Farming Bureau

MICHIGAN FARM NEWS

VOL. 55 NO. 8

SERVING OVER 61,000 FARM BUREAU FAMILIES

AUGUST 1, 1976



HARVEST TIME - Clinton County Farm Bureau members Earl Barks and Earl Barks, Jr. of St. Johns were among the many farmers who were "bringing in the wheat" during mid-July. The Barks had 200 acres of wheat, including this 90 acres on the Centennial farm of retired farmer, Clyde Lapham. As Mr. Lapham watched the huge harvester cut wide swatches across the field, he recalled his first tractor - drawn machine, bought for \$500 "back in the old days." (Photo by Marcia Ditchie)

The Wheat is In!

The morning sun began its ascent into the summer sky shadowed here and there by black-bottomed patches of cloud. For five days, the threat of rain had been forestalled by the hand of Providence and now with only 30 acres left to harvest, these dark harbingers of rain and wind appeared ominously on the horizon. Despite the forecast, the combine was checked for readiness in the day's work. The routine of morning chores continued although interrupted time and again to look eastward and survey that brooding sky.

In this realm of uncertainty, the possibility always exists that the rainstorm will be brief; its damage inconsequential to the harvest. So with the chores completed, there is little else to do but wait and hope.

Splashes of rain broke the hours of suspense. The clouds darkened and spilled themselves onto the countryside -- onto stretches of ripened wheat.

For thirty minutes the rain scatters across the township, sparing this field and falling steadily on a neighbor's acreage. The capriciousness of nature is a factor of farming that will not be tamed by the gasoline-powered dynamos of modern science. Today, however, the clouds have soon spent themselves and the rainfall is minimal.

A breeze begins to rustle through the spikes of wheat and beneath a bluing sky, the fields are drying. The harvest can continue. Not much time has been lost and with the combine operating miraculously well this season, the acreage can still be finished off today.

The machine lumbers into the field, shedding its clumsiness as the cutting begins. The churning blades bite smoothly into rows of golden wheat, feeding the mass of gears until the grain is spilling into the hopper. The chaff billows in clouds of dust and straw scattering crazily over the cutting path.

The yield is good and the loading truck moves alongside to accept the bushels of grain pushing through the shoot. The long, hot hours are filled with the steady activity of cutting, threshing, cleaning and loading until sunset. Once again the machine lumbers off the field covered with dusty evidence of the harvest. THE WHEAT IS INI

-- By Connie Lawson

"Harvest Time" for Farm Bureau Policy

County Farm, Bureau Policy Development Committees are in the process of looking at present Farm Bureau policy, reviewing recommendations from the Community Groups and recommendations from various county Farm Bureau committees. Many county PD Committees are conducting telephone, mail or newsletter surveys of Farm Bureau members in preparation of a slate of resolutions to be considered at County Annual Meetings by Farm Bureau members. Every Farm Bureau member has an opportunity to be involved in this process. Anyone having a recommendation should notify his county Farm Bureau officers or Policy Development Committee.

At the state level, the appointment process for members of the State Policy Development Committee has been completed and the first meeting of that committee will be held on August 4.

The Annual State-wide Policy Development Conference will be held in Lansing on August 17. Each county is expected to be represented by the County President and Chairmen of the Policy Development, Women's, Young Farmer, Community Groups, Membership, Marketing and Commodity Committees. In addition, a series of District Policy Development Committee Meetings will be held throughout the state as a means for county committees to get together and discuss the many issues facing agriculture.

Each year for several years county Farm Bureaus have sent a larger number of policy recommendations to the State PD Committee. In addition each year the recommendations cover a broader range of important issues. This proves that Farm Bureau members and county leadership are extremely well informed and are active and truly determine the policy direction of their organization.

VOTE IN AUGUST 3RD PRIMARY

From the Desk of



The President

Time to "Leave Your Plows"

It was farmers who built this nation; it is farmers who will sustain its greatness. . .

The first portion of that statement is a fact -- a part of our proud heritage. The second part remains our challenge and a tremendous responsibility. When we built this nation, farmers were a majority. Now, 200 years later, we are a small minority. Do we really have the power to "sustain its greatness"?

I believe the answer to that question is "Yes" -- IF we are willing to, once again, "leave our plows in the fields" to fulfill our moral obligations as citizens. The time to do this is NOW. In just a few days, August 3rd, farmers have an opportunity to have a real impact on the future course of our nation -- an opportunity to be a MAJORITY.

Because so many people underestimate the importance of a primary election, the percentage of voters who turn out at the polls is much lower than in the general election. If every farmer would only "leave his plow" for the few minutes it takes to cast a ballot -- think of the impact we could have! Those chores you leave will still be there when you return, but the opportunity to have an influence in the selection of people who will be making decisions that effect your life will be gone.

If you believe the primary election is not all that important, remember this: the people we elect in November can be no better than those we elect in August. If farmers make sure the best candidates are nominated -- in both parties -- the rest of the electorate will have no choice but to send the best-qualified people to Lansing and Washington, D.C. and even your county

By their very character, farmers are astute at picking out the best-qualified candidates. They aren't easily taken in by the glib promises that are flowing with such ease from the mouths of political hopefuls. They aren't reluctant to ask who will pay for fulfilling those promises. They aren't timid about challenging the voting records of incumbents and their past performances in office. And they are knowledgeable enough to analyze whether the philosophies of candidates are contrary to the values of our founding fathers and will erode the firm foundations upon which they built this nation.

Let us look at participating in the primary election as an opportunity as well as a moral obligation -- an opportunity to protect what farmers fought for 200 years ago. Vote as though your future depended upon it. . . because it does.

POLICY DEVELOPMENT

Paralleling these same opportunities and obligations our active participation in rarm bureaus policy development process. This month's Discussion Topic (page 14) deals with this subject and I strongly urge you, whether you belong to a Community Group or not, to read it so you can fully appreciate the uniqueness of our system. It is a system which has made us the envy of other, less effective organizations. It has gained us recognition as a legislative force to be reckoned with in Lansing and Washington, D.C., and respect in home communities as a leader in solving local problems.

I sometimes think our unique system of policy development has recorded a history of successes for so



YOU CAN BORROW ANY AMOUNT UP TO AND INCLUDING \$3.50!

DONNA

Have You Come a Long Way, Baby?

I'm not what you call a "militant" women's libber, but I admit to cheering (not too subtly) when Chris Evert and her sister tennis champs refuse to play in the Wimbledon unless they get the same size purse as the men. I feel strongly enough an individual in my own right that refuse to join an organization where I must be a part of an "auxiliary" rather than a full-fledged member. And my motor gets revved up when I see women like Laura Beane in a leading national farm publication really sock it to farm organizations which view serving lunches as the appropriate role for women.

Says Laura: "I constantly hear that 'our organization' needs more active, dedicated members. Present members are urged to get out and sign up new members. But, sitting in the audience (probably in the back of the room or working in the kitchen) is the greatest reservoir of active. dedicated members a farm organization can find."

They're good enough, states Laura, to write letters to Congressmen, keep the ccount b tractors and raise young stock - but women board members, elected from the

membership - never!

I was glad to see, in the Farm Bureau Women's program of work for this coming year, the plan to work with and serve on boards and committees at the county and state levels. I just hope many of them are aggressive enough to work themselves out of the back row into the board rooms. We can't entirely blame the men for the fact that women are "in the kitchen" rather than in leadership roles; it takes a large dose of "you-gotta-wanna" to make it happen.

In our slide production on Farm Bureau Women's activities, "You Are Woman," we borrowed the commercial phrase, "you've come a long way, baby," to illustrate that women, in large part, are responsible for making things happen in our organization. The women have an option as to how far the "long way" takes them. Some feel inadequate when removed from the familiar kitchen surroundings they can comfortably (without challenge) handle. As Laura told her male readers:

"Give us a chance. Not all want to us DOard members; not all are qualified. But. . . neither are all of you!"

long that we sometimes take it for granted, neglecting to take full advantage of the opportunities it provides.

YOU can have an influence on the policy decisions of your organization. YOU can have a hand in shaping Farm Bureau to make it the kind of organization which can help solve the problems you face, now and in the future. YOU have a voice in Farm Bureau. . . USE IT!

-- ELTON R. SMITH

ANOTHER **MEMBER** BENEFIT

Reaffirming its mitment to protect Michigan Farm Bureau members from the threat of automobile insurance cancellations that are becoming more common in the beleaguered auto insurance industry, members of the Board of Directors for the Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company approved resolution guaranteeing auto insurance to members for the next five

The FBIG program, which runs from July 1, 1976 to July, 1981, replaces a similar program first introduced in 1971 and scheduled to expire on July 1. It basically states that once an FBIG auto policy has been in effect for 55 days for an individual insured driving a private passenger automobile -- and maintaining current membership -- no Farm Bureau member will be cancelled or refused renewal of auto insurance. Of course,

Under the program, insureds are guaranteed at least basic liability coverage for Residual Bodily Injury (\$20,000) and Property Damage Liability (\$40,000) as well as being provided with all benefits under Michigan's No-Fault laws.

Offered only to active members of Michigan Farm Bureau, the five-year guaranteed auto insurance program covers all current MFB members insured with

MICHIGAN FARM NEWS

The Michigan FARM NEWS is published monthly, on the first day, by the Michigan Farm Bureau Information Division. Publication and Editorial offices at 7373 West Saginaw Highway, Lansing, Michigan 48904. Post Office Box 960. Telephone, Lansing 485-8121, Extension 228. Subscription price, 65 cents per year.

cents per year.
Established January 13, 1923. Second-class postage paid at Lansing, Mi. and at additional mailing offices.

EDITORIAL: Editor Donna Wilber; Associate Editor Marcia Ditchie; Staff

Associate Editor Marcia Ditchie; Staff Photographer: Marcia Ditchie.
OFFICERS: Michigan Farm Bureau; President, Elton R. Smith, Caledonia, R. 1; Vice President, Dean Pridgeon, Montgomery, R.-1; Administrative Director, Robert Braden, Lansing; Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer, Max D. Dean; Secretary, William S. Wilkinson.
DIRECTORS: Display 2. Administrative

Wilkinson.
DIRECTORS: District 1, Arthur
Bailey, Schoolcraft; District 2, Dean
Pridgeon, Montgomery, R-1; District 3,
Andrew Jackson, Howell, R-1; District 4,
Elton R. Smith, Caledonia, R-1; District 5,
William Spike, Owosso, R-3; District 5,
William Spike, Owosso, R-3; District 6,
Jack Laurie, Cass City, R-3; District 7,
Robert Rider, Hart, R-1; District 8,
Larry DeVuyst, Ithaca, R-4; District 9,
Donald Nugent, Frankfort, R-1; District 10,
Richard Wieland, Ellsworth, R-1; 10, Richard Wieland, Ellsworth, R-1, District 11, Franklin Schwiderson

DIRECTORS AT LARGE: Walter Belleville; Lowell Eisenmann,

WOMEN OF FARM BUREAU: Mrs. Andrew Jackson, Howell, R.4.
FARM BUREAU YOUNG FARMERS: Tom Atherton, Gaines.

POSTMASTER: In using form 3579, mail to: Michigan Farm News, 7373 West Saginaw Highway, Lansing, Michigan 48904.

Farmm **Bureau**

"That Little Farm

Insurance Outfit"

to Celebrate 25th

Although the Bicentennial celebration will have top

billing most of the year, the Farm Bureau Life Insurance Company also has an anniversary worth a few fireworks

in 1976. On September 20, Farm Bureau Life will

celebrate its 25th birthday - a quarter of a century of

Five years ago, for its 20th birthday, the company

celebrated with a 500-pound cake. This year, for the silver anniversary, a more extensive celebration is being

planned, including events that will involve employees

company servicing the insurance needs of almost 80,000

From its beginning in 1951 as "that little farm insurance outfit," Farm Bureau Life has grown into a

"I remember how well the charter policies sold when

the Life Company was first getting started," said Ed

Oeschger, CLU, of Bay Port, an agent with FBIG since 1949. "The mutual auto company was only two years old

at the time, but it was doing an extremely good job. I

think that's why Farm Bureau members really

welcomed the Life Company. They knew they could

CLU, of Temperance, two more of FBIG's veteran

time, but people knew we had a good deal and that's all it

Junior Clemens, of West Branch, and Wilbur Lohr,

'We didn't know everything about life insurance at the

Today, many holders of Charter Life policies receive

service in Michigan.

depend on us and trust us."

agents, relate similar stories.

took." Clemens said.

customers.

Farmers Commend Ag Commission -- Disagree With Governor

The Michigan Agricultural Commission was commended by Michigan farmers for its decision to maintain the current Federal Food and Administration guidelines for PBB tolerance levels. The decision of the Commission, announced June 22, was based on strong scientific evidence that lowering of tolerance levels was not justified.

