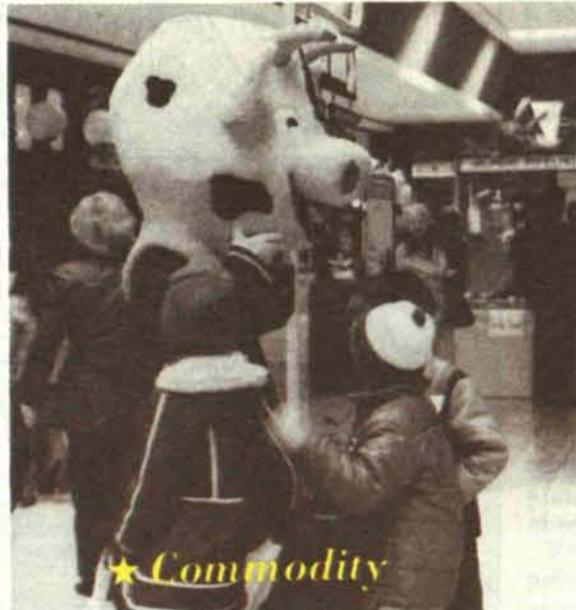


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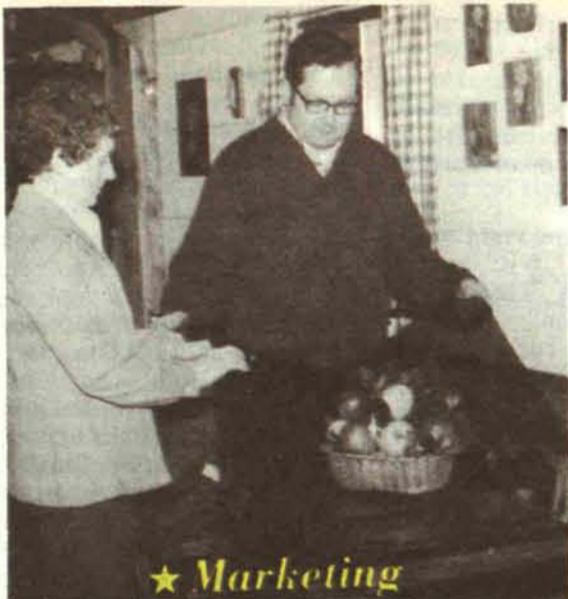


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Members Honored for '77 Programs

Bring Back "Load of Stars" from Houston

It was a night filled with pride for the nearly 200 Michigan Farm Bureau members who attended the AFBF annual meeting in Houston when their organization was recognized as the top state Farm Bureau in the nation at a special awards program January 10. Michigan was awarded seven "gold stars," three "silver stars," and the Golden Eagle Award.

Only one other state, Utah, with eight gold stars, ranked ahead of Michigan for program accomplishments. But the coveted Golden Eagle Award, presented for "exceptional service to producing farmers," was more

than adequate compensation. Only five of these coveted "birds" were awarded -- to Washington, New Mexico, Pennsylvania, Illinois and Michigan.

Forty-seven state and the Puerto Rico Farm Bureaus were eligible for competition in the awards program by making their membership goals. Michigan Farm Bureau received gold stars for Membership, Commodity Activities, Young Farmers, Information, Marketing AAMA, Marketing Non-AAMA and Political Education, and silver stars for Women, National Affairs, and

Natural and Environmental Resources.

"Although it was our state organization that was nationally-recognized for serving its farmer-members, it is our progressive county Farm Bureaus and their effective leaders who are responsible for these awards," said President Elton R. Smith. "It is their work in surfacing and meeting the needs of members that make successful programs. I congratulate all of our dedicated membership workers who made this recognition possible, and all the hard-working county leaders whose involvement created our award-winning programs."



From
the Desk
of
The
President

Texas-Tall Michiganders

Michiganders who attended the AFBF annual meeting stood "Texas-tall" in the Sam Houston Coliseum when their state Farm Bureau was nationally-recognized for its excellence in serving members.

They had every reason to be proud. Not only did they bring home seven gold stars, three silver stars and the Golden Eagle, they also saw their Young Farmer, Art Currey of Livingston County, capably represent Michigan in the discussion meet finals. And they were proud, too, of Michigan's Distinguished Young Farm Couple, Ron and Neva Wood, who also received recognition during the Young Farmer and Rancher program.

These awards belong to all of YOU because this national recognition was the result of year-long activities involving Farm Bureau members in every Michigan county. Meeting the challenges of agriculture at the grassroots level is the foundation of all Farm Bureau programs, and I congratulate you for using your organization to serve the needs of your members.

When you carried out those successful programs, I'm sure that national recognition was not your motivator. You invested your time, your efforts, and your God-given talents to benefit agriculture and those who are involved in this great industry of ours. You turned the words, "Farm Bureau -- United to Serve Agriculture," into ACTION and that's what made those programs award-winners. It was your dedication and willingness to accept the challenges facing agriculture that made our organization tops in the nation.

I'm confident that our Farm Bureau will remain a strong, progressive, respected force in every county in our state. To do so, we must maintain our membership strength. That membership strength is vital if we are to have an influence on the many current issues which affect us as farmers and as citizens of this state and nation.

Many of you are currently working toward that goal of providing your Farm Bureau with its life-blood -- membership. I urge you to offer EVERY farmer the opportunity to be associated with the best farm organization in the entire nation. And I urge you to do it today so that we can turn our attention and efforts toward carrying out the programs farmers have said they need and want.

Tomorrow is filled with challenges for farmers and we cannot spend too much precious time gazing at the stars we brought home from Texas. We have much work to do, many problems to solve, an industry to protect, farmers to serve. Those stars and that impressive golden eagle are not laurels upon which to rest. They are well earned tributes to your efforts in '77 and motivators for us to remain the best in '78. Let's work together, with united strength, to make that happen!

Elton R. Smith

On Our Cover

The photos on our front page illustrate the member-involvement in programs during 1977 which made the Michigan Farm Bureau tops in the nation. The activities shown are typical of those carried out throughout the state. Our cover people are:

MEMBERSHIP -- Rich Nelson, Ogemaw County Membership Campaign Manager, accepts congratulations from MFB President Elton Smith for being a member of the Fabulous 15.

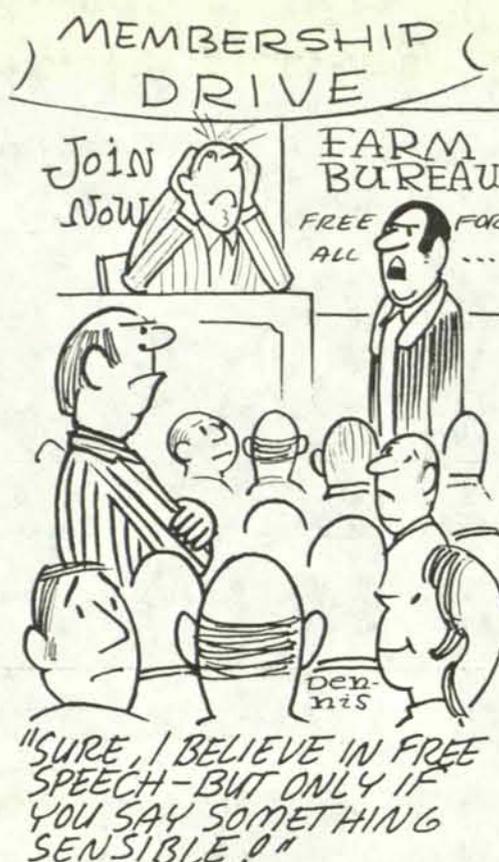
COMMODITY -- Farm Bureau Women, especially, were active in the promotion of Michigan agricultural commodities. In the Fashion Square Mall, Saginaw, children (and adults) were fascinated by the "talking cow."

INFORMATION -- Les Dowd, president of the Van Buren County Farm Bureau, was one of many County Presidents who served as spokesmen for agriculture at meetings between local farmers and local news media.

YOUNG FARMERS -- Concern about consumer confidence in their agricultural products led the state Young Farmer Committee to call a press conference. Newaygo County dairy farmers Bob and Nancy Rottler express their views to newsmen.

MARKETING -- Mary Bethel and Jim Robinette of Kent County are enthusiastic mem-

(Continued on page 9)



Bulletin from Bonnie

By Bonnie Carpenter
MFB Outstanding Young
Farm Woman



Since this is my first article for the MICHIGAN FARM NEWS, I'd like to introduce myself. I'm Bonnie Carpenter from Branch County. My husband, Arthur, my two sons, Chad and Jason, and I farm 300 acres of cash crops near the Indiana line.

Because we cash crop, February is a little slower for us than many of the livestock producers. However, some of our most valuable management time takes place now. It's a time to really sum up '77's expenses and production and to plan for '78's crop.

We believe the key to a successful farm business is the word: WE. Both of us know where we are coming from and what our short term and long term goals are for future production and expansion of our business.

February is, of course, Income Tax time on our farm. This is another place where the word "WE" is important. Ask yourselves these questions: "Do BOTH of you have knowledge of the records needed to prepare the taxes?" "Could either one of you handle the responsibility if illness or death affects the other?" Most of you could answer "yes" to these questions, but I'd be willing to wager that there are more than a handful out there who would answer "no."

I know one farm couple -- the husband does not even know the combination to his own safe! While I am sure that is a good place for his wife to hide his Christmas presents, it surely would be expensive and time-consuming to have to cut the

door off in case of an emergency.

However, there is another reason for our use of the word "WE." When both of us understand the operation of the business, there are not any quarrels (well, hardly any) about buying that piece of equipment that is needed or taking the time to maintain equipment and remodel or build barns to meet current needs.

When you come right down to it, the word "WE" means communication. That word, "Communication", is the key to a smoothly-run business and personal life. This can pertain to not only wife and husband partnerships, but to other types of farms such as corporations. Communication between the people involved can solve a lot of problems before they happen.

Communication is important to an organization, too. Have you ever noticed that the meetings you're glad you took the time to participate in, are not the ones where "they told us" or "we told them" -- but the ones where "WE communicated." The state Women's Committee meeting and the County Presidents' Conference in January were two outstanding examples of this, and there are many others coming up in the days ahead. It could be a local committee meeting, a community group get-together, or a one-to-one visit with a prospective member. Whatever the situation, the results are certain to be more positive if we remember those key words.



Star-Struck

Is it ridiculous for one tiny gold star to turn a grown-up person into a blubbing idiot, bursting with pride and eager to share a little piece of the glory it represents? That thought crossed my mind as we read the Speedline message from Houston, Texas, announcing the string of awards Michigan had won at the AFBF meeting.

I felt like my 20-month-old grandson looks when he's praised for his latest achievement -- proud and happy and ready to hurdle the next obstacle.

I wondered if I could be some kind of starstruck nut with an insatiable hunger for recognition. There were, I had to admit, a number of stars, ribbons and certificates, dating back to second-grade, in my memoir box and on my office walls. No checks were attached to any of them, so it must have been the recognition that made them so treasured.

Then I remembered the anticipation and eagerness of county leaders and the various contestants at the state annual meeting as they awaited the announcement of awards, and the glow of satisfaction when they heard their names. I remembered the puffed-up with pride Fabulous 15 and President's Trophy winners when they were recognized.

I looked at the smiles and the bursting buttons of my co-workers at Farm Bureau Center, from executives on up to secretaries and all those inbetween, and hope sprang that perhaps I was not alone in my idiosyncrasy.

If failing to outgrow the thrill of earning a gold star makes me some kind of nut -- at least I've got plenty of good company!

St. Clair Members

"On the Air"

Carol and Richard Lauwers, Capac dairy farmers and members of the St. Clair County Farm Bureau, can be heard on WJR's "Viewpoint" the 31st of each month. The Detroit radio station's public affairs program is aired three times a day. Check your local listings for time.

Legislators Honored by Michigan Ag Conference

Proof of Michigan agriculture's productivity and diversity were in the "booty bags" and the all-Michigan dinner served at the 30th Michigan Agricultural Conference legislative dinner, held January 11 at MSU's Kellogg Center. An overflow crowd of legislators, farmers and agri-business people packed their bags with a generous pile of Michigan products, contributed by the state's agricultural organization, agri-businesses and food manufacturers.

Governor William G. Milliken paid tribute to Michigan agriculture as the "stabilizing force" in the state's economy, and invited reaction to the recommendations for agriculture contained in his State of the State address which was to be delivered the morning following the legislative dinner.

Two Michigan legislators, Senator Richard Allen (R-Alma) and Representative Paul Porter (D-Quincy), were honored by the Conference for "outstanding service to Michigan agriculture."

In accepting his award from Conference president, William Brook, Senator Allen spoke to the crowd first as a politician to farmers and then as a farmer to politicians. As a politician, he reported that "the farmer caucus is alive and well and winning," and listed such accomplishments as exemption from the Single Business Tax, the Farmland and Open Space legislation, and the Marketing and Bargaining Act. "What's wrong with being a minority?" he asked. "Whoever heard of a powerful, effective majority?"

Speaking as a farmer to the politicians, Allen reminded them of the country's dependence on agriculture for exports and an energy source, and warned them that "disaster faces us" unless agricultural export markets are expanded. "You must pay attention to us -- not because we are needy -- but because we are needed," he told the legislators.

Wally Frahm, a director on the Michigan Farm Bureau

State's Agricultural Products Spotlighted at Annual Dinner



Rep. Jackie Vaughn (D-Detroit) was the lucky winner of the basketful of Michigan food products, contributed by the Michigan Farm Bureau. William Brook (right), president of the Michigan Agricultural Conference, presented the door prize to Rep. Vaughn.

board and representing the Michigan Guernsey Breeders Association, presented the distinguished service award to Representative Paul Porter, citing him as a legislator who "takes the bull by the horns instead of grabbing his tail as he goes by."

Representative Porter congratulated the Michigan Agricultural Conference for continuing to acknowledge legislators who support the farming industry and thanked its members for their encouragement and assistance to him as chairman of the House Agriculture Committee.

"We are constantly mindful of the importance of agriculture to the economy of the state and nation," he said and pledged that he would continue to be a "champion to the cause of agriculture."

Dr. Tom Haggai, who appeared through courtesy of General Motors Corporation, was the keynote speaker. He expressed a special concern to the legislators present about laws which encourage people not to work. "Work is an avenue of expression for the abilities God has given you," he said, and therefore becomes a "holy task." When

a man is encouraged not to work, it takes away his dignity and opportunity for

achievement, Dr. Haggai said.

He gave a word of encouragement to farmers regarding their current problems. "Strength will come from the problems agriculture is experiencing," and the problems will be solved if farmers and legislators work together, he said -- and "if we believe."

More Michigan agricultural products made up the door prizes for legislators, who had to be present to win. Rep. Donald

Van Singel (R-Grant) and Senator Robert Young (R-Saginaw) each won 100 lbs. of sugar, contributed by the Farmers and Manufacturers Beet Sugar Association. Rep. Joe Conroy (D-Flint) and Rep. William Keith (D-Garden City) each won strip steaks contributed by the Michigan Cattle Feeders and Michigan Livestock Exchange. Rep. Jackie Vaughn (D-Detroit) won a basketful of Michigan food products, contributed by the Michigan Farm Bureau.

