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Saginaw Terminal Ready for Wheat Harvest

"There were people everywhere," was the comment heard at the "Open House and Appreciation Day" on July 15 when the rebuilt Saginaw Grain Terminal operated by the Michigan Elevator Exchange Division of Farm Bureau Services, Inc. was open for public viewing. Visitors also toured Farm Bureau Services Retail Store and Distribution Center. In attendance were hundreds of interested farmers, business associates as well as local and state officials.

The grain terminal, which was severely damaged by a

fire and explosion in January 1976, has been rebuit and, with improved loading and unloading capacities, is restored to be the state's major grain and bean marketing agency serving Michigan agriculture. It is ready to handle the current wheat harvest and will be in full operation for the fall grain and bean harvest season.

The renovated Saginaw facility will have improved loading and unloading capacity to handle Michigan crops. Load out equipment to fill rail hopper cars already is in service to move wheat to market.

Ship loading facilities are expected to be back into action after September 1 when final dredging of the Saginaw River adjacent to the terminal will be completed. This will further expand the terminal's importance as a grain exporting center on the Great Lakes.

While storage capacity in the terminal's ten huge silos will remain as before, many improvements have been incorporated during the rebuilding process.

The new Saginaw Terminal's receiving capabilities now will be able to handle 37,000 bushels per hour, whereas the original plant had a capacity of 18,500 bushels.

The new, reconstructed plant will have three legs of 15,000, 12,000, and 10,000 bushels per hour to replace the two prior legs with capacities of 15,000 and 3,500 bushels per hour.

The terminal now will also have two self-unloading receiving pits plus a 67-foot dumper and 50-foot dumper. Before, the plant had three 50foot dumpers, 2 cradle hoists and pits, and one ear corn pit.

For rail hopper car loading, the new plant will be able to fill seven cars per hour compared with four previously. The ship loadout capacity will be increased from 14,000 to 25,000 bushels per hour.

While the terminal storage capacity in ten 120-ft. high tanks remains the same, the new head house size is 24-ft. by 39-ft. by 100-ft. and the new workhouse will measure 24-ft. by 26-ft. by 120-ft.

Improved drying capacity also has been built into the newly renovated facility. The new drying capacity will total 7,000 bushels per hour compared with 5,500 bushels previously.

Cleaning capacity, track length, and warehousing will be approximately the same as before the explosion.



to catch a bad case of apathy. Can that kind of minority really have any impact? We've proved that it can, time and time again, as we've fought successfully through our organization for and against legislation that af-fects us and our industry.

There's an important event taking place in a few days, the outcome of which will affect us as farmers and which offers us an opportunity to prove that we can make an impact even though we are small in numbers. That event is the Primary Election.

If there is one paramount illustration of apathy, it is in the meager number of voters participate in the who Primary Election (as few as 15 percent of all eligible voters)! It's a combination of apathy and lack of understanding regarding the importance of a primary that keeps voters from the polls.

Participating in the primary election provides more than an opportunity to vote for the candidates of our choice. Just previous to this important election, you will find candidates more receptive to your viewpoints and more willing to express their viewpoints on issues of concern to you -- and probably more accessible than they ever will be again. They want to win and your vote and support is important to them.

This provides you with the opportunity for agricultural input, to educate them about some vital farming "facts of life." It's a chance for you to 'sound them out" on their philosophy and their thinking on important farm issues.

Because members decided they must become more actively involved in partisan politics if they were to have an influence on the many decisions being made which directly affect agriculture, the Michigan Farm Bureau now has a political action arm called AgriPAC.

Based on demonstrated records of agricultural understanding and support, this political action committee designated a number of candidates as "Friends of Agriculture." These "Friends" will receive Agri-PAC support during their political campaigns. The committee has also endorsed a few open seat candidates in districts important to agriculture, basing their selection on recomselection on recom-mendations by county Farm Bureau leaders in those districts. See your July and August issues of Michigan Farm News for a list of the 'Friends."

Agriculture needs friends in political office, people who realize the importance of agriculture and will support the industry in the decisions they make.

Don't let apathy rob you of your freedom of choice. In the Primary, you can vote for the best. If you wait for the General Election, you may end up voting for candidates who are least apathetic toward agriculture. That's still a choice, but a poor second for agriculture!

We cannot wait until the General Election to vote for friends of agriculture; they must first win in the Primary. Make sure that they do! We can make it happen. If 100 percent of farmers vote in the Primary, we could well be a majority! Elton R. Smith Elton R. Smith

odds against gaining their freedom, shrugged their shoulders and said: "It's no use; why try?" – where would we be today? With farmers a mere four percent of the population today, it would be easy for us

Aparthy is a killer. It

destroys creativity, con-

structive action, enthusiasm, determination, the will to

win. It can cause the aban-donment of long-sought hopes

and dreams. Can you imagine

what would have happened --

or not happened -- if our pioneer forefathers had been

struck with apathy? If our

ancestors had looked at the



The Revolt is Real

I am pleased with what appears to be a growing political awareness and increased personal involvement in American selfgovernment.

There is plentiful evidence that this awakening is nationwide, that it is led by a strong core of determined people in every state and is not confined to the tax revolt in California as some would suggest. The citizen revolt is real, and it is concerned with more than taxes.

The curtain seems to be coming down on the long public flirtation with big govern-ment. There is a strong move by people everywhere to return government to states and communities where it can be more closely monitored and controlled.

Perhaps our year-long Bicentennial celebration was more significant than many thought. Certainly the extreme discomfort of ever-rising taxes and the outright economic horrors of inflation, have aroused many who have been too long complacent.

That this is an election year may contribute to this new awareness - and this can be doubly good. Political promises are being examined as never before. Candidate credentials are under close scruitny. Incumbent voting records are subject to intense review. Farm and ranch people are drawing up lists of elected "Friends of Agriculture". Money is being raised or withheld - based upon promise versus performance.

The growing disenchantment with easy, often unsound, federal "solutions" is reflected in national reports showing low scores for Congress and dwindling popularity for the President.

The prestigious Harris Survey shows that

a vast majority of all Americans believe that welfare spending could and should be reduced. Cutting welfare spending by a full third would only constitute a "moderate loss" or no loss at all, they say.

Other reports show that inflation is considered to be the most serious national problem by far, and that reducing inflation through reduced government deficit spending should be the number-one national goal.

Americans do not believe there is need for new and costly programs of social action such as those outlined in the Humphrey - Hawkins "Full Employment" Bill or in nationalized health insurance schemes. Even as Congress contemplates sweeping programs of federal health care, newspaper headlines tell of the 30-year failure of Britain's scandal ridden socialized medical system. England's medical care has steadily deteriorated while health care costs rose dramatically. Government medicine has failed to deliver virtually every optimistic promise made upon its enactment in 1948.

More and more people understand there is no reason to believe results of federalized medicine would be any different in this country. More and more people understand that, when the President echos the unreal statements of Barry Bosworth, his director of the Council on Wage and Price Stability about prices and wages causing inflation, no serious government attempt is planned to reduce deficit spending - the true cause of inflation.

Enough determined voters can change this kind of fuzzy thinking and it is to the people's credit that millions of Americans in all states are now showing the determination needed to make this happen.

Our "Days" with You

One of the purposes of the FARM NEWS, your editors believe, is to give recognition to the farmers who volun-tarily contribute their time and talents to make this organization what it is. It's a big state containing many of suggested that when we finish those kind of members, so we're never quite satisfied with our efforts. Sometimes lack of time and budget prevent us from being where the action is so we can give appropriate recognition and we often have to depend on members "coming to us" at statewide meetings or activities.

This is why we've ap-preciated the opportunities our new series, "A Day in the Life of a Regional Representative," have given us to visit county Farm Bureau leaders on their own home ground. We could meet our deadlines with a lot less hassle if we stayed behind our typewriters in FB Center, but that's not where Farm Bureau is - and we know it! Each of these "days," thus

far, has been unique and we're grateful to the regional representatives for taking us to where the members "live" in fields and barns and orchards, in farm homes and county offices and affiliate company facilities. It has been an education!

These regional reps are modest fellows and during our "days," they've tried (quite successfully) to shift our focus away from them to 'their'' "their" people. They're concerned because one day in a region doesn't allow us to visit the people in all their counties and so they've



our regional series, we start another -- this time featuring a county Farm Bureau a month. A good suggestion. With 69 county Farm Bureaus in Michigan, it would take us five years and nine months to "make the rounds." Let's see, that would make me . hmmmm ... we'd better start soon!

OTHER IMPORTANT PEOPLE

Although Farm Bureau leaders deserve all the recognition we can possibly give them, not ALL of our members are in leadership roles. Yet they support the organization and agricultural industry the - 50 they are important people. During this past year, we've tried to focus on some of these VIPs. It's a bit harder to surface them than it is the more easily accessible leaders, but we keep trying. And we've known cases where the recognition has resulted in the development of leaders -- and that's rewarding.

We're often guilty, to, of focusing on the state's major agricultural commodities, such as dairy, fruit and field crops. Michigan's diverse agriculture is a real source of pride to all of us and we should not forget the contributions some of the other

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Econo-Plan Reduced

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Blue Cross-Blue Shield Rates Change

New rates for Blue Cross - Blue Shield coverage in the Farm Bureau Group have recently been announced and will be effective on August 20th. The rate increase is higher than last year, but the adjustment isn't completely negative. While the Comprehensive and Complementary Plans were increased substantially, the special Econo-Plan group rate was REDUCED! That's right, the Econo-Plan was reduced by an average of 19.5 percent for "under 65" coverage and by 9 percent for "over 65" coverage.

Why the big increase in the Comprehensive plan? Why the HUGE increase in the Complementary plan? There are similar reasons in both cases. First, INFLATION this continues as the number one culprit. Health care costs continue to increase faster than most other segments of our economy. Then to compound matters further, the second reason - more people needing services. That's utilization and for 1977-78, the Farm Bureau subscribers utilized Blue Cross - Blue Shield 1.3 million dollars more in benefits than was paid in premiums!

The Farm Bureau group must "pay its way". That is, over a period of years the group must "make-up" any previous year's underwriting loss. Conversely, if group business shows an underwriting gain, then the group rates would receive a credit over that same time span. So, for 1978-79 there is a portion of that 1.3 million dollars which must be paid back to the Blues. The huge increase in the Complementary rate was

The huge increase in the Complementary rate was brought about, in part, for an additional reason - continued increases in the Medicare deductible and copayment requirements. In 1975 the Medicare deductible was \$92. The co-payment was \$23-day for days 61-90 in the hospital. Also, using a "lifetime reserve" day required a co-payment of \$46-day by the subscriber. Today, those payment requirements are: \$144 deductible; \$36-day for days 61-90; and \$72-day for using a lifetime reserve day. Complementary coverage has automatically increased benefits to pay these higher deductibles and copayments. However, paying out more in benefits for more people requiring more services has brought about the need for more income from the Complementary subscribers.

The Farm Bureau Econo-Plan group has had a favorable ratio of benefits paid to income realized. That is, benefits paid HAVE NOT exceeded income realized. So, the group rate can be reduced for subscribers for the August, 1978 – August, 1979 time period. The new rate for Econo-Plan coverage offers Farm Bureau subscribers a real savings over the Comprehensive rates, IF the subscriber is willing to assume more of the cost of health care, WHEN health care service is needed by a member of the family. In view of the potential savings between the Econo-Plan and regular coverage, the Michigan Farm Bureau Board of Directors asked for and received authorization from Blue Cross-Blue Shield to hold a SPECIAL REOPENING in September so that membersubscribers can change to the Econo-Plan if they wish. That is the ONLY change to be allowed during this one time only special reopening. The change would then become effective on November 20, 1978. Payment of the August 20, 1978 Blue Cross - Blue Shield billing would still be necessary by the subscriber. If you currently have Blue Cross - Blue Shield coverage

If you currently have Blue Cross - Blue Shield coverage in the Farm Bureau Group and want information on changing to the Econo-Plan, call your County Farm Bureau secretary.

QUARTERLY RATES 1978-1979 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

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P.D. Committee Appointed

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Paul Hillegonds (R Holland),

54th House District (portions

of Allegan and Van Buren

Whitehall), 33rd State Senate

District, vacated by Anthony Derezinski who is running for

U.S. Senate (Oceana and portions of Lake, Manistee,

Rod Brown (R-Gaylord), 37th State Senate District,

vacated by Robert Davis who

is running for Congress (Alcona, Alger, Cheboygan, Chippewa, Crawford,

Emmet, Luce, Mackinaw,

Montmorency, Oscoda, Otsego, Presque Isle, and

portions of Alpena, Antrim,

Charlevoix, Delta, Iosco,

Kalkaska and Schoolcraft).

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counties);

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Mason,

Newaygo);

MFB President Elton R. Smith, with approval from the Board of Directors, has Policy Development Com-

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AgriPAC Endorses Open Seat Candidates

AgriPAC, Michigan Farm Bureau's political action arm, has announced its endorsement of three open seat candidates. The committee made endorsements in the open seat districts they considered to be predominantly rural and therefore important to agriculture. The candidates were selected for endorsement on the basis of recommendations from county Farm Bureau leaders in those districts.

Taken into consideration were the recognition by candidates of the importance of agriculture, involvement of agricultural people in their campaigns, their demonstrated integrity and their dedication to their campaigns.

