Ford Slams The Big Spenders

If Farm Bureau policy is to have a chance, the Nixon presidency must survive, said Vice President Gerald Ford. Ford's comments to assembled AFBF conventionaires in Atlantic City last month.

But many of the press people present were not into whispers about a new counter-offensive as Ford embraced Farm Bureau with one arm while throwing Haymakers at the Nixon opposition with the other.

After giving a warm greeting to old friend and MFB President, Elton Smith; Ford told those crowded in the convention hall that an all-out attack was launched to crush Nixon and his philosophy in order to gain political power.

"Should that day ever come with the super-welfare-staters in control of Congress and the White House neutralized as a balancing force," he said, "we can expect an avalanche of fresh government intervention in our economy, massive new federal spending, higher taxes and more rampant inflation.

"Should that day ever come," he said, "I'm sure to see some giveaways, chances of reducing federal spending and increasing community and individual independence."

Ford said later that he thought those seeking impeachment of the President were those who wanted to significantly change American policy at home and abroad.

If they could not impeach the President, Ford claimed opponents would settle for stretching out the preliminaries to render the President powerless.

The Vice President targeted his sharp comments at the AF of L-CIO and Americans for Democratic Action, stating that they were waging massive propaganda campaigns against Nixon.

Ford was as flattering to Farm Bureau as he was aggressive towards Nixon opposition during his address. At a long-time member of the Kent County Farm Bureau in Western Michigan, Ford fondly recalled meetings with community groups in his former Congressional district and gave special thanks to his fellow members and Elton Smith for their hospitality.

"I like to think that these meetings helped me to become a fair and effective spokesman for the unsung hero of our economy, the American Farmer," he said.

The former House minority leader's stands on Congressional issues have borne out his stand with Farm Bureau. Shortly before becoming Vice President, Ford sided with Farm Bureau and bucked the administration by voting against a bill which included provisions for making food stamps available to strikers.

The Vice President clearly drew an alignment with Farm Bureau by saying that time and time again Farm Bureau members wanted was right for America.

In a press conference following the address, Ford again squared off against "super-welfare-staters," crediting Nixon for stopping federalization of agriculture, medicine and industry.

"I'll put faith in the individual farmer and community leader rather than federal bureaucrats in Washington," he said.

When asked to defend food price policy he said: "I think the best way to deal with runaway agricultural prices is to free the American farmer to produce more and give him the incentive to do so."

Concerning federal expenditures, Ford said he thought the administration had a 50 percent chance of winning a victory for reduced federal spending through a favorable court decision concerning impoundment of appropriated funds.

"If the Vice President said, however, that the administration could accept a deficit budget if it would prevent repercussions that would result in high unemployment.

Farmers Have Top Fuel Priority

Agriculture has obtained top priority status for allocation of diesel fuel to add to its category I ranking for gasoline, the Federal Energy Office announced last week.

Aggression is now able to receive 100 percent of current needs for both types of fuel. Bill Rocky of Farmers Petroleum Cooperative reminds farmers that they are only to receive 100 percent of needs for actual agricultural production.

"But the farmer is the only one who cannot be cut back to a fraction of his allocation if his supplier runs out," Rocky said. If such a thing happened, a farmer could appeal to the state for the rest of his needs.

Forms will be made available to farmers through FPC or the state ASCS office to stipulate requirements.

"There's a good chance that if farmers don't fill out the forms, their needs will be considered non-priority," Rocky said.

Rocky added that if farmers were going to retain top status, they would have to be sure not to abuse their rights to fuel.
Will Farm Bureau Policy Be Watergated to Death?

The Farm Bureau members making up the Michigan delegation at the 79th American Farm Bureau Federation meeting were among those very likely to be the object of the Nixon administration's political attack. This has been suggested to us by our native son, Vice President Gerald Ford, Vice President Ford was one of the principal speakers at the convention. You don't have to read, or hear, some of the comments he made in his hard hitting speech. As a part of the present administration, he strongly defended the administration's policy of reducing federal spending, higher taxes and more government intervention.

