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QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIODS . . . led by discussion leaders representing Farm Bureau Services, Farmers Petroleum Cooperative, and Michigan Farm Bureau highlighted four Open Line regional meetings. At Frankenmuth, (left to right) Huron County Farm Bureau President Keith Sturm; Don Armstrong, executive vice president, Farm Bureau Services; St. Clair County F. B. President Fred Schultz; Dave C. Loomis, Tuscola County F. B. President; M. F. B. President Elton Smith and Dick Metzger, branch manager, Farmers Petroleum, Caro; reviewed the morning session. Approximately a hundred cooperative managers, directors and members attended each session. Carl Heisler,

(president of FPC), Arlo Wasson, Ed Powell, Clyde Springer, Bill Cullum, Don Shephard, George Watson, Hein Meyering, Larry Ewing, Greg Sheffield and Chuck Burkett also addressed the groups – leading discussions and answering questions on their respective interest fields. Don Armstrong voiced the feelings of all staff in summing up the Open Line meetings. “These meetings at Clare, Jackson, Frankenmuth and Kalamazoo produced a number of refreshing viewpoints and suggestions. We at Farm Bureau Services and Farmers Petroleum put a high value on the comments which these Open Line meetings produce and make daily use of these ideas in guiding our operations in behalf of farmers.”

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EDITORIAL . . .



**Does Your  
Vote  
Count?**

In setting up our form of government, our forefathers set forth some basic principles granting the citizens of these United States the right to a free election and personal ballot as a way to help operate our government.

Our Michigan Constitution sets forth who can vote in Article II, Section 1: "Every citizen of the United States who has attained the age of 21 years, who has resided in this state six months, and who meets the requirements of local residence provided by law, shall be an elector and qualified to vote in any election except as otherwise provided in this constitution."

To rightly use this privilege we should realize that voting is an honor and a responsibility. We must also recognize that in every election there are two sides—the winning majority and the losing minority.

In 1968 the issue of exempting Michigan from Daylight Saving Time (DST) was placed on a statewide referendum. The voting people of this state rejected Daylight Saving Time.

It was a close vote but DST, nevertheless, was defeated at the polls. The election results were challenged and a recount was conducted. The voice of the people through this vote still rejected DST.

The time issue is again in the spotlight, brought about by the filing of initiatory petitions last year.

The petitions were certified by the Board of Canvassers and sent to the legislature when it began the 1971 session. The legislature can either act on the petition or let it again go to the people for a vote.

The voters who cast their ballots in the 1968 referendum on the DST issue were exercising their power to approve or reject the issue by referendum. Any attempt by the legislature to reinstate DST would be an attempt to change the vote of the people and a flagrant abuse of legislative power, even if it is legal. Such action could also be construed as an insult to the Michigan electorate.

The big question is, just how important is the vote of the people? Should the people we elect to office, by a vote, be able to change the will of the majority? It there an arrogant disregard of the election system?

The right to vote gives the American people the privilege of running their government because they can pick leaders and form policies. Our government must truly remain a government of the people, by the people and for the people where the peoples' vote remains unchallenged.

Carl Kentner

**Michigan Farm Bureau Membership Report**

COUNTY	% OF GOAL	COUNTY	% OF GOAL
Benoni	102.37	Sanilac	94.38
Cheboygan	102.20	Missaukee	94.34
Montcalm	101.38	N. W. Mich.	94.23
Chippewa	101.33	Wexford	94.19
Areac	101.10	Iron Range	94.17
Clare	100.88	Ingham	94.13
Presque Is.	100.82	Alcona	93.96
Calhoun	100.61	Lenawee	93.93
St. Joseph	100.36	Newaygo	93.82
Saginaw	100.30	Montmorency	93.71
Oceana	100.27	Kent	93.69
Kalamazoo	100.09	Gladwin	93.58
Benzie	100.00	Branch	93.54
Mac-Lac	100.00	Gratiot	93.52
Jackson	98.41	Osceola	93.49
Shiawassee	97.89	Lapeer	93.43
Barry	97.56	Emmet	93.33
Washtenaw	97.14	Eaton	93.19
Alpena	96.88	Berrien	93.03
Huron	96.87	Cass	92.97
Bay	96.84	Oakland	92.82
Tuscola	96.77	Charlevoix	92.54
Mason	96.65	Wayne	92.15
Antrim	96.59	Ogemaw	91.87
Clinton	96.51	Van Buren	91.57
Iosco	96.45	Genesee	91.04
Oscego	96.11	Mecosta	90.73
Ionia	95.89	St. Clair	90.58
Livingston	95.78	Muskegon	90.53
Macomb	95.76	Midland	90.21
Ottawa	95.70	Manistee	89.31
Allegan	95.36	Kalkaska	88.59
Isabella	94.96	Hiawathaland	87.16
Hillsdale	94.79	Copper Country	76.08
Monroe	94.64		

**IT'S A PRIVILEGE . . .**

Consider it an old American privilege—the free choice to join an organization of farm and ranch families who are happy and proud to subscribe to Farm Bureau Beliefs and recognize the Purpose of Farm Bureau.

**PURPOSE OF FARM BUREAU**

Farm Bureau is a free, independent, non-governmental, voluntary organization of farm and ranch families united for the purpose of analyzing their problems and formulating action to achieve educational improvement, economic opportunity, and social advancement and, thereby, to promote the national well-being. Farm Bureau is local, statewide, national, and international in its scope and influence and is non-partisan, non-sectarian, and non-secret in character.

**FARM BUREAU BELIEFS**

We, as Farm Bureau members, believe:  
In our Constitutional form of government and its division of powers.

In freedom of speech, press, and peaceful assembly.  
In separation of church and state and in the right of each individual to worship according to the dictates of his own conscience, to the extent that such activities do not infringe upon the rights of others.

That self-government is a precious heritage which can be preserved only by the active, intelligent assumption of basic citizenship responsibilities by all people.

In the American competitive enterprise system, in which property is privately owned, privately managed, and operated for profit and individual satisfaction, and in which supply and demand are the ultimate determinants of market price.

That efficiency of production and maximum per capita production are primary elements in determining standards of living.

That property rights cannot be separated from human rights and are essential to the preservation of individual rights guaranteed by the Constitution.

That the exercise of free will, rather than force, is consistent with the maintenance of liberty.

In the right of every man to choose his own occupation; to be rewarded according to his productive contribution to society; and to save, invest, and spend, or convey to his heirs, his earnings as he chooses.

That the centralization of power and authority in the federal government, the movement to socialize America, the apathy of the American people toward this trend, and the apparent lack of responsibility on the part of individual citizens are among the greatest dangers threatening our republic and our system of private competitive enterprise.

That the Constitution is the basic law of the land and that changes in long established interpretations should be made only through Constitutional amendments.

That the trend toward increased centralization of power in the federal government has led us far into socialism which is the stepping stone to communism.

That such "planned economy" concepts as socialism, facism, communism, and other forms of totalitarianism should be opposed wherever and in whatever form they may be found.

That candidates for public office and employees of government at all levels should state their beliefs with respect to capitalism, socialism, and communism.

That individual freedom and opportunity must not be sacrificed in a quest for guaranteed "security."

That the exercise of monopolistic power in any form—whether by government, industry, labor, or agriculture—jeopardizes freedom and self-government.

In government by law, impartially administered, without special privilege.

That government propagandizing of the electorate threatens the maintenance of self-government.

That establishment by the government of organizations of citizens which may in any way remain under its political influence or control threatens the continuation of self-government.

That secrecy in government affairs should not be tolerated except as actually essential to national security.

In strong and responsible state and local units of government and in protection of state laws against federal pre-emption.

That farm people have the right and the responsibility to speak for themselves through organization of their choice without coercion or government intervention.

That the powers not specifically delegated to the federal government by the Constitution are reserved to the states or to the people and that such powers cannot be pre-empted by federal statutes and must not be pre-empted by the courts. (Additional Farm Bureau beliefs and policies will be presented in future editions of the Michigan Farm News. Reprinted from "American Farm Bureau Federation Policies for 1971.")

**PRESIDENT'S COLUMN**

**Farmers'  
Week**



"The Land as Our Heritage" is the theme for Farmers' Week, March 22 to 26 at Michigan State University. That's the week the University rolls out the red carpet for the state's farmers. That's the week when all those that can should reward themselves for their labor and take a holiday to East Lansing.

The environmental theme for this 56th annual event is a natural one for farmers. Farmers work each day in nature to produce food and fiber. Our experience teaches us to respect the value of a clean environment. Value of the land not only from its economic standpoint, but also to its ability to control the quality of man's life. In the wake of the present environmental concern, therefore, it is doubtful that there is any group more concerned with achieving environmental excellence than us farmers.

It's peaceful on the farm, on the land, and it's regrettable that farmers can't just mind their work within the confines of their fences. But it's learning of all the problems, like pollution, that beset mankind and challenge us farmers to join with others to contribute to make our world a better place to live.

As citizens we have this responsibility to our communities as well as to agriculture. And we can be proud that farmers have long been among the first to step forward to match their shoulders with their neighbors and together strive to achieve the common good.

We have been successful because we have been knowledgeable on how to accomplish our goals. Farmers' Week is another real opportunity we farmers have to learn more about these issues that demand our efforts. It is also a time to learn of the great progress our industry is making. And once more it gives each of us an opportunity to question the experts in their fields.

Agricultural sessions will be held throughout the week by top experts and will include economics, engineering, technology, animal husbandry, botany and plant pathology, crop and soil sciences, dairy, entomology, family living education, fisheries and wildlife, horticulture, landscape architecture, park and recreation resources, poultry science and a youth program.

