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# MICHIGAN FARM BUREAU FARMERS PETROLEUM COOPERATIVE **FARM BUREAU SERVICES**

**Annual Meetings** November 8-9-10, 1972 Civic Auditorium-Grand Rapids

#### Wednesday, November 8, 1972

Registration in Civic Auditorium Lobby 8:30 a.m.

(Rolls and coffee served by Farm Bureau

Insurance Group)

Michigan Farm Bureau Annual Meeting 10:00

12:00-2:00 p.m. Kick-Off Luncheon

2:00 Farm Bureau Women's Program

Commodity Programs -- Field Crops, Dairy, Fruit and 2:00

Vegetable, Livestock

Farm Labor, Natural Resources, Soybean sessions 3:30

FBS - FPC Show Place '72 -- Exhibit Hall 4:00-6:00 6:00

Farm Bureau Banquet 8:30-10:00 Show Place '72

#### Thursday, November 9, 1972

8:30 a.m.-12:00 Farmers Petroleum Cooperative and Farm Bureau

Services Annual Meetings

Complimentary Luncheon at Show Place '72 12:00

(Courtesy of FPC - FBS)

Resumption of MFB Annual Meeting 1:15 p.m.

Consideration of Resolutions Recess for Caucuses -- Districts 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 4:00

Show Place '72

Presidents' Banquet -- Continental Room, Pantlind 5:30

Hotel

6:30 Young Farmers Banquet -- Black and Silver Room,

Civic Auditorium Show Place '72 8:30-10:30

#### Friday, November 10, 1972

MFB General Session -- Resolutions 8:30 a.m.

11:00 Election of Directors

11:45 Lunch

MFB General Session -- Resolutions 1:00 p.m.

Rooms C, D and E on the Campus Street side of the Grand Rapids Civic Auditorium will be the site of "Charlie Foster's Place" refresh-

Coffee, donuts, milk, Michigan apple juice and delegate telephone/information service will again be sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance Group at this year's annual meeting.

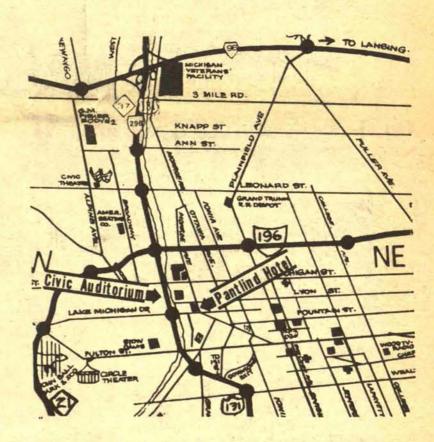
Anyone wishing to reach Farm Bureau delegates during November 8, 9 and 10 sessions may leave a message at one of the following Information Center telephones:

Area Code (616) 456-9406 456-9874

456-5207



Farm Bureau Banquet entertainment "The North Door."



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EDITORIAL ...



# Are We Thankful?

Each year there is a day marked on our November calender as Thanksgiving. This is the day set aside by our forefathers to give thanks for an abundant harvest and a new way of life.

We still celebrate this special day in somewhat the same manner as the Pilgrims did in 1623. We take the day off from our regular occupation and family members gather for a special dinner.

Too often this is as far as we go in giving thanks for what we have here in this country.

As citizens of the United States of America we should give thanks that we live in a land that provides us with the right to vote. The right to vote for the candidate of our choice—the candidate that will represent us in the legislative halls, sit on our school boards, run our township, direct our higher education institutions, or serve as the judges in our courts. We also have the right to cast our vote to change our state constitution that may reform our tax structure or create a new system of time.

We should be thankful we can participate in the political party that best fits our personal beliefs. That if we desire, we can speak out, work for and help finance party or candidate campaigns in order to further those beliefs.

We should pause and give thanks that we live in a land that offers an individual a chance for personal achievement. Where we can seek employment by others or engage in a business of our own. Where most of our children have the opportunity of twelve years of education and can obtain a higher education if they care to apply themselves. Even older persons can seek additional education if they desire.

We should give thanks that we have the freedom of travel, recreation in many forms and a communication system equal to or better than anywhere else in the world. That we have freedom of speech and freedom of the press guaranteed by the Constitution.

Agricultural producers of Michigan and the rest of the nation should give thanks that they have their own organization. It is an organization that they built to serve their needs. It is operated, financed and controlled by them. For over fifty years Farm Bureau has been providing services to farmers.

The Farm Bureau maintains a daily vigilance in the legislative halls in Lansing and Washington, D.C. to promote and protect farmers' interests.

On the state level, the farmers' VOICE through Farm Bureau has been heard on property tax reform, marketing and bargaining legislation, farm labor legislation, land use and environmental issues, to mention a few.

In Washington, D.C., the farmers' VOICE through Farm Bureau has rung out loud and clear on items such as revenue sharing, limitation of farm program payments, ban food stamps for strickers, the Pesticide Control Act, strategic reserve of grains, legislation to permit growers and others to seek payment of losses from the ban on sales of cyclamate-sweetened products, an amendment to the Constitution to permit voluntary prayer in public buildings and marketing and bargaining rights legislation for farmers.

Our life style of today is far removed from that of the Pilgrims in 1623, but the reason they celebrated a Thanksgiving day still stands today.

We live in a land that produces an abundance of food, fiber and manufactured goods, that provides us a standard of living equalled nowhere else in the world. When I stop to think of our forefathers, who had so little, setting aside a day to give thanks for their blessings, I can't help but wonder if we really realize the many things we have to be thankful for.

Carl P. Kentner

# "Showplace 72"

November 8-9-10

## Grand Rapids Civic Auditorium

With all exhibit space reserved, Farm Bureau Services officials expect a record turnout for "Showplace '72" which will feature a complete display of farm equipment and supply items as part of the annual Michigan Farm Bureau meetings in Grand Rapids, November 8-10.

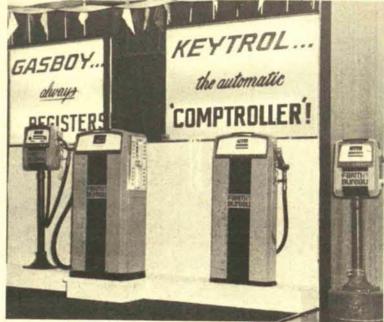
Prizes for visitors to the displays will be a special attraction again this year.

"Showplace '72" will be open only November 8 and 9, and the period from 1:30 to 4 p.m. on November 9 will be reserved for dealers only.

Farm Bureau Services officials report that more than 80 display booths will exhibit new preducts and equipment which will be available through branches and stores. In many displays, manufacturers' representatives and farm specialists will be present to discuss special farm problems and uses for their products.



A Holstein heifer on show at the Farm Bureau Services' Feed Booth at the Product Show during last year's Farm Bureau Services, Farmers Petroleum, and Michigan Farm Bureau annual meetings.



Even gas pumps can save farmers work. These were on display at one of Farmers Petroleum's booths during last year's Product Show.

MICHIGAN FARM NEWS

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Editor's Note: This month's President's Column features excerpts from President Smith's address before the Agricultural Forum, University of Maryland, November 1, 1972.



...Today, we find the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, the Department of Labor, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and the Office of Economic Opportunity, among others, having a greater impact on some facts of agriculture and rural development than does the USDA.

This splitting of activities allows separate consideration of various programs -- farm policy, food stamps, national forests, and so forth -- which previously had often been lumped into one agricultural bill, to maximize the votes for farm policy legislation.

Urban-oriented congressmen will likely support rural community development programs and general poverty programs for which low-income farmers may qualify. But it is not likely they will support the kinds of agricultural policy which transfers income to relatively well-off farmers at a high budget cost supported by the American taxpayer.

One piece of evidence along this line is the payment limitation imposed in the 1970 Agricultural Act. While the present limitation is too high to be of much significance, we have already heard the distant rumble of the storm brewing over this legislation which expires at the end of 1973.

approach, which has been used with increasing frequency in recent years, is an unreliable base on which to build a prosperous agriculture. Regardless of the form in which they are presented, compensatory payment programs are fantastically expensive. Payment programs encourage inefficient production, increase unit costs, depress market prices and make farmers dependent on government handouts for their net farm income.

It appears to me that we should work toward a market-oriented agriculture and the elimination of compensatory payments as soon as possible.

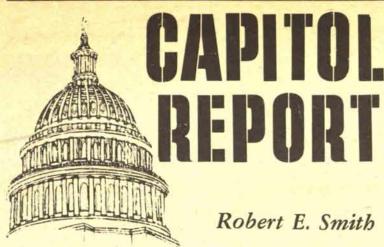
Price support and production adjustment programs should be designed to facilitate orderly marketing rather than to fix prices. Price support levels should take account of competitive conditions, supply and demand and market trends. If the market system is to have an opportunity to operate, farmers must not be forced to compete with the Commodity Credit Cooperation for markets.

and larger farms with alarm, and profess to fear that the family farm soon will be replaced by corporate factories in the field. But this is of little threat to the family farm as long as the changes that are taking place are essentially an adjustment to improve farm technology.

Individual farming units need only be large enough to make full use of the latest production techniques. Farmers are not faced with the engineering, management and design problems which contribute to the growth of industrial giants. Consequently, agriculture does not present the opportunity which exists in some industries for the achievement of economics through the massing of large aggregations of capital and manpower.

the state legislatures will be responsive to agricultural interests only insofar as those interests coincide with the interests of other, sometimes more vocal, groups in society. This is not to say that agriculture will necessarily lose out in its bid for favorable policies and programs. It is to say, however, that agriculture must learn to work with many other political interests on an issue by issue basis. Farmers must learn to play this new game with the same tools used by other minority groups. or soon we will be asking "Who is Controlling U.S. Agriculture Today?"

Elton R. Smith



The exact wording of the five proposals which will appear on voting machines, punch card booklets, and paper ballots in the November 7 election.

#### **PROPOSAL A**

PROPOSAL TO CHANGE MICHIGAN TO DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME. The proposed law would change Michigan to Daylight Savings Time from the last Sunday in April until the last Sunday in October of each year.

Should this proposed law be approved?

PROPOSAL B

PROPOSAL TO ALLOW ABORTIONS UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS. The proposed law would allow a licensed medical or osteophathic physician to perform an abortion at the request of the patient if (1) the period of gestation has not exceeded 20 weeks, and (2) the procedure is performed in a licensed hospital or other facility approved by the Department of Public Health.

Should this proposed law be approved?

PROPOSAL C

PROPOSAL TO LIMIT PROPERTY TAX FOR SCHOOL, COUNTY AND TOWNSHIP PURPOSES AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE LEGISLATURE SHALL ESTABLISH A STATE TAX PROGRAM FOR SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS. The proposed amendment would:

(1) ban a property tax for general school operation purposes;

(2) limit the property tax to allocated amounts for specified county, township and school purposes, the total

not to exceed 26 mills; (3) require the legislature to establish a tax program for raising and distributing funds for public elementary and

secondary schools; and (4) require the legislature to provide for distributing supplemental funds based on local needs for specified

purposes. Should this amendment be adopted.

