

OUR DAY - "There is one day that is ours. There is one day when all we Americans who are not self-made go back to the old home to eat saleratus biscuits and marvel

how much nearer to the porch the old pump looks than it used to. . . Thanksgiving Day. . . is the one day that is purely American." -- O. Henry (Photo by Marcia Ditchie)

Member Efforts Lauded

FIFRA Amendments Signed

After many months of effort by Farm Bureau and other groups, Congress has finally passed, and President Carter has signed, S. 1678, a bill amending the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA). The amendments improve FIFRA by streamlining the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) administration of the pesticide program.

According to Al Almy, Michigan Farm Bureau's director of Public Affairs, the amendments will benefit farmers by allowing them to use pesticides with more flexibility and will benefit consumers by increasing farming efficiency.

"The efforts of Michigan

Farm Bureau members in responding to ACTION REQUESTED letters and efforts of other members in every state Farm Bureau were instrumental in securing passage of the amendments," Almy said. "It is indeed refreshing to see such far-reaching, positive action being taken on chemicals after so many broadside attacks on chemicals by EPA and other 'anti-groups.'"

Major amendments in the new law include: EPA will be required to prepare an economic statement prior to the issuance of major pesticide regulation and also be required to issue simplified regulations for the registration of pesticides. Separate, less strict "minor

use" pesticide registration standards are required under the new bill.

EPA will also be required to have valid tests or other significant evidence raising "prudent concerns" about the safety of a pesticide before the agency may begin action against the pesticide.

The law is amended to permit the sale of restricted use pesticides to farmers who are not certified applicators if the pesticide application is to be made by a certified applicator. Enforcement provisions of the law are amended to permit states to assume primary authority for enforcing the pesticide law, and federal oversight over state programs has been deleted.

Nov. 28-Dec. 1

Annual Meetings Set

The annual meetings of Michigan Farm Bureau and three of its affiliates -- Farm Bureau Services, Inc., Farmers Petroleum Cooperative, Inc., and the Michigan Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Association (MACMA) -- will be held at the Civic Auditorium and Pantlind Hotel in Grand Rapids on November 28-29-30 and December 1.

The main focus of delegate attention during the MFB annual will be the development of policies which will set the course of organization activity during the coming year. Resolutions sessions begin on Wednesday afternoon and continue through Friday. Other meeting

highlights include the Annual Banquet on Wednesday evening, when the Distinguished Service to Agriculture award will be presented, and a "back by popular demand" repeat of the Michigan Farm Bureau Jamboree on Thursday night, with square dancing, country music, and recognition of award-winning county Farm Bureaus.

A new addition this year will be the MACMA annual meeting which begins with the commodity sessions on Wednesday morning and business meeting that afternoon. The FBS and FPC annuals are scheduled for Tuesday.

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From the Desk of the President

Be an Informed Voter

Election Day . . . a precious opportunity for Americans! Yet, it is estimated that only 50 percent of those eligible to vote will do so. Will you be one of them? I sincerely hope so because we, as farmers, can affect the election if we exercise our right.

One of the reasons people give for not voting is that they don't understand the issues. What a shame, because our form of government is dependent on an informed electorate.

To help prepare you prior to voting on November 7, this issue of the MICHIGAN FARM NEWS contains a great deal of information on the ballot proposals and many of the candidates. Please take time to study the materials on pages 11-17 thoroughly. Take the summary of Farm Bureau's position on the proposals and the names of the "Friends of Agriculture" with you to the voting booth.

While much has been said and written about the three so-called tax proposals, there

are other items which need our attention as well.

Proposal A, if passed, would start the process of calling a Constitutional Convention in October of 1979. The cost of holding such a convention, including the delegate election process, would cost well in excess of \$10 million. That's a lot of money for an unnecessary overhaul, when amendments have performed minor "tune-ups" to keep our Constitution operating well.

Proponents of Proposal A want several things - most of which are repugnant to farmers. These include the elimination of the requirement for a balanced state budget, provisions to allow for a graduated state income tax, changes in the method of funding education, a unicameral legislature, increasing the number of departments within state government, and others.

The most obvious danger of a Constitutional Convention is that it could develop a new document eliminating the desires of citizens gained at the voting booth through the years. It could also propose a document unacceptable to the people. This would result in a complete waste of time and money.

Another issue of concern to

farmers is Proposal M. Recently legislation increasing fuel tax and license fees provides money to maintain and improve roads. However, a ruling by the Supreme Court allows for "highway" money to be used for bus systems, mass transit, bicycle paths and other modes of transportation.

It is therefore vital to pass Proposal M on Election Day! This will constitutionally guarantee that 90 percent of fuel and license fees will be used for road purposes. This is the only way to assure that counties will have money to improve roads and bridges. Good roads and bridges are vital to Michigan agriculture!

Railroads are also vital to agriculture. Proposal R would allow for the issuing of revenue bonds for the redevelopment of railroads. Farmers should vote "Yes" on Proposal R.

Even though predictions are for a small voter turnout, the length of the ballot means that voting could nevertheless be a slow process. Persons who have physical handicaps or who know they cannot get to the voting booth on November 7 should take

advantage of the absentee voters ballot. Application for these ballots must be filed before 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 4, 1978.

Let's demonstrate the unity of agriculture at the ballot

box on November 7. When all is said and done, that's the true test of our appreciation for the "American Way of Life!"

Elton R. Smith

Bulletin from Bonnie

By Bonnie Carpenter
MFB Outstanding Young
Farm Woman



Earning the Emergency Short Course Degree

Harvest season is in full swing. The combine is roaring through this year's crop just ahead of autumn's dark skies threatening rain, or worse - SNOW. In this battle against time and weather, farm wives are often conscripted to serve their annual stint as homemaker - turned - grain - hauler.

For the veteran, hauling grain is accomplished without incident and she has, therefore, accepted the duty as would any member of the "harvest crew." For the inconfident novice, however, the experience can be par-

ticularly trying.

Since no high school driver training course can prepare the future farm wife for her role as grain hauler, she is dependent upon the instruction of father, hired man or husband. In any case the most popular teaching method appears to be the Emergency Short Course.

As an afternoon graduate of the course, I believe I can describe it fully. After being told to climb into the truck cab (a real challenge when you are 5'3"), I let out the clutch carefully - and lurched ahead 20 feet. Slapping

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Back on the Soapbox--Again

This author's tender ego has, once again, been wounded! With the elimination of the DONNA Column last month, I expected to hear cries of outrage from a few faithful fans or at least some plaintive wails of "Where are you?" I got neither . . . but decided to share the situation with you anyway.

Attached to the editor title for the FARM NEWS are the words: Business Manager. Thanks to your input and cooperation, we didn't fare too badly last year with the editor part. But, I'm sad to report, we didn't gain any points in the business manager portion of our responsibilities.

So, saith our bosses, you cannot run a business that way! Consequently, we've had to cut some corners in the expense column, including limiting the number of pages in the FARM NEWS. This means having to be very discriminatory in the use of materials. Just how much does it inform and stimulate members to action? With that question as our guideline, the editor in chief had to admit that, many times, her column was more in the category of "Let me entertain you."

Consequently (again),

AFBF President Allan Grant and I (unbeknownst to him) have reached an understanding. If he has something more timely and important to say to you (like last month when he urged you to vote) than I do, we'll run his column. When I have something to share with you that's in keeping with our guideline, we'll use mine. I have to admit that we retain editorial privileges and that President Grant does not get a vote. You'll just have to trust us. . .

IT BUILDS CHARACTER

Any adverse condition that ever occurred in my life as a child and teenager (like a huge, unsightly zit) was qualified by my dear mother with the words: "It builds character." Believe me, having to make tough decisions on how best to use our allotted space is an adverse condition and it has been a character-building experience. It has also reinforced our empathy for others in similar circumstances -- and that's where YOU enter the picture. . .

When we visited Benzie County's new radio station (see Regional Feature, Page 16), we were impressed with the genuine concern of the owners and staff to perform a

public service to the community. We hope they never lose that concern. But, speaking from experience, concern alone cannot support such a venture. It is advertising dollars that keep local radio stations, and local newspapers, in a position where they can perform a service to their local communities.

I have heard many Farm Bureau members complain because their local media doesn't give "adequate" or "fair" coverage to their activities. Yet, when their county Farm Bureau boards sit down to determine their budgets for the coming year, no advertising dollars are allocated to local media. Even worse, I've seen county Farm Bureaus submit legitimate advertising material to their local media in the guise of a news release, and then they wonder why it didn't get front-page placement. Here in the offices of the FARM NEWS, that kind of material is first responded to with an advertising rate card and then DUMPED!

Don't ever underestimate the power of the small, local media. They may not reach beyond the borders of your own county, but the information they carry is

TRUSTED; it has credibility because, almost without exception, they are small businesses conducted by local people who CARE. Support them, not only with your agricultural and Farm Bureau news (REAL news), but also with your advertising dollars. Their "life" depends upon it!

EQUAL RIGHTS

ERA is a subject we don't discuss in the FARM NEWS because of Farm Bureau's position against it. However, I think it's time we broadened our thinking when it applies to equal rights for women to assume leadership positions in our own organization.

I was embarrassed (and proud of District Director Bob Rider for handling the situation with poise), when, at the Mason County Farm Bureau annual meeting, President Janet Groth was presented with a President's Club certificate. Membership in the Farm Bureau President's Club was awarded to Janet in recognition of "his" devotion to the cause of organized agriculture and effective leadership on its behalf.

Granted, it's just a piece of paper, but the wording implies that Farm Bureau leaders and staff never expected a woman to hold such

a position; they assumed it would always be a "his."

It's not just a matter of changing the wording on a certificate -- it's a matter of changing attitudes. A check of the organization's by-laws shows no rule against having women in such a leadership role. Yet, only one out of 60 county Farm Bureaus (at this writing) has a woman as president and only a few are being elected to county boards in other than a Women's Committee representative position. Why? Do women have less administrative abilities?

Some county Farm Bureaus may be losing out on some talented, strong leadership because tradition has narrowed their selection process. Others may be losing out simply because women have not dared see themselves in such a role.

If that sounds like a challenge. . . it is!



Congress Approves Ag Export Bill

Exports Expansion Bill Part of MFB's Action Plan for Farm Income

A House-Senate Conference Committee on October 5, approved S. 3447 and H.R. 10584 (known as the Poage-Mathis Bill) designed to expand agricultural export sales by a combination of new promotion efforts and credit programs.

Just before adjournment on October 15, Congress accepted the provisions of the conference report.

Support of this bill was a part of Michigan Farm Bureau's five-point action plan to increase farm income. MFB President Elton R. Smith testified before a Congressional committee, on behalf of the American Farm

Bureau Federation, urging passage of the bill.

The bill, reconciling differences between separate versions passed earlier by the House and Senate, now will be sent back to the two chambers for final votes.

Chairman Thomas S. Foley, D-Wash., of the House Agriculture Committee said approval of the legislation underlines the conviction in Congress that a continued heavy flow of exports of grains and other crops is needed to help protect farm income. Also, Foley noted, expanding farm exports can help narrow the nation's trade deficit and thus protect the value of the dollar.

The bill directs the Secretary of Agriculture to set up between six and 25 agricultural trade promotion offices in major markets abroad. In addition, the diplomatic status of U.S. agricultural attaches in not less than 10 major markets abroad would be raised to the rank of Counselor to enable them to compete on equal terms with higher-ranking officials of other countries.

Credit sections of the legislation would provide two additions to an existing program under which the Agriculture Department's Commodity Credit Corporation provides commercial-rate credit to many foreign buyers of American farm products with repayment terms of up to three years.

Under the bill:

1 -- Nations currently eligible for three-year CCC credit could also get "intermediate" credits with repayments of up to 10 years for the following purposes:

--To finance purchases of grain needed for reserve

stockpiling under international commodity agreements or other plans acceptable to the U.S.

--To finance purchases of breeding livestock, including freight costs.

--To finance, where feasible, establishment of facilities in the importing nation for improved handling of imported farm products.

--And to meet credit competition from other nations -- but not to initiate credit wars.

In cases of grain sales for building stocks abroad, the Secretary of Agriculture would seek to get agreements aimed at preventing "dumping" of reserve stocks. In every individual case, furthermore, the Secretary would first have to determine that the sale would not work to the disadvantage of American farmers. Then, notice of the proposed sale would have to be sent to the Senate and House Agriculture Committees 30 days before its effective date.

The legislation also specifies that the Federal

cargo preference law would not apply to the proposed new intermediate credit program.

2 -- The Agriculture Department would be authorized to offer CCC financing with repayment periods of up to three years on sales of farm products to the People's Republic of China which, like most other Communist countries, currently is not eligible for CCC credit. In addition, the bill authorizes CCC credit for up to three years to private U.S. exporters who make deferred-payment sales to currently - eligible countries and to China.

The trade legislation was sponsored in the House by Reps. Dawson Mathis, D-Ga., W.R. Poage, D-Tex., and other members in both parties including Reps. Kika de la Garza, D-Tex., William C. Wampler, R-Va., and Paul Findley, R-Ill.

The legislation upgrades the post of the Assistant Secretary of Agriculture for International Affairs and Commodity Programs to an Under Secretaryship.

Annual Meetings Notice

The 59th Annual Meeting of Michigan Farm Bureau will be held November 29, 30 and December 1, 1978, at the Civic Center complex in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Registration of voting delegates and guests will begin Tuesday, November 28. The Annual Meeting of Michigan Farm Bureau will open with the Women's Committee Meeting and Commodity Sessions at 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, November 29.

The Annual Meetings of Farm Bureau Services, Inc. and Farmers Petroleum Cooperative, Inc. will be held at the same location on Tuesday, November 28 and the Annual Meeting of Michigan Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Association, Inc. will be held at the same location on Wednesday, November 29. County representatives will want to be present at these important Annual Meetings of their Farm Bureau affiliates. The big "Product Show" will be open Tuesday evening and for a brief period Wednesday afternoon.

The Annual Farm Bureau Banquet will be held Wednesday evening, November 29. An awards program and banquet will be held Thursday evening, November 30.

The purposes of the meeting include:

- (1) Election of Members of the Board of Directors. Even-numbered districts will elect directors for two-year terms. Also to be elected will be two directors-at-large for two-year terms and one director representing the Farm Bureau Young Farmers Committee for a one-year term.
- (2) Reports of Officers.
- (3) Consideration and action on the recommendations of the Policy Development Committee to determine action policies of Michigan Farm Bureau for the coming year.
- (4) Consideration of an amendment to Article IV of the Articles of Incorporation to extend the duration of the corporate term of Michigan Farm Bureau to perpetual.
- (5) Consideration of proposed amendments to the Bylaws, if any.

