The Michigan Farm Bureau Political Action Committee (AgriPac) launched its 1979-80 fundraising efforts on September 1, 1979. Larry DeVuyst, chairman of the AgriPac (left), presented Committee Treasurer Robert E. Braden with the first contribution. DeVuyst also announced plans for an AgriPac Breakfast fundraiser at the MFB Annual Meeting, which will be open to all AgriPac contributors. AgriPac contribution details appear on page 15.

1979-80 Activities Announced

**MFB AgriPac is Back!**

Members of the 1979 AgriPac Committee recently announced plans to hold an AgriPac fundraising breakfast at the Michigan Farm Bureau annual meeting in Kalamazoo next month. According to Larry DeVuyst, chairman of the Political Action Committee, the breakfast is the first of several activities planned for 1979-80.

“We will be scheduling fundraising and informational activities throughout the coming election year,” says DeVuyst. “These activities and the contributions we receive will be used exclusively for the purpose of helping to elect candidates in the 1980 elections who will be supportive of agriculture, in general, and Farm Bureau policy specifically.”

AgriPac, established in 1978 following action by voting delegates to the 1977 Michigan Farm Bureau annual meeting, was one of over 300 independent political action committees registered in Michigan during the 1978 election year. As a registered political action committee, AgriPac endorsed candidates as “Friends of Agriculture” in the Michigan August primary and the November general elections in 1978.

Preceding the 1978 elections, AgriPac analyzed the performance of incumbent Michigan congressmen and members of the Michigan Legislature. In addition, candidates for key statewide offices, such as U.S. senator and governor, were analyzed. The analysis included voting records, overall support of Farm Bureau policy, help in passing or opposing legislation of interest to agriculture and recognition of the importance of agriculture. Those incumbent candidates who had established a satisfactory record on behalf of agriculture were designated “Friends of Agriculture” and endorsed for re-election. In certain instances where the incumbent was not seeking re-election a non-incumbent was endorsed based upon input from county Farm Bureau leaders. In addition to the endorsements, approximately $13,000 in voluntary contributions from members was effectively used to help elect over 90% of the designated “Friends of Agriculture.”

Farm Bureau members will be provided opportunities to make tax deductible contributions to AgriPac in 1979 and 1980.

Members of the 1979 AgriPac are Larry DeVuyst, chairman; Gratiot County; Robert Lamoreaux, vice chairman, Kent County; Robert Braden, treasurer; Robert Brasseaux, secretaries; Myra Hand, Cheboygan County; Gordon Porter, Branch County; Al Prittie, Berrien County; and Ronald Wood, Mason County. Braden and Almy are employees of Michigan Farm Bureau and serve as ex-officio members without a vote. The others are voting members and full-time farmers.

(See page 15 for Details)
From the Desk of the President

Intensified Effort Needed on Bargaining Bill

American Farm Bureau Federation, said:

"The farmers and ranchers of America today stand united on an issue that is vital to every farm and ranch family in the United States. That issue is the right of farmers and ranchers to bargain effectively for the sale of their products to food processors and other middlemen. For too long, this basic right enjoyed by millions of other Americans has been denied to farmers and ranchers."

We were optimistic. Not only were the four leading farm organizations together on this issue, but a number of congressmen, who believed enactment of H.R. 3535 would provide a climate of improved income for farmers, stabilized prices and assured supplies for consumers, joined a growing list of co-sponsors.

The bill's sponsor, Congressman Leon Panetta (D-California), requested field hearings to give producers an opportunity to testify to the need for the legislation. The hearing in which Michigan farmers would have been involved was requested for October 6 at Lafayette, Indiana. We were certain that farmer testimony at these hearings would strengthen the bill's position.

However, we have now received word that the tentative field hearings have been postponed indefinitely. It would be easy to blame this latest development on the bill's opponents, who are powerful and determined in their lobbying efforts. But I think we also have to consider that perhaps farmers have gotten too busy or too complacent to do their homework as well as they should. It could well be that the hearings were postponed because the House Agriculture Committee has not been convinced that there is sufficient interest, or need, to warrant the investment of time and money on the field hearings.

Compared to other states, Michigan has done well, as evidenced by the eight Michigan congressmen who are among the co-sponsors of H.R. 3535, and both of our senators co-sponsoring S. 1193, the Senate bill identical to the House bill. We have achieved this record because our farmers have had experience with bargaining legislation and have called upon that experience to cite, "chapter and verse," hard evidence of its need.

But we cannot afford to say: "We've done our part; now it's up to others." If we do, there will be little hope for farmers to gain equity — that is the key objective in this legislation — in the marketplace. Because of our experience, we have an obligation to express —

NABA "Honor Roll"

H.R. 3535 Co-Sponsors
Congressman Don Albosta (D-St. Charles)
Congressman Bob Davis (R-Gaylord)
Congressman Dale Kildee (D-Flint)
Congressman Bob Tranxler (D-Bay City)
Congressman Howard Wolpe (D-Kalamazoo)
Congressman David Bonior (D-Mt. Clemens)
Congressman Carl Pursell (R-Plymouth)
Congressman Hal Sawyer (R-Grand Rapids)

S. 1193 Co-Sponsors
Senator Donald Reigel, Jr. (R-Flint)
Senator Carl Levin (D-Detroit)

For "Old" 4-H'ers Only.

Funny how incredibly indelible are our self-images! For as long as I can remember, my self-image of the physical me could be summed up in three words: Tall, Flexible, Young. I was Tall because through the 7th grade, all of the boys and most of the girls were shorter than I was. I was Flexible because I could wrap my legs around my neck, a feat that awed my slumber party pals. And I was Young simply because I hadn't received notice of a cut-off date. With most people, I suppose, changes in self-image come gradually and painlessly. With me, well ... I guess I just never paused long enough to check whether I still was Tall, Flexible and Young, that is. So, each revelation that my self-image was slightly askew, came as a jolt.

"O.K. Everybody line up behind the bowling ball rack... tallest one first, shortest on the end." Dumb photographer. Imagine him putting Tall me on the end ... Wait until the picture develops — OOPS! What happened? Am I on my knees? No ... scratch Tall.


"Are any of you familiar with Kettering Center?" asked Don Yost, executive director of the Michigan 4-H Foundation at a recent editorial conference. "You mean Camp Kett? Sure. The Farm Bureau Women sold buttons to help build one of the dormitories. I remember, it was back about 20 years ago."

as no others can — our support of the National Agricultural Bargaining Act.

I would hope that many of you will capture some of the zeal and dedication you exhibited when we worked for passage of P.A. 344, aiming that same kind of effort toward national bargaining legislation. Here are some things you can do:

1. If your congressman is among the co-sponsors of H.R. 3535, write to him expressing your appreciation. Write to Senators Reigel and Levin thanking them for co-sponsoring S. 1193.

2. If your congressman is not among the co-sponsors, write urging his support of H.R. 3535.

3. Write to Congressman Tom Foley, chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515, urging him to grant field hearings on the need for H.R. 3535.

4. Send a copy of your letter to Congressman Leon Panetta, chief sponsor of the bill. Michigan is in a leadership position on this vital issue. Your efforts will have an impact on its outcome.

Elton R. Smith
New Location for MFB's 60th Annual Convention Center

Kalamazoo
November 27-30

DR. DENIS WAITLEY

Michigan Farm Bureau will mark its 60th year at a new annual meeting location - the Kalamazoo Convention Center - on November 27-30. Several new program highlights have also been added to the agenda.

The four-day session will begin with the annual meetings of two Farm Bureau affiliates, Farmers Petroleum Cooperative and Farm Bureau Services, on Tuesday, November 27, at 10 a.m. The meeting convenes in the Civic Center, about two blocks from the Kalamazoo Convention Center. These annual meetings will adjourn at 4:30 p.m.

That evening, the Michigan Farm Bureau convention gets underway with an awards program that will include professional entertainment. Farm Bureau members from the surrounding area are invited to attend this evening program and to visit the annual meeting during any of the sessions.