Since we have relied on the execution of the Nixon philosophy in the past, it is of crucial importance that we insure the support of our policy with Congresison and the public at this time when there is a likelihood of a crippled presidency.

We should also remember that no matter how popular or unpopular a person is, they cannot be stopped from assuming the half-hearted amount of power under the constitution. The remainder of his power is derived from influence over Congress and the public. It is in Congress and with the public that the "Nixon philosophy" and Farm Bureau will stand or fall from Watergate if we don't work doubly hard to gain support for our policies.

With proper public and Congressional support, President Nixon will be able to obtain the goals of less government spending, less government intervention and thereby fulfill objectives of Farm Bureau.

In the interest of our policies and in the interest of personal freedom, it is essential to preserve the division of authority in Washington as soon as possible.

Further delay in the impeachment process only serves the purposes of partisanship and the Senate. We must insist that Congress deliberate as for and once and for all whether or not there are grounds for impeachment and act accordingly.

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Starting with the March issue of Farm News, MFB members will be able to get a classified ad per month. The Farm News reaches nearly 62,000 farm families in Michigan each month. Ads will be limited to one per member per month. Just append your name, first and last initial, postcard with the amount of your ad and send it to: Michigan Farm News, 2737 W. Saginaw, Lansing, Michigan 48904.
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Charming Representative

Michigan Farm Bureau Queen Judy Larsen stands herself behind the goodides as she is presented at the Michigan reception during the AFBF Convention at Atlantic City. The convention, which is being arranged for Judy to represent Farm Bureau. “She’ll be just great,” Driscoll said looking forward to her appearances.

MFB Proposals Now Policy

As the possibility of fuel restricions prohibing the use of coal and other available energy sources should be reviewed and government decisions are based on the use of the property at the time it was acquired.

Tellers Open Line Meets Tell Supply Story

By Don Chase

Prices Upped
Fertilizer Outlook
Not Promising

New price increases of $5 - $13 per ton for fertilizer materials became effective Feb. 1, said Bill Callum of the Farm Supply Division of FB Services.

In a report to fertilizer dealers, Callum said there was little hope of any great change in fertilizer prices or quantities in Michigan as of yet, but that FB Services would be in better shape than most cooperative suppliers.

Callum said he thought cooperative fertilizer suppliers would be outstripped by increased demand this spring.

“We do believe, however, that Farm Bureau Services and its dealer organization will have more than its share of available products,” he added.

While saying the severity of the shortage would depend on the weather and transportation situation this spring, Callum had definite ideas about how different supplies would fare.

“The long-range picture indicates that nitrogen products will continue to be short for the next several years,” he reported.

Phosphate would also be short for two more springs but would be in surplus volumes thereafter, Callum said.

CF Instruction, a producer owned partly by FB Services, revealed to Callum that nitrogen and phosphatic products were unavailable to them from domestic sources.

Raw potash, on the other hand, was reported to be in more than adequate supply, though capacity at mines in Canada and transportation from there could be limiting factors.

Callum added that the 1.5 million tons of extra domestic fertilizer supply promised by American producers when fertilizer prices were deregulated in October will have negligible impact on Michigan.

Further details on the supply picture will be dealt with at “Open Line” FB Services meetings this month (see page 3).

Open Line Meets Tell Supply Story

Professionals from the staffs of Farm Bureau Services and Farmers Petroleum will try to give farmers insight into the uncertain supply situations and market outlooks in Michigan this month.

Interested farmers are invited to come to one of two remaining meetings to hear Mr. John Fenyo of Michigan State University comment upon world markets and how they relate to Michigan Agriculture.

Both meetings will open with a coffee session at 9:30 a.m. before the program begins at 10:00. They will take place at McGuire’s Restaurant in Cadillac on Feb. 7 and at the restaurant in Frankenmuth on Feb. 8.

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Thawaway Bottles

It appears that legislation may be possible this year to help solve the thawaway bottle and other litter problem.

H496 is supported by Farm Bureau along with many other groups and would ban thawaway bottles by requiring a deposit to encourage the return of such bottles and perhaps other containers.

