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Farm Bureau Philosophy

America's unparalleled progress is based on freedom and dignity of the individual, sustained by basic moral and religious concepts. Freedom of the individual versus concentration of power which would destroy freedom is the central issue in all societies. Economic progress, cultural advancement, and ethical and religious principles flourish best where men are free, responsible individuals. We reaffirm our belief that freedom may best be secured through the following concepts and actions:

BASIC PRINCIPLES

We believe in the republican form of government as provided for in the Constitution. In limitations on government power, in maintenance of equal opportunity, in the right of each individual to worship as he chooses; in separation of church and state; and in freedom of speech, press, and peaceful assembly. Press freedom and human rights essential to the preservation of individual freedom.

Individuals have a moral responsibility to help preserve freedom. Each person should become informed on legislative and executive affairs, and by helping to elect candidates who share their fundamental beliefs and principles.

The Constitution

The Constitution of the United States was well designed to secure individual liberty by a division of authority among the three branches of government. Executive actions to expand government powers through the retention by the states and the people of those powers not specifically delegated to the federal government.

Stable and honest government with prescribed and limited powers is essential to freedom and progress.

The trend toward centralization of power and responsibility in the federal government violates Constitutional purpose. It has reached a point dangerous to state sovereignty and individual freedom and should be reversed.

The Constitution prohibits each branch of the federal government should be preserved from encroachment by the other branches.

The Executive Branch

Expansion of the power of the Executive Branch is undesirable. We recommend that the Executive Branch: (1) Exercise restraint in seeking broad, discretionary powers from Congress; (2) Refrain from pressuring individual members of Congress to obtain enactment of legislation; and (3) Avoid interpreting laws beyond the scope affirmatively spelled out by Congress.

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Farmers Way To Market

It's been said that if freedom for us farmers were to be measured it could be done by adding up the number of alternatives available to us in selling our crops to processors.

The greater number of buyers, the greater the threat to the farmer, through his own initiative, is free to accomplish his goals. If this is true the farmers freedom now is more limited. They are faced with a trend in which, which results in the farmer having less control in the sale of his crops. This shrinking of buyer competition on the market gives the processor the upper hand in dealing, and as long as we farmers are unable to meet the processor on more equal terms this loss of control puts us on the short end of freedom's shrinking range.

Years back, if we farmers didn't agree with an offer from one processor, we could, in most commodities, go on to dozens of others until we found the best deal. This kind of competition kept the processor straight and helped farmers get a fair shake.

Today as a lone farmer we can never expect to have this type of competition. Ve- hicle integration is one example, where the farmer bows out when the processing company ends up owning all the tools of production, and as such becomes an employee to raise the crop. This is what has happened in the broker industry in Arkansas. But for many farmers this may have been the only alternative available short of leaving the farm.

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Green-Acres Tax Bill Public Hearing

The public hearing held by the House Taxation Committee early in March, was attended by proponents and opponents of farmland preservation legislation. One of the main issues was the need to preserve farmland and open spaces in the face of urban sprawl. The hearing was held on March 1st, with testimony from various individuals, including representatives from Farm Bureau and other organizations.

Several speakers testified in favor of the bill. Dr. Raleigh Barlowe, a member of the Michigan Farm Bureau, pointed out that it was intended to preserve farmland and encourage the development of green areas. Another speaker was an anonymous farmer who had opposed the bill in previous years but had now changed his position.

Other speakers testified against the bill. One opponent was a landscape architect who argued that the legislation would not achieve its goals. Another opponent was a member of the Tax Commission who argued that the legislation was unnecessary.

The bill, H.B. 4100, was introduced by Rep. De Strigter and was one of several farm bills introduced during the session. The bill would expand the state's tax laws to include farmland assessments, which would allow for the capitalization of net income on farmland. The bill was also intended to provide a mechanism for the preservation of farmland and open spaces.

The hearing was held in the House version of the land assessment bill. H.B. 4100 (an identical bill is in the Senate - S.B. 130). Rep. Roy Spencer (R-Attica) Dan Reed, Secretary-Manager of Farm Bureau's Soil Conservation Services, visited with Maryland and New Jersey farmers to discuss assessment legislation. Spencer reported that he was near the Capitol when he saw as much as they would tell him about the bill.