Magic Cow Helps Menominee Promote Dairy Products



American Dairy Association's Magic Cow helped the Menominee County Farm Bureau Women promote dairy products recently at a special mall promotion. Cheese samples, butter cookles, recipe folders and agricultural information brochures were given away and the film, "Fabulous Food Machine," was shown. Shown with the Magic Cow is Ryan Raşner.

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farmers make to our economy. In past months, we've featured a sod farmer, the bedding plant industry – and in coming months, we'll have a beekeeper, a maple syrup operation, a mink farm, a buffalo farm; we've even got a fish farmer on tap. Let us know if you have other ideas.

WE'VE GOT A DOCTOR IN THE HOUSE

Another role of the FARM NEWS is education. We hope you are a Community Group member (because that's really where it's at!) but even if you're not, the monthly Discussion Topic can provide you with valuable information. The Capitol Report and National Notes pages can keep you wellinformed on what's going on in Lansing and Washington that affects you. And last month on the Marketing page, we started a new series of columns by Dr. Paul Kindinger, Director of Market Development and Research for Michigan Farm Bureau.

Today's farmer needs a good understanding of economics and that's Dr. Paul's specialty. Last month he explained inflation and in this issue he discusses trade wars. I urge you to take advantage of his expertise to broaden your understanding of these important topics. You're very fortunate to have this kind of doctor in the house; use him!

mittee. The committee has been charged with compiling and analyzing policy recommendations adopted by members at county annual meetings for presentation to voting delegates at the state annual meeting.

AUGUST, 1978

State Policy Development committee members and the Districts they represent are:

DISTRICT 1 -- (Berrien, Cass, Kalamazoo, St. Joseph and Van Buren counties) Ted Kirklin, who is serving his second year on the committee.

DISTRICT 2 -- (Branch, Calhoun, Hillsdale, Jackson and Lenawee counties) Mrs. Joan Gould.

DISTRICT 3 - (Livingston, Monroe, Oakland, Washtenaw and Wayne counties) Richard Sharland, who is serving his second year on the committee.

DISTRICT 4 -- (Allegan, Barry, Ionia, Kent and Ottawa counties) Joe Klein. DISTRICT 5 -- (Clinton, Eaton, Genesee, Ingham and

DISTRICT 5 - (Clinton, Eaton, Genesee, Ingham and Shiawassee counties) William Kissane, who is serving his second year on the committee.

DISTRICT 6 - (Huron, Lapeer, Macomb, Sanilac and St. Clair counties) Wendall Maust.

DISTRICT 7 -- (Lake, Mason, Muskegon, Mecosta, Montcalm, Newaygo and Oceana counties) Dale Carmichael, serving his second year.

DISTRICT 8 - (Arenac, Bay, Clare, Gladwin, Gratiot, Isabella, Midland and Saginaw counties) Wilson Lauer.

DISTRICT 9 - (Benzie, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Leelanau, Manistee, Missaukee and Wexford counties) Neal Lutke, serving his second year. DISTRICT 10 - (Alcona, Alpena, Antrim, Charlevoix,

DISTRICT 10 - (Alcona, Alpena, Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Oscoda, Otsego and Presque Isle counties) John Frey. DISTRICT 11 - (Upper Peninsula) Mrs. Ann. Journal

DISTRICT 11 - (Upper Peninsula) Mrs. Ann Jousma, who is also serving her second year on the committee.

Representing the MFB Young Farmers are Jerry Heck, Ida; Don Gregory, Suttons Bay; and Harold Hamlin, South Haven.

MFB Women will be presented on the committee by Kathy Middleton, Ortonville; Susan Bahs, Nashville; and Jeanette Houghton, Blanchard.

At-Large committee members from the MFB Board of Directors are Walter Frahm, Frankenmuth; John Laurie, Cass City and chairman of the committee; and Donald Nugent, Frankfort.

Farm Bureau Monitors Trade Talks

Elton R. Smith, president of Elton R. Smith, president of the Michigan Farm Bureau, was one of 15 national Farm Bureau leaders who par-ticipated in a special trade mission to Europe in late June. While in Europe, the farm leaders monitored the multilateral trade multilateral trade negotiations held in Geneva.

At the time the group was in Geneva, the negotiations were entering their most critical stage, when efforts are made to balance the demands and concessions between trading partners, and a "politically ac-ceptable" final package is prepared for ratification. Top U.S. trade officials assured the farm delegation that final agreement would not be reached unless there were significant gains for significant gains for agricultural trade. Throughout the mission,

including meetings with European Economic Community officials in Brussels, Allan Grant, AFBF Allan Grant, AFBF president, who headed the group, urged that final agreement provide for expanded mutually adagricultural vantageous trade.

Robert Strauss, U.S. special representative for trade negotiations, had set July 15 as a target date for completion of talks on major trade areas. Agreement was not reached by that date and since August is a traditional holiday month for Europeans since August is a traditional holiday month for Europeans, little progress is expected before September. "When we began setting the platform for these negotiations," explained Tom

Hammer, assistant director, AFBF national affairs, "the

U.S. was really the only nation that was genuinely interested in conducting these negotiations. The Europeans and Japanese, as far as agriculture is concerned, were happy with the status quo. They would just as soon not be negotiating on agriculture and would have been happy if we had left things the way they were.

"However, during the last 10 years or so, agricultural trade, as far as the U.S. is concerned, has become a major force in our economic system and we have indicated that we must negotiate on agriculture if we have any kind of a trade agreement at all," Hammer said.

The European Community has a structure of tariffs and subsidies to take care of foreign competition, which puts American farmers in the position of competing - not with other farmers -- but with foreign treasuries. This is one major area, Farm Bureau believes, which must be resolved.

The U.S. congressional mandate for participation in the negotiations expires January 3, 1980. A package must be presented to Congress well ahead of that date for review, con-sideration and legislative action. Farm Bureau officials hope a package is brought back to Congress by January or February of 1979 since chances for an extension of the deadline are slim.

As the nation's largest farm organization, Farm Bureau will play a major role in advising the Congress as to approval or disapproval of any final agreement.



Elton R. Smith, president of Michigan Farm Bureau, and Harold Steele, president of Illinois Agricultural Association, were among the 15 national farm leaders who participated in a special trade mission to Europe recently. The farmers urged officials to provide for expanded agricultural trade in their negotiations.

Om PCA supplies credit for many constructive ideas.

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Women's Leader Conference Set

Farm The Michigan Bureau Women's state committee has scheduled a State Leader Conference for Farm Bureau Women Sep-tember 28 and 29 at Long's Convention Center in Lansing. The two-day conference

will provide participants the opportunity to learn techniques on how to work learn with people, how to carry out

leadership responsibilities, how to plan and carry out projects and how to get participation of Farm Bureau members.

Reservations should be sent to Helen Atwood, Manager, Women's Department, Michigan Farm Bureau, by September 15.

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Every county Farm Bureau is invited to be represented.

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CAPITOL REPORT Robert E. Smith

(Ed. Note: Due to mid-month deadlines for publication in the Michigan Farm News, legislative reports reflect the status of legislation at that time. Significant changes which occur after the third week of each month will be reported in the next issue of the FARM NEWS.

Legislative Notes

Lansing

Inheritance Tax

There are two inheritance tax proposals that are of particular importance to agriculture, S1447 in the Senate (introduced by Senator Corbin) and H.B. 5388 (introduced by Rep. Quincy Hoffman). Mr. Hoffman's version is more comprehensive and will be helpful to more people. These two bills have not had any consideration. However, another bill H.B. 5552 introduced by Rep. Powell has passed.

It is a bill that received very little publicity as it made its way through the Legislature and in general was not realized how important it is to everyone. It exempts from inheritance taxation the amount received by surviving spouse from a "Surviver's Benefit Plan, annuity retirement plan or pension".

Many farmers, as part of a retirement program, buy annuities. It is also expected that this would apply to the benefits from Keogh Programs and IRA's. Very often a surviving spouse would suddenly find that a large inheritance tax had to be paid based on the benefits that would be received over a period of time from the retirement program.

Budgets Total budget approved by the legislature prior to the summer recess was \$4,262,900,000. This was slightly higher than the Governor's recommended budget of \$4.16 billion. The state is in good financial condition inasmuch as \$104 million was placed in the budget stabilization fund, sometimes known as the "Rainy Day Fund". School aid to local districts was increased by about 6.7 percent with a total aid of \$1.47 billion. In addition, \$426.9 will go into million educational retirement funds.

Appropriations for MSU were very favorable as far as agriculture is concerned, with \$11.2 million appropriated for agricultural research and \$9.2 million for the Extension Service. These are up considerably from the previous year.

The Soil Science Building which Farm Bureau and others supported very strongly has been approved

for construction. The appropriation along with the new facilities are essential if Michigan agriculture is to maintain its production, as we are falling behind in relation to other states due to soil problems, need for new crop varieties, and numerous plant disease problems that can only be solved through research.

Farm Truck Regulations Eased With Help of "Friends"

Farm Bureau, working with two of the designated "Friends of Agriculture" during the closing hours of the legislation, achieved in record time, a major change in highway width regulations for farm products.

It began early in June when a Farm Bureau member, Joe Keegan, of St. Clair County told a Farmers Petroleum employee, Ron Popp, of his problems with receiving traffic tickets due to overwidth loads of baled hay. This was reported to Bob Smith, Senior Legislative Counsel. Senator Alvin DeGrow was then requested to introduce

legislation to change the law. The present law limits load widths to 96" except in the case of unprocessed logs, concrete pipe and pulpwood, when a 104" width is permitted.

By chance, H 4492, in-troduced by Rep. Quincy Hoffman had passed the House, was on the Senate floor for action. Senator DeGrow successfully amended the bill as recommended by Farm Bureau. Rep. Hoffman was then successful in having the amendment accepted by the House.

The amendment to the law

provides that farm products may use the wider legal limit.

In addition, the legal limit for wider loads was changed from 104" to 108". This allows a 6" overlap where necessary on either side of an 8-foot truck rack.

This is a major change for all farmers and proves that legislators, such as Senator **DeGrow** and Representative Hoffman, who understand agricultural issues can move rapidly and successfully. They truly deserve the designation of "Friend of Agriculture".

Nine Proposals Expected on Ballot

There are now nine proposals which are expected to be before the voters in the November 7 election. Six resulted from petition drives in which backers have filed the required number of signatures. However, all signatures and petitions must be checked by the State in order to be sure that the signatures are valid and laws governing the petitions were followed.

Two proposals have been placed on the ballot by action of the Legislature.

Tax Limitations

410,000 More than signatures were gathered by supporters of the "Headlee Proposal". The group supporting the drive is known as "Taxpayers United". In brief, it would limit the total of all state and local taxes to the present ratio of total personal income.

Presently state revenue is approximately 9.4 percent of personal income. It is a rather complicated program; it would also limit the increases in property assessments to the growth of the Consumer Price Index. If state revenue exceeded a certain level, taxes would be returned to the payer. If the amendment had been in effect this year, about \$100 million would have been refunded. However, the state has placed additional revenues into the tax 'stabilization or rainy day' fund to be used during periods of declining revenues. For the most part during the previous ten years, the state has operated within the limits of the amendment. Tax Cut

Known as the "Tisch Proposal" named after the leader of the petition drive, it seeks to cut property taxes by cutting the assessment limit from the present 50 percent to 25 percent of property values. It would also limit equalization of assessments increases to not more than 2.5 percent. It would limit an increase in the state income tax to 1 percent and would permit local K-12 school districts to vote to levy a 1 percent income tax.

A 50 percent property tax would amount to apcut proximately \$1.75 billion. If, in order to replace the lost revenue, the state income tax was increased the limit of 1 percent and all school districts voted a 1 percent income tax, the total revenue would be approximately \$950 million. This would leave a revenue deficit of about \$800 million. About \$200 million would be saved on the present "circuit breaker" property tax relief. The rest could come from an increase in the Single Business Tax and new taxes. The greatest impact would be on local government as the property tax is used only for local services. No provision is made for any revenue replacement for counties, townships, cities, etc

Every area would be affected in a different manner. For example, in some counties a large percentage of all property tax is paid by non-resident owners of summer homes, recreational property, etc. Such non-residents would have the full benefit of the tax cut, but there would be no way to levy an income tax or any other tax on them to recover the property tax loss.

Both amendments have provisions to prohibit the state from mandating new programs on local governments unless they are fully funded. The state would also be prohibited, to the extent possible, from shifting present state expenditures back to local government. **Voucher System**

This proposal was promoted as a tax cut measure; however, in reality, the real reason is to provide state aid to private and parochial schools. It would eliminate all school property taxes to be made up by increasing the state income tax by at least 2.3 percent and the Single Business Tax by at least 1.75 percent. Other revenue would have to come from nuisance and property transfer taxes. "Vouchers"

would be issued to students to be used, it is claimed, in the schools of their choice, public or private. Schools would be funded. totally state Therefore, totally state controlled. Many schools might be eliminated because students may not wish to use their vouchers to attend that particular school.

The amendment, while eliminating school property tax, fails to limit the likelihood of increasing property taxes for other local uses. For example, the 50 mill limit and the 15 mill limit are left in the Constitution. This means that the mills presently used for schools could easily be used for other local units of government.

The State Legislature, when it returns in September, may also place on the ballot another tax proposal. It would use the present property tax refund system which is based on household income for both households and farms. It may also set limits on the number of mills that could be levied for local government and schools. This is known as Proposal C and would cut the present 50 mill limit to 291/2 mills.