Wednesday will be an action-packed day. The Michigan Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Association annual meeting gets underway at 9:30 a.m. At the same time, there will be a "Commodity Day" program with discussions of interest to all agricultural producers.

Farm Bureau Women will also be meeting on Wednesday morning. They will hear a report from State Chairman Vivian Lott, as well as conduct their regular business. Featured speaker will be The Honorable Betty Ann Weaver, Leelanau County probate judge, on the topic, "Juvenile Justice and the Family."

Also on Wednesday, at the Holiday Inn-Expressway, the Young Farmers will host their annual contests. They include the Discussion Meet preliminaries and the Outstanding Young Farm Woman contest.

At noon, the groups will assemble for the kick-off luncheon where President Elton R. Smith will deliver his annual address. Following the Discussion Meet finals, the annual meeting of the delegate body will convene for the discussion and adoption of policies for 1980.

The delegates and guests will spend Wednesday evening at the popular Jamboree. This year, two bands will provide continuous music for square dancing and modern dancing.

Thursday starts with another new feature, an AgriPac breakfast. This activity is to raise funds for the operation of the Michigan Farm Bureau AgriPac, a program which supports political candidates who are designated as "Friends of Agriculture."

Look ahead this Fall

See Production Credit Association and set up your line-of-credit loan for next year.

Line-of-credit is a money reserve. It puts the amount you need at the tip of your pen, and asks interest only on what you use.

It lets you concentrate more on farming and less on borrowing. It covers new and used equipment, repairs, seed, fertilizer, heifer purchases, labor operating expenses...even family living. Repayment can be tailored to your projected income, beginning at the time most advantageous to you.

Look ahead this fall with a financial plan for next year.

PCAs are approving line-of-credit loans right now.

Michigan Production Credit Associations
Alma / Bay City / Grand Rapids / S.E. Michigan (Adrian) / Kalamazoo / Lansing / Sandusky / Traverse City

Delegate will reconvene for a full day of policy-setting, with a break in early afternoon for an address by Lt. Governor John G. Richards.

At the annual banquet on Thursday evening, Michigan Farm Bureau's "Distinguished Service to Agriculture" award will be presented. Those in attendance will also hear "The Psychology of Winning" by Dr. Denis Waitley. Dr. Waitley is a psychologist who worked with the astronauts in America's space program, as well as counselled returning Vietnam veterans.

Friday will conclude the annual meeting with the setting of policies and the election of persons to the Michigan Farm Bureau board of directors.

"The annual meeting is always a work session," said Elton R. Smith, president of Michigan Farm Bureau. "Members are encouraged to visit the meeting to see delegates putting the ACTION into their organization."

By-Law Change Calls for County Presidents' Caucuses

County Farm Bureau presidents in Michigan Farm Bureau odd-numbered districts will be meeting prior to the MFB annual meeting to draft a slate of candidates and select the position of director in their respective districts. The district county presidents' caucuses were instituted through an amendment to the MFB by-laws adopted by voting delegates at the 1978 annual meeting.

According to the by-law change, the slate of candidates and any other nominations for the district director position, accompanied by appropriate biographical information, will be presented to voting delegates from the district during their annual caucus.

The district county presidents' caucuses will include the following counties, listed by county: District 1 - Berrien, Cass, Kalamazoo, St. Joseph and Van Buren counties; District 3 - Livingston, Monroe, Oakland, Washtenaw and Wayne counties; District 5 - Clinton, Eaton, Genesee, Ingham and Shiawassee counties; District 7 - Jackson, Allegan, Lenawee and Monroe counties; District 9 - Benzie, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Leelanau, Manistee, Missaukee and Wexford counties; and District 11 which encompasses all of the Upper Peninsula counties.
INTERVIEW

A Look at MFB’s Program for Financial Growth

EDITOR’S NOTE: Inflation, the number one problem in America today, affects all segments of our society. It especially hits the fixed income group. Farm Bureau is no exception. The organization is hard hit because its finances, too, are relatively fixed, tied to a dues structure. Because of inflation, $35 (the current Farm Bureau dues) buys about one-third less than it did in 1975.

The Michigan Farm Bureau board of directors, which is charged with the responsibility of maintaining a strong Farm Bureau, recognized the need for adequate financing to keep the organization effective. In conjunction with the county Farm Bureau presidents and executive committees, the board studied the current financial situation and developed the following recommended program for financial growth:

1. Increase dues from $35 to $40 per year effective in 1980-81 — the additional $5 in dues to go to Michigan Farm Bureau, WITH COUNTIES HAVING THE OPPORTUNITY TO INCREASE THEIR COUNTY DUES IN AN AMOUNT THEY DETERMINE NECESSARY.
2. Increase membership in 1979-80 by 3,000 members and increase membership in 1980-81 and succeeding years by 5,000 members.
3. Increase service rendered income from affiliates to a minimum of $200,000 in 1979-80, with increases in subsequent years to reflect inflation and membership growth.
4. Hold expenses at an average increase of 7.5 percent per year for the next three to five years.

As the 1979 Michigan Farm Bureau annual meeting (November 27-30) at Kalamazoo Convention Center, voting delegates will take action on the proposed dues adjustment. Any member having questions regarding the financial growth program should contact their representative on the Michigan Farm Bureau board of directors.

Is the proposed $5 dues increase just to cover the cost of inflation or will it be used to increase services?

Basically, it’s going to take $5 to cover inflationary costs and maintain essentially the same benefits to members, we will evaluate some of our current member services and how they can be improved, and new member services we can offer that will attract members — particularly farmers — but also rural residents who are non-farmers.

To be specific, we have, at the present time, some 35,000 member families enrolled in our Michigan Farm Bureau Blue Cross - Blue Shield program. This program is obviously very attractive to the membership and we’re doing everything we can to make it even better and to promote it among other farmers and rural residents.

Also, the Farm Bureau Insurance Group came out this last June with a very strong, beneficial, attractive program in the area of Workers’ Compensation, in which the minimum premiums were reduced by some 40 percent. It’s a member-only program, offered in conjunction with the regular Farmowners policy.

We’re also working with Farm Bureau Insurance Group on an expanded estate planning program as a service to Farm Bureau members.

In the area of Farm Bureau Services and Farmers Petroleum Cooperative, we are taking a fresh look at an expanded program somewhat similar to the $5 certificate that was included with members’ dues cards of the past several years. This year it will be possible for Farm Bureau members to earn a $10 discharge at a 5 percent discount rate through business they do with Farmers Petroleum and Farm Bureau Services.

Members have often expressed an interest in discount programs for cars and trucks. We’re looking into this on a statewide basis with several major dealers and companies. These are just a few of the many programs we’ll be looking at to attract members.

With a fully coordinated effort by county Farm Bureaus, our state Farm Bureau and our affiliate companies, a 3,000 member gain is very realistic for this year and by next year, with further membership services, we can expect a 5,000 member gain.

If membership does not increase substantially — 3,000 the first year and 5,000 the second — when is the next dues increase likely?

In determining the means of assuring the financial stability of Michigan Farm Bureau in the future, many financial analysts were made. If we remained with the present membership program, it would be necessary to increase dues approximately $15. That would last from three and one half to five years, depending on how fast inflation eroded that increased revenue.

Is the Farm Bureau board concerned at all that the funds realized from the increase in membership (mostly associates) would be eaten up by the demands for increased services and dilute the services for regular Farm Bureau members?

The Michigan Farm Bureau board just is not going to let that happen. They’re going to examine the various programs and make sure that they are strong and useful programs for regular Farm Bureau members. They’re going to attempt, in every way possible, to make those extra services that are attractive to rural non-farm people self-financing. A saleable Blue Cross package will be self-financing. An attractive Workers’ Compensation and Farmers or Mutual Auto policy will be self-financing.