Farm Bureau's testimony, by Legislative Counsel Bob Smith, expanded on this to point out that the problem was twofold. First, that many farmers were still paying taxes on land that was not being utilized, and second, that there were cases where the tax assessments were based on outdated or incorrect data. Second, the need to encourage preservation of farmland is recognized as critical for environmental reasons. USDA data was quoted to the committee indicating that he thought that Michigan farmers were now, on average, spending more than 20 percent of their net income before taxes on property taxes, as compared to a third of less than five percent for other segments of the population.

Rep. Stanley Powell (R-Ionia), along with 61 other co-sponsors, has introduced a resolution, HJR "A", to amend the Constitution to reverse the recent Supreme Court decision requiring local school districts to supply textbooks, paper, pencils and other supplies to all students. Mr. Powell said, in part, "Since this legislation has been adopted, school districts have had to absorb this expense, which inevitably must be ultimately borne by the people, who pay taxes. The cost of this has also been increased by the addition of books, paper, pencils and other supplies to all students. Mr. Powell said, in part, "Since this legislation has been adopted, school districts have had to absorb this expense, which inevitably must be ultimately borne by the people, who pay taxes. The cost of this has also been increased by the addition of books, paper, pencils and other supplies to all students. Mr. Powell said, in part, "Since this legislation has been adopted, school districts have had to absorb this expense, which inevitably must be ultimately borne by the people, who pay taxes. The cost of this has also been increased by the addition of books, paper, pencils and other supplies to all students. Mr. Powell said, in part, "Since this legislation has been adopted, school districts have had to absorb this expense, which inevitably must be ultimately borne by the people, who pay taxes. The cost of this has also been increased by the addition of books, paper, pencils and other supplies to all students. Mr. Powell said, in part, "Since this legislation has been adopted, school districts have had to absorb this expense, which inevitably must be ultimately borne by the people, who pay taxes. The cost of this has also been increased by the addition of books, paper, pencils and other supplies to all students. Mr. Powell said, in part, "Since this legislation has been adopted, school districts have had to absorb this expense, which inevitably must be ultimately borne by the people, who pay taxes. The cost of this has also been increased by the addition of books, paper, pencils and other supplies to all students. Mr. Powell said, in part, "Since this legislation has been adopted, school districts have had to absorb this expense, which inevitably must be ultimately borne by the people, who pay taxes. The cost of this has also been increased by the addition of books, paper, pencils and other supplies to all students.

Other Legislation

Rep. B Smith (Left) and William G. Riley, Maryland's Super-visor of Assessments, checked over the amendments to the Maryland law passed last year. Mr. Riley said, "Without the legislation there would be no farmland left in the state." The Maryland law changes include a roll-back tax and have been expanded to include development land. The latest amendments will use the method of capitalization of net income of farmland as a means of determining value for farm purposes.

BOB SMITH EXPRESSED . . . his app-opposition to O. W. Freeman, Assessment Evaluator of the New Jersey Local Property Tax Bureau. Mr. Freeman stated, "There was little or no problem in administering the law. Assessors gave us the only serious objections. A lot of much commercial property is being taxed on capitalization of net income and in reality, the land assessment law merely extends a legitimate assessing method of capitalization of net income to farmland. An Advisory com-
**A Minute with Maxine**

Michigan Week — May 15 - 22

April Showers; after our blanket of white for so long, April showers will be welcome to bring the spring green. We can never say the seasons are monotonous here in Michigan, rather we should count our blessings for the variety of the seasons we enjoy.

Michigan Week is coming up in May. The dates are May 15-22 and it’s not too early to be ordering your materials for any programs you may be planning. You can get order blank and descriptions of materials available from Michigan Week State Committee, 500 Center St., P. O. Box 5006, Lansing, Michigan 48900. There are three skim of Michigan Week. I’d like to you think about these: 1. To give Michigan citizens greater knowledge and appreciation of their state. 2. To expand the state’s assets and resources for industry, business, education and recreation and to afford the nation and the world an inspired view of Michigan’s advantages and. 3. To foster a spirit of cooperation among all communities and people to the end that all of Michigan will work together to make the state even more liveable and attractive.