Assessment limits may also be lowered from 50 percent to 25 percent, but only for

household residential property and agricultural property. Other properties such as commercial, industrial, recreational. speculative, non-residential, etc. would be assessed at the present limit.

Every citizen will need to study all the proposals before reaching a decision. Some people will have lower taxes, but others will have much higher taxes because there will be major tax shifts.

The present tax system should not be ignored. Property taxes in Michigan are based, to a large degree, on income and the ability to pay. Generally speaking, those under 65 owning a residence or farm are refunded property taxes at 60 percent of the difference between 3.5 percent of the household income and the amount of the tax. Those over 65 are refunded 100 percent of the difference. Renters are also eligible for a refund. The refund limit in both cases is \$1200. There are other special provisions for the elderly, blind, disabled, etc. Farmers can choose voluntarily to have an additional tax relief program by taking advantage of PA 116 in which case all property taxes, without any limit, are refunded in excess of 7 percent of the household income.

The affect of the various proposals is not yet known. While they sound simple, they are all extremely complex in their effect. Farm Bureau will prepare a summary, both pro and con, on each proposal in order to help all members arrive at a decision on how to vote in November.

CRIME

Mandatory Sentencing This proposal would require persons convicted of

NATIONAL NOTES **Pesticide Law Amendments Good News for Farmers**

forts to inform Congressmen and Senators regarding the impact of pesticide laws on agriculture were credited for the approval by the Conference Committee on FIFRA of amendments which farmers have needed to assure appropriate access to safe and effective chemicals.

A comprehensive package of amendments to the pesticide law was agreed to by the conferees and will go to the House and

Farm Bureau's consistent ef- Senate soon for final ratification. Major provisions contained in the conference bill include: the existing law is modified to permit pesticides classified for restricted use to be reclassified for general use; the provisions for state and federal issuance of experimental use permits are modified to permit greater state flexibility and require the federal govern-ment to act in a timely fashion, and the law is amended to permit the sale of restricted use pesti-

cides to farmers who are not certified if the pesticide application is to be made by a certified applicator at a later date.

Enforcement provisions of the law are amended to permit states to assume primary authority for enforcing the pesticide law, and federal oversight over state programs has been deleted.

Other provisions include: EPA will be required to have valid tests or other significant evidence raising prudent concerns about

the safety of a pesticide before that agency can issue a RPAR against any pesticide. EPA will also be required to prepare an agricultural or consumer impact statement prior to the issuance of major pesticide regulations.



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Emergency Credit Bill Approved

committee recently approved a bill authorizing up to \$4 billion in emergency credit for farmers who need help to survive the economic squeeze which has gripped many segments of agriculture in recent years. The bill was supported by Farm Bureau.

The conference bill, the broadest farm credit measure passed by Congress in recent years, also includes provisions which would:

- Bring major credit programs of the Farmers Home Administration into line with current conditions by raising loan ceilings and allowing interest rates on some loans to rise.

Create a special new FmHA farm mortgage program for beginning and low-income families.

And extend a special credit cattle industry program for one year, through September 30, 1979.

In addition, an amendment to the bill would authorize cattlemen to approve a beef promotion checkoff program

A House-Senate conference by a simple majority of producers voting in a referendum. Existing law requires a two-thirds approval margin.

Rep. William C. Wampler, Rep. William C. Hullian Va., ranking Republican member of the full Com-mittee said. "This Agricultural Credit Act will provide much-needed assistance to many of our farmers and ranchers who have been caught in a costprice squeeze that has in some instances threatened them with foreclosure. I strongly urge the President to sign this measure promptly upon its receipt from the Congress, and direct the Farmers Home Administration to implement it as soon as possible."

The emergency credit section of the bill, designated as Title II, is designed specifically for farmers and ranchers who are facing bankruptcy or foreclosure. It would allow the Agriculture Department's Farmers Home Administration to guarantee or insure loans for

either complete refinancing of farmers' debts or for making principal and interest payments on those debts.

Additional loans could be made for continuing farm operations - but NOT for purchasing additional land. Individual farmers could get loans of up to \$400,000 under the Title II program. Total loans could reach \$4 billion over the period ending May 15, 1980. The funds, under guarantee and insurance provisions, would come from the private market rather than the taxpayer. Total Title II and regular FmHA farm real estate and operating loans would be limited to \$650,000 per borrower. A borrower, in other words, could get credit from both programs but only up to a combined limit of \$650,000.

Another section of the bill, designated as Title I, overhauls existing Farmers Home Administration credit programs. It would raise the FmHA mortgage loan ceiling from the current \$100,000 to new levels of \$200,000 on government-insured loans and \$300,000 on federally-guaranteed loans. The \$50,000 ceiling on operating loans would go to \$100,000 for insured and \$200,000 for guaranteed loans.

features also would be added to the FmHA lending programs which are designed, in general, for farmers who cannot qualify for credit from banks and other non-federal sources. For the first time, family-This issue was also placed farm corporations, parton the ballot by legislative nerships and cooperatives action. It would authorize the would be made eligible for state to deposit its funds in FmHA credit, and a special small-farmer loan program credit unions, savings and would be created.

Under the small-farm program, beginning and lowincome borrowers unable to qualify for regular FmHA mortgages could get special real estate loans with interest rates set at 5 percent or less.

House of Representatives approved the conference report on The Farm Credit

FB Backs Meat Import Act Changes

The Senate has passed, with Farm Bureau support, a bill (H.R. 5052) which would amend the 1964 Meat Import Act and establish a "coun-tercyclical formula" for regulating meat imports. The legislation would allow meat imports to increase when domestic supplies decline in the normal beef production cycle and decrease when domestic output increases.

The present procyclical formula allows meat imports to increase at the same time domestic production is increasing.

In a letter to President Carter urging his support of the legislation, AFBF president Allan Grant said it would remove meat import decisions from the political arena.

Washington Briefs

CROP INSURANCE

Legislation that would provide a nationwide, share-thecost, all-risk crop insurance program has been in-troduced (S. 3029 and H.R. 12636) and hearings were held July 27 by the House Agriculture Committee's Subcommittee on Conservation and Credit.

Crops covered by the program which are of im-portance to Michigan agriculture include: wheat, corn, barley, sunflowers, dry beans, soybeans, oats, sugar beets and rye. Fruits and vegetables are not covered in the proposed legislation.

Each farmer participating in the program would pay a premium based on the coverage he chooses and the risk involved in his farming operation. Three levels of coverage - 50, 70 and 90 percent of normal crop production - would be provided. At the 50 percent level, the federal government would pay approximately half of the premium. At the higher levels of coverage, the producer would pay a greater share of the premium and the government would pay a smaller share.

Farm Bureau supports the legislation with amendments.

ENERGY

Six months after their first meeting, conferees on natural gas pricing broke their deadlock by accepting a deregulation proposal. However, when the complete energy package agreed to by conferees finally reaches Congress for approval, the natural gas issue will face

major controversy. The conferees agreed to raise federal price ceiling on natural gas from the present \$1.49 to \$1.93, and then allow it to increase by an additional 10 percent a year until January, 1985, when the lids would come off.

Numerous bills have been introduced regarding gasohol. The political appeal of a simultaneous solution to the oil shortage and agricultural oversupply has overwhelmed the energy balance and economic arguments against it for the time being. The bills vary from an extreme of mandating national use by 1990 to more moderate positions of tax incentives for pilot plants.

OSHA

The House Appropriations Committee has reported H.R. 12929, which appropriates funds for fiscal year 1979 Department of Labor programs, including OSHA.

The bill continues the present exemption from OSHA inspections for farms with 10 or fewer employees. However, it adds the language: "... provided they do not maintain farm labor camps." Thus, the exemption would be lost for farms with labor camps. The Senate Appropriations Committee deleted the

reference to labor camps and Farm Bureau will support the Senate verson when the bill goes to conference later this year.

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held.

Investments

Other Proposals

certain serious felonies to It is claimed, however, that it serve minimum sentences without time off for good behavior

Denial of Bail

This issue was placed on the ballot by the State Legislature. It would deny bail to persons with violent felony conviction records if there is reason to believe that the person is guilty of a new offense. Bail could also be denied to those charged with murder, treason, rape, ar-med robbery and kidnapping. **OTHER PROPOSALS**

21-Year Old Drinking

Under this proposal, the state legal drinking age would be returned to 21. It is now 18. However, this age goes to 19 in December through an act passed by the Legislature. The issue was put on the ballot by petition. Teenage alcoholism has been on the rise since the drinking age was lowered.

State Police Collective Bargaining

This would give troopers and sergents collective bargaining rights which are now denied state employees.

would not allow them to strike.

Constitutional Convention

This issue will be on the ballot automatically because the Constitution requires that the question be on the ballot in 1978 and every 16 years thereafter. It will determine whether another Con-stitutional Convention will be

loan associations or banks.

At least two petition proposals did not receive sufficient signatures to be

placed on the ballot. One was

the death penalty which

would restore capital punish-

ment in Michigan. The other

was Supreme Court and Court

of Appeals Reform. This

petition was withdrawn because it became obvious

that sufficient signatures

would not be collected.

Several important new

NOTE: On July 19, The

Bill by a vote of 363-37.

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Trade Wars

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

There may never be a single shot fired, not a single bomber may leave the hanger and the troops may be at home resting in their easy chair watching Monday Night Football; but outside there could be a world war going on. The difference between this world war and those earlier in this century is that the bloodshed will all take place on the "economic" battleground.

Trade wars are not new. They were present in the Middle Ages and will probably exist long after this century is over. The effects, however, are damaging to all involved. An end should be put to these devastating retaliatory engagements, if at all possible. But, in order to end them, we must recognize what starts them.

The first round begins when surplus conditions develop domestically. This may be the result of declining demand, overproduction and high inventories, a shift in demand to lower priced substitute products or a combination of these conditions. Very often, today, the lower priced substitutes come from outside the U.S.

Round two follows naturally from round one. Our workers and plants become under-employed or, worse yet, unemployed. Planned investments in new plants and equipment are abandoned. Meanwhile, our dollars are flowing out of the U.S. at a rather healthy (or unhealthy, depending on your preference) pace. The net result is people out of work in certain industries and probably a higher rate of inflation to boot!

Round three should be obvious by now. Pressure mounts to increase trade restrictions and support domestic industries. This is done in the name of being good for everyone concerned. The argument is made that by shutting off imports, we can reduce inflation, since our dollars will stay at home; formerly unused capacity will again be put to work, and our people will again be back at work. A happy ending for all! Right? Wrong! The war really heats up in round four. By now our trading partners have decided to shut down their borders

The war really heats up in round four. By now our trading partners have decided to shut down their borders as much as possible (following our lead). As a result, demand for our goods and services again declines. Since in many industries, like agriculture, we can produce substantially more than we can use domestically, one of two things will happen. One, we will over-produce and inventories will build or, two, we must accept restrictions on production to bring it in line with domestic demand -- again resulting in unused capacity.

It might then logically follow that if we continue to have unused capacity, we will continue to have underemployment or unemployment. Similarly, price rises may temporarily subside as inventories build and adjustments occur. But what happens when we reach the end of that rope? When we reach that point, the journey continues down the road of inflation. What good was accomplished by shutting off imports? We still have inflation and unemployment.

We do not believe in unfair competition! We do believe in fair competition. As long as imported goods are not subsidized and meet the same requirements as our products and their manufacturers must absorb some of the same social cost for pollution abatement, worker safety, etc. as our industries must, then I believe American farmers, businessmen and laborers can compete with anyone in the world! But this cannot be accomplished through a trade war. The result of a trade war is detrimental to almost everyone involved.

We must accentuate positive trade-oriented policiespolicies which will again place the U.S. on equal footing with our competitors. This calls for delicate negotiations and reductions in trade barriers, not a "trade war"!

Farmers View Their Role in International Trade

Farmers who attended the Michigan Farm Bureau's 4th Annual Grain Marketing Seminar at Long's Convention Center, Lansing, on June 28, took a look at their role in international trade. They also learned some helpful hints on determining their marketing plan and were challenged to sharpen their skills as price forecasters.



VERN SORENSON

The current GATT II negotiations and what they mean to Michigan farmers was the topic of Vern Sorenson, professor of Agricultural Policy, Michigan State University. The major difference between the GATT negotiations today and 10 years ago, Sorenson said, is the tremendous expansion in total agricultural trade, from about \$40 billion to over \$100 billion, and an increase in the number of participants. One of the most drastic changes, he said, is that Communist countries have entered world markets.

While agricultural exports represent a major source of farm income, Sorenson said, this has also led to increased instability and uncertainty in agricultural markets. The trade expansion has been capitalized into the farm production system, mostly in land prices, he explained. High grain prices stimulated all-out production, which, in turn, sent grain prices plummeting.

He predicted that, in the GATT II negotiations, farmers in protected countries will fight hard to retain the protection they currently have against foreign competition, and that pressures for protectionism, here as well in other countries, is growing. "Agriculture must, at a

"Agriculture must, at a minimum, keep from giving support to an increasingly strong protectionist movement by labor and industry and even a few groups in agriculture," he warned. "The overall cost of protectionism to agriculture would be very high."

While the answer on farm legislation may not be in, he said, it is clear that domestic agricultural policy and trade policy are inseparable. "This means that current efforts to solve farm ills must be viewed in light of their implications for longer term trade and market growth," he said.

"The current challenges go well beyond the traditional approach that has called for a domestic U.S. farm policy," Sorenson said. "The policy issues involve conflicts of interest among various groups including farm, consumer, and international interests. The policy issues are broad and difficult to deal with, but their importance is such that they must be dealt with - and need the input of farm leaders."