One reason this law may have a better chance than in previous years in that the similar and very effective Michigan law has proved to be effective in controlling litter. It also has survived at least one attack on its constitutionality in Oregon's lower court. In addition to being costly to be picked up along roadway, such bottles are dangerous to livestock and farm trucks. Cases have been reported of class in livestock feed as a result of a bottle going through a chopper.
THE HEAF'S ON. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Russell Train takes questions from a panel of Michigan Farm Bureau delegates at the AFBF convention. MFB legislative counsel Albert A. Almy (second from right) drilled Train on feedlot runoff standards.

EPA Head Says
Ecologists Still Strong

Don't think environmental considerations are pushovers now that there is an energy crisis, the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency told his audience at the AFBF convention.

"There are those who have you believe that the good news in the energy crisis is that the environment is up for grabs again," said Administrator Russell Train.

"I am not one of those people," he maintained. "I believe that the environment is not just something that can be bought and sold for profit. It is a shared resource that we all must work to protect and conserve." Train said this had been the subject of a recent speech he gave to environmental groups.

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Train said EPA Research was underway concerning predator control, and that the chemical M-44 as a replacement of 10-80, the popular but banned cyanide poison. He said this program was being used only on private land since public lands were under Interior Department jurisdiction.

OSHA Re-entry Rules
Thrown Out by Court

An emergency pesticide re-entry standard issued last summer to regulate the use of organophosphates has been declared invalid by a court ruling last month.

The ruling is a result of a long battle fought by Farm Bureau and other groups against the edict issued through the Occupational Safety and Health Act. The original standard that was to go into effect against 21 different chemicals on June 18 was blocked by court action initiated by AFBF. A less stringent regulation covering 12 organophosphates was to take hold last July 13 but was again held off by an injunction.

The AFBF suit, that followed resulted in a final rebuff of the emergency standard last month.

"We find no substantial evidence in the record considered as a whole to support the determination of the Secretary of Labor that emergency temporary standards were necessary. There is an abundance of evidence that emergency standards are not necessary," the court stated.

"Extraordinary power is delivered to the Secretary of Labor under the emergency provisions of the OSHA. That power should be delicately exercised and only in those emergency situations which require it.""
More Dairy Imports for 1974 Official Says

Richard Bell would probably have been called the nation's top salesman of farm products had he not been forced into the diplomatic role of telling a room-full of dairymen that the government was about to grant them a long-term solution.

Bell, deputy administrator of the Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, told the Michigan Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Association (MACMA) that dairy products could be imported into the United States later in 1974.

"The only way you can turn production around is to quit knocking dairy farmers in the head by dumping dairy products on the market just when things are starting to look better," he said. But he claimed the programs behind 1973 imports was to fulfill demand, not dampen prices.

"If you look at the series of imports in 1973 with the exception of butter, you'll see we did a fairly decent job of keeping things in balance," he said.

Bell said that recommendations for enforcement of countervailing duties were forwarded to Secretary of the Treasury George Schultz, but that Federal bureaucrats have yet to set up such measures for more than 10 years.

FAS officials Bell - "It's not our intention to dampen prices."
Michigan Marketing Outlook

Soybeans

Michigan soybean acreage was up 130,000 acres in 1973 over 1972. The crop harvested from this acreage was nearly 20 percent larger than 1972 with 16.2 million bu. harvested off Michigan farms. Nationally, the story was much the same, with increased acreage and total production at around a record 1.57 billion bu. With production of such size, the soybean market has been described in many venues as "Will the good soybean prices hold and, as they did in 1973 or will they be "Will the good soybean prices hold and, as they did in 1973 or will they be gone for good?" Of course much of the answer here was dependent on the total demand for the large crop.

In mid-January the first concrete hint as to an answer came from USDA reports on 1973 crop harvests. In Michigan, soybean harvest was completed by Jan. 1 USDA report on soybean stocks in all positions. This report showed that at the first of the year a record high 1.17 billion bu. of soybeans were on hand. This was 35 percent more soybeans on hand than the year before when total stocks stood at 867 million bu. Not surprisingly, farm stocks were up at 617 million bu. 44 percent higher than the preceding year. Clearly, farmers were holding soybeans in hopes of advancing prices later in 1974.