The Bylaws of Michigan Farm Bureau provide that each county Farm Bureau is entitled to at least two voting delegates, plus an additional delegate for each 100 members or major portion thereof in excess of the first 200 members of record August 31, 1978, not including Associate Members.

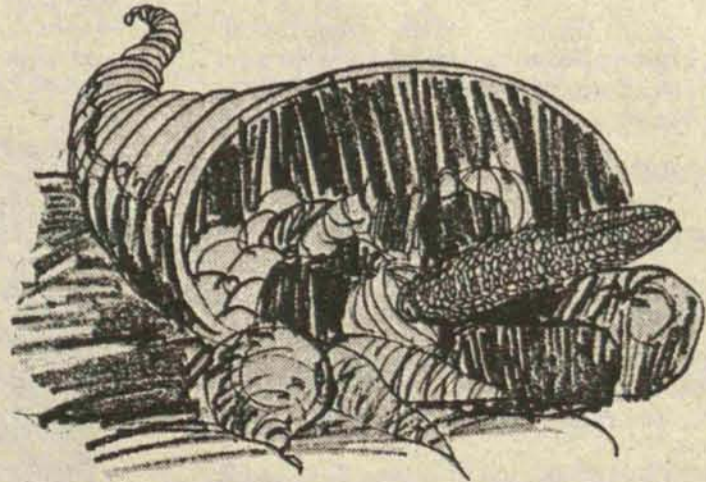
Sincerely,
Robert E. Braden
Administrative Director

William S. Wilkinson
Secretary



Thanksgiving... brought to you by American agriculture.

Thanksgiving means seeing friends and relatives...having a good time. And the most tangible part of Thanksgiving—food. After all, *bountiful harvests* and the *blessings of food and shelter* were the very inspiration of the first Thanksgiving over 300 years ago. □ Today Thanksgiving is a time to thank *everyone* associated with the marketing and processing of food and fiber...farmers, ranchers, teachers, ag scientists, and others. □ PCA encourages *everyone* to be thankful for this land of plenty.



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1978 ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Tuesday

FPC/FBS Annuals - Product Show Kick Off Convention



BOB THOMAS

Donald R. Armstrong, Executive Vice President of Farm Bureau Services, Inc. (FBS) and Farmers Petroleum Cooperative, Inc. (FPC) urges "all Farm Bureau members to attend the annual meetings of these two Farm Bureau affiliates and farmer-owned cooperatives. We have much to report about their activities as well as electing several directors whose terms expire."

The annual meetings of these marketing and farm supply cooperatives will be held on Tuesday, November 28 at the Civic Auditorium in Grand Rapids.

Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. and the FPC annual meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. A complimentary noon luncheon is planned with Dr. Sylvan H. Wittwer, Assistant Dean of the Michigan State University College of Agriculture and Natural Resources and Director of the Agricultural Experiment Station, as the featured speaker. Dr. Wittwer will comment on the "Agricultural Frontier Through Research." Following the luncheon program, FBS will hold its annual meeting.

At the conclusion of the FBS annual, the 1978 Farm Bureau Services - Farmers Petroleum Product Show will be held in the Exhibition Hall in the Civic Auditorium. The Product Show will be open from 3:30 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. on Tuesday and from 10:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday.

Entertainment, drawings and special product demonstrations by factory representatives on the entire line of farming supplies and marketing information will highlight this year's show. On Tuesday, Bob Thomas, "Mr. Entertainment," will be playing his banjo through the exhibit aisles.

A free buffet dinner will be set-up adjacent to the Product Show area at 6:00 p.m. for all Michigan Farm Bureau patrons on Tuesday evening. The Grand Rapids Chorus and Quartet will then entertain with their "magical" melodies at 9:00 p.m.



DR. SYLVAN WITWER

Wednesday

Young Farmers Day

Michigan Farm Bureau Young Farmer activities during the annual meeting will be concentrated on Wednesday, November 29 in both the Pantlind Hotel and the Civic Auditorium.

Scheduled activities begin with registration for the Discussion Meet Semi-Finals and the Outstanding Young Farm Woman Contests at 9:00 a.m. with judging for both to begin at 9:30 a.m. in the Pantlind Hotel.

The Discussion Meet Finals will be held at 1:30 p.m. in the Black and Silver Room in the Civic Auditorium. Following a luncheon for the Outstanding Young Farm Woman contestants, judging for the six finalists will be held in the Continental Room in the Pantlind.

A Young Farmer Reception will be held from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom of the Pantlind. During the reception, county Young Farmer star award winners will be presented and awards will be given recognizing the finalists in the Discussion Meet, Distinguished Young Farmer and Outstanding Young Farm Woman contests. Certificates of merit will also be presented to county Young Farmer Committees. All Farm Bureau members are invited to attend the reception.

Following the Annual Banquet, which begins at 6:30 p.m., the Young Farmer Dance will be held at 9:00 p.m. in the Pantlind Grand Ballroom with music by the "Petal Fall Variety Band."

By Popular Demand

Koffee Klatcheteria Back Again!

Farm Bureau Insurance Group will once again sponsor the Koffee Klatcheteria for delegates at the MFB annual meeting, offering free refreshments and free statewide telephone service.

The Klatcheteria will be located in Rooms C, D and E in the Civic Auditorium and will provide a continuous supply of free coffee, milk, donuts and apple cider for everyone during most of the convention.

Convention delegates will also have the use of three telephones in the Klatcheteria, providing the opportunity to call anywhere in Michigan free of charge.

In addition, the Klatcheteria will offer a variety of displays and insurance-related information.

The Klatcheteria will be open 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. November 29 to December 1.

Tuesday Evening

Presidents, Campaign Managers

Will Hold Joint Banquet

A joint Presidents' and Membership Campaign Managers' Banquet will kick-off activities at the Michigan Farm Bureau annual meeting. The banquet will take place Tuesday evening, November 29, at 6:00 p.m. in the Ballroom of the Pantlind Hotel, with dinner compliments of Farm Bureau Marketing Corporation, Farm Bureau Insurance Group.

Presentation of the 1978 "Fabulous 15" awards to campaign managers will highlight the banquet.

Also sharing the spotlight during the banquet will be George Fields, a new voice creating fun in the wilderness! He is a musician, but not entirely. He is a magician, but Houdini is safe! He is a memory expert of sorts, but Kresgin has not asked for his secrets. He has enough fun that most people would like a copy of that recipe!



GEORGE FIELDS

Wednesday

Dr. Leveille at

Women's Annual

Nearly 500 women are expected to attend the Michigan Farm Bureau Women's annual meeting on Wednesday morning, November 29 in the Black and Silver Room in the Civic Auditorium. Activities are scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. with a welcome address by Mrs. Claudine Jackson, chairman of the Women's Committee.

Featured speaker at the morning meeting will be Dr. Gilbert Leveille, chairman of the Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition at Michigan State University.

After introduction of the MFB Women's Committee and recognition of counties, the morning program will conclude with the 1978 chairman's annual report by Claudine Jackson.

A reception for all Farm Bureau women will be held at 5:15 p.m. that evening in the Black and Silver Room, concluding the 1978 Women's annual meeting.



DR. GILBERT LEVEILLE

NOVEMBER 28 - DECEMBER 1 -- GRAND RAPIDS

Wednesday A.M.

Commodity Sessions Offer Variety



R. KEITH MATHIE



EVERETTE B. HARRIS

Three separate commodity sessions will run concurrent at this year's annual meeting. The three sessions, Horticulture, Field Crops and Livestock, will be held on Wednesday morning, November 29, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Pantlind Hotel.

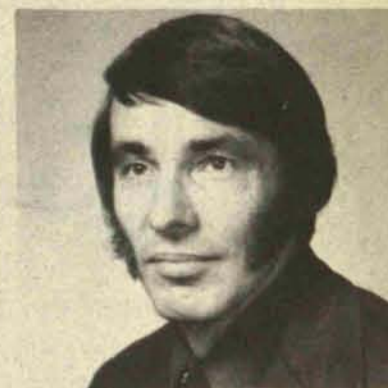
The MACMA annual meeting will begin with attendance at the Commodity sessions Wednesday morning and the Kick-Off Luncheon that noon, followed by a business session at 1:15 p.m.

The Horticultural Commodity Session, geared toward fruit and vegetable producers, will take place in the Kent State Room. This session will feature R. Keith Mathie, Executive Assistant, Agriculture Canada, who will discuss "Marketing Boards - The Canadian Experience." Noel Stuckman, General Manager of MACMA, will discuss the recently introduced National Marketing and Bargaining Act. Dr. John Kelly, the new chairman of MSU's Hor-

ticulture Department, will speak on the Department's role in the horticulture industry. Finally, Dr. Carl Johnson of the Michigan Department of Agriculture's Fruit and Vegetable Inspection Service will examine the funding of the Service in Michigan and compare it to other competing states.

The Field Crops Session, in the Pantlind's Grand Ballroom, will feature Everette B. Harris, President Emeritus of the Chicago Merchantile Exchange, who will address "Futures Markets - A Farmer's Friend or Foe?" Also appearing at that session will be Edward R. Powell, Vice President of the Michigan Elevator Exchange. Powell will examine "The Cooperative's Role in Direct Exporting of Grain."

The Livestock Commodity Session will be held in the Continental Room, and will feature two professors from MSU, Dr. Wayne Oxender



DR. WAYNE OXENDER



DR. JOHN KELLY

and Dr. Maynard G. Hogberg. Oxender, an associate Professor in the Departments of Large Animal Surgery and (Continued on Page 6)

Wednesday Noon

Kick-Off Luncheon

The annual Michigan Farm Bureau Kick-Off Luncheon will be held at noon on Wednesday, November 29 in the Civic Auditorium.

Elton R. Smith, president of the Michigan Farm Bureau will address the delegates, reviewing the organization's accomplishments during 1978 and looking toward the challenges facing the organization and agriculture in the future.

The opening of the resolutions session is scheduled for 2:30-4:30 p.m.

Thursday Evening

F.B. Jamboree Returns

Reached the end of your rope? Hold on, because the Farm Bureau Jamboree is back by popular demand. Don your jeans, bibs, plaid shirts and boots and join in the fun on Thursday evening, November 30 at 6:30 p.m.

In honor of the 59th annual meeting of the Michigan Farm Bureau, "59'er Gold Seeking Counties" will all be recognized during the evening's activities for their outstanding achievements during the 1977-78 membership year. Enjoy the country atmosphere and help congratulate these county award winners.

Presentation of the 1978 President's Trophy Awards to county Farm Bureau presidents will also be made during the Jamboree.

Conclude your evening of fun and relaxation at the square dance, with music by the Blue Grass Extension Service.



THE BLUEGRASS EXTENSION SERVICE

Wednesday Evening

Annual Banquet is Convention Highlight

The Michigan Farm Bureau Annual Banquet has become a highlight of the convention for members and guests and the 1978 banquet on Wednesday, November 29 at 6:00 p.m., promises to be the same. George Walter, former park ranger, teacher and college dean will be the featured speaker. "Dynamic," "fascinating," "spellbinding," have been some of the adjectives used to describe presentations made by Mr. Walter.

Also in the spotlight this evening will be the recipient of Michigan Farm Bureau's Distinguished Service to Agriculture award, the Outstanding Young Farm Woman, the Distinguished Young Farm Couple and the Discussion Meet award winners.

The Annual Banquet will be followed by the Young Farmer Dance in the Ballroom in the Pantlind Hotel.



GEORGE WALTER

Thursday Noon

Governor's Luncheon, Communicators Awards

The annual Governor's Luncheon is scheduled for noon on Thursday, November 30, where Governor William G. Milliken will address the delegates.

"Agricultural Communicators of the Year" presentations will be made during the luncheon program, honoring news media people who have been nominated by county Farm Bureaus for their outstanding coverage of agricultural activities and issues. Presentations will also be made to winners in the Michigan Farm News Photo Contest.

Resolutions will resume following the luncheon program and continue until 4:00 p.m. Districts 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10 will then go into caucus for nomination of directors.

Thursday A.M.

Delegate Breakfast

A Delegate Breakfast is scheduled for 7:30 a.m., Thursday, November 30 in the Civic Auditorium.

Following breakfast, the Michigan Farm Bureau Administrative Director and Treasurer's Reports will begin at 8:30 and at 9:00, the resolutions session will resume until noon.

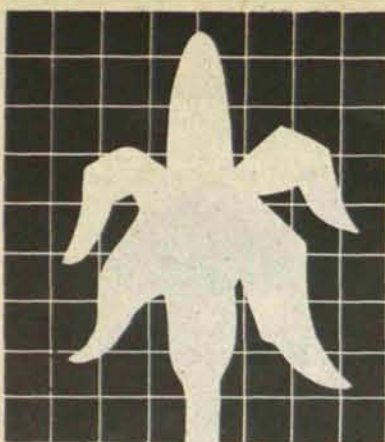
Friday

Resolutions, Elections,

Adjournment

Resolutions will begin at 8:30 a.m. and continue until noon. A planned lunch will be served to delegates in the Auditorium during the noon break. Election of directors in even-numbered districts, two directors-at-large, one director representing the Farm Bureau Women's Committee, and one director representing the Young Farmer's Committee will take place during the morning session.

The resolutions session will resume at 1:00 p.m. and continue through completion.



Marketing Outlook



Embryo Transfer Topic at Commodity Meet

by Jack H. Anderson
Commodity Specialist

This procedure is relatively simple to do, but the use of

embryo transfer in the swine industry has been limited. Today, however, embryo transfer is being done in the United States with the primary purpose of introducing animals with superior genetic background into primary specific - pathogen - free herds while reducing the possibility of introducing disease and saving the donor for further matings.

If you would like to learn more about embryo transfer, plan to attend the Livestock Commodity meeting at the Annual Meeting in Grand Rapids or call or write the Commodity Activities and Research Division (Phone 517-323-7000, Ext. 547)



DR. MAYNARD G. HOGBERG

Commodity Session Highlights

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Medicine and Dairy Science, will speak on "Reproductive Physiology and the Future of Embryo Transfer in Livestock." Hogberg, an Assistant Professor and Extension specialist in the Department of Animal Husbandry, will deal with animal feeding, with particular emphasis on the National Pork Producers program to help pork producers with the sulfa problem. This program includes field activities, information and education, as well as research.

Records Expert Scheduled

Taxes eating you alive? Worried about the IRS taking over your farm? Then stop at the Product Show during the Farm Bureau Annual Meeting in Grand Rapids and visit with Les! Les Friedrichsen is manager, Agricultural Business Corporation of the Iowa Farm Bureau. He will be there to answer your questions about taxes and visit with you regarding the Farm Bureau Farm Records Program. Many Michigan farmers have already taken advantage of this simple, easy to use, low cost, member only program. If you sign up during the Product Show, Les will give you absolutely free a Sharp Thin-Line Electronic Pocket Calculator.