Michigan Farm Bureau President, Elton R. Smith, who testified, along with many other farmers, doctors and scientists, at the May 24th hearing in opposition to the proposed lowering, said the decision would allow Michigan agriculture to remain a viable industry while assuring consumers of clean food.

"We support the Michigan Department of Agriculture's recommendation for a diagnostic team of experts to assist farmers with problem animals," Smith said. "That action, combined with continued monitoring of food at the retail level, will accomplish precisely what the Governor's Scientific Panel recommended be done on an overly - broad basis - that is, to assure consumers of clean, wholesome food."

On June 30, Governor Milliken recommended a partial lowering of PBB tolerance levels in spite of the Commission's unanimous decision to maintain present levels. Farmers throughout the state voiced their displeasure of this action through telephone calls and telegrams to legislators and the Governor's office.

The Governor asked for a lowering of tolerance to .1 ppm in meat and .15 ppm in

Speaking on behalf of Farm Bureau members, President Smith charged the Governor with choosing a "compromise" which contained no more of a guarantee to consumers of clean food than the Michigan Department of Agriculture's decision. He called on the Legislature to put aside political concerns and act in the best interest of all citizens.

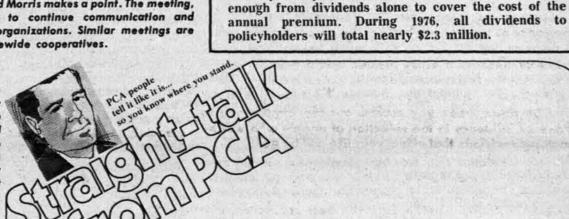
When the Legislature recessed on July 2, two of the until September 13.

proposed PBB bills were passed. One established PBB tolerance levels manufactured feed at 10 parts per billion. The other established a diagnostic team to assist farmers with problems relating to PBB contamination. (See Capitol Report this issue.) The Legislators are adjourned

MFB-MLE LEADERS MEET



AT A JOINT MEETING of the boards of directors of Michigan Farm Bureau and Michigan Livestock Exchange, MFB President Elton Smith listens while MLE President David Morris makes a point. The meeting, held in Lansing July 6, was to continue communication and cooperation between the two organizations. Similar meetings are held each year with other statewide cooperatives.



Somebody has to tell urban people how important agriculture really is.

All of the forces tugging and pulling on agriculture affect urban people, too. And that's why we're telling the world, "Farming is everybody's bread & butter."

The share of the consumer dollar going back to farmers and ranchers goes down year after year. And when you compare paychecks and food prices with 10 or 20 years ago, food continues to be one of the best bargains around.

So help your PCA spread the word, wherever you go. Stop in and pick up a bread & butter bumper sticker. Tell the world!



Production Gradit Associations

We re

of Michigan

Farming is everybody's bread & butter



Farm News contained an honor roll of Michigan Farm Bureau members who have Centennial farms. We would like to acknowledge those members who have informed us that their names were not included in that

BARRY COUNTY Eckhardt, Victor GENESEE COUNTY Gilbert, Leo F. & Delia Farrar Farms

Myers, Joseph B., Sr. & Joseph B., Jr. **IONIA COUNTY** Albert, Mrs. Leo J. (Virginia) Feuerstein, Geraldine Scheid, Paul TUSCOLA COUNTY

Wildner, Clarence L. & Ethel

GARY NYE HONORED



MRS. NYE PROUDLY WATCHES her husband, Gary, immediate past chairman of the Michigan Farm Bureau Young Farmers Committee, accept a Certificate of Service from MFB President Elton R. Smith. The presentation was made at the board of directors meeting on July 6. Gary, who is from Hillsdale County, served on the Michigan Farm Bureau board in 1975 until he was hospitalized because of an accident, from which he is recovering.

CAPITOL REPORT

The Michigan Legislature adjourned on Friday, July 2 for a Summer Recess and will reconvene on September 13. In the meantime, House members will be campaigning for the August Primary Election. As usual, there was a flurry of activity during the last two or three days of the session.

Final budgets were approved including, for the first time, additional budgets for the "fifth quarter". This is due to the fact that Michigan's fiscal year was extended as a bookkeeping method to help balance the budget. The final General Fund Budget approved for 1976-77 is \$3.44 billion, which is about 10 percent higher than current spending levels. Total expenditures for the state, when earmarked funds, tax revenues, federal funds, fees, etc. are taken into consideration, will be in excess of \$7 billion. The budget is higher than recommended by Governor. It is possible that he might "line veto" some of the items.

When the Legislature recessed for the summer on July 2, only two PBB legislative actions had been taken. One was the passage of legislation establishing a PBB tolerance in manufactured feed of 10 parts per billion. The second action was a passage of HCR No. 660.

The resolution endorsed the decision of the Michigan Commission on Agriculture to establish a diagnostic team to assist farmers with problems relating to PBB contamination. The resolution further stated that "action combined with continued monitoring of food at the retail level will accomplish precisely what the governor's scientific panel recommended be done on an overly broad basis; that is, assure consumers of clean, wholesome food." The resolution directed the Department of Agriculture to "take all necessary steps to provide increased surveilance to insure Michigan consumers of safe food." It further indicated legislative intent to enact legislation providing imdemnification for animals recommended for disposal by the diagnostic team. Also during the summer recess period, medical teams will continue to work with individuals to determine if there are any physical problems relating to PBB. Proof continues to mount that the present FDA tolerance of 3 PPM is entirely adequate and that there is no need to arbitrarily lower tolerances.

FEDERAL OSHA HOUSING STANDARDS

The regulators and bureaucrats never give up. Again this year there is a strong effort to regulate, through standards, housing on farms for permanent year-round employees. This also applies to housing that may be provided by any other business or even state agencies. Standards for seasonal housing have been in effect for some years.

A hearing on this and similar issues was held on July 22 in Lansing. M.J. Buschlen testified for both MASA and Farm Bureau. In addition, a similar hearing will be held in Washington, D.C. on August 12. Farm Bureau will also present testimony in opposition to this highly restrictive and harrassing regulation.

MIOSHA HEARING

M.J. Buschlen, Manager of MASA, testified at the formal hearing on June 29 on the General Industry Rules for agricultural operations. Michigan Farm Bureau's Legislative Counsel, Bob Smith, followed Mr. Buschlen's testimony with a position statement. The testimony pointed out that OSHA has faced an avalanche of complaints heaped upon it by business, industry, legislators, and agriculture since the agency's inception in 1970.

The Federal OSHA agency ignored the advice of the Federal Agricultural Advisory Committee, and proposed several standards at least one of which would have eliminated one whole agricultural enterprise. It took a court case to stop the enforcement of this most oppressive standard.

Many others since have been withdrawn or revised. The most efficient agricultural system ever known in recorded history, is in "imminent danger of being drowned in a swamp of regulations emanating from all levels of government."

Agriculture has been labeled the third most hazardous industry. This has now been "proved to be a myth" and can be dissipated with figures from the U.S. Department of Labor, The facts are that hired workers in agriculture have a "lower rate" of accidents per 100 than the average of all other businesses in industry, except the wholesale - retail stores, finance, insurance, and real estate and services areas. Because of these facts, no one should be stampeded into promulgating safety standards which cannot work and can seriously effect the

economic well-being of Michigan Agriculture.

The MIOSHA law provided for an Agricultural Advisory Committee. That Committee considered some 60 or 70 industrial safety standards as to whether they could apply to agriculture. The committee unanimously recommended the adoption of only one standard applying to the use of industrial forklift trucks that are used in some agricultural enterprises. Farm Bureau testimony supported the adoption of the standard as most farmers already follow the guidelines.

The Advisory Committee, however, did however, and not unanimously approve a not second recommendation for protection head agricultural operations. Farm Bureau opposed this proposed regulation as it was too vague in its scope and raised many questions as to what is a falling object, at what point does it become hazardous, and at what time should the head protection equipment be worn. Such a vague standard could result in farmers being harassed by agency inspectors. It was suggested this proposal be delayed inasmuch as the Federal OSHA agencies are in the process of developing a personal protective equipment standard."

Farm Bureau policy insists that Michigan should not adopt standards that are different from already existing Federal standards that apply to agriculture. This is for the purpose of uniformity and to assure that Michigan farmers will not be required to meet costly standards that farmers in other states are not required to meet.

SINGLE BUSINESS TAX

While there are numerous bills introduced in the Legislature to amend the Single Business Tax in an effort to eliminate some of it's inequities, it is unlikely that anything will happen until a report is made by the Governor's Task Force on the Single Business Tax. Michigan Farm Bureau is represented on the 37-member Task Force.

The members of the Task Force have been appointed to subcommittees representing the following: manufacturing, professionals, services, trade and construction, and economics, regulated industries, agriculture.

A professional survey company has been retained to survey 200 selected businesses in each of 20 fields including agriculture. The surveys will be based on random samples and will be conducted during July. It is an effort to obtain the views of businesses on the S.B.T.

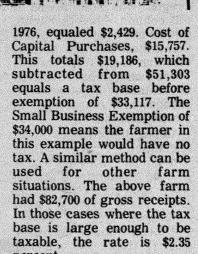
Robert E. Smith

both from those who find it burdensome and also from those businesses that find it advantageous and equitable. After the surveys have been tabulated, there will be a series of public hearings held throughout the State to give everyone interested an opportunity to testify.

Some of the confusion on the S.B.T. is becoming clarified. The tax is imposed on all business activities in Michigan including personal services. It applies to all types of businesses from the largest corporation down to the smallest store or doctor, lawyer, realtor, farmers, etc. There was an unsuccessful attempt to exempt agriculture from the legislation. However, through various exemption and other provisions most farmers and other small businesses will be totally exempt. The tax base is fairly easy to compute as information can be taken from the Federal Income Tax form. It is calculated by adding the following: (1) The net taxable income received from the business. (Line 54, 1040 F Federal Income Tax form) (2) Labor payroll including all fringe benefits. (3) All depreciation in two forms. The depreciation for equipment in buildings, etc., acquired prior to January 1, 1976; and the depreciation for the equipment in buildings, etc., acquired after that date. (4) All interest expense. (5) Capital gains, if any.

The following can be deducted from the above total: (1) 28 percent of depreciation on buildings or machinery, etc., acquired prior to January 1, 1976. (This becomes 50 percent the second year and 60 percent thereafter.) (2) 100 percent of depreciable capital outlay investment such machinery, buildings, etc. (3) \$34,000 (increases to \$36,000 in Small Business 1977) Exemption. This is reduced by \$2.00 by each \$1.00 over \$34,000, Business Income being eliminated at \$51,000 (\$54,000 beginning in 1977). This exemption can be increased \$10,000 for each partner in a partnership (includes each shareholder in a sub-chapter S corporation) who is a full-time employee earning at least \$10,000 and owning at least 10 percent of the business. The maximum additional exemp this provision is \$40,000.

The following example from M.S.U. data for a medium tree fruit farm may be helpful: The business income was \$16,113. The labor cost was \$23,596. Depreciation was \$8,676. Interest expense, \$2,918. This totals, \$51,303. Deduct from this amount, 28 percent of depreciation for assets acquired prior to January 1,



A companion bill passed at the time of the S.B.T. and strongly supported by Farm Bureau is especially helpful to farmers by cutting the property tax. The bill in-creases the present property tax rebate based on 3.5 percent of household income from the present \$500 to \$1,200. This property tax relief is effective for the 1976 tax year. Other important Farm Bureau supported provisions include: (1) Income averaging, current year and previous four years. This is especially important to farmers. (2) Exempt farmers from filing quarterly returns. (3) A portion of the S.B.T. can be deducted from the State Income Tax. If the business income is less than \$20,000, 20 percent can be deducted. \$20,000 to \$40,000, 15 percent. Over \$40,000, 10 percent. The tax is also a deductible item for Federal Income Tax purposes. (4) Reduction of the tax base by the percentage that wages exceed 65 percent of the total tax base. (5) All businesses not using the labor deduction can reduce the tax base to a minimum of 50 percent gross receipts. (6) There are other additions and subtractions to the tax base. However, they are not of great importance to most small businesses.

While it is not likely that this new tax system will be repealed, it is very probable that numerous amendments will be made to it to eliminate some of the inequities. Farm Bureau has several amendments in mind for presentation at the proper time. farmer determine how the tax affects him and let the Task Force know at the public hearings or write the Public Affairs Division at Farm Bureau, Lansing P.O. 960. While it was not possible to totally exempt agriculture, because of the increased property tax rebate from \$500 to \$1,200 farmers as a whole will receive far more property tax relief from the Act than tax liability.

NATIONAL NOTES Taxes, Exports, Pesticides

Albert A. Almy

Last month the new federal estate tax reform bill - H.R. 13966 -- introduced by Congressman Al Ullman (D-Oregon) was summarized in this column. Since that time, the House Ways and Means Committee has had several meetings to consider the bill. These meetings have resulted in tentative agreement to change various provisions in the original bill.