All of these events will focus on agriculture. I think too, we will be reminded that the business of farming takes in a wide amount of territory. Agriculture simply doesn't set in a slot by itself uninvolved with the world as some would believe. Our influence touches every human being every day. Subsequently our business overlaps into all peoples' lives. With the environmental awakening of the general public, farmers can see now, more than ever before, greater support for the progress of agriculture. This is good, and how this progress will be made by farmers in cooperation with the public, in large part, will be determined by our ability to maintain a strong and knowledgeable voice in our changing agriculture.

We have inherited the land from those who have gone before us. We have also inherited its responsibility. Like our ancestors, we farmers are but shepherds of the land and it is our job to care for it. It is our duty to help all people discover the need for wise land use planning and care, so that the inheritors of our environment from tomorrow's society can carry on. Opportunities like Farmers' Week can give us solid knowledge to help us fulfill this responsibility.

Elton R. Smith

## LEGISLATIVE NOTES

Robert E. Smith

### TAXATION

Bills are being introduced at such a pace it is thus far almost impossible to keep track of them and know fully their implications. For instance, other taxation measures will include bills to tax mobile homes, one of which—H. 4290 (Folks-R-Horton)—would assess such homes as part of the land on which they are setting. This problem is becoming increasingly severe in many areas.

Other proposals will include tax tribunals or appeals systems to remove from the Tax Commission its present unique power of being able to promulgate rules, regulations and required practices and then sit as judge on the appeals that may result. Such legislation is strictly in line with Farm Bureau policy.

The Governor's recommended one-percent increase in the income tax at present is not earmarked, but is for the purpose of meeting the generally increasing cost of government.

### EDUCATION

In the area of education, Governor Milliken has not submitted his special message to the legislature; however, the State Board of Education alone has announced that it will introduce 30 bills, ranging from several bills on community colleges and other higher education subjects to student financial aid services and vocational education services.

Agriculture has a great deal at stake in the area of vocational education. Farm Bureau has strongly supported vocational education; however, the recent reorganization of the State Department of Education makes it possible that vocational agriculture and FFA programs may be considerably diluted. Special funds are involved in this issue and Farm Bureau has been active in an effort to maintain the excellent program that has been built up through the years and has proven its ability to build young men of character and skill.

Many bills will be on various "school management services," including non-high school district reorganization, meaning that the few districts left in the state that are not part of a high school district would be required to become a part of a K-12 school system. Other areas will include general educational services, such as funding the underprivileged and pre-kindergarten programs, teacher education and certification services, department services, such as funding of textbooks and other school materials now required. Several bills on library services are also included.

The most important issue, of course, will be the state aid act and whether the legislature will maintain and fund the Spencer-Ryan proposal of last year, which shifts substantial amounts of school costs from property to an additional state income tax of nine-tenths of one percent.

### STATE GOVERNMENT

One controversial item in many ways will be Governor Milliken's opposition to the pay increase of state employees, maintaining that the 8.5% increase recommended by the Civil Service Commission is unreasonable and should not exceed 6.5%.

### HIGHWAYS

Farm Bureau's national policy on highways has been fairly well carried out in congressional action; however, two long meetings, together with others interested in the highway situation within the state have been held with Governor Milliken on his proposals to increase the gas tax by 1.3 cents per gallon to assist rural areas, but more importantly and perhaps controversially, to provide some matching of federal funds for mass transit systems.

### DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Farm Bureau members generally reacted in large numbers to the effort to put Michigan on double fast time through the vote of the legislature. It has been soundly defeated twice in the House and was not formally voted on in the Senate. This means the issue will go back on the ballot in 1972, and possibly in the fall of 1971, depending on whether the Attorney General rules on whether a new election law passed last year would permit general issues to be on an odd-year ballot. Farm Bureau's testimony received considerable publicity throughout the state. Otherwise, the news media was strongly slanted to the supporters of fast time in spite of the fact that numerous others at the hearing opposed the issue. The issue this time was whether the legislature should upset the vote of the people, which could set a dangerous precedent.

### FARM LABOR

Some farm labor legislation has already been introduced, including bills to further extend workmen's compensation. As in previous years, others will no doubt be introduced to bring agriculture under unemployment insurance, labor mediation, further housing restrictions, etc. Legislation is also being considered to set guidelines for farm worker and employer bargaining to meet the special conditions in agriculture and to attempt to eliminate the insidious commodity boycott.

### MARKETING

Bills affecting farmer marketing and bargaining on commodities will also be introduced, along with other numerous strictly agricultural bills.

### ENVIRONMENT

The whole subject of environment will command a great deal of attention. It is interesting to note that a special legislative committee has made a study and is now recommending that deposits on bottles be as high as ten cents. Several other bills will be introduced, including the loss of sportsman's license if caught littering and making the driver or owner of a car responsible for any litter thrown therefrom. A special study was also recommended to determine whether alcoholic prohibition on 18 to 21 year olds should be required. Much of the bottle problem results from underage drinkers' efforts to get rid of the evidence.

### OTHER ISSUES

Farm Bureau is constantly involved in many issues that are not of a legislative nature. For instance, a potentially serious condition exists with the restriction and allocation of gas for drying of farm crops. The allocation was made to elevators based on the 1969-70 period, during which grain was relatively dry, resulting in small use of gas. The allocations at this point are so severe that some elevators have already had their gas shut off. In some cases, this means that corn in the field yet to be harvested may not be able to be dried due to lack of gas for the dryers. Should there be a wet year, serious consequences could result from being unable to dry wheat, beans, corn, etc. The expectation is that Michigan will grow more corn inasmuch as the corn states may cut back due to the blight problem. MSU recommends that in order to avoid blight injury to the corn that it be harvested at 35% moisture. This means that increasing quantities of gas for drying will be needed. Farm Bureau, along with the Michigan Elevator Exchange and other elevator groups, is working on this issue.

## NATIONAL NOTES

### Strawberry Imports

Michigan Farm Bureau is continuing its leadership to obtain a hearing before the U. S. Tariff Commission regarding the burdensome economic effect of strawberry imports. Farm Bureau of the other major strawberry-producing states are also becoming involved. The AFBF will coordinate the effort in Washington. Federal law governing this issue is highly technical and restrictive, making it difficult to prepare an acceptable case. Farm Bureau supports legislation to liberalize present procedures.

### Foreign Trade Barriers

The American Farm Bureau Federation has expressed concern to the U. S. State Department over "unfair trade barriers" being placed against some U. S. Commodities (Common Market). The present case concerns fresh citrus fruits; however, could be extended to other commodities. Farm Bureau demanded that preferential agreements must be vigorously opposed and proper

solutions achieved within the international agreement structures.

### Pork Price Meeting

The President of Delaware Farm Bureau, a hog producer and member of the AFBF Board, presented testimony on the problem of pork prices at a special meeting in Washington, D. C. on January 20, saying in part that contracts negotiated in advance of the time production decisions are made can promote orderly marketing and avoid the excess production that plagues hog producers from time to time. Specific recommendations and statistical facts were included.

### Federal Tractor Regulations

Secretary of Transportation Volpe has decided not to recommend federal safety standards for farm tractors and other machinery. Farm Bureau vigorously opposed federal standards, maintaining that farmers and manufacturers are safety conscious and are adding new safety features to machinery.

Michigan Farm Bureau



# CAPITOL REPORT

## Green Acres Bill Reintroduced

Due to the bipartisan leadership of legislators in both the House and Senate, identical legislation to last year's H. 2533 has been introduced and already has been released from the House Taxation Committee for a public hearing on Wednesday, March 3, 9:30 a.m. The House number is H. 4100 and it was introduced by Representatives Roy Spencer (R-Attica), Thomas Sharpe (R-Howell), Robert D. Young (R-Saginaw), Roymond Kehres (D-Monroe), Harry Gast (R-St. Joseph), Louis Crampton (R-Midland), James Brown (R-Okemos), R. Douglas Trezise (R-Owosso), George Prescott (R-Tawas City), Stanley Powell (R-Ionia), Wayne Sackett (R-Portage), Edgar Geerlings (R-Muskegon), Martin Buth (R-Comstock Park), James F. Smith (R-Davison), Bert Brennan (R-Saginaw) and Dale Warner (R-Eaton Rapids).

In the Senate the new bill number is S-130 and was introduced by Senators William Ballenger (R-Ovid), Charles Zollar (R-Benton Harbor), Robert VanderLaan (R-Grand Rapids), Alvin DeGrow (R-Pigeon), Gary Baker (R-Hudsonville), Stanley Rozycki (D-Detroit), Robert Davis (R-Gaylord), Gordon Rockwell (R-Mt. Morris), Harry DeMaso (R-Battle Creek), Robert Richardson (R-Saginaw), Oscar Bouwsma (R-Muskegon), Charles Youngblood (D-Detroit), Jack Faxon (D-Detroit), Philip Pittenger (R-Lansing), Milton Zaagman (R-Grand Rapids), Arthur Cartwright (D-Detroit), John McCauley (D-Grosse Ile), William Faust (D-Westland), Anthony Stamm (R-Kalamazoo), James Fleming (R-Jackson) and Harvey Lodge (R-Waterford).

To refresh your memory, this legislation passed both houses last session, but at the last minute, in December, was sent to the House Committee on Appropriations, largely due to a letter from the Tax Commission claiming that additional appropriations would be needed in order to administer the bill.

Either H. 4100 or S. 130 will, in general, require that assessments on the farmland, not including the buildings, will be on its value for farming purposes rather than on some potential value.