PROPOSAL D

PROPOSAL TO REMOVE CONSTITUTIONAL BAN AGAINST GRADUATED INCOME TAX. The proposed amendment would enable the legislature to impose a flat rate or graduated state income tax and to enact laws to permit local units to levy a flat rate or graduated income

Should this amendment be adopted?

**PROPOSALE** 

PROPOSAL TO ALLOW THE STATE TO BORROW \$266,000,000 FOR TUITION PAYMENTS AND BONUSES TO VIETNAM AND OTHER VETERANS. The proposal would allow the State of Michigan to borrow the sum of \$266,000,000.00 to provide veterans of the Vietnam and other conflicts with tuition payments to education institutions or a service bonus. The state shall issue general obligation bonds of the state to secure the said amount and shall pledge the full faith and credit of the state for the payment of principal and interest. The method of repayment shall be from the general fund of the state.

Should this proposal be approved?

**ORGANIZATIONS** SUPPORTING PROPOSAL C Michigan

There are many -- some Teachers, small, that the general public mission on Aging, Michigan may not know about; however, State Board of Education, many major organizations are Michigan Committee Michigan include: Assn., Michigan League of Curriculum Women Voters, Michigan Milk Professors Producers Assn., Michigan several Michigan Association, Michigan Governor

ministrators, Michigan PTA, Federation Com-Michigan for supporting tax relief through Quality Education and several constitutional limitation. They other educational associations, Farm including Elementary Prin-Bureau, Michigan Townships cipals, Secondary Principals, Development, of Education, school boards State Chamber of Commerce, throughout the state. Also, Michigan Farmer Magazine, local Chambers of Commerce Education and real estate associations. Milliken also

DOUBLE DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ISSUE

change Michigan's clocks from payable to the beneficiary. the last Sunday in April until Also, educational benefits are the last Sunday in October. Farm Bureau policy urges a NO vote on Proposal A in order to maintain Michigan on its present Eastern Standard Time the year-round. The would be similar to other following are some points to remember.

Geographically, Michigan is in the Central Time Zone. In the early thirties Michigan went on Eastern Standard VOTE YES ON PROPOSAL C Time, which in effect is year- POINTS TO REMEMBER round Daylight Saving Time. The state is presently ahead of the sun.

Big money is involved in this Legislature, or you, whether intereferes with many religious groups, such as already Jewish and mothers, oppose it because vote wait in the dark for buses, exposing them to even greater danger.

It can mean added cost to many farmers, as crops would later in the day; hired labor primarily would want to quit at the property taxes for regular time, the same as everybody else, thus losing an hour's harvesting time. Fruit pickers would not go into the orchards until the trees are dried off. Dairymen would find it to be a disadvantage.

Michigan is presently an hour ahead of the sun. Under millage. Now, through court double Daylight Saving Time it would be two hours ahead of can the sun. Many workers oppose property taxes, even if he it, depending on their work shift.

Those supporting Daylight Saving Time, include business interests and financial interests that wish to be tied to New York's Wall Street and financial markets.

On the other hand, those to whom the commodity markets can be raised or voted. A YES are important are better off being in line with Chicago.

A NO vote on Proposal A will time schedule year-round.

GRADUATED INCOME TAX

Proposal D, if passed, will change the Constitution to rate income tax. Farm Bureau does not have a position either for or against a graduated income tax.

PROPOSAL B

This is the abortion issue, which has created a great deal

PROPOSAL E

This proposal would permit Association of School ad- strongly supports Proposal C, \$500 combat service bonus; your own.

as do many State Legislators. \$360 maximum noncombat service bonus; \$500 grant per year educational benefits. In the event of the death of the If Proposal A passes, it will veteran, bonus benefits are available for the children of certain veterans.

The cost of providing the benefits to those eligible would be \$266 million. This program veterans' bonus programs from previous wars. Farm Bureau does not have a policy on this issue.

The question is "Who will decide -- the courts, the issue. It goes far beyond property taxpayer-voter?" The individuals might status quo will not be main-'play another round of golf." It tained. Major changes will be made because the courts are deciding. Seventh Day Legislature has failed and you, Adventist activities. Catholic, the voter, have the op-Lutheran and other parochial portunity to set the direction schools, along with most of tax reform through a YES on Constitutional children would be forced to Amendment Proposal C on November 7.

This will be accomplished by placing constitutional limits on the property tax, cutting the present 50-mill limit to a 26not be ready for harvest until mill limit. This is accomplished by eliminating school operating purposes.

> One important point to remember is that the property owner used to have some control over his property tax for school purposes, as a few years ago only the property owner could vote on increased decisions, any registered voter vote on increasing doesn't own property! The property owner, therefore, is often burdened with increased taxes voted onto him by someone else.

> The only solution to this recently-created problem is to place ceilings or limits on the amount of property tax that vote on Proposal C will accomplish this.

Local control would continue keep Michigan on its present as at present. School boards would continue to be elected and make the same decisions, with full responsibility to choose, hire and direct administrators and teachers, permit a graduated income tax determine curriculum content in Michigan. Presently, the and other policy decisions that Constitution allows only a flat they now make within the law.

In addition to limiting property taxes, Proposal C also contains important additional language to provide further restrictions on the use of bonding power and still permit bonding to be used for school and municipal purposes. This of controversy. Farm Bureau is to solve the serious problem does not have a policy on this created in the present Constitution by the Supreme Court and its decision in the Butcher Case.

Proposal C shifts the major the state to issue general burden of school operational obligation bonds for \$266 costs from property tax to million to provide money for other sources of revenue -tuition payments and bonuses mainly the income tax. Vote to Vietnam and other veterans. YES November 7 -- the Some of the benefits include: property tax you save will be

#### PROPERTY TAX REFORM COMMITTEE

The Committee for Property Tax Reform is legally organized and registered to carry out the campaign for a YES vote on Proposal C.

There have been contributions from 30 County Farm Bureaus and 2,213 individual Farm Bureau members to date, which are making it possible for a campaign coordinated with other supporters of property tax reform.

Twenty thousand bumper stickers have been purchased and distributed.

Contracts have been let to date for advertising spots on eight television stations. They are: WJRT-TV, Flint; WWTV WWUP-TV. Cadillac; and WGTU-TV. Traverse City; City; WPBN-TV. Traverse WILX-TV, Jackson; WZZM-TV, Grand Rapids; WKZO-TV, Kalamazoo. The total number of television commercials will be 60.

There will be 1,344 radio commercials on 30 stations. These are: WFYC, Alma; WAIM, Albion; WPAG, Ann Bad Axe; Arbor; WLEW. WBCM, Bay City; WXOX, Bay City; WHFB, Benton Harbor; WWAM, Cadillac; WKYO. WCER. Charlotte; Caro; WTRX, Flint; WPLB, Greenville; WBCH, Hastings; WJBL, Holland; WHMI, Howell: WION, Ionia; WJCO, Jackson; WTHM. Lapeer; WMTE WCEN. Manistee; Pleasant; WKLA, Ludington; WHLS, Port Huron; WSGW, Saginaw; WRBJ, St. Johns; WMIC, Sandusky; WSCW Traverse City: WJEF and WOOD, Grand Rapids; WKZO, Kalamazoo; WKBZ, Muskegon.

Newspaper advertising will be carried in 134 newspapers around the state.

Farm Bureau's long perience and activity in promoting agriculture on radio, television and newspapers has made possible to make the most efficient use of the monies that have been contributed. Advertising on radio, television and newspapers is costly; however, it does make it possible to reach the entire population.

In addition to this, there have been 50 ten-page charts developed and printed to be used by those speaking before various groups. More than 25,000 sheets containing charts outlining the provisions of Proposal C have been distributed. While a formal speakers bureau has not been organized, Farm Bureau leaders in many counties, along with Farm Bureau staff members, are appearing before all types of groups such as PTA's, Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs, etc.

A complete report will be made on the completion of the campaign urging a YES vote on Proposal C.

PAY YOUR 1973 FARM BUREAU **DUES TODAY** 

# President

Our Constitution requires that the President fulfill many high and exacting roles. The office of President of the United States has developed through the years until today the President is Chief of State representing the symbol of the American Nation, the Chief Diplomat as leader of the free world, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, Chief year term of office.

#### Senator

from each state. Members of re-elected in 1948. He was the Senate are elected for six- elected to the U.S. Senate in year terms. One-third of the 1950. In 1952 and 1956 he membership is elected every was elected Vice President of two years. The six-year term the United States. He ran for enables a Senator to devote President in 1960 against himself for several years to his John Kennedy and was as a member of the U.S. House Senatorial without being concerned over one-tenth of one percent of the frequent re-election cam- popular vote. In 1962 he paigns. Michigan voters will returned to California and was Food for Peace in 1961-62. He elect one U.S. Senator to office unsuccessful in running for was elected to the U.S. Senate on November 7.

## State Board Of Education

supervision over all public by a substantial margin. education except institutions of higher learning granting baccalaureate degrees is vested in the State Board of Education. The Board also serves as the general planning and coordinating body for all public education, including higher education. Voters will elect two members to eightyear terms on the State Board of Education on November 7.

# Supreme Court

The Supreme Court is the highest judicial power in the state. The Supreme Court is responsible for general supervision control over all lower courts. The Justices of the Supreme Court must consider many issues and makes important decisions that often affect the daily lives Philosophy of all citizens. Voters will elect University in Rochester and is two Supreme Court Justices the on November 7 for eight-year

# **MSU Board** Of Trustees

The Michigan State University Board of Trustees of the Inner City Business has considerable influence Improvement agriculture agricultural research at the Directors of the First In-University, and whether it is dependence National Bank; given proper emphasis. The President of the Metropolitan Board of Trustees has general Housing Corporation; member supervision of the University of the Boards of Directors of as well as control and direction the Michigan Cancer Founof all expenditures from the dation, the Credit Counseling University's funds. The Board Centers, the Detroit Industrial also elects the President of the Mission and the Urban University. Voters will elect Training Center of Chicago. He two members to the Board of is a graduate of Morehouse Trustees on November 7 for College and Union Theological eight-year terms.

# Duties Of— Presidential Candidates Senatorial Candidates



RICHARD M. NIXON is Legislative Policy Maker and currently serving as President Chief Executive as the head of of the United States. A native all civilian employees. He must of California, he graduated act and speak in the name of from Whittier College and our 50 states welded into one Duke University Law School. nation by people from many He practiced law until 1942 different racial and religious when he was commissioned an groups. On November 7 voters officer in the U.S. Navy with will elect a President to a four-subsequent service in the Pacific theater.

President Nixon was elected to the U.S. House of There are two U.S. Senators Representatives in 1946 and the Republican Party as its



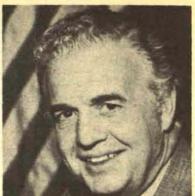
GEORGE McGOVERN is the Democratic candidate for President of the United States. He is from South Dakota. He is currently serving as a member of the U.S. Senate. Senator McGovern is a graduate of Dakota Wesleyan University and Northwestern University. He was a bomber pilot in World War II and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. He has also served as professor of history and Dakota government at Wesleyan University.

