The primary is one of the most important elections. You will decide who will be the party choice for numerous local, state and national offices. In many cases, the primary is the final election. Please note the accompanying map to determine whether your district has been substantially changed. Your present State Representative may not be in your district under the new reapportionment. Many legislators are running against one another. It is interesting to note that several well-qualified farmers are also seeking the election. You also may be in a new congressional district.

A constitutional amendment will also be on the ballot which will be known as "Proposal A" and, if passed, will "allow a trial by a jury of less than 12 jurors in all prosecutions in all courts for misdemeanors punishable by imprisonment for not more than one year."

Many local issues will be up for your decision. Don't fail your responsibility. Vote Tuesday, August 8.

VOTE IN AUGUST 8 PRIMARY
It has been said that the modern farmer must be more than an agronomist, an animal nutritionist. He must be a purchasing agent, planner, credit manager, accountant and marketing expert.

While it is true that all these skills are necessary, they are not enough. Farmers have mastered many new fields and have become experts in production, but they have neglected one area, and they may suffer for that neglect.

The additional skill that all farmers must master is the skill of who to vote for. Politics, as we know it today, is political analysis and political involvement. This is necessary because, as farmers decrease in numbers, more and more people move to the rural area, the farm vote becomes proportionately less. Also, we need to realize that many more of the issues that agriculture will be confronted with will be decided in the political arena.

Our democratic process is based on the idea that each voter will educate himself on the issues in question, then vote for the man who he believes represents him on those issues. There's more to the electoral process than just voting along party lines, for a change, for a name or a face.

Just voting is not enough. Farmers must learn to make their vote work for agriculture. We have to learn to separate candidates who profess friendship for farmers from those who are truly willing and able to work for agriculture.

It's not enough to just listen to speeches, applaud politely and shake the candidate's hand. For one thing, speeches are sometimes quite general and it's often the best speaker and not the best man, who will work for agriculture, who comes across best.

Farmers need to listen carefully to what candidates say or don't say. Think of points he takes or doesn't explain satisfactorily, or issues he avoids. Look for the best man, who will work for agriculture, who represents you and all of agriculture, get your education, and carry your interests to the polls.

On August 8 we have a very important election. This offers us a chance to decide who will represent you for the entire term of at least thirty days in advance of a rate adjustment which will be taken place.

Regular billings reflecting the new rates will be mailed ten days to two weeks prior to the due date of August 20, 1972. These new rates will be in effect for a twelve month period to August 20, 1973. Michigan Farm Bureau is rated primarily on the cost and number of benefits used by their members and dependents.

Other factors having some influence on the rate charged are the administrative expense to operate the program and the effect of inflation on health care costs. The inflationary factor has been minimized to some extent this year because of the government imposed wage and price controls put into effect in August, 1971.

The latest data shows that as of May, 1972 medical care costs had risen less in the past year - 3 percent - than the overall cost of living - 3.2 percent. Prior to the advent of these inflationary controls have limited most of these to a six percent ceiling. Michigan Farm Bureau subscribers, as is the case with other Blue Cross and Blue Shield group programs, have benefited from these inflation controls in the form of smaller rate adjustments. The cost of health care will continue to rise in the future, but hopefully at a slower pace.

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Michigan Farm Bureau members can claim substantial credit for making farming the noble profession that it is today. But what of tomorrow?

The answer to that question lies with you — the member who is willing to think for himself. Involved in developing the programs, policies and goals which will guide Farm Bureau in the future.

Through the years, Farm Bureau has been directed by soundly developed policy. Members have proven what can be accomplished when enough like-minded people join together to get something done. Our organization exemplifies the practical application of democracy. All members have an opportunity to be heard if they do so.

Farm Bureau has never abandoned the heritage on which it was established. Few organizations — by creed or action — are so firmly dedicated to the sound principles of individual liberty and free enterprise as Farm Bureau. We don't just mouth those principles, we act by them. We make them work. And we must never let selfish interests divert us from our loyalty to these principles.

When policies are hammered out at county and state annual meetings and formally adopted this fall, one thing is certain — they will represent the deliberation and the decision of the majority of those members willing to let their voices be heard and who are willing to be involved.