Benzie, Clare, Osceola Report Membership Goal

Benzie, Clare and Osceola Counties became the second, third and fourth county Farm Bureaus, respectively, to attain 1978 membership goal, with Benzie reporting goal on January 16, Clare on January 18 and Osceola on January 19. Congratulations to Benzie membership chairman Gary

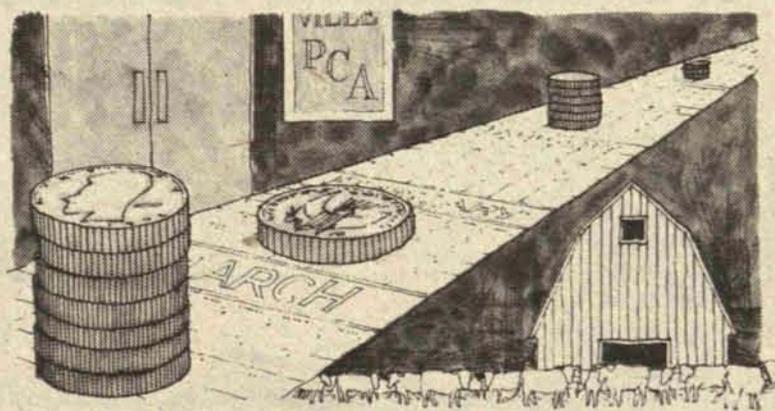
Lathwell, Clare co-chairmen Dan Bay and Don Davis and Osceola chairman Larry Vanderhoef.

Benzie and Clare are both in the 1-350 member category and Osceola in the 351-650. All three counties became members of the prestigious "Fabulous Fifteen."



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MFB Helps Form New Jobs-Energy Organization

Michigan Farm Bureau, representing Michigan agriculture, has joined together with leaders of labor, business and industry, education, and energy-producers to speak up for an energy supply abundant enough for the State of Michigan. Believing that an economy that is short on energy is also short on jobs, representatives of these groups have formed a new organization -- the Michigan Committee for Jobs and Energy. With input from leaders of virtually every sector of Michigan life, the group hopes to formulate "realistic solutions" to energy problems facing the state and nation.

Elton R. Smith, MFB president, serves as a director of the Committee. He appeared at a press conference on December 21 in Lansing, with James Barrett, president of the Michigan State Chamber of Commerce, and John Selby, president of Consumers Power Company, to announce the formation of the organization. Stanford Arnold, secretary-treasurer of the Michigan State Building and Construction Trades Council, AFL-CIO, is chairman of the committee. Other directors are Rev. Malcolm Carron, president of

the University of Detroit; John R. Hamann, president of Detroit Edison, and Jack Wood, secretary-treasurer of the Greater Detroit Building Trades Council, AFL-CIO.

"Our goal is to encourage and bring about balanced consideration of economic, social and environmental factors in arriving at wise energy decisions which best meet the needs of all our citizens," said Barrett, who serves as vice chairman of the Committee's board of directors. "Among the most basic of these needs is a job, which provides not only economic security, but also a sense of achievement as a productive member of our society."

Barrett said that in solving any problem, there are cost-benefit decisions to be made and that energy problems are no exception. "Cost may take many forms," he said. "We believe it is unrealistic to create jobs at the cost of an unacceptably foul environment. It is equally unrealistic to sacrifice jobs to reach an unnecessary level of environmental purity. Certainly those who lost their jobs would consider the cost too great." He said the Committee's central theme is to curtail energy waste harmful to the environment,



Elton R. Smith, president of the Michigan Farm Bureau and a director on the new Michigan Committee for Jobs and Energy, answers questions from the press regarding the goals of the organization. The Committee hopes to formulate "realistic" solutions to energy problems facing the state and nation.

but also insure sufficient energy to provide needed jobs.

In order to achieve such an energy program, the Michigan Committee for Jobs and Energy made specific recommendations based on realities. These recom-

mendations include:

1. Conserve energy through programs which will trim wasteful fat without cutting the productive muscle of Michigan's economy.

2. Encourage exploration and development of domestic oil and natural gas reserves,

both onshore and offshore.

3. Use our most abundant and economical domestic fuels -- coal and uranium -- to generate most of our electric power and convert industry, where feasible, from indiscriminate use of oil and natural gas to coal, under safeguards which are environmentally and economically sound.

4. Produce more synthetic oil and gas substitutes from coal and other sources.

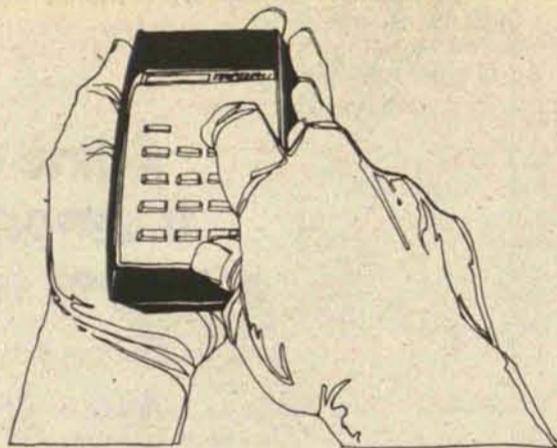
5. Accelerate research and development of alternate energy sources -- biomass, solar, wind, geothermal and nuclear fusion.

6. Require local and state governments to evaluate and consider the economic impact as well as the environmental impact of energy proposal and projects.

7. Oppose "no growth" policies because of their disastrous effect on jobs, the economy and our society.

"Whatever our decisions, in Michigan and the nation, there will be a price to pay and all of us will share in the cost," said Barrett. "The cost may be in dollars, jobs, the environment, or our standard of living. The decisions will be difficult. They deserve our best thinking and the broadest possible participation."

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Blue Cross-Blue Shield Important Member Benefit

The new year 1978 is well under way. We all hope for a year with a more settled economy and, of course, good health and happiness. But, 1978 will be no year to be caught without adequate pre-paid health care protection. There still are no signs that inflation will abate. Health care bills for a serious accident or illness could easily be a catastrophe for the average family's savings.

Farm Bureau members are fortunate because their Farm Bureau membership includes the opportunity to sign-up for Blue Cross and Blue Shield group health care coverage. And group coverage means truly comprehensive coverage with special group subscription rates.

The comprehensive plan includes basic hospital, surgical and medical care without deductibles or co-payments. In addition the Master Medical plan supplements your basic comprehensive coverage. The Master Medical plan provides benefits for hospital inpatient care beyond the limits of your basic program and, after a small deductible and co-payment the plan helps pay for such things as prescription drugs, doctor's home and office calls, visiting nurse services, ambulance service and many other health care needs.

Farm Bureau members can also choose a lower-cost Blue Cross and Blue Shield Econo-Plan which provides good basic hospital, surgical and medical coverage with share-the-cost features.

There will be a group open enrollment period for eligible Farm Bureau members March 1 through March 15. So, if you've been a Farm Bureau member and never enrolled for Blue Cross and Blue Shield coverage, now is your opportunity.

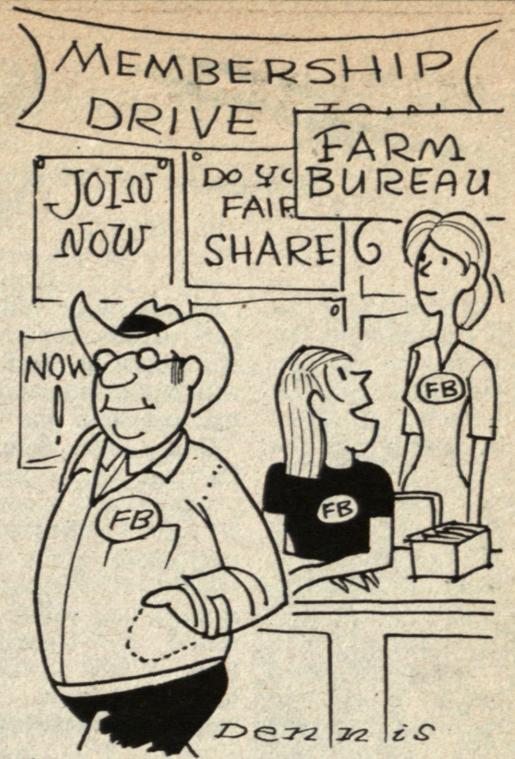
If you are now enrolled, this open enrollment period is also your opportunity to make changes in your coverage. For instance, if you have any dependents 19 to 25 years old, this open enrollment is the time to add them to your coverage at special rider rates.

Safemark Winner!

Nineteen state Farm Bureaus were honored at the Safemark Conference during the AFBF annual meeting in Houston for reaching or surpassing their state goal for dollar volume of sales. State goals were based upon a minimum of a 7.7 percent increase in sales over the previous year.

Michigan was honored by having a 314.8 percent increase in sales over the previous year, the highest percentage of the nineteen states honored.

In citing state achievements in five award areas, American Farm Bureau Service Company General Manager Jim Wickizer said Farm Bureau members saved an estimated \$15 million through Safemark purchases in 1977.



"HE'S A NICE MAN-- HE PLEDGED TO JOIN SIX TIMES TODAY--"

Coach Tells How to be a Winner; AFBF Aims for 3 Million

Grant Teaff, head football coach at Baylor University, Waco, Texas, listed five criteria for being a winner at the organization conference of the 59th Annual Meeting of the American Farm Bureau Federation.

"This great organization that you are a part of cannot be a total winner unless you, individually, can develop a winning life, a winning attitude and be a total part of Farm Bureau," Teaff told his audience of mostly state Farm Bureau field service

staff workers.

The youthful coach took over at Baylor in 1971 after its teams had won only three games in three years. In his third year there, Baylor won the southwest conference for the first time in 50 years, and Teaff was named national "Coach of the Year."

In his talk, coach Teaff listed these five criteria as essential to winning in life:

1. "Establish yourself as a loyal individual. Loyalty is the foundation upon which we build a winning attitude. I believe that you will not see

any group, any team, or individual, become successful until they learn the importance of loyalty."

2. "Try. Never give up. Never quit." He related the story of how Abraham Lincoln ran for office eight times before he was finally elected.

3. "Be able to visualize that which can be. Too many fail to see the potential, not only in those around them, but in themselves, too."

4. "Develop a positive attitude. There are few things in life we have control over,

and one of them is attitude." 5. "Put God in proper relationship. There is a correlation between our relationship to God and our performance as human beings."

In concluding, Teaff said, "If we want to be a winner in this life, we can be the most loyal person that ever came down the Pike; We can continue to try and try and try; We can visualize and then do the work that it takes to attain; but, unless we remember to keep God in the

center of our lives, we will never know total, ultimate victory as individual winners."

The 48 State Farm Bureau which gained members and achieved their 1977 goals were recognized. In an "Auction" which concluded the conference, State Farm Bureaus pledged enough members to give the AFBF a gain of 129,660 for 1978. This would put the national organization over its goal of three million members by some 25,000.

While the Director's Away . . .



TELEGRAM

Bob Rider
Zephyrhills, Florida

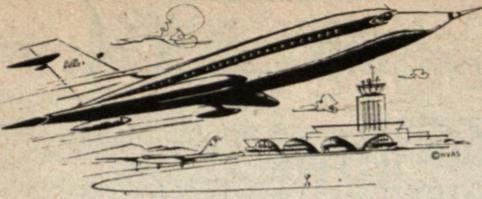
Our esteemed vice president, Jack Laurie, today gratefully passed possession of the Golden Gutter trophy to District 7 in a formal presentation before your fellow directors. The coveted award was given to your regional representative, Pat Lause, who will see that it is placed in your suntanned hands as soon as possible. While their director baked in the Florida sun, frost-bitten, inspirationally-void District 7 membership workers evidently have been brewing bean soup over their hot stoves instead of knocking on countryside doors. The warmth in the board room today created by the tumultuous applause and accompanying commentary would rival the southern temperatures you are currently enjoying. Having a wonderful time; wish you were here.

Michigan Farm Bureau
Board of Directors



. . . Membership Workers Play

District 6 director Jack Laurie had no difficulty parting with the Golden Gutter trophy after two consecutive months' possession for being at the bottom in membership acquisition. In fact, it was with great glee that he presented it to a not-so-gleeful regional representative Pat Lause, who had to accept it for vacationing District 7 director Bob Rider. The traveling trophy is presented each month to the director whose district is furthest from the goal line, as part of the competitive spirit prevailing in the membership campaign. A bean and steak dinner is another activity - with the losers eating beans, of course. Director Rider received some good-natured ribbing from the board via a telegram (see left).



Washington Legislative Seminar Set for April 4-7

County Farm Bureau boards are currently in the process of making an important decision -- the selection of the best qualified person to serve as a "Legislative Leader" for the Washington Legislative Seminar. Sponsored annually by the Michigan Farm Bureau Women's Committee, the Seminar provides an opportunity for farm leaders to meet personally with Congressmen in Washington and discuss with them the organization's policies and key issues that affect Michigan farmers.

This year's Legislative Seminar is scheduled for Tuesday, April 4, through Friday, April 7. To allow husbands and wives of selected Legislative Leaders, and other interested mem-

bers, the opportunity to take part in this annual activity, an American Heritage tour will again be held in conjunction with the Seminar.

Cost of the Seminar and Heritage Group is \$221 per person, based on double room occupancy. A deposit of \$25.00 per person (non-refundable) should accompany each reservation, which must be made by February 28. Reservations should be sent to Helen Atwood, Women's Department, Michigan Farm Bureau, P.O. Box 30960, Lansing 48909, before that date.

The Michigan Farm Bureau and the state Women's Committee offer financial assistance to county Farm Bureaus that send a Legislative Leader and get their reservations in by the

deadline date: \$25 plus an additional \$5 if the county has reached its membership goal by February 1.

Participants in the Washington Legislative Seminar and Heritage Tour will leave Lansing Airport by chartered plane at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, April 4. A group luncheon, get-acquainted session, and briefing by American Farm Bureau Federation, are scheduled after arrival in Washington D.C. at the Capitol Hill Quality Inn, headquarters for the Michigan delegation. Legislative Leaders will meet that afternoon to review their responsibilities and discuss current issues.

Wednesday will be "Legislative Day" with organized activities for Legislative Leaders to meet

with their Congressmen. In the afternoon, the combined group will meet with U.S. Department of Agriculture officials.

On Thursday, following a breakfast with Democratic Congressmen, Legislative Leaders will join the American Heritage Group for a day of guided sightseeing by bus. Included on the tour will be visits to the Washington Cathedral, Changing of the Guard at Arlington National Cemetery, Mt. Vernon and other historic sites.

Friday morning, the entire group will leave the Quality Inn for the USDA Agricultural Experimental Station at Beltsville, Maryland. From there, they will go directly to Dulles Airport, leaving Washington at 5 p.m. and arriving back in



Lansing at 6:15 p.m.

"1978 will be a very important year for us to take this group of Farm Bureau members from Michigan to Washington to meet with our Congressmen," said Helen Atwood, Manager, MFB Women's Department. "We hope every county Farm Bureau will be participating in the Seminar."

Farmer-to-Farmer:

"This is Why I Belong"



ROGER LERG

"I have been a member of Farm Bureau for five years and have served on various committees during that time. As chairman of the State and National Affairs Committee for the Clinton County Farm Bureau, I was asked if I would take a three-day 'vacation' from our dairy farm operation (I'm in partnership with my dad) and represent Clinton County at the Washington Legislative Seminar.

"I accepted the opportunity and found the Seminar very rewarding in that I was able to discuss the problems of my county, state, and community with my U.S. Representatives and Senators.

"I also had the chance to listen to and question Secretary of Agriculture Robert Bergland, sit in on Congress in session, attend committee hearings, and see some of the historical sights in Washington, D.C.