LES FRIEDRICHSEN

During the previous two discussions about Price, we have examined separately the major factors behind the concept of supply and the concept of demand. In each case we came to realize that any one of a number of things can affect either supply or demand for a product at a given point in time. With these discussions and thoughts as a backdrop it is now time to put the concepts, supply and demand, together. Neither one by itself will determine the price for a product or service. While one may exert a stronger influence at a certain point in time, it is the interaction between the two that results in a price. Let's then focus our attention on just how this interaction works and what it means.

Imagine for a moment a situation where farmers bring their produce to a central location such as a city market. Consumers are free to purchase from any supplier in the market. Suppose that the farmers brought a large quantity of tomatoes on a particular day and every other farmer also has a large supply of tomatoes. Since price in this situation is merely an agreed upon number between the farmer and consumer, it is up to them to strike a deal which is mutually agreeable to both parties. The farmer, recognizing that his competitors also have a large quantity of high quality tomatoes will actively court the consumers interest. He knows that the consumer can go elsewhere and purchase a product equally as good as his. Thus he is willing to accept a relatively low price from the consumer. In this case we can say that supply is heavy and demand is weak.

But suppose that next day our farmer friend is the only one who is still selling tomatoes. The others were scared off by yesterdays performance. This time the farmer finds no problems in trying to sell his product. Therefore, he will likely hold out for a better price. In fact, he might even raise his price as supplies become depleted. The consumer will have little success in haggling for a lower price in this situation. We can say that supply is light and demand is strong.

The point to keep in mind is that in both situations or examples it was the interaction of supply and demand factors which determined the ultimate selling price. But what about the shopper who goes into the supermarket and finds the price of every item neatly stamped on each item. How are they affected by supply and demand? The

answer lies in merely expanding upon our earlier example. The shopper by choosing a can of applesauce instead of a can of peaches is expressing their "demand." If all the shoppers follow this pattern, soon the store will be out of applesauce and have an over-supply of peaches. To adjust for this inventory condition the store manager either raises the price of applesauce if it is in short supply or he lowers the price of peaches to entice consumers into choosing peaches. This adjustment process could also have occurred at some earlier stage in the marketing channel as well.

Thus, in markets that operate without restraints and interference from outside forces, the price is determined by the point where total or aggregate supply is exactly equal to total or aggregate demand. At this point demand and supply are said to be in equilibrium. The price established at that point is called the equilibrium price. At this price the quantity offered for sale by producers is exactly equal to the quantity consumers are willing to purchase. At any higher price, buyers would be willing to purchase less than the amount offered for sale. This in turn would lead to a surplus and price would be driven down when producers tried to market this surplus.

Similarly, at any price below the equilibrium price, buyers would be willing to purchase more than producers can supply creating a shortage. The buyers will begin to bid against each other for available supplies, thus causing price to return to equilibrium.

As anyone might expect, however, an equilibrium price is a very short-lived phenomenon. This is due to the continual shifts that are taking place in supply and demand. You will recall that demand shifts with changes in income, peoples tastes and preferences, size and makeup of the population and prices of competing products. Supply shifts in response to changes in cost, technology, producer expectations of future prices, the number of producers and the price of other products. As was mentioned before, a change in any of these factors will result in a new price-quantity relationship.

The next time we will continue our discussion by examining the nature of supply and demand for some specific products and how the type of product can affect price.



ANATOMY OF A PRICE

Part III: Putting Supply and Demand Together

By: Dr. Paul Kindinger
Director,
Market Development
Research Div.
Michigan Farm Bureau

State's Fruit Trees Will be Surveyed

As the 1978 fruit season ends, a thorough inventory of Michigan's fruit trees and vineyards will be conducted by the Michigan Crop Reporting Service. A Michigan fruit tree survey was last done in 1973 and that information is outdated because many old orchards have been removed and new ones planted.

The new survey will provide data about the acreage, numbers of trees, varieties and ages of Michigan's fruit industry. Survey results will be used by farmers, processors, shippers, handlers, etc. to make decisions about growing and marketing Michigan's fruit crop.

Fruit growers throughout Michigan received

questionnaires in mid-October. Each grower was asked to provide information about the variety and ages of fruit grown on his operation. Don J. Fedewa, statistician in charge, said that he hopes all growers will take the time to accurately complete the survey and mail it back.

Fedewa also stated that the information obtained is held strictly confidential and is combined with other reports to arrive at county and state totals of fruit trees, plus the varieties and ages of these fruit trees. The results of this survey will be published in the spring of 1979.

The state Horticulture Society, at its annual meeting last December, passed a resolution supporting this type of survey, Fedewa said.

Pesticide Use Survey Underway

Michigan and 11 other North Central states will be focusing on seven field crops and two specialty crops in each state for a pesticide use survey which started in October. Michigan Department of Agriculture's Crop University Experiment Station.

The survey will provide needed statistical information about application rates of various pesticides used in the production of field crops, according to Don J. Fedewa, statistician in charge. Crops to be surveyed include corn, soybeans, and other small grains, alfalfa and other hays, wheat and pasture lands. Michigan's optional crops will be sugar beets and dry beans.

According to Dr. Robert F. Ruppel, MSU anthomologist and project advisor, surveys of this type have not been performed since 1972. Farmers were sent a questionnaire asking which of three methods of pesticide application are used and which of 120 different pesticides are used in crop production.

"We hope to find out how much material is being used and where, and how important a particular pesticide is to a particular crop," Fedewa stated. He added that the survey will provide information to assist in making decisions involving a particular insecticide, herbicide or other applied chemical.

"The use of pesticides is of major importance to modern agriculture and it is essential that those necessary for most effective crop production continue to be available when and where needed. This can only be done by providing information in defense of their use," Fedewa stated.

The questionnaire, which was sent to 8,000 Michigan

farmers, will also ask the time of pesticide application and the quantity applied. Five hundred of these farmers will be randomly selected for personal interview.

Funding for the project was received through a National Science and Education Administration grant. The North Central region pesticide impact assessment committee is directing the project for all 12 states.

FB on Trade Mission to Russia



The four state Farm Bureau presidents who participated in the Soviet trade mission were Marion Stackhouse, Indiana; Elton R. Smith, Michigan; John Junior Armstrong, Kansas, and Harold Steele, Illinois. They are shown just prior to departure for the Soviet Union.

Elton R. Smith, president of the Michigan Farm Bureau, participated in an agricultural trade mission to the Soviet Union in October. The objective of the mission was to facilitate trade between the United States and Russia through the exchange of economic and trade information.

Other members of the trade mission included Harold Steele, Illinois Agricultural Association president; Marion Stackhouse, Indiana Farm Bureau president; John Junior Armstrong, Kansas Farm Bureau president; Two Cargill

executives, Pete McVay, president, and Dick Baldwin, vice-president in charge of research, and Glenn Tussy, foreign trade expert with the American Farm Bureau Federation.

The group visited the spring wheat belt in Siberia, a grain research center in Kazakhastan and the rich farm area near Rostov where winter wheat, sunflowers, corn, sugar beets and livestock are produced. Upon departure from Moscow, the mission stopped at Geneva, Switzerland, for briefings on multilateral trade negotiations.

"The consuming public in

Russia is making bigger demands to upgrade their diets, especially the protein part, so I was impressed with the opportunity to sell soybeans. It also appears, with the upgrading of their livestock production, there will be a real need for corn," Smith reported. "We told them that we were farmers producing corn in this country, we've got lots of it and we'd like to sell them some."

The trade mission was under the auspices of the U.S. - USSR Trade and Economic Council, Inc., a bi-national, non-profit association.

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FBIG Offers Wood Heat Tips

Hundreds of times this winter, in homes and farms throughout the state, the friendly warmth of wood-burning stoves will turn into a fiery enemy, bringing disaster to many Michigan families.

"A wood stove can be very friendly," says Ron Converse, president of the Michigan Rural Safety Council. "But woodburning stoves that are improperly installed or maintained can turn on you. It's a serious problem, one that seems to be on the rise year after year."

The State Police Fire Marshall Division, which only recently began keeping statistics on fires related to woodburners, reports that wood stoves figured in nearly 150 fires from January to September of this year.

"And we're just getting into the cold weather when people really start using their wood stoves," said Converse, who also heads Farm Bureau Insurance Group's statewide team of field service representatives. "As the weather gets colder, the hazards will increase."

But these grim predictions don't mean that you should avoid using woodburning stoves.

"We just want to give warning of the dangers you face unless you use proper care, time and materials in

installing or maintaining your wood stove," Converse explained. "Most people think only a direct spark or flame can cause a fire, but radiant heat from stoves can pass through a wall and ignite two-by-four studs. And having the right kind of chimney and proper clearances is crucial."

If you are thinking about installing a wood stove in your home or in a farm building, Farm Bureau Insurance Group recommends that you send for a free guide prepared by the company.

Called "Wood Heat -- The Safe Way," the guide offers valuable information on the proper installation and operation of wood stoves. It gives information on where to locate your wood stove, the type of chimney you'll need, and how to deal with the problems you'll encounter, such as creosote buildup.

For your free copy, fill out the coupon below and mail it to: Wood Heat, Corporate Relations, Farm Bureau Insurance Group, 7373 W. Saginaw Hwy., Lansing, Michigan 48909.

Even if you already have a wood stove in your home, the safety suggestions in the guide will be valuable to you.

"Our claims department handles many losses involving wood stoves," said Jerry Snay, Property Claims Manager of Farm Bureau

Insurance Group. "It's a problem we're very concerned about. We urge you to use proper care in installing and operating any wood-burning heaters and we advise that you refer any specific questions to your local fire department."

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Return to: Wood Heat, Corporate Relations, Farm Bureau Insurance Group, 7373 W. Saginaw Hwy., Lansing, Michigan 48909

Governor's Breakfast Honors "Co-op Month"



Michigan Farm Bureau board member Larry DeVuyst and MAFC Administrative Council chairman Henry DeWeerd talk with Governor Milliken during the Governor's Breakfast at Michigan State University's Kellogg Center October 12. The event, celebrating October as "Co-op Month," was sponsored by the Michigan Association of Farmer Cooperatives and the Michigan Agricultural Conference. David Morris, Clinton County farmer and president of the Michigan LiveStock Exchange, spoke on behalf of the co-op leaders in expressing to Governor Milliken the major concerns of agriculture.

We went to an expert at Michigan State University to get energy-wise tips on grain drying.



Professor F. W. Bakker Arkema
Extension Specialist in
Agricultural Engineering
Michigan State University

Use a Moisture Tester

The only sure way to know what is happening in a grain-drying unit is to sample grain regularly and test for moisture. Testing moisture regularly provides the best information for adjusting drying time and temperatures. Adjusting a dryer for most efficient use also results in improved grain quality.

For other ways to conserve on the farm, write to the Agricultural Engineering Department, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan 48824.

Detroit Edison asked Professor F. W. Bakker Arkema, Extension Specialist in Agricultural Engineering at Michigan State University, for advice on how to conserve energy on grain-drying installations.

His tips also will help you save on electric bills. We're passing them along to you.

Start Harvesting Below 30% Kernel Moisture

Kernel damage is reduced and the pounds of water that must be evaporated using fossil fuel are reduced when harvesting is begun below 30% kernel moisture. For example, drying from 30% moisture to 15% moisture requires approximately 29,000 BTUs per bushel while drying from 26% moisture to 15% moisture requires only 19,875 BTU/bu. The saving is 9125 BTU/bu. grain or 31%.

Do Not Overdry

Grain can be stored safely at 14 to 15% moisture—do not overdry. Each additional percentage point of moisture per bushel removed requires more than 2,000 BTUs. Overdrying can increase the energy required from 5 to 30%. Reducing drying air temperature and drying time can reduce overdrying.



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MASA Programs Expand to Meet Changing Needs

By Donna Wilber,
Mike Rogers, Cary Blake

The Michigan Agricultural Services Association (MASA), a Michigan Farm Bureau affiliate, has had to remain flexible in its short "life" to meet the rapidly changing needs of Michigan agriculture. Organized in 1966 at the request of Farm Bureau members, MASA's primary function was to procure and place farm workers on members' farms for the production, harvesting, processing and transportation of agricultural commodities.

Then, agricultural farm employers found themselves faced with an increasingly complex set of laws regarding farm labor. Housing standards, minimum wage laws, social security, workers' compensation, OSHA and MI-OSHA, strikes, contract negotiations - all become a part of the farm labor scene. So MASA enlarged its program to keep members informed on their rights and responsibilities involved in these changing situations.

MASA members were provided with a "labor information service" in the form of a notebook covering major agricultural labor laws. This material is constantly updated through a newsletter mailed to members. In addition, labor information meetings are held periodically throughout the state, dealing with changes in the laws and answering questions on how to keep in compliance with the laws.

Legislative representation is also provided to make sure the voice of agricultural employers is heard before proposed legislation becomes law. MASA successfully led the fight against unrealistic, costly MI-OSHA regulations on a number of occasions and was instrumental in securing agricultural representation on the Occupational Safety Standards Commission.

In October of 1977, two new programs were made available to MASA members - a legal services program and a legal defense fund program - once again to meet the changing needs of farmers.

A firm of agriculturally-oriented attorneys was retained to handle the legal matters for members on a service fee schedule which they felt best fit their particular needs. Complementing this program, the legal defense fund was developed to provide legal protection on agricultural issues of concern to Michigan Farmers. Membership in this program was gained through annual pledges based on gross farm sales. To take advantage of the two legal programs, Farm Bureau

members first had to participate in MASA's labor information program, which was primarily aimed at farm labor employers.

In September of 1978, recognizing that farmers who do NOT employ laborers are also faced with many of the same problems as those who do, the MASA board of directors announced a special membership program. The cost of the membership is \$15

per year and is open to all Farm Bureau members who are agricultural producers. This special membership entitles them to also join the two legal programs.

Farm Bureau members interested in any of MASA's programs may contact Michigan Agricultural Services Association, P.O. Box 30960, Lansing 48909 (Phone: 517-323-7000), for further details.

Regulatory Agencies May be Future Target

"We hoping to build the legal defense fund to a quarter of a million dollars in reserve so that when a problem arises, we have enough money to fight it," explained Mike Hayenga, MASA Operations Manager.

"With the ever-increasing number of regulations we have today, it's getting to the point where we just have to start suing the regulatory agencies and have injunctions filed against them until we find out what the intent of the Legislature or the Congress was in passing a particular law," Hayenga said. "For example, was it the intent of the Legislature to have MI-OSHA regulations force local elevators out of business?"