Senator McGovern served responsibilities defeated by slightly more than of Representatives from 1957-61. He was Special Assistant to the President and Director of Governor. He moved to New in 1962 and re-elected in York in 1963 and joined a law 1968. Senator McGovern is a firm. In 1968 he was chosen by member of the Senate Committee on Agriculture and candidate for President and Forestry and the Senate Leadership and general was elected to the Presidency Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs.



ROBERT P. GRIFFIN (R-Traverse City) is a member of the U.S. Senate. He is a graduate of Central Michigan University and the University of Michigan Law School. A World War II veteran, he was named as one of the Ten Outstanding Young Men of the Nation in 1959 by the U.S. Junior Chamber of Commerce. He is a member of the American Bar Association, Michigan State Bar Association, Kiwanis Club and American Legion.

Griffin was elected in 1956 to the 85th Congress. He was re-elected to the 86th, 87th, 88th, and 89th Congresses. On May 11, 1966 he was appointed to the U.S. Senate to fill a vacancy and was elected to a full term in 1966. He has served as Minority Whip of the Senate since 1969. He is also a member of the Senate Commerce Committee, Finance Committee and Rules and Administration Committee.



FRANK J. KELLEY (D. Lansing) currently Michigan's 50th Attorney General. He is a 1951 graduate of the University of Detroit Law School, practiced corporation law in Detroit until 1954 when he moved to Alpena where he practiced law and served as city attorney and county supervisor.

Kelley was appointed At-torney General in January 1962 and elected to a full term in November of that year. He was re-elected in 1964, 1966 and 1970. He is Chairman of the Michigan Municipal Finance Commission; member of Probate Judges Retirement and State Employees' Retirement Boards; State Administrative Board; Chairman of Michigan delegation of the Great Lakes Commission; member of the State Bar of Michigan and the American Bar Association and the first Michigan Attorney General to be elected President of the National Association of Attorneys General.

# STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION CANDIDATES



DR. CHARLES E. MORTON Adjunct Professor of at Oakland Minister State Board of Education and January 1, 1973.

Dr. Morton is Vice Chairman South America. Forum; and member of the Board of counseling Seminary.



GUMECINDO SALAS (D-(D-Detroit) is currently an Detroit) is currently Program East Lansing) graduated with Director of Latin Studies at the honors with a B.S. degree in Monteith College of Wayne education and political science State University. The program from Mankato State College, of the is designed to bring more Latin Mankato, Minnesota. He ob-Metropolitan Baptist Church students into the college. Upon tained a Master's degree in in Detroit. Dr. Morton is an receiving a Bachelor's degree political science at MSU in Master's degree from the incumbent member of the in Social Science in 1959, Mr. 1970 and is currently com- University of Michigan and has Salas received a teaching pleting his Ph.D, specializing in his current term will expire fellowship from the U.S. business administration. Government to Colombia,

program for students, parents and teachers of migrant families educational finance decisionfor the Detroit Public Schools. He also organized and directed a Spanish Speaking Intensive Teacher Training Program for Board Detroit of Education. He is Treasurer of the Committee of Concerned Spanish Speaking Americans and is active in La Raza Unida, New Detroit, Inc., and the National Urban Coalition.



WILLIAM SEDERBERG (R-

Mr. Sederberg has served as a national officer of Kappa Mr. Salas has directed a Delta Pi, a national honor society in education. He has co-authored a state study on making and has published other articles related to education. He has served as currently serving Republican Chairman for the Congressional District 59th House District.



EDMUND F. VANDETTE (R-Houghton) is currently serving as Associate Professor in Social Services at Michigan Technological University. He obtained a B.S. degree from Northern Michigan University, begun work towards his Ph.D. He is a member of Kappa Delta Pi, national honor society in education.

Mr. Vandette received the Outstanding Teacher of the Year Award in 1967, was selected to Who's Who in Midwest American Politics in 1970, and was selected to Outstanding Educators of America in 1972. He has been Youth Affairs Director for the a delegate to every Republican Minnesota Republican Party, State Convention since 1967, Office Manager for the Youth served as Chairman for Division of Governor Milliken's Governor Milliken's campaign 1970 campaign, and is in Houghton County in 1970 as and is currently the 11th Chairman.

# SUPREME COURT JUSTICES CANDIDATES



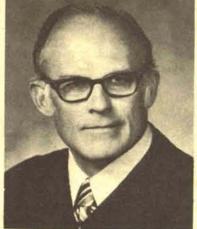
ROBERT L. EVANS has served as Judge of the Recorders Court, Criminal Division, City of Detroit since 1968. Prior to this, he served as Judge of the Inkster Municipal Court. A graduate of the University of Michigan Law School, he is a member of several professional associations, including the Appeals. Michigan Bar Association. National Judges Association of Michigan Law School, Judge and American Society.

He serves on the Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice; the Court Management Study Commission; Commission to Review Guilty Plea Standards; was a member of the Commission to Revise Article VI (Judicial) of the Michigan Constitution; and is Project School and faculty member Director of Detroit Recorders with the Institute of Con-



HORACE W. GILMORE has been a member of the Wayne County Circuit Court since 1956. Prior to this he was Deputy Attorney General of Michigan. He has also served as a member of the State Board of Tax Appeals, Special Assistant U.S. Attorney and as a law clerk to the U.S. Court of

A graduate of the University Judicature Gilmore has served as a member of the Committee for the Revision of Michigan's Criminal Code; Committee for the Revision of Michigan Criminal Procedure; Michigan Judicial Tenure Commission and Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice. He is a visiting lecturer at the University of Michigan Law Court Drug Abuse Program. tinuing Legal Education.



JAMES S. THORBURN has been a Circuit Court Judge since 1963. He is a graduate of Michigan State University and the University of Michigan Law School. Judge Thorburn was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for heroism during World War II.

Judge Thorburn is a member of Board of Trustees of William Beaumont Hospital of the Royal Oak School Board Law School. and President of the Oakland County Bar Association. He is a member of the Michigan Bar member of the Legislative Court. Supreme Judge on County.



member of the Bars of the presented to Ward. State of Michigan, of the Federal District Courts of Bureau Center employees fully Michigan and the District of trained and certified as Columbia; and the Appellate Emergency Court of the District of Technicians, qualified to serve Columbia. She is a graduate of the entire Lansing area in a the University of Maryland and time of disaster. in Oakland County, President George Washington University

and the American Bar Judges Association. She is a proval of the Farm Bureau Association. He is also a member of the National Ad- Management Council. 1972 visory Council to the Center Constitutional for the Administration of program to protect Farm Review Commission and has Justice, Advisory Committee Bureau Center," said Jones, been admitted to practice law to the Michigan Office of Youth before the United State Services, State Bar Committee our community in times of Juvenile Thorburn has served as a one- National Association of Women community spirit of Chief man Grand Juror in Oakland Lawyers and is a Trustee of Dorin and Captain Ward

# **Award Presented** Farm Bureau Center

Delta Township Fire Department officers were honored October 19 by Farm Bureau Center employees for conducting a unique First Aid and Disaster Training program.

Delta Fire Chief Ken Dorin and Fire Captain Arlan Ward received awards Michigan Farm Bureau Administrative Director Robert MARY COLEMAN has been a Braden in the Steffen Room at Probate and Juvenile Court Farm Bureau Center. Dorin Judge since 1961. An attorney received a specially engraved for over 31 years, she is a plaque. A certificate was

Present were 23

This unusual community education program Judge Coleman was the first initiated last year by Ken woman President of the Jones, Risk Manager for Farm Michigan Probate and Juvenile Bureau Services, with ap-

> "We wanted a fire safety "but we also wanted to serve Problems, need. The professionalism and provided the direction we wanted. We hope other organizations and businesses in our community will look into this First Aid and Disaster Training program ... for their safety and the safety of their neighbors."

Under the tutelage of Chief Dorin and Captain Ward, 23 Farm Bureau employees were trained as First Aid and Disaster crews not only for Farm Bureau Center, but also for the entire Lansing area. They are on call, around the clock, to serve their communities during any disaster situation.

"This program," said Jones, 'will eventually include 50 Farm Bureau Center employees. Many of these people will be trained by fellow employees who will soon undergo extensive First Aid Instructor the Cross Center."

Employees from Farm Bureau, Farmers Petroleum Cooperative and Jaycees and also served as Farm Bureau Insurance Group Vice President of the Alma are involved in the program.

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DONNA S. O'DONNOHUE (D-Harbert) is currently employed as assistant for a law firm. Since 1971 she has been editor of County Berrien Democratic newsletter. She is a 1972 graduate of Michigan with University, Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science.

While at Michigan State University, Ms. O'Donnohue was President of the Women's Inter-Residence Council, a major governing group for women's residence halls. She served as Undergraduate Representative for University's Student Affairs Committee, an advisory body to the Dean of Students and other MSU officials. Ms. O'Donnohue also participated in special campus projects concerned with student-University relations. She was listed in Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities in 1970 and 1971.



DOWNS TOM Lansing) is currently emresearch ployed as Governmental Affairs Director for the Michigan Credit Union League. He is a graduate of the University of School, a Michigan Law member of the Michigan Bar Association, Detroit Association and the American Bar Association.

He has served as attorney for the Michigan House of Representatives committees on Apportionment, Elections and Labor and the Senate Appropriations Committee; has been a teacher at the Institute of Labor and Industrial Relations, University of Michigan; Legal Advisor to the Michigan Democratic State Committee; Central for Parliamentarian Michigan Democratic Con-Employment Security Com- County Young Republicans. since 1969. mission member.



AUBREY RADCLIFFE (R-East Lansing) is currently Alma) is a general practitioner State University with a M.D. and Counseling and a Ph.D. in 1967, he was selected one of Bureau Services, Michigan Administration and Higher the Outstanding Young Men of Farm Education.

Assistant Program Director of Michigan Wolverine Boys' State, President of Phi Delta President of the Michigan Kappa, a education member of Lansing Jaycees Mental Health and the East Lansing Traffic Council in 1971. He is Vice Commission. He has also President of the Michigan served as National Com- Council for the Study of mitteeman for Michigan Young Abortion and Chairman of the the Republicans, Con-ministrative Assistant to mittee for Abortion Law vention; member of the Republican State Central Reform. He has been Vice Michigan Welfare League Committee, and on the Chairman of the Republican Executive Board; Michigan Executive Board of Ingham State Finance Committee



JACK M. STACK, M.D. (Remployed as a teacher in the of medicine. He received a Lansing Public School System. Bachelor of Science degree He is a graduate of Michigan with honors from MSU and an Training at Lansing's Red degree from Master's degree in Guidance University of Michigan. In Michigan by the Michigan Dr. Radcliffe has served as Chamber of Commerce.

> Dr. Stack has served as Vice professional Society of Mental Health and fraternity; a was appointed to the Michigan

Pay F.B. Dues

# **Annual Meeting** Commodity Program

The Commodity Program, held on Wednesday, November 8, again offers a wide choice of meetings and interesting topics to all attending the Michigan Farm Bureau annual meeting. Programs on field dairy, crops, fruit and vegetables and livestock will be held from 2:00 p.m. to 3:15. Sessions on soybeans, labor and natural resouces will be from 3:30 to 4:45. Outstanding speakers from many parts of the country will take President, part in the afternoon program.