MYRON LASERSON

Myron R. Laserson, senior vice president, North American Grain Division, Continental Grain Company said a failure to maintain grain exports could result in unrealistically high prices and reduced U.S. grain production.

Laserson said high U.S. grain prices could "unduly encourage increased production in grain-surplus

nations wishing to increase exports, as well as in some grain-deficit countries desiring greater selfsufficiency."

He cautioned that attempts to maintain high prices by restricting U.S. grain production actually could result in having less grain to sell. And, accordingly, even higher prices to the U.S. consumer.

Another danger, he warned, was discouragement of the growth of the U.S. domestic livestock industry and a cutback in the feeding of grain and oilseed meals.

According to Laserson, if the U.S. is to continue in the world market as a dependable supplier, this nation must have adequate supplies.

must have adequate supplies. "You can't do business from an empty wagon," said Laserson.

The export executive also commented that our livestock industry is an important food reserve that could be threatened by cutbacks in production. Laserson applauded the American farmer for his adaptation to economy of scale and suggested that the productive farmer looks to return per acre, not price per bushel.

Farmers must become price forecasters, Darrel Good, grain marketing specialist from the University of Illinois, told the group -and they have more knowledge in this area than they realize.

"Farmers have an inherent skill in determining the value of their commodities," Good said, "and they need to spend more time sharpening their skills, learning to be good price forecasters."

Farmers are the biggest market speculators, Good said, with housewives second and retired people third on the list. "You can't expect to win every time," he said, "and you shouldn't get discouraged."

Winding up the agenda for the 4th annual grain marketing seminar was Donn Kunz, manager of Michigan Elevator Exchange grain department, who presented the groups with a "Market Outlook for 1978."

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Pests Invade **Michigan Fields**

The worst infestation of grasshoppers in 30 years is occurring in parts of Michigan, according to Dr. Bob Ruppel, crop specialist with Michigan State University. The type of grasshopper which is eating alfalfa and soybeans in Charlevoix, Antrim, Shiawassee, Missaukee and Genesee counties is a different type of grasshopper from those that are eating corn and wheat in the Midwest.

Dr. Ruppel explains that the grasshopper creating the problem in the Midwest is migratory, one that builds up in the rangelands and will move into crops over a wide area. Those in Michigan are the type that don't move far, essentially only from breeding areas into adjacent The red-legged fields. grasshopper will eat big leaved crops and small grains. Another of its targets, says Ruppel, is the home garden.

The crop specialists says he does not know why the grasshopper infestation suddenly occurred, but he believes the situation will worsen.

"The next couple weeks will be the bulk of the damage because this is the time they are into the crops. Once they hit a place where feeding is good, they'll stay there. When they're moving from their breeding areas into the crops is when they'll do their damage," Dr. Ruppel explained.

Another pest on the in-crease in Michigan is the armyworm. Dr. Ruppel says armyworms have shown up in corn in the past several years, but few damage reports were received. But recently, Ruppel reports, armyworm infestation has been surfaced in Ingham, Clinton and Washtenaw counties. Ruppel says the problem lies in corn fields which contain wheat grasses.

"If growers have corn with weed grasses in it, or if they have corn next to grasses, I suggest they take a look for the armyworm right now," Ruppel advises. "If they're going to have problems, it should be showing up right now. If farmers who have had problems controlling grass weeds would take a look at those fields right now and do something about the worm immediately if it's there, they would have a good chance of controlling it."

PBB Testing Requirements Eased

Dairy farmers in Michigan who have culled 15 percent of their dairy cattle for slaughter, with no PBB found in tested cows, will be exempted from provisions of Act 77, effective October 1, 1978.

FARM NEWS

All farmers will be notified by mail before October 1 as to whether their farms are exempt from the testing requirements of Act 77. Farmers who are exempt will be sent exempt slaughter certificates to use when culling dairy cows for

Patten, Michigan Dept. of Agriculture deputy director of the PBB Project unit, farms which remain under the testing program because less than 15 percent of their dairy cows have been tested for PBB will be eligible for exemption status when the 15 percent requirement has been met, provided tested animals contain no PBB. All nonexempt farms will be reviewed continuously to determine if they have met the 15 percent requirement.

or more violative animals will become exempt after evaluation and testing by MDA which indicates PBB is no longer a problem on that farm.

Farmers who are not exempt, originally but become exempt after

been spreading rapidly in that nation. The Dominican

Republic is only 125 miles

from Puerto Rico, causing much concern. Swine in the

United states have no

resistance to this disease, and

meeting the requirements of the resolution, will be sent exempt slaughter certificates by the PBB unit as soon as they qualify. These cer-tificates must accompany a dairy cow to slaughter as proof that the animal is exempt.

Producers Should be Alert for African Swine Fever

Jack H. Anderson **Market Development and Research Division**

U.S. Animal Health ofthere are no effective vacficials are concerned about cines. Hog producers should be on alert to inspect their the spread of African Swine Fever in the Dominican Republic, which was con-firmed July 8. The spread of animals for symptoms of fever, red blotches, internal the disease into Brazil was bleeding and collapse and be confirmed on June 6. It has

certain that garbage fed to swine is cooked. The only previous time the disease was introduced - into this hemisphere was in Cuba in 1971. Over one third of Cuba's swine were killed or destroyed at that time.

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A farm which has had one



Governor Promises Help Foreign Sugar "Dumping"

Concerns State Producers

Governor William G. Milliken met with sugar beet growers in Sebewaing July 8 to discuss their increasing concern over unfair competition from foreign producers. The Governor assured the growers that he would help them tell Washington the problems being created by the dumping of foreign sugar on the U.S. market at below market prices.

The meeting between Milliken and the sugar beet growers took place following the Sebewaing Sugar Festival parade, at which the Governor appeared. Milliken said the Carter Administration is "en-

couraging the situation through some of its agricultural policies" and "is not concerned enough with the farmers in this area.

State Representative Loren Armbruster pointed out. that about one-half of the sugar consumed in this country is imported. The farmers said the key to the solution is to try to reduce imports from 7.25 million to 4 million tons yearly – in order to stimulate U.S. production and raise the domestic price enough to allow farmers a profit.

About half the farmers present told the Governor they were taking advantage of the Farm Land Preservation Act to reduce the burden of property taxes on their farm operations. Daniel Herman of Unionville, Tuscola County Farm Bureau member, said it is important for farmers to hold onto the land they are farming. If foreign investors make major inroads on agriculture, he said, U.S. consumers would suffer "a tragedy . . . and we're going to find we can't meet the real needs of this country in the years to come.

Governor Milliken said there is a growing awareness by the nation's governors of the importance of agriculture. "I'll do what I can through the National Governors' Association," he said. "We have developed real clout in Washington with the administration and with Congress.

Milliken is chairman of the NGA

Michigan's 2,200 sugar beet growers produced 253 million pounds of sugar last year. The industry contributes more than \$50 million a year in farm income to the state's economy.

1978 Young People's Citizenship Seminar

Farm Credit Scholarship Awarded

Tony Dean Barcroft, son of Barry County Farm Bureau members Mr. and Mrs. Carl Barcroft of Freeport, has been selected the first state recipient of a Farm Credit Banks of St. Paul scholarship in agriculture.

The Farm Credit Banks of St. Paul are farmer-owned banks providing credit to agriculture. They established a \$500 scholarship at each of the four land-grant universities in the seventh Farm Credit District - Michigan, Minnesota, North Dakota and Wisconsin -- to provide financial assistance to a junior or senior student who has a strong interest in agricultural finance and has demonstrated leadership ability.

Barcroft is a junior at Michigan State University majoring in Food Systems Economics and Management with emphasis in Credit and Finance. Just recently married, he is working parttime this summer as a research assistant at MSU. But before driving to his job in East Lansing, Tony milks cows at 5:00 a.m. on the farm he operates with his father.



TONY BARCROFT

They presently milk about 30 cows and raise yearlings and calves on their 160-acre farm. Their herd average is nearly 16,000 lbs. per head. Tony owns a portion of the herd and raises calves to expand. He pays his father for feed, labor and housing for them, and also rents 30 acres which he has planted to wheat.

Tony has been involved in 4-H activities since he was nine years old and has also been active in FFA. An avid sportsman, he has participated in intramural football and softball at MSU for the past three years - and still maintains a 3.42 grade point average. Because of his keen interest in agricultural finance, he says, his grade point in his major is much higher.

"As farmers become fewer, farms larger, and prices and populations increase, problems of finance become more complicated and challenging," he said.

By Connie Lawson sessions promoting campaign vespers The

Entering their own "world of politics" on June 19, over 200 Michigan high school juniors and seniors took part in the 1978 Young People's Citizenship Seminar held at Albion College, Albion, Michigan. The 5-day seminar sponsored by the Michigan Farm Bureau and county Farm Bureau organizations, emphasized the importance of an informed involved electorate in the democratic process of self-government. Students were encouraged to take part in political ac-tivities of the Federalist and Populist parties, to express their concerns on individual issues through political party conventions and to run for "public" office. A third group of young citizens was designated as the Independents. These voters were free to "swing" their support to the campaigns of either of the two existing political parties.

The young people were also introduced to the social, economic and political viewpoints expressed by seminar instructors: Dr. Clifton Ganus, president, Harding College, Searcy, Arkansas; Dr. John Furbay, noted lecturer; Dr. Paul Kindinger, director of Market Development, Michigan Farm Bureau; Albert Almy, director of Public Affairs, Michigan Farm Bureau; Mrs. Maria Schultz, Ukrainian refugee and naturalized U.S. citizen; Ron Nelson, local affairs specialist, Michigan Farm Bureau and Chris Hardee, national FFA vice-president. Periodic "tilt" sessions were an effective adjunct to

Periodic "tilt" sessions were an effective adjunct to the presentations of the seminar speakers. In these informal discussion groups, the students freely exchanged ideas and tackled issues introduced in the general sessions. Their discussions formed the basis for many of the issues expressed in party platforms developed during the week of political activity.

the week of political activity. The students adapted quickly to their role as grassroots decision makers. At the close of the June 19 activities, 100 percent voter registration had been accomplished in all four precincts and nominating petitions were being circulated by potential candidates seeking support in their bid for party nomination. Petition signatures were verified and on the second day of the seminar, political hopefuls received confirmation that their name would appear on the primary ballot. The legal requirements had been fulfilled. Now the campaigners moved into action. Placards, posters and handbills appeared overnight in dormitories and at general sessions promoting campaign slogans and the candidates competing for nomination in primary election. The vigorous campaigning continued through Wednesday afternoon. Aggressive campaigners positioned themselves along the route to the polls to urge a vote for themselves or their candidate. As in the "real world", campaigning was prohibited within 100 yards of the polls.

The students may have been apprehensive about operating the voting machines for the first time, but election assistants offered last-minute instructions and the young people moved smoothly through their introduction to mechanical balloting. By late afternoon, the voting results were reported to the students assembled in the auditorium, ready to open their political party conventions. Under the chairmanship of an elected party leader, the Populists and Federalist parties developed a campaign platform, and nominated candidates for Supreme Court Justices and the State Board of Education.

Fittingly, the evening banquet speaker, Michigan House Minority Leader Dennis O. Cawthorne, stressed the importance of primary elections in the "real world" and the need to be involved in grassroots politics. Cawthorne told the young people that they wanted to dispel the myth that politics in Michigan is highly sophisticated and difficult to enter. Candidates, he said, depend almost entirely on the volunteer help of local campaign workers. "Circulating petitions, knocking on doors.. these are not glamorous jobs, but they are necessary in a successful political campaign".

On June 22, the day of the general elections, the pace characteristic of the 1978 Citizenship Seminar was at its peak. Signs, banners and spontaneous cheers punctuated breaks in the general sessions, but the enthusiasm of the youthful voters was fully apparent at political rallies held prior to the elections. Ballot issues were strenuously debated by the candidates and campaign promises were greeted with noisy approval. Elections followed in each of the four precincts. Although results of the balloting would not be announced until the following morning, these young people had truly entered, and par-ticipated in, their own world of politics.

The youthful energy that had charged the day's events spent itself in a lively talent show and evening recreation ending with candlelight vespers. The closing moments of this important day were emotionally charged, too. Students and counselors spoke quietly of new friendships, new insights and a heightened political awareness.

Results of the June 22 "general elections" were announced the following morning. Successful candidates in the election were: Jim Potter (Federalist) -State Senator; Darlene Rouleau (Federalist) - House of Representatives; Gina Erwin (Populist) - County Sheriff; Christy Christmas (Populist) - Prosecuting Attorney; Jean Engler (Federalist) - County Clerk; Margie Krussell (Populist) -Registrar of Deeds; Douglas Knoerr (Populist) - County Drain Commissioner; Dan Egeler and Charlene Renner (Populists) - Supreme Court Justices; and Teresa Gasper and Rita Kettler (Populists) -State Board of Education.

Seminar Scrapbook



Tilt Sessions surfaced issues, concerns.



On the campaign trail with Dave Skjaerlund.



Youthful enthusiasm sparked rallies.

Farmers Honored Weekly by FBIG, Radio Network for Contributions to Agriculture

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 their community involvement.