Farm Bureau members have successfully avoided the divisive pitfalls of narrowness in the development of programs and policies. They have sought to have our organization serve the entire agricultural industry and the broad interests which all farmers share. Our success has been due to the teamwork involved. It has been tough, agonizing, exhausting work.

Because Farm Bureau members have been willing to sidestep blind adherence to specific commodity-interests, our overall goals have made more sense and earned broader respect and support. We are a united organization as a result.

In developing policies for the future, we must continue to recognize agriculture's vulnerability as a minority — despite its importance to mankind. We must clearly realize the futility of becoming dependent upon an increasingly urban Congress which could, in one quick legislative whim, pull the rug completely out from under us. We must be beholden to neither urban Congress which could, in one quick legislative whim, pull the rug completely out from under us. We must be beholden to neither political party.

The deliberation which lies ahead in the development of sound policies needs the enlightened wisdom of all members. Yes, the members of Michigan Farm Bureau, are served by the organization. You know what you want and what you don't want. You have an organization through which you can speak effectively if you care to use it.

Naturally, dedicated members will differ in their approaches to Farm Bureau policy. And there is no single flawless method to achieve the goals which we all seek — a fair return for our investment, our labor and, at the same time, a fair return on the investment of the consumer. We must continue to recognize this and to bring to Farm Bureau members an opportunity to continue this tradition and to bring to Farm Bureau members an opportunity to continue this tradition and to bring to Farm Bureau members an opportunity to continue this tradition and to bring to Farm Bureau members an opportunity to continue this tradition and to bring to Farm Bureau members an opportunity to continue this tradition and...
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"Meaty" Program of Work

A "meaty" program of work for county Farm Bureau Women's Committees to sink their efforts and talents into, was the way Women's Activities Coordinator Helen Atwood described the results of a two-day session at Farm Bureau Women's Committee in Kalamazoo, July 6 and 7, Michigan Farm Bureau Women's Committee, consisting of 28 district chairmen, vice chairmen and new district members, analyzing women's activities in Michigan and came up with a list of recommendations for a "Type of Program" for the 1972-73 year.

At the helm of this group was Mrs. Claudine Jackson, vice chairwoman of the Michigan Farm Bureau Women's Committee, who was pleased with the productive and stimulating meeting, and especially with the amount of participation by the officers elect in discussion of issues of concern.

The Committee recommended that county committees throughout the state concentrate on such projects as encouraging members to become more active, the study and execution of Farm Bureau policies, including legislative activities; understanding the market system and promotion of MACMA; safety and health promotion; and further development of good farm image. Top priority was given to the promotion of first-aid kits on every farm.

In addition to rural-urban activities and a speakers bureau to help tell the story of agriculture, the women will concentrate their efforts on a welcome wagon type, "This Is Farm Bureau" project. The goal of this project is to personally welcome new Farm Bureau members and provide them with information on the services and products available to them through the total organization.

Volunteer "hostesses" from the county Farm Bureaus will call on each new member family, welcome them to Farm Bureau, and leave a kit of materials.

Included in the kit, which will be contained in an attractive folder with Farm Bureau design and colors, will be a brochure from each affiliate company telling of the services and products available, a gift item from each company, and a county directory of persons representing all companies who can be contacted for further information. Follow-up contacts will be made based on information supplied by the hostesses, indicating any product or service of which the community showed particular interest. Although this project will be spearheaded by Farm Bureau Women, in some of the counties husband-wife teams will welcome new members.

Participation in the program planning meeting were MFB Women's Committee members: Mrs. Doris Wodward, chairman, Mrs. Claudine Jackson, vice chairman; Mrs. Alice Burandt, chairman; Mrs. Mary Blood, chairman; Dist. 2; Mrs. Leora Compeau, chairman; Dist. 4; Mrs. Maud Beatist, chairman; Dist. 5; Mrs. Grace Greenhoe, chairman; Dist. 7; Mrs. Lilian Wosney, chairman; Dist. 8; Mrs. Harriet Schindler, vice chairman; Dist. 6; Mrs. Ruth Cooper, chairman; Dist. 9; Mrs. Doris Gordon, chairman; Dist. 10-W; Mrs. Marie Postma, chairman, Dist. 11-E; and Mrs. Mille Corey, chairman, Dist. 13-E.