The bills would require that

there must be annual application for deferred tax status and that such farmland being used for agricultural purposes shall be assessed upon "the basis of its productivity and net earning capacity for agricultural or horticultural use and capitalized at a rate representing a fair return on investment. The capitalization rate shall be predicted on a rate of return which is based on allowance for risk, interest and property taxes and shall not be derived from sales data from other lands. Land assessed on these criteria shall be exempt from any other factor."

When the land is sold or used for other purposes it would become subject to a specific tax or "roll-back" for the previous three years. The "roll-back" would be the difference between the taxes paid according to the agricultural value and the taxes that would have been payable under the value for the change in use.

In general, the bills are based on successful programs now operating in such states as New Jersey, Maryland, Minnesota, Kentucky, etc. In total, at least 23 states now have similar legislation.

Every citizen has a great deal at stake in this legislation, as its purpose in most states has been to encourage the preservation of good agricultural lands, preserve open spaces and green acres, which in turn, experts agree, can be most effective in helping to control air pollution and to regenerate the ground water, to say nothing of the esthetic values involved. In other states, it has proved itself and has in some cases been voted into existence by overwhelming majorities by suburban and metropolitan voters.

It is difficult to understand why, reportedly, Michigan's Tax Commission maintains that it cannot be administered. Farm Bureau has files of similar legislation from all over the United States indicating in detail how such laws are administered successfully. Modern tax experts are agreed that the so-called "highest and best use" method of determining value for taxing purposes is now obsolete. It is becoming obvious, especially by those concerned with our environment and projected land needs, that the "highest and best use" of good farmland is for food production.

# Farm Bureau Women

Svenska? Norska? Denska?


Michigan and Indiana Farm Bureau Women and the Indiana Extension Homemakers Association are so-sponsoring a post-convention tour for Associated Country Women of the World through the Scandinavian countries. Mrs. Glenn W. Sample, Indiana Farm Bureau, is scheduled to be the tour director.

The tour cost (figures available upon request, depending on port of embarkation) will include group economy air ticket (SAS-Scandinavian Airlines) from New York to Oslo, Norway; hotels as listed, meals (as listed) all sightseeing, all local taxes, service charges, etc.

Special arrangements will be made for those planning to attend the ACWW convention in Oslo.

The tour is to leave Oslo August 10 (following the conference) or August 19 for those not attending the conference. The guided tour will tour Norway, Sweden, Finland and Denmark.


Michigan Farm Bureau Women have nine designated delegates and two alternates scheduled to attend the ACWW conference, August 10-20 in Oslo, Norway.



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## STATE WOMEN'S COMMITTEE

A full schedule of work and plans for Michigan Farm Bureau women is under the guidance of the State's Women's Committee. Maxine (Mrs. Jerold) Topliff, Eaton Rapids, chairman, the State Committee and all Farm Bureau women played an intricate part in Michigan's receiving a Gold Star at the AFBF annual meeting in Houston.

Members of the State Committee, in addition to Mrs. Topliff, are: Mrs. Richard Wieland, Ellsworth, vice-chairman; Mrs. Robert Burandt, St. Joseph, Dist. 1; Mrs. C. G. Lee, Addison, Dist. 2; Mrs. Andrew Jackson, Howell, Dist. 3; Mrs. Gerald Smith, Hastings, Dist. 4; Mrs. Clifford Bristol, Durand, Dist. 5.

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## F. B. WOMEN PLAN SAFETY WORKSHOP

The Farm Bureau Women's State Safety Committee have scheduled two safety workshops for Farm Bureau leaders. The first workshop, April 2, will be held at Kellogg Center, MSU.

For those in the northern part of the state, a workshop will be held in Grayling at Chief Shoppenagon, April 5.

Both workshops will feature the same programs. Dr. Richard Pfister, Extension Safety Engineer, Ag. Eng. Dept., MSU, will discuss Farm Safety and Lt. Brice Gray, Mich. State Police, Snowmobiles and All Terrain Vehicles, Legislation and Safety. The Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 and the Use and Abuse of Slow Moving Vehicle Emblems are two other subjects to be studied.

County Farm Bureau Women's Safety chairman and others interested in safety are encouraged to attend.

Registration and coffee is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. at each workshop. Plans are to adjourn at 3 p.m.

## MARGE KARKER F. B. SCHOLARSHIP

Michigan State University students enrolled in the Field of Agriculture (or related fields), Agricultural Technical course, Veterinary Medicine, Field of Human Medicine or in the Field of Teaching (Vocational Agriculture and Human Ecology) are eligible to receive the Marge Karker Farm Bureau Scholarship.

Some requisites are that the students must be from a Farm Bureau family and be prepared to show financial need.

Other requirements are that the scholarship be made available to an MSU student after 3 terms (or 1 year in the Ag Tech course); that the amount of the scholarship be applied toward the tuition for one year at MSU and the applicant should have a scholastic average of at least 2.6.

Applications for scholarships may be obtained from the Women's Department, Michigan Farm Bureau, P. O. Box 960, Lansing, Michigan 48904.

## Never A Dull Moment For A Queen

How does a "Queen" spend her "every-day?"

Well . . . if she's Michigan Farm Bureau's 1971 queen Judy Behrenwald . . . there are several areas of interest. Judy helps with the chores on her parents Montcalm county dairy farm . . . loves to sail . . . is an active member of a girl's gymnastic team at MSU . . . is an adept skier and a capable homemaker. All queenlike qualities? Yes-indeed!

While at high school, Judy won many honors. She was voted the "Prettiest Girl," "The Most Popular" and "Girl Athlete of the Year." During her freshman year,



QUEEN JUDY

to her scholastic abilities, Judy played in the band four years, was a drum majorette for two years and was a cheerleader all four years.

What is she doing now? Judy will graduate this spring from MSU with a degree in education. This term she is doing her practice teaching at Traverse City. She is interested in physical therapy and would like to get a Master's degree in therapy later on.

Queenly characteristics? Every one of them. All helping to make MFB queen Judy Behrenwald the all-around gal she is. Sparky. Effervescent. Charming. Knowledgeable. Ambitious. Beautiful inside as well as outside. Judy has worn her crown since November 1970 and makes every effort to represent Michigan Farm Bureau at local, state and national events.

Judy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Behrenwald, Lakeview . . . long time, active Farm Bureau members.



DAIRY MAID JUDY

Judy was Homecoming queen. In her senior year she received the D.A.R. Citizenship Award and was awarded the O. A. Kirk Award for being the outstanding senior of her class. In addition

## Midwestern AFB Women's Committee



ATTENDING the recent Midwestern AFB Women's Committee meeting in Indianapolis, Indiana, were representatives of four state Farm Bureaus: Michigan, Illinois, Ohio and Indiana. They are (left to right) Mrs. J. S. Van Wert, Midwest Region director, AFB Women's Committee; Mrs. Fred Wissmiller, chairman, FB Women's Committee, Illinois; Mrs. Monroe Stricker, chairman, FBWC, Ohio; Mrs. Guy E. Gross, director, Women's Department, Indiana; and Mrs. Jerold Topliff, chairman, FBWC, Michigan.

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## Holiday Camp March 31 - April 1

"March 15 is the deadline for reservations to the Wesley Woods Holiday Camp" reports Mrs. David (Melva) Cook, Calhoun county, chairman of the Planning Committee.

The Holiday Camp program, conducted by Farm Bureau women from districts I and II, will feature several speakers and assorted home crafts as well as an opportunity for communication with each other. Sessions on "Estate Planning," "Working With Juvenile Delinquents," "The V.A. Hospital and Rehabilitation" and "Parents As People" are scheduled.

Group singing will be led by Bill McCandless, accompanied by Mrs. Louise Smith, pianist. Carl Kentner, manager, Information Division, will be the 9:30 a.m. Thursday speaker. Mr. Kentner has "Breadfacts" as a topic.

Total cost of the camp is \$8.00. All Farm Bureau women are encouraged to attend but should bring their own bedding, (sheets, blankets and pillows) as well as towels, soap, etc. To make reservations, send attached coupon before March 15.

**RESERVATION FOR HOLIDAY CAMP**  
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March 31 — April 1, 1971

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Time of Arrival .....

Time of Departure .....

Reservations due March 15. Michigan Farm Bureau, Att.: Helen Atwood, P. O. Box 960, Lansing, Michigan 48904.

## Discussion Topic Committee



ENJOYABLE WORK, DESPITE THE SNOWSTORM, the State Discussion Topic Committee met at the Farm Bureau center in Lansing on January 28 and selected community group discussion topics for the next six-month period beginning in April. Left to right John A. Patin, Sand Lake; John Patton, Albion; David W. Putney, Arcadia; George Palmer, Stephenson; Gary Kleinhenn, Director of Education and Research, M.F.B.; at the podium Donald Eicholtz, chairman, Three Rivers; Albert F. Ruhlig, Dexter; Carl Aukeman, Zeeland; Victor Weiss, Frankenmuth and William Kissane, St. Johns. Elton Smith, president, M.F.B., Dan Reed, secretary manager, M.F.B. and Theron Summers of the American Farm Bureau Federation were among the resource people speaking to the committee in the morning session. The afternoon was spent in examining the topics suggested by community groups and the selection of six. Topics selected: April, Farm Legislation — Labor; May, What Is A Farm Bureau Member's Responsibilities; June, Property Tax Relief — Reform; July, Save Farm Land; August, Farm Publicity, Ag-Economy and Grocery Profits; September, Understanding The Market System. Dates subject to change due to their timeliness.