Among the changes is an agreement to delete provisions which would provide an additional \$25,000 estate tax credit for farms and other closely held businesses. This, of course, will mean a lower tax relief benefit than the original provisions of the bill.

Another agreement would raise the proposed standard \$29,800 tax credit for all estates to replace the present \$60,000 estate tax standard exemption. The tax credit would be phased in over three years. In 1977 the credit would be \$30,000 which is the equivalent of a \$120,000 exemption. In 1978 the credit would rise to \$35,000 which is equal to a \$137,000 exemption. In 1979 the credit would increase to \$40,000 which is equivalent to a \$154,000 exemption.

The provisions in the original bill providing for a marital deduction of \$250,000 or one-half of the adjusted gross estate, whichever is greater, would not be changed. However, agreement has been reached that where property is jointly held by husband and wife, and the join tenancy is created by a transfer subject tax purposes the property will be treated as belonging 50 percent to each spouse.

Agreement has also been reached to limit appraisal for estate tax purposes at a actual use value rather than highest potential use to farmland only. The original bill allowed use value appraisal for forests and open space lands also. As a part of the agreement, the maximum amount of value farmland can be reduced for estate tax purposes by use value appraisal will be \$500,000 instead of \$1 million as provided in the original bill.

Of major significance was action by the Committee to delete provisions in the original bill which would have imposed an appreciation tax on estate property at time of death. The tax would have ranged from 5 to 20 percent of the appreciated value of property occurring after December 31, 1976. The appreciation tax was deleted by a close 19-18 vote with Michigan Congressman, Guy VanderJagt (R-Luther) voting to delete and Congressman Richard VanderVeen voting against deletion.

Following its July recess, the Ways and Means Committee was scheduled to resume consideration of the bill on July 20. Hopefully, the Committee will complete its work soon and report an estate tax reform bill to the full House.

EXPORT CONTROLS

The prospect for access to world markets to move this year's grain harvest is much brighter this year than one to the gift tax, then for estate year ago. Nearly every

farmer producing cash grain NLRB action initiated by will recall that in August 1975 International Longshoremen's Association (ILA) began a work stoppage which halted the loading of grain for delivery to the Soviet Union. The work stoppage was prompted by AFL-CIO President George Meany who alledged that grain sales to the Soviet Union would drive up food prices and seriously effect consumers.

In response to the work stoppage, the AFBF with support from several State Farm Bureaus filed a complaint with the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) charging the I LA with unfair labor practices and conducting an illegal secondary boycott.

The NLRB, after investigating the charges filed by Farm Bureau, determined that the ILA had, in fact, conducted an illegal secondary boycott in refusing to load Soviet purchased grain. Subsequently, on April 24, 1976, the NLRB issued an official order directing the ILA to cease and desist from impeding the loading of grain destined for delivery to the Soviet Union. Following the signing of the cease and desist agreement by the ILA and Farm Bureau, the NLRB gave final approval on June 22, 1976.

Thus, the prospect of special interest intervention in the free trade of grain this year appears slim. At a time when widespread drought has cut into the food production of many countries American farmers are producing record crops, this

Farm Bureau is indeed encouraging to farmers.

PESTICIDES

Following enactment in 1972 of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has been working to administer the several new provisions of the Act. As a part of this responsibility, EPA has issued four pesticide en-forcement policy statements. The purpose of these statements is to inform persons involved pesticides of the policies adopted by EPA in the enforcement of FIFRA.

Among the many provisions of FIFRA is one which provides that any person using a registered pesticide in a manner in-consistent with label instructions is in violation of the Act and may be subject to civil or criminal sanctions. However, the legislative history of FIFRA establishes that Congress intended EPA to enforce this provision in a "common sense manner."

On July 8, the EPA published in the Federal Register its latest pesticide enforcement policy statement. The statement establishes that pesticides may be used prior to the presence of pests if label instructions do specifically prohibit; the pest is likely to infest the treated area; and the pesticide is normally safe and effective against the pest when used in a preventative capacity.

Farm Bureau supports this pesticide enforcement policy statement as a "common sense" approach as intended by Congress. However, it represents the manner in which farmers have used pesticides in the past and continue to use them now. Farm Bureau finds it most interesting that Congress must give "common sense" direction to EPA and that the agency in turn feels compelled to publish at taxpayer expense a statement to tell farmers it is alright to use pesticides "before the weeds come up."

mfrn farmers of the week

QUALITY FARMING OPERATIONS . AGRICULTURAL/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT



Arthur Dowd Dowd Orchards, Inc., Van Buren County O member MACMA Cherry Com-mittee O member state Horticultural Society O president Shaffer Lake Fruit, Inc. O served 16 years as township board trustee.



Inomas Kopaczewski 450 acre Arenac County cash crop and beef operation O county F.B. president O county board of directors for 12 years O delegate to state F.B. convention O member Standish-Sterling School Board O church board of directors.



Jan Vosburg 1000 acre Kalamazoo County beef cattle farmer O president county Farm Bureau O Kellogg Young Farmer O 4-H Leader.



Gary Steere 260 acre Montcalm County dairy farmer O MMPA delegate of Alma local O director county board of D.H.I.A. Opast chairman county Young Farmers Committee O past member of county Policy Development Committee and county F.B. board of directors O church board of directors

sponsored by_

MICHIGAN FARM RADIO NETWORK AND FARM BUREAU INSURANCE GROUP TM



Check FIRST with your County Farm Bureau. If it is participating in the fruit sale, fill out this order and mail today with full payment to your County Farm Bureau.

ADDRESS		COUNTY
CITY	STATE ZIP	PHONE
PLEASE ORDER	30# ctn Jonathon Apple Slices IQF (no	sugar) @ \$10.30
PLEASE ORDER	30# tin Red Tart Pitted Cherries (sug	ar 5+1) @ \$15.75
PLEASE ORDER	30# ctn Red Tart Pitted Cherries IQF	(no sugar) @ \$17.50
PLEASE ORDER	30# tin Sliced Strawberries (sugar 4+	1) @ \$15.50
PLEASE ORDER	30# ctn <u>Blueberries</u> (no sugar) @ \$18.	50
PLEASE ORDER	25# ctn Red Raspberries IQF @ \$20.50.	
PLEASE ORDER	32# tin Sliced Peaches (sugar 5+1) @	\$14.25
PLEASE ORDER	12/18 oz jugs/cs Sweet Apple Cider Co	nc (makes 1 gal per jug) @ \$14.00
PLEASE ORDER	24/12 oz cans/cs Hi-Density Orange Co	nc @ \$14.75
IQFIndividual	ly Quick FrozenFruit has been frozen a	s separate pieces.

Superstars Will Salute American Agriculture



LORETTA LYNN



ROY CLARK



AUGUST 1, 1976

GLEN CAMPBELL

Michigan Strawberries for President



CONGRESSMAN EDWARD HUTCHINSON (left), R-Michigan, presents a crate of Southwestern Michigan grown strawberries for President Ford on behalf of the Benton Harbor Fruit Market to Presidential Counselor John Marsh and Max Friedersdorf, Assistant to the President for Legislative Affairs. The berries were arranged to be flown to Washington from the "Heart of the Fruit Belt" by Alvin Braudo, market manager.

Farmfest '76

America's Bicentennial salute to agriculture will take place at Lake Crystal, Minnesota September 13-19. More than a million rural and urban visitors are expected to pass through FARMFEST's 30-car gate, located on four-lane Minnesota Highway 60, about two hours southwest of Minneapolis.

Among the many superstars who will entertain these visitors are top female country singer, Loretta Lynn; Hee Haw star, Roy Clark, and the "rhinestone cowboy," Glen Campbell.

Other major attractions will be the 20th World Championship Tractor Pull with more than 400 of the country's top competitors battling for a \$40,000 purse; a world horse pull, the national horse plowing contest, and a horseshoe pitching contest. Nearly 300 types of farm crops from all over the nation will be included in an educational display.

Advance discount tickets are available nationwide through local FFA chapters.

Reports to MFB Board



OWINGS, Cheisea High School senior, who attended the recent Young People's Citizenship Seminar under the sponsorship of the Washtenaw County Farm Bureau, reported to the Michigan Farm Bureau board of directors on July 6. Scott told the board, "If Farm Bureau continues this activity, we won't have to worry about the future." He was one of 191 students from 61 counties who attended the annual "learn by doing" seminar. (See related story on Page 7.)

Michigan's Loss. . . North Dakota's Gain



Robert Shepard, Manager, Member Services, Michigan Farm Bureau, left the organization July 16 to become executive secretary of the North Dakota Farm Bureau.

Bob's employment with Farm Bureau began in 1971 as a regional representative for the West Central region. In 1973 he was called to the state office to become Coordinator of County Offices and has served as Manager of Member Services since May, 1975.

In making the announcement, Charles Burkett, Director of the Field Operations Division, said, "Although we are sorry to see Bob leave the staff, we are pleased that his talents will continue to be used within Farm Bureau."

Bob, his wife Ruth, and children will live in Fargo, North



GOVERNOR WILLIAM MILLIKEN recently signed SB 1332, the Agricultural Marketing and Bargaining Act, into law, making the Act permanent. Present for the signing ceremonies were (left to right): Mick Middaugh, administrative assistant to Senator Charles O. Zollar, Paw Paw who introduced the bill; Mildred Schultz, President, Southwest Michigan Chapter, Women for the Survival of Agriculture In Michigan, Coloma; Representative Bela Kennedy, 45th District, Bangor; Representative Dennis Cawthorne, 98th District, Manistee; Mrs. Katherine Goodfellow, President, West Central Chapter, WSAM, Sparta; Noel Stuckman, Michigan Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Association manager, Lansing; Representative Harry Gast, Jr., 43rd District, St. Joseph; Jay Wardowski, Michigan Processing Apple Growers, Marketing Committee, Leslie, and Thomas Butler, Manager, Michigan Processing Apple

MFB CITIZENSHIP SEMINAR

'It Really Helped Get My Head Together'

BY LUKE SCHAFER

Nearly 190 high school students from around Michigan examined the American way of life and its political system during the 1976 Young People's Citizenship Seminar sponsored by Michigan Farm Bureau.

The intensive five-day seminar, held at Albion College June 21-26, gave students the chance to hear world-renowned speakers and to actually participate in a simulated state election.

The students, who were divided into two political parties, developed their own slate of student candidates to run for various offices, conducted political campaigns, and then went through the election process to determine the winning candidates.

"I think I learned as much about people and myself as I learned about politics," said Scott Owings, a student from Washtenaw County.

The students attending the seminar were selected by County Farm Bureaus throughout the state, based on leadership potential and, in many cases, recommendations from local schools. This was the thirteenth year for the annual seminar for high school juniors and seniors.

"The seminar provided these selected students the opportunity to work with outstanding specialists in studying the American way of life and our free enterprise system," explained Jess Taggart, chairman of the seminar planning committee. "It was a hard working program, but it gave the students a new awareness of their responsibilities and privileges as good citizens."

Despite the workday schedule that stretched from the early morning hours to late at night, students had time for fun and friendships.

"I've never been through anything like this before," one student commented after the seminar. "I learned a lot about the politics and economics of the United States and Russia. It really helped me get my head together. And I've never met so many friendly people in one place."

Speakers at the seminar included Dr. Clifton Ganus, president of Harding College in Arkansas and dean of the college's School of American Studies; Dr. John Furbay, lecturer, author and global commuter who has been around the world 40 times; Art Holst, National Football League official; and Iren Raisler, who fled Czechoslovakia with her parents and current teaches Russian at Michigan State University.

Michigan Farm Bureau staff members who made major presentations during the seminar include Kenn Wimmer, regional representative for the Thumb Area; Dr. Paul Kindinger, agricultural economist and head of MFB's Market Development Division; and Ron Nelson, Local Affairs Specialist with MFB.

VOTE IN THE AUGUST 3RD PRIMARY

You may 9-10-11% your savings

MOUNT OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

A religious corporation of Detroit, Michigan funds a \$375,000 relocation and building project with —

- ★ FIRST MORTGAGE REVENUE, SINK-ING FUND BONDS
- ★ Denominations: \$250, \$500, \$1,000, \$2,500 and \$5,000
- ★ MATURITIES: 1½ thru 4½ yrs. 9%; 5 thru 12½ yrs. 10%; 13 thru 15 yrs. 11%

OFFERING MADE BY PROSPECTUS ONLY

Write or phone

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OR PASTOR

540-550 Farnsworth St., Detroit, Mi. 48202 Phone (313) 832-0226 or (313) 864-7273



A "BROKEN SHOE LACE AWARD" was at stake as students answered questions regarding their fellow-students during registration.