The Farmer of the Week Award winners for June were:



ERWIN WEBER

Week of June 5 – Erwin Weber, 47, a dairy and cash crop farmer from Vassar in Tuscola County. Weber, who has been farming all his life, currently farms 240 acres and milks about 30 cows. He is a member of the Arbella Township Board of Review, past member of the Board of Trustees of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Millington and served on the new church's building committee; past commander of the Millington American Legion Post and current president of the local Legion Post corporation, and member of the Tuscola County Farm Bureau. Weber and his wife, Loretta, have four children.



DENNIS WANGLER

Week of June 12 - Dennis Wangler, who farms 650 acres and milks 100 cows on his dairy and beef operation near West Branch in Ogemaw County.

Branch in Ogemaw County. In addition to his dairy herd, Wangler has a herd of 150 top beef cattle. He farms with his wife and three sons. Wangler, 57, serves on the Ogemaw County Road Commission, is a director of the McDonald Co-Op Dairy, member of the Ogemaw County Farm Bureau, and winner of the 1972 Ogemaw County Farmer of the Year Award. He and his wife, Marrie, have seven children.



Week of June 18 -- Robert

Anderson, 34, a dairy and crop farmer from Paris in Mecosta County. He currently farms 700 acres, raises corn, hay and oats, and milks 70 cows. His total dairy herd numbers 170 head. Anderson is president of the Big Jackson School Board, member of the Home Township Zoning Board, treasurer and cadet counselor of the Woodville Christian Reformed Church, District 5 delegate to the Michigan Milk Producers Assn., past president of the Mecosta County M.A.B.C. Board, past board member of the Newaygo County branch of the Dairy Herd Improvement Assn., member of the board of the Mecosta County Farm Bureau, and past president of the Mecosta County Young Farmers. He and his wife, Betty Anne, have two children.



HENRY HUDSON

Week of June 25 -- Henry Hudson, 58, who milks a large dairy herd on 142 acres near Fowlerville in Livingston County. Hudson is Handy Township supervisor and tax assessor, member of the Livingston County Planning Commission, president of the Livingston County Farm Bureau, past Oakland County Champion Flock Master, and past member of the Livingston County Landfill Advisory Board, the County Township Association Advisory Board, and the American Country Life Association. Hudson and his wife, Olis, have two children.

For tips on possible uses of solar heating, we went to Dr. Merle Esmay, Agricultural Engineer at Michigan State University.

Hot Water

Hot water for house and/or farm use can be produced by passing the unheated water through a solar collector. All solar collectors work on the same basic principles. Light radiation enters the collector through glass or clear plastic; it is absorbed by a black surface that is consequently raised in temperature, and the heat is carried away by a fluid. It has been estimated that 30 to 60 percent of house hot water and 20 to 50 percent of dairy hot water can be heated by solar energy at a reasonable cost.

Barn Heating

Animal body heat produces a fairly warm environment, provided the enclosure is well insulated. But high humidity under these circumstances can be a problem. Ventilation air exchange is necessary to alleviate high humidity. If the ventilation air is preheated by a solar collector, humidity can be reduced while maintaining an optimum temperature.

For other ways to conserve energy through solar heating, write to Agricultural Engineering Department, Michigan State University, E. Lansing, MI 48824.

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MSU State Farm Management Tour...



An attractive garden at the entrance of the Lowing Farm will greet visitors on the State Farm Management Tour. Daughter Deborah is the pretty gardener.



Judy Koster and daughter Shellie are active in 4-H horse riding and showing programs. They, along with John and sons Bradley and Ken, will greet guests at their feeder cattle operation.



Alverne and Arlene Hop and children Lonnie, Tammy, Loma and Wanda will host visitors to their poultry operation. They have 53,500 layers and market eggs daily through the Hamilton Farm Bureau Co-op. Michigan State University's State Farm Management Tour, which features eight Michigan Farm Bureau members' agricultural operations, will be in Ottawa County, August 17.

"We selected farms we feel are representative of the type of agriculture found throughout the county," says Larry Stebbins, MSU Cooperative Extension Service director in Ottawa County.

MSU specialists will conduct public interviews with each farm host, probing the management practices used at the operation visited. The tour is sponsored by MSU's Department of Agricultural Economics and the Cooperative Extension Service. Coordination of the tour is being handled by Stebbins; Dr. Carl Hoyt, agriculture and marketing specialist in Ottawa County; and Dr. Myron Kelsey, MSU agricultural economics specialist. The stops are:

The stops a <u>10 a.m.</u>

- Ed Hanenburg (farm next to Eastmanville Exit on I-96). This is a 1,850-acre operation producing about 1,000 beef and 500 hogs an-



Dr. Don Paarlberg of Purdue University will speak on farm exports during the noon program, which is scheduled for Grand Valley College.

nually. The cropping program consists of 1,050 acres of corn, and the remaining tillable acreage is used for wheat and alfalfa. The farm features a highly automated feeding system which takes guesswork out of the ration formula and amount fed.

- G and B Farms, 6021 Chicago Drive, Zeeland, consists of 353 acres where onions, potatoes, cucumbers, alfalfa and corn as cash crops



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are grown. This is a part-nership between Bernard, Gerry and Russell Gelder who are also members of the Vriesland Co-op that aids in obtaining farm production stocks. This farm was started by the grandfather who in 1893 began growing celery, onions and other vegetables on 25 acres.

- Star Summit farm, 16th Avenue, Byron Center, operated by Henry and Ruth Baker. This is a registered Holstein dairy operation consisting of 200 acres that supports 40 head of cattle having a 20-year rolling herd average of 630 pounds of butterfat. Since Baker began the operation in 1957 the herd has produced seven Gold Medal cows and excellent

bulls, one selling for \$10,000. -- Albin and Cecilia Lothschutz, 17914 14th 17914 14th Avenue, Conklin, have a 520acre operation producing 4,000 hogs, 50 acres of apples, 390 acres of corn, 20 acres of hay, 30 acres of oats and 40 acres of wheat, plus about 30 feeder cattle annually. Hogs and cattle are marketed through local slaughterhouses and local buyers. Apples are marketed through local processors and through the farm market.

1:30 p.m. - John and Judy Koster, 11014 Linden Drive, Grand Rapids, operate 448 acres to produce 850 head of beef cattle, one-fourth of which are sold to local clients, the rest through processors. Crops grown include corn, oats and alfalfa.

- Dale and Sue Lowing, 17349 80th Avenue, Coopersville, made the transition from part-time to a full-time swine operation in 1974. They currently produce 290 acres of corn annually which is marketed through their feeder-finishing pig operation. Their nursery has 700 head capacity and finishing facilities can hold 550 head

-- Gordon and Shirley Schreur, 5857 Adams Street,



Drenthe, have 225 acres supporting 81 registered Holsteins that have a rolling herd average of 16,345 pounds of milk and 610 pounds of butterfat. Crops include corn, corn silage, hay and oats, which is marketed through the herd. A new dairy parlor, having a double-five herringbone pattern, was built in 1974.

- Alverne and Arlene Hop, 124th Avenue, Holland, started with 20 acres in 1956 and now have 53,000 layers supported by 600 acres used to produce corn that is fed through the poultry operation.



Dan, Doug and Tim, sons of Henry and Ruth Baker, give a helping hand on the Star Summit Farm, one of the stops on the Farm Management Tour.

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LORETTA LYNN - MCA-5 ALBUM \$2,98 Everybody Wants To Go To Heaven; Where No One Stands Alone; When They Ring Those Golden Bells; Peace In The Valley; If I Could Hear My Mother Pray Again; The Third Man; How Great Thou Art; Old Camp Meetin' Time; When I Hear My Children Pray; In The Sweet Bye And Bye; Where I Learned To Pray; I'd Rather Have Jesus. 8 TRACK TAPE - MCAT-5 \$4,98

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JIMMY MARTIN - MCA-79 ALBUM \$2.98 Sunny Side Of The Mountain; it Takes One To Know One; Guitar Picking President; Shenandoah Waita; Poor Eilen Smith; I'd Rather Have America; There's Better Times A Comin'; 20-20 Vision; I'm Comin' Back But I Don't Know When; Snow White Grave; John Henry; In The Pines. 8 TRACK TAPE - MCAT-79 \$4.98

JIMMY MARTIN - MCA-81 ALBUM \$2.98 You Don't Know My Mind; Homesick; Bear Tracks; Night; Grand Ole Opry Song; Who'll Sing For Me; Hold Whatcha Got; Before The Sun Goes Down; Cripple Creek; It's Not Like Home; All The Good Times Are Past And Gone; I Like To Hear 'Em Preach It. 8 TRACK TAPE - MCAT-81 \$4.98

JIMMY MARTIN - MCA-101 ALBUM \$2.98 Widow Maker; Six Days On The Road; I'll Never Take No For An Answer; I'm Thinking Tonight Of My Blue Eyes; There's More Pretty Girls Than One; Hey Lonesome; My Walking Shoes; Truck Driving Man; Ocean Of Diamonds; Truck Driver's Queen; The Old Man's Drunk Again; In Foggy Old London. 8 TRACK TAPE - MCAT-101 \$4.98

JIMMY MARTIN - MCA-115 ALBUM \$2.98 Big Country; Red Rooster; Crow On The Banjo; You Are My Sunshine; Uptown Blues; Orange Blossom Special; Wild Indian; Going Up Dry Branch; Little Maggie, She's So Sweet; Union County; Red River Valley; Theme Time. 8 TRACK TAPE - MCAT-115 \$4.98

JIMMY MARTIN - MCA-137 ALBUM \$2.98 Singing All Day And Dinner On The Ground; Lift Your Eyes To Jesus; My Lord Keeps A Record; God Is Always The Same; When The Savior Reached Down For Me; Shake Hands With Mother Again; Help Thy Brother; A Beautiful Life; Stormy Waters; Hold To God's Unchanging Hand; Little Angels In Heaven. 8 TRACK TAPE - MCAT-137 \$4.98

BILL MONROE - MCA-426 ALBUM \$2.98 Road Of Life; This World is Not My Home; Out in The Cold World; It's Me Again; Lord; I Will Sing For The Giory Of God; Beyond The Gate; Just Over The Giory Land; Pass Me Not; The Old Country Baptizing; Some-body Touched Me; Were You There. 8 TRACK TAPE - MCAT-426 \$4.98

BILL MONROE - MCA-17 ALBUM \$2.98 Molly And Tenbrooks: In The Pines; New Mule Skinner Blues; Uncle Pen; Cheyenne; Footprints In The Snow; Y'All Come; Gotta Travel On; Danny Boy; Roanoke; Four Walls. 8 TRACK TAPE - MCAT-17 \$4.98

BILL MONROE - MCA-82 ALBUM \$2.98 Linda Lou; Little Joe; Seven Year Blues; You Live In A World All Your Own; Time Changes Everything; Blue Grass Part One; Big River; Flowers Of Love; It's Mighty Dark To Travel; Sold Down The River; Put My Rubber Doll Away; Lonesome Road Blues. Blues. 8 TRACK TAPE - MCAT-82 \$4.98

BILL MONROE - MCA-88 ALBUM \$2.98 Little Maggie; Bugle Call Rag: Toy Heart; I'm Going Back To Old Kentucky; Live And Let Live; Nine Pound Hammer; Cotton Fields; John Hardy: Shady Grove; Danny Boy; Journey's End; Old Joe Clark. NO TAPE AVAILABLE

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BILL MONROE - MCA-110 ALBUM \$2.98 My Little Georgia Ross; Letter From My Darlin'; Memories Of Mother And Dad; High-way Of Sorrow; On The Old Kentucky Shore; On And On; My Dying Bed; Memories Of You; Whitehouse Blues; Sugar Coated Love; I'm Blue, I'm Lonesome; When The Golden Leaves Begin To Fall. NO TAPE AVAILABLE

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BILL MONROE - MCA-131 ALBUM \$2.98 Let The Light Shine Down On Me; Lord Protect My Soul; Wait A Little Longer Please Jesus; A Voice From On High; I'm Working On A Building; Don't Put Off Till Tomorrow; He Will Set Your Fields Afire; Get Down On Your Knees And Pray; Boat Of Love; Walking In Jerusalem Just Like John; River Of Death. B TRACK TAPE - MCAT-131 \$4.98

BILL MONROE - MCA-136 ALBUM \$2.98 I Live In The Past; Cripple Creek; Last Old Dollar: The Long Black Vell; Log Cabin In The Lane; I Want To Go With You; Kentucky Man-dolin; Sally Goodin; Never Again; Is The Blue Moon Still Shining; Fire On The Mountain. 8 TRACK TAPE - MCAT-136 \$4.98

BILL MONROE - MCA-527 ALBUM \$2.98 I Saw The Light; I'll Meet You in The Morn-ing; Life's Railway To Heaven; Lord, Lead Me On; Wayfaring Stranger; Beautiful Life; Pre-cious Memories; House Of Gold; I've Found A Hiding Place; Jesus Hold My Hand; I Am A Pilgrim; Lord, Build Me A Cabin in Glory. 8 TRACK TAPE - MCAT-527 \$4.98