Some programs you might consider are: 1. Have a Michigan Program, either a speaker or a tour. 2. Adopt a Michigan Week project of your own, give a Michigan flag, do a history of your club emphasizing its contribution to community and state. 3. Take part in Michigan Week programs in your community. 4. Enlist and train your members as Michigan Minutemen. 5. Carry out a year-around Michigan program, a community betterment project as health, youth services, counseling, community clean-up, etc. 6. Michigan — Land of Hospitality, is the Michigan Week theme, so let’s strive to make “Michigan” and “Hospitality” synonymous 365 days of every year.

For those of you who like poetry and would also like to increase your County Women’s income, Warren Dobson (whom many of you may know as he has worked for Farm Bureau for many years), has a proposition. He has written rhymes for many years and recently had one collection published. They are very interesting to read and I know many people like poems for different occasions. If you want more details, Mr. Dobson’s address is: Mr. Warren E. Dobson, 16343 Wood, Lansing, Michigan 48900. I close with Mr. Dobson’s rhyme on Home.

> Some it’s true are real auspicious,  
> With their trimmings quite ornate,  
> Others are much less expansive,  
> Less pretentious they would rate,  
> Be they s’er so high and mighty  
> Or as common as plainloom,  
> Any spot where kindfolk gather  
> Every house is someone’s home.  
> So wherever duty calls me,  
> Or my gypsy feet may stray,  
> I’ll not label it as back woods  
> Even if off main highway,  
> There are still some favored havens,  
> Far from any city’s dome,  
> Be it e’er so meek and lovely  
> Where the folks live — there’s home.

Mrs. Jerold (Maxine) Topliff

**Women’s Spring District Meets**

Several topics of interest... Marketing and Bargaining, Use of Dairy Products, and foremost... the election of the district chairmen and vice-chairmen in the even-numbered districts (2, 4, 6, 8, 10 East and 10 West) should bring out a record attendance of Farm Bureau Women to their District Spring meetings.

All meetings (except Dist. 10 West... 10:30 a.m. — registration — 10 a.m.) are scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. with registration at 9:30.

Miss Bichi Ulrich, Food Publicist, American Dairy Assoc., will be the main speaker at Districts 1, 2, 3 and 10 East meetings. All districts (except Dist. 7) will hear a program on “Marketing and Bargaining” as arranged by Noel Stockman and Norman Veliquet, MFB Marketing Specialists. A schedule of meetings follows:

- **Dist. 1** — April 13, Centerville, United Meth. church, Lunch $1.50, Res. to Mrs. Myron Ulrich, Rf 1, Constantine 96042 by April 7.
- **Dist. 2** — April 27, Jackson, Calvary Meth. church, Lunch $1.75, Reservations to Jackson Co.'s Farm Bureau office, 334 Parnell Rd., Jackson 49001, by April 20.
- **Dist. 3** — April 13, Monroe, Zion Lutheran church, Lunch $1.75. Res. to Mrs. Marion Youx, 9093 Swan Creek, Newport 48106, by April 7.
- **Dist. 4** — April 21, Hastings, Lesson Sharpe church, Lunch $1.50, Res. to Mrs. Marion Penney, 3111 Highland, St. Johns, by April 14. Around the World Jewelry and "Packing to Travel."
- **Dist. 5** — April 19, Comuna, First United Meth. church, Lunch $1.75, Res. to Mrs. Leo Semens, 8175, by April 14.
- **Dist. 6** — April 20, Bad Axe, First United Meth. church, Lunch $1.75, Res. to Mrs. Leo Semens, Lyons Rd., Comuna 48617, by April 14.
- **Dist. 7** — May 4, Reed City, Oceola Hotel, Lunch $2.00, Res. to Mrs. Dale Carmichael, Rf 3, Evart 49631, by May 1. Ecology, Al Almy, MFB and Mrs. Hailley, Dist. 1, Eagle Boys Village, by May 1.
- **Dist. 9** — April 11, Ojegunsjo, Meth. church, Lunch $1.75, Res. were to be made by May 23 with Ben Tombkins.
- **Dist. 10-East** — April 20, Ogemaw county (Place to be announced later) potluck lunch.
- **Dist. 10-West** — April 25, The Palace, Central Lake. Lunch $1.50. Speaker, George Krop, retired Dist. Penal Dept.
- **Dist. 11-East** — to be held in June.
- **Dist. 11-West** — details to be announced later.

**Blue Shield To Pay Chiropractors**

The Michigan Blue Shield Enabling Act was amended to require recognition of chiropractors on December 21, 1970 when Governor Milliken signed Public Act 251. The Act requires Blue Shield to pay for medical and surgical care provided by chiropractors. Formerly, services of doctors of medicine, osteopathy, and podiatry were covered by Blue Shield but not chiropractic services.