Field Crops Program

will address the field crops in 1950 from Michigan State session which will be held at University with a degree in 2:00 p.m. in the Kent State Agricultural Economics. Ed Room, Pantlind Hotel. "The also serves as a director of the Future of Federal Farm Mid-States Terminals, National Programs and What They Federation of Grain Mean to the Michigan Grain Cooperatives, Michigan Bean Farmer" will be discussed by Shippers Association, Saginaw James T. Bonner. Dale Butz Board of Trade and is a will speak on "What Role Will member of the Toledo Board of the Contracting of Grain Crops Trade. He is also serving as a Play in the Future?" Also on member of the Michigan Bean the program will be Edward Commission. Powell speaking on "How Will Changes in Grain Marketing Affect Farm Bureau Mem- held in the Pantlind Hotel Ball bers?'



T. Bonner professor of Agricultural Economics at Michigan State University and has been on the faculty since 1954. From July, 1963 until July, 1965, he served as a Staff Economist on the President's Council of Economic Advisors. During 1964, he served on the President's Task Force on Agriculture. He is presently serving as a consultant with the Council of Economic Advisors as well as with the Bureau of the Budget.



Dale E. Butz is Secretary of Marketing, Illinois Agricultural Association. As head of that division, he is responsible for the overall Farm Bureau marketing program in Illinois, a program with strong emphasis on professor assistance to Farm Bureau specialist in the Department of members in the production Dairy Science at Michigan

products. He served as an associate professor agricultural economics at MSU and a visiting research professor at Harvard. While at Harvard, he authored a book dealing with livestock and meat economy.



Powell, Edward Vice Bureau Farm Services, is manager Michigan Elevator Exchange Division. He joined the com-Three outstanding speakers pany shortly after graduation

**Dairy Program** 

The Dairy Program will be Room at 2:00 p.m. D.R. Gandy of the American Farm Bureau Federation will discuss "Possible Activities of a Farm Bureau Dairy Commodity Division" and Donald Hillman will speak on "Calfhood Losses.



D.R. GANDY is assistant director, Commodity Activities Division of the American Farm Bureau Federation. He serves as secretary to the soybean and rice division of AFBF. He previously served on the staff of Louisiana Farm Bureau, coordinating and supervising marketing and special comprograms. modity graduated in 1966 Louisiana State University with a major in agricultural economics and served as a graduate research assistant



Donald Hillman is a extension and

member of Michigan Farmhouse Association and a member of the American Dairy Science Association American Society of Animal Production. Hillman has authored numerous bulletins and articles for professional publications and received the Distinguished Service Award, MSU Extension Specialist Association in 1970.

Fruit and Vegetable Program

The Fruit and Vegetable Program will get underway at 2:00 p.m. in the Continental Room, Pantlind Hotel. Dale Butz, Secretary of Marketing, Illinois Agricultural Association, will speak on Experiences with Contract Marketing" and Alton Rosenkranz, Manager, Farm Bureau Marketing Association, Wisconsin, will discuss "Real World Experience with Fruit and Vegetable Pricing."



Alton Rosenkranz manager of the Farm Bureau Marketing Association and lives on a 200-acre farm in Brownesville. Wisconsin, where he raises apples, some beef, sweet corn, peas and raspberries. He graduated from the University Wisconsin with a major in Marketing and has worked for Production Credit Association, has been active in Farm Bureau for 15 years and served as president of Dodge County Farm Bureau before assuming his present position.

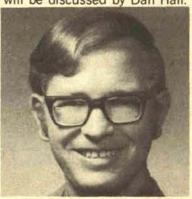
Livestock Program

only commodity program which will meet in the Civic Auditorium will be the livestock session in the Red Room at 2:00 p.m. Harold Mindermann of lowa will present a program 'Livestock Identification --Pros and Cons." Speaking on "Feed Additives: Uses and Abuses" will be James C. Simmons.



Harold Mindermann director of the Commodity and Marketing Division of the Iowa Farm Bureau. He also serves as managing director for the Beef Improvement Corporation. He is chairman of the lowa Youthpower program, secretary of the lowa Hog Cholera Eradication Committee and a member of the executive committee of and marketing of their State University. He is a board Livestock Conservation, Inc. Soybean Session

held at 3:30 in the Kent State Civil Room of the Pantlind Hotel. Michigan State University. The program will open with "What Your Soybean Division Carı Do" by D.R. Gandy. 'Soybean Research in Illinois' will be discussed by Dan Hall.



Dan Hall assumed the duties of Manager of the Market Development Division Michigan Farm Bureau on June 5, 1972. Before joining the MFB staff, he was in charge of marketing programs for the Maryland Farm Bureau. He also served as the AAMA coordinator for the Broiler Program in a three state area. He is a graduate of the University of Missouri in Business Administration and Agricultural Economics.

Labor Session

OSHA as agriculture will be the topic at and Dr. William Taylor. the labor session to be held in the Continental Room, Pantlind Hotel, starting at 3:30. Speaking will be Earl J. Krotzer of the U.S. Department of Labor. Also, a panel discussion will be conducted by Mr. Krotzer, Allan W. Harvie and M.J. Buschlen.



Earl J. Krotzer is Area Director, Occupational Safety has completed more than 26 vears of satisfactory federal service and is a retired Army officer. He has prepared studies and analyses of problem areas in the field of safety engineering in large and complex operations.



Allan W. Harvie is Deputy Director of the Bureau of Safety and Regulation,

Division, Occupational Safety The Soybean meeting is a Division, Construction Safety new addition to the commodity Division and Mine Safety program this year. It will be Division. He is a graduate in Engineering from



M.J. Buschlen is Operations Manager of the Michigan Agricultural Services Association (MASA). He has served as assistant general manager of the Great Lakes Sugar Company. In 1953, he joined the staff of Farm Bureau Services. He is a graduate of MSU, with a B.S. degree in Agriculture.

> **Natural Resources** Conference

natural resources The conference will begin at 3:30 in the Pantlind Hotel Ball Room. A panel will discuss "Agricultural Aspects Proposed Statewide Land Use Plans." Panel members will be it affects B. Dale Ball, Robert E. Smith



B. Dale Ball is Director, Michigan Department Agriculture. He received his B.S. degree in Agriculture from MSU, majoring in Soils, minoring in Farm Management and Animal Husbandry. He has served in many capacities in the Michigan Department of Agriculture since 1951, and is a member of the Water and Health Administration, Resources Committee and the U.S. Department of Labor. He Air Pollution Control Committee.



Robert E. Smith is Legislative Counsel and Director of State Affairs for Michigan Farm Bureau. He is a former county Farm Bureau president, former member of the board of directors and vice president of Michigan Farm Bureau. He is extremely active in civic affairs and received a Michigan Department of legislative appointment to a Labor. He directs the special 35-member comoperations of the state's mission to study Article VI, programs of the Safety Judiciary, of the Michigan Education and Training Constitution.

# Soybean Field Trip



Don Tolles, St. Johns (L) and Glen Brown, Blissfield, members of the MFB Soybean Commodity Divisions' Action Committee, during their visit to the Funk's Seed Company facilities, Bloomington, Illinois.

The first field trip coordinated by the Action Committee of the Soybean Commodity Division, consisted of visits to Funk's Seed Company International, including their Research Farm and a visit to Asso-Agricultural Illinois located at ciation, both Bloomington, Illinois.

Two members of the State Committee, Don Tolles of St. Johns, Clinton County and Glen Brown of Blissfield, Lenawee County, traveled with Dan Hall, Secretary, Soybean Division and Manager of Market Development Division, Michigan Farm Bureau and Marketing Nelson, Specialist, Market Develop- and camby.

ment Division.

The first stop on the trip was to Funk's Seed Company facilities, visiting with their personnel on production and technical problems related to soybeans. A visit to the research farms provided an opportunity to observe test plots on varieties and plant population.

The second stop involved a discussion marketing of programs with Jeff Gain and Larry Groce of IAA, which is the Farm Bureau in Illinois. During the discussion, it was pointed out that Illinois has several other competing grain crops, such as sunflowers, corn

# Citrus Available

"Florida's Best" citrus from Farm Bureau members in Florida will again be offered to Farm Bureau members in Michigan.

According to Harry A. Foster, manager, Fruit and Vegetable Divisions, MACMA, the pilot project conducted last year was a terrific success. The program will be offered on an expanded basis this year to county Farm Bureau members.

The varieties available for pre-Christmas shipments this year are navel oranges, tangelos and pink seedless grapefruit. All citrus will be shipped in Farm Bureau "Florida's Best" 4/5 bushel cartons and will be sold to county Farm Bureau members at \$5.75 per carton (tax included).

The Florida Agricultural Marketing Association, which sponsors this project, has assured Foster that this year's citrus quality will be excellent.

Foster also indicated that most county Farm Bureaus have designated a committee to coordinate the sale of citrus. Farm Bureau members are urged to place their citrus orders with the county Farm committee Bureau December 1 or before to facilitate shipping arrangements during the rush shipping period prior to Christmas.

This member-to-member sales project, according to Foster, is a good example of Bureau members helping each other by supplying high-quality produce at a reasonable price.

# **Grape Growers Benefit**

The MACMA Processing Grape Division has established its price recommendations this year by working with a local broker in the shipment of grapes to an out of state buyer.

Jerry Campbell, MACMA Processing Grape Division manager, has reported that grape juice processors and wineries paid the minimum \$160 per ton for Concord and Niagara varieties recommended by the MACMA Processing Grape Marketing Committee. In fact, two grape juice processors paid \$170 per ton at 16 brix in order to secure a volume before brokers shipped fresh grapes

to an out of state buyer. Other preferred varieties, such as Baco and Delaware, were purchased by the wineries at prices returning over \$200 per ton to the grower, according to Campbell.

MACMA Processing Grape Marketing Committee and staff have been responsible for each grape grower earning \$60 to \$70 per ton more this year for every ton of grapes produced in Michigan. This price leadership influence were destroyed, the remaining also spread to the other Great Lakes states of New York, Ohio and Pennsylvania.

The grape growers and the of southwest economy Michigan have benefitted by over \$3 million more income to grape growers as a result of the \$60 to \$70 per ton increased grape price. These outstanding results have come from growers working with MACMA to earn realistic market prices.

The MACMA Processing Grape Marketing Committee is already making plans for a more effective marketing program next year, reports MACMA officials.

# **Heeded Advice** Pays

What do you do with three and a half million baked apples?

It was tough enough just getting the fire stopped, but with snow falling and temperatures hovering at ten degrees above zero, Mark and Burnett Hersey were faced with another problem. The blaze which destroyed their huge storage warehouse the night before had left them with 60,000 bushels of apples; some baked, some covered with soot, all in danger of freezing.

The date was March 21, 1972, the morning after the night before when one of Michigan's most devastating farm fires swept through storage facilities of "Those Hersey Brothers," an 800 acre fruit operation located north of Casnovia on famed Fruit Ridge.