### WE BELIEVE IN AMERICA

It will take five days to explain to young adults why Farm Bureau members believe in America at the Young People's Citizenship Seminar July 19-23 at Ferris State College, Big Rapids.

The seminar is an opportunity for young people to become more aware of their duties and responsibilities as citizens. Nearly 200 high school seniors and juniors are expected to attend the coeducational event.

Throughout the five day sessions, students will play active roles enacting America's political system; from registering to vote to full fledged political campaigns. Giving spark and direction as to how it's done will be Michigan Farm Bureau's Larry Ewing, manager of the Program Development Division. His program is "Political Party Activities."

Dr. Clifton Ganus, president of Harding College, Searcy, Arkan-

sas, is a captivating speaker. His subject is "Americanism," and he talks about what makes it tick.

World traveler, author-speaker Dr. John Furbay of Forest Hills, New York, will lead the discussion "People and Governments Around the World." Also appearing during the five day session is Dr. Benjamin Rogge, chairman of the Department of Economics at Wabash College, Crawfordsville, Indiana. Dr. Rogge makes his "Discussion of Economic Systems" meaningful and as clear as the reading of a first grade primer.

Reservations for enrollments are expected earlier than usual. After eight years of sponsorship by county Farm Bureaus, and conducted by Michigan Farm Bureau members and staff, the program is geared to meet the challenge of showing what's right with America. Seminar chairman is David Cook, director, Young Farmers, Michigan Farm Bureau.

### Michigan Blue Cross-Blue Shield Doctors: Additional Charges

In recent months Michigan Blue Shield has received complaints from members regarding physicians who are charging members in addition to or in lieu of payments from Blue Shield.

A thorough study on the extent of this problem has been made and has revealed this practice is of a limited scope. For example: of the 22,000 claims processed by Michigan Blue Shield daily, only about 4.4% represent cases where the subscriber has made additional payment to the physician, over and above the Blue Shield payment. In all but a very few of these cases, the subscriber had agreed to make the additional payment to the physician.

The study also reveals that only a few counties are affected by the problem. It was found to be centered in the Muskegon and Grand Rapids area.

If a Farm Bureau member is confronted by this situation, where a physician is requesting additional payment or full payment of the services rendered, he should immediately contact his county secretary. A system has been set up where the secretary will communicate directly with Blue Shield in an attempt to resolve the problem on behalf of the member.

If the problem involves a physician participating with Blue Shield completely, the subscriber can be assured of his eligible service being fully paid in full by Blue Shield. However, if the physician is not participating in all or part of Blue Shield eligible services, then a question can arise on whether the physician can request additional payment. These calls should be referred to the county secretary.

## HOUSE AND SENATE AG COMMITTEES

Agriculture Committee leaders in the House and Senate have been appointed. Sen. William S. Ballenger III (R-30th Dist.) chairs the Senate committee. Committee members are Alvin J. DeGrow (R-28th Dist.) and Robert Richardson (R-35th Dist.). In the

House, the Consumers and Agriculture Committee is headed by Frank V. Wierzbicki (D-25th Dist.). Committee members are Casmer P. Ogonowski (D-19th Dist.), Vice chairman; William P. Broadhead (D-17th Dist.); Josephine D. Hunsinger (D-16th

Dist.); Theodore P. Mansour (D-83rd Dist.); Alex Pilch (D-32nd Dist.); Edson V. Root, Jr., (R-54th Dist.), vice chairman; Richard J. Allen (R-88th Dist.); Quincy Hoffman (R-77th Dist.); Stanley M. Powell (R-89th Dist.) and Geo. A. Prescott (R-102nd Dist.).

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## Notes From All Over

Charles E. Donaldson, Jr., Daggett, was elected chairman of the Michigan Commission of Agriculture. Mrs. Rebecca (Seth) Tompkins, Traverse City, was elected vice-chairman and David Diehl, Dansville, was elected secretary. The Commission is a Bi-Partisan committee appointed by the Governor and is the policy-making body for the Michigan Department of Agriculture. Other members of the commission are H. Thomas Dewhirst, Benton Harbor, (retiring chairman) and Walter C. Lange, Sebawaing. Mr. Donaldson has been a member of the commission since 1966 and was chairman in 1967. He is active in local—state affairs in Michigan Farm Bureau, Michigan Milk Producers and the State Extension Advisory Council.

*Donald Armstrong, Executive vice-president, Farm Bureau Services and Farmers Petroleum Cooperative, was recently elected to a position on United Co-Operatives, Inc., board of directors. The election took place at the firm's 41st annual board and shareholders meeting.*

MFB President Elton Smith will make two presentations during the 1971 Farmer's Week program, March 22-26. At 10 a.m. on Wednesday, March 24, he will participate in a discussion on Animal Waste Disposal for Environmental Pollution Control in Room 109, Anthony Hall. Mr. Smith's section covers The Farmer's Image and Agriculture's Stake in Environmental Quality. Wednesday evening Pres. Smith will be the toastmaster at the Ag Tech (Short Courses) reception and banquet (March 24) in the Parlors of the Union Building. Gene Wyngarden, Manager, Michigan Fowl Exchange, Farm Bureau Services, will lead a discussion, "Michigan Fowl Exchange—Project Progress to Date" during the Tuesday (March 23) morning session of the Poultry Science and Agricultural Economics part of Farmer's Week. California Farm Bureau president Allan Grant will be the main speaker at two sessions of the Thursday (March 25) Management Ideas For Farmers and Agricultural Leaders session in Kellogg Center. Mr. Grant will lead a question-answer discussion session at 3 p.m. in the auditorium and will be the key speaker at the 6 p.m. Farm Management banquet in the Big Ten and Centennial Rooms. AFBF staffer Ken Cheatham is scheduled to be the speaker at the 5:30, Annual FFA Convention banquet in Shaw Hall, Thursday (March 25).

Fred Williams assumed the management of the Remus Branch of Farm Bureau Services, Inc., February 22. Mr. Williams has several years of experience in the elevator field having served at Concord, Grand Blanc, Saginaw and Pinconning. Upon his return from military service, Fred returned to Pinconning and most recently was sales representative and assistant manager at the Saginaw Complex.

On March 1, David Carpenter became branch manager of the Eaton Farm Bureau Co-op, Inc. Mr. Carpenter joined Farm Bureau Services in 1967 as assistant manager of the Leslie Co-operative. He transferred to the fertilizer department where he served as commodity fieldman for one year before assuming the management of the Remus Branch.

### Feeling Old? Want To Shed A Few Years? Become a County Farm Bureau President!

In 1969-70, the average County Farm Bureau President in Michigan was 47 years old. In 1970-71 he is 44 years old, three years younger than last year!

The 1971 crop of county presidents is a vigorous, alert group of active farm operators who are concerned about the present and future of agriculture. They have dedicated themselves to agriculture and have invested their own future and that of their families in this important part of Michigan's economy. As a group, they are also representative of the make-up of Michigan agriculture. Major crop interests are listed as: Dairy, 36; Livestock, 10; Field Crops, 7; Fruit, 8; Poultry, 5; Forest Products, Reserve Program and Vegetables, 1 each.

The average age of county presidents by Farm Bureau Districts shows: District 1—Average Age 53; Dist. 2, 40; Dist. 3, 53; Dist. 4, 39; Dist. 5, 41; Dist. 6, 42; Dist. 7, 40; Dist. 8, 42; Dist. 9, 45; Dist. 10, 41 and Dist. 11, 46.

These statistics might be a shock to Sister Thomas More, of Manitowoc, Wisconsin, who has spoken to many farm groups throughout the Nation, including an appearance at a recent Michigan State Horticultural Society annual meeting. In her response to a question regarding farm organizations in a recent issue of "Family Weekly" (included as a supplement in many Sunday newspapers) she said—"Elected leaders have unlimited tenure; women and young farmers have scarcely any voice; idea people are nipped in the bud."

Michigan Farm Bureau families obviously are not following the pattern Sister Thomas More believes to be true in farm organizations.

### "Mich. Meat Inspection Approved" . . . Dir. Ball

Michigan's meat inspection program has been certified as "at least equal to" federal standards by the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Notice of the approval was received by B. Dale Ball, director of the Michigan Department of Agriculture, from Edward H. Hansen, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, Office of Inter-governmental Affairs, USDA.

Director Ball explained that federal certification under the 1967 Federal Wholesome Meat Act provides that the state will retain full responsibility for inspection of meat slaughtering and processing plants doing business wholly within the state. Michigan now has 194 slaughtering and 282 processing plants in this category.

To earn "at least equal to" status, the state had to develop laws, regulations, and inspection services matching the federal program conducted by USDA's Consumer and Marketing Service. A federal survey of Michigan plants has just been completed, according to Dr. John F. Quinn, state veterinarian and chief of the Agriculture Department's Animal Health Division, which supervises the meat inspection program.

Last summer the Michigan Legislature adopted the necessary amendments to Act 280, Michigan's meat inspection act, to bring the state law into compliance with federal standards and to provide the necessary matching funds to implement the program. Half of the state's budget for meat inspection is provided by the federal agency in the cooperative program.

The 1967 Wholesome Meat Act directed all states to establish a meat inspection program at least equal to federal inspection, or face federal take-over of the service. The act provided two years to meet this requirement, with a one-year extension to December 15, 1970, permitted if a state was making satisfactory progress toward implementing the program.

Michigan joins 27 other states in qualifying for federal "equal to" status.

### "AMERICA AND ME"

"What I Can Do For My Country" is the theme for the annual Freedoms Foundation Eighth Grade Essay Contest sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance Group.