District officers elect contributing efforts and ideas to the program planning were: Mrs. Jeanne Sparks, chairman, Dist. 1; Mrs. Nancy Geiger, chairman, Dist. 3, Mrs. Olle Hodan, vice chairman, Dist. 3; Mrs. Linda Jennings, chairman, Dist. 5; Mrs. Janice McManigal, vice chairman, Dist. 5; Mrs. Martha Thuntemmel, chairman, Dist. 6; Mrs. Louise Wagner, vice chairman, Dist. 7; Mrs. Leona Chapin, vice chairman, Dist. 7; Mrs. Lorraine Lutz, chairman, Dist. 9; Mrs. Amelia Benzine, vice chairman, Dist. 9; Mrs. Faye Grube, chairman, Dist. 11-E; and Mrs. Julia Kronemeyer, vice chairman, Dist. 13-E.

The complete Program of Work, as recommended by the MFB Women's Program Planning Committee, was adopted by the Michigan Farm Bureau Board of Directors on July 11.

Leadership Workshops

Recommendations made by the Michigan Farm Bureau Women's Committee will be the main topic at a series of multi-district leadership workshops for state, district and county Farm Bureau Women's leaders scheduled for August. The workshops will be in session from 4:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on the county Women's Committee officers, including newly-elected officers, and especially women who are willing to be leaders in promoting the recommended projects and activities. The leadership workshops are scheduled for:

- Districts 6 and 8 (Huron, La Grange, Saginaw, Bay, Clare, Gladwin, Gratiot, Isabella, Midland and Saginaw), Wednesday, August 10, Sanilac County Fair, Sanilac County.
- Districts 4 and 14 (Berrien, Cass, Kalamazoo, St. Joseph, Van Buren, Allegan, Barry, Ionia, Kent and Ottawa), Wednesday, August 9, Svein House, Kalamazoo.
- Districts 102 and 10W (Alcona, Alpena, Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet, Ingham, Ionia, Manistee, Presque Isle, and Presque Isle), Thursday, August 10, Chief Shoppenagon Hotel, Grayling.
- Districts 2, 3 and 5 (Branch, Calhoun, Hillsdale, Jackson, Lenawee, Monroe, Washtenaw, Wayne, Eaton, Genesee, Ingham and Shiawassee), Friday, August 11, Farm Bureau Center, Lansing.

Details for similar workshops in the Upper Peninsula are to be announced later.

Florida's Best Orange Juice

Now available for the first time at Kroger stores throughout Michigan, "Florida's Best" frozen concentrated orange juice. You have enjoyed "Florida's Best" citrus through our farmer-to-farmer marketing program, and that same great flavor is available frozen from your friends at Florida Farm Bureau - packers of "The Good Stuff."
Marketing Bill Ready for House

The agricultural marketing research bill (S. 1225) which passed before the Michigan House of Representatives. The bill will be up for consideration when the House of Representatives reconvenes on September 6 following its summer recess. The Senate passed S. 1225 in April.

On June 28, S. 1225 was voted on in the Senate, but the bill did not receive a majority vote to pass. It was then referred to the Agriculture Committee. The bill would provide for the funding of research facilities and programs at universities and other institutions to study agricultural marketing practices.

Many of the amendments considered by the committee during the markup period, including those related to funding levels and specific research projects, will be debated and voted on in the chamber. 

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He earned his B.S. degree in agriculture from Western Michigan University in June, 1972. While in college, he was active in the Agriculture Club, intramural athletics and a member of Delta Tau Alpha agriculture honor society.

Cherry Pricing

Perplexed, dismayed and angry cherry growers from throughout Michigan have been attending special meetings called by the Michigan Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Association (MACMA) to discuss the red tart cherry price.

In early July the MACMA Red Tart Cherry Marketing Committee announced that the price for this year's crop should reflect ten cents per pound for 95 grade cherries. This is the same price growers received last year.

The producer price was set at 85 cents per pound for 92 grade score cherries. This is the same price as our neighbors in the Pacific Northwest.

The marketing plan for 1972 was adopted by the agriculture committee under the leadership of Representative James Bradley, spent considerable time and effort working on the bill. The committee had three public hearings and considered over 50 amendments.