(RIGHT) VOTING EXPERIENCE was a valuable lesson to be used in the near future.





ALL KINDS OF TALENT was displayed during "Fun Night" presentations.

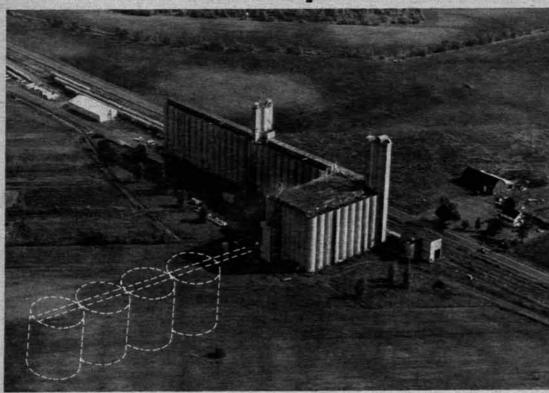


POLITICAL RALLIES were an opportunity to vocally support favorite candidates.



MOVE OVER, ROCKETTES! -- A slightly out-of-step charus line provided entertainment during a break from classes.

Saginaw Terminal Reopens, Ottawa Lake Expands



OTTAWA LAKE TERMINAL is adding two million bushels of storage space in four large tanks of 1/2 million bushel each. This will increase the capacity by 50 percent from 4 to 6 million bushel. MEE is investing in this additional storage space to provide capacity for country elevators that normally depend on the Saginaw Terminal for service.



MICHIGAN ELEVATOR EXCHANGE put into operation on July 12 an unloading facility at the Saginaw Terminal that will utilize approximately 1.5 million bushel of storage space which was not damaged by the January 22nd explosion. This unloading facility was installed at substantial cost to provide interim service to farmers in the Saginaw area while the balance of the operation is out of service. There will be full utilization of the large dryer that was installed two years ago and MEE expects to provide a market for all the wet or dry corn that farmers normally deliver to the Saginaw Terminal (Saginaw News Photo)

Mid-States Aids Farmers

The cooperatively-owned Mid States Terminal at Toledo is playing an important role in the marketing of Michigan grain. While the MEE's Saginaw Terminal was temporarily out of action due to the January 22nd explosion, the Mid States complex came to the rescue by providing a ready outlet for Michigan grain.

The Mid-States Terminal, with extensive facilities to load ships at the Port of Toledo, is adding 1.6 million bushels capacity for this year, bringing the total capacity to 5.3 million bushels.

MEE SETS HIGH

Michigan Elevator Exchange, division of Farm Bureau Services, Inc., reached 42,553,000 bushels of grain sales for the year ending June 30, 1976 - an all time record for the company.

According Vice to President Ed Powell, the highest previous year was 32 million during the 12-month period of 1973-74. Last year, 30 million bushels were handled. Back in 1971, 19 million bushels were handled by MEE.

MOVING?



Planning to move? Let us know 8 weeks in advance so you won't miss a single issue of the Michigan Farm News. Attach old label and

print new address in space provided. Mail to: Michigan Farm News, P.O. Box 960, Lansing, Michigan 48904.

Address City State Zip Code County of Membership

Members Appointed to State Beef Commission

Gov. William G. Milliken Thursday announced the reappointment of Gordon R. Andrews of Sault Ste. Marie, Milton J. Brown of Mt. Pleasant and Robert D. Zeeb of Bath -- all of them farmers to the State Beef Industry Commission for terms expiring May 31, 1979, subject to Senate confirmation.

Andrews, Route No. 1, Box 325, represents those engaged in the raising, breeding or growing of cattle or calves for beef production. He serves as township supervisor and is a member of the Board of Directors of the Upper Peninsula Research and Demonstration Center and member of the Farm Bureau

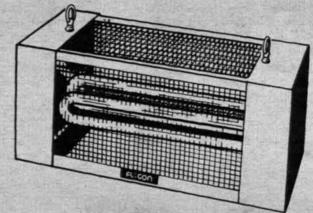
Board of Directors.

Brown, Route represents the cattle feeders. He is past president of the Michigan Cattle Feeders Association, past president of the Board of Directors of the Michigan Livestock Exchange and a past member of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Cattle Advisory Committee.

Zeeb, 2840 Herbison Road, represents those engaged in the production of fluid milk. He is a member of the Clinton County Farm Bureau Board of Directors and the Michigan Dairy Herd Improvement Association.

All three have served since the commission established in 1973.

FLYGON Model 200



AUTOMATIC INDOOR FLY CONTROL

Electric control. Just turn on the RID-O-RAY Flygon and you'll get rid of indoor flies effectively, continuously and without odors, fumes, pest strips, sprays, chemicals, fuss or muss. Ah! At Last, sanitation for pennies per day. "Spectral Glo" panels attract flies to electrically charged grids. In a split second the dead insects drop into a removable tray. Anywhere flies are a problem, there's a RID-O-RAY model right for you.

Ask for RID-O-RAY, the best in indoor or outdoor flying insect control . . . at your Farm Bureau dealer today.

RID-O-RAY

America's best-selling electric insect control devices

> USDA accepted UL CSA listed Complies with OSHA standards

Where Your Farm Comes First



FARM BUREAU SERVICES, INC

Members Learn How to Market Crops at Profit



GRAIN MARKETING SEMINAR topics are discussed by director Walter Frahm, Frankenmuth, who served as chairman of the event, and Armin Weidmayer, Washtenaw County.



QUIZZING DR. KINDINGER about Farm Bureau's wheat marketing pool are (left to right): John Pajtas, Shiawassee County; Howard Ebenhoeh, Ivan Sparks and Ed Hebeler, all of Saginaw County.



MICHIGAN FARMER Assistant Editor, Jim Phillips, asks MEE vice president Ed Powell about recent grading and inspection changes.



YOUNG FARMERS PONDER John Baker's prediction that their land will be worth more than what they can gross from it.

from several counties met at the second annual Michigan Bureau Grain Marketing Seminar in Lansing on June 29 to learn more about marketing their cash grain crops. Sixty-five farmers heard George Stach-Michigan State University; Donn Kunz and Michigan Powell, Elevator Exchange, division of Farm Bureau Services, Inc.; John Baker, Extension Director, and Dr. Paul Kindinger, Michigan Farm

Farm Bureau members Bureau, discuss their concerns on grain marketing.

> The purpose of the seminar was to provide cash grain farmers with up-to-date in-formation which will help them market their crops at a

> Among the topics discussed were the importance of marketing as a part of the farming business, the world food situation as it relates to grain prices, and the status of grading and inspection changes which have been concerning farmers and

grain companies in recent

months.
Also discussed was the direction of agriculture in Michigan toward larger farms and more farm debt. Dr. Kindinger, Market Development Division Development director, outlined the Farm Bureau wheat program and urged members to consider it as a way to market their wheat. (See related article this page.)

FEEDER CATTLE MEETING SET

The MACMA Order Buyer Division is sponsoring an Outlook Meeting for interested cattle feeders, August 19, 7:30 p.m. in the Farm Bureau Center, 7373 West Saginaw, Lansing. This informational meeting is designed to appraise feeders of the most recent condition regarding prices of corn and cattle and provide some in-depth analysis on the market situation for the coming fall and winter.

Speakers for the evening will include Dr. Roy Black and Dr. George Dyke, M.S.U. Agricultural Economists. Feeder cattle salesmen from three key supply states will also be present to discuss the availability of cattle and explain their particular method of operation.

Safemark

Preparation for Safemark member-only cash service program is on schedule, with accounting procedures established, warehouse contract pending, and county committees interviewing prospective dealers.

Thirty-three counties now have agreements on file, 31 county committees have been appointed and recorded, with four dealer applications pending. The timetable has been established for an inventory of tires and batteries in the hands of dealers in the county by September 1.

Wheat Program Offers Many Advantages Farm Bureau's Wheat Marketing Program offers you

these advantages:

Cash at harvest.

Opportunity to share in seasonal price rises.

Delivery to your local participating cooperative

Market Analysis and sales by professionals. Flexible Marketing Program through the use of

several marketing tools.

It's easy to take part in Farm Bureau's Wheat Program. To participate merely deliver your wheat before August 15th to the local participating cooperative elevator (77 throughout the state). Tell the elevator that the wheat is to be in the Farm Bureau Wheat Program and sign a delivery and settlement form. Sign a Wheat Program agreement (good for 10 years) which allows you to participate in any year. Then, soon, you will receive a check for advance payment promptly after delivery. You will also receive a check for final payment at the end of the marketing year.

The Wheat Marketing Program is jointly sponsored by Michigan Farm Bureau and Michigan Elevator Exchange in cooperation with your local coop elevators and county Farm Bureaus.

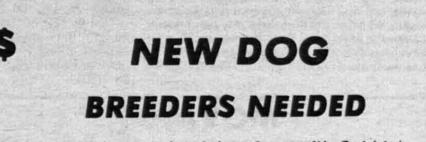
Members' Farms Featured Update on Management Tour

Six Farm Bureau member farm, both near Corunna. All farms - three dairy and three cash crop - will be featured during the annual Michigan State University Farm Management Tour on August

Cash crop operations in-clude Frank Vyskocil, New Lothrop; Ward Perry and Robert Declerg and Sons, both of Durand. Dairy stops will be at the Robert Braid and Sons farm, Durand; the Dick Gilna operation, and the Bruce and David Conklin

are members of the Shiawassee County Farm Bureau. Their farms were selected for unique management practices that would be of interest to both farm and non-farmers.

"Can We Export our Farm Problems" will be the topic of Pulitzer Prize winner Lauren Soth, former editorial writer for the Des Moines, Iowa, Register and Tribune. Soth will be the noon speaker at the Corunna Fairgrounds.



Start now raising purebred dogs for profit. Get highest East Coast prices. We assist all new breeders, if qualified. Possible to turn one-half acre of your idle ground into a \$10,000 income. Call 816-966-1266 or write (include phone number) Kennels, Box 7013, Overland Park, Kansas 66207.

Hillsdale Community Group Turns Back Hands of Time

BY BERNA BAKER AND MARCIA DITCHIE



Led by Gary Shearman, Doug Sanford and his ponies cultivate a row of corn planted in Yesterday's Acre, a Bicentennial project of the Motivators Community Farm Bureau Group.

A nostalgic scene unfolded in Hillsdale County as the Motivators Farm Bureau Community Group's Bicentennial project, "Yesterday, Today and Research Acres" was launched.

Paul Cleland of Reading, with his heavyweight pulling team and walking plow, turned the furrows of Yesterday's Acre, while Kathy Shearman, daughter of the Gary Shearmans, tagged at his heels around and around the field, intrigued by the whole operation. It took approximately five hours to plow the acre plot. Jim Hayes and son, Doug, of Reading, dragged it with their team of ponies in 2½ hours. Several men laboriously planted the open pollinated corn with

hand planters - thankful it was only a Bicentennial project and not a current method of farming.

Onlookers recalled their days of following a team or, as a child, tagging along in the furrows of freshly - turned earth

In sharp contrast, Today's Acre was plowed in 15 minutes with a large tractor pulling a 7-bottom plow, operated by Chuck Zeiler of Hillsdale. Gary Shearman dragged the plot in 20 minutes and 15 more were needed for planting with his 8-row planter.

The Research Acre received a complete no-till treatment (no plowing or tilling, but sprayed and planted) which was completed in 15 minutes.

Later, as inquisitive passers - by looked on in wonderment, three ladies of the Motivators Community Farm Bureau Group in Hillsdale County demonstrated how fields were weeded in years - past as a small, but enthusiastic "hoeing bee" was held on Yesterday's Acre of corn at the site of their Bicentennial activity north of Reading.

As a steady rain fell, Mrs. Eugene (Berna) Baker, Mrs. Doug (Mary) Sanford, and Mrs. LaVern (Dorothy) Kramer hoed a small section of corn while Doug Sanford rode a cultivator pulled by two of his ponies which were led by Gary Shearman. The project will be climaxed this fall when a "husking bee" is held.



Hoeing a section of com in Yesterday's Acre, Mrs. Mary Sandord, Mrs. Berna Baker and Mrs. Dorothy Kramer demonstrate that the "art" has not been lost through the years.

BC-BS RATES TO BE ADJUSTED

Blue Cross and Blue Shield has announced a rate adjustment for all enrolled Farm Bureau group numbers effective August 20, 1976. The increase will average 25 percent for persons on regular coverage and 20.5 percent for those on the medicare complementary plan.

There are a number of reasons for climbing health care costs, but the chief culprit is inflation. The average cost of operating a hospital, for example, has increased about 20 percent per year. Doctors costs are rising about 12 percent a year here in Michigan. Add to this the increased number of services provided and used by subscribers and the result is a bigger health bill.