It's not just the people who employ labor who will be the target of regulatory agencies, Hayenga predicts. "The farmer who does not employ any labor is going to come under the same scrutiny of federal and state regulators, and that's why the MASA board made this decision. We don't want to wait until a farmer gets into trouble before we act; we have to fight regulatory agencies before he gets into trouble."

"Any farmer who sells anything should have this legal service"



LYLE LECRONIER AND MIKE HAYENGA

Last Thanksgiving morning, due to a blizzard the day before, Bay County farmer Lyle LeCronier had \$2100 worth of corn delivered to a farmer a hundred miles away. The checks written to pay for the corn, he discovered, were written on a non-existent account, post-dated, and unsigned. "It was apparent he didn't intend to pay for the corn," said LeCronier. But within a matter of three weeks, thanks to his use of MASA's legal services, he had the money that was due him.

"If I hadn't had the services of the program, I probably would have had to make two or three trips to that county and hire a lawyer there. It would have involved a civil suit, which is also time-consuming," LeCronier said. "I definitely would recommend the service to any farmer who sells anything! It saved me many times over what it cost."

Legal Services Help Farmer Get Herdsman's Visa Extended

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Beal of St. Joseph County had employed a young Frenchman as their herdsman. When his visa was due to expire, he applied for an extension. It was rejected and the Beals turned to MASA's legal services for assistance.

"The MASA lawyer explained how our situation fit into the immigration laws," reports Mrs. Beal. "He gave us very helpful advice on how to fill out the forms, who to contact, and how to get beyond some of the red tape that was involved. The final results were, first, the labor certification was granted to our herdsman and, second, with this labor certification, the immigration status was also granted."

Legal Services Help Ward Off Odor Lawsuit



ROBERT ZACHARDA AND MIKE HAYENGA

A neighbor of Robert Zacharda, Shiawassee County hog farmer, hired a lawyer who told Zacharda that something had to be done about the odor from his farm. Zacharda decided to contact MASA's legal services before a lawsuit was threatened. The situation has remained dormant since MASA's lawyer intervened.

"Apparently, it helped," reports Zacharda. "I think MASA's legal services is a real good idea. I believe all livestock farmers could find themselves in a similar bind with this type of problem. I'm very satisfied with MASA's legal services. I recommend it to friends who don't have a problem yet."

Information Keeps Farm Employer Up-to-date on Regulations

Wes Prillwitz, Berrien County fruit and vegetable grower, employs between 50 and 150 people, depending upon his crops. He has been a member of MASA's labor information service for a number of years.

"I've received a lot of good information that's been of great help to me regarding the rules and the many new regulations that have come out, and what my duties are as a farm employer," said Prillwitz. "MASA had just done a great job of keeping us informed about what may be coming in the future and also legislation that needs attention on our part. The MASA program has a world of work cut out for it... and I think we've got the right people at the wheel."

Defense Funds O.K.'d for Fight Against Injunction

Jerry Sletsema, Kent County fruit and vegetable grower, had a complaint filed against him by a neighbor to halt construction of migrant housing on one of Sletsema's farms. The Court of Appeals ruled against Sletsema and placed an injunction against him so he cannot house migrants in the building.

Sometime next year, the case will go to Circuit Court, in an attempt to have the injunction removed and allow Sletsema to use his needed migrant housing. When this happens, one-half of the expenses involved in this court procedure will be paid by the legal defense fund.

"I am thankful that I have available to me the services of the MASA legal defense fund," said Sletsema.

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Co-op Leaders Visit Carter on Energy

President Carter recently invited 150 cooperative leaders to the White House for a briefing on energy legislation. The President explained the importance of the energy bill which just passed the Senate and encouraged the help of co-op leaders for a successful vote in the House.

Others making presentations were Secretary Schlesinger and Secretary Bergland. Secretary Schlesinger said that the Secretary of Agriculture

would help with the definition and set priorities for agriculture in case of an emergency.

Those attending from Michigan were LA Cheney, Executive Secretary, Michigan Ass'n. of Farmer Cooperatives; Glenn Lake, President, Michigan Milk Producers Association, and Howard Heath of the Michigan Farm Radio Network.

Farmers Nominated for FBS-FPC Boards

The Nominating Committee for Farmers Petroleum Cooperative, Inc. will be reporting the following nominees to the Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting to be held on November 28:

William Brewer - Clare County (incumbent)
Merle Donbrock - Branch County
Wesley Prillwitz - Berrien County
Elton Herford - Huron County

The Nominating Committee are: Hugh White, Calhoun County, Chairman; Edward Hebel, Calhoun County; Marvin Wade, Branch County; and Victor Weiss, Saginaw County.

Farm Bureau Services, Inc. Nominating Committee will be reporting the following nominees to the Board of Directors:

Loren Black - Grand Traverse County (incumbent)
Frank Crandall - Calhoun County (incumbent)

Leonard Johnson - Eaton County
Bruce Leipprandt - Huron County (incumbent)
Keith McKenzie - Cass County
William Thorman - Lapeer County

Members of the Nominating Committee are: Henry Buckingham, Eaton County, Chairman; Earl Anspaugh, Lapeer County; Wayne Bancroft, Wexford County; Kenneth Wadsworth, Sanilac County; and Edward Wicke, Saginaw County.

Governor Names Bunny Semans

Governor William G. Milliken recently announced the appointment of Bunny Semans, Gratiot County Farm Bureau member and member of the county Farm Bureau Board of Directors, to the Michigan Board of Nursing.

She was appointed for a term extending until June 30, 1983. Bunny was the 1977 Michigan Farm Bureau Queen and serves as liaison person on the MFB State Women's and Young Farmer Committees.

A Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) who has been licensed since 1967, she has worked for the Owosso Medical Group and Owosso Memorial Hospital, and has served on the CETA Advisory Board.

Greenawalt Appointed

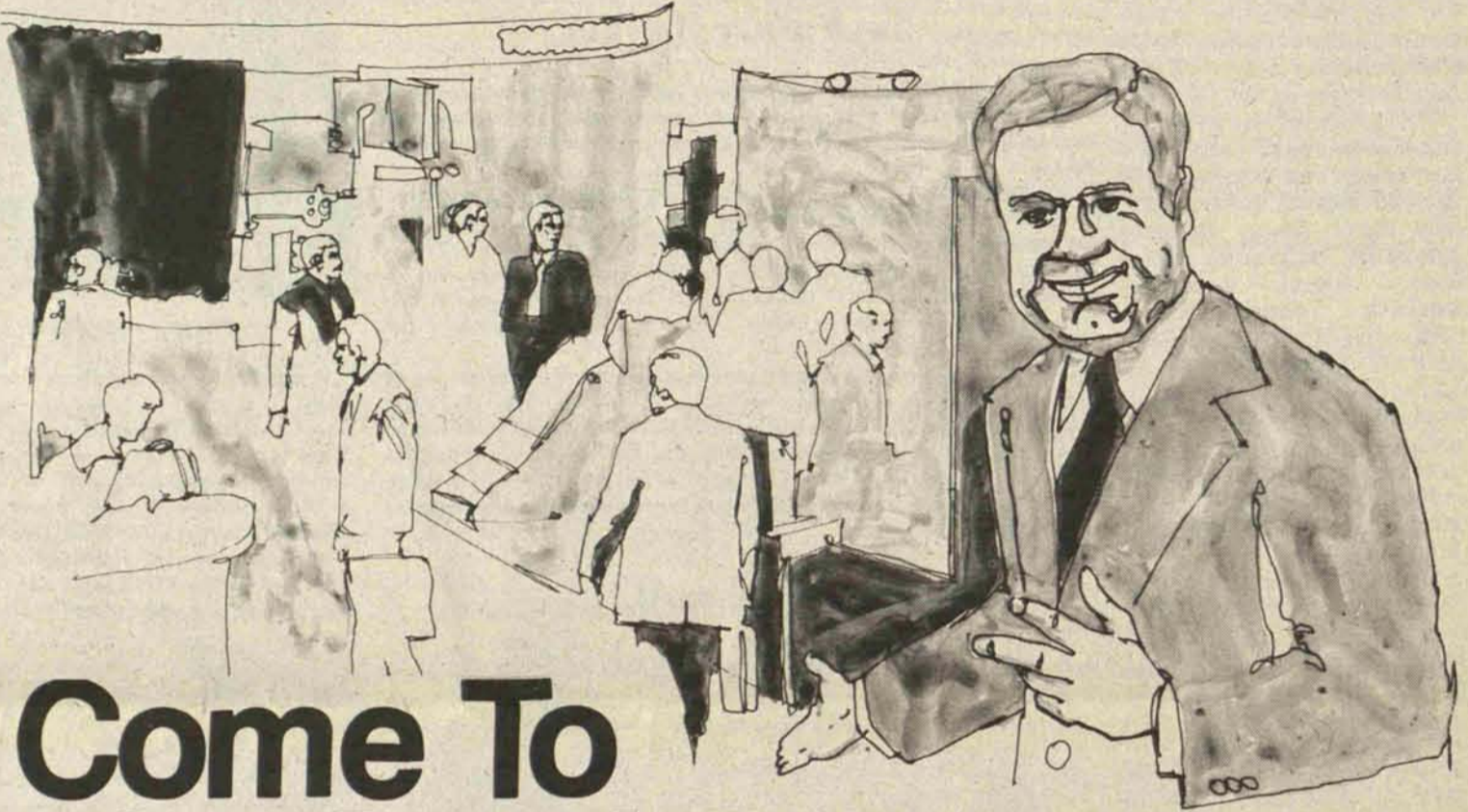


GENE GREENAWALT

Charles Burkett, Michigan Farm Bureau Field Operations Division Director, has announced the appointment of Eugene Greenawalt as Regional Representative for the Central Region, effective October 9.

Greenawalt has been with Michigan Farm Bureau for the last ten years, serving as Regional Representative in the Southwest and as Operations Manager for the Michigan Farm Bureau Group Purchasing, Inc.

He replaces Bernie Bishop in the Central Region, who transferred to the Thumb last September.



Come To The Product Show Nov. 28th-29th

The Farm Bureau People invite all patrons to the 1978 Farm Bureau Services/Farmers Petroleum Product Show.

There will be exhibits, special demonstrations every half hour, and prizes.

TIMES: Nov. 28th 3:30 p.m.-9 p.m.

Nov. 29th 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

PLACE: Civic Auditorium, Exhibition Hall, Grand Rapids

SPECIAL EVENTS: Nov. 28—6 p.m. Complimentary buffet dinner

—9 p.m. Entertainment:

Bob Thomas, Mr. Entertainment, and the Grand Rapids Mens Barbershop Chorus and Quartet

FPC/FBS ANNUAL MEETING November 28th Registration 8:30 a.m. in the Lobby Farmers Petroleum Cooperative, Inc. 10 a.m.-12 noon Farm Bureau Services, Inc. 2 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Complimentary lunch will be served at noon for all patrons.

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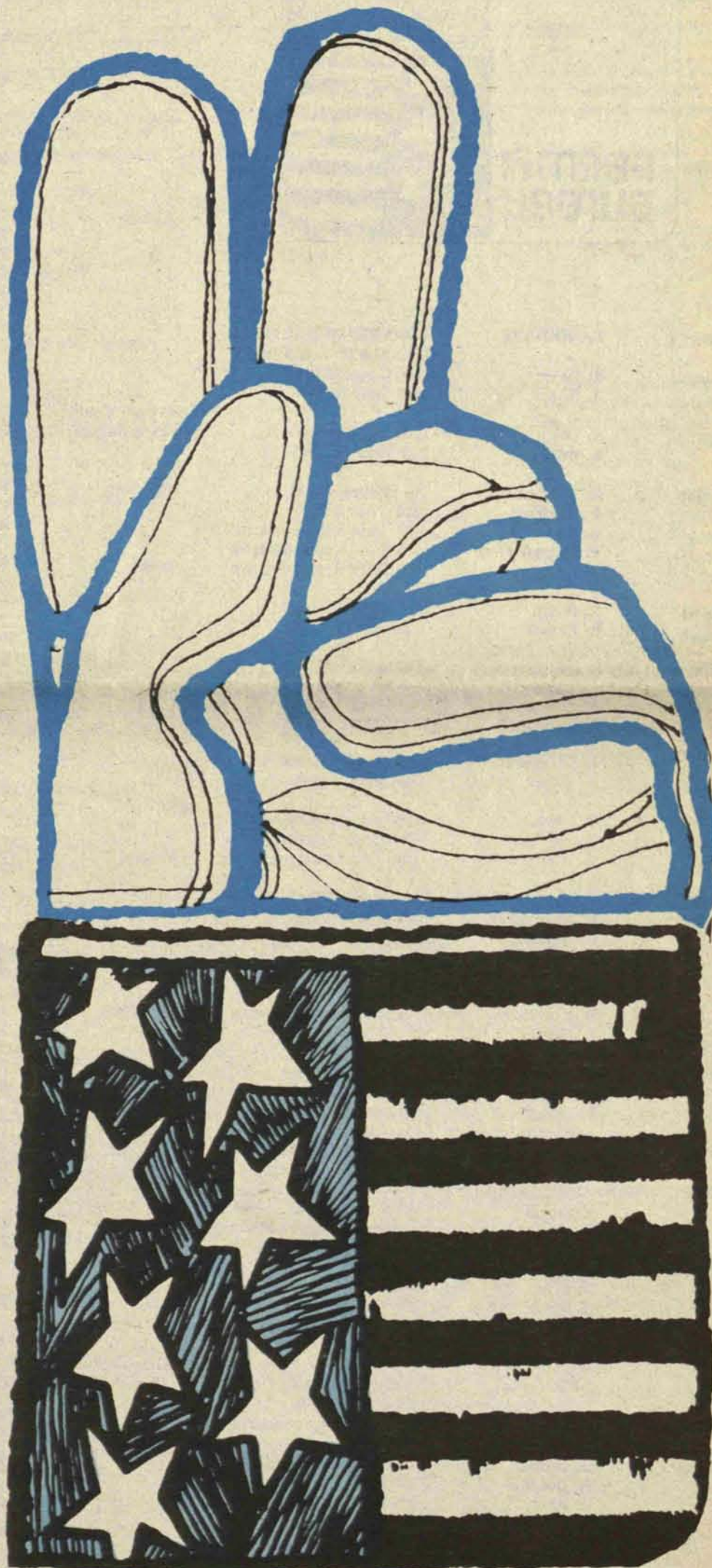
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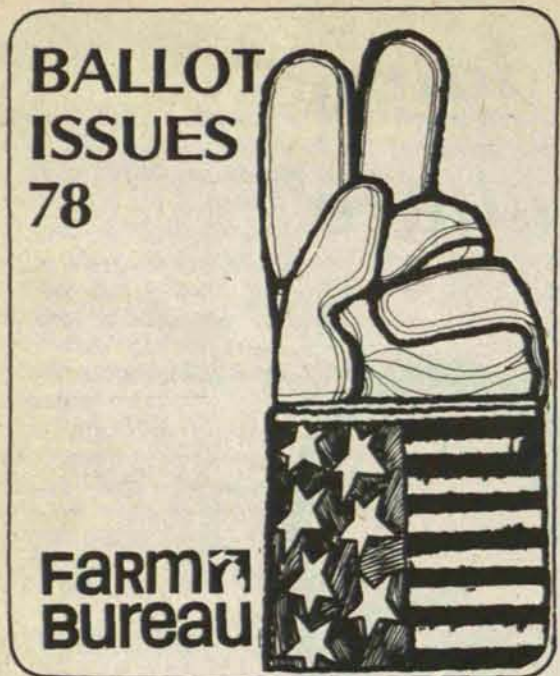
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Branch	D. Stockman H. DeMaso P. Porter	4th Congressional 20th State Senate 41st State Representative
Calhoun	G. Brown H. DeMaso R. Allen R. White E. Lincoln	3rd Congressional 20th State Senate 30th State Senate 48th State Representative 49th State Representative
Cass	D. Stockman J. Welborn H. Gast M. Siljander L. Stacey	4th Congressional 21st State Senate 22nd State Senate 42nd State Representative 44th State Representative