"In analyzing the trip upon returning home, I felt fortunate to have been able to convey the wishes of Farm Bureau members in Clinton County to the legislative

people in Washington, D.C. -- and also to have had the opportunity to meet and have fellowship with so many fine Farm Bureau members from the state."

Roger Lerg
Clinton County

"We joined Farm Bureau at the urging of our neighbors for the social aspect of the organization. As we became involved, we realized that Farm Bureau is the strongest voice in the country today speaking for the right of the individual. We feel our membership dues are a sound investment -- buying as a competent, well-organized staff to lobby at the state and national levels.

"During the past years, we have attended two Washington Legislative Seminars. This event is effective on at least three levels:

"1. We gained a personal knowledge of Washington -- the foggy morning on the Capitol lawn with all the street noise muffled, leaving only the sound of our footsteps and the fountain; the single, very slow employee during lunch hour at the House Document Room to handle the long line of busy people; the efficiency and courtesy of the Senate Document Room staff; the busy schedules of our Congressmen and the lack of time they have for reading the thousands of bills they must vote on each year; the boiler rooms beneath the buildings that don't turn off the heat until mid-June; and the excellent, low-cost

cafeteria in the Rayburn Building.

"2. At the second level, we were able to go to Congressmen and speak with strength and authority for the over 62,000 Michigan Farm Bureau families. Because of our backing, they listened. This relationship with Farm Bureau is extremely rewarding. They speak for us and we speak for them.

"3. At the third level is the growing conviction that the overwhelming 'bigness' is made up of individuals. If the individuals who go to Washington for Farm Bureau talk to those in Washington as individuals -- we can make a difference."

Marcia Korwin
Manistee County

FBIG Offers New Policies

The Farm Bureau Life Insurance Company has announced the introduction of two new Mortgage Cancellation policies designed to cover the decreasing outstanding balances on 8 percent and 9 percent mortgage.

The policies are designed to cancel the outstanding balance of a mortgage in the event of the death of the insured person.

Both the 8 percent and 9 percent policies are offered for 20, 25 and 30-year mortgages.

For more information on this new individual policy, contact your Farm Bureau Insurance Group agent.

Women's Subcommittees Are Appointed

Appointments to a number of subcommittees of the Michigan Farm Bureau state women's committee have recently been made.

The Scholarship Committee is responsible for interviewing applicants for the Marge Karker-Farm Bureau Scholarship and selecting one or two students as recipients. This committee also reviews the qualifications of applicants and considers whether any changes should be made in the way the scholarship is decided. Appointed to the committee for 1978 are: Leona Chapin, Remus, chairman; Nancy Geiger, South Lyon; Mary Hiscock, Battle Creek, and Myrtle Rasner, Wallace.

The responsibilities of the Consumer Understanding Committee are following up on projects in the women's state program of work and making recommendations to the program planning committee on activities related to this subject. The suggested projects and activities for this year include developing good communications between Farm Bureau members and non-farm people, particularly those who are concerned about food and its production and marketing, such as church-related groups and organizations, consumer groups and organizations, the Family Farm Coalition, and other special interest groups. Appointed to this committee are: Mary Wiedmeyer, Ann Arbor, chairman; Sue Bahs, Nashville; Lucille Brown, Martin; Lorrie Domagalski, Richmond; Myra Hand,

Afton, and Judy Kissane, St. Johns.

The Legislative Committee's responsibilities are to review activities in the current women's program of work -- such as "adopt a legislator" -- to activate them, and make recommendations for legislative activities for Farm Bureau Women to present to the state program planning committee. Faye Adam of Snover is chairman and serving as committee members are: Polly Diehl, Dansville; Olis Hudson, Fowlerville; Marsha Kennedy, Carsonville; Julie Kronemeyer, Pickford, and Doris Wieland, Ellsworth.

The Public Relations Committee is responsible for reviewing current projects in the state program of work, such as commodity promotions, rural-urban activities, promoting a positive image of agriculture through the public media, and promoting an understanding of the Farm Bureau organization.

Appointed to the Health and Safety Committee, which follows up on present projects in this area, and develops health and safety recommendations for action next year, are: Ethel Fulton, Oakley, chairman; Bea Axford, Gaylord; Judy Gordon, Saline; Ruth Rigg, Coldwater, and Jan Stoner, Jones.

These subcommittees are appointed by the Farm Bureau Women's state executive committee. Other subcommittees will be appointed at a later date.

Baker Re-Elected to Credit Board

Hillsdale County Farm Bureau member Ralph Baker was re-elected to a three year term on the Farm Credit Board of St. Paul, beginning January 1, 1978.

Baker was elected to represent the Federal Land Bank Association (FLBA) on the Board. A dairy and corn farmer in Jonesville, Baker operates a 760 acre farm with 120 milk cows and 150 head of young stock. He has served as a director of the Hillsdale FLBA since 1955.

Currently Vice Chairman of the Seventh District Farm Credit Board, Baker has been a member of the FLBA Advisory Committee and has served as the president and vice president of the National Federation of FLBAs.

Baker has also served as director of the American Artificial Breeders Association and is a member of the Michigan Professional

Dairy Farmers Association, Michigan Artificial Breeders Association and numerous other organizations.

Laura Heuser Appointed to Food Advisory Committee

Laura Heuser of Hartford, Van Buren County member, has been appointed to the 17-member Food Advisory Committee of the Office of Technology Assessment (OTA), which is responsible

to Congress.

The Food Advisory Committee advises Congressmen on the OTA Board and offers technology alternatives to the plans and programs being considered.

Iren Raisler Passes Away

Iren Raisler, Assistant Professor of Russian at Michigan State University, died suddenly on December 30 of an apparent heart tumor. She was one of the favorite speakers at the Michigan Farm Bureau Young People's Citizenship Seminar for the past two years where she spoke on life

in the Soviet Union.

She was born in Czechoslovakia of Russian parents. The family escaped to West Germany in 1945 and emigrated to the United States in 1950. She was a group leader for a summer study program in the Soviet Union in 1975.

Pridgeon Heads Natural Resources Commission

Dean M. Pridgeon of Montgomery, who has been a Natural Resources Commissioner since his appointment by Governor William G. Milliken in 1974, was unanimously elected on January 12 as chairman of the Natural Resources Commission for 1978.

Pridgeon, 56, assumes the chairman's gavel from Joan L. Wolfe of Belmont, who presided over the Commission in 1977. NRC chairmanships are traditionally rotated among its seven members annually.

As chairman, Pridgeon becomes one of the nation's foremost leaders in environmental and conservation efforts by assuming the leadership role for a citizen-appointed group that oversees the state department responsible for management of Michigan's natural resources and charged with environmental protection activities.

Pridgeon has been a farmer his entire life and was formerly vice president of Michigan Farm Bureau. Born in 1921, and raised in Branch County, he farms 1,500 acres near Montgomery, raises 4,000 head of hogs and 1,000



DEAN PRIDGEON

acres of corn annually. His hog operation is widely known and his Centennial Farm is often visited during State Farm Management tours.

"I think land has to be put on an equal priority with other natural resources," Pridgeon says. "There are those who say we have a surplus of food and don't need to produce anymore, but I don't believe that."

His term on the Commission expires December 31, 1979.

Chaffin Heads Ag Commission

Robert H. Chaffin of Ithaca was elected chairman of the Michigan Commission of Agriculture at the January meeting of the commission today. He succeeds David Diehl of Dansville, who has just completed a one-year term as chairman.

Other officers elected are

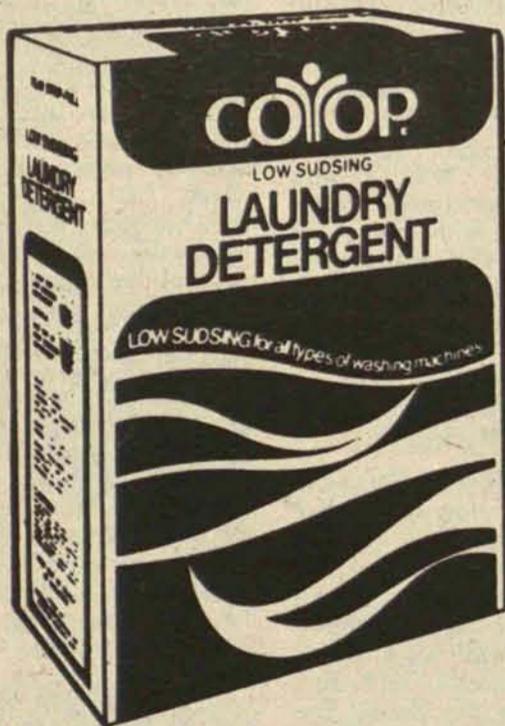
Joa Penzien of Mt. Clemens, vice chairman, and Charles E. Donaldson, Jr., of Stephenson, secretary.

Mrs. Rebecca (Seth) Tompkins of Traverse City and Mr. Diehl are the other members of the five-member bipartisan policy-making body for the Michigan

Department of Agriculture.

Chaffin owns and operates a cash crop farm in Gratiot county. Penzien is a potato and general crops farmer in Macomb county and has been active in the National Potato Council. Donaldson is a retired dairy farmer from the upper peninsula.

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ALTERNATIVES: What Can a Farmer Do?



No Simple Solution to "Farm Problem"

By Dr. Paul Kindinger
Director, Market Development
and Research Division

Farmers are seeking alternatives to the depressing, frustrating situation that they face. Most of them realize that there are no simple solutions to the "farm problem". The answer lies in bringing the complex forces of supply and demand, both in the short run and long run, into balance. Here are some of the actions which Farm Bureau supports as plausible and reasonable alternatives:

1. Meaningful Set-Asides

Under the provisions of the 1977 Food and Agriculture Act, the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to establish limitation on productions. Set-asides of 20 percent for wheat and proposed 10 percent for feed grains have already been announced for 1978. But most farmers, and rightfully so, are skeptical that these set-asides will have any major impact on farm prices and incomes. This is a perfect opportunity for farmers to work with their organizations and congressmen to bring pressure to bear on the Secretary of Agriculture for increased set-asides in 1978.

2. Farmer Held Reserves

Government commodity storage programs and the subsequent dumping of such stored commodities on the open markets when prices start to rise has proven detrimental to farmers throughout recent history. Farmers must work together to avoid government-controlled reserves. Uncle Sam should encourage and assist farmers to increase on-the-farm storage. Such programs include loans at favorable interest rates for the construction of new storage capacity, longer term CCC commodity loans, and storage payments for grain that is kept in storage by the producer for more than one year. These actions could provide the opportunity for more orderly marketing by farmers, not the government.

3. Increased Direct Exports by Farmer Owned Cooperatives

The U.S. annually exports approximately two-thirds of its wheat crop, 50 percent of its feed grains and one-third of our soybeans. This amounts to several million

bushels of products. Farmer owned and controlled cooperatives, however, are only responsible for directly exporting 7 to 10 percent of all exports. The majority of the grain is exported by four or five large privately owned grain companies. Cooperatives are responsible for gathering a much larger share of the grain that is eventually exported. Thus, the track record of cooperatives in direct export sales is not impressive when measured by sheer numbers. Again, a hidden opportunity is available to farmers. They should encourage their cooperatives to become more active and aggressive in direct sales of agricultural products overseas. It will not be easy because the move will be fiercely opposed by private grain companies.

4. Strict Scrutiny of Agricultural Imports

Most businessmen recognize that international trade is essential to a nation's well being for a host of reasons. However, there is no reason to stand idly by while others take advantage of us. If an imported agricultural commodity is being subsidized, the Treasury Department should make a quick determination to that effect and impose countervailing duties. Existing import quotas should be strictly enforced. Special attention should be given to insuring that imports meet the same sanitary and quality standards as are required for U.S. products. Furthermore, imported products should be properly labeled as to contents and country of origin. These measures alone would help control the number and type of products which American products must compete with. There are also certain economic conditions domestically which may require further limitations of certain imported products. These situations should be constantly assessed.

5. Promotion Programs

The food industry, especially at the farm level, has already taken advantage of opportunities to promote its own products. Traditionally, farmers establish a program requiring first handlers to check off or collect a given sum of money which is paid into a fund and used to promote a certain commodity. Such programs are normally governed by a committee or commission. But, there is still room to expand generic promotion programs of this type.

Opportunities also exist, however, for farmers to overlook certain traditions and biases and seek out new partners in promotional efforts. Working relationships with wholesalers, food processors and retailers are possibilities. In many areas of the country such potential has been overlooked completely.

6. Access to Markets

Agriculture has suffered during the past two or three years due to the embargoes and strikes which have held its products hostage. Governmental restrictions and refusal by large, powerful labor unions to load ships, etc., has cost agriculture millions of dollars in lost sales to other countries. Several top buyers have sought out alternative sources of supply because they do not feel that they can count on this country to supply their agricultural needs. Farmers must continually work to eliminate these restrictions. They must again build the faith of our customers overseas.

7. Removal of Unnecessary Regulations

Farmers are overrun by unnecessary and costly regulations affecting their individual operations and their industry. The end result is higher production costs and added difficulty in obtaining a decent living. Such regulations are imposed by OSHA, FIFRA, EPA, FDA and the list goes on. Transportation regulations regarding backhauls, cargo preference and interstate licensing all add up to higher production costs for farmers and ultimately higher food costs to consumers.

8. Better Understanding of Traditional Markets

Opportunities exist for farmers to increase their understanding and use of certain "traditional" markets. Mention the word "futures" to some farmers and they begin coming up with excuses as to why they would never use them. The excuses run the gambit from nobody wins to it's too expensive to only big speculators use them. Such biases and fears can be overcome with proper training in the use of such markets, more understanding and commitments from bankers and eventually becoming involved in the use of these markets. The new pricing alternatives which can be opened up are almost over-

whelming. There are other marketing mechanisms which are not widely used nor understood at the present time. Such things as marketing orders, marketing and bargaining, new style auction techniques, direct marketing and so on. There are also new markets to be tapped by farmers who are willing to invest some time and thought, be ingenious and develop those markets. The rise of U-pick in the fruit and vegetable is an example of what can be done.

9. Research and Information

The Land Grant University system is one of the finest mechanisms in the world for farmers and agriculture. It can provide production and marketing research to help cut costs, improve efficiency and/or yields and lead to better net income for farmers. To get this information out, to the public, we have a good extension service staff whose primary responsibility is to work with agriculture. USE THEM! If you have a particular problem or concern contact the experiment station or extension personnel. They are there to help. Certainly the results for farm income and prices may not be as immediate as some would like, but they are there to help none the less.

10. Support Legislators Favorable to Agriculture

Probably all farmers realize by now that much of their destiny is controlled by someone other than themselves. Often that can be linked to their representative or senator in the state or national legislature. Almost daily, some new piece of legislation is introduced somewhere which will have an impact on a farm operation on the agricultural industry. It is the farmers' responsibility to find out who his friends in the legislature are and make sure they stay there. Labor does it and with good results. It's time we did the same thing in agriculture on a broader scale.

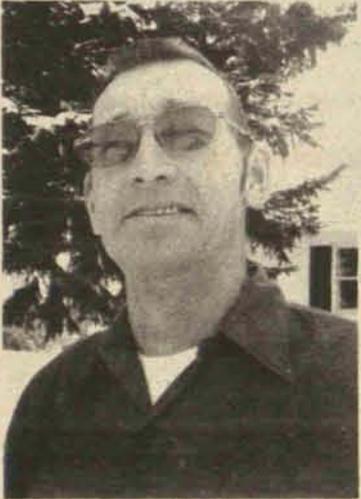
This is only a partial listing of what the alternatives are for farmers. Some more plausible or more feasible than others. Some are more immediate and some longer range. But they are alternatives just the same. Some will say they don't go far enough fast enough. But it was said in the beginning, that there are no simple solutions to the farm problem. The answer will lie in using several alternatives. Some of those alternatives may be listed here!