Michigan Blue Cross and Blue Shield has launched a massive cost containment program in an effort to slow this inflationary trend. Here are a few of the steps being taken.

HOSPITALS

A 10 percent limit has been placed on increases in

reimbursement to hospitals for services to Blue Cross and Blue Shield subscribers.

DOCTORS

Payments to physicians will be frozen at present levels, with the exception that physicians who have not increased their fees since April of 1974 will be permitted a four percent increase.

BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD.

Will continue to hold operating expenses at less than five cents per dollar of income, one of the lowest administrative costs of any Blue Cross and Blue Shield plan.

Such a program, if it is to be successful, requires the cooperation of everyone involved -- Doctors, Hospitals, Blue Cross and Blue Shield, and you the subscriber. There are several things you might do:

-Substitute for brand name drugs. A prescription can be dispensed to you in two ways - under a brand name, or under a generic name. The

"generic" name is simply the chemical term that describes the drug. Drugs dispensed under the generic name often cost less than brand - name drugs.

Pre-Admission Testing. Patients often need certain laboratory tests and x-rays before surgery. It saves money if these tests are given in your doctor's office or an outpatient clinic before you are admitted to the hospital.

One - Day Surgery. For certain conditions, one-day surgery (in either the hospital or doctor's office) has become accepted modern medical practice. If your doctor recommends or approves one-day surgery, it is wasteful to insist on staying overnight "just to be sure."

Home Care. After major surgery, your doctor may decide that you can complete your recovery at home with the help of a visiting nurse. Your Blue Cross and Blue Shield contract covers home care provided by an accredited visiting nurse association. Use this benefit if It is available in your area.

It's Fair Time!

FAIR LOCATION D Alcona County	ATE
Alessa County Hemisville Au	
Algor County	g. 3-8
Alger County Chatham Au Allegan County Allegan Sept.	
Alpena County Alpena Aug.	
Arenac County	10-41
Armada County	17.99
Baraga County Pelkie Au	11-22
Berrien County Youth Fair Berrien Springs Aug.	12.91
Branch County	9.14
Calhoun County Marshall Aug.	15-21
Cass County Cassopolis Aug	9-14
Cass County	24-28
Chippewa County Kinross Sep	t. 2-6
Chippewa County Stalwart Sept	. 9-11
Clare County	g. 1-7
Clinton County 4-H St. Johns Aug.	16-18
Dickinson County Norway Sept Eastern Michigan Imlay City Aug. 30-Sept	. 3-6
Eastern Michigan Imlay City Aug. 30-So	ept. 6
Emmet County Petoskey Aug.	23-28
Gogebic County	12-15
Gratiot County Youth FairAlmaAu	g. 2-7
Hillsdale County Hillsdale Sept. 26-0	Oct. 2
Houghton 4-H Fair Hancock Aug.	28-29
Hudsonville Community HudsonvilleAug.	23-28
Huron County Bad Axe Aug.	22-28
Ingham County Mason Au Ionia Free Fair Ionia Aug	g. 2-7
Iron County	. 6-15
Isabella County Youth & Farm Mt. Pleasant	20-29
Jackson County Jackson Aug	0.14
Kalamazoo County KalamazooAug.	22.20
Kalkaska County Kalkaska Aug.	10-20
Kent County Lowell Aug	9-14
Lenawee County Adrian Aug.	22-29
Luce County Newberry Sept.	16-19
Mackinac County	27-29
Manchester Community Manchester Aug.	17-21
Manistee County Onekama Sep	t. 1-6
Marquette County Marquette Sept.	23-25
MICHIGAN STATE FAIR Detroit Aug. 27-St Midland County Midland Aug.	ept. 6
Missaukee-Falmouth Falmouth Aug	0.11
Monroe County Monroe Aug	9.14
Montmorency County 4-H Atlanta	11-14
Newaygo County Fremont Aug.	17-21
Northern District	16-21
Northern Michigan Chebovgan Aug	14-21
Northville Community Northville Aug.	11-14
Northwestern Michigan Traverse City Aug. 30-S Oakland County 4-H Davisburg Au	ept. 5
Oakland County 4-H	g. 2-7
Oceana County Hart Sep	
Ontonagon County	t. 2-6
	27-29
Osceola 4-H & FFA Evart Au	27-29 g. 3-7
Oscoda County 4-H	27-29 g. 3-7 t. 3-5
Oscoda County 4-H Fairview Ser Otsego County Gaylord Aug	27-29 g. 3-7 ot. 3-5 t. 8-14
Oscoda County 4-H Fairview Ser Otsego County Gaylord Aug	27-29 g. 3-7 ot. 3-5 t. 8-14
Oscoda County 4-H Fairview Sep Otsego County Gaylord Aug Presque Isle County 4-H Posen Sept Ravenna Homecoming & 4-H Ravenna Au	27-29 g. 3-7 ot. 3-5 i. 8-14 10-12 g. 3-7
Oscoda County 4-H Fairview Sep Otsego County Gaylord Aug Presque Isle County 4-H Posen Sept. Ravenna Homecoming & 4-H Ravenna Au Saginaw County Saginaw Sept.	27-29 g. 3-7 ot. 3-5 c. 8-14 10-12 g. 3-7 11-18
Oscoda County 4-H Fairview Sep Otsego County Gaylord Aug Presque Isle County 4-H Posen Sept. Ravenna Homecoming & 4-H Ravenna Au Saginaw County Saginaw Sept. Saline Community Saline Sept	27-29 g. 3-7 ot. 3-5 i. 8-14 10-12 g. 3-7 11-18 i. 7-11
Oscoda County 4-H Fairview Sep Otsego County Gaylord Aug Presque Isle County 4-H Posen Sept. Ravenna Homecoming & 4-H Ravenna Au Saginaw County Saginaw Sept. Saline Community Saline Sept. Sanilac County 4-H Sandusky Aug	27-29 g. 3-7 ot. 3-5 i. 8-14 10-12 g. 3-7 11-18 i. 7-11 i. 9-14
Oscoda County 4-H Fairview Sep Otsego County Gaylord Aug Presque Isle County 4-H Posen Sept. Ravenna Homecoming & 4-H Ravenna Au Saginaw County Saginaw Sept. Saline Community Saline Sept. Sanilac County 4-H Sandusky Aug Shiawassee County Corunna Aug	27-29 g. 3-7 bt. 3-5 i. 8-14 10-12 g. 3-7 11-18 i. 7-11 j. 9-14 i. 8-14
Oscoda County 4-H Fairview Sep Otsego County Gaylord Aug Presque Isle County 4-H Posen Sept. Ravenna Homecoming & 4-H Ravenna Au Saginaw County Saginaw Sept. Saline Community Saline Sept Sanilac County 4-H Sandusky Aug Shiawassee County Corunna Aug St. Clair County Goodells Aug.	27-29 g. 3-7 t. 3-5 , 8-14 10-12 g. 3-7 11-18 , 7-11 , 9-14 , 8-14 11-14
Oscoda County 4-H Fairview Sep Otsego County Gaylord Aug Presque Isle County 4-H Posen Sept. Ravenna Homecoming & 4-H Ravenna Au Saginaw County Saginaw Sept. Saline Community Saline Sept Sanilac County 4-H Sandusky Aug Shiawassee County Corunna Aug St. Clair County Goodells Aug. St. Joseph County Centreville Sept Tuscola County Caro Au	27-29 g. 3-7 bt. 3-5 i. 8-14 10-12 g. 3-7 11-18 i. 7-11 i. 9-14 j. 8-14 11-14 20-25 g. 2-7
Oscoda County 4-H Fairview Sep Otsego County Gaylord Aug Presque Isle County 4-H Posen Sept. Ravenna Homecoming & 4-H Ravenna Au Saginaw County Saginaw Sept. Saline Community Saline Sept Sanilac County 4-H Sandusky Aug Shiawassee County Corunna Aug St. Clair County Goodells Aug. St. Joseph County Centreville Sept Tuscola County Caro Au U.P. STATE FAIR Escanaba Aug.	27-29 g. 3-7 bt. 3-5 i. 8-14 10-12 g. 3-7 11-18 i. 7-11 j. 9-14 i. 8-14 11-14 20-25 g. 2-7 17-22
Oscoda County 4-H Fairview Sep Otsego County Gaylord Aug Presque Isle County 4-H Posen Sept. Ravenna Homecoming & 4-H Ravenna Au Saginaw County Saginaw Sept. Saline Community Saline Sept Sanilac County 4-H Sandusky Aug Shia wassee County Corunna Aug St. Clair County Goodells Aug. St. Joseph County Centreville Sept. Tuscola County Caro Au U.P. STATE FAIR Escanaba Aug. Wayland Community Wayland Aug.	27-29 g. 3-7 bt. 3-5 i. 8-14 10-12 g. 3-7 11-18 i. 7-11 j. 9-14 i. 8-14 11-14 20-25 g. 2-7 17-22 20-21
Oscoda County 4-H Fairview Sep Otsego County Gaylord Aug Presque Isle County 4-H Posen Sept. Ravenna Homecoming & 4-H Ravenna Au Saginaw County Saginaw Sept. Saline Community Saline Sept Sanilac County 4-H Sandusky Aug Shiawassee County Corunna Aug St. Clair County Goodells Aug. St. Joseph County Centreville Sept. Tuscola County Caro Au U.P. STATE FAIR Escanaba Aug. Wayland Community Wayland Aug. Wayne County Belleville Aug.	27-29 g. 3-7 bt. 3-5 j. 8-14 10-12 g. 3-7 11-18 j. 9-14 j. 8-14 11-14 20-25 g. 2-7 17-22 20-21 16-21
Oscoda County 4-H Fairview Sep Otsego County Gaylord Aug Presque Isle County 4-H Posen Sept. Ravenna Homecoming & 4-H Ravenna Au Saginaw County Saginaw Sept. Saline Community Saline Sept Sanilac County 4-H Sandusky Aug Shia wassee County Corunna Aug St. Clair County Goodells Aug. St. Joseph County Centreville Sept. Tuscola County Caro Au U.P. STATE FAIR Escanaba Aug. Wayland Community Wayland Aug.	27-29 g. 3-7 bt. 3-5 j. 8-14 10-12 g. 3-7 11-18 j. 9-14 j. 8-14 11-14 20-25 g. 2-7 17-22 20-21 16-21

FB Women Award MUS Scholarships





COLLEEN HEITMAN

RICHARD KARSEN, JR.

The Farm Bureau Women's Scholarship Committee picked Colleen Heitman of Hiawathaland and Richard Karsen, Jr. of Alcona County from a field of 12 applicants to receive their annual Marge Karker-Farm Bureau Scholarship. The \$200 scholarships will apply to each student's fall term at Michigan State University.

Colleen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Heitman, Marquette, graduated from Marquette High School in 1974. After a year at Northern Michigan University, she transferred to Michigan State University where she is a junior in preveterinary courses.

Colleen was salutatorian of her high school graduating class and was involved in 4-H, gymnastics and church youth groups. She is currently in the Dairy Club and Pre-Vet Club at M.S.U.

Richard is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Karsen, Sr., of Lincoln. He graduated from Alcona High School in 1975 and is a freshman at Michigan State University where his major course of study is beef and crop production.

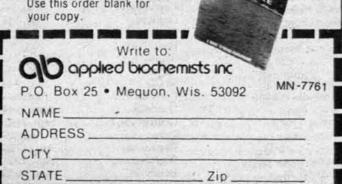
An honor roll student throughout high school, Richard was active in all sports -- baseball, basketball, football and track. He served as treasurer of his FFA chapter and was an FFA Star Farmer.

CUTRINE-PLUS® ELIMINATES ALGAE SCUM

Lakes and ponds get choked with algae scum and can have noxious odors-CUTRINE-PLUS controls these harmful growths that can be lethal to fish, animals and even humans.

CUTRINE-PLUS eliminates all common forms of algae in just a few days. Thoroughly tested and proven effective in actual field use, it is registered with the Environmental Protection Agency for use in farm ponds, lakes, fish hatcheries and even drinking water reservoirs. And there is no waiting for swimming. fishing or irrigation.

CUTRINE-PLUS can help lake and pond management and we have written a new 64-page book on the subject that is an encyclopedia of information vital to water weed and algae control. It is written in practical language with full color photos and belongs on your bookshelf at \$3.95. Use this order blank for



BOARD APPROVES WOMEN'S "PROGRAM OF WORK"

The Farm Bureau Women's "program of work" for the 1976-77 membership year was approved by the Michigan Farm Bureau board of directors at their July 6 meeting in Lansing. Mrs. Claudine Jackson, state women's chairman, presented the plans, which were cooperatively developed by the district chairmen and vice-chairmen. The Program Planning Committee is under the leadership of Mrs. Jeanne

Sparks, state vice-chairman. Objectives of the Women's program of work for the coming year are: "A strong farm family organization through good com-munications with consumers and within Farm Bureau; through increased in-volvement of Farm Bureau members; by developing leadership and by creating awareness of action projects."