The hearings were held on March 20 at Shelby, May 23 at the Capitol in Lansing and June 16 at Blissfield. (The Senate had two public hearings in St. Johns, the other in Benton Harbor.)

The public committee meetings were very lengthy, with much of the time taken up by opponents who had a problem with the composition at the public hearings in the presence of farmers.

The bill reported out of committee is now known as the House Substitute for Senate Bill 1225. The bill has been reprinted and contains clarifying amendments.

Most of the major changes in the bill resulted from the committee's review of the testimony received at the hearings and the committee meetings. Dr. James Shaffer of the Michigan State University Department of Ag Economics served as a technical consultant to the committee.

Record Year for Michigan Asparagus

Preliminary Michigan asparagus production figures reveal that growers and processors have had a record high year in 1972. The MACMA Asparagus Division, in cooperation with the state of the tonnage in the state, negotiated with processors for a 25% per pound price increase for the 1972 crop. The negotiated price was 23 1/4 per pound.

Feedlot operators who are feeders and frozen processors are in the top 20.8 million pounds of Michigan asparagus this year, according to the new record high 1972 pack of 20.4 million pounds. About 95% of Michigan grown asparagus is processed. Corned and frozen asparagus is moving to a ready market at improved prices.

Asparagus production in Michigan is increasing while production in the rest of the country is declining. The Michigan Crop Reporting Service conducted a special survey which will reveal the expansion of acreage in the state.

Research to further improve asparagus production, handling and processing practices is being conducted through a three-year asparagus research project under the sponsorship of Michigan State University, the Michigan Asparagus Research Committee and the Marketing Farm Bureau Research Foundation. Funds to support the research are paid by processors at a rate of ten cents per ton. This arrangement was negotiated by the MACMA Marketing Committee.

Wheat Marketing—Last Chance

The Farm Bureau Wheat Marketing Program is again available to wheat producers in the state. The program will be open to all wheat producers in the state and prospective wheat producers.

The 1973 Program will be similar to the Programs of the last two years. The basic payment rate will be the same as last year and vary according to the quality of the wheat delivered.

The deadline for sign-up is August 1, 1972. The program will be open to wheat producers in the state who are not currently participating.

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Cherry growers show their muscle at processor's plant in Benton Harbor.
Tax Break For Political Contributions

It is generally recognized that in order to conduct a successful campaign a candidate or political party must have financial support. Contributions to specific candidates or political parties by individuals is an important source of campaign funds.

Except for voting, a contribution to a candidate or political party of their choice may be the most significant act an individual can take to be politically active in 1972. As added incentive for individuals to make political contributions both the Michigan Legislature and Congress have enacted laws giving tax breaks for small contributions to candidates or political parties.

The Michigan law provides that when computing taxable income for State income tax purposes, any personal shall be allowed to deduct political contributions to candidates for political parties up to $50.00 per year. This deduction will be permissible for the first time filing in 1972 Michigan income tax returns.

At the Federal level, the Revenue Act of 1971 contains two provisions for political contributions.

First, beginning with 1972 Federal income tax returns, any individual owes income tax can check off $1.00 of the tax to a political party or political candidate for local, state or national office; to committees made to candidates who have publicly announced for local, state or national office; to committees operating in support of one or more announced candidates; and to local, state or national committees of national political parties.

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Eugene Roberts ( føl accompanied by his wife Eleanor, accepts a canned or froze fifty percent of the total volume to be regulated. The Subcommittee on Domestic Marketing and Consumer Relations of the House Agriculture Committee has held hearings on H.R. 15532.

AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS

The Federal Environmental Pesticide Control Act of 1971, H.R. 10729, has passed the House. It would divide pesticides into "general use" and "restricted use" categories.

General use pesticides would be those considered relatively safe under normal conditions and could be applied without restriction by anyone following usual precautions. Restricted use pesticides would be those that are considered toxic or hazardous under normal operating conditions. Farmers and others applying these pesticides would be licensed, States would be permitted to administer licensing of such applicators.

The Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry reported H.R. 10729 with amendments. The bill was then transferred to the Senate Committee on Commerce, which reported it with more amendments. It is now awaiting full Senate action.

OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ACT

Recent House and Senate consideration of the Department of Labor appropriation bill resulted in action that is expected to alter for one year the administration of OSHA to small employers.