Five volunteer fire departments fought the blaze for several hours, but fire in the building's double roof, insulated with sawdust, couldn't be stopped.

The fact that their's might be the most expensive farm fire loss in Michigan's history, probably however, was unknown and certainly of little interest to Mark, Burnett and their families at the time. The total loss would exceed \$400,000 -- but they had an apple problem right now.

Then help came.

The fire, reported Monday night at 10:00 p.m., was under control but still burning when the Hersey's insurance agent, Ben Landheer, arrived on Tuesday morning. By noon, fire claims specialist Jerry Snay. from Farm Bureau Insurance Group's Lansing Home Office, was on the scene. Nobody called them. When there's a fire this big, the word spreads

They evaluated damage and helped the Herseys make immediate arrangements with Grand Rapids produce packing company to clean and reprocess those apples which had not been burned or baked.

Neighbors pitched in too. 'Nearly everybody on Fruit Ridge came over to help, Mark recalls. "They brought trucks and fork-lifts to get the apples out and shipped off to Grand Rapids. It was a regular neighborhood get-together.'

Even though 24,000 bushels 36,000 bushels were protected from the blaze by storage airtight partments. These apples were washed and packed by the Grand Rapids firm and, after inspection by public health officials, sold to processors throughout the Midwest.

The "baked" apples were buried to prevent inadvertant human consumption. Even though many looked alright, Jerry Snay reported from firsthand experience that they had a decidedly unpleasant flavor. As a matter of fact, as the taste of "soot and fuel oil" gradually subsided over a

three-day period, Jerry wished damaged fruit had been a little less thorough.

The claim was the largest ever paid by Farm Bureau Insurance Group -- and perhaps the state's largest individual farm fire loss. The blaze was ignited when a cracked flue allowed flames to reach nearby combustibles.

Mark Hersey indicates that the family carries "just about all" of their personal and partnership insurance with Farm Bureau, "We had no complaints," he said, "I feel the settlement was very fair and at no time did I feel I was unfairly dealt with. Jerry Snay and Ben Landheer are undoubtedly the best in the business.

During November, 1971, Ben Landheer had recommended to the Herseys that they increase the coverage on their insurance policy. Fortunately, they followed his advice.

# his investigation of the Michigan Cheese Available

Are you looking for a Christmas gift for the person who has everything? If this is the case, you might be interested in visiting the Farm 'Michigan Bureau Cheese Promotion Booth" in the Product Show area at the Annual Meeting. The booth, coordinated by MFB Market Development Division, is a joint effort of MFB Women's Committee and the American Dairy Association of Michigan. Other representatives of the Michigan dairy industry will also be on hand at the booth.

The booth will afford visitors the opportunity to sample various cheeses and to place an order if they wish. The cheese will be mailed directly to the individual designated. The cheese is a Michigan

product.



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# More Membership Chairmen Who Will "Make It Happen"



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# **Notice**

The Michigan Department of Labor, Bureau of Workmen's Compensation, has changed board and lodging values in Michigan.

Historically, in the case of employments or occupations where board and/or lodging constitute part of the employee's earnings, the minimum amounts for such board and/or lodging have been established on the basis of the values published by the Bureau of Workmen's Compensation.

Effective October 1, 1972, these values are as follows: \$1.00 per meal for board; \$15.00 per seven-day week for rent; with \$36.00 for room and board per seven-day week.

# Huron Women Host Rural-Urban



A city family from Livonia learn about the size, cost and operation of a serving in various capacities modern dairy farm from Kent Henne and Paul Leipprandt as a result of on the women's, community rural-urban activity by Huron County Farm Bureau Women. Seven farmers opened their farming operations to allow guests a first-hand look at agriculture in action.

Huron County Farm Bureau Women enlisted the aid of their county Extension Service. local ministers, and news media to develop an effective rural-urban activity in August.

Seven local farmers opened their farming operations on a Sunday afternoon to allow area residents and resorters a firsthand look at agriculture in were: commodities to give tourists a broad picture of how the food they eat is produced.

general and agricultural statistics of the county were compiled by the Cooperative Extension office for distribution to the tourists. The "Top of the Thumb Ministries" and cooperated with advertisements and recipe booklets were also was Tony Rapes.

presented to the visitors. Neighboring farmers acted as tour guides.

The Huron Women report that much interest was displayed from city dwellers who never before had the opportunity of visiting a farm or talking with a farmer.

Farms visited by resorters George Swartaction. The Women selected zendruber, Bay Port, swine farms specializing in various producer; Kenneth Henne, Bay Port, dairy operation; Wesley Murdoch, Bay Port, beef and cash crops; Ted Printed information Leipprandt, Jr., Pigeon, nurregarding each of the farms sery stock and landscaping; James Swartzendruber, Pigeon, poultry production; Robert Thuemmel, Jr. and Ross Kirkpatrick, both of Port Austin, with dairy operations.

On the planning committee local for the event were Mrs. Paul newspapers and radio stations Leipprandt, chairman; Mrs. Edward Oeschger, Mrs. Robert maps. Thuemmel, Jr. and Mrs. Gilbert Promotional literature and Tinsey. The Extension Agent

# F.B. Womens District Officers

Elected chairman of the District 9 Farm Bureau Women at their Fall Rally on October 3 was Mrs. Robert Benson, Cadillac. Amelia and her husband have six children and live on a 445-acre Centennial farm, specializing in dairy. She has been active in Farm Bureau since 1957, serving on community group and women's committees, as well as legislative, policy development and membership. She presently serves as a member of the MFB Discussion Topic Committee. In her local community, Amelia has served on special school committees, been a precinct delegate, and a Sunday School teacher.

Sharing district responsibilities as vice chairman for a two year term is Mrs. Wm. Larry Wagner, Kingsley. Kay and her husband and three sons live on Bill's greatgrandfather's 257-acre dairy farm. She has been active in her county Farm Bureau group, citizenship, legislative and T.V. committees. Kay, who was Northwest Michigan Farm Bureau Queen in 1968, is this year's membership chairman. She is also active in local political, school and church activities.

Recently elected as vicechairman, District 6 Farm Bureau Women was Howard Sealey, Brown City. Dorothy and her husband live on a 120-acre dairy farm. The Sealeys have been Farm Bureau members since 1950, and Dorothy has been active in community group, women's committee, local affairs and legislative committees. She Sanilac County's legislative leader on the 1968 Washington Legislative Tour.

In District 1, Mrs. Lawrence (Betty) Rhoda, Schoolcraft, was re-elected to the position of vice-chairman. In District 11-W in the Upper Peninsula, Mrs. Kenneth (Mille) Corey, chairman, Stephenson, and Mrs. Harold (Terry) Tikkanen, vice-chairman, Calument, were both re-elected.

# Notes

Michigan Bean Queen for 1972-73 is Gail Ann Trombley, 20, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Trombley of Reese, who represented Saginaw County in the 26th annual competition at the Michigan Bean Festival on Labor Day.

Queen Gail, who is a petite brown-haired 5'2", said she hopes to become a teacher of cosmetology. Among her prizes were-\$200 from the Michigan Bean Commission and Juggage from the Michigan Bean Shippers Association.

Runner-up in the competition was Barbara Kay Bleck, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bleck of Bay City. \* \* \* \* \* \*

Willard S. Smith, Snover, has been named the McDonald Cooperative Dairy Company Outstanding Young Cooperator for 1972. Willard operates a 240-acre farm with a dairy herd of approximately 150 head of which he is milking about 100 cows at this time. He is past chairman of his local Farm Bureau community group and the Lapeer County Holstein Association. He is also a member of the Michigan Holstein Association and the State and National Shorthorn Association.

Second place went to E. Robert Grams, St. Johns. He, in partnership with his father, operates a 700-acre dairy farm with a herd of 430 animals. They are milking about 225 at this time. Robert is active in Farm Bureau, being a member of the MFB Dairy Commodity Committee for District V.

Awards are made annually by the dairy to the two young farmer members between the ages of 18 and 35 who have shown the most outstanding progress and development in dairy farming. First prize this year is an all expense trip to New York City for the 56th Annual Convention of the National Milk Producers Federation.

A new Queen will be crowned at the convention of the Great Lakes Vegetable Growers in January at the Civic Center and Olds Plaza Hotel in Lansing. She will be the first "Great Lakes Vegetable Queen." This will be the first of what is hoped will become an annual event. The contest is being sponsored by the Michigan Vegetable Council, Inc. and will be conducted by the group's Ladies Auxiliary.

The new Queen will be the recipient of many gifts in addition to her crown, all of which are being donated by various business firms having an interest in the vegetable industry.

To qualify, girls must be between the ages of 17 and 21, never have been married, and be connected with the vegetable industry. Eligible candidates may contact contest chairman Mrs. Alton Wendzel, Route 2, Watervliet, about entrance information.

CF Industries, Inc., manufacturer and distributor of chemical fertilizers owned by Farm Bureau Services and 17 other regional farm supply cooperatives, reported record sales and earnings at the company's 26th annual meeting.

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The cooperative combine sold a record 4.9 million tons of fertilizers totaling \$183 million, up \$12 million from 1971.

Because of price controls, many privately owned fertilizer firms chose to sell phosphates in foreign markets this year and the cooperatively owned CF Industries proved a major domestic supplier for farm needs.

Attending the annual meetings from Farm Bureau Services were Elton R. Smith, Michigan's stockholder representative; and William E. Callum, Jr., Farm Supply Division vice president, who is a member of the CF Industries board of directors. Others from Farm Bureau Services at the Chicago meeting were Donald R. Armstrong, executive vice president; Hein Meyering, Retail Division vice president; John Sexson, Plant Food Manager; Max Dean, vice president for finance and treasurer; and Gregory Sheffield, manager of marketing services.

# "Safety Group" **Dividends Announced**

Some Farm Bureau members will be receiving another dividend during the first two weeks of November. "Safety Group" Workmen's Compensation dividends will equal 20-25% of individual annual premiums.

The new "Safety Group" Workmen's Comp concept was introduced to Farm Bureau membership by Farm Bureau Insurance Group July 1, 1971. By August 1, about 1,500

Michigan farmers had enrolled. On July 1, 1972, some 2,200 Farm Bureau members were eligible for dividends.

"Safety Group" dividends are based on the "experience period" which began July 1, 1971 and ended June 30, 1972. During that time, all Agricultural Workmen's Compensation claims were recorded. The very favorable safety experience resulted in the dividend.

How were the dividends earned? Nile L. Vermillion, Farm Bureau Insurance Group Vice President explained, "The Farm Bureau Agricultural 'Safety Group' Workmen's Compensation dividend exemplifies our concept of pulling together. Membership has proven itself to be auto safety-oriented. . .and earned 16 dividends in 22 years. We felt this same safety attitude could be successfully applied to a 'share-the-risk' approach for Workmen's Compensation.

"All eligible Farm Bureau members would pool their financial protection resources, work safely and equally share resulting dividend: no

cluded, "this concept works."