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Hillsdale	G. Brown D. Stockman J. Mowat H. DeMaso P. Porter	3rd Congressional 4th Congressional 19th State Senate 20th State Senate 41st State Representative
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Mackinac	R. Davis R. Brown C. Varnum	11th Congressional 37th State Senate 107th State Representative
Macomb	A. Miller A. DeGrow L. Burkhalter	27th State Senate 28th State Senate 78th State Representative
Manistee	G. VanderJagt P. Arthurhultz C. Binsfeld	9th Congressional 33rd State Senate 104th State Representative
Marquette	R. Davis D. Jacobetti J. Gingrass	11th Congressional 108th State Representative 109th State Representative
Mason	G. VanderJagt P. Arthurhultz	9th Congressional 33rd State Senate
Mecosta	E. Cederberg J. Engler D. VanSingel	10th Congressional 36th State Senate 99th State Representative
Menominee	R. Davis J. Gingrass	11th Congressional 109th State Representative
Midland	E. Cederberg R. Young L. Cramton	10th Congressional 35th State Senate 102nd State Representative
Missaukee	E. Cederberg J. Engler R. Ostling	10th Congressional 36th State Senate 103rd State Representative
Monroe	C. Pursell J. DeSana E. Mahalak R. Kehres	2nd Congressional 11th State Senate 38th State Representative 39th State Representative
Montcalm	H. Sawyer E. Cederberg R. Allen R. VanderLaan J. Engler G. Randall R. VanSingle	5th Congressional 10th Congressional 30th State Senate 31st State Senate 36th State Senate 89th State Representative 99th State Representative
Montmorency	R. Davis R. Brown	11th Congressional 37th State Senate
Muskegon	G. VanderJagt P. Arthurhultz E. Geerlings	9th Congressional 33rd State Senate 97th State Representative
Newaygo	G. VanderJagt P. Arthurhultz J. Engler D. VanSingle	9th Congressional 33rd State Senate 36th State Senate 99th State Representative
Oakland	W. Broomfield D. Bishop K. Kammer R. Fessler L. Trim	19th Congressional 8th State Senate 17th State Senate 24th State Representative 60th State Representative
Oceana	G. VanderJagt P. Arthurhultz	9th Congressional 33rd State Senate
Ogemaw	E. Cederberg R. Young	10th Congressional 35th State Senate
Ontonagon	R. Davis R. Hellman	11th Congressional 110th State Representative
Osceola	E. Cederberg J. Engler D. VanSingel R. Ostling	10th Congressional 36th State Senate 99th State Representative 103rd State Representative
Oscoda	R. Davis R. Brown	11th Congressional 37th State Senate
Otsego	R. Davis R. Brown	11th Congressional 37th State Senate
Ottawa	G. VanderJagt E. Fredericks E. Geerlings	9th Congressional 23rd State Senate 97th State Representative

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Presque Isle	R. Davis R. Brown	11th Congressional 37th State Senate
Roscommon	E. Cederberg R. Young R. Ostling	10th Congressional 35th State Senate 103rd State Representative
Saginaw	G. VanderJagt J. Hart R. Young L. Armbruster L. Dodak J. Busch	9th Congressional 34th State Senate 35th State Senate 84th State Representative 86th State Representative 100th State Representative
Sanilac	A. DeGrow Q. Hoffman	28th State Senate 77th State Representative
Schoolcraft	R. Davis R. Brown C. Varnum	11th Congressional 37th State Senate 107th State Representative
Shiawassee	E. Cederberg G. Corbin R. Allen	10th Congressional 25th State Senate 30th State Senate
St. Clair	A. DeGrow W. Jowett Q. Hoffman L. Burkhalter	28th State Senate 76th State Representative 77th State Representative 78th State Representative
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Tuscola	A. DeGrow L. Armbruster	28th State Senate 84th State Representative
Van Buren	D. Stockman J. Welborn H. Gast E. Fredricks M. Siljander B. Kennedy P. Hillemonds	4th Congressional 21st State Senate 22nd State Senate 23rd State Senate 42nd State Representative 45th State Representative 54th State Representative
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Wexford	G. VanderJagt E. Cederberg J. Engler C. Binsfeld	9th Congressional 10th Congressional 36th State Senate 104th State Representative

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'78 ELECTION CANDIDATES

Secretary of State

Richard H. Austin has served as the Michigan Secretary of State since January 1, 1978. He is currently completing his second 4-year term in that office. Previous to accepting the responsibilities of the statewide office, Austin, who is a certified public accountant, served as Wayne County Auditor.

Melvin L. Larsen, candidate for the Secretary of State office, is completing his third term as State Representative from the 61st District which is composed of Northeastern Oakland County.

He is a member of both the House Appropriations Committee and the Joint Capital Outlay Committee.

Michigan Supreme Court

James L. Ryan is currently seated as Justice of the Michigan Supreme Court. He has served in the state's highest court since his appointment by Governor William Milliken in December 1975. Michigan voters elected to retain Ryan as Supreme Court Justice in November 1976.

Alice L. Gilbert, candidate for the Michigan Supreme Court, currently serves as Circuit Judge in Michigan's 6th Judicial Circuit Court. In her 17 years of judiciary experience, she has served as District Court judge, Justice of the Peace and Justice for the City of Bloomfield Hills.

Gary R. McDonald, candidate for Justice, Michigan Supreme Court is currently serving Saginaw County residents as Circuit Court Judge. Prior judicial experience includes 2 terms as District Court Judge, McDonald, chairman of the Region 7 Law Enforcement Council and past chairman, Saginaw Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee, was instrumental in completing the first conceptual plan for a fully integrated computerized criminal justice information and management system in Michigan.

G. Mennen Williams, 3-term Justice of the Michigan Supreme Court, is a candidate for re-election. Justice Williams is a former Michigan Governor and served as U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs.

Attorney General

Stephen C. Bransdorfer, candidate for the office of Michigan Attorney General is a Grand Rapids attorney; member and past president of the State Bar of Michigan and a member of the Michigan Supreme Court Committees on Standard Jury Instructions and Rules of Evidence.

Since his appointment by Governor Milliken in 1977, Bransdorfer has served as chairman of the Michigan Civil Service Commission.

Frank J. Kelley is Michigan's 50th Attorney General and is president of the National Association of Attorneys General.

As Attorney General, Kelley's tenure has been noted for emphasis on anti-crime investigation and prosecution, consumer protection programs, civil rights protection and expansion and environment issues.

Silverenia Kanoyton, Republican, is a candidate for the State Board of Education. A former broadcast journalist, teacher and program officer of the Equal Employment Opportunities Commission (EEOC), she is currently Deputy Director of the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulation.

Barbara Dumouchelle, Republican member of the State Board of Education is also area vice-president of the National Association of State Boards of Education. She is seeking a second term on the Michigan Board of Education.

MSU Board of Trustees

Mary P. Sharp, Republican, is a candidate for election to the MSU Board of Trustees. She is currently serving on the MSU Development Fund Council and is a member of the MSU President's Club.

Carol Lick, Democrat, is seeking election to the MSU Board of Trustees. She has been active in MSU Alumni activities and has served on the Executive Board of the Kalamazoo Area Alumni Club since 1973.

Incumbents Receive Support

Milliken, Griffin Endorsed as "Friends of Agriculture"



WILLIAM G. MILLIKEN

William G. Milliken, Republican Governor of Michigan, has been endorsed in his bid for re-election by the Michigan Farm Bureau Political Action Committee (Agri-PAC). Milliken's gubernatorial record of support for legislation beneficial to the agricultural industry and farmer appointments to key commissions and committees earned the "Friend of Agriculture" designation.

Nationally respected by his

colleagues, Milliken is the first Michigan Governor to serve as chairman of the National Governor's Association and was elected President of the Council of State Governments for 1977-78.

Robert P. Griffin, Republican candidate for the U.S. Senate is the Michigan Farm Bureau Agri-PAC endorsed incumbent. The "Friend of Agriculture" designation was based upon



ROBERT P. GRIFFIN

Griffin's Congressional performance in this session. On 9 of 12 selected issues, relating to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), and others, Griffin's voting record corresponded with the Farm Bureau policy position.

A 23-year veteran of the U.S. Congress, Griffin is also an influential member of the Senate's Committee on Foreign Relations, and the Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation.

Leaders in Education

State of Michigan Board of Education

Annetta Miller, Democrat, is seeking re-election to the State Board of Education. In her first term, she was elected treasurer, State Board of Education (1975-76). She also has been active in Americans for Democratic Action and is currently national vice-president of that organization.

Malcolm G. Dade, Jr., is a Democratic candidate for the State Board of Education. He is currently Executive Assistant to Mayor Coleman Young of Detroit, where he is responsible for department liaison and special projects.

Wayne State Board of Governors

Laura R. Kopack, Republican, is a candidate for the Wayne State University Board of Governors. Actively involved in Hispanic affairs, she is a member of the Bilingual-Bi-cultural Advisory Committee of Michigan.

Leon H. Atchison, Democrat is a candidate for re-election to the Wayne State University Board of Governors. As Director of Detroit's Recreation Department and through leadership roles in community organizations, he has been active in providing youth recreation programs and in fighting drug abuse.

James R. Haley, Republican, is a Harper Woods educator seeking election to the Wayne State University Board of Governors. A high school principal, Haley is a member of the National Central High School Accreditation teams.

Max J. Pincus is a Democratic candidate seeking re-election to the Wayne State University Board of Governors. A Detroit businessman, he is president of a regional clothing store chain and is a member of several Detroit area civic groups.

U of M Board of Regents

James L. Waters, Democrat, is currently a Regent of the University of Michigan seeking re-election. In addition to legal practice in Muskegon, Michigan, Waters is a member of the Michigan and American Trial Lawyers Association.

Paul W. Brown, Democrat, is seeking re-election to the University of Michigan Board of Regents. A practicing attorney in the Petoskey area, he is a trustee of Northern Central Michigan College and is a past president of the Petoskey Area Chamber of Commerce.

John R. Axe, Republican, is a candidate for the University of Michigan Board of Regents. A practicing attorney, specializing in legislation, municipal law, college and university financing and Michigan Constitutional law.

Gilbert Bursley, Republican, is seeking election to the University of Michigan Board of Regents. Currently, he represents Michigan's 18th Senate District and has served 2 terms in the House of Representatives.

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The Issues.

PROPOSAL A: PROPOSAL RELATING TO CALLING A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

Shall a convention of elected delegates be called for the purpose of a general revision of the Michigan Constitution, any such revision to be submitted to the voters for ratification?

YES

NO

This proposal appears on the ballot automatically as a result of an Article in the 1963 Michigan Constitution which requires that at the general election in 1978, and in each 16th year thereafter, the question of a general revision of the Constitution shall be submitted to the electors of the state.

MFB POSITION

Michigan Farm Bureau OPPOSES Proposal A. The Constitutional Convention would be very costly (estimated at \$10 million) to Michigan taxpayers. The 1963 Constitution is only 15 years old and is still being implemented. Any necessary changes to the 1963 Con-

stitution can be submitted to the voters to be decided on their individual merit. Proponents of a Constitutional Convention favor many changes which Farm Bureau opposes, such as direct appointment by the Governor of all department heads and authority for deficit spending.

PROPOSAL B

PROPOSAL TO PROHIBIT THE GRANTING OF A PAROLE TO A PRISONER CONVICTED OF CERTAIN CRIMES INVOLVING VIOLENCE OR INJURY TO PERSON OR PROPERTY UNTIL AT LEAST AFTER THE MINIMUM SENTENCE HAS BEEN SERVED.

The proposed law would:

- List the crimes to which this law applies, which are crimes of violence or crimes resulting in injury to persons or damage to property.
- Prohibit the Parole Board from granting a parole to a prisoner serving a sentence for conviction of one of these crimes until after the completion of the minimum sentence imposed on the prisoner.
- Provide that in cases involving conviction for one of these crimes that the minimum sentence cannot be diminished by granting of good time, special good time or special parole. Should this proposed law be adopted?

YES

NO

MFB Position

Michigan Farm Bureau supports Proposal B. A mandatory minimum sentence without "good time" would deter persons from committing a crime. The degree with which convicted offenders released on parole commit additional crimes would decline because they would be imprisoned for longer periods of time and, therefore, not be at large.

PROPOSAL C

PROPOSAL TO PERMIT THE DEPOSIT OF STATE FUNDS IN SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATIONS AND CREDIT UNIONS AS WELL AS IN BANKS.

The proposed amendment would:

Authorize the deposit of state funds in savings and loan associations and credit unions as well as in banks. Should this amendment be adopted?

YES

NO

MFB Position

Michigan Farm Bureau supports Proposal C. It would give Savings and Loan Associations and Credit Unions equal opportunity to serve as recipient of state funds. The options available

to the state would result in increased competition among the financial institutions and may result in higher interest yields, thus benefiting the public.

PROPOSAL D

PROPOSAL TO PROHIBIT ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FROM BEING SOLD TO, OR POSSESSED FOR PURPOSES OF PERSONAL CONSUMPTION BY, A PERSON UNDER THE AGE OF 21.

