Manufacturing. He was 88 at the time of his death.

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Farm Bureau's newest marketing program, a multi-fruit approach through MACMA, is taking form under the direction of a committee of fruit grower leaders from throughout the state. Leading growers of peaches, pears, and purple plums have been appointed by Michigan Farm Bureau president, Elton R. Schaub, Lake Leelanau, in the northwest. Eugene Roberts, Lake County, and George Houk, Mason County. Others are David Sweet, Leelanau west Michigan; Bob Rider, Hart, in west central Michigan; and Bill Schaub, Lake Leelanau, in the northwest. Eugene Roberts, Lake City, representing the MACMA Board of Directors, is acting as chairman of the committee.

Fred Harger

The late Fred Harger, former Farm Bureau Board member, has left a legacy that will benefit the sons and daughters of all farmers through his years of service in Farm Bureau Services, Inc., was honored posthumously at the passing of the following resolution by both boards:

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### Asparagus Growers Plan For 1970

The MACMA Asparagus Division Marketing Committee recommends that each MACMA member grower adopt a year-round marketing plan. The plan should include a good yield, unfolding, handling, and marketing program for the 1970 crop.

Three new committeemen were recently elected to the Committee. They are: Ronald Bailis, Watervliet; Wayne Fleming, Grand Rapids; and Edward C. Miller, Midland. The Committee is elected by the member asparagus growers.

### Marketing and Commodity

**MICHIGAN FARM BUREAU FEEDER CATTLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

- Left to right: Bill Byrum, Michigan Farm Bureau; Gil VanWagner, Alpena County; Dan Marsh, Oscoda County; Gordon Farnsworth, Livestock Judge; Frank Stanke, Michigan Farm Bureau Board of Directors, Chairman; Al Keating, American Agricultural Marketing Association; Ron Clark, Mac-Luce County; Vice Chairman; Lyle Cunningham, Jackson County; Robert Burie, Menominee; David Morris, Michigan Farm Bureau Board of Directors; Dale Brouwer, Houghton County.

A year ago the Michigan Farm Bureau Livestock Advisory Committee recommended to the Michigan Farm Bureau Board of Directors that a special feeder cattle advisory committee be appointed to review problems and opportunities for a more organized approach to marketing Michigan produced feeder cattle. Approximately 350,000 of the feeder cattle produced in Michigan are marketed cooperatively and the other 95% find other common means of collection and distribution.

The first project was to survey their customers to determine how interest in increased services for feeder cattle producers. They also discussed with prominent cattle feeders their needs and sources for promotional material. The Agricultural Marketing Association presented its findings and proposals to Michigan. A group meeting will be held in the Upper Peninsula with feeder cattle producers to further study the needs identified in the questionnaire.

The Michigan Farm Bureau Board of Directors is looking enthusiastically to the findings of the feeder cattle advisory committee.

**PROJECT MRS.**

Farm bureau women all over Michigan have taken action in a market research service, Project MRS, being developed by the Market Development Division of the Michigan Farm Bureau. Responding to a need for greater market knowledge, the women surveyed their local grocery stores for the brands and labels of various foods being offered and the net weights of containers.

"The women who have turned survey forms to date have been very conscientious," says Norman Veliquette, MFB Marketing Specialist who is heading the development of Project MRS. He reports that many women have turned the form over to write additional information on the reverse side about certain foods. Veliquette describes the project as being an unaided one in its developmental stages. The mountain of information gathered will have to be manually sorted and compiled, Mr. Veliquette feels that once it is known which trademarks are most widely available in Michigan, it will be much easier to survey the food shelves.

During April, it is felt that a follow-up survey can be made, to determine the generally acceptable price levels on the various foods. Once the mailing list for PTIV’s has been mechanized, other surveys can be made.
New Crop Director

David C. Bower, a Mennonite layman and former Church World Service Representative in Pakistan, has been named Christian Reformed Overseas Program (CROP) Director for Michigan. The appointment was announced by Rev. Carl Staser, Michigan CROP Board chairman.

Since September 1966, Mr. Bower has served on the National CROP staff in Elkhart, Indiana, and recently, office manager. Mr. Bower is a native of Pennsylvania and was Acting Director of Church World Service in East Pakistan from 1963-65. He also served in a similar position in Pakistan from 1963-65. He also served on the National CROP Board in Elkhart, Indiana, Bower has served on the National CROP staff in Elkhart, Indiana, Bower has served on the National CROP Board in Elkhart, Indiana.