The Labor Department appropriation bill was amended by the House to prohibit the use of appropriated funds for OSHA inspection of employers who employ 25 or fewer workers. The Senate also approved an amendment which would prohibit the use of appropriated funds for OSHA inspection of employers who employ 15 or fewer workers. A Conference Committee will work out the differences between the House and Senate passed bills.

The purpose of the amendments is to provide a one-year moratorium from inspection of small employers and allow Congress time for consideration of amendments that would ease the problems of OSHA administration to small employers. Hearings may be held later this year on the impact of OSHA on small employers.

MEAT INSPECTION

The Senate has passed a bill, S. 1316, which would increase from 50 percent to 80 percent the amount that may be paid as the federal government's share of the cost of any cooperative meat inspection program carried out by any state.

The House Agricultural Committee has received S. 1316 from the Subcommittee on Livestock and Grains with an amendment that is of much concern to Michigan. It provides that states with any different marking, labeling, packaging, or ingredient requirements than provided by Federal law shall not be eligible for Federal funds to conduct a cooperative inspection program.

Michigan's Comminuated Meat Law contains stricter ingredient standards for comminuted meats than Federal law provides. Only skeletal meat is permitted in hot dogs, sausages, bologna, etc. under Michigan law while Federal law permits canned or froze fifty percent of the total volume to be regulated.

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have good stands. Sugar beets early half of July and dry soils rot. Many soybeans planted late of cool, cloudy weather in the show good top growth and potato...inches. Some dry bean acreage of Genesee seed wheat southeast started in early July.

Outfox herbicide on corn giving excellent control. Post-emergence use of fertilizer, pesticides, twine and most expected. Post-emergence equipment in strong demand.

Wheat export is expected to exceed the 20.5 million last year.

Wheat drying and storage is underway with full use of pastures. High-meat prices received. Floodings in New York and Pennsylvania causing serious feed shortages but Michigan supplies have not been affected. Dairymen savings on Milk Replacer, Manna Mate, Optimil and Serum 501 possible through August. Soybean meal 44 percent Decatur 101-102. Michigan, Indiana, Ohio 102.50 to 103. Be straights on DES in feeds are proposed by the FDA. Selenium in feed may be delayed by FDA.

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES — The 20 percent smaller than last year’s crop of strawberries was marketed at last year’s price. Procuring strawberries slipped to 302 per pound compared to last year’s 18c per pound. Michigan asparagus processors packed a record 20.8 million pounds and paid growers 25c per pound. Blueberry harvest is underway with about a 40-50 percent of a normal crop anticipated due to the June 1 freeze. Demand exceeds the supply of the very short Michigan peach crop with only 14 million pounds available compared to the 82 million pounds produced in Michigan last year. Harvest of the 30 percent larger than last year’s crop of red tart cherries has been completed in southern Michigan and is in full swing in northern Michigan. The Michigan apple crop is estimated at 4 percent less than 1971 and the U.S. apple crop is expected to be down one percent from last year.

Supplies — Vegetables and fruit supplies generally in good supply with the exception of scarce Screvin and Parathion. Environmental Protection Agency proposes longer pre-harvest intervals for Malathion, Dithane M-22, Manzate, Zineb, Dithane Z-78, Parazine, Polyram, Comital, Dithane M-45, Manzate 300, Aldrin and Dieldrin may be cancelled if manufacturers do not answer restrictions of FDA.

POULTRY AND EGGS — Long term outlook indicates price improvements in eggs. Higher prices for other high-protein foods will hopefully help the consumption of low priced eggs. Detroit prices week of July 10 to 14 ranged: large whites, 20c to 33c, medium, 25 to 27c/14; small, 14 to 18c. Speck hen offerings 9½ cents F.O.B. Detroit.

Supplies — Prices paid by Michigan farmers, laying feed, ton $88; chick starter, ton $108, Michigan crop report. Bulk corn approximately $44.60. Adequate supplies and steady prices.

Attention Michigan Dairymen: Let us show you stronger, healthier calf development... and save you money, too, on these calf starter items at your Farm Bureau Feed Specialist Now.