The "Safety Group" Workmen's Comp program covers all farm sizes:

Large Farms

Farmers employing three or more employees for thirteen or more consecutive during a 52-week period are required to provide full Workmen's Compensation benefits. All Farm Bureau Insurance Workmen's Compensation policies provide: unlimited medical benefits for all employees, including ex-

matter what size their farm or first day of employment; how big or small the premium. \$100,000 employer liability Obviously, Vermillion con- coverage; and wage loss and rehabiliation expense.

#### Medium-Sized Farms

For farms hiring employees for more than five consecutive weeks, Farm Bureau's total Workmen's Compensation protection is available at a lower cost. Included are: unlimited medical benefits; \$100,000 employers' liability coverage and protection for any obligation under the Michigan Workmen's Compensation Act.

#### **Small Farms**

special program is change labor, beginning on the available to all agricultural employers hiring employees for less than five consecutive This program available at minimum cost. A flat rate is applied to the annual payroll figure to determine the final premium. The farmer is still entitled to full protection of unlimited medical benefits, \$100,000 liability employers' protection for any obligation under Michigan Workmen's Compensation Act. program is perfect for farmers who rely only on exchange labor or occasional hired help.

> To join the "Safety Group," four requirements must be met: (1) Farm Bureau membership; (2) Actually joining the "Safety Group:" (3) Agreement to a common July 1 effective date for individual Workmen's pensation insurance policies: (4) Majority of employee payroll must be farm employees.

Dividends for ALL "Safety Group" policyholders can range from five percent to 45 percent when declared by Farm Bureau Mutual's Board of Directors.

Your local Farm Bureau Insurance Group agent has the expertise to answer any of "Safety your Group" questions.

# MAFC **Annual Meeting**

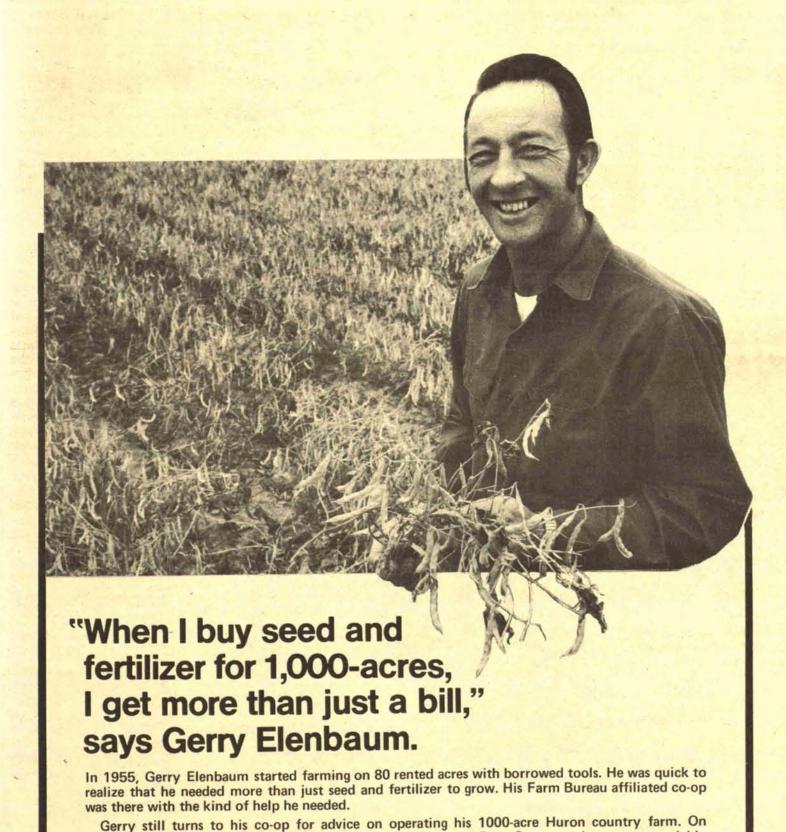
The Michigan Association of Farmer Cooperatives' Annual Meeting and State Co-Op Clinic will be held December 4, 1972, at the Hospitality Motor Inn, Lansing.

The program will feature the consumers view point by Erma Angevine, executive director, Federation Consumer America, and a re-evaluation of ecology and environmental problems as they confront Michigan cooperatives.

County Extension Directons and agents will be invited by MAFC members as special guests.

Glenn Hanson, president, Ann Arbor Federal Land Bank Association and chairman of MAFC's Administrative Council, will be chairman of the morning program. Reports and election of directors representing local cooperatives will also be part of the morning business session.

Awards will be presented to those promoting Michigan cooperatives.



his co-op's recommendation, he uses Farm Bureau's Hurryup Bean Starter to improve crop yields.

This year Gerry accidently omitted Hurryup Bean Starter on one row of navy beans. The row is

Gerry agrees that he gets more than a bill from his co-op. Call your nearest Farm Bureau co-op. Find out about the services, technical help and marketing assistance that can make your farm

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# 4-H Bonanza **Receives Wide** Support

chases at the Bonanza auction Michigan. and flea market held on the by the Michigan 4-H Foundation raised more than \$100,000.

The huge auction featured entertainers everything from champion livestock, a rare Ane Langdon, "Arnie's" American short-hair silver classic tabby kitten, 22 gilts, color TV sets, a Ford model 8000 tractor to stereo sets, all donated by friends of 4-H in Michigan.

Michigan's largest known Petoskey Stone was sold twice in order to keep it in the state.

The flea market set-up in one part of the Jenison Field House attracted buyers from all parts of the state. It offered buyers an opportunity to look, hunt, feel, guess and buy the hundreds of items on hand. Items for sale included such things as good Michigan apples, candle stick holders, toys, fertilizer, soft drinks, plants and many "you name it and buy it" items.

All of the items sold during the day at the auction and flea market were donated by

Michigan polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on November 7

Absentee ballots are available to voters who do not expect to be in their precincts on election day.

Application for an absentee ballot must be made, in writing, to a voter's city, village or township clerk by 2 p.m., Saturday, November 4.

In case of an emergency (illness, family death, etc.), a voter may make application for an absentee ballot in writing as late as 4 p.m. on election day in the clerk's office.

The emergency request may be sent by mail or made in person.



"Make it Happen" at Farm Bureau Services and Farmers Petroleum.

Annual Meetings, Nov. 9

An estimated 5,000 people hundreds of individuals, local helped support 4-H programs stores, organizations and busiin Michigan with their pur-nesses from all parts of

The 4-H Bonanza gala \$20 M.S.U. campus October 14. per plate banquet, held on The special event sponsored Friday evening, October 13, drew a crowd of over 850. The evening program, emceed by Art Linkletter, featured top such as grand comedienne and singer Sue

> The Comets, a 4-H sharetalent act from the-fun Fremont featuring six young girls, sang and did a dance routine. Another share-thefun talent act, Win Miller, performed his rendition of a Russian Cossack dance.

> The Conti Family, consisting of six youngsters, a cousin, an aunt, mom and dad and 22 musical instruments was also a highlight of the evening's entertainment.

> The two-day event was the triumvirate chairmanship of Dr. Clifton R. Wharton, Jr., president of M.S.U., Benson Ford, vice president and director of Ford Motor Company and Michigan Farm Bureau President Elton R. Smith.

> Objectives of the program were met, making it possible to offer additional opportunites for hundreds of Michigan youths to participate in an expanded 4-H program.

> Those who planned, conducted, donated and worked so hard to make the Bonanza a success are deserving of a big "thanks" from the people of Michigan.

# Inland Lakes **And Streams** Legislation

This legislation, H.B. 4948, has been most controversial for the past year in that it sets up a permit system under the Department of Natural Resources. In its original form it applied fully to farmers.

Farm Bureau-supported amendments have exempted small ponds of less than five acres and have exempted construction and maintenance of private agricultural drains and also waste collection facilities built with REAP assistance. Riparian rights for irrigation systems have also been preserved through exclusion from the bill.

There are still problems in this far-reaching legislation. P.L. 566 projects handled by Conservation Districts turn, is very important to as outlets.

November. November 2 --Marquette, November 14 Building Auditorium in the vention. Capitol Complex.

missioners, soil servationists and others to which last for years. present thier views. Copies of Division, Michigan Bureau.

Effective October 1, 1972, the Falmouth Co-Operative Company, Falmouth, Michigan entered into a Business Service agreement with Farm Bureau Services.

The Co-op is located in Missaukee County. The main office is at Falmouth, with branches at McBain and Merritt. Sales volume for the last fiscal year was over 1.5 million dollars. The Co-op handles all types of farm supplies, with a complete lumber yard at McBain and farm machinery at Falmouth.

The National Council of Farmer Cooperatives and National Federation of Grain Cooperatives have announced plans to merge the two organizations effective January 1, 1973.

Combined membership of the two national groups will number more than 75 percent of the farmer marketing and supply cooperatives in the United States. Farm Bureau Services has long been associated with both organizations.

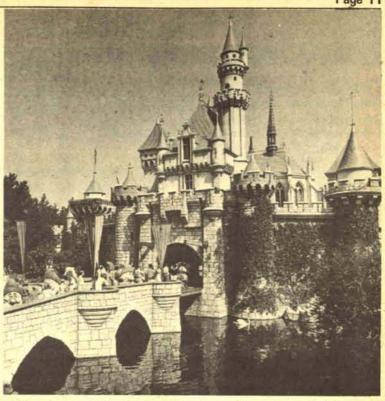
The result of the merger will be to achieve greater unity and a stronger voice for farmer cooperatives in national affairs, according to Donald R. Armstrong, executive vice president of Farm Bureau Services.

Farm Bureau Services officials are advising Michigan farmers that now is the most advantageous time to buy fertilizer for 1973

Early December is traditionally the low point in fertilizer prices and the farmer who buys early can earn substantial savings, according to John Sexson, manager of the Farm Bureau Services Plant Foods Department.

Another potential shortage of phosphates next year will make early purchases advisable. Many privately-owned fertilizer manufacturers are exporting to foreign markets, circumventing U.S. price controls, but contributing to a domestic shortage. A shortage of shipping facilities may affect fertilizer supplies during the busy spring season because cars may be needed for grain hauling.

The same "buy early" advice also will pertain to seeds and chemicals, Farm Bureau Services officials declared.



Chinatown, Little Tokyo, Marineland of the Pacific, CBS and county and intercounty Television City, NBC Television City, Universal Movie Studios. drains are still subject to the Hollywood Wax Museum, Mount Wilson Skyline Park and Obpermit requirement. This, in servatory .... Have you ever dreamed of visiting these places?

If you have, December 10 to 15 is your opportunity to "take in" farmers. Even though on-farm some of these magnificent places. Call a local travel agent and drainage has been exempted, ask him how much tickets would cost from your home to Los county drains are still needed Angeles. Then compare this to the \$140 per person that it costs to go with the Farm Bureau charter flight leaving Grand Rapids The bill is now in the Senate, or Detroit December 10, returning December 15. This \$140 Four hearings will be held in includes air transportation, ground transportation in Los They will be Angeles and a day at Disneyland.