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MMPA's "Michigan Dairymen of the Year"

A 1968 recipient of Michigan Farm Bureau's Distinguished Service Award — Harold F. Blaylock, has been named "Michigan's Dairymen of the Year" by the Michigan Milk Producers Association.

Blaylock, an active leader and spokesman for the MMPA, has been an active member of the state dairy committee. Last December he was elected president of the Michigan Agricultural Conference, a coordinating organization of more than 50 Michigan farm groups.

Mr. Blaylock has been an MMPA member for 32 years, has served as president and secretary of his local organization before heading several state committees and becoming in 1966.

Would you like to go to Texas in December?

The site of the 1970 American Farm Bureau Federation Annual Meeting will be Houston, Texas. The date will be December 6-10.

Two jets have been chartered to take Michigan people to this convention. The cost will be very reasonable. Air transportation will be about $112 round trip. Hotels should cost about $10 per day.

The planes will leave Lansing on Saturday, December 5. They will arrive in Houston about noon. Arrangements are being made for doing some sight-seeing that afternoon with additional sight-seeing on Sunday before the convention starts. Hopefully, the Astrodome and the NASA Space Center will be toured.

If you would like further information on this coming trip, please send in your name requesting this information. Send your name and address to Larry Ewing, Michigan Farm Bureau, P.O. 900, Lansing, Michigan 48904.

One of the Michigan Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Association's newest projects — the feeder pig division — held its first annual meeting in early March in Lake City. About 60 feeder pig producers and their wives, extension and Farm Bureau personnel and area business men attended the dinner meeting at the Mississauke Lodge.

The Feeder Pig Marketing Committee and staff are (left to right, in above picture) seated, Murray Turnipseed, Duane Hershberger, vice chairman and Donald Hower, committee chairman. Standing — John Heim, MACMA fieldman, Robert Braden, MACMA manager; Robert Kates; Duane Stevens, committee men; and Larry DeVuyst, division manager.

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PRES. SMITH IN CALIFORNIA

A FIVE DAY TRIP TO CALIFORNIA... sponsored by the Cooperative Extension Service offered Michigan Farm Bureau president Dr. William Smith an opportunity to visit dairy and poultry farmers in the Fresno and Los Angeles area. About 40 farm leaders were invited to make the trip "to look at large scale dairy and poultry operations and to get new ideas for the financing, labor procurement and management, feed procurement and contracts, handling and selling systems, cooperative purchases of services and the marketing of milk." The Michigan farmers were encouraged to hold discussions and to observe the trends in thinking and action regarding cross-farm cooperative programs in the dairy and poultry field.

MFB Board Member Heard On S-2203

Michigan Farm Bureau has filed a statement in support of the Consumer Agricultural Food Production Act of 1970, known generally as S-2203—a bill introduced by Senator Murphy, (R-California) and others. The bill, as written, would provide general legislation to cover the relationships between farmers and their workers and the special problems of agriculture.

Senator Everett Jordan, (D-North Carolina) has been holding hearings. Recently MFB Board Member Kenneth Bull, a fruit grower from Muskegon county, presented testimony before the senate committee on Agricultural Research and General Legislation.

Mr. Bull testified "I believe that whatever type of labor legislation is found to be desirable, it should be on a federal basis applying uniformly in all areas and states. I would strongly oppose the adoption of S-8 because the original Wagner Act of 1935 and the amendments thereto has been designed to govern labor management relations in industrial and commercial concerns and no consideration was given to its possible application to agriculture.

"I would favor the enactment of S-2203—I believe it would, among other things, protect consumers by providing for the orderly marketing of farm products and reduce the potential loss of farm crops on the farm due to irresponsible work stoppages.

"I believe workers should be guaranteed the right to organize and bargain collectively, providing they can do so through a secret ballot, on a voluntary basis, without being subject to fear or coercion by either the employer or a union."

Kenneth Bull and his two brothers produce sweet cherries, tart cherries, peaches, plums and apples on Moon Lake orchard in Bailey. For the cherry harvest, the Bull orchards employ about 200 or more seasonal workers per year to help with the harvest.
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I'm not minimizing the migrant situation, I think it's important to look at the future of agriculture, migrant labor, and workmen's compensation and legislation.

Question: What do you see in the future for the agricultural industry?

Brown: It appears that within the next 10 years there will be a broadening of legislation both at the federal level with the Murphy bill or one of those which may pass, and at the state level there will be involvement for some farmers with some type of activity. I also feel there will be pressures to broaden the workmen's compensation coverage in the agricultural field.