The plans call for participation of Farm Bureau Women in the membership drive, member relations, leadership training, Associated Country Women of the World, policy development and policy execution, and local affairs. media. Promoting consumer



MRS. CLAUDINE JACKSON, state Women's Committee chairman, presents the 1976-77 program of work to the MFB board of directors.

area of public relations, the women plan various rural urban activities, commodity promotions, and continuation of their successful Speakers'

Protecting cooperatives will be emphasized through a "Co-op Day" and with publicity in the public news

Safety and health projects understanding will receive are also recommended. In the attention by Farm Bureau Women throughout the state as they undertake such projects as "Agriculture Day," radio talk shows, and other consumer activities.

The program of work will be presented to county Women's Committees for their consideration, by the district chairmen and vice-

August Heat Getting You Down?



TURN OFF YOUR AIR CONDITIONER and just sit and gaze at this picture. It you have a vivid imagination, the effect could be the same! Frank Councell, Gladwin County, "built" this huge iceberg back in 1970 by spraying almost a million gallons of water from a pipe 60 feet high. Using an old piston pump, which generated 80 pounds of pressure, he started spraying on December 8 and continued at a rate of 8,000 gallons per day. The result was an iceberg 50 feet high and about 40 feet wide at the base. It took three months to melt. This was the second iceberg Councell has created, and he plans to build an even larger one this coming winter. He uses water from a well on his property.

Michigan Marketing Outlook

Field Crops

Most grain markets continue to show a basic underlying strength. This strength is a reflection of tight grain supplies world wide. Western Europe continues to be plagued by drougth; The Soviet Union has been actively purchasing U.S. beans and corn; and more cattle and hogs are on feed in the U.S. Also, there is still some concern in certain midwestern states due to continued drougth conditions.

Strength in grain markets was particularly evident after the U.S.D.A. issued its latest crop estimates on July 12th. Production forecasts ran as follows: Corn - 6,553 million bushels (14 percent above 1975 and 41 percent above 1974); all wheat - 2,040 million bushels (4 percent less than last record crop); and oats - 499 million bushels (24 percent below 1975, lowest production since 1881). No report on soybeans will be issued until August. The markets absorbed these reports in stride.

While grain markets have shown some reluctance in moving to new price plateaus there is still likely to be more strength and upward price movement ahead. Brokers continue to recommend long positions for fall contracts. Things to watch are the weather (July and early August will be crucial), world crop condition and supplies and foreign demand. Watch cash grain prices closely. If they begin to fall significantly more than futures prices, hold sales. And watch for indications that brokerage houses are changing their recommended market position from long to short. If they do, hold on to your grain. Just remember the 1/3 - 2/3 rule. The 1/3 - 2/3 rule says that two out of every three producers sell most of their production in the lowest 1/3 of the price available in a given crop year.

Paul E. Kindinger, Director Market Development Division

Dairy

Wholesale butter prices have taken a recent jump upward, about 9c per pound, during situation remaining summer months. According to U.S.D.A. reports, the apparent consumption of butter is down 13 percent from last year. However, increased utilization of fluid milk for cheese and frozen desserts has resulted in strong competition for available milk

June was \$8.32 per hundred cent tart cherry price (92

weight, up 2 cents from May. This is an indication that the spring production flush may be winding down. With drought conditions in many parts of the U.S. and other countries, many experts feel that the milk-feed price ration will continue to become less favorable. This may cause a decline in grain feeding which could add to slowing down of production in the near future.

Dairy industry leaders are looking for steady increases in milk prices for the remaining half of 1976. However, any increases will not be as large as those experienced in 1975. Milk prices should remain about 15 percent above a year ago. Bernie Bishop,

Marketing Specialist Market Development Division

Eggs

According to Marketing Facts - First Half of 1977", published by the USDA, the cost of producing eggs in 1977 will depend largely on the outcome of the feed grain and soybean crops both here and abroad.

With the dry weather in many parts of the U.S. and other countries, many experts are beginning to suggest that grain prices could be higher in the next

The USDA report indicates that demand for all eggs in the first half of 1977 could be a little stronger than a year earlier. The long run decline in consumer demand for shell eggs is expected to continue, however, some growth in eggs used for breaking and hatching should help the market.

Bernie Bishop, Marketing Specialist Market Development Division

Fruits & Vegetables

Tart cherry crop expectations are materializing. Tonnage is lousy - quality is poor. Michigan's production is expected to be 90 million pounds, a far cry from last years production figures of 222 million pounds. Total U.S. in anticipation of a relatively crop is pegged at 142 million tight supply -, demand pounds compared to 290 the million pounds according to USDA reports. This is said to be the smallest crop since 1945. New York reports 1976 tonnage at 7,000 tons, 49 percent below 1975 and 14 percent below 1974; Pennsylvania, 4,100 tons compared to 6,300 tons a year ago; Wisconsin, off 35 percent from last year is forecast at 3,400 tons. Most processors The M-W series price for have now agreed to the 25

score). Final product prices may start at the 50-55 cent level!

Apple crop - July 1 USDA estimate for Michigan (42 pound equivalent) 11.9 million bushels, 29 percent below 1975. Nationally the apple crop is pegged at 145.5 million bushels 19 percent below 1975. Several states will have extremely short to moderately short crops including: Virginia, 69 percent below 1975; Indiana, 54 percent below 1975; Ohio and Arkansas, 47 percent below 1975; New Jersey, West

Virginia, and Missouri, all in the 35 to 37 percent range below last year. Western states seem to be in better shape. Washington is expecting only a 5 percent decline while Idaho, California, and Oregon are expecting larger crops in 1976. With recent price advances for sauce and juice plus increasing demand for frozen slices, price prospects are improving for this fall.

Asparagus shipments have been decreasing and it looks like the season is about over.

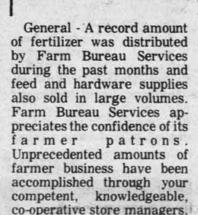
Most supplies are now going to processors. Processing prices to growers have moved to 31 to 33 cents per pound

Paul E. Kindinger, Director Market Development Division

Agriquotes . . .

Let us never forget that the cultivation of the earth is the most important labor of man Daniel Webster.

Supply Report



Fertilizer - There was a constant fertilizer demand throughout April, May, and June with over 70 percent of the total fertilizer sold moving in these months from dealer locations to farmers. During the month of July movement of anhydrous ammonia has been unusually heavy. Both transportation rolling stock and people worked overtime to insure farmers had all the fertilizer they needed on time. Pricing remained competitive and no farmer patrons of a Farm Bureau Services' dealer had to go without supplies.

Feeds - "Star Spangled Dairy Deals" are being offered at Farm Bureau feed dealers. Tie-ins with Bovidine dairy antiseptic will give farmers an opportunity to get free Bovidine with their feed purchases. Special buy opportunities for farmers using animal health products are available at Farm Bureau

Liquid Silage Additive (LSA) and Liquid Protein Supplement (LPS) are now readily available at Farm Bureau dealers and represent good savings on protein, vitamin, and mineral supplements.

Hardware - Strength in sales of building supplies, fencing, gates and livestock equipment, has dominated the demand picture. There has been unusually heavy movement in these items and supplies are being drawn down. Inventories of home gardening and power equipment have moved in unusual quantities. Farmers are ordering ahead for livestock and machinery buildings, electric fencing, and handling storage facilities for grain in time for corn harvest.

economical prices now. but prospects for price increases are a definite possibility should demand come all at

Water softeners, power tools, and small tools are in good supply and do not yet reflect price increases ex-pected later due to the inflation of wages, steels and most other materials.

Liquid Fuels - This year's activities through spring planting supported record sales of liquid fuels. Increased acreages, larger machinery, and competitive prices contributed to an extensive take of Farmers Petroleum Cooperative stocks. The movement of premium diesel fuel was especially notable and signifies a change towards equipment using this ever more popular energy. Farmers Petroleum has been taking fuels steadily from its CF Refinery in East Chicago with no problems. Farmer prices have remained highly competitive.

Price and allocation controls went off diesel and heating oils at the end June. Prices are not expected to rise fast because of the present balance of supply to demand. The government may step in again if prices jump over 2c per gallon above normal increases based on a formula to be proposed later. Too much use of gasoline for nonbusiness purposes may cause a rise in gasoline prices this summer and fall. As of now, basic price controls on gasoline and crude oil are still on and the United States is expected to decide next whether to remove controls from gasoline. No recommendation is expected on decontrol of gasoline until late this year.

By Greg Sheffield

Tires - Over 60,000 rubber workers are still off the job. Certain sizes of tires which were never plentiful, are even harder to get and total tire inventories are slimmer. This has put a heavy demand on the new Cash & Carry Tire Program. The Cash & Carry Tire Program was boosting sales volume of tires even before the strike. Farmers Petroleum's tire supply sources, however, are good and we are coming through with tires needed by farmers for both farming operations and automobiles.

At this writing the rubber strike is still deadlocked with no end in sight. It's not too early to order snow tires which are expected to be in very short supply. If the strike does not end soon the snow tire situation will become critical.

Summer Coolants - Summer coolants and winter antifreeze may cost more later. A look at the market for raw materials shows prices are moving up. This will be reflected in the end products later. Price conscious farmers may wish-to take their needs now rather than speculate on prices later.

Accessories - Most accessories are in unusually good supply at reasonah prices. This includes oil filters, shocks, and other accessories. Batteries, however, have gone up a bit in price and are expected to move up further later because of raw material costs. Considering the superior quality, Farmers Petroleum CO-OP batteries are an excellent buy now. Farmers may wish to have their battery orders put aside for them anticipating winter.

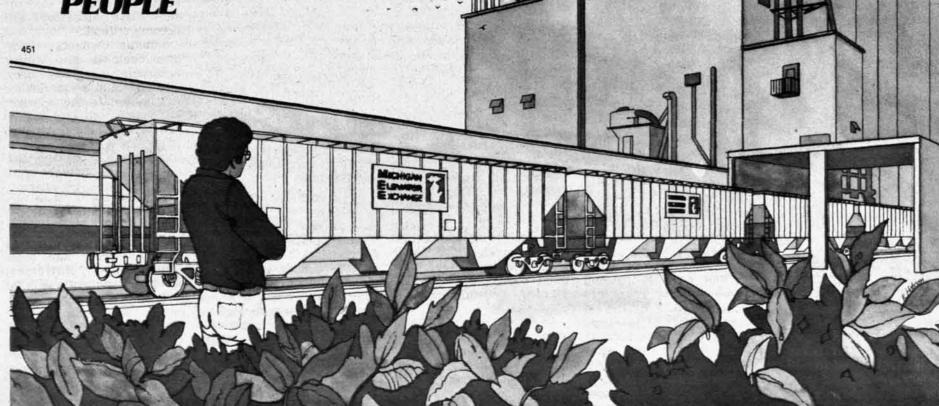


Michigan Elevator Exchange knows that in a competitive market place, the one who gets there "firstest with the mostest" is the one most likely to be successful.

Our own 65-car unit train of quick-loading hopper cars helped us beat the railroad car shortage so we can move grain or beans faster from your country elevator to market. You get better prices, because we manage the loads quickly, efficiently and economically. That's one reason MEE is the largest handler of grain and beans in the state, with over 10 million bushels capacity at three terminals.

Helping farmers get the most from their crops and livestock has been the business of the Farm Bureau people for over 50 years. And we do a pretty good job. For an informative brochure on Farm Bureau Services and Farmers Petroleum, write: Farm Bureau Services/Farmers Petroleum Marketing Services Division, Box 960, Lansing, MI 48904

ASK THE FARM BUREAU PEOPLE



Making Your Voice Heard

(Author's Note: Farm Bureau, as used in the context of this discussion refers to Michigan Farm Bureau, other state Farm Bureaus, and the American Farm Bureau Federation, and not to any affiliate companies.)

The foundation of Farm Bureau's structure is self-government. This foundation upholds a structure which emphasizes the freedom of the individual and the initiation of proposals for policies by community groups and individuals. The structure of Farm Bureau embodies the concept and purpose of the organization -- betterment of farm families, community, state, and nation by free individuals working voluntarily together. This structure enables every policy to be a decision of the majority of the members, either by their own vote or by vote of their elected representatives.

Farm Bureau structure is unique among organizations. It is an organization operated by its members — not in name only, but in actual practice. It was created by its members and is maintained and operates on the policies adopted by them.

A most important working principle of Farm Bureau is that the power of the organization rests in the individual members. It is here that ideas originate. It is here that decisions are carried out. In some voluntary organizations the power rests in a staff who executes plans by utilizing the volunteer time and efforts of it's members. In other organizations, power lies mainly in a national board or in the national officers. In these types of organizations the members are carrying out the directives of the few in whom power is vested.