The proposed amendment would:

- Define an alcoholic beverage.
- Prohibit sale or giving of an alcoholic beverage to a person under the age of 21.
- Prohibit the possession for personal consumption of an alcoholic beverage by a person under the age of 21. Should this amendment be adopted?

YES

NO

MFB Position

Michigan Farm Bureau supports Proposal D. Data released in 1977 by the Michigan State Police revealed that fatal accidents related to alcohol increased 132 percent for 18 and 20 year

olds between 1972 and 1976. During the period accidents involving personal injury and property damage related to alcohol increased 217 percent for persons in this age group. There has also been a growing problem of school discipline problems due to student intoxication.

PROPOSAL E

PROPOSAL FOR TAX LIMITATION.

The proposed amendment would:

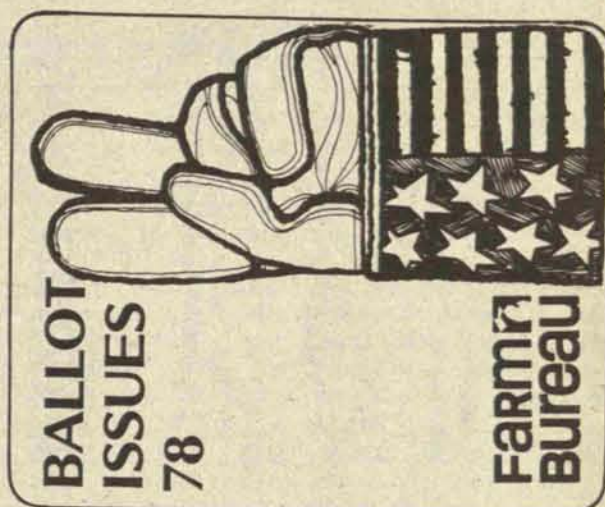
- Limit all state taxes and revenues, excepting federal aid, to its current proportion of total state personal income and to provide for exception for a declared emergency.
- Prohibit local government from adding new or increasing existing taxes without voter approval.
- Prohibit the state from adopting new or expanding present local programs without full state funding.
- Prohibit the state from reducing existing level of aid to local governments, taken as a group.
- Require voter approval of certain bonded indebtedness. Should this amendment be adopted?

YES

NO

Michigan Farm Bureau supports Proposal E. The limit on state revenues and spending would result in levels equal to those of the present and recent years. Any disruption of present programs would be minimal, if any at all for several years. State spending would be kept within an acceptable level of personal income and local spending within levels approved by voters.

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TISCH TAX LIMITATION PROPOSAL J

Does not limit the total taxation power of state government.

Provides for local school income tax revenues, but none for counties and townships.

Does not reduce existing 15 mill and 50 mill limits on property tax.

Lost tax credits could increase the total tax bill for farmers, elderly and renters.

VOUCHER PLAN PROPOSAL H

Aid to private and parochial schools presents serious legal and constitutional questions.

Retains existing 50 mills and 15 mills property tax limits. Property taxes could still be increased.

Threatens local control of public schools and impedes administrative program planning.

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION PROPOSAL A

Michigan citizens risk losing important safeguards written into the 1963 Michigan Constitution.

Estimated costs to finance a new constitutional convention are well over \$10 million.

Con-Con delegates could discard any or all of the voter-approved November 1978 ballot proposals.

FARM BUREAU OPPOSES...

The Issues.

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FARM BUREAU SUPPORTS...

PROPOSAL G PROPOSAL TO ALLOW COLLECTIVE BARGAINING WITH BINDING ARBITRATION FOR MICHIGAN STATE POLICE TROOPERS.

YES
NO

The proposed amendment would:

1. Permit state troopers and sergeants to bargain collectively with their employers concerning conditions of employment.
 2. Permit state troopers and sergeants to submit unresolved disputes to binding arbitration.
 3. Provide that all promotions be determined by competitive examination and performance on the basis of merit, efficiency and fitness.
- Should this amendment be adopted?

MFB Position
Michigan Farm Bureau is neutral on Proposal G.

PROPOSAL H PROPOSAL TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF PROPERTY TAXES FOR SCHOOL OPERATING EXPENSES AND TO ESTABLISH A VOUCHER SYSTEM FOR FINANCING EDUCATION OF STUDENTS AT PUBLIC AND NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS.

YES
NO

The proposed amendment would:

1. Prohibit the use of property taxes for school operating expenses.
 2. Require the legislature to establish a program of general state taxation for support of schools.
 3. Require the legislature to provide for the issuance of an educational voucher to be applied toward financing a student's education at a public or nonpublic school of the student's parents' or guardian's choice.
- Should this amendment be adopted?

MFB Position

Michigan Farm Bureau opposes Proposal H. There are many legal and constitutional questions regarding use of public funds for private and parochial schools. There are strong precedent cases against such use of public tax funds. Also,

there are serious funding implications estimated to be \$2.5 billion which the state would be required to make up. While prohibiting the use of property tax for school use, the proposal fails to change the millage limitations in the Constitution. This means that the property tax could be at

the same level, only used for other purposes. Total state funding of schools would mean further loss of local control of schools. Voter approval of the voucher plan would not be an overall tax reduction but would be a tax shift with the likelihood of higher income, use, single business, nuisance and sales taxes. Besides loss of local control, it is likely that some schools could be forced to close and many new schools would probably be opened. Transportation would also be a problem.

PROPOSAL J PROPOSAL TO REDUCE PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENTS; TO ESTABLISH A MAXIMUM OF 5.6 PERCENT ON THE RATE OF THE STATE INCOME TAX; TO PROHIBIT LEGISLATURE FROM REQUIRING NEW OR EXPANDED LOCAL PROGRAMS WITHOUT STATE FUNDING; AND TO ALLOW SCHOOL INCOME TAX WITH VOTER APPROVAL.

YES
NO

The proposed amendment would:

1. Reduce real and personal property tax assessments to 25 percent of true cash value of property.
 2. Limit state equalization increase to 2.5 percent for any year.
 3. Establish a maximum of 5.6 percent on the rate of the state income tax.
 4. Allow legislature to authorize school districts to levy up to 1 percent income tax with local school district voter approval.
 5. Prohibit legislature from requiring new or expanded local programs unless fully funded by state.
- Should this amendment be adopted?

MFB Position

Michigan Farm Bureau opposes Proposal J. It would reduce assessments but not necessarily property taxes since the important millage factor would not be restricted, other than the existing 15-18 mills and 50 mills limits. It

is a serious attack on local government and local control. Property taxes are used only for local purposes. Provision is made for a local school income tax but no provision is made for counties and townships. One of the

most reliable sources of state revenue - the income tax - would be limited. This would likely mean the maximum income tax of 5.6 percent, and greater use of licenses, fees, user charges and special assessments. Proposal J would mean a tax shift but not necessarily lower overall taxes. For farmers the reduction of property taxes under this proposal would be largely offset by the loss of existing property tax credits such as the Homestead Property Tax Credit Act (up to \$1,200 credit) and P.A. 116. Many people including farmers and the elderly will pay more taxes. It would provide a windfall for non-resident property owners, such as foreign investors, speculators, developers, etc.

PROPOSAL K PROPOSAL TO GRANT AUTHORITY TO COURTS TO DENY BAIL UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES INVOLVING VIOLENT CRIMES.

YES
NO

The proposed amendment would:

1. Permit denial of bail to a person accused of:
 - a. Murder, treason, armed robbery, criminal sexual assault 1st degree, or kidnapping for extortion;
 - b. A felony involving an act or threat of violence if the person has been convicted of two crimes involving violence within the previous 15 years or is on bail, parole or probation for such a crime.
 2. Provide that trial must be commenced within 90 days after denial of bail or bail shall be set.
- Should this amendment be adopted?

MFB Position

Michigan Farm Bureau supports Proposal K. It would determine denial of bail or ability to obtain bail by the nature of the crime and past record, rather than the ability to raise money for bail.

THE HEADLEE AMENDMENT FOR TAX LIMITATION - FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY - LOCAL CONTROL

Holds property valuation at or below rate of inflation as reported by the U.S. Department of Labor Consumer Price Index.

VOTE 'YES' ON PROPOSAL E

Limits state taxation and spending to current ratio of total state revenues to total personal income in the state.

Requires voter approval for any increases in local government taxes.

Provides for excess state revenues to be refunded to taxpayers or put into Budget Stabilization Fund.

Requires the state to fund state-mandated programs to the local government level.

Requires voter approval of bonded indebtedness.

Requires state support to local governments at current funding percentages.

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MINIMUM JAIL SENTENCE PROPOSAL B	YES
INVESTMENTS PROPOSAL C	YES
21-YEAR-OLD DRINKING AGE PROPOSAL D	YES
DENIAL OF BAIL PROPOSAL K	YES
TRANSPORTATION PROPOSAL M	YES
RAILROAD REDEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL R	YES

The Issues.

PROPOSAL M

PROPOSAL TO ALLOCATE AT LEAST 90 PERCENT OF GAS TAX REVENUES FOR GENERAL ROAD PURPOSES AND THE REMAINDER FOR OTHER TRANSPORTATION PURPOSES AND TO REPLACE STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION WITH A TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION.

The proposed amendment would:

1. Provide that at least 90 percent of gas and license tax revenue be used exclusively for general road purposes.
2. Provide that remainder of gas and license tax revenue and not to exceed 25 percent of sales tax on cars and parts be used exclusively for other transportation purposes.
3. Limit bonding for roads, streets, bridges and other transportation purposes to amounts to be derived from specific motor vehicle tax and sales tax revenues.
4. Replace State Highway Commission with a nonpartisan State Transportation Commission which shall establish a state transportation policy.

Should this amendment be adopted?

YES

NO

MFB Position

Michigan Farm Bureau strongly supports Proposal M. It is essential that it pass in order that the road system be protected from revenue raids for other purposes.

PROPOSAL R

PROPOSAL TO AUTHORIZE CREATION OF A RAILROAD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO MAKE LOANS TO RAILROADS WITH TRACKAGE IN MICHIGAN AND TO AUTHORIZE AUTHORITY TO ISSUE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS IN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED 175 MILLION DOLLARS.

The proposed amendment would:

1. Require legislature to create a Railroad Redevelopment Authority.
2. Authorize Authority to issue general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed 175 million dollars at any period in time and pledge full faith and credit of state for repayment thereof.
3. Authorize Authority to make loans to railroads for redevelopment projects in interest of national defense or state industries.

Should this amendment be adopted?

YES

NO

MFB Position

Michigan Farm Bureau supports Proposal R. Railroad transportation is essential to modern agriculture and without state financial assistance many railroads cannot upgrade facilities to provide adequate service. The revenues raised from the bonds would be disbursed as loans and, therefore, would cost the state nothing except to the degree loans were defaulted.

Legislative Notes

The legislature will return on November 14 for the remaining weeks of the 79th legislature. There will be several issues of concern to farmers. Those include:

State Inheritance Tax Reform -- Farm Bureau successfully supported S 1447 in the Senate. It was passed just before the recess and is now in the House Taxation Committee. It updates the Michigan Inheritance Tax law, and brings it into compatibility with the new federal estate laws. It increases the exemption for the spouse from the present \$30,000 to \$100,000 and increases exemptions for family members from the present \$5,000 to \$15,000. More important to farmers is the major change on farm estates. It cuts the inheritance tax in half and provides that the other half is not payable for ten years without penalty or interest. It requires, however, that the farm remain in production for that minimum ten year period, and that this will be enforced by contracting the farm in the Farm Land Preservation Act (PA 116) for the minimum period.

This is compatible with the new federal estate law because under federal

regulations, those desiring to keep the farm in the family may do so by maintaining it in production for a 15 year period.

Anti-Trust Bill - S 1284 -- Prior to the legislature's recess, there was one committee hearing on S 1284. This bill contains numerous anti-trust provisions. These, in turn, could affect PA 334, Michigan's Marketing and Bargaining Act.

The Michigan proposal could, if passed in its present form, eliminate the farmer's rights to marketing and bargaining under PA 344. In other words, it will be necessary to do whatever possible to amend the legislation in order to give agriculture the same exemption from the proposed state anti-trust restrictions as farmers now have under the federal laws. This may become a major battle because those presently attacking the Marketing Bargaining Act in the courts will certainly support any legislation that will restrict or prohibit farmers' use of Michigan's law. As a result of Michigan being first with a comprehensive bargaining law, legislation has not been introduced in the U.S. Congress.

Passage of Proposal R Vital to Farmers

By Robert E. Smith

Farmers and agriculture, along with many outstate industries, are dependent, to a great degree, on the railroads for transportation of heavy and often hazardous materials that cannot be transported by truck. The 100-car grain train is a good example of the necessity for good rural railroads.

Farm Bureau's 1978 delegate resolution points out, for example, that more than 4 million tons of Michigan commodities are shipped by rail; 53 of our 83 counties ship more than one half of all their farm products by rail, not to mention the matter of railroads for the shipment of supplies to farmers. Many rural roads are subject to weight restrictions, making the use of trucks very costly. The resolution supported financial assistance as necessary to retain essential rail service.

A few years ago, the federal government began to allow the abandonment of many rail lines. Michigan Farm Bureau has been a member of a coalition that has worked toward maintaining some of the particularly important rail lines that serve agriculture in outstate Michigan. State monies from highway funds have been used to some degree to assist. PROPOSAL R on the ballot November 7 will require

Michigan to create a railroad redevelopment authority and permit that authority to issue state faith and credit general obligation bonds to a maximum of \$175 million outstanding at any one time.

The purpose of the bonding issue is to provide loans to railroads with trackage in Michigan to repair and modernize rail right-of-ways and equipment. Many industries, including agriculture, are reluctant to locate on Michigan's rail lines because of poor service, and the fear that the lines will be discontinued in the future. The loans from the bonds would be repaid to the state, and the money received would be used to pay off the bond issue.

The backing of the state faith and credit makes it possible to issue bonds at a low 5.5 percent interest rate, which could be passed on to those receiving the loans. Presently, interest rates from other sources would be about 9½ percent.

It is expected that low cost loans to railroads will encourage redevelopment within the state. It should be noted, however, that if repayment of the loans does not meet the principle and interest, the state would be obligated to make up any short fall.

Proposal R was placed on the ballot by legislative ac-

tion recognizing that good rail service can mean the expansion of industry throughout the state and the maintaining of vital agricultural transportation. It will also save energy as railroads can transport bulky materials at less cost and

Vote YES on Proposal M

By Robert E. Smith

Michigan has passed a package of several bills on transportation needs. This was outlined in the October issue of *Michigan Farm News*. It is a comprehensive package for the use of highway, local, county and municipal roads, as well as public transportation.