"Farmers of the Week" are Recognized

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The Farmer of the Week Award, sponsored by the Michigan Farm Radio Network and Farm Bureau Insurance Group, recognizes Michigan farmers for their contributions to the agriculture industry and the community. Recipients are selected for the quality of their farming operation and for their community involvement.

The Farmer of the Week Award winners for December were:



THEODORE HUHTA

Week of December 5 -- Theodore Huhta, 45, who operates a 145-acre strawberry farm near Chassell in Houghton County. Huhta's farm, known for its neatness, is considered a showplace and model farm in the area. Huhta has received numerous strawberry industry awards, the Soil and Water Conservation Cooperator Award, and the Leo H. Geismar (Young Farmer) Award. Huhta is a member of the Copper Country Farm Bureau Board. He runs the farm with the help of his wife, Mary Anne.



ROBERT DECLERG, SR.

Week of December 12 -- Robert Declerg, Sr., 47, who raises cash crops, beef and 7,500 laying hens near Durand in Shiawassee County. DeClerg owns 120 acres and rents or share crops another 600. He has been a Farm Bureau member for 27 years and served on the County FB Board for six years. He is chairman of the Vernon Township ASCS committee and served on the Vernon Township board of review for 20 years. He has been a 4-H leader for 21 years, serves on the Shiawassee Fair Board and was recently appointed to the Shiawassee

County Road Commission. He also serves as an emergency medical technician with the Durand-Vernon volunteer ambulance. DeClerg and his wife, Bernice, have two sons.



JAMES HERMAN CAMPBELL

Week of December 19 -- James Herman Campbell, 51, who operates a dairy and sheep farm on 780 acres near Pickford in Chippewa County. He raises registered Suffolk sheep and has a dairy herd of 80 cows. Campbell, a member of Chippewa County Farm Bureau board of directors, is a local Soil Conservation director. He serves as a volunteer ambulance technician for the area and is a past member of the Stalwart Fair Board. He is also a select sires technician. Campbell, a widower, has two sons and two daughters ranging in age from 19 to 28, all who are partners in the farming operation.

ARTHUR WIRTZ

Week of December 26 -- Arthur Wirtz, 48, a cash crop farmer from Freeland in Saginaw County. Wirtz farms more than 1200 acres and raises navy beans, beets, corn and soybeans in partnership with his brother and son. He is a member of the Saginaw County Farm Bureau and serves on the Titabawassee Township Planning Commission and the Titabawassee Township Planning Study Committee. Wirtz has been farming for more than 30 years. He and his wife, Doris, have four children.

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Hurt; Never Again; Blue Eyes Crying in the Rain; Danny Boy; The Last Farewell; For the Heart; Bitter They Are, Harder They Fall; Solitaire; Love Coming Down; I'll Never Fall in Love Again.
8 TRACK TAPE - APS-1-1506 \$6.98
CASSETTE - APK1-1506 \$6.98

ELVIS PRESLEY - APL1-2274 ALBUM \$5.50
Welcome to My World; Help Me Make It Through the Night; Release Me; I Really Don't Want to Know; For the Good Times; Make the World Go Away; Gentle on My Mind; I'm So Lonesome I Could Cry; Your Cheatin' Heart; I Can't Stop Loving You.
8 TRACK TAPE - APS1-2274 \$6.98
CASSETTE - APK1-2274 \$6.98

ELVIS PRESLEY - CAS-2533 ALBUM \$2.98
I Got Lucky; What a Wonderful Life; I Need Somebody to Lean On; Yoga Is As Yoga Does; Riding the Rainbow; Fools Fall in Love; The Love Machine; Home Is Where the Heart Is; You Gotta Stop; If You Think I Don't Need You.
8 TRACK TAPE - C85-7014 \$3.98
CASSETTE - CK-7014 \$3.98

ELVIS PRESLEY - CAS-2472 ALBUM \$2.98
You'll Never Walk Alone; Who Am I?; Let Us Pray; Peace in the Valley; We Call On Him; I Believe; It is No Secret; Sing You Children; Take My Hand, Precious Lord.
8 TRACK TAPE - C85-7012 \$3.98
CASSETTE - CK-7012 \$3.98

ELVIS PRESLEY - LSP-4460 ALBUM \$5.50
Snowbird; Little Cabin on the Hill; Whole Lot-a Shakin' Goin' On; It's Your Baby, You Rock It; The Fool; Faded Love; I Washed My Hands in Muddy Waters; Tomorrow Never Comes; I Really Don't Want to Know; There Goes My Everything; Funny How Time Slips Away; Make the World Go Away.
8 TRACK TAPE - P85-1655 \$6.98
CASSETTE - PK-1655 \$6.98

ELVIS PRESLEY - DL2-5001 ALBUM \$4.98
Burning Love; I'll Be There; Fools Fall in Love; Follow That Dream; You'll Never Walk Alone; Flaming Star; Yellow Rose of Texas; Old Shep; Mama; Rubberneckin'; U.S. Male; Frankie and Johnny; If You Think I Don't Need You; Easy Come, Easy Go; Separate Ways; Peace in the Valley; Big Boss Man; It's A Matter of Time.
8 TRACK TAPE - D82-5001 \$5.98

ELVIS PRESLEY - LSP-3758 ALBUM \$5.50
How Great Thou Art; In the Garden; Somebody Bigger Than You and I; Farther Along; Stand by Me; Without Him; So High; Where Could I Go But to the Lord; By and By; If the Lord Wasn't Walking by My Side; Run On; Where No One Stands Alone; Crying in the Chapel.
8 TRACK TAPE - P85-1218 \$6.98
CASSETTE - PK-1218 \$6.98

ELVIS PRESLEY - LPM-4088 ALBUM \$5.50
Trouble; Guitar Man; Lawdy Miss Clawdy; Baby, What You Want Me to Do; Medley; Heartbreak Hotel, Hound Dog, All Shook Up; Can't Help Falling in Love; Jailhouse Rock; Love Me Tender; Where Could I Go but to the Lord; Up Above My Head; Saved; Blue Christmas; One Night; Memories; Medley: Nothingville, Big Boss Man, Guitar Man, Little Egypt, Trouble, Guitar Man; If I Can Dream.
8 TRACK TAPE P85-1391 \$6.98
CASSETTE - PK-1391 \$6.98

ELVIS PRESLEY - CAS-2611 ALBUM \$2.98
Separate Ways; Sentimental Me; In My Way; I Met Her Today; What Now, What Next; Where To?; Always On My Mind; I Slipped, I Stumbled, I Fell; Is It So Strange; Forget Me Never; Old Shep.
8 TRACK TAPE - C85-1227 \$3.98
CASSETTE - CK-1227 \$3.98

ELVIS PRESLEY - CAS-2567 ALBUM \$2.98
Old MacDonald; Guitar Man; Big Boss Man; Frankie and Johnny; You Don't Know Me; Confidence; How Would You Like To Be; They Remind Me Too Much of You; Long Legged Girl; Down By The Riverside; When The Saints Go Marching In.
8 TRACK TAPE - C85-0380 \$3.98
CASSETTE - CK-0380 \$3.98

ELVIS PRESLEY - LSP-3450 ALBUM \$5.50
Your Cheatin' Heart; Summer Kisses, Winter Tears; Finders Keepers, Losers Weepers; Memphis, Tennessee; For the Millionth and the Last Time; Santa Lucia; I Met Her Today; In My Way; Forget Me Never; Tomorrow Night; Sound Advice; When It Rains, It Really Pours.
8 TRACK TAPE P85-1078 \$6.98
CASSETTE - PK-1078 \$6.98

ELVIS PRESLEY - LSP-2765 ALBUM \$5.50
It's Now or Never; Stuck On You; Fame and Fortune; I Gotta Know; Surrender; I Feel So Bad; Are You Lonesome To-Night?; His Latest Flame; Little Sister; Good Luck Charm; Anything That's Part of You; She's Not You.
8 TRACK TAPE - P85-1057 \$6.98
CASSETTE - PK-1057 \$6.98

ELVIS PRESLEY - APL1-2560 ALBUM \$5.50
Stop, Look and Listen; Adam and Evil; All That I Am; Never Say Yes; Am I Ready; Beach Shack; Spinout; Smorgasbord; I'll Be Back; Tomorrow is a Long Time; Down in the Alley; I'll Remember You.
8 TRACK TAPE - APS1-2560 \$6.98
CASSETTE - APK1-2560 \$6.98

ELVIS PRESLEY - AFL1-2428 ALBUM \$5.50
MOODY BLUE HIS LAST ALBUM
Unchained Melody; If You Love Me; Little Darlin'; He'll Have to Go; Let Me Be There; Way Down; Pledging My Love; Moody Blue; She Thinks I Still Care; It's Easy For You.
8 TRACK TAPE - AFS1-2428 \$6.98
CASSETTE - AFPK1-2428 \$6.98

ELVIS PRESLEY - LSP-4690 ALBUM \$5.50
He Touched Me; I've Got Confidence; Amazing Grace; Seeing Is Believing; He is My Everything; Bosom of Abraham; An Evening Prayer; Lead Me, Guide Me; There is No God But God; A Thing Called Love; I, John; Reach Out to Jesus.
8 TRACK TAPE - P85-1923 \$6.98
CASSETTE - PK-1923 \$6.98

ELVIS PRESLEY - ANL1-1319 ALBUM \$3.98
His Hand in Mine; I'm Gonna Walk Dem Golden Stairs; In My Father's House; Milky White Way; I Believe in the Man in the Sky; Joshua Fit the Battle; He Knows Just What I Need; Swing Down Sweet Chariot; Mansion Over the Hilltop; If We Never Meet Again; Working on the Building; Known Only to Him.
8 TRACK TAPE - ANS1-1319 \$4.98

ELVIS PRESLEY - CAS-2518 ALBUM \$2.98
C'mon Everybody; A Whistling Tune; Angel; Follow That Dream; Easy Come, Easy Go; Today, Tomorrow and Forever; I'm Not The Marrying Kind; King of the Whole Wide World; This is Living; I'll Take Love.
8 TRACK TAPE - C85-7013 \$3.98
CASSETTE - CK-7013 \$3.98

AFBF Annual is Action-Packed . . .

Need to Expand Trade, says Bergland

Expanded world trade for U.S. agricultural products is a goal of the current administration, Bob Bergland, Secretary of Agriculture, said at the 59th Annual Convention of the American Farm Bureau Federation.

"Food, the 'weapon' that has been produced on the farms of the U.S., will make a greater contribution to peace than anything else in our arsenal, and we therefore need to expand this trade," Bergland said.

The secretary praised Farm Bureau for being among the first major farm and commodity organization to play an effective leadership role in developing export markets.

Bergland predicted that exports in 1978 will exceed the record \$24 billion overseas sales of last year, saying, "We've developed some exciting new initiatives, and we've beefed up our existing programs to promote agricultural sales overseas."

Speaking about the current farmers' strike movement by a group demanding government guaranteed 100 percent parity for farm products, the secretary said:

"We deeply sympathize with those farmers who are in deep trouble — and there are many of them. We recognize their constitutional right to protest. They have, by their actions, been very successful in focusing public attention on their problems and the importance of farmers in our economy and society."

However, he added, it is not possible and not the role of the Federal Government to guarantee all farmers a profit year after year.

"While the nation, in its own self-interest, has a responsibility to keep agriculture productive and strong, the nation does not have the responsibility of assuming all the risks of farming and to guarantee full parity income," Bergland said.

"However much we wish full parity prices, most farmers and farm organizations realize that full parity by government fiat would be a mistake," he continued. "It would mean a government established marketing system that would be an administrative and bureaucratic monstrosity. Farmers would lose all semblance of independence and be deprived of all decision making."

Bergland strongly endorsed a farmer-owned, farmer-controlled commodity reserved program, which, he said, would relieve some of the surplus pressure on the market and strengthen prices, provide farmers with

a badly needed economic cushion in periods of extremely tight credit and provide producers with new marketing muscle, something that Farm Bureau has long advocated.

In a question period following his formal address, Bergland was asked why Allan Grant, AFBF

president, had never been invited to the White House for a visit with the President.

Citing the busy schedule of the President, the secretary in effect apologized and predicted that "before the year is out," Grant will be invited to the White House for a discussion on farm problems.

Michigan President Attacks Big Labor's "Power Grab"

Elton R. Smith, president of the Michigan Farm Bureau, and chairman of the American Farm Bureau Federation Labor Study Committee, spoke to participants of the horticulture conference in Houston, Texas, on January 9.

President Smith said that excessive spending, caused by organized labor, creates problems for every farmer and every American. "Labor costs have gone up 300 percent since 1969 and that affects everyone," he said.

"The job of farmers is not one of union denial, but one of union prevention," Smith said. "Treated responsibly and paid fairly, farmworkers do not like to shell out union dues."

He challenged state Farm Bureaus to aggressively assess their labor problems and assist individual farmers with their work forces. "We must switch from fire fighting to fire prevention," he said.

President Smith also attacked Senate Bill 1883 which

would amend the National Labor Relations Act and be "big labor's biggest power grab to date."

Also on the program at the horticulture conference was Bruce Hawley, AFBF assistant director for National Affairs, who warned farmers of "propaganda and half-truths" distributed by the Environmental Protection Agency.

"The former administrator of EPA sent out news releases telling about thousands of deaths and hundreds of thousands of illnesses caused by pesticide use by farmworkers. What he didn't tell us is that 88 percent of all pesticide fatalities occur in the suburbs and 90 percent of all pesticide fatalities happen to children five years old or under. Only one percent of the fatalities were in the farm population," Hawley said.

Another Michigan representative on the program was Noel Stuckman, general manager of the Michigan Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Association.

Farmer-Power in Market Place Goal of AFBF

Strengthening farmers' power in "every market place" is a 1978 objective of the American Farm Bureau Federation.

Richard W. Owens, AFBF secretary and chief administrator, explained how Farm Bureau plans to attack the depressed agricultural economy and improve farm income. Owens discussed the plans during his address at the 59th AFBF Annual Meeting in Houston.

"Expanded world markets coupled with more effective marketing methods are needed," Owens said. "In addition, Farm Bureau will continue its fight against federal governmental regulatory encroachment while demanding greater accountability from government officials."

"It is nothing less than tragic that farmers and

ranchers of this country, with our clear-cut competitive advantage, have not been allowed to move fully into international farm markets," he complained.

Owens criticized the administration for failing to aggressively pursue international farm markets at a time of tremendous supply and falling farm income.

"U.S. farm export promotion represents something like one-tenth of one percent of our farm export sales dollar," he noted. "This is a fraction of the percentage spent by many of our competing trade partners."

Owens reported that Farm Bureau is "engaging in direct-action foreign trade development for all farm commodities." He listed 1977 trade expansion trips and others planned for 1978, in-



Michigan Farm Bureau was well-represented in the AFBF Young Farmers and Ranchers discussion meet by Art Currey of Livingston County. Currey was one of the finalists in the national competition.

Mark Mayfield, a teacher of vocational agriculture at Manhattan, Kansas, and former national president of the Future Farmers of America, emerged the winner of the 1978 Young Farmer and Rancher Discussion Meet finals held in conjunction with the AFBF annual meeting in Houston.