This legislation means that Michigan Farm Bureau members can now receive benefits from Blue Shield for certain services performed by chiropractors. The benefits became part of the basic Blue Shield coverage now carried by members.

Detailed information has been provided to all licensed chiropractors by Michigan Blue Shield. For information, other than specific benefits, members should contact their county secretary regarding the benefits of the Blue Shield program.

**TELEPHONE SAVES TIME AND EFFORT**

Many Michigan farmers are now saving time, money and effort by using the telephone to take care of their Social Security matters.

From years of experience with personal contact and the use of the telephone, it was found that most Social Security matters can be completed by telephone and with greater savings for everyone concerned. You may do anything from requesting a Social Security account number to filing a claim for retirement, disability, survivors or Medicare benefits. There are any number of reports that can be made by telephone; change of address, change of name, stopping and starting work, marriage and many others.

Previously, a personal visit to the local Social Security office seemed to be the proper way of doing business. Filing a claim for Social Security benefits may appear to be very complex and complicated that you might feel that it cannot be taken care of any other way.

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PRESENTATION OF THE Little Brown Jug Award to Mac-Luce president James Gribbell is always a key part of their Victory Party. Mr. Gribbell is appreciating the fact that Mac-Luce was the first county in the Upper Peninsula to report goal. The traveling award was started in 1959 and to this, the fourteen times Mac-Luce has been able to take the award home. Ninety Farm Bureau members attended the March 6 Victory Party at Engadine.

MMPA Outstanding Dairy Couple

A young, active Huron county Farm Bureau member, James Hodge, and wife, Mrs. Elwood Kirkpatrick, Killine, will wear the Michigan Milk Producers Outstanding Young Dairy Couple crown for 1971.

Elwood and Goydene Kirkpatrick farm the 130-cow dairy herd. Elwood Kirkpatrick has served as a member of the Huron County Zoning Committee and is active in the Michigan Farm Bureau, Michigan Agricultural Cooperative and Dairy Herd Improvement Association. His wife shares in farm activities and in extension work. The Kirkpatriks have three children.

MR. AND MRS. KIRKPATRICK

F.B. NAMES IN THE NEWS

Larry Cameron, formerly manager of the Sterling Branch, Farm Bureau Services, has been appointed manager of the Pinconning Branch. Mr. Cameron has worked for FBS since 1961 at Marcellus and Scottville and been manager at Sterling since 1965. Joseph Doley, Farm Advisor at the Pinconning Branch, will be the assistant manager. John Rice, formerly Pinconning Branch assistant manager, is the new Sterling Branch manager.

Eugene Fischer, formerly manager of the Pinconning Branch, will assume the Farm Bureau and assistant manager positions of the Farm Bureau Centers Retail operation. All appointments were effective March 8.

Norbert Markel, 16, Marine City, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clair Markel, is the 1970 state award winner in the 4-H companion livestock. He raised a Kosher steer, exhibiting it at the Tri-State Fair. The award he received was a $200 meat butchering kit.

David Leaders, son of Farm Bureau members, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Leaders, Hillsdale, was one of two Michigan young men to be granted loans from Michigan Rural Rehabilitation Corporation. MRRC's Student Loan Program introduces young farmers to executive director, Nyle Katz, reports that he hopes this is just the beginning. It is hoped that 100 to 200 farm youths will receive loans by next fall. Dave plans to continue his education at Tri-State, Angola, Indiana. Anyone interested in applying for the loans can receive complete information by writing Michigan Rural Rehabilitation Corp., P.O. Box 188, 129 A.W. Michigan Ave., Marshall, Michigan 49068.

John C. Severson, Farm Bureau Services, Plant Food Department sales manager, was elected president of the Michigan Crop and Agri-Dealers Association at their 37th annual meeting held recently.

Bob Bunker, Manager of Risk Engineering for Farm Bureau Insurance Group, was recently named an officer of two safety organizations, the Michigan Insurance Inspectors Society and the Michigan Rural Safety Council. Bunker joined Farm Bureau Insurance Group in 1960 and was appointed Manager of Risk Engineering in 1964.