On the demand side, the USDA reported between September thru December 627 million bu. of a total supply of 1.63 billion bu. were utilized. This "disappearance" was down 130,000 bu. over the previous month and over the proceeding year. Generally, the soybean "trade" had anticipated a larger soybean stocks report Jan. 1, so the slightly lower disappearance level was counter-balanced. At this time, farmers in Michigan and the US are continuing to hold the soybeans they have left in hopes of higher market prices.

Two other factors have had implications on where the soybean market is headed. First is the national planting intentions for the 1974-soybean crop which is down 3.3 percent from the acreage seeded in 1973. Second is the current status of another problem source, namely fish meal. On Jan. 24, 1973, it was reported that Peru announced it is delaying or phasing out commercial fishing until October. Smithfield prices are very dependent on continued strong export levels. Consequently, recent international developments are alarming. The Japanese devaluation of the yen has caused our US soybeans to cost them more. The same monetary strengthening of the US dollar against the currency of other soybean buying countries can have adverse effects on our total soybean sales in 1974.

Vegetables

Strong demand and high consumption are expected to result in short supplies by harvest time in 1974. The carryover of vegetable supplies from 1973 is down sharply for 1973 where the total US pack of canned and frozen vegetables was 20 percent larger than the year before.

Negotiations of pre-planting contracts with processors are currently underway. Asking prices by MACMA and other processors are substantially, while total US production of deciduous fruit was about an average sized crop. In Michigan, apple production was down 46 percent, grapes down 56 percent, and red tart cherries down 54 percent from 1972.

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Livestock

Beef and pork prices during the next 30 days will probably stay near current levels. Expect live hogs to remain in the low $80's and live cattle to stay in the high $80's to low $90's. 500 pound steer calves will be in the mid $80's and 700 pound yearlings will fluctuate in the high $80's to low $90's, depending on the hedging position. Feeder pigs will cost in the mid $80's.

Doubts about recent crop reports including numbers of livestock for slaughter and replacement and consumer demand, (especially for beef) create a questionable atmosphere.

Continued high feed costs, questionable energy and fertilizer supplies, probable increased unemployment and unpredictable government intervention make it difficult to identify any solid trends.

No doubt feeders and producers will not aggressively expand production or feedlot capacity without the incentive of profitable feeding margins. These margins appear to be close as of late.

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Open Line meetings

you are invited to come

For your convenience, meetings will be held in three areas from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm for everyone involved in agriculture, as well as, Presidents, Boards and farm leaders of supply and membership co-ops. Farm Market and Supply discussions and many other vital topics are scheduled. Don’t miss this opportunity to discuss Michigan’s agricultural outlook and your market and supply situation for the 1974 growing season.

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No Wheat Embargo — Brunnhaver says

"But our problem would be to get the United States and the USR to agree to it. There is a need for food aid in the third world," Revel said.

"Unfortunately for the American dairymen, this is a trend toward international agreements that can affect the world market." Revel said.

"Security rationale has to override economic rationale at some point," Revel said. "A strategic grain reserve has to be viewed to a large extent as a security reserve."

"But once you've gone beyond the security rationale and met it, then the free market ought to determine the production and flow of goods," Revel said.

Alain Revel, whose name ranks 3 percent of the population of France on a mass exodus to the cities would be encouraged. While saying France was prepared to discuss such things as import restrictions, Revel said, "We are just getting to the point where we can discuss such things as the levels of food production."

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"To put on export controls is to say our farmers are not related to our suppliers, our contracts are not legitimate and we just cannot use this country as a kind of action.

These statements fell in line with comments from Peter Flanigan, the Foreign Agricultural Service, who revealed earlier at the convention that France was prepared to discuss such things as the levels of food production.

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Saginaw Valley, and District 8 are Tops in Membership

As of Jan. 25 Michigan Farm Bureau was 1.7 percent behind last year's pace. In order to identify the culprits of this slower year, Farm News has broken down the membership by districts (at right) giving the line up of directors and their percentage of goal.