We may need another staff person to put greater emphasis on local affairs problems, such as schools and taxes, that would be beneficial to all of our members. In fact, right now, we recognize the fact that we have a greatly expanding workload in our Public Affairs Division to cover not only the legislative needs, but also the regulatory issues that keep mushrooming within the state and federal governments. It’s very possible that we will shift an extra person into this area from another area. By shifting the areas of greatest need, we can stay within our 7½ percent expense increase.

If Michigan Farm Bureau has a large associate membership, will it lose its image as a farm organization and consequently lose some of its clout in the legislative arena?

As the farm population dwindles to a very small minority of the total population, it’s a necessity for us to obtain friends from other segments of society. This provides an opportunity to do that. Many of the rural non-farm population have the same concerns and problems that we do.

And it is in line with policy adopted by Farm Bureau delegates, who said: “We should welcome the support of non-farm people who wish to join our farm organization and support the policies which are set forth by our farmer-members.”

Our policy further indicates that authority and responsibility for classification of membership should remain with county Farm Bureaus. It also sets out the belief that only regular members should be allowed to vote and that delegates should be based on regular members only. These are safeguards for farmer control of the organization.

Also, with the sophistication in the membership records that we are developing, we can come up with reliable figures as to the percentage of dairy production, beef production, corn production, etc., that we have within our membership and present this as evidence to the legislators of our strength.
Ag Secretary Talks about Farm Programs, Energy

Detroit area manufacturers, businessmen, governmental and public service people will join representatives of the state's farming industry at Cobo Hall on October 12 for a glimpse at the importance of Michigan agriculture.

By Cary Blake

While in Michigan in late August, United States Secretary of Agriculture Bob Bergland visited farms in central Michigan, the Saginaw Valley and the Thumb region as a guest of Congressman Bob Carr and Bob Traxler.

Bergland said it's too early to tell with any real certainty if there will be any change in the 1980 farm program from the present one. Considering the predicted record U.S. corn crop and good export demand, Bergland said that if there is a set-aside program at all for 1980, it will be very, very limited.

Bergland said USDA supports the National Agricultural Marketing and Bargaining Act of 1979. He added that congressional leaders measure probably will be delayed until 1981 because there is some division in the farming community about its role and it's most likely one that's too politically sensitive to deal with in a sort of supercharged political atmosphere.

Despite the removal of Special Rule Nine, which legally gave farmers first priority for diesel and gasoline for agricultural purposes during fuel emergencies, the Carter administration contends that farmers will continue to have the number one priority for fuel and that farmers should not confront shortages of fuel during harvesting. If it does develop, Bergland said, USDA has two authorities to furnish farmers with the needed fuel.

"One is administered by the Department of Agriculture and it's clear we think that there is a shortage of crude that has shut down or curtailed a refinery that had a farmer's business and the Department of Energy can reallocate crude oil to keep that farm oriented refinery going."

Bergland said the second measure probably will be delayed until 1981 because there is some division in the farming community about its role and it's most likely one that's too politically sensitive to deal with in a sort of supercharged political atmosphere.

Bergland said that if there is a set-aside program at all for 1980, it will be very, very limited.

Bergland said USDA supports the National Agricultural Marketing and Bargaining Act of 1979. He added that congressional leaders measure probably will be delayed until 1981 because there is some division in the farming community about its role and it's most likely one that's too politically sensitive to deal with in a sort of supercharged political atmosphere.

Bergland said that if there is a set-aside program at all for 1980, it will be very, very limited.

"Providing that there is one, we're interested in the (USDA) financing, indirectly with the Department of Energy, some new experiments and new ways of producing alcohol more cheaply. Bergland said that if there is one, it's probably not very far in the future. "I'm listening to people who claim they have new systems of producing alcohol from grain and more power to them."

SECRETARY BERGLAND SAID the best way for a farmer to voice his opinion on the matter is to "join a good hard hitting farm organization. That's the best advice I can give."

He said the farmer's share of the consumer food dollar has for a long time been declining. He pointed out that in the last four months cattle and pigs prices have declined rather sharply but that there has been no proportionate decline at the retail end. There is a general understanding, Bergland said, that the farmer cannot be squeezed out of business and still satisfy the consumer.

"There needs to be a strong, productive and prosperous farming industry in order for the consumer to have the big variety of food which is available in the system," Bergland concluded.

**Earn $5 to $9 an Hour**

Get In On The Profits!

Sharpen Saws

ALL home, garden and shop tools!

With SHARP-ALL it's easy to get started. You don't need 19000 dollars to get started in business for yourself. KW Comicon will send you 30-0 day free trial offer! Please send my FREE copy of your book "Lifemise Security" and full details on your 30-Day Free Trial Offer!
They were so convinced, in fact that the Kissanes adopted a seventh youngster, Jung Ho. Renamed John by his adoptive family, he was one of the hard to adopt children sponsored by an international agency. I read about John in a 'children waiting' article in OURS magazine,” explains Judy. “But I can’t really say why I was so immediately interested in this child. I just knew I had to call the agency and find out if we could adopt him. I was sure that since we had just adopted Ryan and Rene, they would turn us down. I was amazed when they did not.”

John is visually impaired and will require some extra attention and special educational opportunities, but Judy hopes that by the time he reaches school age, he can be mainstreamed into St. Johns environment.

September through June, the schedule is more routine, but no less busy. There are school bus schedules to meet—morning, noon and afternoon. The three older children, Kevin—nine years, Kathy—seven years and Tim—five years, attend school in St. Johns. “On the plus side though,” says Judy optimistically, “Bill says this is the first year I haven’t mopped around the house on the first day of school. I was just too busy!

Judy still finds time to lend a hand at planting and harvest time with the help of willing grandmothers and a little farmwife ingenuity.

This busy couple is also active in their church and in Farm Bureau, but Judy and Bill admit that it’s sometimes a problem finding a babysitter with just the right temperament to take on seven children all at once. “We had one poor girl for the first time this summer. You know, I don’t think she was quite ready. We haven’t been able to get her since,” jokes Bill.

The couple’s warm humor and easy acceptance of each child as an individual in his or her own right is the foundation of this closely knit farm family. Despite their varying backgrounds, the Kissanes and their children have become a family in the truest spirit of the word.

Kathy and Kevin Kissane (foreground) take their turn at hopscotch during recess at St. Joseph’s Catholic School in St. Johns.

Too young, even for nursery school, two-year-olds Rene and Lelani Kissane find adventure closer to home. After a noisy introduction, Rene (left) and Lelani (right) get encouragement from Dad to smooth the ruffled feathers of a new barnyard field.

With Lelani on her knee, Judy takes a few minutes with five-year-old Tim to look over his class work. Kindergarten classes are "lots tougher" than nursery school reports Tim warily.
New MDA Division will be Trade Facilitator

Dr. Paul Kindinger, newly-appointed chief of the Michigan Department of Agriculture’s Marketing and International Trade Division, sees the MDA in the role of a facilitator of farm export activities rather than an actual seller of the state’s agricultural products.

"First of all, we (the MDA) own no products. Secondly, we have no facilities in terms of dealing with customers on a very upfront kind of basis," explained Dr. Kindinger. "If you go overseas and make a promise to deliver something, you had better be able to deliver it. Without the product, without the facility, don’t have those assurances... and so you better leave that to the people that do."

"We’ve got a lot of people in this state who are experts in the area of handling products and of dealing with export markets already. If they need any kind of assistance, we would be there to help facilitate and try to make their job easier," Kindinger said.

In addition to being a facilitator of farm export activities, he also sees MDA in the role of building confidence in Michigan products. "We have just a tremendous amount of diversity in our state’s agriculture and the products... as far as I’m concerned — that we grow are second to none. That’s the concept we need to get across to our foreign buyers... to distinguish to them the concept that Michigan has something really special to offer," he said.

Commodity promotion groups, farm cooperatives, and farmers, individually, will all be important factors in the promotion of farm exports, Kindinger believes.