THE FINAL REPORT... of the Governor's Task Force on Agriculture was presented to Governor William Milliken in his office recently. A preliminary report had been available to the Governor for use in developing his Message to the Legislature. The Task Force report resulted from 17 conferences held in areas of the state, with over 600 people participating. The comments were needed property tax reform, marketing and farm labor management legislation, land use planning and agricultural representation on various boards, committees and commissions, having to do with land and water resources. Members of the committee who were present in the Governor's office were left to right, John Dempsey, Rep. Stanley Powell, Duane Baldwin, Joo Penzien, Gov. Milliken, chairman Dan E. Reed, Mrs. Eric Furu, Robert Craig, Sen. Chas. Zollar, Dr. Karl Wright (alternate for Dr. Arthur Mauch, retired.) Task Force member not present: Mrs. Rebecca Tompkins.

Farm Bureau members all have secrets for making "goal," however, Oceana county members have put their recipe in writing and are willing to share it: Recipe For Making Goal in Oceana County... 1) heating cup of Positive Attitude, 16 cups of Active Day Workers, 2 cups Complete Information, 1 cup Supplies; ½ cup current Membership List and ½ cup Prospect List (MACMA and Mutual Auto mixed.) Dissolve the positive attitude with the workers and add the remaining ingredients over coffee and donuts and knead until smooth. Let rise in a friendly atmosphere for one week... punch down every evening at six o'clock. After one week gather in a public place and examine the results. If you are not quite satisfied with the results, punch down again vigorously and give it 7 hours to successfully rise. In 7 hours when goal is reached, bake in moderate oven for 1 hour. Give the results tender, loving care for the next 365 days and have a big celebration.

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Mr. and Mrs. Hodge have seven children, all married and living in Michigan.

Distinguished Service to Agr.

During Farmers' Week, Michigan State University will again present three Distinguished Service to Agriculture Awards to men who have made outstanding contributions to Michigan's agricultural economy.

Henry Nelson, Ionia fruit grower and industrial leader, is actively involved in many agriculture-related organizations. He is a director of the Michigan Agricultural Cultural Conference, member of the Michigan Apple Commission, past president of the Federal Land Bank District and Michigan State Horticultural Society and many other rural-urban programs. Mr. Nelson has served as president of the Ionia-Montmait Fruit Growers Association, chairman of the MFB State Fruit Advisory Committee and of the apple committee of MACMA and as a board member of the Mich. Certified Farm Markets organization. He received a degree in pomology from MSU and since 1952, the Nelson family has operated an orchard and a farm market on N. State Road, Ionia.

Another friend of Michigan Farm Bureau is Harold Garve, general manager of the Michigan Milk Producers Association. He is the director of the National Milk Producers Federation and has served on the Michigan Association of Farmer Cooperatives and as a director of the Michigan Dairy Products Association.

Wesley Pelkie in Copper Country, Upper Peninsula, is the third Michigan Vege- tarian Society leader. Dean L. L. Boger, MSU, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, will make the presentation.

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The Hodges extend an invitation to all their Farm Bureau friends to help them celebrate in Marlette at the United Methodist church, May 2, from 1:30 to 4:00 p.m. • No Gifts Please.

LITTERING...

They're hard to spot — but as there are more of them, it becomes costly to be a litterer!

Recently police spotted a car, April 11, 1971, in the vicinity of I-75 and Mt. Hope Road, on the MSU campus. Beer bottles were found in the window of the motor. Robert R. Miller pleaded guilty to the charge and was fined $45 and costs.
Voting delegates at the 1970 Michigan Farm Bureau Annual Meeting adopted a policy entitled "Environmental Concerns." This policy reads in part—"... We urge all persons engaged in agriculture to become informed of pollution sources and discipline themselves not to add to the problem ..."

The following article is Part I of a two-part series to provide ninguna information concerning ag- riculture and environmental con- cerns. Part II will be published in the June issue of Michigan Farm News.

DUANE COHOON

Mr. Cohoon was named to the position of assistant treasurer of Farm Bureau Services, Inc., according to an announcement by Elliott B. Smith, president of the Michigan Farm Bureau. Mr. Cohoon is a graduate of Lansing Business University. He joined Farm Bureau Services in 1957 as a field audi- tor, later being named manager of the Credit Oil Division, Farmers Petroleum Cooperative. In addition to his new position, he is also vice-president of the Credit Oil Division and assistant treas- urer of FPC. The Cohoons and their two daughters reside in Lansing.