JIMMIE DAVIS - MCA-269 ALBJM \$2.98 I Wouldn't Take Nothin' For My Journey Now; How Great Thou Art; One More Valley; Someone To Care; Wasted Years; Supper Time; When God Dips His Love In My Heart; Taller Than Trees; Who Am I?; Near The Cross; His Marvelous Grace. 8 TRACK TAPE - MCAT-269 \$4.98 BILL MONROE - MCA-500 ALBUM \$2.98 BILL MONROE - MCA-116 ALBUM \$2.98 Turkey In The Straw; I Wonder Where You Caney; The Dead March; The Lee Weddin' Tune; Poor White Folks; Candy Gai, Texas Gallop; The Old Gray Mare Came Tearing Out Of The Wilderness; Heel And Toe Polka; 8 TRACK TAPE - MCAT-269 \$4.98 8 TRACK TAPE - MCAT-500 \$4.98 BILL MONROE - MCA-116 ALBUM \$2.98 Turkey in The Straw; I Wonder Where You Are Tonight; That's All Right; All The Good Times Are Past And Gone; Pretty Fair in The Garden; Roll On Buddy Roll On; Blue Night; Midnight On The Stormy Deep; Were You There; It Makes No Difference; Dusty Miller; When My Blue Moon Turns To Gold. 8 TRACK TAPE - MCAT-116 \$4.98

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BILL MONROE - MCA-226 ALBUM \$2.98 I'll Meet You in Church Sunday Morning; Drifting Too Far From The Shore; Master Builder; I Found The Way; We'll Understand It Better; Let Me Rest At The End Of The Journey; Going Home; One Of God's Sheep; Way Down Deep In My Soul; On The Jericho Road; Farther Along; The Glory Land Way. 8 TRACK TAPE - MCAT-226 \$4.98

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OSBORNE BROTHERS - MCA-135 ALBUM \$2.98 Ruby, Are You Mad; Listening To The Rain; Thanks For All The Yesterday's; Siempre; Let Me Be The First To Know; The Fightin Side Of Me; Tennessee Hound Dog; World Of Forgotten People; Somebody's Back In Town; Put If Off Until Tomorrow; Mid-night Angel. 8 TRACK TAPE - MCAT-135 \$4.98

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"Dole Country" Rally Held for Kansas Senator

Nearly 300 area residents, farmers and politicians turned out to hear Senator Robert J. Dole of Kansas speak on farm policy at a "Farmers Rally" on July 15 at the farm of Neal and Barbara Rogers near Eaton Rapids in Eaton County. Dole, who was the running mate for Republican Presidential candidate Gerald R. Ford in the last election, was on a statewide swing speaking on farm policy.

Sponsored by local leaders of the American Agricultural Movement (AAM), the rally, dubbed "Dole Country," was designed to show appreciation to Dole for his support for the American farmer, and to bring attention to the Cederberg Bill, H.R. 12777, the Economic Recovery Act of 1978, presented in the U.S. House of Representatives by Michigan's 10th District Congressman Elford Cederberg.

Cederberg. The Economic Recovery Act of 1978 would (1) establish

Ad Campaign Promotes Cooperatives

The National Council of Farmer Cooperatives, for the fourth year, has instituted an advertising campaign which emphasizes the benefits to consumers as the result of farmer cooperatives.

The series of ads appear in the WASHINGTON POST and a weekly radio program "McCaffrey's Washington," a congressional radio program on WMAL in Washington, D.C. The ob-

Washington, D.C. The objective of this campaign is to create an understanding among U.S. Congressmen of the importance and scope of farmer-owned cooperatives.

One such ad appears in this issue of the MICHIGAN FARM NEWS. Farm Bureau Services, Inc. and Farmers Petroleum Cooperative, Inc., as well as several other Michigan farmer cooperatives, are members of the National Council of Farmer Cooperatives.

In addition to the series of ads in the WASHINGTON POST and the weekly radio program, the Council has prepared a booklet entitled "What Your Legislator Should Know About Farmer Cooperatives." This booklet is an excellent reference piece for use by both national and state legislators, as it covers several kinds of farmer cooperatives and their role in the marketplace. It also reviews cooperative legislation including the Capper-Volstead Act.

Copies of this booklet may be requested through the Public Relations Department, Farm Bureau Services, Inc., P.O. Box 30960, Lansing, Michigan 48909 a 57-man national Board of Agricultural Governors appointed by the President; (2) authorize the Board to determine production goals, acreage, allotments and marketing quotas for all agricultural commodities subject to producer referendum; (3) make it illegal to buy, sell or trade a commodity at less than 100 percent or more than 110 percent of the established price which is based on parity or cost of production, whichever is greater; (4) provide a mechanism for acquiring government-held reserve stocks of commodities; and (5) establish policies for restricting imported agricultural commodities.

The goal is to move to 100 percent of parity "at the marketplace" during the next five years by establishing farm commodity prices at 85 percent of parity in 1979, 90 percent in 1980, 95 percent in 1981 and 100 percent in 1982. This follows the concept set forth in the House passed Humphrey-Hawkins Bill to move agriculture to 100 percent of parity at the marketplace over a five-year period.

Neal Rogers, Eaton County leader for the AAM, and parttime dairy farmer, stated that the AAM will be asking the support of all farm organizations in backing the Cederberg Bill.

At this time, Farm Bureau does not have a position on the Cederberg Bill. Congress is not expected to enact further farm legislation this year.

Asked why the AAM and the AFL-CIO had formed an alliance, Rogers stated that by asking the unions for help in gaining full parity for farmers, farmers could help reduce unemployment by 2.5 percent. What would the unions expect in return for the support of the farmer; Rogers believes they (the unions) don't want anything! The major speaker at the

rally, however, was Senator Dole, who said, "The American farmer is a resource we better preserve, and Congress has an obligation to look at rural America and understand its problems."

Referring to President Carter's recent decision to allow additional beef imports into the U.S., Dole stated, "The American family farmer paid the price for the additional beef imports." Dole further added, "The

Dole further added, "The American farmer has been shunted off to the side by both parties and that if the farmer doesn't make it in the marketplace, no one else will. Everybody up and down Main Street relies on the American farmer."

Dole concluded by saying, "The American farmer expects honest and candid responses from his elected officials, and expects them to be helpful in the right way."



Congressman Garry Brown (R-Schoolcraft) and Kansas Senator Robert Dole were escorted in a horse-drawn wagon to the Farmers Rally by Eaton County Sheriff Art Kelsey and a county deputy.

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A strong farmer cooperative is a well-managed business owned by the farmers who use it. Working together, farmers are a healthy influence in the food market. As individuals, they couldn't begin to compete with the corporate giants in the food system. However, through cooperatives, individual family farmers can develop some muscle in the marketplace. Co-ops help family farmers hold onto their precious independence—probably the main reason why 5 out of 6 American farmers belong to one or more co-ops.

American agriculture and the American consumer have both thrived on our family farm system. Farmer cooperatives help keep that system healthy.

This message was brought to you by Farm Bureau Services, Inc., and Farmers Petroleum Cooperative, both members of the National Council of Farmer Cooperatives.



Bulletin from Bonnie

By Bonnie Carpenter MFB Outstanding Young Farm Woman



Let's Have Clean, Safe Farms

Walking or cycling down a country lane this time of year never fails to arouse my indignation when I see the mountains of cans, bottles and bags of trash thoughtlessly thrown from cars. I'm sure that those of you who have had to destroy hay because of broken glass or pull tabs share that anger and frustration.

I applauded the ban on nonreturnable bottles and cans passed by the voters of this state in 1976. That ban will be taking effect this coming year, but I wonder why more isn't done to combat the littering problem. I realize that it is almost impossible to identify and prosecute those who are responsible for littering. Perhaps the only solution is to change the attitude of motorists to one of respect for the countryside and for the families who reside along these country roads.

As my anger builds over the problem, I cannot help thinking about the _appearance of some farms in the area. Can you imagine yourself complaining to local officials about the trashlittered roadside when your own farm looks like the city dump -- unused, rusty machinery, empty oil cans and pesticide containers littering the yard and deteriorating sheds creating an eyesore for all who pass by?

I am certainly not making a case on behalf of litterbugs, but I've heard the excuses of farm families where these conditions exist. Ranging from "We're too busy" to "This is a WORKING farm not a hobby farm," these excuses are pretty lame if you stop and think about it. In our area, the best managed farms tend to be the best kept, too. And that fact doesn't surprise me because I know that every working day

can be more productive if tools are kept in the proper place, if machinery put away properly to reduce weather damage and if livestock areas are kept free of trash.

Sure, it will take time to clean up that too easily ac-cumulated junk, but I am willing to guarantee that the time will be recovered in efficiency many times over.

And if Dad won't start the project, Mom and the kids can . . . If there's a teenager in the family that needs some extra money (and they always do) offer them the money from scrap metal they've cleaned up. As for the men that leave tools all over the yard, the youngsters and Mom can pick up abandoned tools and charge a fine when Dad or older brothers want them back. A 4or 5-year-old can tackle this job with real zest. Can you imagine Dad trying to explain to his 4-year-old why he doesn't pick up his tools when the "law of the land" dictates that the youngster's toys must be put away when he's finished playing? There simply is no way Dad can win that argument.

Maybe you will argue that you cannot afford to paint and maintain those farm buildings. But the truth is that you can't afford NOT to when look you at current replacement costs . .. Even if you are not using a barn, junk should be cleared away and the weeds or grass cut around it to keep down the rodent

population on your farm. We are all proud to be farmers and we should have pride in the appearance and the safe environment of our farms. Let's face it, we have a choice as farmers to either clean up our own farm properties or sit around and wait for a government regulation to enforce what we know is a matter of personal pride and common sense.

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P. Women Hold Rally

Michigan Farm Bureau Women's District 11 includes the entire Upper Peninsula and that fact alone presents special program challenges to the Farm Bureau leaders in those far Northern Michigan counties. East and West District vice chairmen have effectively carried out the program of work and activities under a single district chairman. That committee structure will be continued because it works, nevertheless, in the spirit of their 1978-79 program theme, "Stretch and Grow", the Farm Bureau Women of District 11 set a new precedent when a single Spring Rally was planned for the entire district. The rally, held at Northern Michigan University in Marquette on June 7, also marked the beginning of a new program of work for the Farm Bureau Women.

In a business meeting which headed the morning

Copper Country Farm Bureau was elected first vicechairman and Sue Granskog. Menominee County Farm Bureau was elected as second vice-chairman. Members of District 11 East selected Ellen Robere, Hiawathaland Farm Bureau, to serve as chairman with Elizabeth LaTulip, Hiawathaland Farm Bureau as vice-chairman.

Special guest speaker at the morning session was Mrs. Martha Thuemmel. Mrs. Thuemmel, who is a member of the Huron County Farm Bureau and a leader in the Farm Bureau Women's organization, was a delegate to the Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW) Assembly in Nairobe, Kenya. As Mrs. Thuemmel shared her own "stretch and grow" experiences in Farm Bureau and with the ACWW, she urged the District 11 women to set priorities for their own lives and to make Farm Bureau activities one of those

the presentation of Mr. Ken Cassidy, national director of Manpower Development, Vigortone Products Com-pany, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Mr. Cassidy called farmers "too complacent" and said that they must begin to realize the extent of their potential influence. "There is a need", he told the women, "to develop more Farm Power.

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Organic Growers Hold Field Day

The Southwest Chapter of the Organic Growers of Michigan held an educational and family-oriented Field Day on July 15 at the School of Homesteading in Bangor.

Those attending the Field Day saw educational exhibits and presentations on organic gardening, pest control, small farm economics and were provided a walking tour of a working small farm, equipment investment and a general philosophy of life and





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A Day in the Life of a Regional Representative

"Active committees--that's what builds a County Farm Bureau"--Rudy Reinbold, Saginaw Valley



"I've got 50c; who will give me 75c ... 75 – who will give me \$1? Everyone ought to have one of these ... doilies?" Rudy plays auctioneer at the Bay County Women's meeting.

Story By Donna Wilber Photos by Marcia Ditchie

A twinkle in the eye that seldom fades, a quick wit, and a working knowledge of agriculture and its unique problems -- make Rudy Reinbold a popular and respected Farm Bureau representative in the Saginaw Valley region.

A lifetime farmer and a Farm Bureau member since 1942, Rudy first became active in the organization as a membership chairman for Saginaw County. His success in this role led to other leadership positions, including county president. It was while Rudy was Saginaw County president that Larry DeVuyst (now on the MFB board), who was serving as regional representative for the Saginaw Valley, accepted a position as manager of the MACMA Feeder Pig Division. Rudy filled the vacancy Larry left in September of 1969 and he's been regional representative of the Saginaw Valley ever since.

This makes him, in terms of experience, years of service and (shh!) age, one of the "senior" members of the field force, along with Don Ruhlig (South) and Hugo Kivi (Upper Peninsula).

The experience and years of service were evident when FARM NEWS editors spent their day with Rudy recently; the age wasn't. Perhaps it was his years as a semi-pro baseball player and brass band member that give him the stamina to attend a late night board meeting and still face the next demanding day with vigor.

Our day began with an early morning call on Lyle LeCronier, Bay County Farm

Bureau president. The heavy topics here clear any mental cobwebs as Rudy and Lyle discuss a "hot" local issue – the Bay County Farm Bureau's opposition to a proposal that would make the county manager an elected position.

With the able assistance of county secretary Ellen Peppel, Lyle was in the process of drafting a statement voicing that opposition and explaining that an administrator appointed by the board of commissioners would be more responsive to that elected body and would not have veto power over the board. The statement was issued to all Bay County news media to share the concerns of local farmers on this issue and let the public know that the county Farm Bureau is a strong, vocal voice in the community.