Personally, I have held off in the Department of Labor, any broadening of it until we could take a look at a broader base and see which farmers have experience under the existing law. I think we made a commitment, in effect, to farm groups when we held off on any substantial movement into this field wouldn't be appropriate until 1971. Then we could take a look at a broader base and see if we want to broaden the workmen's compensation coverage in the agricultural field.

Question: What is the future of migrant labor?

Brown: I think we should turn our attention to the areas of: the future of agriculture, migrant labor, minimum wage, workmen's compensation and legislation.

Question: The question comes inevitably then - does society recognize this problem? What is society going to do with people who only know how to use a hoe? Many people are saying, "Why can't we ease up on these regulations and let them at least earn part of their living? Are we going to have to pay more taxes in the form of welfare?"

Brown: Well, the difficulty is that there are, of course, some people who have a very contrary view and they say that it's better for a man not to work at all than to work at what they see as an unfair level. Of course it (poverty level) is difficult to assess, if a man lives in a rural community where rent is substantially less than in an urban area (although I don't think the same differential is as great in manufacturing areas), it might mean the poverty level would be lower in this rural locality.

Question: What is the future of workmen's compensation?

Brown: I think the investigator was not really interested in what style or technique was used as long as they could ferret out the people that worked on that particular farm were paid in accordance with the minimum wage. Now the difficulty here of course is that there was no way we could find out what the area was in which they were paid. The answer is ahead of state legislation by a nickel. I think the investigators were not really interested in certain state laws frequently were not put into effect already. They didn't require new laws and many times they didn't require new payments. What they did was to dramatize to the many state officials, including myself, that there were programs and there were monies and there were facilities available to the farmers that they hadn't done the best job of making accessible to them.

I think we have improved services to the migrant and that they will feel it substantially when they arrive next year.

Question: Does this mean the farmer is going to be faced with still higher costs to remain in business?

Brown: The public is going to have to be willing to improve his living standards, because as they have indicated they're willing to share in the price of some of these labor costs in the products they buy from manufacturers. A farmer can't be expected to earn just what he would have earned on the farm, "if his labor costs go up then he's going to have to protect his margin and share it with the public. But I don't think he (the farmer) can be harassed for an increase in food prices and at the same time be asked to increase the labor benefits and fringe that are required of him - this is just my reaction in certain instances.

Question: What about minimum wage?

Brown: It appears there will be an increase this year. I think that bill that passed the Michigan Senate was a reasonable one - it would go to $1.45 this year and to $1.55, I believe, next year.

Question: Are you familiar with our policy position and do you want to be familiar with our policy position?

Brown: Yes it is. In the area of wage, right now, the federal legislation is the area of state legislation. I think right now it's $1.30. I would imagine, looking at federal proposals, that we will probably see the federal legislation move ahead this year. There is some talk of $2.00 an hour, but I would imagine just as I've discussed with you, a measured approach, and would probably go to $1.75 and move in that direction.

I think you're right. I would hate to think of Michigan as being progressive to the point that it makes Wisconsin cherries. Oregon apples or Indiana celery more attractive to buy, because we've cast ourselves into a poor competitive position.

Question: What about minimum wage?

Brown: With all the publicity there was last year there were allegations made about certain conditions especially in migrant camps and especially about violations of certain state laws frequently these allegations centered around the minimum wage. Our investigators followed up on as many of these as we could and frankly, we rarely found a violation. We did find a number of incidents where the posters that are connected with the minimum wage law were not up. That's a technical violation. We did find an instance where the farmer didn't use the modern methods of bookkeeping, and it was a bit more difficult for our investigators to search this record. I think the investigators were not really interested in what style or technique was used as long as they could ferret out the people that worked on that particular farm were paid in accordance with the minimum wage. Now the difficulty here of course is that there was no way we could find out what the area was in which they were paid. For example, this fills up the bushel a bit quicker than the small sized ones, but the farmer would often just sell them as such but raise his price. This doesn't have a great monetary impact immediately. It does in a way though. If a farm tractor must have a roll-bar because the safety laws require it, right now many farmers get them as a matter of convenience as an extra. Yet on the other hand, as long as he has workmen's compensation on that farm, and as long as tractor isn't made at the rate they have to have responsibility, they can be roll-overs, then a roll-bar might save time and money in the long run.
**DISCUSSION GROUP TOPIC SUMMARY**
**FARM MANAGEMENT FOR PROFIT**

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