In the regional race, it seems that teams of the Farm Bureau League can rally behind young and old coaches alike. Saginaw Valley came through for veteran Coach Rudy Reinbold while some hot bats teams put first year coaches Jesse Taggart and Bernie Bishop in the next two spots.

A bright spot this year is that the dedicated dozen have already been chosen. The first three counties to reach goal in each membership division are as follows:

**Dedicated Dozen**

1. MacLure (Coach Otto Flatt) 2. Iosco (Coach Donald Goodrow) 3. Menominee (Coach Gunter Kuning)

Saginaw Valley Chosen


Regional Standings

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Balance Sheet August 31, 1973 with comparative figures for 1972

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Congressional Tour Set

One of the Farm Bureau Women's most successful activities this year was the Washington Legislative Seminar, which gives members an opportunity to visit personally with their Congressmen about issues of concern.

In the hope that this year's seminar, set for March 11-12, will be even more effective, the women have put special emphasis on the selection of highly-qualified "Legislative Leaders." County Farm Bureau boards were in the process of selecting their Legislative Leaders throughout January.

The "American Heritage Tour" will be held in conjunction with the seminar and will be open to wives of Legislative Leaders to participate in this activity. While Legislative Leaders are involved in their responsibilities, Heritage tour participants may enjoy many historical sites in the nation's capital. Eligible are the Legislative Leader's schedule are breakfast with Republicans and a noon lunch with Democratic Congressmen, in addition to visits with women's groups in the particular districts. They will join the American Heritage group for a day of guided sightseeing and also a visit to the US Department of Agriculture.

The groups will travel together by plane, leaving Michigan Monday morning, March 11, and returning Thursday, March 14.

To encourage participation in this activity, the Michigan Farm Bureau and the state Women's Committee also will make financial assistance to each county for whom a Legislative Leader is selected. Each has reached membership goal by Feb. 1.

Working in the Consumer Age
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Land use isn't an empty phrase in Ionia County. It's an issue that people are taking sides on and three Farm Bureau members may have to give up their County Commission seats because of their stand for stronger zoning.

Edwin Nash, Burton Stencil and Maurice Gierman are bracing themselves for a recall vote on Feb. 18 when the County Commission seats because of their stand for stronger zoning.

The issue became a summer last summer when a disgruntled Ionia real estate broker presented 3,000 signatures to a petition insisting that the ordinance be designated "permanent" and thereby force it to a public vote of acceptance.

In a 5-2 vote the commission voted to retain temporary status apparently feeling the ordinance was not ready for a public test of its approval. But there were changes to be made in the ordinance. Burton Stencil said, "and we've already made some major changes since August."

When but petitioners for the permanent ordinance were turned back by the commission vote, they went back on the canvassing trail in order to get a recall on the ballot. Commissioner Lee Slatterly of Belding expressed the sentiment of his colleagues that voted for the interim plan. "I have no sympathy and am subject to change. But my larger amount of calls, in fact, have been for stronger zoning."

A 1972 Michigan State University study bore out that rural Ionia County citizens were, in fact, behind preservation of farmland with three out of four surveyed favoring protection of farmland from development. The Farm Bureau was satisfied. Many, many more people have come to the realization that the flexibility of the ordinance to resolve support of it for a second year when members met for general session in October.

The opposition group called Concerned People and Taxpayers of Ionia County wrote a barrage of letters to the editor of county papers and had spokesmen on hand at local meetings concerning zoning. One spokesman on an Ionia radio station decided to broaden the attack to include state land use planning, which is supported by Farm Bureau, by claiming all central would be centralized with five people in Lansing.

Dwight Nash, Chairman of the Ionia Co. Young Farmers felt the need to answer the assaults and drafted a formal letter of position for the Young Farmers and sent it to all county newspapers.

"As young farmers," the letter read, "we believe the interim ordinance should be continued to protect our ability to earn a living from the land as well as the future of other young farmers."

Despite such efforts, enough signatures were obtained in early January to put the three Farm Bureau members on a recall ballot.

Many informed people are supporting the commissioners in this final battle. The Township Officers of Ionia County resolved to back the commissioners to a man, but told commissioners if the voting was light it would be hard on them.