Sandwiched in between two affiliate company stops – Farm Bureau Services in Pinconning and Farmers Petroleum Cooperative in Linwood – to leave wheat marketing program information, is a visit with Mike Schwab, Bay County Policy Development chairman. Rudy and Mike discuss the problem of getting members involved in the P.D. process and also review political activities and AgriPAC's selection of "Friends of Agriculture" in their area. A noon luncheon business

A noon luncheon business meeting of the Bay County Farm Bureau Women's Committee is next on the agenda. FARM NEWS editors ignore the calorie counter and enjoy the culinary delights of the Farm Bureau Women, then ponder: "How do these Regional Reps manage to stay so trim?" With the able assistance of Rudy as a persistent, enthusiastic auctioneer, the women replenish their treasury with the proceeds of an auction. The lively bidding on the donated items proves that one person's "junk" is another person's "treasure."

An afternoon stop at the Saginaw County Farm Bureau office, where Rudy chatted with Insurance agent Dwight Ulman, surfaces some interesting topics. Ulman is a vice president of the Michigan United Conservations Clubs, so he and Rudy discuss a planned MUCC-Farm Bureau cooperative effort -- a statewide litter clean-up and a controversial issue on which the two groups find themselves currently at odds, the dredging of the river at the Saginaw grain terminal. The busy, efficiently operated Saginaw office -- with its own Credit Union and large meeting room -- reflects the fact that it serves the largest membership in the state.

Rudy credits former Saginaw County president Howard Ebenhoeh with "opening his eyes on how a county Farm Bureau should be run," especially regarding the training and activation of committees. Howard, Rudy recalls, started Saginaw County's tradition of calling the committees in to develop a program of work for the year ahead. This tradition, he believes, has been largely responsible for the growth and effectiveness of the county Farm Bureau, and has also served as a pattern for other counties.

"Active committees -that's what builds a county Farm Bureau," says Rudy, "but it does take time." And he shares this philosophy with all the counties in the Saginaw Valley -- Bay, Gratiot, Isabella, Midland and Saginaw.

Surfacing leadership and keeping a program going – closely related concerns – are the biggest challenges of a regional representative, Rudy believes. "And the challenge is greater because you have to continually surface new leaders. If you don't, county Farm Bureaus can become stale after awhile. It's becoming easier, I think. The younger members usually have already had some leadership training and are ready to use it," he explains.

What's the most satisfying part of his job? "A good program. It shows you that you've done a good job of surfacing leadership to make the program a success."



Rudy and Bay County President, Lyle LeCronier, discuss the county Farm Bureau's position on a local issue.



Farm Bureau's Wheat Marketing Program is explained to Bill Daniels at Farm Bureau Services in Pinconning . . .



. . . and also to Linwood Farmers Petroleum Cooperative Manager Ben Jammer.



Rudy and Bay County Farm Bureau Secretary Ellen Peppel check the local newspaper for what others are saying on a local issue of concern.

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By Greg Sheffield

GENERAL - The supply situation is one of good availability in almost availability everything. Most supplies for summer use were in strong demand, but few shortages were noted.

Farm Bureau dealers were making arrangements now for fall needs. Emphasis on fall planting and harvesting chores and the inputs required are part of dealer-

farmer planned conferences. FERTILIZERS - Stocks of fertilizers for fall application to wheat fields and pasture lands are excellent now. Prices are still low and represent good buys for farmers. Farm Bureau wheat starters, designed specifically for Michigan conditions, offer a good return to farmers in terms of higher yields.

The addition to anhydrous ammonia to silage has been catching on. However, it would be wise to consult your dealer before using it. FEED SUPPLIES

Dealers are promoting the large variety of feeds offered by Farm Bureau at highly competitive prices. Dairy farmers with some of the higher rolling herd averages in Michigan have been making written statements showing they achieve their gains with the help of Farm Bureau NU PRO Dairy Feed. The exclusive formulation in NU PRO Dairy Feed boosts high producing cows to even greater volume. LSA, liquid silage additive,

is getting to be a standby for many dairy farmers putting

Pakistani Farmers Visit

Six Pakistani farm leaders were hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Jackson of Howell during a visit to Michigan last month. While in Michigan, the Pakistani farmers toured farms and agriculturerelated industries.

The Pakistani farm leaders arrived in the United States in mid-June and visited agricultural areas of Florida and California before arriving in Michigan. After leaving Michigan, they went to Pennsylvania prior to returning to Pakistan in mid-July.

The Jacksons spent five weeks in Pakistan last winter as participants in the farm leader exchange program sponsored by Farmers and World Affairs, Inc., a non-profit educational organization which works in cooperation with the U.S. Department of State and major U.S. farm organiza-tions to promote mutual knowledge and un-derstanding among farm peoples of the world. up silage. They like the idea of improving silage nutrients this simple inexpensive way.

Milk replacers, both Farm Bureau Insty Milk and Farm Bureau Milk Replacer, are special buys now at dealers. Fly sprays, too, our own cooperative brand, UNICO Fly Sprays, are an especially good buy. ANIMAL HEALTH BUYS --

SUPPLY REPORT

Now, before cooler weather arrives, is the best time to buy animal health products, and Farm Bureau dealers are well stocked. With cooler weather and more diseases, there's greater demand.

Work out your animal health needs in a program approach and take advantage of the savings in service, time and better results. Farm Bureau dealers will be glad to sit down with you in your

planning. ANTIFREEZE OUTLOOK - Farmers Petroleum has lined up some particularly good buys on antifreeze, and it's not too early to plan your intentions with your dealer. CUSTOM DIESEL FUEL

RECOMMENDED - If you're contemplating getting new equipment this fall, be sure and plan on using Farmers

Petroleum's exclusive Custom Diesel Fuel. It's made especially for diesel equipment and helps motors last longer and perform better. Dealers have details

on helping you care for your expensive diesel equipment. FALL MOTOR OIL BOOKINGS - Dealers will soon be taking orders for UNICO motor oil and grease bookings. Fall is one of the best times to buy oil from Farmers Petroleum. Dealers will help you with your maintenance planning. TIRES - Farm tractor tires

are in excellent supply for

FRANJES 0 most sizes. Tires for wagons

used for harvesting and fertilizer equipment are moving at a good pace. Passenger tires have also been in strong demand all summer.



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August 8	Primary Elections	Statewide
August 10-11	International Grape Mee Holiday Inn, West Kalamazoo	ting
August 16	Statewide Cabinet Meetin Emphasis on Policy Dev Dr. Howard Tanner, DN Luncheon Speaker	elopment
	Hilton Inn Lansing	
August 21-22	69th Annual Meeting West Holden Hall	ssoclation
August 23	Michigan State University	
August 23	District 3 Farm Bureau W Fall Council Meeting	omen's
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September 7	District 8 Farm Bureau W Fall Council Meeting Camp Monroe, St. Louis	omen's
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September 12	District 6 Farm Bureau W Fall Council Meeting Teal's Restaurant, Marlette	omen's
September 13	District 2 Farm Bureau Wo Fall Council Meeting Hillsdale County Office, Hillsdale	omen's
September 14	District 1 Farm Bureau We Fall Council Meeting Van Buren County Office, Paw Paw	omen's

Local SCS Offices Set Public Meeting Dates

- August 1 Hillsdale County, 4-H Building, Fairgrounds Bay County, Fraser Township Hall Livingston County, Brighton High School Cafeteria
- August 2 Macomb County, Chesterfield Township Hall, Richmond Livingston County, Hartland Township Hall
- August 3 Bay County, Merritt Township Hall Eaton County, Eaton County Board of Commissioners Room, Charlotte
- August 7 Livingston County, Highlander Way Middle School, Howell Livingston County, 4-H Building, Fairgrounds
- August 8 Washtenaw County , County Service Center, Ann Arbor Livingston County, Unadilla Town Hall
- August 9 Oakland County, Michigan State University Management Training Center, Pontiac. Ottawa County, Farm Bureau Office, Allendale
- August 10 Jackson County, Jackson Community College, Rm. 218 McDevitt Hall, Jackson Livingston County, Cohoctah Town Hall
- August 13 Monroe County, Monroe County Community College, Monroe
- August 15 Livingston County, Tyrone Town Hall
- August 22 Calhoun County, The B.E. Henry Building, Marshall

Alice Happel Honored by MSU



Alice Happen of Burr Oak, Farm Bureau Women's District 1 vice-chairman, received a Silver Salute Award from the Michigan State University Family Education Program for excellence in community leadership. Rep. Mark D. Siljander presented the award.

Alice Happel, Farm Bureau Women's District 1 Vice-Chairman from St. Joseph County, received the Cooperative Extension Family Living Silver Salute Award for outstanding achievement in community leadership.

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The award was presented to Mrs. Happel during College Week for Women at Michigan State University in June. It recognizes her leadership in local, county and state affairs.

She has been a 4-H club leader for 16 years and an Extension study group member for 21 years, and has served on numerous committees, the county 4-H council and the county Extension homemakers council. In addition, she has held a variety of council offices and represented St. Joseph County at a National Extension Homemakers conference.

Mrs. Happel has been an active member of the Happy Farmers Community Farm Bureau group for 20 years, holding various offices and serving on a host of county committees. In 1976, she was a "Legislative Leader" at the Washington Legislative Seminar.

She has been a member of the Association for Retarded Children for 15 years, serving on county committees and collecting and delivering material and monetary

August 11 is Deadline for Fruit Sale Orders

The Direct Marketing "Member-to-Member" program will be conducting the frozen fruit sale during the month of August. Products being offered this year include frozen fruit, frozen vegetables, apple cider, orange juice, ham, bacon, and hot dogs. These products are of only the highest quality, and can be obtained

by placing an order through the County Farm Bureau.

The order deadline is Friday, August 11. If your county is participating in the sale, contact the secretary or "member to member" coordinator for further details and prices. Act now and take advantage of this "service to member" program.

PARTICIPATING COUNTIES

Arenac Gratiot Alcona Hillsdale Alpena Ingham Barry Iosco Bay Iron Range Calhoun Isabella Chippewa Jackson Clare Lapeer Clinton Lenawee Copper Country Livingston Eaton Mac-Luce Emmet Mecosta Genesee Menominee

Midland Montcalm Montmorency Oakland Ogemaw Otsego Presque Isle Saginaw Sanilac St. Clair Tuscola Van Buren donations to the State Home for the Retarded.

Her contributions to education in her community include organizing and serving as president of the Parent - Teacher Association in her district, and serving on the study committee that led to the establishment of Glen Oaks Community College in 1969.

Wiseman New Vice-Chairman of MAIC



Robert Wiseman, executive vice-president of Farm Bureau Insurance Group, has been selected vice-chairman of the Michigan Association of Insurance Companies (MAIC).

Wiseman, who has headed Farm Bureau Insurance Group since 1974, will also serve as chairman of the MAIC executive committee.

The MAIC is a non-profit public information organization representing 46 insurance companies, most of which are Michigan based. Wiseman and other new officers were selected during the association's recent annual meeting at Bellaire.

Farm Bureau Support for Blood Drive Sought

According to Farm Bureau Women's program manager, Helen Atwood, the Great Helen Regional Red Cross Lakes Blood Center recently con-tacted the Michigan Farm, Bureau Women to promote participation in the 34-county area blood donor program. "Because of past par-ticipation of the Lansing Farm Bureau Center and several county Farm Bureau organizations in our region, we are hoping to extend that we are noping to extend that participation to include Farm Bureaus in our other coun-ties," said Mrs. Heidi Owsley, Lansing Red Cross Con-sultant. "By passing on in-formation about blood donation, we will be able to reach a wide cross-section of the region's potential donor population that we could not reach otherwise.

The Great Lakes Regional Red Cross Blood Center contributes to the health of the 34 participating counties by providing whole blood and blood components to meet patient needs. Several bloodmobiles operate each day in the Great Lakes area. All blood is from voluntary donors and their continued support is essential for the program to be a success. Sponsoring organizations, cooperating with the Regional Red Cross program consultants, establish mobile

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sites for collection of blood and help to educate the public about the Red Cross Blood Program.

Such a program has been conducted in the Shiawassee County Farm Bureau as part of the County Farm Bureau Women's program of work. Beth Dutcher, County Women's Committee

Chairperson, been has associated with the activity for several years and ex-plains the shared responsibilities of the Red Cross and

the sponsoring organization. "About a month before the blood drive in this area, the Farm Bureau Women arrange for an adequate facility and start publicizing the event. Personal contacts

with Farm Bureau members and our neighbors begin about two weeks before the date of the blood drive. The Red Cross also makes some contacts in the community, so we generally have a good response." Members of the Women's Committee provide cookies and sandwiches for the canteen, where donors rest briefly after giving blood. Approximately 12 women are needed to work in the canteen and assist the Red Cross personnel. "Our responsibilities are chiefly supportive," says Beth, "Our Farm Bureau members and donors from the community are the really important people involved in this annual project."

Farm Bureau members in the Great Lakes Region (indicated on the accompanying map) may contact the Lansing or Muskegon Red Cross Blood Centers for information about dates and locations of the bloodmobile in their vicinity. Red Cross consultants at either of these locations will also work with county Farm Bureaus who wish to sponsor a blood drive. Interested individuals outside of the Great Lakes Red Cross Region should contact their county Red Cross facility for further information.