This month-long competition, which grew from 300 essayists in five Lansing-area schools in 1968 to over 3,500 participants from 204 Michigan schools in 1970, begins each year on February 22, George Washington's traditional birthday.

The scope of the Essay Contest has expanded each year. In addition to television commercials promoting the contests, excerpts from 1970 essays have been compiled into a 40-page booklet, "America and Me."

In an effort to establish a communications pipeline between Michigan youth and State and National leaders, "America and Me" has been forwarded to President Nixon, his Cabinet, and Michigan's National and State Legislators. For your own copy of "America and Me" write to Jack Stucko, Public Relations Coordinator, Farm Bureau Insurance Group, Lansing, Michigan 48904.

## CHANGE IN LEADERSHIP



CHARLES LEIPPRANDT, (right) PIGEON . . . assumed the presidency of the Michigan Crop Improvement Association in late January, succeeding Basil McKenzie (left) in this one-year position. Leipprandt is a Certified Seed grower and two year past vice president of MCIA. Field Seed and Potato Seed Divisional chairman respectively are Donald Reif, Saginaw, and Steve Dobleski, Elmira. Cecil Wallace, Caro, and Lawrence Jensen, Sidney, are newly elected board members.

## Open Line Meetings



AN EXCHANGE OF IDEAS . . . was profitable to all at the Open Line meetings. Rudy Yost, dealer in Ypsilanti (left) clarifies a point with George Watson (center), manager, FBS Feed Prod. and Nutrition and (right) John Sexson, sales manager, FBS Plant and Food Department.

## FBS Receives "Idea" Award



FARM BUREAU SERVICES . . . won first place in the Michigan Grain and Agri-Dealers Association Annual Convention and Trade Show held at the Detroit Hilton early in February. Don Armstrong right, Executive Vice President, Farm Bureau Services, accepted the award presented for developing the theme "Get Ideas." The novel display, made in the shape of a man, opens when his arm is pulled down. Conventioneers plucked ideas out of his head. With Mr. Armstrong, is Greg Sheffield, Mgr., Farm Bureau Services Marketing Service Department.

## A Minute With Maxine

(LACK OF SPACE ON WOMEN'S PAGE)

It's maple syrup time again. After such a cold steady winter, any sign of spring is welcome. March also is Washington Legislative Seminar time. This seminar is composed of two groups, Legislative group and Heritage group. The Legislative group is quite limited, that is one selected person per county, but the Heritage group is open to any of you who would like to go with a group to visit your Nations Capitol.

There is still time for you to be one of the Heritage group, so why don't you write or phone in your reservation to Helen Atwood right now, we'd love to have you with us this year.

Five of your State Women's Committee members recently attended a multi-state workshop in Indianapolis, Indiana. Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Michigan F.B. Women participated in this workshop. It's always interesting to hear about other states' projects, often the same projects we are working on.

We were divided into groups in an Achievement Motivation

exercise. Each individual set goals for the day, for the next week and for her State Women's Committee. We were given guidelines for setting goals.

The following guidelines were tallied: 1. A goal must be conceivable; 2. It must be believable; 3. It must be achievable; 4. It must be controllable; 5. It must be measurable in time and quality; 6. It must be desirable; 7. Stated with no alternatives; 8. Growth facilitating.

When you set group goals, a few things to remember might be to tell people what you want to do and they will probably help you do it. Let people know we cannot spell SUCCESS without U. To advance, you must first stick your neck out, of course you can sit back and say the neck is something if you don't stick out you won't get in dutch up to. Always remember you can't change the past, but you can spoil the future by worrying about the present.

Mrs. Jerold (Maxine) Topliff

## Live It Up! Barnyard Bash

Gather up your feathers and attend your Regional Barn-Yard Bash. During the month of March there will be a regional membership awards program for the workers who helped in the 1971 campaign.

Feathers have been given to Farm Bureau members and affiliated company personnel who participated in the campaign for signing members. The feathers will be exchanged for admission tickets to the Barn-Yard Bash and credit toward the prizes to be awarded.

**March 13: Northwest Region** — Noon, Holiday Inn, Traverse City; **Northeast Region** — 8 p.m., Gaylord Bank, Gaylord; **U.P. Region** — Noon (pot luck lunch) Chatham Town Hall, Chatham.

**March 20: West Central Region** — Noon, Osceola Inn, Reed City; **Thumb Region** — 7 p.m., Marlette High School, Marlette.

**March 22: Southeast Region** — 7 p.m., Lenawee F.B. Office, Adrian.

**March 23: Saginaw Valley Region** — 6:30 p.m., Monitor Township Hall, Bay County.

**March 27: West Region** — Noon, Fingers, Grand Rapids.

**March 30: Central Region** — Noon, (place to be announced later), Howell.

Forty two legislative leaders from the Southeast Region were in attendance at their recent Legislative Seminar. They are left to right: Alex Pilch (D. 32nd Dist.); Robert Robson, Wayne Co. President; John H. Pardee, Jackson Co. President; Armin Weidmayer, Washtenaw Co. President; Lowell Eisenmann, Lenawee Co. President and Frank V. Wierzbici (D. 25th Dist.).

## Legislative Seminars Begin



## FARM LABOR LAW NEEDED

Enactment of national legislation governing farmer-worker relations should be a top priority item for the 92nd Congress.

The tremendous losses suffered by grape growers from the vicious boycott imposed by the United Farm Workers Organizing Committee, an AFL-CIO affiliate, has been well publicized, but many farmers and consumers are still not aware that there is nothing to stop the boycott weapon from being applied to other crops, if legislation is not adopted.

In fact, George Meany, AFL-CIO president, at a 1970 meeting of his executive council crowded over the success of the grape boycott carried on by UFWOC and said the boycott is often more effective than a strike. He said the AFL-CIO would continue its efforts and organize all farm workers, commodity by commodity.

Cesar Chavez, UFWOC boss, does not want any legislation which would outlaw his boycott as he frankly admits that it is his main organizing weapon.

Chavez's anti-legislation position considerably embarrassed his pseudo liberal supporters, including many misguided and ill-informed clergymen, who were pushing for legislation to bring agricultural workers under the National Labor Relations Act. Such action would have made secondary boycotts illegal.

There are now indications that the Nixon Administration is considering federal legislation to establish collective bargaining machinery for farm labor.

W. J. Usery, Jr., assistant secretary of labor, has disclosed that the Administration is considering legislation along the lines of the National Labor Relations Act for farm workers.

However, national legislation governing farmer-worker relations should be designed to fit special conditions in agriculture, which call for effective and fast acting remedies to prevent crop losses from strikes or boycotts.

Some guidelines for this type of legislation should include a secret ballot for workers to decide questions of representation. Workers should have the right of voluntary association. An exemption should be made for small operators similar to that for small businesses.

## USDA CLARIFIES PACKERS RESTRICTIONS

The U. S. Department of Agriculture has announced adoption of an amendment to clarify regulation 201.68 regarding packer dealing under the Packers and Stockyards Act.

USDA's Packers and Stockyards Administration (P&SA) said the amendment to the regulation is needed to clarify a long standing position of the Administration that packers should not be permitted to engage in the business of buying livestock for resale. Livestock resale operations by meat packers subject to the Act constitute a potential restriction of competition and control of markets and prices, said P&SA.

Copies of this amendment to regulation 201.68 may be obtained from the Information Officer, Packers and Stockyards Administration, USDA, Washington, D.C. 20250.

## Pres. Kuhfuss Stresses International Trade

The importance of international trade to American agriculture and to the total U. S. economy was emphasized by William J. Kuhfuss, president of the American Farm Bureau Federation, in an address recently.

"You can't put a fence around America," the national farm leader declared, as he stressed the stake U. S. agriculture has in a high level of mutually advantageous trade.

Kuhfuss has been actively interested in the promotion of international trade for American farm products, and while president of the Illinois Agricultural Association led three Farm Bureau-sponsored agricultural trade missions. One of these was to Europe, one to Mediterranean countries and the other around the world.

"We must learn to trade and recognize efficiency of production if we are ever going to live compatibly and without famine in this world," the Federation president said.

He cited Farm Bureau policy on import quotas which states, "Legislated import quotas are unacceptable solutions to import problems. Their enactment depends on whether enough political influence can be generated to pass a law, and they invited retaliation. American agriculture, more than any other segment of our economy, would be seriously injured by legislation imposing import restrictions on individual industrial and agricultural products."

Agricultural import problems, he said, can be handled best through determinations of injury and remedies by the Tariff Commission rather than through special legislation.

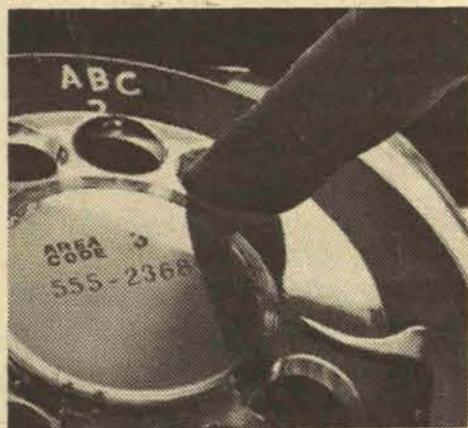
The farm leader said that the impact of Farm Bureau's influence on agriculture and the entire economy could not be overestimated.

"It is difficult to imagine what the farming enterprise would have been if we had not had the Farm Bureau organization over these many years."

As he concluded his remarks, Kuhfuss voiced his opinion on some of the factors that have made America great.