"The feeling is," Commissioner Stencil said, "that if we can get the vote out and if people know what they're voting about, no way will they recall us."

"We're starting to get an organized drive to get people out to vote," Stencil said. "People have been calling to help and we need a little bit of help we can get. If we're going to beat this thing, we're going to have to have a lot of people in groups talk about it.

"We are a nonpartisan group," James said. "We have the support of both the Republican and Democratic County Committees including a fellow who ran against one of our Republican Commissioners."

"Dwight Nash is looking after Farm Bureau," Jones said. "I hope our County Farm Bureau structure can be one of our most instrumental and effective means of informing and alerting the electorate."

The general election will hopefully bring out voters. Edwin Nash said pondering the outcome, "This gives us some advantage. It almost seems to me that if people got out to vote that would be half the battle."

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Michigan Girl Wows 'em

Woudn't it be strange to travel 606 miles to the AFBF convention in Atlantic City, go out to enjoy an evening of professional entertainment and find a girl from home on stage?

MFB Director Bill Spike thought so when Fred Waring introduced one of his pretty brunette singers -- "Lorraine Pirocha of Chesaning, Michigan."

The last time Bill saw Lorraine go into song was at the Chesaning High School where she was awarded a prize as an amateur. It was premature to bask in the exuberance of the two or three songs she was due to perform that evening of professional entertainment. As Waring puts it, "The average of the other 20 young men and women -- well, mostly young."

Lorraine certainly deserves her pleasure," and one of the most thrilling renditions of "You Deserve a Break Today" that anyone would ever want to hear.

"I was in the college concert choir, a group chorus, pops choir and two or three groups," she said, "I was unable to keep track of everything I did. It was through the music department at Olivet that Lorraine found out about the opportunity to train under Fred Waring, a veteran of 57 years in the music business."

Waring was conducting a summer workshop in Pennsylvania for young people. Lorraine went and Waring, impressed with the richness of her voice and the slender form she cut on stage, decided to hire her for his touring group of young men and women -- well, mostly young.

As Waring puts it, "The average age of 80 percent of the group is 20 and the average of the other 20 percent is 80."

By the time Lorraine and the rest of the Pennsylvania made it to Atlantic City, they had been on the road for two months and had 32 performances. Another 50 appearances, lasting until April, will take them from Saugatuck to Miami stopping at such places as Thief River Falls, Minnesota and Grants Pass, Oregon.

"The best part is seeing who's there after the show," Lorraine said. "There's always somebody from Michigan."

A rare two nights rest from their grueling itinerary preceded the convention appearance which might explain the special rest of the Pennsylvania when they performed their program entitled "America 1 Here you Singing."

Performing with a special group of young Pennsylvania Lorraine sang some of the songs her generation will most remember -- "In the Good Old Summertime," "Hound Dog," "Bei Mir Bist Du Schoen," "Elmer Lonely," "My Yiddish Mama," and "I'll Remember April." The repertoire included such favorites as "T'd Love to Buy a Wagon," "Double Your Pleasure," and one of the most thrilling renditions of "You Deserve a Break Today."
Michigan Gets Two AFBF Honors

AFBF President William Kuhfuss presented the "Golden Eagle Award" to MFB President Elton Smith at an AFBF convention program. One Golden Eagle is presented to a member state in each of five membership categories that are judged to have made the most progress in serving their members.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING
FARM BUREAU MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF MICHIGAN

The annual meeting of the policyholders of Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company of Michigan, a corporation, will be held at its Home Office, 7373 West Saginaw, Lansing, Michigan, on Wednesday, February 27, 1974, beginning at 1:30 p.m., for the following purposes:
1. To receive reports from officers and management.
2. To elect directors.
3. To consider such other matters as may properly come before the meeting.

Attest: W.S. WILKINSON
Secretary

Policyholders may obtain a copy of the Annual Report from any County Farm Bureau Office or from the Home Office at Lansing.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING
FARM BUREAU LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF MICHIGAN

The annual meeting of the stockholders of Farm Bureau Life Insurance Company of Michigan, a corporation, will be held at its Home Office, 7373 West Saginaw, Lansing, Michigan, on Monday, February 25, 1974, beginning at 1:30 p.m., for the following purposes:
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Market Information Hotline

The Michigan Elevator Exchange division of Farm Bureau Services has started a market information "hot line" which will operate 24 hours daily to provide callers with grain and hog futures prices and any changes in farmers' cash prices.