Thanks a Million!

Over 10,000 investors and stockholders recently were recipients of $1,017,640, which represents Farm Bureau Services, Inc. and Farmers Petroleum Cooperative, Inc. annual payment of interest on debentures and dividends on dividend bearing stock.

Of that amount, $215,405 was paid to FPC stockholders and $857,091 was mailed to FBS and debenture holders.

"We are pleased to make these annual payments, stated Max D. Dean, treasurer and chief financial officer of both FBS and FPC, "and we are grateful to all stock and debenture holders for their confidence and support."

FBS and FPC are both Michigan Farm Bureau affiliates.

MACMA Service to Member Program Adds Nov. Sale

As a result of suggestions offered by county Farm Bureau secretaries and county leaders active in the Direct Marketing member to member program, the traditional December citrus sale has been restructured.

In the past, both citrus products and non-citrus products have been offered in December. Under the new structure, two winter sales will be conducted; one in November featuring non-citrus items, and one in December featuring only citrus products.

"I am pleased to see this change come about," says Dick Westra, manager of the Direct Marketing Division. "It will give members the opportunity to use the non-citrus products such as peanuts, ham and cheese during the entire holiday season when they are most popular."

New Products Offered

Two new items, gourmet popcorn and Farmer Peets’ hickory sticks, are being introduced in the November sale.

Westra admits that having two sales will require additional effort for the county Farm Bureau leaders, but he is confident that county people will continue to support the service to member program.

"The suggestion for two sales that came from the membership was a good one and I am sure that the Farm Bureau members who have been participating in the sales around will appreciate the convenience of these two holiday sales," says Westra.

Information regarding the December citrus sale will be available in October.

ANNOUNCING THE FARM BUREAU "MEMBER TO MEMBER" FALL SALE

HERE IS YOUR CHANCE TO STOCK UP ON THESE DELICIOUS FOOD ITEMS FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON

Boneless Vintage Ham, 4/4 lb. pkgs. per case
Skinless, All-Meat Hot Dogs, 5 lb. box
Thick-Cut Smoked Bacon, 8/1 1/2 lb. pkgs. per case
Smoked Hickory Stick, 4 lb. stick
Sharp Cheddar Cheese, 4/1 lb. pkgs. per case
Medium Cheddar Cheese, 4/1 lb. pkgs. per case
Caraway Cheese, 4/1 lb. pkgs. per case
Colby Cheese, 4/1 lb. pkgs. per case
Monterey Jack Cheese, 4/1 lb. pkgs. per case
Gourmet Popcorn, 2 lb. bag [15 bags per case]
Skinless Roasted Peanuts, 12/14 oz. boxes per case
Redskin Roasted Peanuts, 12/14 oz. boxes per case
Pecans, Extra Fancy Halves, 24/1 lb. bags per case
Apple Cider Concentrate, 12/15 oz. jugs per case

Contact your county Farm Bureau secretary or member to member chairman for price information and order deadline.

NOTE: These products will not be offered in the December citrus sale, so stock up now for the holidays!
The 1980 Michigan Farm Bureau membership campaign began on September 1 with the campaign theme again being "Growing with Agriculture."

"For Farm Bureau to continue to maintain its position of strength in the legislative arena as the spokesman for Michigan agriculture and to provide significant member service programs, we must strive to meet the challenge of increasing membership," according to Don Currey, manager of the MFB Organization Department.

To meet that challenge, it will be necessary for every county to attain a five percent increase in membership over year-end totals recorded on August 31. This year, the team approach will be utilized during the membership campaign, according to Currey.

"Fifty-six counties achieved goal this year. We hope that every county will make goal next year and it will require a team approach among members, county Farm Bureau secretaries and affiliate company personnel."

Michigan Farm Bureau attained 1979 goal on April 12, marking the 12th consecutive year of membership growth, and ended the 1979 year with 64,180 family members.

Top officials of the American Farm Bureau Federation were in the Soviet Union for a two-week visit as part of completing the first exchange of farm leaders between the farm organization and the USSR. The seven-member group returned to the U.S. on September 14.

Headed by Allan Grant, AFBF president, the group consisted of Robert Delano, AFBF vice president and Virginia Farm Bureau Federation president, and state Farm Bureau presidents Elton Smith of Michigan, Cecil Miller of Arizona, Richard McGuire of New York and James Graugnard of Louisiana—all members of the AFBF executive committee. Andrew Mair, AFBF exchange group coordinator, accompanied the group.

While in Moscow, the Farm Bureau leaders met with Ministry of Agriculture officials and members of ExportKolkhoz of the USSR Ministry of Trade.

The Farm Bureau group traveled to Tselinograd in the New Lands area of Siberia, where they had an opportunity to visit wheat farms at the peak of the harvest season. They also visited Kiev, Rostov and Krasnodar—the major Ukrainian agricultural areas for the production of wheat, sunflowers, sugar beets and livestock. The last stop was the Baku region for visits to irrigation projects and to see cotton, fruit and vegetable production.

Before their August 31 departure, the group was briefed by Soviet specialists from the State Department and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

In July, AFBF and state Farm Bureaus hosted a team of seven Soviet farm leaders on a tour of agricultural facilities in Colorado, Illinois, Iowa, Oklahoma and Pennsylvania.
JOIN US!

TUESDAY - NOVEMBER 27
COUNTY AWARDS PROGRAM
ENTERTAINMENT

WEDNESDAY - NOVEMBER 28
THIRD ANNUAL JAMBOREEE
Round - Square - Disco Dancing

THURSDAY/FRIDAY - NOVEMBER 29-30
ANNUAL BANQUET (Thursday Evening)
Distinguished Service To Agriculture
Award Presentation
Guest Speaker Dr. Denis Waitley
FARM BUREAU IN ACTION (Thursday/Friday)
Grassroots Policy Making Sessions

MICHIGAN FARM BUREAU
60th ANNUAL MEETING
NOVEMBER 27-30

KALAMAZOO CENTER — KALAMAZOO HILTON INN
100 WEST MICHIGAN AVE - KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN

Enjoy Western Hospitality
at the AFBF 1980 Convention
in Phoenix, Arizona
January 6 - 10, 1980

THREE TOURS AVAILABLE
*Special Convention Hotel Package
Convention Only — Phoenix and surrounding area
*Arizona Highlights Tour
Post Convention — Phoenix, Tucson and Mexico
*Gala Arizona - Las Vegas Tour
Preconvention — Tucson, Mexico, Phoenix, Grand Canyon
and Las Vegas

AFBF CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS
Report by AFBF President Allan Grant
Nationally known speakers
Awards Presentation
The Bob Hope Show

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:
Ken Wiles
Michigan Farm Bureau
P.O. Box 30960
Lansing, Michigan 48909

Please send me information about the 1980 AFBF annual
meeting and the tours available.

Name ____________________________
Address __________________________
County ___________________________
Phone ____________________________
Capitol Report

By Robert E. Smith

Make Views Known on Tax Issues

The House Taxation Committee will soon consider H.B. 4712, which would impose a 10¢ tax on every check that is cashed. For example, a person who cashes a check at a store or any other place would have 10¢ deducted for the state tax. This would apply to paychecks and any other check the payee receives.

It is estimated that revenue would range anywhere from $50 million to $200 million or more depending on what other negotiable instruments would be taxed.

The bill includes taxation of other negotiable instruments such as drafts, cashier's checks, traveler's checks, money orders, share drafts, certificates of deposit and similar items, including such new ideas as electronic fund transfers to the payee.

One of the reasons for the "Negotiable Instrument Tax Act" is to use some of the money collected as a method of providing funds for the home heating assistance program. Another reason for the new proposed tax is to make it possible to remove the sales tax from home heating fuels and utility bills. This is similar to the removal of the sales tax on food and the increase in the income tax to replace the lost revenue.