"First and foremost," he said, "I believe a major contributing factor, particularly in agriculture, is our use of facts and information stemming from research."

"There are many countries in the world that have the resources and people, but they have not attained the same heights of efficiency and productivity. What is the difference? First, we have had an enterprise system which allowed individuals to own property, to invest their resources and knowhow, and to accrue the benefit back to the individual. This system coupled with the dissemination and use of factual information, made available through the Extension Service working in cooperation with our great Land Grant Universities, is a key to our productive successes. The very name Extension Services describes how the knowledge relating to better farming methods was carried from the halls of learning to the farms through the county agent system. Early in its history, Farm Bureau recognized the role that the Extension Service could play in serving farming and joined the cooperative efforts to make American agricultural producers the best informed group in the world."



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# Up with the New, Down with the Old!



"ALL SIGNALS ARE GO" . . . for moving day into the new \$4 million Farm Bureau Center about the middle of May. As officials say, "With a little help from friends" . . . neighbors, the weatherman and all employee cooperation, it's soon count-down time! Plans are incomplete for an official open house and dedication.



It will be 16 years ago (in August) that the Farm Bureau family dedicated its present home at 4000 N. Grand River Ave. Previous to this, the Farm Bureau headquarters was at 221 N. Cedar St. Early in January (1971) this old structure suffered what should be its last indignity. Fire again broke out in the upstairs of the rambling, grey brick structure. The story given by Lansing firemen is that "hippy-type characters" decided this was a good place to get out of the cold and their "central heating" system proved defective.

### FARM LABOR HOUSING

In the closing days of the 91st Congress, interest rates on FHA loans for farm labor housing were cut from five percent to one percent. Also, for the first time, an individual owner of a farm can qualify for such a loan. Other qualifications have also been liberalized.

## Loan/Grant Scholarships

A student loan/grant scholarship program, available only to members of farm families, has been announced by Nile L. Katz, Executive Director of the Michigan Rural Rehabilitation Corporation.

This little-known agency was incorporated in 1934 for the purpose of rehabilitating farm families through loans for better farm equipment and other purposes. Recently, its Board of Directors has determined that the pursuit of education can also be considered as a method of rehabilitation.

Katz says the Michigan RRC has at its disposal sufficient funds to provide 100-200 student loans or grants per year. Application may be made by any member of a farm family who has a good high school record and is ambitious, honest and healthy and who can furnish proof that financial assistance is needed and not available from another source.

### COVERS DEGREE OR TECHNICAL TRAINING

Loans may cover full four-year college courses or loans for training in professions and trades such as nursing, mechanics trades, etc. It is not necessary that applicant train for agriculture or agribusiness.

The scholarships may be provided for any approved school or college in Michigan, or outside the state, if the training is not available within the state.

Interest rates are presently 6%, and systematic repayments will begin after the student completes his training and is employed.

Those interested may contact the Michigan RRC at P. O. Box 188, 150 1/2 West Michigan Avenue, Marshall, Michigan 49068.

The officers and members of the Board of MRRC are Floyd Mattheussen, president, Benton Harbor; Herbert Van Aken, vice-president, Eaton Rapids; E. B. Hill, secretary-treasurer, East Lansing and Joa Penzien, executive committee member, Mount Clemens.

Other members are K. C. McMurray, Ann Arbor; G. Elwood Bonine, East Lansing; Grover Grigsby, Lansing; Roy Howes, Kaleva and Chester Johnson, Lakeview.

President Nixon has proclaimed March 14-20 as Poison Prevention Week. 4-H members across the nation have picked up this subject and are doing something in an effort to educate the homeowners on the many dangers of haphazardly stored poisons and various insecticides in relation to small children. "Things like bleaches, oven cleaners and solvents are usually easy for toddlers to reach," states one 4-H leader.




As a farmer, you live close to the weather and perhaps can predict such things as a wet or dry summer. But the cost of future medical and hospital care is among the things that few, if any, of us can foretell in advance.

For more than 30 years, Blue Cross and Blue Shield have been protecting Michigan farming families from the cost of unexpected medical and hospital care for accidental injuries and

illness. Today, with rising costs, it's even more important for you to have the kind of health care protection you get only from Michigan Blue Cross and Blue Shield.

The deadline for enrolling in Blue Cross and Blue Shield is March 15. Effective date of coverage, May 20. For more information, contact your Farm Bureau County Secretary.

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## 1971 MACMA Cherry Mkt'g Committee

The MACMA Red Tart Cherry Division recently held district membership meetings and elected its Marketing Committee for 1971. The Committee members are: District I, John Boals, Kewadin; District II, John Minnema, Traverse City; P. C. Morrison, Jr., Williamsburg; District III, Noel Baumberger, Northport; Thomas Runge, Lake Leelanau; District IV, Hugh Bowling, Bear Lake; James Evans, Frankfort; District V, Roy Hackett, Ludington and Max Kokx, Hart.

Others are: District VI, Keith Moore, Grant; Irving Nyblad, Kent City; District VII, Arthur Dowd, Hartford; Vernon Sill, South Haven and District VIII, Lawrence Stover, Berrien Springs.

The Red Tart Cherry Marketing Committee will determine the operating procedures for the 1971 MACMA cherry marketing program.

## USDA Modifies Crop Reports

USDA has announced a decision to modify, after a year-long study, some of its statistical crop reporting releases, both in content and frequency of issue.

The Statistical Reporting Service proposed a number of changes late last year and following response to the proposals from data users, now is in the process of adopting the changes.

The Michigan Farm Bureau offered several suggestions to USDA in response to a letter from C. A. Hines, agricultural statistician in charge of the Michigan Crop Reporting Service. A letter to Harry C. Trelogan, SRS administrator, on November 27, 1970, summarized the views expressed by Farm Bureau commodity specialists on the proposed changes. Some of the modifications in the USDA proposal reflect the views expressed in that letter.

Following Farm Bureau suggestions, USDA will continue to publish its September and October general crop production reports rather than combining them as originally proposed.

The June estimate of winter wheat production will be continued, but the April estimate of production and acreage remaining to be harvested will be dropped. December wheat forecasts will be maintained for individual states, but the December estimates of rye acreage and condition will be discontinued.

Among other revisions, the July acreage estimates for late planted crops will continue.

The July crop report will not carry production forecasts by state for corn, flaxseed, rice, sugar crops, dry beans and peas, hay, and tobacco, except flue cured. However, a forecast for the United States will be made for these crops and soybeans for beans, sorghum grain, and peanuts.

The August crop report will include the first forecast of production by states for late planted crops.

The frequency of production forecasts will be limited during the season for those states producing only a minor share of the total U. S. output of a crop.

The annual summary of crop production and value will be issued in two parts: for small grains, in the December 10 crop report and other crops in the mid-January report.

An estimate of apples by varieties for 20 major producing states will be made August 1 instead of December 1.

Hay forecast categories will be alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures, all other hay, and total hay.

## ASPARAGUS REVIEW-OUTLOOK MEETINGS



ASPARAGUS GROWERS ... attended a special marketing conference called by the American Farm Bureau Federation recently to review the 1970 marketing season, current stocks on hand, outlook for 1971, cost of production, mechanical harvesting systems, and other production and marketing problems. Standing from left to right are: Harry Foster, Alton C. Wendzel, Michigan and Tom Moore, assistant manager, Fruits and Vegetable Division, AAMA. Mr. Wendzel is chairman of the MACMA Asparagus Div. Marketing Division and Mr. Foster is secretary.

# MARKETING AND COMMODITIES

## Commodity Committees To Meet

Six commodity advisory committees of the Michigan Farm Bureau have scheduled March meetings.

The Dairy, Livestock and Vegetable Advisory Committees are scheduled to meet March 8, and the Poultry, Field Crops and Fruit Committees will meet March 9. All committees will meet at the Farm Bureau Center in Lansing.

The commodity advisory committee system provides Farm Bureau members, leaders and staff the opportunity to review the situations of particular producer groups. Solutions to commodity problems are often suggested by the advisory committees whose recommendations weigh heavily with the Michigan Farm Bureau Board of Directors.

Farm Bureau members from each district in Michigan serve on the advisory committees. County Farm Bureaus nominate members for positions and the MFB Board of Directors makes appointments from the counties' nominations. The spring meetings are one of two regular sessions for the committees. The second session is held in the fall of the year. Committee appointments are made annually.

## Cherry Administrative Board Elected

The Federal Cherry Market Order provides for a Cherry Administrative Board consisting of six grower members and six handler members. The U. S. Department of Agriculture recently held area meetings to nominate members for the twelve-member board.

Grower board members and alternates nominated include: Northwest Michigan Area and Wisconsin — Gerald F. Stanek and P. C. Morrison, Jr. and their alternates, Donald Nugent and Dale Sequist (Wisconsin); West Central Michigan Area, Rodney Bull and alternate, Harold Fox; Southwest Michigan Area, Robert Kinney and alternate, Stephen Shafer. Nominated in New York were Francis Kirby and his alternate Roland Orbaker; in the Pennsylvania area Everett Weiser and his alternate John Peters were nominated.

Handler board members selected include: John McCool, Morgan-McCool; James Brian, Sr., Smeltzer Orchard Company; Vivian Dorman, Stokely - Van Camp; Robert Hutchinson, Michigan Fruit Cannery; Steve Putnam, Sodus Fruit Farm and Dean Carey, Knouse Foods, Inc. Handler alternates include: Joe Roth, Frigid Foods; Bill Wilson, Wisconsin Foods; Howard McDonald, Oceana Canning Company; Hugh Bengtsson, Silver Mill Frozen Foods; John Patcun, Comstock Foods; and Layton Stockdale, Zero-Pack.