Art Currey, Fowlerville veterinarian who represented Michigan Farm Bureau in the contest, was one of the four finalists. The contestants examined the role of the Farm Bureau organization and their farm neighbors in counteracting the erosion of local control of government.

Speaking before the assembled young farmers

and ranchers at the awards program, Mayfield concluded that influencing public opinion and stimulating farmer-involvement at the grassroots level would be instrumental in reversing the trend of state and federal interference in the administration of local government. Apathy, he warned, is the greatest threat to rural communities today and he challenged rural citizens to go beyond the rhetoric of change to a personal involvement in local decision-making. Farmers should be at every community meeting, he said, presenting their views and influencing the direction of local government.

cluding one of India-Malaysia in March.

"Our trade expansion efforts will be continued with renewed enthusiasm in the year ahead," he stated.

Turning to another part of the organization's strategy, the Farm Bureau spokesman said: "We recognize that improved farm income lies in the farmers' and ranchers' ability to build and control their own effective marketing and bargaining programs."

Owens also described Farm Bureau's continuing struggle to protect members from those who would control agriculture through various federal efforts. Farm Bureau has met head-on challenges from EPA, OSHA, Federal Planners of Water, Environmental Extremists and the FDA, he said.

"Accountability is an old word which of late has been

given new political emphasis," he said. "Farm and ranch people along with industries are held accountable for air, water and soil quality."

"How about applying the same high standards of accountability to the affairs of government?" Owens asked.

The Farm Bureau official suggested that impact statements might be made to inform the public about, and protect the public from, unwise laws, inflationary deficit spending, regulatory excesses and restrictive executive actions.

Owens said, "Many of the root causes of regulatory problems lie within the business community itself and must be handled there."

Corporate America must be persuaded and helped to abandon certain attitudes of dependency which in the long-run are self destructive.

Michigan is Well-Represented in Houston

Nutritionist Challenges Food Critics

The American food supply is far safer than any of its critics would have you believe, a Michigan nutritionist told delegates to the AFBF convention in Houston, January 9.

"Most of the claims to the contrary are based on inadequate, unproven and all too often fanciful information," said Dr. Gilbert Leveille, chairman of Michigan State University's Department of Food and Science and Human Nutrition.

Dr. Leveille pointed out that the diet of Americans has so improved that life expectancy in the U.S. has increased remarkably.

He was highly critical of the U.S. Senate's Select Committee on Nutrition and Human Needs report on dietary goals, saying it contains errors or omissions great enough to cause serious concern if they were taken seriously and applied to any current feeding problems.

Dr. Leveille said the Senate's dietary goal calling for a reduction of the intake of beef totally ignores the possible consequence of a corresponding loss of iron. It is recognized that a significant proportion of the total iron consumption by the U.S. population is derived from meats and meat products, he said.

"If the recommendations of the Select Committee were followed, the likely effect would be a significant reduction in total iron intake and a decreased availability of that iron which was consumed. If this were to occur the effect on the problem of anemia, which already appears to be widespread, would be disastrous," he said.

The Michigan educator also addressed the issue of food safety and asked, "Are we really endangering our lives by the various additives which we expose ourselves to through foods? How many people are known to die every year or even get sick from the use of nitrite cured meat, from saccharin as a low calorie sweetener, from BHA and BHT used to keep food from going rancid, from sulfite used to control bacterial growth during processing, and from antibiotics used to stimulate growth of domestic animals? The answer, of course, is none."

"I remain convinced of the need for dietary goals," Leveille said. "However, a new effort at developing goals should be undertaken which would involve a broad cross-section of expertise from the nutrition, food and medical communities knowledgeable about the application of nutrition and food in-

formation.

"American agriculture, and the total agribusiness system which surrounds it, is healthy and effective and will

continue to ensure that American consumers receive the best and safest diet the world has known," he concluded.



Among the 7,000 farmers who attended portions of the AFBF annual meeting in the Houston Civic Center Coliseum were 200 Michigan Farm Bureau members.



Serving as voting delegates to the AFBF annual meeting were: Elton R. Smith, Jack Laurie, Larry DeVuryst, Bill Spike, and Donald Nugent.



Michigan Farm Bureau President Elton R. Smith beams proudly as he accepts MFB's seven gold stars and three silver stars for program excellence from AFBF President Allan Grant.

Delegates Take Action on Farm Price and Income Problems

(Editor's Note: The following resolution, outlining a four-point course of action aimed at improving farm prices to cover production costs and a fair profit, was passed by voting delegates at the American Farm Bureau Federation annual meeting in Houston, Texas, on January 12.)

Depressed farm income has become a serious problem. Farm production costs are continually being driven upwards by government-cost inflation and burdensome regulatory programs.

Farmers should be receiving full cost of production and a profit for their products, and this objective should be pursued with vigor in domestic and export sales. An over supply of products must be countered by reduced production and/or aggressive promotion and sales.

Grain and other agricultural prices have fallen sharply and total net agricultural income for 1978 is estimated to be at a level comparable to the mid-30's. Agriculture is under serious financial pressure. Foreclosures and a lack of net income in producers' operations are causing a real loss in the use of resources.

We support higher net income for agriculture. This has long been a major objective of Farm Bureau and much has been accomplished toward this goal. However, we believe that if improved net incomes are to be long-lasting they must be achieved through market prices obtained in the marketplace and must not be dictated by government or arbitrarily set by individuals or a group of individuals. History has clearly demonstrated that holding farm prices above market levels requires strict controls on the amount produced. Such controls must be imposed and enforced by the government if they are to be effective. Farmers have opposed such controls.

Farm Bureau as an organization cannot legally endorse any form of agreement or understanding which limits the marketing of commodities or controls the prices to be obtained for such commodities without violating the antitrust laws and subjecting itself and its members to severe criminal and civil penalties.

We will:

(1) Intensify our efforts aimed at improving farm prices and net incomes. This will include, but not be limited to, the expansion of agricultural exports and domestic programs to expand market demand.

(2) Develop and strengthen marketing organizations, structures, and programs that will improve net incomes for farmers.

(3) Institute and support emergency agricultural credit programs which will assist deserving farmers in meeting the current financial crisis. This will include, but not be limited to, expansion of the Farmers Home Administration's lending authority to meet current needs, with a high priority on FmHA agricultural loans, and emergency expansion of the FmHA's insured agricultural loan program.

(4) Urge the Congress and the Administration to control inflation and to examine carefully and remove or appropriately modify those rules, regulations, and programs which place added costs on agricultural producers and thus further intensify the cost-price income squeeze in agriculture.

Grant, Smith Re-Elected in AFBF Board Elections

Allan Grant of Visalia, California, was re-elected to a two-year term as president of the American Farm Bureau Federation as the 59th annual convention ended in Houston on January 12. Robert Delano of Virginia was re-elected vice president.

Elton R. Smith, president of the Michigan Farm Bureau, was re-elected to serve on the

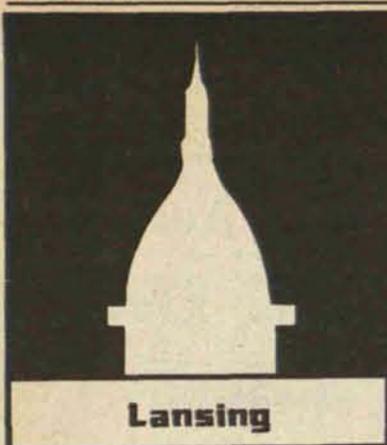
AFBF board of directors.

Mrs. Chester Smith of Oklahoma was renamed chairman of the Women's Committee and Tom Buck of Iowa was named chairman of the Young Farmers and Ranchers Committee. As committee chairmen, Mrs. Smith and Buck will serve on the AFBF board for one-year terms.

CAPITOL REPORT

Robert E. Smith

Governor Addresses Agricultural Concerns



Lansing

Governor Milliken's annual State-of-the-State Address is a 119 page document with more than 100 legislative proposals and more than 100 administrative proposals. The Governor said that if one "looks back in history it would be easy to conclude that nothing changes". For example, in 1839, Governor Mason worried about a budget deficit of nearly \$8,000.

This year Governor Milliken was able to tell the legislature that the state has a budget surplus of more than \$68 million and that a small tax cut is possible. However in 1897 Governor Pingree said bluntly that "Taxes are burdens which must be borne". In 1877 Governor Croswell talked about prison overcrowding. This year it is still a major problem with proposals for new prisons and expansion of other prisons. In 1851 Governor Barry called for the "certainty of punishment (as) indispensable to serve as a warning to others. But in 1857 Governor Bingham called for time off for good behavior. Governor Milliken called for "certainty of punishment" and "tougher sentences on drug dealers". In 1855 Governor Parsons wanted to close the saloons. In 1901 Governor Bliss talked of the evils of cigarette smoking and in 1915 Governor Ferris warned of the increasing use of "habit forming drugs which destroy the body, mind, and soul". In 1833 Governor Begole lamented the tendency of the legislature to delay important

business until the final days of the session. Today important legislation is often left until the last days of the session.

Governor Bliss (1901) said "There is apt to be too much instead of not enough legislation". No truer words were ever spoken. In 1897 Governor Pingree urged enactment of controls on lobbyists saying that "at least some steps should be taken to modify the nuisance". In 1978 the new lobbyist bill will be a major issue. In 1859 Governor Wisner urged the legislature to permit women to enter the University of Michigan. Today women's rights are still a major issue. In 1899 Governor Pingree urged labor legislation to limit the work day to eight hours. This year there is still legislation to further limit the work week. In 1857 Governor Bingham explained to the legislature his veto of a bill to authorize banking. Today Governors are still vetoing bills. In 1901 Governor Bliss urged that a Women's prison be constructed in Michigan. This year, 76 years later, a new women's prison was finally dedicated in Ypsilanti. Those who are familiar with government and history always point out that there is "really nothing new".

Governor Milliken obviously pleased with the fact that there is \$68 million surplus in the state budget this year, said that he would propose that by the end of the 1978 the "Budget Stabilization act" or "rainy day" fund should have a balance of more than \$165 million this fund results from an act passed last year to be used only under certain conditions when the state runs into declining revenues and increasing expenditures.

One section of the 119 page

address was concerned with agriculture and rural affairs. It points out the importance of agriculture in Michigan. Farm produced goods have a market value of almost two billion dollars. Processing, marketing, and transportation adds six billion dollars meaning that agriculture is an eight billion dollar industry and a stabilizing influence on the state's economy. Governor Milliken said he was pleased to sign the bill exempting agriculture from the Single Business Tax. He mentioned the need to preserve farm land pointing out that more than 50,000 acres of good agricultural land are lost each year in Michigan to highways, subdivisions, shopping centers, and other non-farm uses. The pressure will continue to intensify. He pointed out the importance of the Farmland and Open Space Preservation Act of 1974 (PA-116). There are more than 350,000 acres of farmland in the rapidly growing program.

He indicated his concerns on the taking of farmlands for highways and said that he had asked for a review of the highway departments plan for the extension of the I-69 freeway. Farm Bureau has been very active in pointing out that this highway is taking an unnecessary amount of farmland and has worked with local county on this issue. The Governor said that farmland protection should be equal to that that is already given to wet land and that a sub-committee of the Michigan Environmental Review Board is examining state agencies' policies as they relate to essential agricultural land. He pointed to the legislation passed this year that will speed up the development of modern soil

surveys on an additional three million acres of Michigan land in the next ten years. Several counties have complete modern soil surveys. He gave his support to a comprehensive land use policy and pointed out there are two bills in the legislature at the present time.

He recognized the problems of agriculture and especially farmers' financial needs. He said that unusual weather, low farm prices, and rising production costs have threatened the livelihood of many Michigan farmers and that through his role as Chairman of the National Governors Association he is in a favorable position to raise the concerns of agriculture with national leaders. He said he will look to Michigan State University for additional assistance and advice in agricultural economics. He said that modern farming requires high levels of credit and he would direct the Department of Agriculture to continue to urge federal agencies and lending institutions to develop an improved system of farm credit. He said that this year's weather was especially unfavorable in many areas of the state and that disaster payments and loans to counties declared as disaster areas resulted in more than \$56 million of federal assistance to Michigan farmers and rural communities. Farm loans totaled \$32.5 million, disaster payments \$4.5 million, and loans and grants to communities totaled nearly \$20 million.

He called for reorganization of the Department of Agriculture and said that the Director of the Department of Agriculture should be appointed by the Governor instead of the

present method of a five member bipartisan commission appointing the Director. Michigan Farm Bureau delegates took a very strong position against such a change recognizing that the reason for the creation of a bipartisan agricultural commission was simply that the direct appointment by the Governor resulted in a type of spoils system and that since this was changed many years ago farmers have been proud of their state department of agriculture and the way that it is operated.

The Governor said that Michigan's agricultural exports have risen from \$294 million to \$400 million over the past three years and that these must be expanded. He mentioned pesticide regulation and that under the 1976 Michigan Pesticide Law more than 25,000 applicators will be certified by spring. He supported efforts to prevent the gypsy moth threat from getting out of hand. He also supported HB 4546 which would license all food handling agencies through the Department of Agriculture. Farm Bureau supports the bill however demands that a provision be retained in the legislation requiring processors to pay for their products bought from farmers prior to the receiving their license each year. This provision in the old legislation has helped many farmers through the years. The governor strongly supported a new Soil Science Building at Michigan State University saying that the necessary funds should come from the pending \$400 million state bond issue that was approved last year. He said that the Michigan State Fair Grounds in Detroit should be used much more than at present.

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Members Urged to Help Take Courts Out of Politics

Included in this issue of your Michigan Farm News is a petition to help put court reform on the ballot for the voters' decision in the 1978 election. Taking the higher courts out of partisan politics has been a Farm Bureau policy for many years and again this year the county delegates at the state annual meeting overwhelmingly supported the petition drive in order to give the voter the right to decide.

The policy states in part that, "Michigan's Supreme Court is called 'non-partisan' but the method of nominating candidates at political conventions is far from non-partisan. Presently candidates with the exception of incumbents must depend on

political bosses and parties for nomination. This can lead to political commitments to special interest groups contrary to the public interest. Such a system does not provide for high standards of ability and experience. Farm Bureau policy supports an appointment system for Supreme Court Justices and Court of Appeals Judges together with the vote of the people to determine if the judge should be retained. . ."

More than 28 other states have adopted various versions of an appointive selection system in the last 15 years. Farm Bureau policy further states, "The proposal would (1) create a nine-member bipartisan Judicial

Nominating Commission, (2) provide for appointment of Supreme Court Justices and Court of Appeals Judges by the Governor, and (3) require the judges to stand for election each term as individuals and on their record by a "yes or no" vote.

We believe this proposal would (1) take the courts out of partisan politics, (2) establish a screening mechanism to search out the best, qualified candidates based on their judicial capabilities, (3) retain the public's right to vote by a retention election, (4) permit the court system to operate independently without being dependent upon pressure and

political groups for support at election time.

We support the petition drive and urge all Farm Bureau members to circulate petitions to place the issue on the ballot in 1978 for the voters' decision."

Farm Bureau is cooperating with a coalition of groups called, "Michigan Citizens to Take Partisan Politics Out of the Courts." These groups include Catholic Conference, Council of Churches, Common Cause, State Bar, Chambers of Commerce, League of Women Voters, and several other public spirited organizations. Those opposing at this time permitting the people to vote on court

reform are both political parties and some unions.