- MILK REPLACER - 40c off on 50 lb. bag, 20c off on 25 lb. bag
- MANNA MATE - 15c off on 50 lb. bag
- OPTIMIL - 50c off per pail
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CATTLE — Mid-June Michigan beef cattle prices continue up reaching a new record $34.20 per cwt up $1.10, May. Slightly more cattle are coming to market but demand exceeds supply and margins for packers appear firm.

LAMB & WOOL — Michigan lambs 53.40 cwt, up $1.10, June 15. More than 80 percent of our oats is intended for winter feeding. Pastures are below average in most of the state. U.S.D.A. report showed national corn acreage is down ten percent; wheat production is 36 percent over 1971 harvest. Corn predicted at 57.3 million acres, two million less than September acreage. Wheat export is expected to exceed 20.5 million last year.

CATTLE - Mid-June Michigan hogs per cwt in June 15, 20c over June 15, $25.80, up $7.80 over June 15, 1971. Although farmers are shipping less hogs to market, curtailted slaughter depressed hog prices to bring prices steady to lower. With hog prices so variable and curtailed slaughter, packer margins must show improvement for still higher prices. $25.50 cwt. for Michigan was the highest June price on record.

POULTRY AND EGGS — Long term outlook indicates price improvements in eggs. Higher prices for other high-protein foods will hopefully help the consumption of low priced eggs. Detroit prices week of July 10 to 14 ranged: large whites, 20c to 33c, medium, 25 to 27c; small, 14 to 18c. Speck hen offerings 9½ cents F.O.B. Detroit.

Supplies — Prices paid by Michigan farmers, laying feed, ton $88; chick starter, ton $108, Michigan crop report. Bulk corn approximately $44.60. Adequate supplies and steady prices.

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ANNUAL MEETINGS

The annual meeting of Michigan Farm Bureau, Farmers Petroleum and Farm Bureau Services will be held again this year in Grand Rapids on November 5, 6, and 7. Highlights of the first day's program will include the Michigan Farm Bureau president's address by Elton R. Smith, a combined program of modern ex-farmer's experiences and a special commodity sessions and the all Farm Bureau Banquet.

The second day will open with the annual meetings of Farm Bureau Services and Farmers Petroleum Cooperative followed by a complimentary luncheon provided by these two companies. The afternoon of the second day will be devoted to developing the policies of the Michigan Farm Bureau.

Two special banquets will be held on Thursday evening involving the Young Farmers and County Presidents.

The third day of the three day session will be taken up with elections and finishing the resolutions.

A special event during the three day meeting will be the "Showplace '72" product preview show sponsored by Farm Bureau Services and Farmers Petroleum Cooperative. New products and applications will be demonstrated that are of interest to all farmers.

Young Americans Learn

Young Americans learned how to become better citizens at a five-day seminar on the campus of Ferris State College, Big Rapids, in August. The 189 high school junior and senior students, both rural and urban, who attended the Young People's Citizenship Seminar, sponsored by the Michigan Farm Bureau, were selected on the basis of their academic records by county Farm Bureaus.

Dr. Clifton Ganus, president, Harding College, Searcy, Arkansas, presented the story of our American Heritage. Dr. John Sparks, chairman, department of economics and business administration, Hillsdale College discussed economics and compared the performances of socialism and capitalism.

People and governments around the world were brought to life by philosopher and world traveler, Dr. John Furbay, Forest Hills, New York.

Leading participations in local government and political activity, which began on the first day of the seminar and continued throughout the week, was Lanny Ewing, director, Program Development Division, MFB.

Arthur Holst, National Football League official, concluded the seminar with an entertaining and challenging speech.

The students displayed a keen interest in the subject matter and expressed a great concern about the problems facing our society today. They departed the seminar determined to contribute all they can to solving those problems.

The twenty-member counseling staff and students were welcomed to the college by Dr. William Verness, vice president of Administrative Affairs, and by Eleanor Smith, president of Michigan Farm Bureau.

A two-day Young People's Citizenship Seminar was held at Ecumens for students in the Upper Peninsula. This seminar was conducted by Claude de St. Paar, assistant director, Program Development Division, AFBF; Hugo Kivi, MFB regional representative; Larry Ewing, and David Cook, director, Young Farmer Programs, MFB.