The tour is sponsored in conjunction with the American Farm 10:30 a.m., Holiday Inn; Bureau Federation annual meeting in Los Angeles. The con-November 7 -- Grand Rapids, vention starts on December 10 and ends December 13. 10:30 a.m., Holiday Inn East; Highlights of this convention include an address by Governor November 9 -- Saginaw, 10:30 Reagan,. entertainment by the Lawrence Welk Orchestra and East; the appearance of other nationally-known celebrities. Many TV -- Lansing, and movie stars are Farm Bureau members in California and 10:00 a.m., Seven Story have made it known that they will be appearing at the con-

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# MACMA's Apple Prices Established

MACMA processing apple price recommendations have now been established. This followed the MACMA Processing Apple Marketing Committee's complete crop and market analysis and recommendations made in late August. The period of price negotiation with processors was extended into September by the cold and rainy late summer weather and confusion regarding the government Price Commission, according to Perry DeKryger, MACMA manager, Apple Division.

The first price announced by a processor for juice apples was completely unacceptable to apple growers. MACMA and the Women for the Survival of Agriculture in Michigan group worked together demonstrating their dissatisfaction with that low price announcement. Other apple juice processors then came forward and announced that they would pay \$2.00 per cwt. for juice apples. This price was acceptable as a harvest time apple juice price to the growers and was met by all apple juice processors.

Processors who put up frozen apple slices agreed early that the right price for Spys was \$4.50 per cwt. on a 2-1/2" basis, F.O.B. the farm. Slicers also agreed to pay \$3.75 to \$4.00 per cwt. for other preferred slice apple varieties. Good demand for apple slices was evident with these slice apple price announcements, reports De-Kryger.

Prices for apples processed into applesauce were announced at the low, disaster level of 1971. Some processors did announce prices which were increased by 25 cents to 50 cents per cwt. over last year. Apple growers and their again publicly demonstrated their disgust with these below cost of production price offers by processors.

It seemed that organized confusion and misunderstanding on the part of regarding processors the government Price Commission's position were the causes for the low price offers, according to DeKryger. MACMA and Farm Bureau led the effort to clear up this matter with the Price Commission by working with Congressmen, Senators, the Price Commission and other governmental departments. The Michigan Agriculture Commission, through the outstanding leadership of Commission C hairman Rebecca Tompkins and Department of Agriculture Director B. Dale Ball, made many important government contacts on behalf of the Michigan apple growers. Other groups representing apple growers, as well as many individual growers, supported the overall effort by contacting

legislators and government officials.

These efforts were all worthwhile, as applesauce processors have announced \$3.50 to \$3.75 per cwt. prices for preferred hard sauce apples. These prices are on a 2-1/2" basis, F.O.B. the farm. Other hard sauce apples are priced at \$3.25 per cwt.

During the last half of the

ranking harvest, several processors were bidding on specific blocks of apples at, or above, their announced prices. MACMA apple sales desk is being used extensively by MACMA members to discuss and arrange for the delivery of apples to the very best apple deal for each block of apples.

> The challenge to translate this apple industry action into

this year's processing apple officials and all apple growers crop has been met by MACMA, apple growers and their wives. Working together to resolve these price problems has once this year's crop. again resulted in extra money aggressive action taken by apple growers in Michigan spread to the other major and West Virginia.

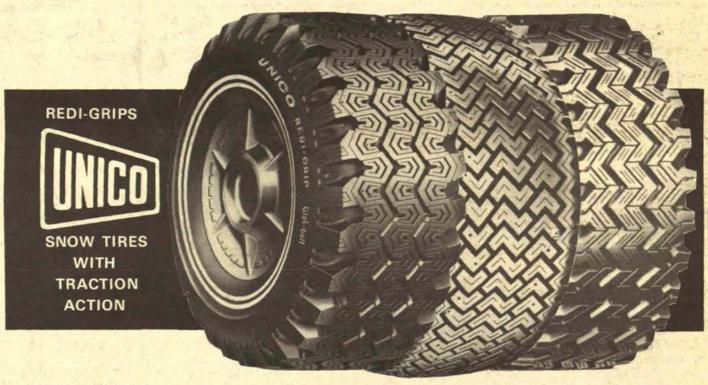
Processing Apple Marketing Committee have expressed Michigan Agriculture Com- cording to DeKryger.

established, realistic prices for mission, WSAM, elected for their support cooperation in establishing acceptable apple prices for

These prices represent in the pockets of growers. The \$1.00 per cwt. more than prices paid in 1971. These improved processing apple prices reflect the cost of apple producing states of New production for most growers, York, Pennsylvania, Virginia but do not represent much of a profit margin. For growers to DeKryger and the MACMA continue in the long run, they will need prices as good as or than the prices better their appreciation to the established this year, ac-



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With car and truck prices steadily increasing, consumers are anxious to do everything possible to protect their automotive investments. Ziebart helps by extending the life of the vehicle

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By Greg Sheffield, Farm Bureau Services

RECEIPTS MICHIGAN FARMERS **EIGHT PERCENT** 

The trend for increased cash during 1971 with receipts totaling 971.3 million dollars, an eight percent increase from 1970 according to Reporting Michigan Crop Service. Farm income from government payments declined by 20 percent from 1970, but total farm income government payments increased six percent from 1970 1971. Livestock and livestock products contributed 52.9 percent of all receipts now in fertilizer and are from farm marketing in 1971. Crops contributed 47.1 percent. Leading the livestock sector in cash receipts was the dairy industry, accounting for 28 percent of total farm marketing receipts and over half of the cash farm receipts for the livestock and products group. Following this was the sale of cattle and calves with nearly 14 percent of total cash farm receipts. Leading the crops commodity group were corn and dry edible beans, amounting to 7.9 and 7.0 percent of total cash receipts. Receipts from fruit crops accounted for eight percent of cash receipts from farm marketing. Leading fruit crops were apples with 2.8 percent of the total, follov cherries with 2.3 percent of the total.

A 23 cent increase in the average price of wheat during the month ending September 15 raised the average price to \$1.76 per bushel. This price was up 49 cents from a year ago and was the highest price for mid-September since the \$1.93 average in 1962.

Hog prices averaged \$28.50 per cwt. as of mid-September this year. This price was up \$10.60 from the previous year and the highest price for Michigan in our records.

Dry bean prices declined 80 cents per cwt. to \$9.20 during the month ending September 15. This price was down \$1.10 from a year ago. Corn, per bushel \$1.19, was up 12 cents over last year. Wheat per bushel \$1.76, up 49 cents. Oats per bushel 74 cents, up seven cents. Dry beans per cwt. \$9.20, down \$1.10. Soybeans per bushel \$3.17, up 15 cents. Potatoes per cwt. \$2.47, up 19 cents. Hay, bailed per ton \$27, down one dollar.

Hogs per cwt. \$28.50 up \$10.60. Beef cattle per cwt. \$30.30 up \$3.60. Calves per cwt. \$52.00 up \$12.00. Lambs per cwt. \$30.50 up \$4.40.

Milk \$6.10 up 20 cents. Eggs per dozen, 30 cents up two cents. Wool 35 cents, up ten cents. Turkeys 22 cents, minus two cents.

Prices paid by Michigan Manager, Marketing Services, farmers: soybean meal 44 percent cwt., \$6.90 September 15, 1972, up 90 cents; mixed FOR hog feed 14-18 percent protein per cwt. \$4.40 up ten cents over last year; mixed dairy feeds 16 percent protein per ton, \$84 up \$2 over last in Michigan was confirmed year; mixed dairy feed over 40 percent protein per ton, \$135 up \$10 over last year; beef cattle concentrate 30 percent protein and over per cwt. \$5.60 down 29 cents over last

> Farm Bureau Services customers in general have been able to avoid being whipsawed by high feed prices through their participation in the feed booking program. Many bargains are occurring

year: layer feed per ton \$85.

down \$2 from last year.

available through Farm Bureau dealers. Patrons who can take early delivery of fertilizer should be in a good position, price wise.

Soybean usage during 1972-73 at 1.3 million bushels. Forecasts add little, if any increase in crush, but a possible 20 percent or 83 million bushel rise in exports.

The large prospective increase in cottonseed, crush and oil availability is expected to hold down larger crush, but strong protein demand is expected to encourage exports. A forecast for an average price of probably five to ten percent above the \$3.00 per bushel average farmers received for their soybean crop has been made. News of future wheat sales to China and reported unfavorable weather conditions for harvesting some of the Russian Spring wheat crop are bullish, but these considerations are being offset by some concern over curbing further exports.



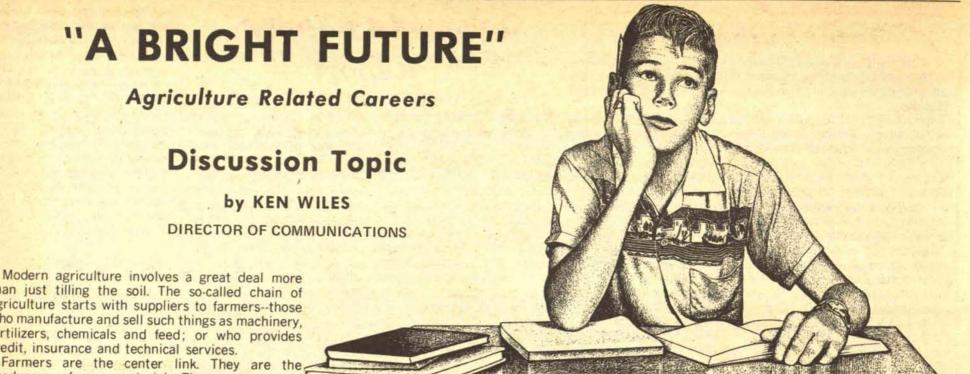
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Modern agriculture involves a great deal more than just tilling the soil. The so-called chain of agriculture starts with suppliers to farmers--those who manufacture and sell such things as machinery, fertilizers, chemicals and feed; or who provides credit, insurance and technical services.

producers of raw material. The next step is marketing, then processing, transportation and distribution.

The entire agricultural complex employs many millions of people whose average income in nonfarm occupations is competitive with salaries for similar employment in other industries.

This is a reality young people should consider when planning their future, a reality which applies especially to youth with farm backgrounds. Agrirelated employers often make it clear they definitely prefer, in some cases require, their employees to have had farm experience.

Farm youth, with their rural life experience and work on the farm, have a built-in advantage for gainful occupations in the broad field of agriculture. The opportunities are there, and they will remain.

Youths with farm backgrounds are only limited by their willingness and ability for self-advancement and the educational opportunities available to them. Thousands of talented youth are counseled out of agriculture each year because many schools in urban areas, as well as rural, no longer consider agriculture a proper subject. Yet, hundreds of opportunities exist for agriculturalists to serve the gardening and landscaping needs of home owners, business establishments and public facilities, or to work in firms which deal with farmers.

Suppliers

Each year farmers purchase many thousands of dollars worth of supplies and services needed in their production of crops and livestock and for conservation of land and water resources. These are usually purchased from local merchants. Agriculture related careers among the suppliers to farmers include: product development engineers and scientists, manufacturing management personnel, sales personnel, advertising and promotion personnel and service personnel

Product development engineers and scientists usually are college graduates, normally with advanced degrees. In order to know what to develop, a background in farming and agricultural education is beneficial.