Farm Bureau's goal in the petition drive is at least as many valid signatures as there are members. Farm Bureau's membership is presently over 62,000 member families. If the members of every family will sign the enclosed petition and return it, it could mean at least 125,000 names. If every member will sign the petition and have a few relatives or friends sign it, we can be assured of doing our part along with other organizations to put the issue before the people in '78. Any change such as this must be through the vote of the people.

NATIONAL NOTES

Albert A. Almy

95th Congress -- 1st and 2nd Sessions

The 2nd Session of the 95th Congress convened on January 19, 1978. Perhaps a brief review about the 1st Session would be of interest.

The 1st Session convened January 4, 1977, and adjourned December 15. The 1st Session lasted 346 days which tied it with the 77th Congress of 1942 as the 13th longest in history. However, Congress did not conduct business during each day of the Session. The Senate was in session 178 days and the House 174 days during 1977.

There were 15,386 bills and resolutions introduced during the 1st Session. Of this number the Senate accounted for 2,896 and the House 12,490.

As of the December 15 adjournment, the President had signed into law 210 public bills cleared by Congress and vetoed two bills. There was no attempt by Congress to override either veto.

The Senate took 635 recorded votes and the House 706. The House total set a new record, while the Senate total was slightly less than the 688

it cast in 1976. The total of 1,341 votes taken by both houses was the second highest ever.

The 2nd Session will undoubtedly be shorter than the 1st Session because of the 1978 elections. All 435 members of the House and 33 of the 100 Senate members will stand for re-election in 1978. The primary election will be August 8 and the general election will be November 7. Congress can be expected to recess to give members time to campaign for re-election. However, during the 2nd Session many issues important to agriculture will be considered. A brief review of these issues follows:

ENERGY - Legislation dealing with energy will receive priority attention. Both the House and Senate have passed energy legislation but in drastically different versions. The House and Senate conferees had reached compromise agreement on three of the five basic sections of the energy legislation when the 1st Session adjourned December 15. Agreement is still pending

on the two remaining sections, natural gas pricing and energy taxes.

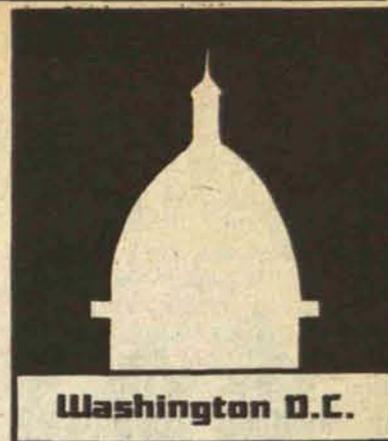
FARM PRICES - As a result of the recent publicity surrounding farm prices, the House and Senate Agriculture Committees are likely to hold hearings on the situation. Legislation to raise support loans and target prices will be among the alternatives considered. With 1978 being an election year there is a chance that such legislation could be enacted. However, given the President's goal of balancing the budget by 1980, any such legislation sent to the White House for signing into law faces a strong possibility of being vetoed.

PESTICIDES - Both the House and Senate have passed separate legislation to amend FIFRA. The House bill contained significant provisions which correct many of the problems caused by EPA's administration of FIFRA. Farm Bureau strongly supports the House bill. The Senate bill does not solve the problems brought about by EPA and which have resulted in the loss of many

pesticides for crop production. Conferees are scheduled to meet soon to reach a compromise agreement on the differences.

LABOR REFORM - The House has already passed legislation which would substantially modify the National Labor Relations Act and make it easier for labor unions to organize workers. The legislation -- S. 1883 -- is now ready for consideration in the Senate. If enacted by Congress, President Carter is certain to sign the bill into law.

CONSUMER PROTECTION - Both the House Government Operations Committee and the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee have reported separate legislation establishing an independent federal agency to represent consumers. Despite support from President Carter, the legislation encountered strong opposition from agricultural and business groups and was not taken to the floor for a vote. Instead, consumer forces drafted a substitute House bill that was



weaker. However, the substitute bill was withdrawn from the House Calendar when it became apparent that it did not have enough support to pass. Supporters have vowed to bring it up early in 1978.

VOTER REGISTRATION - Legislation is pending before both the House and Senate permitting any eligible voter or register at a polling place on election day, so long as he could present acceptable identification or find a pre-registered voter who would vouch for him. Faced with stiff opposition to the bill from many groups, supporters made many concessions including one that would make the plan optional with the states. It is unlikely that Congress will take action on the bill in time for the 1978 elections. Farm Bureau strongly opposes election day voter registration.

FBS-FPC ELECTIONS HELD

Elton R. Smith of Caledonia was reelected President and Donald R. Armstrong Executive Vice President of Farm Bureau Services, Inc. and Farmers Petroleum Cooperative, Inc. at the recent reorganization meeting by the Boards of Directors of these two Farm Bureau affiliates.

John Laurie of Tuscola County was chosen as Vice President of both cooperatives also. Other officers for Farm Bureau Services include Walter Frahm - Frankenmuth, Third Member of the Executive Committee; Max D. Dean, Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer; William S. Wilkinson, Secretary and General Counsel; and Edward Powell, Assistant Secretary.

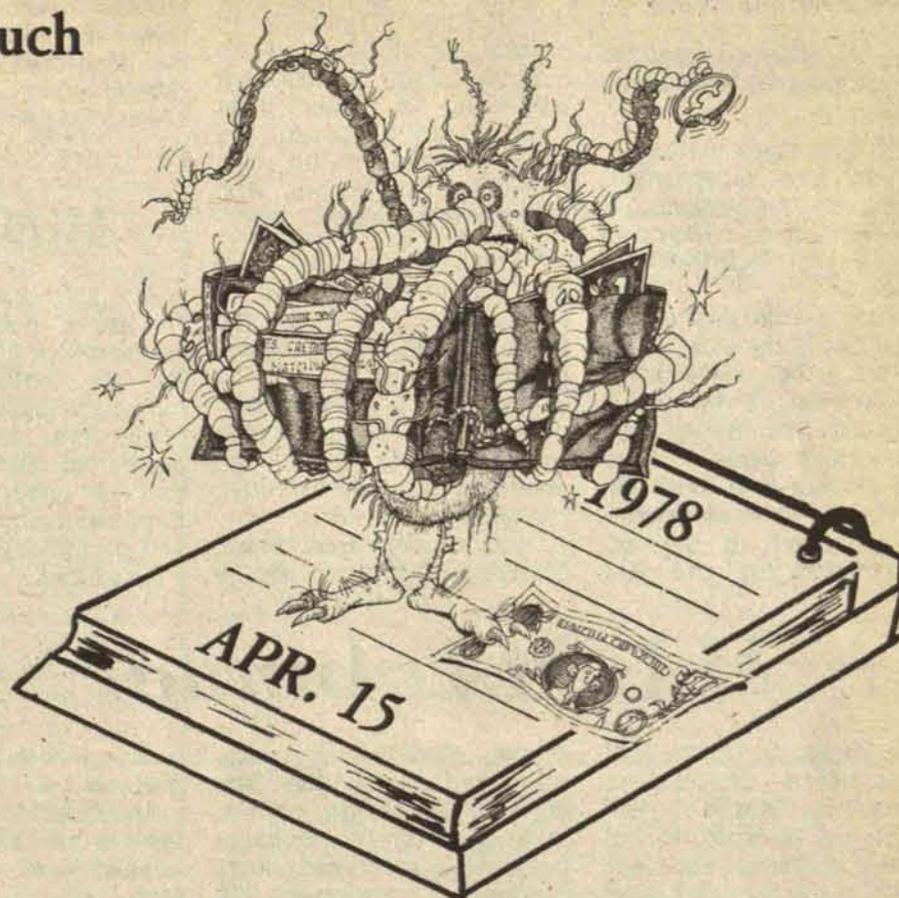
Farmers Petroleum Cooperative's Board selected William Brewer - Clare County, Third Member of the Executive Committee; Max D. Dean, Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer; and William S. Wilkinson, Secretary and General Counsel to fill out their slate of officers.

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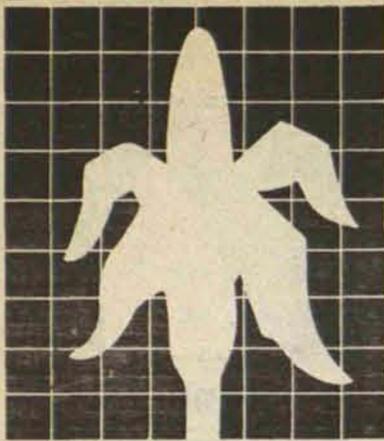
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Marketing Outlook



Bill Asked for Freedom to Market

WASHINGTON - A bill designed to give the livestock marketing sector of the livestock industry the same basic freedom to operate efficiently that businessmen have in other industries will be before the Congress when it reconvenes. Designated the "Freedom in Livestock Marketing Act", it was introduced in the Senate in November by Sen. James O. Eastland of Mississippi as a comprehensive package of marketing law reform.

The bill was put together by members of the Livestock Marketing Assn. after months of meetings and work. Eastland's introduction of it followed meetings in late September between his legislative assistants and marketing businessmen from the Livestock Marketing Forum, an arm of the Livestock Laws Reform Commission supported by LMA.

Among other provisions, the proposed legislation would:

-Treat livestock marketing businesses as independent, competitive enterprises by allowing them to set their own charges for facilities and services.

-Recognize the growth and complexity of the industry by separating the provisions of the current Packers & Stockyards Act dealing with poultry and packers from those dealing with livestock.

-Bring broader experience and judgment to the administration of the Act

through the appointment of a three-member Livestock Marketing Commission, rather than a single administrator.

-Clamp down on illegal marketing practices by making a broad number of illegal activities criminal offenses, punishable by stiff fines, imprisonment, or both.

-Bring the highest level of financial responsibility to the industry by demanding immediate payment on completion of marketing transactions.

-Recognize state authority in livestock marketing transactions where it is not inconsistent with the Act.

Of the bill, known as S. 2275, C.T. (Tad) Sanders, general manager of Livestock Marketing Assn., Kansas City, said: "The marketing sector of today's livestock industry wants and needs the same basic freedom to operate effectively and efficiently that businessmen have in any other industry. As it is, marketing people are totally frustrated by burdensome regulations and over-zealous regulators.

"While all of agriculture is creaking under the weight of regulations, it hits the livestock marketing sector particularly hard. It has it backed into a corner from which it is all but impossible to adequately serve its producer and feeder customers."

Sanders said if marketmen, dealers and brokers are to

respond to the livestock producer's need for more aggressive, more innovative marketing services, they must be free to exercise their own sound business judgment.

He stressed that this proposed act goes beyond mere tinkering with the existing P & S Act. "Unlike several recent amendments to P & S, our bill doesn't attempt to build upon a shaky foundation," he said. "It recognizes that the livestock business has changed since 1921, when the P & S Act was signed, and that the current law is simply incapable of dealing with today's industry. We need a wholesale overhaul of marketing regulation that will allow the livestock industry to control its own affairs."

Meetings are being held across the country to acquaint industry members with S. 2275 and what it would provide.

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Farm Women Work Together to Strengthen Communications

National Agricultural Groups may begin expanding grass roots programs on basic nutrition and consumer education following a Workshop of Women Communicating for Agriculture. The workshop involved national women leaders of the American Farm Bureau, the American National Cowbells, the National Porkettes, National Grange, American Shorthorn Association, National Wool Growers, National Extension Homemakers Council, National Cattlemen's Association, American Angus Association, and the American Agriwomen. The group discussed problems common to agriculture, the changes in eating patterns recommended in "Dietary Goals for the United States", and the possibility of negative ramifications it might have for agriculture and-or the entire food industry. The agricultural leaders discussed activities to alleviate restrictive regulations, proposals of government, and consumer

activists.

The meeting was organized by Vice-Chairman Mary Tyler, working with other members of (Partners in Promotion Task Force), the Meat Board Directors Patricia Adrian, Julie Heberer, and Former Director Evelyn Smith. Task Force was formed to contact women communicating for agriculture to strengthen communications with women's organizations in and out of agriculture to combat food faddism as well as false and misleading charges against a balanced diet and to help motivate agricultural organizations and their auxiliaries for effective consumer education programs. We in the Market Development and Research Division feel this is good team effort to improve agriculture both in Michigan and nationally.

What are you doing in your local Farm Bureau organization?

Jack H. Anderson,
Marketing Specialist
Michigan Farm Bureau

Michigan Fruit Commission Studied

The voting delegates last November in Grand Rapids asked that a study be made into the feasibility of combining the apple and cherry promotion and research programs. The feeling was that one program could be more efficient, more effective and maximize grower money. Several important

questions must be answered before recommendations can be made. Areas of compatibility and non-compatibility must be explored in such areas as funding, organizational structure, market systems, research programs, staff time, travel and contacts, product utilization and

producer relationships.

If you have any comments or points of interest please contact Ken Nye at: Market Development & Research Division, Michigan Farm Bureau, 7373 W. Saginaw Hwy., Box 30960, Lansing, MI 48909, (517) 321-5661, Extension 223.

MACMA Annual Set for February 24

The Michigan Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Association (MACMA) will hold its Seventeenth Annual Meeting on Friday, February 24, 1978 at the Pantlind Hotel in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

MACMA President Elton Smith and General Manager Noel Stuckman will report to the members on the status of the statewide marketing and bargaining association which is affiliated with the Michigan Farm Bureau. Of major interest will be P.A. 344, the Michigan Agricultural Marketing and Bargaining Act. The act is the first comprehensive farm bargaining law in the United

States. MACMA divisions accredited under the law market processing apples, asparagus, kraut cabbage, potatoes, and red tart cherries. A decision by the Michigan Supreme Court on the constitutionality of the act is expected sometime in 1978.

Registration for the day-long meeting is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. at the Pantlind. The business meeting will include election of directors for 1978.

MACMA has eleven operating commodity divisions which provide group marketing services for members who produce processing fruits and vegetables, feeder livestock,

and operate retail farm markets.

All MACMA members and interested Farm Bureau members are invited to attend.

Highlights of information to be presented at the MACMA Annual Meeting to be held Friday, February 24, 1978 at the Pantlind Hotel, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

1. The MACMA asparagus, processing apple and kraut cabbage divisions negotiated as accredited associations under the provisions of P.A. 344, the Michigan Agricultural Marketing and Bargaining Act. The Michigan Court of Appeals'

stays continued on the red tart cherry and potato divisions' accreditations.

2. MACMA attorneys have successfully defended P.A. 344 in the state courts. A trial was held in September in the Ingham County Circuit Court. The Michigan Supreme Court is expected to rule on the constitutionality of the act in 1978.

3. MACMA will participate in 1978 in a major effort of bargaining associations and general farm organizations to secure the enactment of national farm bargaining legislation.

4. MACMA completed its

1977 fiscal year with a positive net margin, which was the fifth year in the past six years completed with a positive net margin. Class A Common stockholders will receive a 7 percent dividend.

5. Sales of products handled exceeded \$2,500,000 and the value of fruits and vegetables priced and marketed were approximately \$75,000,000 for the year.

6. The Feeder Pig Division marketed over 30,000 pigs, an increase of 40 percent over 1976 and a record high.

7. Sales of Michigan grown food products were expanded into other states through the Direct Marketing Division.

What's Happening . . .

OPEN LINE MEETINGS

An opportunity to review the current farm supply and marketing outlook with the experts. Meetings will begin at 10:00 a.m. and adjourn at 3:00 p.m.
 February 14 - Holiday Inn, U.S. 10, East of Ludington
 February 15 - Zehnders, Frankenmuth
 February 16 - Countryside Inn, East of Battle Creek, I-94, Exit 104.