The news media has not given fair and accurate information to the public on this issue. It has only pointed to the increase in gas and weight taxes. It has not pointed out that the package contains restrictions on the use of those monies. For example, the Critical Bridge Program has been increased by five times. This will help local units qualify for the federal Special Bridge Program which, under the new program, will match local money by 85 percent of the cost. There is also a provision that a percentage of monies going to counties must be used for local roads,

with less energy used than other forms of transportation.

Bonding for special purposes is not unusual. The people have voted on bonding proposals many times over the years for such things as highways, recreational projects veterans bonds, etc.

On the average, counties will receive 25.6 percent more than in 1977. The package continues the tradition in Michigan of "let the user pay for the roads" through "user taxes" instead of property taxes as was the case years ago before gas and weight taxes.

Contrary to what most people think, the package contains language that prohibits the use of monies for a subway unless specifically granted by the legislature. Public transportation includes dial-a-ride programs for the elderly and others, and railroads, waterways, etc. which affect the entire state and not just one area.

The most important part of the package is a constitutional amendment to be on the ballot as Proposal M. It is essential that this amendment pass because it puts into the constitution a requirement that not less

Michigan Farm Bureau Board of Directors has studied this proposal in relation to the strong resolution on railroads passed by the delegate body last year and, therefore, strongly recommends a YES vote.

than 90 percent of the gasoline and weight tax revenue must be used for local and county roads and highways. It also provides that a portion of the sales tax revenues can be used for various forms of public transportation.

Proposal M makes a few other changes, such as changing the name of the Highway Department to the Department of Transportation and changes in the commission members. The reason it is essential that there be a YES vote on Proposal M is that a year ago, the Supreme Court ruled that the present constitutional language would permit the use of gas and weight taxes for all types of transportation. Proposal M is so written that it is very explicit that the monies for local and county roads and highways are to be used only for those purposes. This is definitely to the advantage of agriculture and rural areas.

F.B. WOMEN HOLD LEADER SESSION

Nearly 150 women from throughout the state attended the annual Michigan Farm Bureau Women's Leader Conference held September 28-29 at Long's Convention Center in Lansing.

Those in attendance were provided the opportunity to participate in various workshop sessions that were conducted during the two-day conference, which included, Farm Bureau Today, Personality and Leadership and workshops held in conjunction with Farm Bureau Women's sub-committees on Communication, Health and Safety and Legislative.

Featured speakers included former state legislator Colleen Engler, who presented "A Challenge to Women," in the Legislative workshop and Charlotte Mohr, Women's Committee Chairman of the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation, who told the women "Don't Wait to Be Asked."



Colleen Engler, former state legislator and wife of Rep. John M. Engler (R-Mt. Pleasant), was a featured speaker in the Legislative Workshop.



"Connie Soomer", portrayed by Lucille Brown of Allegan County, talks about food and farmers while on a make-believe visit to a supermarket during the Communications Workshop. The women then challenged her statements and gave the facts as consumers should learn the farmers' story.

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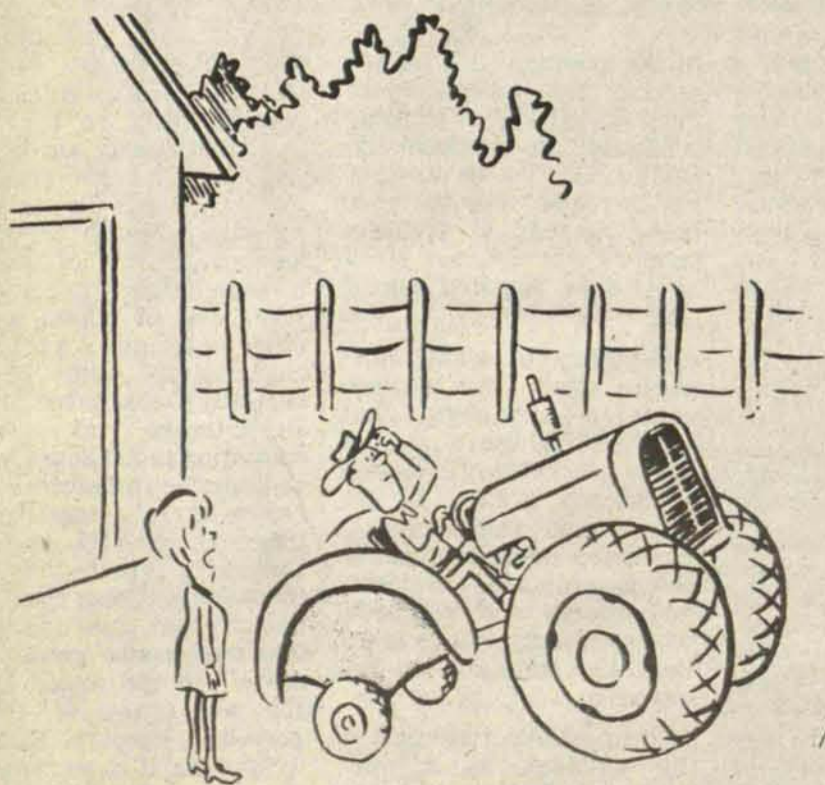


"Don't Wait to be Asked," stated Charlotte Mohr, chairman of the Women's Committee for the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation. Mrs. Mohr, a keynote speaker at the Conference, stressed the importance of women becoming actively involved in Farm Bureau programs.



Mrs. Judy Kissane, Clinton County, and Mrs. Gerry Smith, Sanilac County, listen as women from throughout the state shared their experiences during a "Show and Tell" exercise in the Communications Workshop.

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It is suggested that each member of the committees accumulate orders from neighbor members as well as through the county board of directors and Community Groups, Kirk said. Since the products are manufactured by Veldmaster in South Africa and would be shipped to Michigan from a warehouse in Des Moines, Iowa, there are some limitations in availability of some sizes and for some manufactured equipment.

Since the program must be handled in addition to the regular stock Safemark products, all orders should be in Lansing to Michigan Farm Bureau Group Purchasing, Inc. by December 11, for delivery by approximately February 10.

A Day in the Life of a Regional Representative

"A Hard-to-Beat Combination"

--Leon Bigelow, Northwest Region



Regional Rep Leon Bigelow and Manistee County Secretary Marcia Korwin review the agenda for the upcoming board meeting.

Story by Donna Wilber
Photos by Marcia Ditchie

"I like working with farmers. I enjoy the challenges involved with a regional representative's job. Put that together with being able to work and travel and live in the most beautiful part of Michigan -- and it's hard-to-beat combination!" That's how Leon Bigelow summed up his feelings about his job as MFB regional rep for the Northwest Region, a position he has held since January of 1976.

It was a great day to illustrate this combination when FARM NEWS editors spent their "day" with Leon. The people were friendly and interesting; the warm sun gently lifted the fog that earlier had shrouded the fishermen in Traverse Bay and painted a rosy glow on the golden peaches in Manistee County orchards. It's tough fighting the temptation to walk barefoot along the Lake Michigan shore, or climb the sand dunes, or just sit under a peach tree and wait for the tender fruit to drop in your lap. But it was a work day - for Leon, for FARM NEWS editors, and for the farmers and other local people we visited.

Resisting the temptations of this idyllic setting when duty calls is something Leon has had to do most of his life. He grew up on his parent's family farm, a cow-calf beef operation in Wexford County. During his school years, in addition to farm chores, he worked as a milk hauler, landscaper, cheese factory worker and canoe renter. Leon graduated Magna Cum Laude from Western Michigan University in 1975, then joined the Peace Corps and spent three months in

Brazil. When he returned to the states, he baled Christmas trees and also worked at the Caberfae Ski Area. When a Farm Bureau regional rep position opened, Leon's career with the state's largest farm organization was launched -- in his own home territory.

The Northwest Region consists of Antrim, Benzie, Kalkaska, Manistee, Missaukee, Northwest Michigan (Leelanau and Grand Traverse), and Wexford counties. Each of the county Farm Bureaus has its own unique strengths and challenges, Leon explains.

Benzie, for example, says Leon, is "super" in Membership. They've made membership for 12 consecutive years, breaking the state's record of 11 years in a row. "They take great pride in being tops in membership," said Leon, "and they do it the way every

county should -- quickly! It takes them about two weeks for their membership drive, and they're consistently second or third in the state to reach goal. They planned on being first last year, then just got beat out by Cheboygan. But they'll be trying again this year."

Getting young farmers involved in the organization is the greatest challenge of his job, Leon believes. "Sometimes you find county boards that stay the same year after year, simply because there are no young farmers who are prepared to take their place. In Farm Bureau, we need a 'library,' a resource of people to draw on for leadership," he said.

Two counties in particular are rising to this challenge with increasingly active Young Farmer participation. In Antrim County, the Young Farmers have shared the story of agriculture with non-farmers through a unique float which they entered in area summer events, copping two first place awards for their information efforts. Missaukee County Young Farmers have sponsored two outstanding projects -- an Ag Career Day for high school students and a ballot proposal information meeting.

"The good thing about this is that the Young Farmers did it themselves. They seem able to think things through, determine a need and then carry out projects to meet that need," Leon explained.

Leon has this same enthusiasm and optimism for the future of Farm Bureau in all of the Northwest Region counties. "They're all just great people," he concludes, "and that's what Farm Bureau is -- PEOPLE!"



Leon tells Manistee Young Farmer chairman Arden Bradford, Jr. about the Discussion Meets and the Distinguished Young Farmer competition.

Benzie County Has "Own" Radio Station



WBNZ's general manager, Michael Bradford, tells Leon that farmers are an important part of the community the new radio station hopes to serve.

Farmers in Benzie County can now set their radio dials at 99.3 FM frequency for that all-important weather report and other local news. On October 2, the county's first radio station went on the air with the appropriate call letters: WBNZ.

The accent on WBNZ will be local, high quality broadcasting aimed at meeting the needs of the community, the owners and personnel of the new station told FARM NEWS editors and MFB regional representative Leon Bigelow during a recent "day" in the Northwest Region.



RICH CLARK

It was that community need that led to the station's founding, said one of its owners, Rich Clark, local businessman. His concern that Benzie County had no daily communications medium and needed an instrument of public service was shared by another local businessman, John Riegler, and attorney John Daugherty. Recognizing that the farming community was a vital part of the Benzie County population, they asked fruit grower Duane Evans, long-time County Farm Bureau leader, to join their group.

Defining a community need was only the first step in a long, sometimes frustrating process of giving "birth" to a

radio station. Next came the extended wait for the Federal Communications Commission to approve their application for a license, a delay in securing needed equipment, then building the facilities and hiring personnel.

It was this group's enthusiasm and philosophy of "local and the very best" for the Benzie County community that convinced Traverse City radio station WCCW broadcaster Michael Bradford, to become WBNZ's general manager. He's proud of the staff he has hired for the new enterprise -- "high quality professionals - not button pushers."

The station's format, Bradford says, will be local information, local weather reports and music, with no "meaningless" programming. "The community can count on us for the very best," he said.

The station, located on Forrester Hill between Beulah and Frankfort, was open to the public on the Saturday prior to its initial broadcast. Participation by Benzie County residents in the open house and since the station went on the air has been high, reports owner Rich Clark.

"People seem to feel like it's theirs and that's what we wanted to happen," he said. "Things are looking good!"



DUANE EVANS

Farmers Honored Weekly by FBIG, Radio Network

The Farmer of the Week Award winners for September were:



ALBERT LENK

Week of Sept. 4 - Albert Lenk, 86, of Rt. 2, Cheboygan, who farms 700 acres and manages a herd of 200 dairy cattle in partnership with his son, Vernon. Lenk, who began his career as a farmer in 1948 when he moved from Detroit to Cheboygan, is still very active in farming and civic projects. He served as one of the original directors of the Michigan Milk Producers Assn.; served as president of the Cheboygan Farm Bureau from 1957-67; and served as a director on the local Soil Conservation Board and the Cheboygan Co-op. He is a member of the Cheboygan Lodge of Knights Templar; past president of the local ABA (Animal Breeders Assn.); and started the Farm Bureau chicken barbecue that kicks off the local membership drive each year. Lenk and his wife, Ethel, have five children.

Superintendent; and is a member of St. Mary's Church. Bloss and his wife, Linda, have four children.



GLEN WILLIAMS

Week of Sept. 18 - Glenn R. Williams, 49, a dairy and cash crop farmer from Elsie. He currently farms 1500 acres and manages a 200-cow herd with the help of four full time employees. Williams is a member of the Shiawassee County Board of Commissioners, currently serving as vice-chairman; chairman of the County Commission's Agriculture and Roads Committee; and member of numerous county boards and committees. He is a member of the Shiawassee County Farm Bureau and served on that organization's board of directors for seven years, including two years as president; served on the Michigan Farm Bureau resolutions committee and several other FB committees; was active with 4-H and Future Farmers of America (FFA) and was named Shiawassee County Outstanding Young Farmer. He and his wife, Cleo, have four children.



HILBERT SCHULZE

Week of Sept. 25 - Hilbert Schulze, 43, a corn and certified bean farmer who farms 320 acres near Hillman in Montmorency County. Among the many accomplishments are: Recipient of the Montmorency District Soil Conservation Award in 1974; serves as a 4-H beef leader; member of the board of the Thunder Bay Co-op; active member and former president of the Montmorency County Farm Bureau; served as State President of the Michigan Farm Bureau Young Farmers; won the Grand Championship Award at the Huron County Bean Show; was named International Bean Champ in 1950, competing with exhibits from the U.S., Canada and other foreign countries at the International Livestock Exposition in Chicago. He also received the DeKalb Agriculture Accomplishment Award and Future Farmers of America degree of State Farmer. He graduated valedictorian of the Class of 1952 from Pigeon High School in Pigeon, Michigan. He and his wife, Gloria have three children.



ROGER BLOSS

Week of Sept. 11 - Roger Bloss, 29, of W. Reid Rd., Swartz Creek, who farms 500 acres and milks 133 cows in partnership with his parents. Bloss is an active member of the Swartz Creek Jaycees; Genesee County president of the Dairy Herd Improvement Assn.; secretary-treasurer of Central Genetics (sire proving club); served as both president and vice-president of the Genesee County Chapter of the Holstein Assn.; member of the Genesee County Farm Bureau and chairman of the County Young Farmers; member of the McDonald Dairy Advisory Committee and was named that organization's Outstanding Young Cooperator of 1973-74. In addition, he served eight years as a 4-H leader; served as local Fair

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me on the back, my husband exclaimed, "That's it! You'll do fine!" In that single moment, I realized how desperately he needed a driver.