The Cherry Administrative Board will be officially appointed by Secretary of Agriculture Clifford Hardin. The board is charged with the responsibility of further developing and carrying out the provision of the red tart cherry Market Order.

## Asparagus Div. Conducts Member Drive

The MACMA Asparagus Committee is engaged in intensive efforts to sign up new members in the Asparagus Division. According to Alton Wendzel of Watervliet, Asparagus Committee Chairman, the Division presently reports a membership of more than half the Michigan commercial asparagus production.

The membership goal of the Asparagus Committee is to sign up every commercial asparagus producer in Michigan.

The MACMA Asparagus Division is affiliated with asparagus growers in four other major producing states, and has successfully marketed members' asparagus beginning with the 1967 asparagus crop.

## Tart Cherry Division To Launch Membership Campaign

The MACMA Tart Cherry Marketing Committee developed plans for 1971 at its recent meeting. The first and foremost plan of action calls for an aggressive new member sign-up campaign. The committee also solidly recommended development of a strong price bargaining program for 1971.

P. C. Morrison, Jr., chairman of the committee, pointed out that the MACMA tart cherry program was developed in stages. Mr. Morrison said, "The division was first organized to provide a market analysis and price leadership program and secondly to work for the implementation of marketing tools, such as the recently approved Federal Marketing Order. The third phase is an all-out effort to sign up all commercial tart cherry producers in order to effectively negotiate the sales terms for MACMA members' tart cherries."

Morrison also pointed out, "The Federal Marketing Order can establish only the volume of cherries to be marketed in any particular year. It cannot establish the price. The price and other terms of sale must be negotiated by a marketing association such as MACMA."

All tart cherry producers are urged to join and support the MACMA Red Tart Cherry Division's marketing efforts.

## Weekly Livestock Letter Available From MACMA

The latest summary in national feeder cattle markets, slaughter cattle markets and dressed beef trade is available weekly from the MACMA Order Buyer Division. MACMA receives the market information by wire on Friday, reprints and supplements it with local information and mails it directly to MACMA Order Buyer members for Monday morning delivery.

The market information is designed to assist cattle feeder members become more informed buyers and sellers of feeder cattle and slaughter cattle. Changing markets require that a cattle feeder's knowledge be up-dated as often as possible on market trends and prices. With current information, he can determine where his feeder cattle can be purchased most reasonably, analyze the futures market, slaughter cattle prices, dressed beef trade and plan his marketings profitably.

Complementing this market news service, MACMA has supplies of well-described feeder cattle available from 10 different affiliated State Farm Bureau marketing associations. Feeder cattle have been purchased from several of these states during the initial months of operation for member cattle feeders. These cattle have been accepted very well. Plans for 1971 include the appointment of an Order Buyer Operations Committee which will make recommendations for improvement and expansion of the services to Farm Bureau members in cattle feeding counties. For further information on this new service, producers can contact the Order Buyer Division of MACMA, P. O. Box 960, Lansing.

## NEW TO MACMA



RONALD E. BODTKE

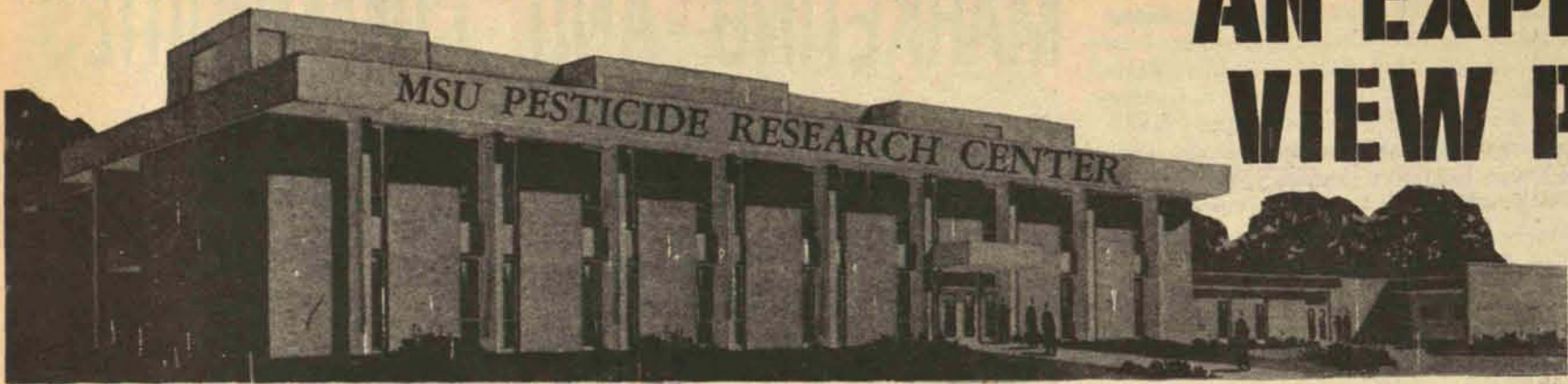
Ronald E. Bodtke has joined MACMA as a Field man in Southwest Michigan, assisting Jerry Campbell with MACMA programs.

Mr. Bodtke raises blueberries on a 185 acre farm in Van Buren county. He is a short-course graduate from Michigan State University and is a member of the Ag Service Club and Ducks Unlimited.

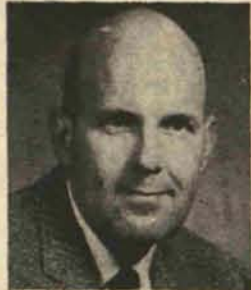
Mr. Bodtke lived on a fruit farm and farmed with his father. He was a 4-H Club leader and an active FFA member.

Following his army service, "Ron" sold chemicals in the Dearborn Heights and Grand Junction

## CHEMICAL USE &amp; CONTROL

AN EXPERT'S  
VIEW POINT

Chemical usage and control is an issue progressive farmers are concerned about. This month's topic presents an interview with Michigan State University's Dr. Gordon E. Guyer, professor and chairman, Department of Entomology and director of the Pesticide Research Center. The Pesticide Research Center joins scientists from 17 departments to coordinate an all-out research effort on all phases of pest and pesticide related problems.



Dr. Guyer is the author of over 60 scientific papers which are basic reference material in their fields.

The following text is a question and answer session with Dr. Guyer.

**ARE FARMERS USING TOO MUCH PESTICIDES?**

I would say there are certain instances from our recent studies that would indicate that we could cut back and still get satisfactory control. In a study this summer among selected fruit growers, we were able to cut back on treatments considerably. Our information would indicate that we are going to be dependent on biologically active chemicals even more. The best predictions that we have indicate that we will have continued increased use, particularly in the area of herbicides between now and 1975.

**ARE CHEMICALS SAFE?**

We just can't make general statements about this because these are poisons. Each one has a different degree of toxicity. The paradox created by DDT is undesirable to the conservationist because of its persistence in the environment. But it was by far one of the safest materials we used generally in the general agriculture area. And it was relatively safe to use in pollinators.

**ARE THERE NEW METHODS IN APPLYING PESTICIDES THAT MAKE IT EASIER TO HANDLE?**

We have some real exciting developments in this area. Yet it isn't changing the general direction of pesticide use. An example is the use of ultra low volume applications. Instead of putting on 50 to 200 gallons per acre, you put on a pint to a pint and a half and still get just as effective control.

**EXPENSE?**

The expense is lowered considerably because an airplane can spray much further without refueling. But of course this isn't applicable to all pests.

**WHAT ABOUT MARINE AND WILDLIFE?**

With the persistent materials, we know now, we have movement of the pesticide considerable distance from where it was applied. Much of this came from urban situations where we were using these for Dutch Elm disease and mosquito control and so forth as well as agriculture.

The materials we are using today in Michigan certainly are much safer in regard to wildlife and marine situations.

**ARE THERE ALTERNATIVES FOR THE FARMER IN PESTICIDE USE?**

This has been an area probably publicized beyond its significance. There are many varied and exciting developments coming along with alternatives. Development of resisting varieties include: biological control; diseases of certain insect pests; third dimensional pesticides and hormones. But in

general, they have replaced few of our control factors used in controlling most of our economic pests. So really, what I'm saying is, we're optimistic in Michigan. For instance, we are optimistic for the parasitic control for the cereal leaf beetle and alfalfa weevil, our biggest pest problems where pesticides are used. In general, this costs a tremendous amount of money. It takes time.

Our entire total biological budget is less than \$10,000. And this is almost facetious when you think of the potential here.

**CAN YOU ESTIMATE THE DOLLARS LOST BECAUSE OF THE CEREAL LEAF BEETLE?**

No, I can't. We have all ranges of injury. We can pretty well say that over most of Michigan with oats we would have practically complete elimination of oats without treatment. And in wheat some years, we've lost as high as 30 percent, but usually wheat will outgrow serious damage.

But the problem is, we have an exciting number of breakthroughs here in Michigan but they are on a limited number of crops.

We are thinking of all of our programs as pest-management programs. For instance, on the Christmas tree industry, our whole effort is towards managing plantations where you spray the absolute minimum. It is advantageous economically to the fellow who grows it and also to the environmentalists. We've made a lot of progress here. We used to spray almost uniformly once a year with DDT. Now we just spot spray for scale and aphids and a few selected pests when there is an absolute outbreak.