Professor William Milliken has pro- claimed April 18-25 as Arbor Week — a week set aside to mark the importance of trees in main- taining and improving the quality of man's environment. Michigan is the only state to observe Arbor Week instead of Arbor Day.

David C. Farley, Albion, the 1970 Michigan Farm Bureau state Young Farmer Committee, was elected by the Young Farmers of America as their national director. The Michigan Farm Bureau Young Farmer Committee will be participating in the AFBF Young Farmers and Ranchers Award Program this year," according to Dave Cook, MFB Young Farmer Director.

To be eligible to participate a person must be a Farm Bureau member of not more than 30 years of age as of December 31.

Three outstanding Young Farm- ers can be recognized at the Na- tional level. Further information regarding the state contest will be given by the county Farm Bu- reau in April.

The largest life insurance ex- perience refund ever received by Farm Bureau Insurance Group was presented to the organization's offi- cials at the Home Office early in March. An $84,304.50 check was pre- sented to Executive Vice-Presi- dent N. L. Vermillion, by Senior Reinsurance Representative of American United Life Insurance Company, Phil Hammond, C.L.U.

According to William M. Jolliff, Senior Vice-President and Chief Sales and Marketing Officer, "This check," said Hammond, "is the largest refund check that I have ever delivered in my years with American United Life Insurance."

With the distribution of the $84,900 plus refund, Mr. Vermillion said, "This is evidence of our fine Life Underwriting Department."
The "Power Additives" you need most are not in the gasoline and diesel fuel! That's what you said. And we listened.

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The power of agriculture must be safely enmeshed in a system whereby everyone related to agriculture - all are harnessed together," said Dr. C. William Swank, executive director of the Michigan Agricultural Marketing Association, in his address at the Michigan Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Association (MACMA) annual meeting held in Grand Rapids February 26.

Dr. Swank echoed the words of Elton R. Smith, president of MBA and its affiliate company MACMA, as well as those of Dr. Kenneth Hood, American Agricultural Economics Association, who noted that "the essence of our time is cooperation." 

The occasion was the annual meetings of the Michigan Agricultural and Commercial Cooperative Marketing Associations (MACMA and MACMA), two Michigan Farm Bureau affiliated companies. The Asparagus Marketing Committee (MACMA) successfully negotiated the full order for red tart cherries in 1971. AAMA-MACMA's Red Tart Cherry Marketing Committee chairman, assistant from other committees. The task force was appointed to assist the committee in the sign-up of new members in the division.

Five task force meetings were held in various locations throughout the cherry producing area during late March. The task force members accepted the challenge to substantially expand the division's membership. The division currently represents approximately 45% of the tart cherry production in Michigan. The Marketing Committee's goal is to increase membership to 75% of the tart cherry production well in advance of the 1971 harvest.

Early success stories of the task force would indicate that the membership goal can be realized.

Additional functions of the task force will be to assist in processor involvement and to serve as a liaison between the members of the Red Tart Cherry Division and their Marketing Committee.

Cherry Administrative Board; of course, its important that all cherry producers and handlers know the operational procedures enough. Farmers need to take advantage of a grab-it-and-sell-it situation to get a share of the world.

Committees Report Operations

The members at the annual meetings received management reports from MACMA's nine marketing divisions. Policies and operation of each division are currently the responsibility of the committee chair. Each committee chairman gave a report for his committee. By Farm Bureau, permits them to bargain collectively for farmers. "We'll get the business," "Bar-
Unions hold the most potent weapon in the farm unionization struggle. Farmers are vulnerable to unionization because of the hour day. Legislation which recognized associations or com-
ten hour day. In agriculture there is no such law. And until guidelines come, union organizers will hold the edge in the tug of war to control the farm. Their action, there-
come, can continue to cause havoc among the industry and hamper the efforts of unionization without the freedom to choose for themselves.

The United Farm Workers Organizing Committee spearheaded by Cesar Chavez and the funds of the National Legislation Regulating Unions reports that the administration will soon pro-
farm a labor bill. When and what it will contain is still in the ques-
tion mark. But one thing is for sure, introduction of a bill does not make a law. Long debate could be expected, and since it is predicted that a bipartisan vote will be needed for passage, further complication could result. Perhaps the Clayton Act of 1914, the A.F.L.-C.I.O., a powerful lobby group, cannot be expected to push for legislation since its puppet U.F.W.O.C. has met with such success. Yet, politics make strange bed-
fellows, and a labor bill is still up for a vote.