The recorded information will be updated by 4 p.m. on each day farm markets are open.

The new service line number is (517) 482-4278. Farmers outside the Lansing area may find it advantageous to call after 5 p.m. when toll rates for direct-dial calls are substantially lower.

Take That!

No, Kenneth Bull isn't practicing Kung-Fu-just making a point at the Horticulture Conference at the AFBF convention where he was a featured speaker. The MFB Director was able to give those attending insight to the innovative Marketing and Bargaining Act now in effect in Michigan.

Louie Leaves

Great Career

Members of the Saginaw County Farm Bureau have one special benefit that most of their fellow members in other counties don't enjoy. It's a reliable credit union especially for county members that is housed in its own office building and boasts $2 million in assets.

A lion's share of the credit for the success of the credit union has to go to Louise Weiss, who took on the job of treasurer when the credit union consisted of only 846 in assets and a handful of members in 1951.

Now 23 years, and over 1,500 members later Louise has decided to retire from his duties as manager of the credit union.

Louise took his job from the grassroots level. He was office manager of PB Services Retail and Wholesale Department in the county when elected as treasurer of the fledgling credit union and kept both positions until he became the full-time credit union manager in 1961.

Louise gives his wife, Marion, much credit for helping him handle his treasurer duties when it was a second job and thereby launching him into a new career.

Louise, obviously, has been a believer in the credit union concept. Having organized five credit unions in the Saginaw area, he became a prominent figure among the state credit union leaders. Louise has been on the board of directors of the Michigan Credit Union League since 1980 and was elected to the Executive Committee in 1989.

When asked what he would be spending his time at his cottage on a Clare County lake and fish. And, no doubt, he'll be reflecting on an accomplishment-filled career.
Thousands of businesses in rural Michigan thrive on the tourist who gives a financial shot in the arm to the economy. Over the past few years many farmers have been encouraged to enter the tourist trade, but Professor Eugene Dice of Michigan State University warns that if a farmer begins with his eyes wide open he could be a loser.

"Not all people go camping to seek the out of doors"
Too Much of a Good Thing
British writer H.G. Wells outlined the difference between talent and skill: "Talent is the ability to do a thing; skill is the ability to do it well."

A nation or a community which produces a large number of men who are not the best in society but an anarchy in which, right, either individual or group of its component its tendency of becoming obsolete. A people who go to the other extreme and do not maintain an orderly government find themselves in a state, where on one hand, where, or at least respected special cases a difficult problem for the system of criminal justice. A true system of philosophical principles is believed that, if we could look into the entire realm of society, we would find the truth of the saying, "Too much of a good thing is not necessarily a good thing."

Most of us who have been in society and who have seen the result of anarchy in the form of a country or a city, that the need of society and the rights of the individual conflict. In short, an attempt was made to establish order while protecting the liberty of the individual. The description of the American Constitution was drawn in the first place. To maintain this ordered liberty, it is necessary to judge between the need of the collective individual and the right of liberty. This requires a periodical examination of the balancing powers. The exclusion and suppression of persons in this nation's system of criminal justice, according to some, are:

1. It is a system in which there are many checks and reviews of the acts and decisions of anyone or particular.
2. It is a system in which there are many levels of review. A person who is accused and finds himself in a police, a trial, a sentencing, or a prison, there is a tendency to create a conflict which characterized our administration of criminal justice.
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**Special Interest to Dairymen**

Starting Feb. 1, Farm Bureau members who are members of the independent Cooperative Milk Producers Association and the Michigan Milk Producers Association and who are enrolled in Blue Cross-Blue Shield through the Michigan Farm Bureau will be offered the opportunity to have their Blue Cross-Blue Shield bills deducted from their milk checks monthly.