SPOTLIGHT ON DISCUSSIONS

The spotlight will be on county Discussion Meet winners at a series of District Young Farmer meetings this fall. Four challenging questions will be discussed by contestants who will be vying for district honors:

1. What is agriculture's role in improving environmental quality?
2. How can farmers in the 70's adjust to the changing farm labor situation?
3. How can farmers create additional markets for their products?
4. What is the impact of vertical integration on agriculture?

District Discussion Meet winners in each district will compete in the state contest at the Michigan Farm Bureau annual meeting in Grand Rapids in November. The state winner will be awarded a trip to the American Farm Bureau Federation convention in Los Angeles, California, to represent Michigan in the national contest. Included in the California trip will be a visit to Disneyland and a motion picture studio.

Dates of the fall District Young Farmer meetings are (times and places will be announced later): District 1, September 29; District 2, August 20; District 3, October 2; District 4, September 27; District 5, September 14; District 6, September 25; District 7, August 21; District 8, October 3 and Districts 9 and 10, September 25.

Forty-one students participated in the two-day U.P. Seminar. The subject matter was economic systems and their characteristics with emphasis on the private enterprise system; the structure of the American way of life on emphasis on the political and economic rights of U.S. citizens; and studies in county and township government. Students from both seminaries will be making reports and presentations at county Farm Bureau annual meetings and to other interested groups requesting presentations.

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Counting ballots proved a tiring task.

Discussion groups provided an opportunity for an exchange of ideas.

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**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 meeting. 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 900, Lansing, Michigan 48904 on or before September 1, 1972.

**COMMUNITY FARM BUREAU Discussion Exercise and Report Sheet August, 1972**

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

**TOPIC: URBAN SPRAWL**

Farm Bureau policy on this month's topic reads: *"Urban sprawl is moving steadily across much of our productive farmland. Each year, over 50,000 acres of farmland is converted to urban use. Without intelligently planned growth, the fertile land in no less than 20 counties could virtually disappear within 30 years. This sprawl creates a number of conflicts to agriculture, such as permanent removal of prime farmland from production, unrealistic and confiscatory tax assessments, and a number of social and environmental problems. Current land use programs within our state foster the continuation of such conflicts."*

1. Do you think the state of Michigan should retard additional development of Detroit's metropolitan area using a comprehensively land use plan has been developed? Yes __ No __

2. Do you think that governmental efforts to redistribute the population distribution to areas where it is not likely to occur could be achieved? Yes __ No __

3. Are you in favor of planning and controlling the use of land space to minimize competing demands? Yes __ No __

4. In your opinion, has urban sprawl helped or hindered the economic situation in your local community (where you live)?

5. Do you think "urban sprawl" has helped to increase the living standards of those engaged in agriculture? Yes __ No __

6. How serious do you feel the problem of urban sprawl is?__

7. Comments

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**Elected to Special Post**

Nile L. Vermillion, executive vice president of Farm Bureau Insurance Group, filed his petition to run in the Advisory Board of Directors of Michigan National Bank in Kalamazoo, which he has now/long made recently by Robert Fisher, the bank's senior vice president.

The 12-member board of directors convenes monthly to advise Michigan National management on policy establishment and general operations of the Lansing office.

Vermillion has served as Farm Bureau Insurance Group's chief executive officer since he came to Lansing in Michigan in 1949. He was instrumental in organizing Michigan Farm Bureau's first insurance affiliate, Farm Bureau Mutual, which began operations March 7, 1949.

Under his leadership, Farm Bureau Insurance Group has grown to a four-company organization which ranks as one of the state's largest and most innovative insurers.

Before coming to Michigan, Vermillion was employed by Central Surety and Insurance Corporation, Kansas City, Missouri, and served as president of the Farm Bureau Insurance of Nebraska.

After graduating from Missouri University Law School in 1932, he practiced law in St. Joseph, Missouri, for nine years and later joined the legal staff of Missouri's Department of Insurance.

During World War II, he served with the U.S. Navy aboard an attack transport assigned to the Pacific theater.

Vermillion is a member of the Ingham County, State and American Farm Bureau Associations; and is presently serving on the State Bar's Public Relations and Corporation and Securities Committees.

A past president of the Life Association of Michigan, he is a member of Michigan Farm Bureau's board for the American Agricultural Mutual Insurance Company.
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