Manufacturers of agricultural supplies employ many economists and other agricultural specialists. Each supplier must also have someone in management with sufficient knowledge of farming and farm conditions to determine whether products developed by engineers and scientists can be produced and sold at a price which will provide a profit for both farmers and manufacturers.

advertising and promotion, provides lucrative occupations for many people. Among the sales group are many who work on a local basis and who quite often enter the occupation without college

Individuals who service and repair farm machinery and equipment require mechanical skills. Their service to farmers is increased if they have first hand knowledge of farm conditions under which machinery is used. Producers and distributors of fertilizers and farm chemicals, feed, petroleum products, electricity and other input items of farming employ persons who work directly with farmers and dealers to assist in the most efficient utilization of their product.

#### Services

assistants. Their jobs require a knowledge of far- cooperatives and other farm groups.

ming even though they may not be farmers. They can be grouped as: providers of finances; providers of technical services; education, regulatory and advisory personnel; and providers of facilities.

Farmers depend heavily on lending institutions for both short and long term financing. Lending institutions require the services of farm loan advisers who are knowledgable of farming to assure wise investment of their funds. Others who might be grouped in this field are insurance salesmen who provide special programs for farmers, and real estate dealers specializing in farm land transfers.

Many opportunities exist in education, regulatory and advisory services to farmers. The demand is increasing and there is a shortage of qualified personnel. Teachers of vocational agriculture, county agricultural agents, experiment station scientists, and inspectors of seed, feed and milk comprise just a few of the many occupations in this

Farm news writers, farm radio and TV directors, and personnel employed by farm organizations are others. Government agencies also employ many technicians with farm backgrounds in regulatory

The area of technical services to farmers includes such people as veterinarians, soil conservation technicians, foresters, dairy herd improvement association testers, artificial inseminators, and farm record and analysis experts.

As farms have grown in size and complexity, and as the number of farm workers has declined, there has emerged a group of people who provide facilities which farmers lease or hire. Possibly the largest group of these are the custom operators who own specialized machinery and equipment with which they perform vital parts of farm work without the necessity of the farmer having this additional capital outlay for machinery.

Typical custom jobs are combining of grain, hay baling, corn picking, land clearing, land leveling and plowing. There has been an increase in the number of custom operators who apply lime, fertilizers and insecticides. In this group are pilots who apply chemicals and seeds by use of aircraft.

#### Handlers

A great many people in agriculture related careers are engaged in transporting, processing, The field of agricultural sales, which also includes manufacturing and selling farm goods. They might be grouped as: farm to market transporters; contractors and buyers of farm products; salesmen representing farmers or processors of farm goods.

A large force of workers is required to move farm products from the farm to the marketplace. While farmers haul much of their own produce, in many cases others are employed to do this. Such transporters need to be thoroughly familiar with the produce they are hauling. The perishable crop, livestock or livestock product in their care can be seriously damaged by careless handling.

Buyers and contractors of farm products are highly skilled personnel who must combine a knowledge of the product they buy with a thorough familiarity of the market demands and supply outlook.

Salesmen representing farmers may be persons Farmers of today are surrounded by a host of working on a commission basis, or employed by

Processors of farm goods employ many contractors and buyers. They also utilize persons who are knowledgeable about the product in their processing plants. Some processors employ agriculturalists to work directly with farmers to help them attain the quality of produce that consumers

#### **Careers Unlimited**

Modern agriculture is a dynamic, expanding industry which offers a variety of career opportunities to those who are adequately trained and educated.

Opportunities are increasing each year for people qualified to: manage, process, distribute and sell agricultural products; give service to people who produce and consume these products; do the research and teaching that will make agricultural production, processing, distribution and marketing even more efficient; communicate agricultural ideas and information; and do the actual farming.

The broad area of conservation, or ecology as we're now calling it, includes forestry, fisheries and wildlife, forest products and resource development. This area offers an abundance of interesting and rewarding careers in research, development and management of natural resources, education, service and communications.

The youth of Michigan are fortunate to have numerous colleges and universities in the state where they may pursure a wide variety of courses designed to prepare them for farming or agriculture related careers. These courses range in length from one week to four-year degree programs.

One college states in its brochure, "If you are trained in agriculture, you are needed. If you try to ascertain all the opportunities for service and employment that a degree in agriculture might lead to, you tackle an impossible task. Many opportunities that will open to the under-20 generation are unknown or unimagined by the over-30 generation."

The brochure then goes on to list 250 typical service and professional opportunities for agricultural-college graduates. Among the list are occupations: agronomist, botanist, climatologist, dendrologist, ecologist, floriculturist, game warden, horticulturist, insurance broker, land surveyor, miller, nurseryman, organizational fieldman, park manager, quality control specialist, rural sociologist, science editor, taxocologist, VISTA volunteer, water economist, youth corps servation director and zoologist.

#### The Future

Despite reduced birth rates, population of the earth is expected to be much greater in the 21st century than now. Efforts toward maintaining a quality environment will undoubtedly increase. More food will be needed from less land. Requirements in conservation and recreation, based on present trends, will be much greater. Great increases in positions for agricultural technologists abroad are anticipated, with heavy demand for those trained in agriculture and sociology or agriculture and political

So, even though we may still inquire "how are we going to keep them down on the farm after they've seen Paree," a bright future seems assured for the youth of today who select agriculture related

# **Topic Summary**

The replies to the September Discussion Topic concerning Legal Documents revealed that many Farm Bureau members, even though they sometimes are reluctant to discuss the matter, do not have all their legal documents in order. Hopefully, the discussion reminded some of a responsibility they have too long put off.

1. How many individuals in your community group now have a current will drawn up by a competent attorney? Replies ranged from a low of one to a high of 18, for an average of 5.6 persons per community group.

2. How many families in your group have had professional estate planning assistance? Replies ranged from one to

17 with an average of 3.2.

3. How many partnerships are represented by the families in your group? Replies ranged from one to nine with an

4. Are all of these partnership agreements in writing? Yes: 59% No: 41%

5. In case of the untimely death of the major farm operator, has adequate provision been made to take care of the estate taxes and other current expenses so the farm can remain in the family and continue operation? Yes: 62% No: 38%

6. Do you think seminars conducted in your locality dealing with estate planning would be worthwhile? 72% No: 28%

7. Comments: Laws concerning estate settlements should be made simple and less costly; confusing because of a disagreement among lawyers on estate planning; it would be nice if Michigan could speed up the process of settling estates; estate planning is a neglected area; most of us are failing our duties; education on pitfalls and inadequate estate planning is helpful and an eyeopening experience.



# OFFICE CALLS



QUESTION: I recently joined the Michigan Farm Bureau. When will I be eligible for Blue Cross-Blue Shield coverage through the Michigan Farm Bureau Group?

ANSWER:

If you are a Farm Bureau member on August 31 and are again on record as a Farm Bureau member as of the following January 15, and if you are of an eligible classification you may enroll for Blue Cross-Blue Shield at the annual Farm Bureau group reopening (March 1-15) with effective date of May 20. If you are transferring from another Blue Cross-Blue Shield group, or group conversion, or are transferring from a Blue Cross-Blue Shield group in another state, you may transfer into the Michigan Farm Bureau Blue Cross-Blue Shield group at the regular quarterly transfer dates.

# **Outstanding Young** Farmer Finalists

compete for Michigan Farm and his wife, Bette Lou, have Bureau's Outstanding Young two children. Farmer Award have been Mahlon George Covert, honored at the Awards operates a 645 acre partner-Bureau November 8. The state winner, the Michigan State University the AFBF convention in his wife, Anita, just recently December in Los Angeles, will received her BA degree in be announced at that time.

The finalists are:

Larry Edward Brabant, St. Larry Jay Gould, Morenci,

Four finalists who will specializing in cash crops. He

selected by a panel of judges. Leslie, has been farming for These young farmers will be eight years. He owns and Banquet of the Michigan Farm ship enterprise, specializing in annual meeting dairy. Mahlon is a graduate of who will represent Michigan at agricultural short course, and Communication Arts. The Coverts have three children.

Charles, attended Michigan has been farming for 11 years. State University for two years, He attended college for two in General years, specializing in general Agriculture. He has been in agriculture and was a member farming for 12 years and is of the Kellogg Farm Study now in partnership with his Program. He is in partnership father on a 1120-acre farm, on a 960-acre farm, 640 of 534 of which he owns, which he owns, specializing in

# **Discussion Topic Report Sheet**

The Discussion Topic and Report Sheet for the discussion topic on the opposite page is furnished for use of community group members who may wish to review it prior to their group meetings. If used by a Community Group, in lieu of report sheet furnished the Discussion Leader, please forward answers with minutes to Program Development Division, Michigan Farm Bureau. If used by individuals, please forward answers to Information Division, Michigan Farm Bureau, P.O. Box 960, Lansing, Michigan 48904 on or before December 1, 1972.

> **COMMUNITY FARM BUREAU Discussion Exercise and Report Sheet** November, 1972

Community Farm Bureau			County					
Please indicate discussion	the	number	of	people	taking	part	in	this

**TOPIC: Agriculture Related Careers** 

1. How many teenage children are represented in your group who have not yet embarked on a career?\_

Is there a junior college in your area which offers agriculture or agriculture related courses? Yes\_\_\_

To your knowledge, is agriculture represented during Career Opportunity Days at your local high school? No\_ 4. If answer to the above question is in the negative, do you

5. Based upon your knowledge, are agricultural related careers normally considered by career counselors when talking to

Yes\_ No\_ 6. Do you think there is equity for agriculture in the vocational education program in your local high school? Yes\_\_\_ \_ No\_\_

7. Comments:

know why not? .

beef feeding and cash crops. His wife, Joan, has a BA degree in elementary education and they have one child.

Thomas Frank Middleton, Ortonville, attended college for three years, majoring in dairy science. He is now in partnership on a 1600-acre farm. 400 of which he owns. specializing in dairy, corn and hay. Tom has been farming for seven years, and he and his wife Kathryn, who has a B.A. degree in elementary education, have two children.

# **Family Doctors** Increasing

practitioners--who totaled 85,000 in 1955, 75,000 in 1960 and 60,000 in 1967-are coming back. They number about 64,000 today, according to Dr. Carroll Witten of Louisville, speaking before an American Medical Association conference on family practice.

Since that day in 1969 when family practice was recognized as the 20th primary medical specialty, there have been more than 60 graduate training programs and 108 three-year residency programs approved in this area, according to the American Academy of Family Practice. About 20 percent of the nation's medical students are now choosing to become GP's (down from 80% in the 1940's) and the trend is upward.

"Studies indicate that about 80% of all diseases can be treated by a GP," says Dr. Herbert Vandervoort, head of the University of California medicine program family where 25% of each graduating class are going into this specialty. At the University of Maryland, 53% of the last two class is going into this and the total was 90% at the University of Washington.

The sharp increase in graduates choosing this area instead of a limited specialty "reflects both a public need and demand, and a commitment in the young medical generation," says Dr. Edward Kowalewski, who heads Maryland's program.

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