Members having an opinion on whether a new state tax should be on checks when they are cashed, in order to increase sagging state revenues, subsidize heating bills for the elderly and low income people and eliminate the sales tax on heating fuel and utilities, should let their state senator or state representative know his views.

DNR Head Meets with FB Committee

Dr. Howard Tanner, director of the Department of Natural Resources (center), and members of his executive staff met recently with the MFB Natural Resources Committee to discuss areas of mutual interest in agriculture and natural resources management. Listening to Tanner's presentation are Wally Huggett (left) of Marlette, and Mike Pridgeon (right), chairman of the Natural Resources Committee.

Legislature Considers Many Highway Safety Proposals

There has been renewed interest in the safety legislation that is under consideration in the Legislature. This interest probably stems from the fact that the State Police are now enforcing the 55 mile per hour speed limit. The reason is that Michigan stands to lose a substantial part of its federal highway monies unless the energy saving 55 mph speed limit is enforced. It has been effective because fatal accidents have decreased by 227 this year, in spite of the fact that vehicle mileage is up 5½% over last year.

One issue that will be considered is whether points should be issued against a driver going between 55 and the old speed limit. If the speed limit is adhered to by the general public, it is unlikely that the Legislature will be willing to assess points against a person's driving record because the new 55 mph speed limit is really an energy saving measure rather than a safety measure.

"Restrains" Proposed

Other safety legislation includes at least four bills that would require restraints to be used in cars. S.B. 400 would require restraints for children and S.B. 394 would provide a tax credit of $50 for the restraint equipment. S.B. 399 would require the use of seatbelts or other restraints for the driver and occupants of a car. Some states have this in force now.

S.B. 401 would require seatbelts to be used on school buses. However, this is a controversial issue because it is claimed that there has never been a child killed inside a school bus during an accident and that the seatbelts, if used, can become dangerous through the swinging of buckles, etc.

S.B. 511 would require a "governor" to be placed on every car to prevent the car from going faster than 70 miles per hour.

Helmet Law Repeal Sought

There are several bills regarding motorcycles and helmets. Four of them would repeal the present Michigan helmet law. It is generally agreed that requiring drivers of motorcycles to wear helmets has reduced serious accidents and fatalities.

Other motorcycle legislation would require the creation of an educational fund for cycle courses. Another bill would increase the cycle operator license fees.
Farmer Support Needed to Win Deregulation Battle

Farmers have an opportunity to support deregulation of federal trucking regulations. Farm Bureau has strongly supported these efforts for some time. It may now be possible to win this battle.

Federal regulations come from the Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC). That agency is now considering changing the rules to permit "back hauls" of regulated commodities by truckers who are exempt when hauling fresh agricultural commodities. In order to qualify to back haul regulated commodities, the trucker would have to prove that one-half of the tonnage hauled each year is exempt farm produce. There is presently a "trip lease" arrangement but few exempt haulers bother to use it because of the time consuming red tape. The decision to deregulate will depend on trucker interest. Farm Bureau throughout the country are strongly supporting deregulation but letters from farmers are needed and must be in the ICC offices by October 16. The address is: Office of Proceedings, Interstate Commerce Commission, Washington, D.C. 20423.

The decision to deregulate will depend on trucker interest. Farm Bureau throughout the country are strongly supporting deregulation but letters from farmers are needed and must be in the ICC offices by October 16. The address is: Office of Proceedings, Interstate Commerce Commission, Washington, D.C. 20423.

Who Will Speak for Farmers?

By Allan Grant, President, American Farm Bureau

Farm and ranch people are understandably concerned about the public meetings announced by the Secretary of Agriculture at which citizens everywhere are invited to discuss the future of farming. For months, Secretary Freeman has been talking about the pressing need to review what he calls the "economic and social issues affecting the structure of agriculture and rural life." He says he's concerned about a broad range of issues from land ownership to "quality of life."

To this end, he has called a series of public meetings in November and December to examine "the kind of agriculture and rural life Americans want for the future." The secretary will preside at each of the 10 meetings, where he will listen to "pre-scheduled speakers" representing "a wide range of interests."

Department employees are preparing nearly 40 position papers some of which examine the economic characteristics of farm owners and operators. Shaping new farm legislation is the plainly announced objective.

It is hard to be against public discussion or to oppose fact-gathering about things as important as agriculture and rural life. At the same time farmers and ranch families have every right to resent, and to resist, attempts by the executive branch of government to politically determine what is best for them, or to force an accounting of the social benefits we must contribute.

The old question — "Who shall speak for farmers?" — lies at the heart of the matter. Secretary Bergland is an honorable man, and I do not wish to impugn his motives. Still, it is impossible to discount the political overtones of the meetings as we enter a presidential election year. And it is impossible to ignore past history.

Former secretaries of agriculture, Charles Brannan and Orville Freeman, both organized their versions of public dialogues to influence public farm opinion.

Brannan set up a series of "Family Farm Policy Review" meetings to help create public support for the so-called "Brannan Plan" of that time, a plan which had been soundly rejected by most farmers and ranchers.

Freeman called his series "Shirtsleeve Conferences" and used them in attempts to bypass conservative farmers in generating liberal opinion about farm issues. Why is agriculture singled out? Why is it so singularly important that the public be stirred to help direct the farming business?

Why, for example, is not the same public approach considered for such other important segments of the economy, labor?

Surely the structure and future direction of the labor movement in the United States is of great public importance. Growing union monopoly power would be a proper topic.

The power of a handful of unionized rail workers or grain handlers to completely halt the movement of grain from an entire region during peak harvest time, surely is of great public interest.

But can you imagine Secretary of Labor Marshall announcing a series of public forums to shape labor laws to the public benefit?

Can you visualize what labor union leaders and members would say and do?

The suggestion is politically ridiculous. It is just as ridiculous for officials of the U.S. Department of Agriculture to try to speak for farmers or to decide what is best for us.
**Farmers Honored Weekly by FBIG, Farm Radio Network**

Four Michigan farmers were recognized during the month of August for their contributions to the agricultural industry and their communities. All were recipients of the Farmer of the Week Award.

The award is sponsored by the Michigan Farm Radio Network and Farm Bureau Insurance Group. Winners receive a plaque and a specially designed award buckle and leather belt from their local FBIG agent.

A list of the Farmers of the Week for August 1979 follows:

**LARRY FOSTER**

*Week of Aug. 20 -* Larry Foster, a dairy farmer from Millersburg in Presque Isle County. Foster, 39, farms 255 acres and milks a herd of more than 60 cows in partnership with his father. He is president of the board of Trinity Lutheran Church in Oquin, member of the church choir; president of the Presque Isle County Farm Bureau; past member of the state Potato Board; alternate delegate for the Michigan Milk Producers Assn.; past 4-H leader; and past member of the Michigan Farm Bureau Policy Development Committee. Foster and his wife, Joyce, have two children.

**NEIL BRADEN**

*Week of Aug. 27 -* Neil Braden, 29, whose 400-acre farming operation near Bay City includes cash crops, feeder pigs, sheep and some beef cattle. He grows primarily corn and soybeans. Braden is a coach in the Bay City Little League, member of the board of directors of the Genesee County Farm Bureau, vice president of the local Young Farmers Group, and active member of the Byron Methodist Church and the Byron Lions Club. He and his wife, JoAnn, have one child.

**Comments from Edith**

By Edith Humm

**MBF Outstanding Young Farm Woman**

Keeping What's Ours

I guess I just don't understand.

If a man owns his own business, and his wife wants a divorce, the courts say half of everything is automatically hers. But if a wife devotes her life to working side by side with her husband to build up the business and he dies, the same court says her labor counts for nothing and she must pay a "widow's tax.

Some farm women have pioneered the way for justice in estate tax court. Jessie Craig of South Dakota, Laura Ottie of Indiana, Leona Nondley of Minnesota and Doris Kersten of Wisconsin have challenged these taxation rules in the courts. Jessie Craig fought the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and won. The other ladies fought in their state tax courts and won. In each state where these brave women have fought to keep what they considered rightfully theirs, they have made it a little easier for the next woman.