FARM BUREAU COUNTY SECRETARIES STATEWIDE SEMINAR
 An educational seminar designed to increase understanding of Michigan Farm Bureau's Blue Cross-Blue Shield Health Insurance Plan.

February 16-17 - Renaissance Center, Detroit, Michigan

1978 LEGISLATIVE SEMINARS

County Farm Bureau leaders will meet with legislative representatives in a series of meetings at two Lansing locations.

February 7 - Southwest Region +

February 9 - Central Region +

February 14 - South Region +

February 15 - West Region + +

February 16 - Thumb Region

February 21 - Southeast Region +

Date to be announced - North, Northwest, Northeast, Upper Peninsula Regions +

+ YWCA, 217 Townsend, Lansing

+ + Olds Plaza Hotel, 125 West Michigan Avenue, Lansing.

Meetings will begin at 9:30 a.m. and close at 1:45 p.m. Cost will be \$4.50 per person and includes coffee, rolls and luncheon.

FARM BUREAU WOMEN DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETINGS

Scheduled to begin February 20 and will continue through March 14. Further information available through the District and/or County Farm Bureau Women Committees.

February 20 - District 10

March 1 - District 1

February 21 - District 9

March 6 - District 4

February 23 - District 3

March 8 - District 6

February 28 - District 2

March 9 - District 8

March 13 - District 5

March 14 - District 7

MACMA ANNUAL MEETING

The Michigan Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Association will hold its seventeenth annual meeting on February 24 at the Pantlind Hotel, Grand Rapids. Commodity Committee meetings are scheduled for February 23.

MASA ANNUAL MEETING AND FARM LABOR CONFERENCE

These two important events for agricultural employers in Michigan have been announced by the Michigan Agricultural Services Association. Meeting dates are February 28 - March 1 at the Midway Motor Lodge in Grand Rapids.

MAFC MANAGEMENT CLINIC

With the special concerns of cooperative directors and managers in mind, the Michigan Association of Farmer Cooperatives plans three management clinics in March. Sessions will focus upon: Director and Board Responsibilities; the Manager-Director Relationship; and Financial Planning and Salary Studies. Meetings are scheduled for the following dates and locations:

March 6 - Hoffman House at Midway Motor Lodge, Grand Rapids

March 7 - Zehnders, Frankenmuth

March 28 - Chalet Motor Lodge, Gaylord

YOUNG FARMER LEADER CONFERENCE

"Tomorrow Belongs to Me" keynotes the goal of the 1978 Young Farmer Leader Conference on March 7, 8 and 9 at Midland's Valley Plaza Ramada Inn. The conference agency includes Young Farmer leadership and farm management workshops and will feature a special session for Young Farm Women.

WASHINGTON LEGISLATIVE SEMINAR

One of Michigan Farm Bureau's most influential and effective legislative activities involving leaders from Farm Bureau communities throughout Michigan. Legislative Leaders, accompanied by key Farm Bureau staff, will meet with Michigan Democratic and Republican Congressmen in Washington, D.C., April 4-7.

SOYBEAN DAY VI

An annual event held for soybean producers from throughout the state to be held on March 7 at the Sheraton Inn in Jackson. Speakers will be on hand to discuss various phases of soybean production and marketing.

MICHIGAN DRY BEAN DAY

A day-long meeting scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. on February 22 at the Saginaw Civic Center.

President Explains FB Members'

Freedom of Choice to Branch Farmers

The president of the Michigan Farm Bureau, Elton R. Smith, appearing at a meeting in Coldwater, January 17, explained that membership in Farm Bureau does not restrict a farmer's freedom of choice.

"Farm Bureau is a strong organization because it is a voluntary organization founded on the principles of individual rights and dedicated to promoting the economic well-being of farmers," Smith told the group of farmers. "While I have said that Farm Bureau, as an organization, cannot support the farmers strike, I have never advised farmers concerning their personal actions. A farmer does not give up his personal freedom when he joins Farm Bureau. He signs no marketing agreement. I would have no grounds to advise farmers to participate or not participate and have not done so."

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Commission Addresses I-69 Controversy

by Mike Rogers

The Michigan Commission of Agriculture has voted unanimously to support the relocation of a proposed superhighway project that threatens to gobble up thousands of acres of prime farmland.

In a resolution the Commission said the original route for the project, I-69 in south central lower Michigan's Eaton County, would remove from production approximately 16,000 acres of prime farmland over a 20 year period. The Commission said this represents 12 per cent of the county's total cropland.

"The Commission has the responsibility to see that our agricultural resources are not wasted," said B. Dale Ball, director of the Michigan Department of Agriculture. "When they saw the whole picture and what the alternatives were, they felt that the highway could be built on an alternative route that parallels an existing road between Lansing and Charlotte. They felt that the alternative route would result in less waste of the agricultural resource and less land removed from food production."

No final decision has been made on the route for I-69. However in November the State Highway and Transportation Commission voted to re-examine the original route proposed by the Highway Department.

open to all interest farmers, the meeting attracted both supporters and non-supporters of the farmers' strike. Smith told them that in dealing with a problem as large as farmers' current financial situation, there will be "honest differences of opinion."

"One of the things that concerns me is that some people believe that lack of complete agreement is the same as complete disagreement," Smith said. "That kind of thinking is unfair."

Smith placed part of the blame for farmers' financial problems on government's failure to curb inflation, "regulatory overkill" of agriculture, and the action of organized labor in the dock strike which subsequently resulted in loss of markets for farmers. He also blasted the federal government for its

failure to expand export markets for agricultural products.

"We were encouraged to plant 'fence row to fence row' and were assured that foreign markets could be kept open," Smith said. "You know and I know, as farmers, that we kept our part of the bargain. We did produce. But government has not done all it could to keep our export sales going. In fact, we shipped less corn and wheat last year than we did the year before. And with one acre out of three or four historically being sold abroad, we face a supply problem."

Smith, who had served on the Resolutions Committee of the American Farm Bureau Federation and was a voting delegate at the organization's annual meeting in Houston, Texas, last week, reported on action taken there regarding farm prices and income.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING FARM BUREAU MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF MICHIGAN

The annual meeting of the policyholders of Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company of Michigan, a corporation, will be held at its Home Office, 7373 West Saginaw, Lansing, Michigan on Wednesday, February 22, 1978, beginning at 1:30 p.m., for the following purposes:

1. To receive reports from officers and management.
2. To elect directors.
3. To consider such other matters as may properly come before the meeting.

Attest:

W.S. WILKINSON

Secretary

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

February 1, 1978

Elton Smith

President

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Elton R. Smith

President

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING FARM BUREAU LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF MICHIGAN

The annual meeting of the stockholders of Farm Bureau Life Insurance Company of Michigan, a corporation, will be held at its Home Office, 7373 West Saginaw, Lansing, Michigan, on Tuesday February 21, 1978, beginning at 1:30 p.m., and for the following purposes:

1. To receive reports from officers and management.
2. To elect directors.
3. To consider such other matters as may properly come before the meeting.

Attest:

W.S. WILKINSON

Secretary

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February 1, 1978

ELTON R. SMITH

President

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING COMMUNITY SERVICE INSURANCE COMPANY

The annual meeting of the stockholders of Community Service Insurance Company of Michigan, a corporation, will be held at its Home Office, 7373 West Saginaw, Lansing, Michigan, on Wednesday, February 22, 1978, beginning at 1:30 p.m., for the following purposes:

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February 1, 1978

Elton R. Smith

President

FB Members Fight

AGRI-CRIME

DISCUSSION TOPIC

by **KEN WILES**
Manager Member Relations

There is a new word which, unfortunately, is increasingly becoming familiar to farmers - agricrime. The agricriminal is fast finding that remote areas make easy prey, and the machinery used by farmers can bring top dollar on the resale market.

According to the uniform crime reports recently released, property crime has been on the increase. Crime is increasing in Michigan as well as in many parts of the nation. It causes much loss of property, personal valuables, and in some instances, bodily harm.

The criminal element goes where it has the best opportunity to operate successfully; right now that is in the rural areas. If you are one of those unfortunate individuals who has suffered the fear and anguish of coming home to discover a burglarized house or to vandalized property, then you know that crime is a serious problem.

Two major factors exist which contribute to the growing crime problem in rural areas.

One is mobility. The accessibility of Michigan's excellent highway system contributes to a fast getaway. Markets for stolen property - often ordered by a potential buyer before the item is stolen - are available both within this state and other states.

The second problem is actually two-fold. First is the lack of proper marking of articles both in homes and those used in day to day business. Also, many individuals do not have a complete inventory of the property they own. Is your tractor any different from the same make and model of tractor located on the adjacent farm or in the next county? Could you prove in a court of law that your television set is actually yours if it was recovered after being stolen?

Compounding the problem is the fact that many thefts are not reported to law enforcement officials, or at best are not discovered until days, weeks, or even months after they occur. All of these aspects limit the ability of law enforcement officials to successfully investigate thefts. Marking of an item so it can later be positively identified and reporting a theft immediately upon discovery are vital to successful recovery of stolen goods and to reducing thefts.

The increase in rural crime has been a growing concern of Farm Bureau members. At the last Annual Meeting voting delegates passed a resolution which reads in part:

"Rural crime is rising at an alarming rate. Both the number and severity of incidents are increasing for several reasons. The increased mobility of the public, the vulnerability of the agricultural community, and the increased activity of crime prevention programs in the city have all tended to drive crime to the rural areas.

"Adequate police service in rural areas can be an important deterrent to rural crime. We urge both state and local officials to develop long-range crime prevention programs to better assist citizens in the rural areas to reduce crime. While we are concerned about crime in the cities, we are very concerned with the assignment of additional police to city areas which seriously reduce police protection in rural areas. We urge adequate funding of police services in order that sufficient manpower can be allotted to rural areas.

"Currently many law enforcement agencies are developing crime prevention units. These units are staffed by competent law enforcement officers. We strongly urge that only law enforcement officers be used in crime prevention units. A law officer has more credibility with the public and has the benefit of experience in investigating crimes, making him qualified to assist citizens with crime prevention programs.

"We are pleased that Michigan Farm Bureau in cooperation with the law enforcement agencies has developed a Rural Crime Prevention Program which is being offered to members through the county Farm Bureaus. The program is patterned after "operation identification" and involves the marking of farm equipment, tools, and personal items, with the owner's driver's license number."

In early 1976 Michigan Farm Bureau began contacting agencies and organizations which were also concerned with the increase in rural crime. As a result, the Michigan Rural Crime Prevention Council (MRCPC) was formed to develop a program which would help reduce the opportunity for expansion of crime in rural areas.

The council is an ad hoc organization comprised of representatives from the Michigan Farm Bureau, Michigan State Police, Michigan Sheriffs' Association, Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan, Farm Bureau Insurance Group, the Agricultural Engineering Department of Michigan State University, and the Michigan Farm and Power Equipment Association.

Statistics only point out the seriousness of the problem. They won't stop crime. It requires the combined efforts of law enforcement officers, the judicial system, and rural people themselves. With this in mind, the MRCPC has designed a program to combat rural crime. The program is built around the concept that to have an effective crime prevention program, you have to involve people.

The objective of the program is to assist county Farm Bureaus, in cooperation with the law enforcement offices, in developing rural crime prevention projects to educate rural residents about how they can help reduce crime.

To realize this objective, Barry and Lapeer counties were selected as pilot counties for the crime prevention program. In each pilot county, local Farm Bureau leaders implemented the program in much the same manner and detail as they would in county wide membership

programs. The kick-off week had to be held at a time when weather permitted farmers to mark their equipment.

The response to the two pilot counties has been excellent. As a result a marking kit suitable for marking of household property as well as farm machinery has been developed. The marking instrument uses the property owner's Michigan driver's license number as the identification number. Thus should a piece of equipment be stolen, and recovered, the I.D. number would enable any law enforcement agency in the United States to obtain within minutes the name and address of the rightful owner.



The rural crime prevention program has been introduced to county Farm Bureau boards and they have been asked to offer the program to their members. This program does not cover all the crime prevention programs in Michigan, but it is representative of what Farm Bureau and other members of the Michigan Rural Crime Prevention Council are doing to fight crime. For information on how the program is being implemented in your county, contact your county Farm Bureau office.

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SUPPLY REPORT

By Greg Sheffield

IN GENERAL

Corn pricing was weaker during the past month on selling as farmers started thinking about the coming spring, needing money for planting and paying off creditors. Both foreign and domestic interests have been buying soybean meal at a good rate for feeding. Interest in our grain by foreign buyers, including China, usually not a buyer of our grain, has been in evidence. With President Carter's new position on strengthening U.S. currency abroad, further gold and silver declines can be expected if his program becomes effective. Our falling dollar has made our products more attractive for foreigners. Should our dollar strengthen, our products will become more expensive to them in exchange for their money.

Steel prices went up, in spite of huge layoffs of people in the steel industry, as inflation continues to confuse and plague industry and agriculture.

FERTILIZER

Now it's almost a guaranteed certainty that fertilizer prices will be going up as we get going toward the spring season.

But Farm Bureau Services dealers are holding the price line as much as possible and still have adequate supplies. Now is the time to get fertilizers for the coming planting season. As we reported previously, transportation logistics are becoming more knotty. Hopper cars, later on, may simply not be available for everyone. Anhydrous ammonia production costs are going to be dependent on supplies of natural gas and will probably go higher. There's no long term storage of anhydrous in large amounts, so this supply is subject to the most current cost conditions at the time.

Supplies of fertilizer grade urea will be adequate for Farm Bureau, going by purchases of previous years. Right now dealers are in good shape on blending materials. You're best off if you can take delivery and store it.

PESTICIDES

Farm Bureau Services has good positions in all commonly used herbicides and insecticides for the coming spring season. There have been no problems with supply and selections are good. Prices are expected to firm as we get closer to the use periods.

SEED

Farm Bureau has been able to achieve an adequate amount of the popular FFR Weevilcheck grown by our own FFR, Farmers Forage Research cooperative. Other alfalfas and clover are in fair supply. Most corn seed has already been purchased by farmers, but we still have

some in varieties and kernel sizes that are harder to get elsewhere. Where wheat did not get planted, oats may go in instead, so, check your Farm Bureau dealer for oat seed. The earlier the better.

HARDWARE

More lead time for delivery to dealers has been required for their orders of garden hand tools such as shovels, spades, rakes, wheelbarrows, etc. There are good supplies and prices on CO-OP mowers and riding tractors. The in-

creases in steel prices are expected to hit our purchases about the middle of this month.

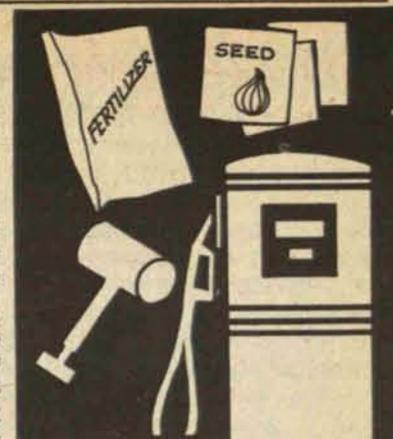
These price increases could effect steel roofing and siding, fences and livestock feeding equipment. We still have some of the lower priced inventories in stores and warehouses, so buy before prices increase. For farsighted farmers, an idea: baler twine is readily available, but prices have been gradually increasing

through last December and January.