Another principle of Farm Bureau's strength lies in it's belief in an adherence to policies which guarantee equal opportunities to each member. Farm Bureau is based on the same philosophy as our Republic — a philosophy of equal individual opportunity to propose measures, to discuss, and to decide them.

These are some of the significant procedures which are distinctive to Farm Bureau -- the initiation of recommendations for policies by individual members and the community groups, instead of by the state or national organizations; the right of each member to speak and to vote for or against a recommendation or a plan before it is sent to a state or national group; the opportunities for training, member participation, and leadership open to every member; the expert aid, advice, and education available to every member by officers and staff, it's publications, and it's radios programs; the facts and the information available to every member before he is asked to make a discussion.

A most fundamental principle of Farm Bureau's strength is an adherence to decision by majority vote. Up to the time that a decision by vote is made, every member has the right to oppose a motion or a resolution, to work against it as vigorously as he wishes, and to seek to convert others in his point of view. Once a proposal has been decided by a vote of the majority, however, it becomes the decision of every member of the organization.

Each organization must speak with one united voice if it is to be heard. No one listens to a babble of conflicting voices. Farm Bureau members understand and work by majority decision. Thus, the decisions of the majority of the members become the official policies of all and to be supported by all.

Farm Bureau has an original and highly effective system for developing it's plans in carrying out it's work. It has been tested by time, and achievements over the years are proof of its success.

Farm Bureau operates through policies developed and carried out by it's members. A

DISCUSSION By KEN

by KEN WILES

Manager Member Relations

policy is the statement of an idea, a belief, a method, or a plan. Added together, these policies are Farm Bureau's goals for the year. They may be philosophical statements of ideas, or they may be concrete blueprints for action. They may be problems of farmers or problems of all citizens. They may be community problems or international problems. They may be goals or methods of reaching them. Policies express Farm Bureau's fundamental ideas on community, county, state, or national issues. Once determined and adopted, these policies become the plan for the years work. They are the statement of what a majority of Farm Bureau members have voted, after prolonged study and discussion.

The basic policies state the philosophy of Farm Bureau — these principles which the members hold fundamental to the welfare of their country and of Farm Bureau. They are the principles of the Christian Faith, Bill of Rights, the Constitution of the United States and the right of a competitive market system. These are the yardsticks by which lesser proposed policies are measured.

The members originate and develop Farm Bureau policies. Often a need gives birth to a policy. The subject may be one of community concern, but often the originator of a policy looks beyond his fence rows to the needs of agriculture, country, or even the world. Farm Bureau members are citizens as well as farmers and are concerned with all of the problems of a citizen.

During the course of the year, many community groups as well as individual members have ideas which become the basics of policy recommendations. Talking an idea over with others helps to eliminate the bugs. The sponsor is in a better position to prepare a good, sound policy recommendation if the idea has been thought out and the recommendation based on facts, figures, or proof.

After a policy recommendation has been prepared by an individual or a community group, it is forwarded to the County Farm Bureau Policy Development Committee. The Policy Development Committee studies it, searches for more facts, and compares it with policies already adopted and with similar recommendations which may have been sent in by another community group or individual. The committee may combine recommendations which differ only in minor points. It may reword the recommendations or make changes in it. It often consults with well-informed persons and asks advice of technical people.

If the County Policy Development Committee approves the recommendation, it may present it to the County Annual Meeting as a policy recommendation.

The Farm Bureau members at the County Annual Meeting may amend the recommendation during discussion. If they adopt it and if it covers a subject which is of concern to the county only, it then becomes an official adopted county policy. Recommendations adopted which concern state, national, or international issues are forwarded to the State Policy Development Committee.

The State Policy Development Committee is appointed by the state president. The twenty-member State Policy Development Committee is composed of one member from each of the

eleven districts, plus three representatives of the Michigan Farm Bureau Women, three representatives of the Michigan Farm Bureau Young Farmers, and three members at large.

The State Policy Development Committee undertakes more study, investigates, and compares all policy recommendations which have been received from the counties. The Committee may amend, clarify or oppose recommendations and may combine the best features of several similar recommendations into one. More facts and statistics are sought. If similar recommendations are made by a number of counties, this indicates wide backing for the idea, and the chances of approval are good.

If the State Policy Development Committee approves the recommendation, it is presented as a recommendation to the voting delegates at the Michigan Farm Bureau Annual Meeting. There the delegates may debate, amend or reject any proposed resolution as well as introduce new resolutions from the floor in accordance with established rules. If the recommendation concerns only the state, it becomes an adopted policy of the Michigan Farm Bureau when approved by a majority of the voting delegates. It is then entitled to the support of all Farm Bureau members in the state.

If, however, the recommendation is of concern to several states, or to the whole country, is forwarded as a recommendation to the Policy Development Committee of the American Farm Bureau Federation.

The policy recommendations which come to the Policy Development Committee of the American Farm Bureau Federation, are again carefully scrutinized and screened. Those which are similar, yet overlapping, are combined. Those which conflict only slightly are harmonized. Their legal interpretations are analyzed. Their wording is revised. Their meaning is carefully tested. Those which are approved by the Policy Development Committee go to the voting delegates as recommendations at the American Farm Bureau Federation Annual Meeting.

Those recommendations which receive a majority vote of the voting delegates become Farm Bureau's official policies with regard to national and international issues, to be supported by every Farm Bureau member. These policies, together with those reaffirmed from the previous year, make up the Farm Bureau's policies and program of work for the coming year. They continue in effect unless they are modified by the voting delegates of the member states at a future annual meeting. They are the policies covering national issues concerning all Farm Bureau members everywhere. They are established goals of Farm Bureau. The annual meeting of the American Farm Bureau Federation caps the policy development process in which hundreds of thousands of farm folks in community, county, and state meetings throughout the national have participated.

This process charts a clear course in welldefined objects for the year. It assures members that Farm Bureau will march forward toward well-considered, carefully choosen objectives outlined by policies which the members themselves have initiated, studied, and decided.) and $oldsymbol{A}$

QUESTION:

People seem to think that they have access to my land any time they want it. A very few of these trespassers even cause some damage. What can I do? ANSWER:

The law does provide protection for property owners. The Horton Trespass Act passed in 1927 and since amended, makes it illegal for any person to enter in or remain on lands for the purpose of hunting or operating a snowmobile or all-terrain vehicle without the consent of the property owner provided that:

(a) The property is fenced or enclosed in a manner to

keep out the intruders or

(b) Notice to stay off or leave the property is personally communicated to the individual by the owner or lessee of the property or

(c) Notice against trespass is given by posting the property in a conspicuous manner.

In addition to knowing and understanding the law, in most cases it would be advisable to visit with the local law enforcement officials, including the County Prosecutor, Sheriff and possibly a representative from the State Police to discuss the problem in your area and their suggestion for corrective action.

A bill has been introduced in the State Legislature requiring written permission be obtained from the owner or lessee prior to entering the property. This bill may be considered when the Legislature returns in the fall.

Milk is Still a Bargain

Milk is still a bargain said Hollis Hatfield, Assistant Director of commodity activites for the American Farm Bureau Federation.

Speaking in Watertown, North Dakota, recently Hatfield said, "While the index of milk prices advanced only one-tenth of one percent in the past twelve months, other food prices advanced 8.5 percent. If for no other reason, this makes it one of our best food buys."

He noted that in the past year attacks on the milk industry and cooperatives have intensified. He expressed the belief that this is all a part of the cheap food policies being espoused by several groups. He also noted that within the past year or two, the Justice Department's antitrust division appears to have zeroed in on the dairy cooperatives on the premise that marketing these organizations exert an excessive amount of market power. The Federal Trade Commission also seems to have moved in on the industry, he added.
"IF," he said, "the so-

called enemies of the dairy industry would look at the consumer price index, they would find that they are looking in the wrong woodshed. From 1970 to 1976, the index of fluid milk prices rose 37 percent while the retail price of all food products jumped 53 percent. These figures do not indicate that the dairy industry has an excessive amount of power. As a matter of fact, they seem to indicate on the surface that there is not enough power."

Turning to the attacks by both government and socalled consumer representatives of the industry, Hatfield noted that the dairyman's cost like those of other consumers have risen sharply. In 1975 alone, the costs of production supplies -fertilizers, feed machinery, etc. - rose 9.5 percent while returns rose only one-tenth of one percent.

"It is time for the cheap food proponents to dispense with the flack," he concluded, "milk is already a bargain."

NOTICE

A BOOTH IN THE FLORAL EXHIBIT BUILDING AT THE IONIA COUNTY FAIR WILL PROVIDE INFORMATION ABOUT FARM SAFETY AND OSHA ON THE FARM.

FARM BUREAU MARKET PLACE

SPECIAL RATE TO FARM BUREAU MEMBERS: One free 25 word ad per month per membership, additional words, 10 cents each. Figures such as 12 or \$12.50 count as one word NON-MEMBER advertisers: 15 cents per word one edition, two or more editions, 10 cents per word. Copy deadline: 13th of Month. Mail classified ads to: Michigan Farm News, P. O. Box 960, Lansing, Mi. 48904 Publisher reserves right to reject any advertising copy submitted.

FARM EQUIPMENT

FARM EQUIPMENT

LIVESTOCK

MISCELLANEOUS

LAND CLEARING and Buildozing - By the hour or by the job, Tom Tank, Eagle, Michigan 48822. Phone 517-626-6677. (5-ff-18p)

WANTED TO BUY - John Deere GP or D

model Tractor. For sale 1938 John Deere A Tractor with extras. LeRoy Keinath, R No. 4, Vassar, Michigan 48768. Phone 517-652-

PAINTING, Tuck pointing, sand blasting, caulking, registered steeple-lack, fully insured, E.R. Wilcox, 3424 E. Beaver Rd., Bay

FOR SALE - 23' Deluxe Fan trailer, fully contained, Moor Ride, Reease Hitch, 12 volt converter, charger, bath fub, shower, large refrigerator. Lawrence Block, Owendale,

City, Phone 517-684-7640.

WE SELL, SERVICE AND ERECT NEW SMITH SILOS, rebuild used silos, install complete manure systems, including above ground storage, Silo-matic unloaders and complete feeding systems, free planning and estimates. Laursen's Inc., West Branch 517-45-1400. We have accept covering most of 345-1400. We have agents covering most of the state. Some areas are still open. Call if interested. (4-61-25p26b)

ROUND BALE FEEDERS for 1500 lbs round bale FEEDERS for 1500 lbs. round bales. Heavy duty 1" square tubing. Only \$81.25. Rectangular feeders also available. Free literature. Dealerships available Starr National, 219 Main, Colchester, Illinois 62326.

FOR SALE: Ford 8000 Tractor with plow, 880 chopper 2-row corn head & hay head, like new. Lime spreader, disc, 41 trusses. Phone Romeo 313-752-9882 or 313-752-9666.

FOR SALE: PATZ BARN CLEANER, right hand, 18" paddles, approx. 225 ft. chain in good condition, reasonable. Roy Moore, R No. 1, Lawrence, Mich. Phone 616-678-8578.

FARROWING STALLS - Complete \$74.50. 1" tubular steel construction. Dealerships available. Free literature. STARR NATIONAL, 219 Main, Colchester, Illinois

FOR SALE - 400 gal. Dari-Kool Ice Bank Bulk Tank - 3 Surge Units - Surge Pump and 1-1/4 in. pipe line. Phone Port Hope 517-428-4548.

FOR SALE - International F-12 Tractor, Rubber tires, Runs good, \$300.00. Helen Henney, M-128 Middleton. Phone 517-236-5110.

FOR SALE - Oliver 525 Combine w-cab, Hume Reel, Hart Carter, 2-row corn head, Excellent condition \$4,500. P.R. Hasty, RR No. 2, Tekonsha. Phone 517-765-2683.

FOR SALE - M.M. 2890 Combine w-2-row cornhead, 11 ft. table, field ready, \$4,500. David Hasty, Phone 517-765-2683, Tekonsha,

BRILLION 16 ft. Wheeled Transport Culipacor. Superior 8" Grain Auger. GMC 6x6 - 2-1/2 ton Army Truck - All are in good condition. Phone Flushing 313-659-6535 (8-11-24p)

FOR SALE: 1975 IHC 100 Hydro tractor with cab and air conditioning. Fully weighted, excellent condition, 600 hrs. Phone Lake Odessa 616-693-2369.

FOR SALE - Must sell 1941 Ford truck with grain box, runs. Also old grain drill. Make offer. Write Martha Liske, R No. 1 Hubbard

FOR SALE - New Holland 258 9-1/2' heavy rake with dolly wheels. Like new \$1200. J. Poulter, Chelsea 313-426-4038.