The Tax Reform Act of 1976 allows a widow to exclude half of the property from the estate if she and her husband created a joint tenancy after December 31, 1976, but this could result in a gift tax liability and legal costs.

The IRS says the purpose of the estate tax is to "redistribute the wealth." But does it?

As far as many women are concerned, marriage is a partnership. Doris Royal of Springfield, Nebraska began a national campaign for reform of estate tax laws three years ago. The main aim is for no tax between spouses. I believe we should fight for this and settle for no less.

The Michigan Farm Bureau has courses to help with estate planning. For more information on what and where these are held, contact your county Farm Bureau.

**Dear Prospective Student**

We would like to have you know of a source of student loan funds available only to members of Michigan Farm Families.

Since January 1971, we have made student loans in 61 of Michigan's 83 counties.

Our loan limit is $2500.00 per academic year with a maximum to any one student of $7500.00. Repayment is to be made with simple interest at 7% per annum and payments and Interest are required to start not later than 12 months after graduation, in most cases.

Write or call for further information:

Michigan Rural Rehabilitation Corp.
P.O. Box 188, Marshall, Mich. 49068
Nyle L. Katz, Executive Director
(616) 781-4646

OR

Any of the Directors listed below:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Address</th>
<th>Phone</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Joe Penzien</td>
<td>Pres., Mt. Clemens</td>
<td>313-781-4233</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Clark W. Hill, V.P.</td>
<td>Charlotte, Mich.</td>
<td>517-543-1415</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Elton B. Hill, Secy-Treas.</td>
<td>East Lansing</td>
<td>517-332-1776</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Roy Howes</td>
<td>Copemish, Mich.</td>
<td>616-362-3636</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Roy Howes</td>
<td>Copemish, Mich.</td>
<td>616-362-3636</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>George Robb</td>
<td>Fowlerville, Mich.</td>
<td>517-223-9482</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Chester Johnson</td>
<td>Lakeview, Mich.</td>
<td>517-352-7389</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wallas Jones</td>
<td>Norway, Mich.</td>
<td>906-563-8669</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Paul Porter</td>
<td>Quincy, Mich.</td>
<td>517-639-4126</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Vernon Kretzschmer
Bay Port, Mich.
517-453-2503
Scharp says that workers compensation rates for some agricultural employees in Michigan have increased over 100% since 1976.

Surveys Seek Ag-Labor Info
As a reader of Michigan Farm News, you can help Farm Bureau provide information to legislators on the effect of workers compensation on farmer employees. Printed on this page is a copy of a survey sheet that has been sent to all community groups and MASA members. Surveys have also been sent to farmers by some legislators. If you receive more than one survey, please answer both.

The special legislative task force, composed of five senators, five representatives and the directors of the Department of Labor and Commerce, met several times during the legislative recess. It is questionable whether enough progress was made to result in workers comp reform.

One problem in agriculture is the lack of sufficient data on workers compensation's effect on farmer employees. In addition to returning the questionnaire, communication with your state senator and representative on your views concerning workers comp, would be helpful.

COMPLETE AND RETURN THE FARM LABOR SURVEY BELOW BY OCT. 15

SPECIAL REQUEST FOR WORKERS COMPENSATION INFORMATION FROM MICHIGAN'S FARMERS

Farmer employers in the state were brought under the workers compensation law by a 1972 Supreme Court decision.

The Legislature is presently considering the reform of this law; however, good information is lacking on workers compensation's effect on agriculture and other small businesses. It would be greatly appreciated if you would take a few minutes to answer the following questions. It will be very helpful in our efforts to reform the law. It is not necessary to sign your name, unless you wish.

Name ____________________________
Address ____________________________
Phone ____________________________


2. Number of acres:

3. Number of full-time employees:

4. Number of part-time employees:

   Number of weeks of employment:
   Average hourly or weekly wage:

5. Number of temporary or seasonal employees:

   Number of days or weeks of employment:
   Average hourly or weekly wage:
   (If piece rates are used, please estimate.)

6. Do you hire three or more employees at any one time during the year? Yes ________ No ________

7. If you employ less than three employees at any one time, is at least one employee hired for 35 or more hours per week for 13 weeks or longer during the year? (Weeks need not be consecutive.) Yes ________ No ________

8. Do you have a workers compensation policy? Yes ________ No ________

   What is the premium rate per $100? $ ________ Total premium? $ ________

9. Do you provide any other health and accident or hospital policy for employees? Yes ________ No ________

10. If yes, what kind?

11. If yes, what kind and approximate value:

12. Were any claims appealed? Yes ________ No ________

COMMENTS: Please provide any other information or opinion that you have on this issue:

Thank you for your help. Please return to:
Michigan Farm Bureau
Public Affairs Division
P.O. Box 30961
Lansing, Michigan 48909

Milliken Asks for SBA Disaster Declaration
Gov. William G. Milliken has asked for a Small Business Administration (SBA) disaster declaration for 10 Michigan counties in which severe winter weather caused $51.6 million in crop damage for fruit growers and nursery operators.

In a letter to SBA Regional Director Donna Harrigan, Milliken asked the declaration for Antrim, Benzie, Grand Traverse, Leelanau, Manistee, Mason, Newaygo, Oceana, Otsego and Van Buren counties.

"Persistent extreme cold temperatures during winter and early spring, coupled with other natural disasters, caused severe crop damage, especially to fruit and nursery operations in 10 Michigan counties, totaling $51.6 million," Milliken said in his letter to Harrigan.

"The unanticipated fruit and nursery stock losses were not determined until very recently."

"The United States Department of Agriculture has already designated the 10 counties for emergency loans and provided your office in Detroit with documentation regarding these crop losses," he added.

Because of the unpredictability of ultimate crop losses, Milliken asked the SBA to waive its usual 60-day limit for relief applications.

A disaster declaration would entitle eligible applicants to low-interest Disaster Recovery Loans and Economic Injury Loans.

SBA Disaster Loans and Economic Injury Loans

Big, meaty pecan halves, temptingly ready to eat, or add to recipes for good old Southern flavor. Get together with friends or a group at the office and order a case of twenty-four 1 lb. cellophane bags of tasty Astoria Brand Pecans. And, too, they are easily sold as fund raising items. Shipped Prepaid.
Further processing of the remaining thin stillage through an evaporator produces condensed solubles which have a high phosphorous and nitrogen content. The four main products of alcohol production are condensed solubles (CDS), dried solubles (DDS), distillers dried grains (DDG) or distillers dried grains plus solubles (DDGS).

The overall effect of the distillation is the conversion of high energy feeds such as corn to protein supplements. Removal of the starch during distillation triples the percentage of fat, fiber and protein compared to the grain prior to fermentation.

The digestive system of ruminant animals utilizes microorganisms which digest fiber and other carbohydrates to produce energy and synthesizes protein. Beef calves and lactating dairy cows must have very large amounts of protein in their diet. These animals require dietary sources of high quality protein. However, dietary sources of protein are often converted by microorganisms to ammonia which are often of lower nutritional quality.

Therefore, protein from distillers grain should be worth more than soybean meal because, unlike soybean meal, the protein in distillers grain resists breakdown by rumen microorganisms. Tests have shown that rate of gain using distillers grains was a little better than urea, and feed efficiency was as good as soybean meal. This is one example of the possibilities which exist for improved livestock rations using byproducts of alcohol production.

This information indicates substantial economic savings could be made using the byproducts of alcohol production in a ration. The byproducts of alcohol production may prove to be a very valuable source of livestock feed.

More Than Just a Tire

The Co-op IV Seasons tire is the passenger car tire for all seasons, so forget winter tire changeover. It’s a steel-belted radial that gives you these extras:

- Good traction in all weather
- Good fuel economy
- Quieter ride
- Modern, rounded shoulder
- Open tread design
- Soft ride at highway speeds
- P-metric sizes

Farmer’s Petroleum is the place for all types of tires. We also carry Redi-Grip 4-plys, Country Squire steel radial and Country Squire truck tires.