FEEDS

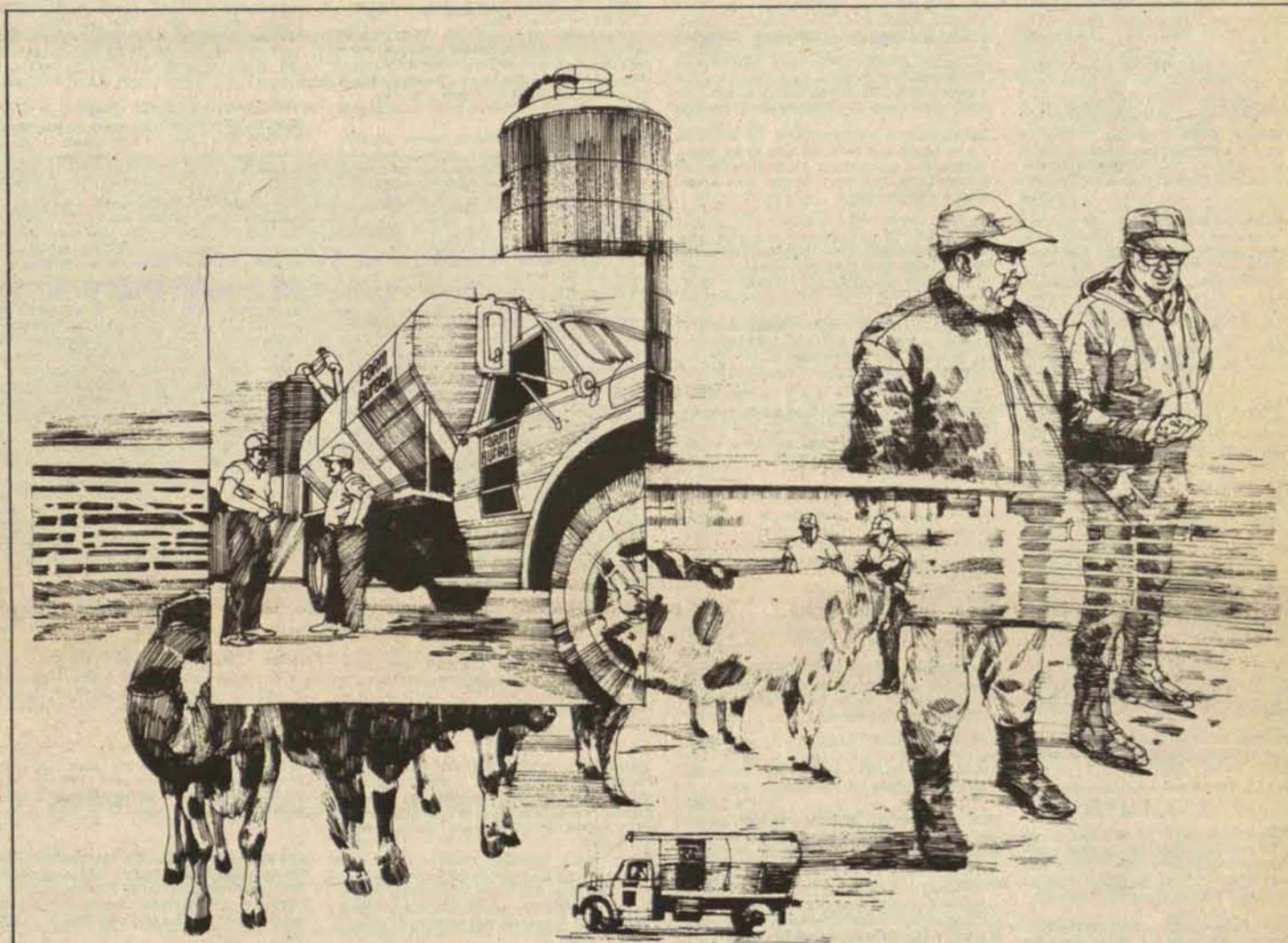
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Progressive, Profitable Feeding Programs Begin With The Farm Bureau People

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Modern, progressive Farm Bureau techniques bring Michigan farmers profitable new feeds. Recently introduced Nu Pro™ dairy feed is a new feed concept developed by Farm Bureau Services in Cooperation with Cooperative Research Farms. Farm

Bureau Services dealers also offer liquid feeds... Liquid Protein Supplement (LPS) and Liquid Silage Additive (LSA) to increase the profitability of your beef or dairy herd. And now the Farm Bureau people offer a new Farm Bureau mineral program with products designed to meet the special needs of modern livestock. Progressive, profitable



feeding programs are yours for the asking. Ask the Farm Bureau people.

Supply Report

(Continued from Page 17) animals, even those that are high producing now. The ingredients in NU PRO Dairy Feed, researched by CRF Cooperative Research Farms, act on the bacteria and protozoa in the rumen of the cow creating more soluble nutrients and better utilization of protein.

New VIM & VIGOR Dog Food is making its debut at dealers. This Farm Bureau dog food is for the hard working, active dog that requires high protein, 26 percent. It's good for mother dogs and puppies too. VIM & VIGOR Dog Food is added to Farm Bureau's other dog foods: Dog Power Dog Food for normal feeding conditions, and Premium

Krumbles Dog Food, preferred by most farm and country dogs because of its consistency. All the Farm Bureau dog foods are highly palatable. FARMERS' PETROLEUM COOPERATIVE, INC. LIQUID FUELS
Fuels produced for Farmers Petroleum are in good supply even though No. 1 Heating Oil is being

restricted to dealers by other suppliers.

TIRES

A new, price competitive, CO-OP Radial Tire with two steel belts will be available this spring. It's designed for the safety and other advantages of steel radials, but at a lesser cost than our premium quality Mark 74 Steel Radial.

OILS, GREASES, CHECK UPS

Warehouses and dealers are being stocked up with a variety of approved motor oils and greases as part of getting everything geared up for spring. Check up services for all automotive services are in full swing now with dealers evaluating farmer's equipment conditions and supply needs.

FARM BUREAU MARKET PLACE

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Hort Show Happenings



Rebecca Adella Pitsch, representing Kent and Ottawa counties, was named 1978 Michigan Apple Queen during the annual Hort Show. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Al Pitsch, fruit growers from Rockford. Rebecca, a student at Grand Rapids Junior College, will make appearances throughout the coming year to promote Michigan apples, and will compete in the Miss Apple Queen USA pageant in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania next October. (Photo courtesy of THE PACKER)



Dr. Robert Carlson (left), Michigan State University horticulturist, and Harry Overheiser (right), South Haven grower, were the recipients of special service awards from the Michigan State Horticultural Society. Outgoing Society president, Ed Wasem (center), Milan, presented the awards at the Horticultural Society's annual banquet in Grand Rapids in December. Senator Charles Zollar, also a service award recipient, could not be present because of illness. (Photo courtesy of THE PACKER)



The three new Michigan State Horticultural Society officers who were recently elected are (left to right): Wallace Heuser, Hilltop Orchards and Nurseries, Inc., Hartford, first vice-president; John Nye, St. Joseph grower and president of Trickl-Eze Drip Irrigation Co., president, and Donald Spencer, South Haven grower, second vice-president. (Photo courtesy of THE PACKER)

House Honors Allan Grant



Allan Grant, president of the American Farm Bureau Federation, received a "Resolution of Tribute" from the Michigan House of Representatives when he came to Mt. Pleasant to address the Michigan Corn Symposium on January 3. Presented to Grant by Rep. Stanley Powell (R-Ionia), the resolution read, in part:

"Whereas, Mr. Grant's attendance at the Michigan Corn Symposium is deeply appreciated, for his high level of expertise in the field of

agriculture will undoubtedly be of great assistance to Michigan farmers; now therefore be it resolved by the House of Representatives that, by all present, a hearty welcome be hereby accorded Mr. Allan Grant, President of the American Farm Bureau Federation, who will address the

Michigan Corn Symposium on January 3, 1978, and resolved, that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to Mr. Grant and his family as a token of the esteem in which he is held by this legislative body.

"Adopted by the House of Representatives, December 15, 1977."

Foreign Students Visit



Seventeen of the seventy students who participated in Adventures in World Understanding at Michigan State University during the Christmas holiday visited Farm Bureau Center. Several Farm Bureau families helped make the students Christmas more enjoyable by having them as guests.

Governor's State of the State

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He recommended transfer of the State Fair Grounds from the Department of Agriculture to the Department of Natural Resources, however the Department of Agriculture would continue to be involved in the conducting of the State Fair. He discussed the U.P. State Fair and urged the legislature to appropriate \$30,000 in order that the U.P. gate admission could remain at a \$1.50 rather than being increased to \$2.00.

Governor Milliken said that in his opinion it would be possible to have some income tax and property tax relief. He called for changes to assure better administration of the property tax structure as recommended in the study on administration of the property tax made a year ago.

He pointed out that for several years it has been possible to hold the line on any overall general fund tax increases and that more than one billion dollars in accumulative property tax reduction through the Property Tax Relief Act of 1973 has been paid out. This is the "circuit breaker" program providing for refund of property taxes if the tax exceeds a percentage of the household income. This also applies to farms. The Governor recommended to increase the income tax exemption by \$100.00 up to \$1,600 which would mean a \$400 increased exemption for a family of four. He suggested increased property tax relief for senior citizens and the handicapped. He proposed to give local school district voters the option to cut property tax proposals 22 mills and shift to a 2 percent income tax within the school district. He suggested that residential tax payers should be able to pay their taxes in six monthly installments rather than in one lump sum.

The governor called for passage of a program for transportation which would necessitate increasing the gasoline tax by 2 cents per gallon and the registration or weight taxes by approximately 30 percent. The increased revenues to be used for total transportation not only highways roads, etc., but also for public transportation systems such as dial-a-ride buses, railroads, etc. Farm Bureau has been involved with a small group that is demanding that any increase in road user taxes be tied into the Constitution to assure that highways, especially county and local roads, will have adequate funding for construction, maintenance and repairs. The Supreme Court has thrown out the present constitutional protection. Any program for public transportation should be from a separate fund.

The governor called for a

creation of a Department of Energy. He mentioned many programs that conserve energy such as winterization of households and other buildings, research and development for new energy sources, such as wood, solar, fuel cost relief, double bottom tankers, etc.

In reviewing labor legislation the governor pointed out that Michigan has had a steady rise in employment in 1977 and that the unemployment rate has decreased from a high of 13.5 percent in 1975 to 6.5 percent by the end of this year. He discussed various ideas including employment and training programs, welfare programs, and CETA, youth employment programs, women and work, displaced homemakers and he said that back in 1975 that he had called for a comprehensive reform of the Workers Compensation Act. Presently compensation premiums are among the highest in the nation while the benefits to the actually disabled are less than most other states. He said it is essential that a new workers compensation act be passed this year deleting abuses and other practices that have caused premiums to sky rocket. He pointed out that the unemployment insurance legislation passed this year was necessary because of new federal legislation. He supported legislation to abolish the mandatory retirement system.

Legislative Seminars Scheduled

Nine regional legislative seminars have been scheduled for 1978 in Lansing.

Meeting with members of the Michigan Farm Bureau Public Affairs Division, participants will receive a report of Farm Bureau legislative programs and progress during the morning session. At noon, participants will have the opportunity to discuss areas of concern on a personal basis with their legislators during lunch. Following lunch, those attending the seminar may attend sessions of the Senate and House.

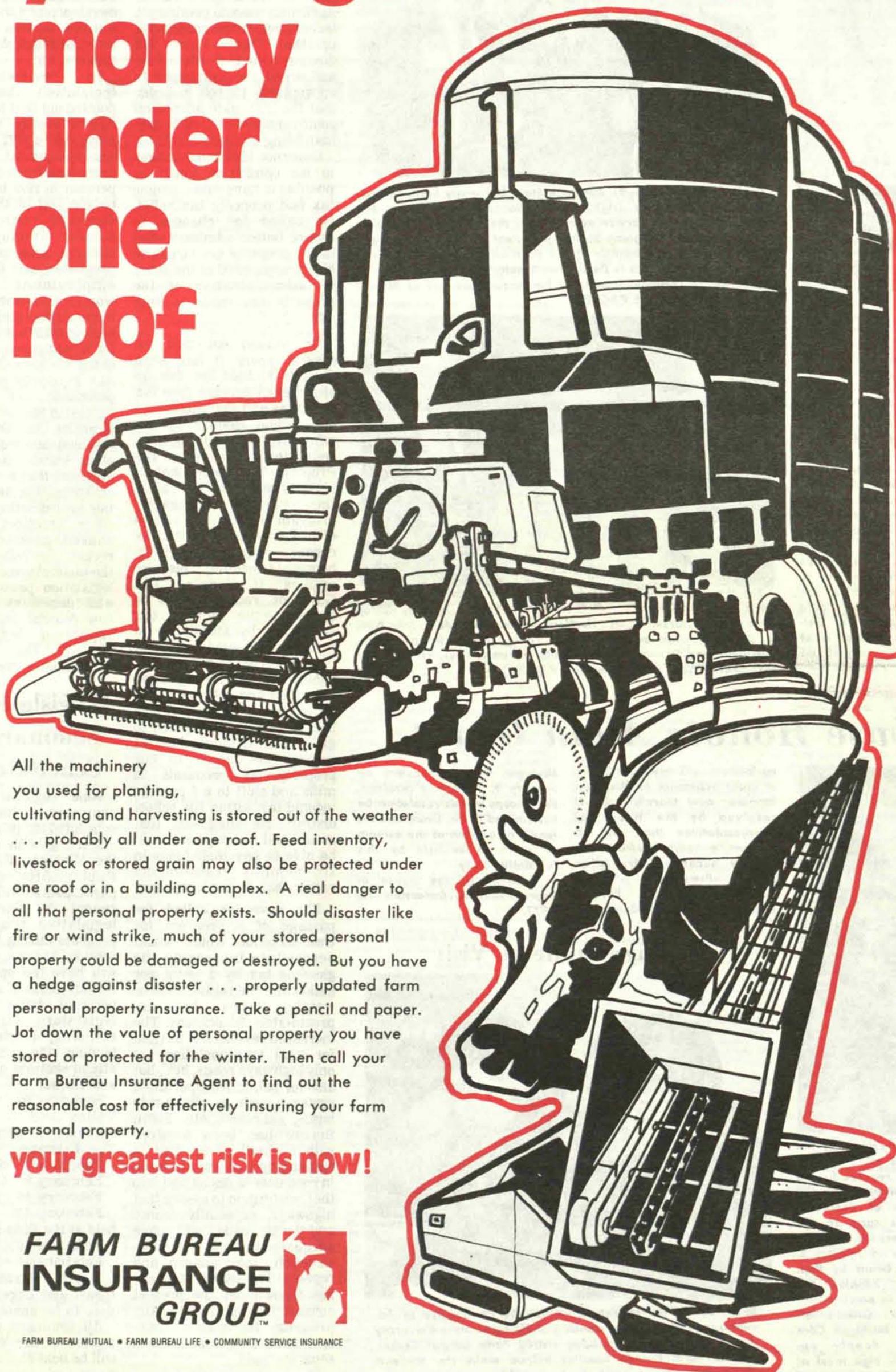
Seminars for the Saginaw Valley and West Central regions were held in January. The February schedule is:

- February 7 - Southwest
- February 9 - Central
- February 14 - South
- February 15 - West (to be held at the Olds Plaza Hotel)
- February 16 - Thumb
- February 21 - Southeast

North, Northwest, Northeast and Upper Peninsula, date to be announced.

All seminars with the exception of the West Region, will be held at the YWCA, 217 Townsend Street, Lansing.

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