FOR SALE - DeLavel 250 gal. bulk milk Cooler. New agitator & compressor units used only two years. Phone Vassar 517-652-

(8-11-19p)

FARM BUILDING MAINTENANCE - We specialize in painting high buildings & roofing steep roofs. Work from boom truck with 65 ft. reach. For estimate call High-Boy Builders, Lansing 517-882-5869, emish 616-378-2375, Muskegon 616-773

HARLEY ROCK PICKERS. Rock Windrowers. Picks 1 to 16" dia. The World's Best. Phone 313-376-4791. Earl F. Reinelt, 4465 Reinelt, Deckerville, Mich. 48427. (5-tf-

SPRAY-TEC insulation for metal, wood and block buildings. UL Lab. as Class A building material. Gerald Oakley, 1420 M-52 North, Stockbridge, Mich. 49285. Phone 517-851 6627 (5.122-250) (5-12t-25p)

GRAIN DRYING AND STORAGE EQUIPMENT. Farm Fans Dryers, Brock Bins, Bucket Elevators, Sales, Installation, Service. Keith Otto. K & R Equipment, Inc., Charlotte 48813, 517-543-1350. (10-tf-25p)

SURVIVE THE ENERGY CRUNCH Burn wood, famous Ashley Thermostatic wood burning circulators available now. Krader Enterprises, Rt. No. 1, Grand Junction, Mich. 49056. Phone 616-253-4332. (5-5t-24p)

FOR SALE - "Flying L" horse & stock trailers, gooseneck & flatheds in stock, 1½ mi. west of Palo. Thomas Read, Fenwick, Mich. 48834. Phone 517-637-4772. (10-ff-25p)

FOR SALE - 32 used Gamesway Stantions Stalls drinking cup - good condition - cheap. Dale Woolcott, Hartford, Mich. 49057.

LIVESTOCK

REGISTERED Corriedale Sheep for sale Rams, Ram lambs, ewes, good bloodlines. Also Hampshire Rams. Leo Eccles, Mendon 49072. Phone 616-496-7650. (711-21p)

FOR SALE - YORKSHIRE serviceage boars and open gilts top bloodlines tested at MSU test station. All registered stock. Richard Cook, 1/2 mile east Mulliken, M-43. Pho

AKC Irish Setter puppies. Excellent bloodlines. Beautiful parents. Dam is exc. obedience dog. Member of an obedience training club. 4-H discount. Edwardsburg 616-663-8354.

(8-11-23p)

FOR SALE: English Shepherd Pups, natural bob failed, good cattle & watch dogs. Alvin Bauman, 690 E. Covert Rd., Leslie, Mich. 49251. Phone 517-589-9671.

10 REGISTERED HOLSTEIN HEIFERS, due Aug. & Sept., records up to 18,000 milk. Also Reg. Holstein Yearting Bulls, 1 sired by Snowman, dam's records to 23,172 milk 845 fat. George Robb, Fowlerville, Mich. Phone

(8-11-25p9b)

FOR SALE - New Zealand White Rabbits, bred for top meat production. "Rabbits are our only business." Detmers Bunny Patch, Phone 517-584-3765, Caron City, Mich.

QUARTER HORSES - Disposition for 4-H, ability for cattle, conformation for show. Reasonable prices. Customer satisfaction a priority. Visitors welcome. Walton Farms Rosebush. Phone 517-433-2925. (3-tf-24p)

FOR SALE - 30 Large Holstein Heifers 2 yrs. vac open \$38500; 20 Heifers yr. old Service Bull. Edward Tanis, Jenison 616-669-9226. (6-

CHAROLAIS - For sale polled or horned bulls and bred cows, performance tested, R. J. Eldridge & Sons, 7911 Alden Nash Rd., (M-50) Alto, Mich. (616) 868-6223.

(3-tf-25p)

COW TRIMMING makes your cows feel better, produce better and makes you more money. Call Bob Presson, RFD 3, Evart, MI (10tf-14p) 49631. Phone (616) 734-5051.

CORRIEDALE SHEEP - Purebred Breeding stock for sale. Paper optional. Waldo F. Dieterle, 7285 Textile Rd., Saline, Mich. 48176. Phone (313) 429-7874. (1-1f-19p)

MILKING SHORTHORNS - Young bulls, yearlings and calves for sale. Write or visit Stanley M. Powell and Family, Ingleside Farm, R.R. 2, Box 238, Ionia, Mich. 48846.

CHAROLAIS - For sale polled or horned bulls and bred cows, performance tested. R.J. Eldridge & Sons, 7911 Alden Nash Rd., (M-50) Alto, Mich. (616) 868-3081. (3-H-25p)

BEEFALO HEIFERS, Buils from \$650.00. Pure blood Basolo Hybrid semen from \$7.00 ampule or straw. Free Beefalo story. American Beefalo, Mayville 21, Michigan.

(7-H-25p)...

REGISTERED American Catabaula Leopard pups. Natural-Talented-Gentle-All around stock dog. Also good guard dog. Wm. L. Davis. 12537 Linden Rd., Linden 48451,

FOR SALE: 300 Western white-faced ewes, 4 yrs. old; 7 reg. Suffolk rams & 2 Dorset rams. Betty Currey, Barnard Rd., Barnard Rd., Charlevoix. Phone 616-547-6224.

CORRIEDALE RAMS, purebred for breeding. Registration available if desired. Craig Adams, Jackson Rd., Tekonsha, Mich. 49092. Phone 517-767-4250.

BLUE HEELERS - Registered Australian Shepherd Pups. Good watch dogs and guaranteed to work stock. Gary Voogt, Marne, MI. (616) 677-3680.

LIVESTOCK

FOR SALE - 15 Large Holstein Heifers due in mid-August. Louis Spitzley, Pewamo. Phone 517-593-2476.

PUREBRED ARAB STALLION Reg., Gentle broke to ride, 12 yrs. \$600. Will consider trade for horse equip. 2052 Thorntree La., Ortonville 48462. Phone 313-628-5749.

FOR SALE - 14 White Face some have caives, some due soon, herd bull, 15 feeders, make reasonable offer, take one, or all. 517-223-9205 Gregory Mich.

MISCELLANEOUS

WANTED: Used truck no older than 1970, 2-2-1/2 ton, long wheel base, 16 foot cattle rack with hoist. Skyline Ranch, phone Lake Orion

KNOW SOMETHING ABOUT FARMING? Help get agriculture moving overseas. Expenses paid, ages 20-60, single or married, no dependents. Write: PEACE CORPS FARMER, Rm. 322Q, 1 N. Wacker Dr., Chicago, III. 60606.

OR SALE: 500 2 ft. x 2 ft. x 4 in. Glad Trays, Galvanized wire bottoms, 50c apiece. George Dietz, \$3100 Van Dyke, Utica, Mich. 48087. Phone 313-781-9289.

HOMEWORKER'S WANTED! OUT-STANDING INCOME! INFORMATION FOR STAMPED ENVELOPE, LaPoe, 9700 Pinehurst, South Gate, California 90280.

RAWLEIGH PRODUCTS. Extracts, spices, medicines, etc. Dealerships available. Rabbage, 205 E. Meadowbrook, Midland, Michigan 48640.

SAUSAGE MAKERS, premixed spices, cures for ham, bacon, poultry, game. 40 recipes, casings, stuffers, smoker ideas. Catalog, National Home Products, Box 4397-

AFRICAN VIOLETS - Start plants from leaves, over 80 varieties. Descriptive price list 35c. Gail's Violets, R No. 4, St. Johns,

AVOID THE MIDDLEMEN and save. Cedar Products: fence post, grape post, pointed post and rustic round rail fences. Purchase direct, trucking no charge in truck load lots. Write: Ivan R. Mainar, Wholesale Cedar Post Yard, Rte. No. 3, Rapid River, Michigan 49878. 906-474-5204 evenings.

517-678-4395. WANTED TO BUY - A PTO driven combine with seed cleaner in good condition. Phone 616-657-5003 or write to GREEN TIP FARM, R No. 3, Paw Paw, Michigan 49079. (7-41-25p) FARMERS - Multi-manufacturer distributor expanding business throughout Michigan.
Need agriculturally experienced associates.
Work independently. Excellent products commissions benefits. Send name address. P.E.D., Box 781, East Lansing, Mich.
(7-61-25p)

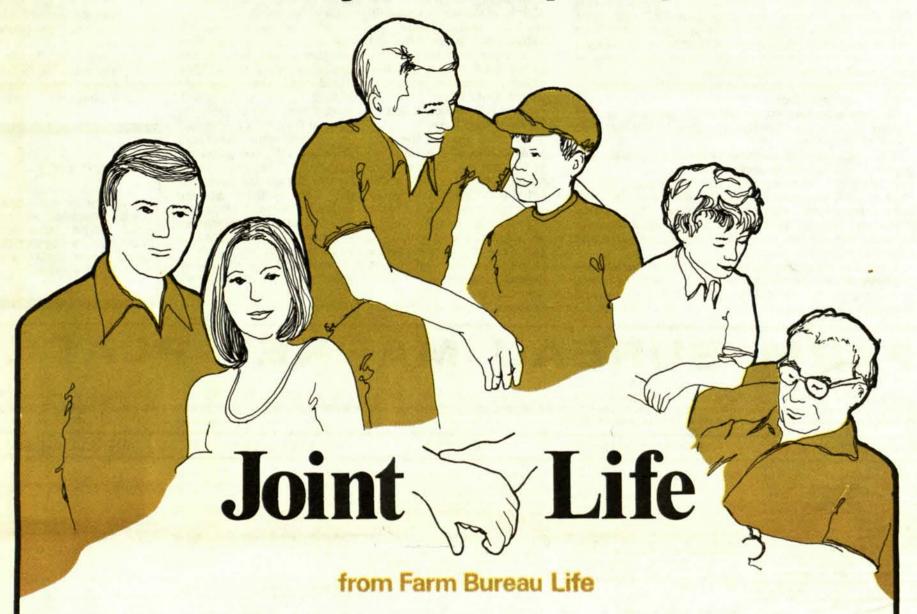
CUSTOM CHERRY HARVESTING, ex-perienced crew does quality work, shock-wave trunk shaker. We furnish all equip-ment. Telephone for a cost estimate. Earl Peterson, Shelby, 616-861-5339. (4-51-25p)

REAL ESTATE

BUY DIRECT FROM FARMER AND SAVE - Selling 800 acres on 8-1/2 percent Land contracts with the following descriptions : SOUTH OF FOWLERVILLE - 200 acre muck farm \$700.00 per acre; 175 acre muck farm with lake \$800.00 per acre, only ½ mile apart. DANSVILLE - 32 acres on Dansville Road -1-½ miles west of Dansville 1,000 ft. of road frontage building site \$500.00 per acre. SOUTH OF FOWLERVILLE ON COON LAKE ROAD - 130 acres scenic, rolling and wooded -3/4 mile frontage on the Cedar River \$700.00 per acre. SOUTH OF FOWLER-VILLE -20 acre wooded parcel on Coon Lake Road adjoins small lake with artesian well \$800.00 per acre. NORTHWEST OF GREGORY - 187 acres Wheat, corn and pasture land. 140 acres tillable 2 miles of road frontage. Surveyed for parceling. \$850.00 per acre. SOUTH OF FOWLER-VILLE - five and ten acre parcels \$900.00 to \$1,700.00 per acre. Call owner Fowlerville (517) 223-9443. wooded - 34 mile frontage on the Cedar River

WANTED: Rural land forested or cleared in Kalamazoo area, with or without house or buildings, can be rolling. Write P.O. Box 297, Unionville. Phone 517-674-2311. (6-31-25p)

Now! Protect the two of you with just one policy!



Farm Bureau Joint Life . . . a unique life insurance plan which insures two lives for just one premium. You get sound life insurance protection of at least \$10,000 apiece . . . for you and another person . . . your wife or husband, your child, a grandchild, even a business partner! Equal coverage for each of you with just one policy. Here are just some of the ways Joint Life can work for you . . .

Husband and Wife

Joint Life means now you and your spouse can enjoy exactly the same coverage . . . equal protection for both . . . at only a few dollars more than standard premiums for just one of you. For example, if you are 31 and your wife is 25, the single premium covering both of you would be based on your combined adjusted age of 28.

Grandparent/Parent and Child

With Joint Life you can provide guaranteed protection for your child's future. And the cost of the premium is <u>less</u> than what it would be to insure you alone! Joint Life also may be exactly what you've been looking for to insure a bright start for that new grandchild.

Business Protection

Joint Life is excellent protection for many businesses . . . you and your business partner protect each other with a Joint Life plan.

Joint Life. It makes sense doesn't it? Protection for both of you with just one policy, one premium. To find out more about Joint Life and the many available options, call your Farm Bureau agent today . . . listed in the Yellow Pages.