**Detailed instructions** have been mailed to members of the Milk Producers Associations.

**Topic Summary**

The Discussion Topic for December dealt with "Recreation and Leisure Time," offering members an opportunity to express their views regarding the subject. Community Group questions to responses were:

1. What additional forms of recreational facilities do you feel are needed in your county? Swimming areas: 14 percent Playgrounds: 9 percent Winter Sports Areas: 5 percent Trail: 15 percent Skating Rinks: 16 percent None: 36 percent.

2. What additional types of recreational activity programs do you feel are needed in your local community? Playground activities: 8 percent Senior Citizens: 15 percent Recreation Programs: 8 percent Handicapped Recreation Programs: 10 percent Cultural Entertainment Programs: 17 percent None: 42 percent.

3. Do you feel that the growth of tourism in your county has been beneficial? Yes: 36 percent No: 23 percent Don't Know: 19 percent.

4. How do you feel recreational programs should be funded? By Those Using Them: 79 percent By Taxes: 5 percent By Both: 16 percent.

- **Workmen's Compensation**

*The Rules Have Changed*

There can be severe disadvantages to being in business for yourself. While cities obtain security in numbers through group fringe benefit plans, the self-employed farmer is left to fend for himself.

Farm Bureau is bridging the gap for farm businessmen through their member programs. Also Mrs. M. Fann

A new life insurance plan created exclusively for Farm Bureau members is being offered by Farm Bureau Life Insurance Company. This plan requires no physical examination or questions concerning health during the sign up period.

There will be automatic updating of coverage for the member family increased at 25 percent each year through age 71 and 22 years if single and living at home.

Full details on this plan will be arriving at the home of members later this month.

**Health Security**

Farm Bureau members can enroll in Blue Cross and Blue Shield between March 1 and March 15 each year. A part of the opportunity to provide high quality health care protection for their families and themselves at the lowest possible group rates.

Blue Cross and Blue Shield benefits provide full coverage for room, meals, special diets, general nursing, doctors, hospital services, laboratory services, and intensive care. Hospital care needed to speed your recovery — regardless of cost.

- **Temporary employees qualify for full benefits**

William Davis, age 24, was temporarily employed as a laborer on an Eaton County vegetable farm during the Fall, 1972. He was involved in a fatal accident 10 weeks after starting work.

Mr. Davis and another employee (a full time hired hand) were riding across a field in the bucket of a front end loader. The loader, driven by a third (temporary) employee, struck a large rock. William Davis was thrown from the loader, run over and crushed.

At the time of the accident, the vegetable farm's owner was not required to pay a Workmen's Compensation claim. Davis did not qualify under the Act because he had not worked for 13 weeks.

If the accident happened today, the owner would be liable for a claim of $50,000 or $60,000 in compensation to Davis' family. The full time hired hand would qualify the employer under the law, making all workers eligible to receive benefits.

And remember, today, even family members working on the farm can bring you under the Workmen's Compensation Act.

The above is an actual case taken from the files of Farm Bureau Insurance Group. No details and locations have been changed to protect the privacy of those involved. The Workmen's Compensation rules for agriculture have been changed drastically by the Supreme Court. All members are urged to review the law carefully. The potential liability to farmers is staggering.

- **Soybean Day Feb. 27**

The Michigan Soybean Producers (a division of the Michigan Farm Bureau) will hold their second annual Soybean Day February 27th. Special guest speakers for this event include Dr. Bruce Bigg of Ohio State University and Dr. David Johnson of the University of Missouri. Attendance is by reservation only. Write MSP-Ca Michigan Farm Bureau 777 West Saginaw Highway, P.O. Box 960, Lansing, Michigan for your reservations.

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**FARM BUREAU MARKET PLACE**

**SPECIAL RATE TO FARM BUREAU MEMBERS:** One free 25 word ad per month per membership, additional ads, 25 words for $2.00 each edition. Additional words, 10 cents each. Figures such as 12 or $12.50 count as one word. NON-MEMBER advertisers: 15 cents per word per edition, two or more editions, 10 cents per word. Copy deadline: 20th of month. Mail classified ads to Michigan Farm News, P. O. Box 960, Lansing, MI 48914. Publisher reserves right to reject any advertising copy submitted.

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