Get your new set of tires, sizes B and up, today from Farmer’s Petroleum ... more than just a tire.

Where Your Farm Comes First

Farm Bureau Farmers Petroleum
Kent County FB Initiates “Operation Eyes”

The Kent County Farm Bureau is hoping to keep an eye on crime by participating in OPERATION EYES, a rural crime awareness program being coordinated by the Michigan Rural Crime Prevention Council, the Kent County Prosecutor’s Office, the Kent County Sheriff’s Department and the Michigan State Police.

“OPERATION EYES is designed to make the public aware that trespassing on farm property is a crime,” says Ron Nelson, chairman of the Crime Prevention Council. “The other phase of the program is to make the farmer more watchful and aware of possible criminal activity.”

Farms participating in the program are given distinctive bright yellow OPERATION EYES bumper stickers to help promote the program.

CONTRIBUTION REMITTANCE ADVICE

My contribution to AgriPac does not violate any of the statements below:

1. I was informed of my right to refuse to contribute without reprisal and my contribution was not made under actual or threatened physical force, job discrimination, financial reprisals, or as any condition of employment.

2. I was informed of the political purpose of AgriPac.

3. I was informed that a copy of AgriPac’s report is filed with the Federal Election Commission and that it is available for purchase from them.

4. I was informed that (1) the guidelines, if any, for contributions are only suggestions, (2) I may contribute more or less than the guidelines, and (3) my contribution, or failure to contribute, will not favor or disfavor me.

5. My aggregate contributions during the year do not exceed the limit for all federal election contributions.

6. I am an American citizen or I’ve been admitted to permanent U.S. residence and this contribution is made in my name.
Elenbaum Elected Chairman of Michigan Bean Commission

At the recent annual meeting of the Michigan Bean Commission, Gerald Elenbaum, Huron County Farm Bureau member from Owendale, was elected chairman of the commission, succeeding Donald Keinath of Caro, who will complete his six years on the commission at the end of 1979.

Elected vice chairman was Gratiot County member Kenneth Graham of Breckenridge, succeeding John Knorr of Sandusky. Larry Sprague of Durand was elected treasurer, a post previously held by Graham.

Elenbaum and Graham are grower members of the commission and Sprague is a shipper representative.

Schroeder Appointed to CRF Board

Reg Schroeder, manager of the Animal Foods Department of Farm Bureau Services, Inc., has been appointed to the board of directors of Cooperative Research Farms (CRF). CRF, the largest feed research network in the world, provides FBS and 18 other regional cooperatives in North America with research on feeds, feeding programs and equipment for livestock and poultry. Research studies are conducted at six locations in the U.S.

One of the most innovative feeding concepts developed through CRF is a regulated protein soluble feed for dairy animals. According to Schroeder, many CRF member cooperatives have found that protein soluble feed improves milk production and is being well-accepted by dairy farmers. Average daily production increases of up to 13 pounds per cow/day have been recorded, reports Schroeder.

The feed, which was patented in October 1978, is produced and distributed by the Battle Creek Animal Food Plant under the trademark name of NuPro with RPS (regulated protein solubility).

"Many of our Michigan dairymen have reported outstanding production increases with the NuPro feed," says Schroeder, "and I expect research developments through CRF studies to offer similar assistance to other Michigan livestock producers."

Bill Craig Transfers to SE Region

Don Curray, manager of the Michigan Farm Bureau Organization Department, has announced the transfer of Bill Craig, regional representative in the Southeast Region since November 1977, to a new position in the Northeast Region.

Craig replaces Charles Buchholz who recently accepted the position of executive secretary of the Michigan Association of Farmer Cooperatives.
First “Homegrown” TV Farm Show Produced by Ingham FB Members

In September, the Ingham County Farm Bureau premiered what is believed to be the first cable television program in the nation produced and directed entirely by farmers.

Titled “Country Cornucopia,” the program will be aired each month over channel 36, the public access channel of Continental Cablevision in Ingham County. The project relies on the volunteer assistance of young farm women in the Ingham County Farm Bureau organization to serve as the production crew. The project is being coordinated by two Mason farm wives, Sue Oesterle and Kathy Lott. Mrs. Lott will be involved in the actual production as program director, while Mrs. Oesterle will be the hostess of the talk show program.

“The camera crew, switcher, video tape operator and I are all young farm women,” says Mrs. Lott. “Although none of us had any previous experience in TV production, we felt that this project was so important that we’ve taken a couple of months to learn about camera work and TV production. It’s hard work, but fun, too!”

“Through the Cornucopia program, we’ll be talking to the general public about farming and food production,” says Mrs. Oesterle. “Since farmers represent less than 3% of the total population, we think it’s important to tell people what modern farming is really like—challenging, rewarding and a vitally important business.”

Topics scheduled by the farm women include: the Ingham County Speakers’ Bureau, fall harvest, estate planning, women’s property rights, farming operations and centennial barns in Ingham County.

The program airs Tuesdays at 8:30 p.m., Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m., and Fridays at 10:00 p.m.

‘79 County Annual Meeting Schedule

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>County</th>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Location and Time</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Allegan</td>
<td>October 9</td>
<td>Mikado Civic Center, Mikado</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Allegan</td>
<td>October 11</td>
<td>Gritwald Auditorium, Allegan, 8:00 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Alpena</td>
<td>October 11</td>
<td>Lang Rapids Hall, Lang Rapids, 8:00 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Alpena</td>
<td>October 11</td>
<td>Methodist Church, Alpena, 8:00 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Arenac</td>
<td>October 23</td>
<td>4-H Building, Arenac, 7:00 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Barry</td>
<td>October 30</td>
<td>Moose Lodge, Hastings, 7:00 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Berrien</td>
<td>October 24</td>
<td>Youth Memorial Building, Berrien Springs, 6:30 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Branch</td>
<td>October 8</td>
<td>Vo-Tech Center, Coldwater, 7:00 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cass</td>
<td>October 18</td>
<td>Gregarek Memorial Building, Cassopolis, 6:30 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Charlevoix</td>
<td>October 3</td>
<td>Whiting Park, Boyne City, 8:00 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cheboygan</td>
<td>October 30</td>
<td>Wesleyan Church Hall, Cheboygan, 7:30 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Clare</td>
<td>October 6</td>
<td>Mid Michigan College, Clare, 7:30 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Clinton</td>
<td>October 9</td>
<td>School Cafeteria &amp; Auditorium, St. Johns, Clinton, 7:30 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Eaton</td>
<td>October 11</td>
<td>Ottawa Sportsmen Club, Eaton, 7:30 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Eaton</td>
<td>October 11</td>
<td>American Legion, Charlotte, Eaton, 7:30 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Eaton</td>
<td>October 11</td>
<td>Mandy Township Hall, Eaton, 7:30 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Eton</td>
<td>October 11</td>
<td>Grand Blanc, Eton, 7:30 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Hawathalnd</td>
<td>October 20</td>
<td>Congregational Church, Hawathalnd, 7:30 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Hillsdale</td>
<td>October 15</td>
<td>4-H Building, Fairgrounds, Hillsdale, 7:00 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Huron</td>
<td>October 23</td>
<td>Huron County Farm Bureau Building, Bed Axe, 6:30 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Iosco</td>
<td>October 24</td>
<td>Masonic Hall, Tawas City, 7:30 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Iron Range</td>
<td>October 24</td>
<td>Mansfield Township Hall, Iron Range, 7:30 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Isabella</td>
<td>October 11</td>
<td>West Intermediate High School, Mt. Pleasant, Isabella, 7:30 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Jackson</td>
<td>October 10</td>
<td>Western Middle School, Jackson, 7:00 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Kalamazoo</td>
<td>October 16</td>
<td>Kalamazoo, 7:00 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Kalkaska</td>
<td>October 11</td>
<td>Carol’s Hall, Kalkaska, 7:00 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Kent</td>
<td>October 4</td>
<td>Sveden House, 28th Street, Kent, 7:00 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Livingston</td>
<td>October 16</td>
<td>St. Agnus Catholic Church, Livingston, 7:00 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Macomb</td>
<td>October 11</td>
<td>Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Macomb, 7:00 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Manistee</td>
<td>October 25</td>
<td>Ferry Center, Onekama, 6:30 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mason</td>
<td>October 9</td>
<td>Scoville Bank, Scoville, 7:30 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Menominee</td>
<td>October 11</td>
<td>Bob &amp; Franksen, Menominee, 7:30 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Midland</td>
<td>October 30</td>
<td>Samaritan Church, Midland, 6:30 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Missaukee</td>
<td>October 4</td>
<td>Cadillac State Bank, Missaukee, 7:30 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Monticello</td>
<td>October 10</td>
<td>Falmouth Branch, St. Joseph, Monticello, 6:00 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Montmorency</td>
<td>October 18</td>
<td>Library, Hillman High School, Montmorency, 7:00 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Newaygo</td>
<td>October 11</td>
<td>Fremont Christian School, Newaygo, 7:00 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Oakland</td>
<td>October 18</td>
<td>Fremont, 7:30 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Oceana</td>
<td>October 15</td>
<td>Clarkson Methodist Church, Oceana, 7:15 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Oceana</td>
<td>October 15</td>
<td>Shelby High School, Oceana, 7:30 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ogemaw</td>
<td>October 25</td>
<td>Mason City Temple, C. Ogemaw, 7:30 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Osceola</td>
<td>October 16</td>
<td>Marion Bank, Osceola, 8:15 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Otsego</td>
<td>October 23</td>
<td>Methodist Church, Otsego, 7:30 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ottawa</td>
<td>October 23</td>
<td>Methodist Church, Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Presque Isle</td>
<td>October 9</td>
<td>Belknap Township Hall, Presque Isle, 7:00 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Saginaw</td>
<td>October 18</td>
<td>Belknap, 8:00 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Saginaw</td>
<td>October 18</td>
<td>Knights of Columbus Hall, Saginaw, 8:00 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>St. Joseph</td>
<td>October 8</td>
<td>Community Building, St. Joseph, 7:00 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sanilac</td>
<td>October 4</td>
<td>Sandusky High School, Sanilac, 7:00 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Shiawassee</td>
<td>October 8</td>
<td>Dog &amp; Gun Club, Shiawassee, 7:00 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Van Buren</td>
<td>October 27</td>
<td>Corninas, Van Buren County Farm Bureau, 6:30 p.m.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