Michigan Agricultural Products

Promoted

Six Michigan food com-Six Michigan food com-panies and the Michigan Department of Agriculture participated in a U.S. food exhibit on July 25 through 27 in Caracas, Venezuela. Participating companies and products were: cheese fudge from Herbruck's Cheese Counter in St. Johns:

Cheese Counter in St. Johns; soynuts from INARI of Lansing; peanut butter by Koeze Company of Wyoming; assorted canned fruits, vegetables, pie fillings and puddings from both Michigan Fruit Canners in Benton Harbor and Traverse City Canning & West Bay Exports of Traverse City; and popcorn from Robert's

Packaging of Battle Creek. MDA's International Trade division staff members, Sam DeCarlo and Laurie Kreiger, represented Michigan and assisted the delegation of Michigan companies.

According to DeCarlo, this was the first major U.S. food show held in Venezuela and the largest ever held in South America. Venezuela's in-terest in Michigan products is generated by a strong economic climate that permits import of a high volume of processed foods, he said.

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PCA Celebrates World Record



So far as Production Credit Associations can tell, they've set a world's record in production and distribution with their "Farming is everybody's bread and butter" bumper sticker. So they turned loose a farm truckload of matching balloons from the courtyard of the Farm Credit Banks building in downtown St. Paul to signify their claim for the record. As members of the Farm Credit Board of St. Paul released the tarp, more than 800

two-foot-long helium-filled balloons swirled up out of the truck

box and soared across the sky. If placed one per bumper of intermediate size cars standing bumper to bumper in a single lane, the line would reach from Minneapolis to Miami, Fla., probably creating the world's longest traffic jam. Laid end to end, the bumper stickers would reach more than 128 miles; they would weigh more than 10½ tons.



Agent Celebrates

25 Years

Ken Willard, recruited as an agent for Farm Bureau Insurance Group in 1952 while

picking corn on his farm near Coopersville, is celebrating his 25th year with FBIG. Willard was a full time farmer when he joined the young insurance company, which was only three years old at the time. Since then he old at the time. Since then, he has received many production awards for his high standards of sales and

service. Willard, who serves the northern part of Ottawa County, recently received a gold watch from FBIG in honor of his 25 years as an agent, and was the guest of honor at Ken Willard Day, a day-long outing attended by many of his fellow agents. His son, Bob, is also an agent for Farm Bureau

Insurance Group, making them one of more than a dozen father-son agent teams working for FBIG.

Farm Bureau Has New Legal Counsel

Roland T. (Ron) Baumann II joined the Farm Bureau staff on May 1 as Assistant General Counsel. A native of the Bloomfield Hills area, Baumann Is a graduate of Wayne State University Law School and, prior to assuming his present position, he was in private practice in Southfield, Michigan.

Clinton FB Hosts City Guests



Thirsty boys drink from an old fashioned pitcher pump at Uncle John's Cider Mill, north of St. Johns, during Clinton County's recent Rural-Urban Day. Eric Marvin, son of Lansing City Police helicopter pilot, Charles Marvin, drinks from the fountain as Jeanne Borton, Clinton County Farm Bureau Women's Committee secretary and her grandson, Nathan, look on: The 125 farmers and city guests toured three farms before arriving at John Beck's cider mill for a pig roast and picnic lunch.

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An Agricultural Concern Of Interest to Everyone The value of agricultural imports coming into the U.S. has

been increasing at a faster rate than the shipment of farm

In 1977, exports of U.S. farm products were up about five

But imports of agricultural products into the U.S. showed a

Expanded foreign markets as an outlet for the efficient

production of U.S. farmers is needed not only to help temper

domestic food costs, but also to improve the country's trade

Government **Farm Programs**

The role of the federal government in relation to farm prices and income continues to be a highly controversial issue.

Prices of many farm products tend to be unstable due to variations in the weather; the large number of producers who make independent decisions on what is to be produced; the time required to increase or decrease production; and inelastic consumer demand. Prices farmers pay generally fluctuate less than the prices farmers receive, and this often leads to a cost-price squeeze. This problem has been compounded by squeeze. This problem has been compounded by inflation and speculation in farmland. The average value of an acre of farmland rose 105 percent between March 1, 1973 and February 1, 1978. The Consumer Price Index (a measure of inflation) rose 45 percent in a roughly com-parable 5 year period. Rising land values create a need for higher product prices. Many different types of farm programs have been tried; some have worked better than others; but all have led to problems. ...Programs that raise market prices tend to encourage production and to reduce both

encourage production and to reduce both domestic consumption and exports. Such programs can lead to large government expenditures; to government-owned surpluses which set a ceiling on market prices; and to acreage allotments and marketing quotas which interfere with the efficient use of farm resources.

domestic consumers, are inconsistent with the economic principle that trade should be based on comparative advantage, encourage the proliferation of measures that restrict in-ternational trade, including U.S. exports, and lead to government control of exports. The adverse effects of price support

programs on domestic consumption and exports can be reduced -- eliminated if other countries do not take counteraction -- by substituting direct payments for measures to support market prices. But direct payments require budget expenditures; such expenditures are vulnerable to political attack and invite limitations on payments to individuals.

whether made effective by loans or payments – tend to be capitalized into the price of land that can produce the affected product or the right to grow this product if the program includes a



quota or base which can be transferred. The capitalization of program benefits increases production costs as land changes hands and

production costs as land changes hands and reduces our ability to compete for markets. ... Performance payments for taking land out of production interfere with the market system less than high level loans or target prices, but such payments are vulnerable to political attack. The severity of the problems encountered in supporting farm prices or income is directly related to the support level - the higher the level the more severe the problems. Current farm programs are built on experience and represent programs are built on experience and represent an effort to keep the problems of supporting farm prices and income within manageable limits. Direct production controls (marketing quotas) have been abandoned for all commodities except peanuts, some types of tobacco, and extra long staple cotton. The laws now applicable to wheat, upland cotton, feed grains, and rice include authority for price support loans, target prices, deficiency payments, disaster protection, acreage set-asides, payments for the diversion of additional acreage, and a grazeout program for wheat. Some commodities such as soybeans, are supported by loans with no provision for adjustments in production. Milk used for manufacturing is supported through the purchase of manufactured products, and this indirectly supports the price of fluid milk.

Current Problems and Issues

Some people say that loan rates and-or target prices should be much higher. While target prices theoretically could be raised without raising loan rates, the increased cost of higher target prices would create political pressure for higher loan rates which could price U.S. farm products out of their markets.

... People differ on how farmers should be paid for taking land out of production. One ap-proach requires producers to set aside an acreage equal to a percentage of their planted acreage to qualify for program benefits. A second makes performance payments for the

acreage that is set aside. A third requires that some land be set aside to qualify for program benefits and makes performance payments for the voluntary diversion of additional acres. A fourth approach -- sometimes called the flexible parity program -- offers producers a graduated scale of target prices, up to full parity, for in-creasing the percentage of their acreage that is set aside.

. . . Some people say that the only thing we need is a law which would prohibit anyone from buying or selling a farm product at less than its parity price. The big question here is - What would happen if farmers produced more than the market would take at parity prices? Current law requires the Secretary of

Agriculture to support the price of milk used for manufacturing at not less than 80 percent of parity until March 31, 1979. The current dairy program includes built-in escalators which cause support prices to run ahead of inflation. In 1977 CCC purchases of dairy products were the equivalent of nearly 7 percent of milk production.

Farm Bureau Policy

.... Favors a market-oriented agriculture because we believe farmers will do better under the market than under government management.

. . . Seeks to avoid programs that would (1) make farmers dependent on government payments on a continuing basis, or (2) establish a government-controlled stockpile of agricultural commodities.

. Favors effective use of set-aide authority, if necessary, to avoid burdensome surpluses. Opposes per farm limitations on government payments.

Questions

... What changes, if any, should be made in (1) Farm Bureau's general approach to government farm programs, and (2) the current programs for individual commodities?

Marketing and Bargaining -- Programs and Problems

The marketing of agricultural products con-tinues to be one of the greatest challenges to farmers and ranchers and their organizations.

While marketing systems for agricultural commodities operate daily, modifications of the systems may result in better incomes for producers.

Farm Bureau - at both the state and national levels -- has been active since its origin in helping farmers to establish new marketing programs and to improve established programs. Since 1960, the American Agricultural Marketing Association has given leadership and direction to this effort.

Many AAMA-affiliated programs have been effective in improving producers' income. A large number of non-AAMA-affiliated marketing organizations, established by state Farm Bureaus to market grain, livestock, dairy products, and fruits and vegetables, are among the leading farmer cooperatives in the country.

While there are many success stories, many efforts to organize agricultural marketing programs have failed due to a lack of understanding of the requirements for successful marketing programs.

Many farmers and ranchers do not recognize

that a great commitment of money, manpower, and commodities is essential for successful farmer owned marketing organizations. Many lack sufficient discipline and willingness to empower their marketing associations to market and-or negotiate contracts for their products. The best plans will not succeed without member support.

During periods of low farm prices and low net returns, farmers and ranchers become more interested in building marketing programs. They turn to their farm organizations for im-mediate help and are critical if such help is not provided.

While Farm Bureau can, and does, provide assistance in these low-price situations, it is much more productive to build marketing programs in periods of stable prices when producers can better afford to develop personnel and facilities.

Policy

Farm Bureau policy says: "We recommend that AFBF and state Farm Bureaus work aggressively to see that farm producers receive adequate prices for their commodities so that they may be able to compete with industry and other business and make a fair profit." It goes on

to say that we will expand current marketing programs, develop new Farm Bureau marketing programs, support marketing and bargaining

programs, support marketing and bargaining legislation, and assist farmers to understand the market system and to manage their production. In accordance with delegate action, a special Marketing Development Committee has been appointed by the AFBF president to develop a marketing strategy for American agriculture for presentation to the voting delegates in 1979. This committee is in the process of studying various marketing alternatives and methods of immarketing alternatives and methods of implemening successful Farm Bureau marketing programs.

Questions

... What type of marketing programs do you feel Farm Bureau should offer producers? For what commodities?

. How can we assure adequate financing for Farm Bureau marketing activities?

. How can we gain enough producer commitments of commodities to be effective?

.... What is government's role in assisting farmers and ranchers to develop marketing programs?

Sunny Florida Site of AFBF **Annual Meeting**



It's Time to Make Your Reservations

Options galore are featured for winter pleasure as Michigan members prepare to enjoy the annual convention of the American Farm Bureau Federation, to be held January 14 to 18, 1979 at Miami Beach, Florida.

Any one who attends must have a package arrangement in order to obtain a hotel. This includes those who drive to Miami Beach or go by any means whatsoever.

HOTEL PACKAGE

One hotel has been assigned to Michigan, the Holiday Inn - Convention Center. Since the convention is being held during prime time at this resort area, the hotel requires pre-payment. Therefore, a package arrangement is planned which includes hotel room (based on two people sharing a twin room), tips to bellboys, a ticket to the Michigan Breakfast and one to a special opening night performance of Ringling Brothers - Barnum and Bailey Circus on January 16.

AIR TRANSPORTATION

Space has been reserved for Michigan Farm Bureau members and families to fly at a reduced group rate to Miami and back. Flights are scheduled to leave January 14 and return Thursday, January 18.

Rates are based on a minimum of 40 people traveling together. Transfers from airport to hotel and return and tips for baggage handling at the airport are included.

Reservations will be accepted on a space available basis and must be made no later than November 22. A \$200.00 per person deposit is required to hold a reservation, with the balance payable at least six weeks prior to departure. A full refund will be made if written request for cancellation is received at least 30 days prior to departure. Cancellation less than 30 days prior to departure will be subject to a cancellation fee of 25 percent of airline ticket assessed by carriers. For those providing their own transportation but desiring to room at the Holiday Inn, a \$50.00 per person deposit is required to hold the room, with the balance payable at least six weeks prior to arrival.

POST CONVENTION FLORIDA TOUR

A special Florida tour has been arranged for Michigan Farm Bureau members with something different to do every day, on the following itinerary:

Sunday, January 14 - leave Michigan via air for Miami. Upon arrival, transfer to Convention Hotel. Attend Convention activities that afternoon and evening.

- Monday, January 15 Tuesday, January 16 -AFBF Conventon plans and time for Miami
- sightseeing on your own. Wednesday, January 17 Depart from your Convention Hotel this afternoon by special bus for Orlando, staying at the Sheraton Towers Hotel for five nights. No plans for this evening. Thursday, January 18 - Today there will be an all
- day tour taking the group to Tampa on the west side of Florida, and a stop at the world famous Busch Gardens. After approximately two hours at the Busch Gardens, continue to an area south of Barto to visit the potash mines where much of the potash used in Michigan fertilizers is mined. Then, it is on to Cypress Gardens for approximately two hours. View the Gardens and see the water show. Return to your Orlando hotel late in the afternoon.
- Friday, January 19 Today an all day tour has been planned to visit the citrus producers and processors, as well as other interesting activities in the agricultural field.
- Saturday, January 20 At last! A day for Disney World. An attraction plus admission ticket will be provided for each tour participant. A free shuttle bus operates from your hotel to Disney
- World and you're on your own today. Sunday, January 21 Protestant and Catholic services are held at the hotel this morning. Late morning, board special buses for a trip to the east coast of Florida, visiting the Cape Kennedy Space Center. Return to your hotel in late afternoon.
- Monday, January 22 Transfer to the Orlando airport for your return fight home.

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Convention Only

Depart Michigan January 14, 1979 and return January 18, 1979. Not included in cost are

personal expenses, telephone calls or meals. Cost based on Group 40 airfares and two persons sharing a room: Boarding at Chicago \$335.26 per person, boarding at Grand Rapids \$330.76 per person, boarding at Lansing \$341.26 per person, boarding at Detroit \$332.26 per person.

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