**Discussion Topic**

By GARY A. KLEINHENN

Director, Education and Research

**IN A RECENT NEWS RELEASE YOU COMMENTED THAT IT IS NOT GOOD TO SPRAY COMPLETE FIELDS BECAUSE EVENTUALLY THIS KILLS OFF THE WEAKER INSECTS AND LEAVES THE STRONGEST WHICH, I THINK YOU INFERRED, UPSETS THE BALANCE.**

This is generally true, but in Michigan you have a difficult paradox between those kinds of crops where you can afford to have five or 10 percent injury, such as in alfalfa or a crop like apples where they're going on the fresh market or into the can and must meet the same kinds of restrictions on insect fragments and residues. So, it makes a whale of a lot of difference as to the kind of economy we have in agriculture.

**IN RESEARCH ARE WE CLOSE TO ANY IDEAL PEST CONTROL?**

No, I don't think so. I think there has been too much publicity in the popular magazines and the press. The public has been led to believe that we will be able to solve most of these problems relatively soon with some new and unusual control practices. When you look at the facts—the facts are very clear that we've had success of a limited nature.

**WHAT IS THE PESTICIDE RESEARCH CENTER WORKING ON NOW?**

We're working on all kinds of studies involved with pesticides from the actual control, evaluation of new pesticides right up on through the most detailed studies on environmental influence. We're

involved with the mercury issue, we're involved with the movement of pesticides in water, various kinds of runoff situations and we're interested very much in integrated control, biological control and host plant resistance. We have a new program that the legislature funded and which could be very important in the integrated control of deciduous fruit pests.

**WHAT WOULD YOU SAY IS THE GREATEST DRAWBACK IN ACCOMPLISHING YOUR GOALS?**

Time and money is the biggest problem because you see people are accustomed to supporting programs where we could evaluate a pesticide rather quickly.

The point is that all these new techniques just don't move that fast. They require a great deal more detailed research.

The time it takes to get a new variety, even with the best of luck, may be fifteen years. People aren't used to that kind of delay in pest control research.

The biggest thing that is going to keep pesticides moving up is the economics of the farmer. The farmer is in a pinch, particularly as a result of labor. He isn't any longer going back to hoeing weeds and the less conventional insect control methods that are very costly.

And as we change from hand labor to mechanical harvesting, we create pest problems. Almost without exception, this happens when we have made a change. It happened when we went to mechanical cherry harvesting. We had two new pests show up we had never had before.

**WHAT WOULD YOU SUGGEST THAT THE FARMER CAN DO TO BETTER WORK WITH THESE PROBLEMS?**

They must be a lot more alert and be very close to their county agents or anyone that can keep them up to date to what's happening in this whole area.

When I say farmers have to be more alert to these changes it is because when you substitute DDT for parathion in a spray program, you're substituting material that's more than 250 times more hazardous. Now it's more agreeable to the wildlife person, but it's more hazardous to that fellow who is on the sprayer.

**DO YOU AGREE WITH THE PRESENT SOCIAL MOVEMENT TO BAN DDT IN THE NATION?**

I'm sure we made the right decision in this state to back off very rapidly where we had substitutes, because of the tremendous amount of water we have. I don't agree that it should ever be banned because there are certain situations, for instance, in the control of mosquitoes, as a residual spray in mud huts in various parts of the world. I've studied this in detail and to the best of my knowledge there's absolutely no substitute and there's no way this can develop into an environmental problem. It would have to be a very controlled use, but where we've gotten into trouble is in the mass use, not in the very specific uses. The important thing is that there are a number of very sensible uses of which there is absolutely no environmental problem.

Oops, we're sorry — The February Discussion Topic, "Our Post Office Thru Rain, Sleet and Snow," incorrectly read, "Since 1969 more than 80 million pieces of mail have been processed annually . . . delivering these 13 million pounds of mail . . ." It should have read . . . "more than 80 billion pieces and delivering these 13 billion pounds . . ."

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Q: Reasons behind answers to question number one. A: 117 groups said books should be furnished but not supplies; 115 said children take better care of their own property; 80 said too much of a burden on taxpayers; 63 said it encourages wastefulness and careless use of materials; 34 said children do not learn a sense of responsibility and values.

Q: What do the students think? A: 118 said children prefer to own their own books and buy school supplies; 92 said children are not concerned where their supplies come from; 86 said supplies furnished are not adequate; 44 said children are pleased with the situation; 16 said students joke about it using expression labeling supplies as "constitution paper".

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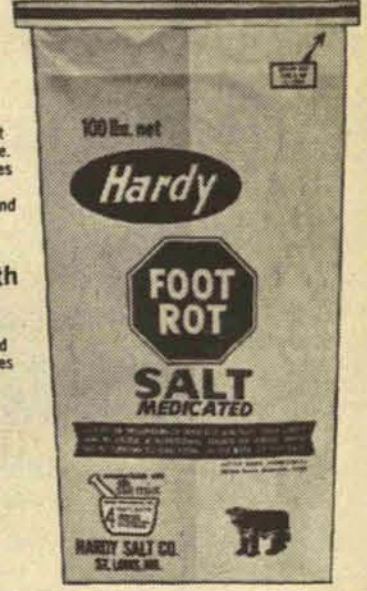
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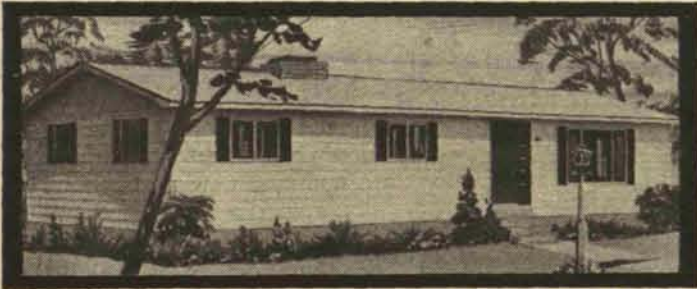
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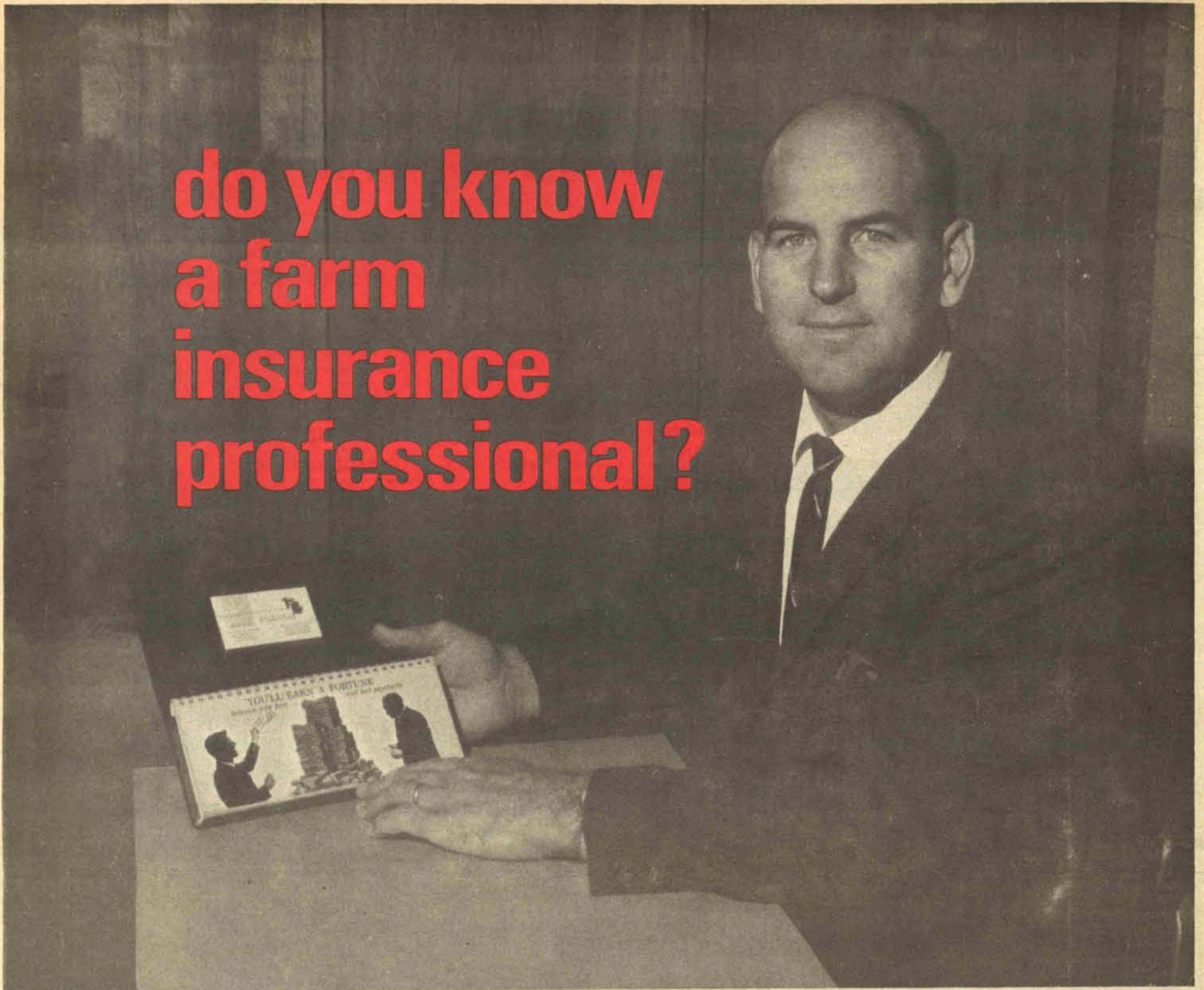
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