(Continued on Page 19)
Real “Enemy” Unrecognized

The war against inflation, as waged by the United States government, is in reality, a war against the forces of supply and demand. The identity of the enemy is missed by Washington. Hence, it is not surprising that no ground is being gained.

Inflation is the over-supply of money in relation to the demand for money; it is not the rate of prices. For this reason, the wage and price guidelines, which are directed at the rising prices of goods and services, are irrelevant. They call to mind a coon dog barking up the wrong tree. And inflation, price control, which Alfred Kahn keeps telling us are undesirable, may become necessary, would also miss the mark, for the same reason.

Prices have not risen uniformly. The price of farm products rose an average 40% in early 1979. In the same period, the price of coffee beans fell. If inflation is a rise of prices, why did not the price of soybeans and of coffee beans rise at the same rate?

The answer is that the forces of supply and demand react differently on soybeans and on coffee. This may have been due to weather, war, different degrees of government meddling with the markets in the U.S. and in Brazil, or to a multitude of other causes, special to each commodity. The combination of market forces, in the case of soybeans, pushed the price upward, while in the case of coffee the opposite occurred. Every individual good and service faces its own forces of demand and supply, and these are the determinants of price, its own pattern of price changes. This is normal and healthy.

Inflation, on the other hand, is neither normal nor healthy. It is a disease, specifically a disease of money. It is not the rate of prices of changes in demand and supply of this and that good. In truth, it is totally unrelated to these fluctuating market forces.

Inflation affects all goods alike — all goods for which the inflated money is exchanged. That inflation is the rising price of money, not the goods, is indicated by the fact that each nation has its own unit of money — dollar, franc, yen — and each nation likewise has its own rate of inflation. These differ widely; while the United States has inflation of maybe 9% per year, Britain has 18%, Brazil 30%.

But a stable commodity such as wheat or cotton, has a world market price, which is virtually the same — adjusted for varying cost such as transportation — in all countries on earth. The world market price is a result of the world market forces of supply and demand, not of the inflation force which prevails if any one country mismanages its money.

Admittedly, inflation pushes prices up — this is what rising prices and inflation are so often equated — but it is a quite different push from that exerted by demand and supply. Drought may affect the demand and supply equation, but drought surely is not the cause of inflation.

A “Cork in the Ocean”

A useful analogy is that of the tide and the waves. Throw a cork into the ocean. The cork will rise and fall as a result of two entirely distinct forces: the tide, which is a rise in the general level of the ocean and a wave, a rise caused by the gravitational pull of the moon and the tides, which are rises of varying degrees at various points on the ocean’s surface, caused by the winds as they react on those points.

Inflation may be likened to the tide, while the varying degrees of individual goods and services are the waves, kicked up by the winds, which are local in nature and fickle in force in direction. Our cork may run into a gale and be hoisted accordingly, or it may encounter the calm, its level changing. Indeed, the wave may be operating under it, causing it to rise gradually but inexorably as the tide comes in.

Although the tide and the waves both affect the cork, they are totally unrelated to one another. So also are inflation and the demand-supply force. They are as little related as deficit financing is to drought.
October is Co-op

(Continued from Page 3) they enjoy on the supermarket shelves and on their tables on a year-round basis.

American farmers have acquired a lower share of their disposable net income than do the people of any other country in the world. This is due to the enormous efficiency with which the major agricultural enterprises farm their land and large corporate enterprises in the markets for farm products and farm production supplies.

Collective bargaining in general economy, farmers are exceedingly small farmers compared to and surrounded by a sea of giants. The farmer's situation is best described by the phrase, "The sea is so large, O Lord, and my boat is so small."

Farmers are not helpless in this situation, and by developing cooperatives they can prevent large farms from exploiting them and the weakness they incur by the perishability of their products and other factors, and they can in fact develop brand names for their products, process their products so that they can be shipped closer to consumers. They can exercise some countervailing power that is of great benefit to their income and the general public.

So far as the general public is concerned, food security depends upon farmer income. And cooperatives help to achieve an important degree of security for farmers.

County Annual Meetings

(Continued from Page 17)
WHOLE LIFE INSURANCE WITH AN EXTRA PROTECTION OPTION
FROM FARM BUREAU LIFE

Designed to provide you with a minimum of $30,000 in life insurance, Protection Plus can help you in these ways:

- **Continuous Protection**
  Significant amount of insurance coverage matching family growth patterns and dollar needs: a good approach for your first life insurance policy or for building an estate.

- **Builds Cash Value And Dividends**
  Retirement income can be accumulated as a supplement to Social Security. At the same time, Protection Plus hedges against inflation with increasing dividends offsetting rising inflation.

- **Affordable**
  Approximately 30% more coverage can be obtained with the same amount of dollars than with regular whole life contracts. You can gain greater coverage with a larger buildup of funds for other needs.

- **Level Premium**
  There is no increase in costs over the guaranteed policy period, so long term budget planning is easier.

- **Dependable, Professional Assistance**
  Any service you receive is only as good as the people providing it. We realize that. And so do our agents who continually are involved in self-development programs which will help them help you more effectively. Professional assistance when you need it; where you need it; a Farm Bureau Insurance Group hallmark.

ANOTHER IDEA THAT CAN WORK FOR YOU FROM FARM BUREAU LIFE