Once I had mastered one forward gear, I gained confidence. Things were going fairly well until I reached the mill. I understand that getting over the scales isn't really too difficult - unless it is attempted in high gear. Luckily "short course" instructors are plentiful and eventually some nice man showed me the proper procedure.

The real challenge was still ahead - putting the truck on the hoist. With all the government regulation, why is it that all hoists are manufactured to be 2 inches narrower than the width of the cab mirrors? Of course, it does insure the mirror installers a good income, but there seems to be no other practical purpose.

After my third unsuccessful try, instruction and demonstration was offered by two helpful men. Gritting their teeth and holding the

cables, they deftly guided me through a final, successful maneuver. Most men are great about helping, but they had a motive. They were waiting in line behind me and wanted to unload their grain, too.

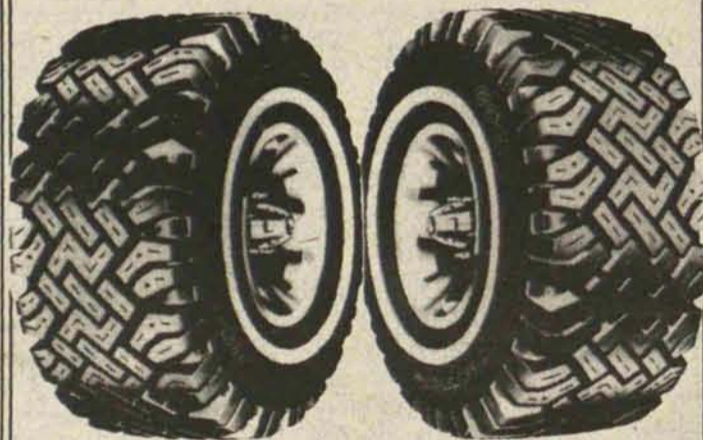
I guess "Happy Harry" was the only exception. He's the mill employee who operates the hoist button. I considered myself fortunate that when the truck was finally lowered from the hoist, smashed headlights and crumpled license plates were the only damages. Miraculously, my spirit had survived!

Limping home, proud of the time I'd made, my lifetime farm partner greeted me with, "What took you so long?"

After a few years of this on-the-job training, I've made great progress: no more dangling mirrors or smashed taillights. But just when it seemed I'd mastered the job, he's planning to get rid of the truck and use wagons.

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Cheboygan Kicks Off Membership With Bar-B-Q Picnic



Bob Hand, left, and three members of the county Farm Bureau acted as chefs at a recent Cheboygan County Farm Bureau Bar-B-Que picnic and kick-off meeting.

Northwest Michigan FB Contributes to Research



Larry Wagner, left, president of Northwest Michigan Farm Bureau, presented a \$500 check on behalf of the county to Bob Underwood toward a new cherry research station during the county annual meeting.

FBS Lab Offers Services



Brian Gates, manager of the Farm Bureau Analytical Laboratory testing for mold toxins.

The Farm Bureau Analytical Laboratory is discovering problems with mycotoxins in corn and corn silage in many areas throughout Michigan. Mycotoxins, found in grains and forages are toxic chemical by-products produced by various molds as they grow in the field or storage. The entire country is becoming aware of the need for concern in the area of molds and toxic chemicals they produce.

The Analytical Lab's primary function is to run analyses of feed, fertilizer

and forages for protein, fat, fiber and minerals. Prices are very competitive and it has one of the most rapid turn-around-times available in Michigan. The Lab is located in Battle Creek next to the feed production plant and has been in operation for the past year.

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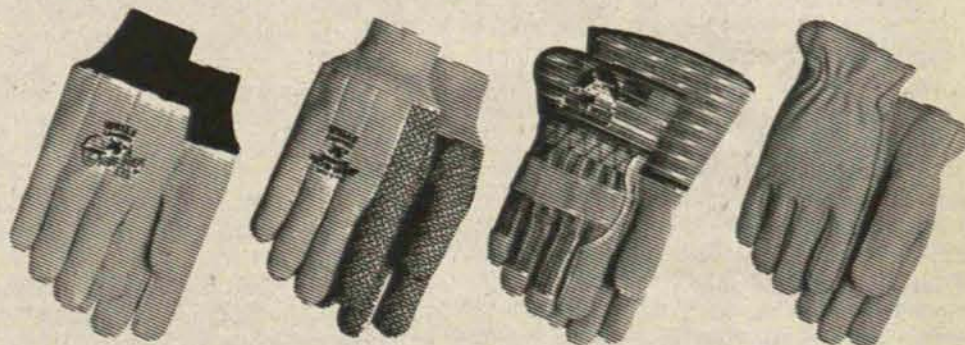


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No Such Thing as a Free Lunch

There is no such thing as a free lunch. Few of us are willing to admit that this plain and simple fact is true. Instead we accept with open pocket books the growing number of services offered by Uncle. We expect more services and some actively used pressure tactics to force Uncle to fork over more benefits.

Yet, while all of this is going on, almost all complain about the difficulty in keeping Uncle in the manner to which he has become accustomed. We fail to remember that what government gives, government must first take away. We also very conveniently fail to remember that government is us.

Government has become the biggest of the big time spenders. The cost goes up, up and up. Outraged taxpayers demand relief, yet few, if any, are actually willing to reduce any of the services they personally receive from government.

Today the basic obligations of government extend far beyond that of maintaining order, providing a fair civil code, and protecting against a foreign threat. In the last four decades, government has increasingly been expected to perform as the great humanitarian, the ultimate provider, the final employer, and to insure against virtually all risks of living.

These ideas reflect the cultural and social beliefs of the age in which we are living. By and large, our society supports higher social security benefits, better nursing care for the aged, special education for the mentally and physically handicapped, jobs for the unemployed, and help for the farmer struck by bad weather. The belief that Uncle must provide has been incorporated into a multitude of laws and programs.

On one hand we have developed the attitude that government is responsible for individual and personal welfare. Yet, on the other hand we are unwilling to pay the price.

Tax rebellion is turning from rhetoric to action. But, if the taxpayer views politicians as rapid spenders they might do well to look in the mirror. To the elected official, the taxpayer frequently appears to be the individual who votes for those politicians who promise the most and then threatens impeachment when the bill is sent.

Rising standards and expectations are also the rule of our society. Consider for a moment our changing requirements for housing. The average new house in the 1950's had 900 square feet of floor space, one bath, two bedrooms, a carport, and a few kitchen extras. Today, the average floor space is nearly double with two baths, wall to wall carpeting, dishwasher, disposal, a frost free refrigerator, a two car garage, and probably air conditioning.

So it is with our expectations of government services. For example, the concept of taxpayer funded education has expanded rapidly and expensively in the last few decades. Most states have established community college systems offering two years of college and self help courses ranging from basket weaving to stock market investments.

The community college system enjoys especially strong citizen support. Communities are proud of their colleges and the status and opportunities they afford. But, of course, they constitute a major new demand for tax money.

We are now embarking on another new era of education that illustrates both our humanitarianism and our rising expectations of government.

Few new programs involve as much human emotion and genuine compassion as education for the handicapped. Citizens believe that assisting the handicapped to develop to the best of their ability is an appropriate and long neglected responsibility of society. But such programs add considerably to the rising cost of government against which those citizens as taxpayers are rebelling.

In the last decade, federal public employment programs have become another new major

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element in both state and local budgets.

A recent U.S. Treasury Department study shows that federally funded workers now make up 16 percent of employment in 48 major cities. The Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA) is only five years old, but its actual cost has jumped from \$2 million to \$11 billion. Millions of unemployed persons have benefited from these programs, but the added cost to the annual tax burden has been high. Congress would add to the present legislation on guaranteed employment if it passes the Humphrey-Hawkins Bill now under consideration.

Agriculture is another major example of taxpayer funded guarantees with government playing the role of guarantor. Subsidies for farmers provide an especially ironic illustration of the conflict between support for individual benefits and outrage at the accumulative price, since farmers are frequently local critics of government cost. Farmers are also effective at reducing their own tax burden. Agriculture, although a major sector of the state's economy

editorializing, but more frequently through focusing on misfortune and especially on television, a 60-second dramatization of suffering.

Examples abound: flood victims, drought victims, the handicapped, the aged in substandard nursing homes, the poor in subsidized housing. All of these properly appeal to our humanitarian instincts. They are also a message to both bureaucrats and elected officials to do their duty - to provide.

One newspaper recently urged higher payments for nursing home care of the aged, improved prison facilities, money for emergency medical services, more funds for education of the handicapped, increased public assistance grants, additional subsidized housing, more money for payment to crime victims, more money for the zoo, and more dog catchers. The papers editorial policy is normally anti-spending and anti-taxes, but they ignored questions of expenditure justification and demanded increased programs for its own area.



enjoys very favorable property tax treatment and sales tax exemption.

Agriculture is the one sector of our economy where the demand for government guarantees has intensified in recent months. Threatening nationwide strikes, farmers have staged tractor parades in states ranging from Florida to Washington and from Texas to Maryland. The taxpayers burden from farm subsidies is growing: from \$575 million in 1975 to more than \$7 billion in 1978, all part of the accumulative cost of government causing the collective outrage.

Litigation has played still another key role in making government into the ultimate power. Within the last decade, a wave of lawsuits brought by civil rights groups and government funded public defenders and legal aid offices have resulted in a pattern of judicial decisions mandating social services to be funded by the taxpayer. Further, some of the resulting judicial orders have added a precedent-setting twist to public charity by writing into case law and bureaucratic mentality, the concept that government is liable whether it has the money or not.

Threaded through such judicial mandates to government is an emerging philosophy that availability of financial resources is not relevant. Judges, turned budget writers, are saying that the response of "we don't have the money," just doesn't matter.

Newspapers and television also contribute in building the idea that the government's duty is to provide for the less fortunate. This influence takes different forms, sometimes overt

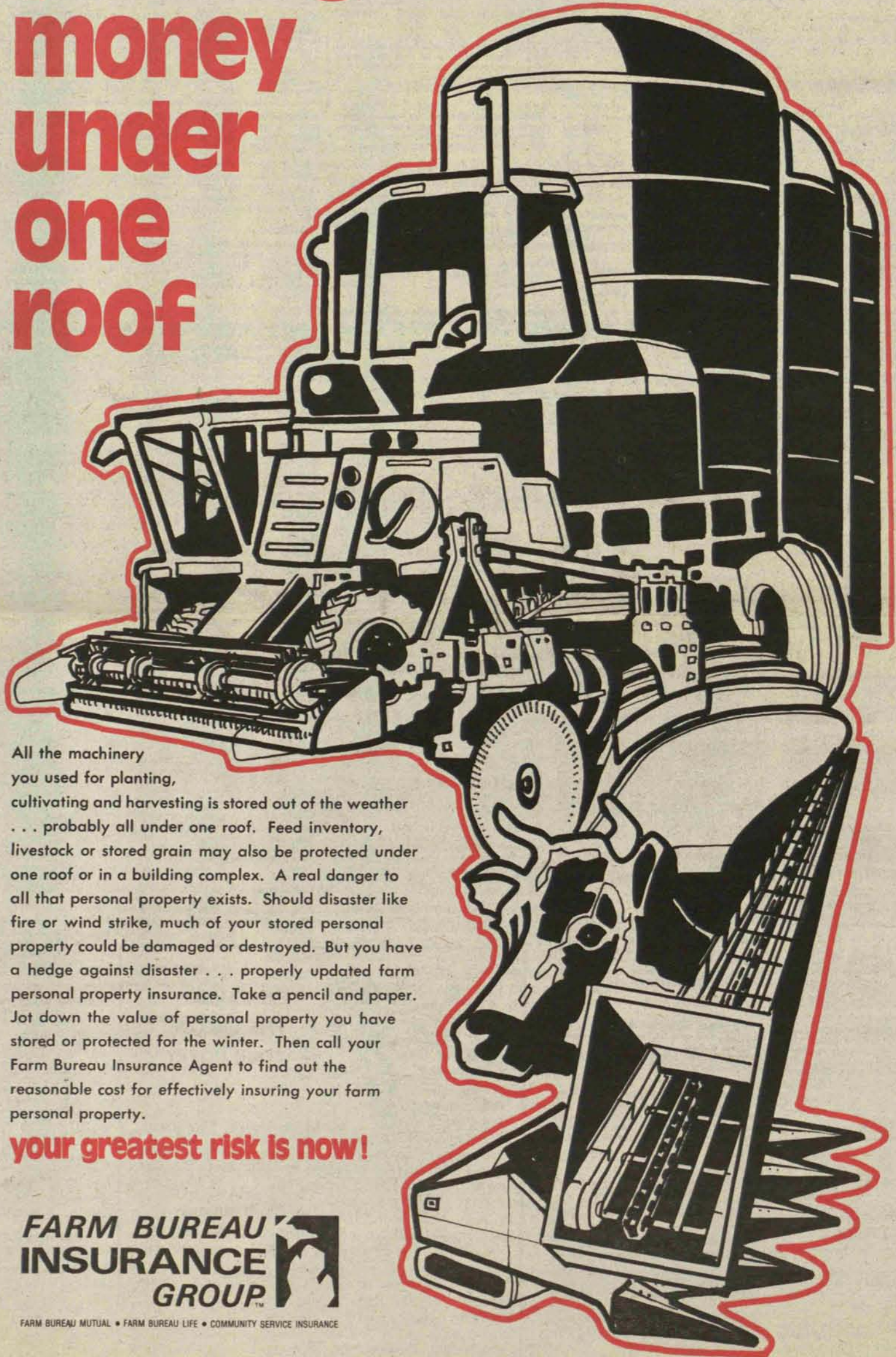
How do we deal with the rising costs? How do we deal with the increased demands for government funds and the collective refusal to pay for them?

Perhaps a visible relationship between costs and benefits could serve as a first step. Few mechanisms now exist to assist taxpayers in this way. Earmarking of taxes could have serious drawbacks because they become outdated so fast. Nevertheless, the judicious use of earmarking - to tie major program cost of benefits - needs to be examined as a possible method to assist taxpayers to better evaluate both what they want and what they are willing to pay for. Our present social security system and the proposed national health insurance program might be especially suited to this kind of cost benefit linkage.

Another mechanism to illustrate the cost of programs is to describe their cost in per capita terms. Would it help voters, and politicians, to better judge the worth of CETA, for example, if it were common knowledge that this job program cost each of us \$54.30 this year?

Why then does government cost so much? It costs so much because Americans have changed the rules of conduct for government. We have expanded government responsibilities. We have designated government as the great humanitarian provider of social services, and as guarantor against risks, and we have applied our rising level of expectations of government services as well as private circumstances. Waste also adds to the cost, of course, but more attention must be directed at increased services as the greatest factor in the rising tax burden.

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