Another alternative for labor guidelines could come from the respective states. Ideally, state legis-
lations take second place to effective national rules, however. Support is needed, however. Mr. Buschlen offers us greater understanding of the role of agricultural interests and untruths. Chavez obtained personal exposure over nationwide television and radio programs. His message was Darkest hour for unionization in agriculture. Management resisted unionization because they feared a loss of their complete autonomy over their employees. Trade unions opposed such practices as imprisonment for debt, favored free schools, and the ten hour day.

Unions Established Before N.L.R.A.

Clayton Act (1914) was the first major piece of legislation which recognized associations or committees as business entities, instituted for the pur-
purpose of mutual help, including such organizations as farm bureaus and committees or associations representing workers. The law did not require any-
corporations to recognize their bargaining agent. The law simply permitted them to exist. Specifically employers were not required to recognize, commit-
tees or unions claiming to represent workers as their bargaining agents.

Many rating large and powerful unions developed by exerting economic pressures upon employers. Strikes, prices, dynamiting, threats and coercion of the type employed, because no laws existed that established unfair labor practices.

National Legislation Regulating Unions

In 1935 the National Labor Relations Act (N.L.
R.A.) came into being, designed to harmonize labor organiza-
tions with collective bargaining agent for their members.

In 1947 the N.L.R.A. was amended by the Labor Management Relations Act (Taft Hartley Act), to dimin-
ishing the tactics of the unionizers. The act established that the controlling union, the N.L.
R.B., is in a position to use whatever legal means they can develop to pressure growers into signing any contract that permits the unionization of farm workers.
The United Farm Workers Organizing Committee (U.F.W.O.C.) to exist and it is up to the farmers to find ways to be recognized as an organization.

The grape boycott was begun as a means of pressuring growers and the workers. In the name of Social Justice the public responded by supporting the grape boycott. The pronounce-
ments by clergy, politicians and ordinary people that the workers were suffering at the hands of greedy land owners.

For about five years, the retail stores, principally supermarkets, have been the focal point of the grape boycotters. Many workers in front of their stores, leaflets were passed out hinting at poisonous pesticides on grapes being sold, sit-ins inside store pay-phones, merchants damaged or destroyed. It is reported some congressmen wrote to retailers condemning them for selling grapes. 

Retail stores and many chains succumbed to these pressures. The result was that the workers were adversely affected in many areas.

Growers attempted to find new markets but eventually the pressure became too great. Some con-
tacts were broken.

A final blow was dealt by lending institutions when they reminded farmers "you can't pay debts with grapes. Better sign whatever they ask and get your notes paid." 

What Effect will Unionization Efforts under the Present System have on Agriculture as a Business?

It is difficult to predict with certainty the ultimate changes which will occur in agriculture. How-
ever, there are some rather obvious actions and re-
actions which will continue to occur until U.F.W.O.C. and all other agricultural labor unions are brought under the controls of legislation.

What has happened to grapes (boycott) can happen to almost any other food product. It is now happening in lettuce.

Farm workers will be forced into union membership without benefit of free elections. The cost of production will increase. Capital in the form of mechanical devices will be substituted for labor if and when the crop will yield to the machines.

Some crops will diminish in acreage grown, some increase.

Imports of certain food products will probably increase.

What Effect will Unionization Efforts have on Agriculture when Legislation is Enacted to Regulate Unions Representing Farm Workers?

Production cost will increase, and more emphasis will be placed on the mechanization of farm operations. Namely small family operations with little or no hired labor and large operations which can manage to take advantage of the benefits of larger size.

What can Farmers do to meet this New Dimension in Labor Management?

Farmers should recognize that the unionization of some farm workers is inevitable.

Farmers should begin to study union contracts and become familiar with the bargaining process.

We fear most those things we are not familiar with. Many farmers have refused to become concerned about union labor contracts.

Farmers should vigorously push for national legislation that permits the unionization of farm workers under rules which prevent the erosion of efficiency and a balance of power between employers and employees.

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eral public would see that the issues had been in-
accurate, stated that the methods used were unethical and were hopeful that the workers would not sign union contracts with Chavez's union.

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