

The Muppet Show's "Miss Piggy" has nothing over this cute little fella. . . this is "J.P.," star of the WJR radio-MFB publicity project "Acres for Charity." He's getting a

helping hand from Mark Pridgeon, son of MFB board member Mike Pridgeon, who donated the pig to the project.

Photo by Marcia Ditchie

Farmers Go Radio-Active to Tell Farm Story

Michigan city dwellers are finding out this summer that it takes more than just a song and dance by "Ronald McDonald" to make a meal. To produce food it takes men and women working on the land, and thanks to two radio publicity projects consumers are learning all about the rewards and frustrations of farming.

A dozen Michigan Farm Bureau members are

working with WJR radio in Detroit on the "Acres for Charity" project. Participating in the season-long event are hog producers Mike Pridgeon of Montgomery, Werner Clasen of Richmond and George Swartzendruber of Bay Port; apple growers Jim Erwin of Novi, Don and Sandra Hill of Montrose and Rob Peabody of Fenton; dry bean producers Clare Harrington of Akron, John

Knoerr of Sandusky and John Tanton of Deckerville; and wheat growers Dave Jacobs of New Lothrop, Nelson Leach of Richmond and Chuck Paas of Belleville.

Each of these growers agreed to symbolically donate to WJR a portion of their commodity. WJR morning personality J.P. McCarthy is putting the growers on the radio and asking them about the many

factors involved in the production of their commodity. At harvest time McCarthy will, with the advice and assistance of the growers, select a time and method for selling the donated commodity. The selling price will be met by donations from either the grower or other MFB members. This money will then be donated to the Detroit Police Athletic League, a

charity that is the frequent beneficiary of WJR fund-raising efforts.

Larry Ewing, MFB's director of Information and Public Relations, participated in WJR's noontime "Focus" program during May to kick-off the project. It was here that a pig donated by Mike Pridgeon was dubbed "J.P." in honor of J.P. McCarthy.

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From the Desk of the President

... To Have a Viable Farm Organization

Have you ever thought of the hours, miles and dollars farmers have invested in Farm Bureau? If they could be tallied, the results would be staggering.

The results of these investments have paid dividends. Today we have a strong organization serving the needs of farmers. It has gained that strength through success. It has delivered key legislative accomplishments, valuable economic services and provided educational and leadership development opportunities.

To most members, who have been involved, it is hard to visualize farming without a

strong Farm Bureau.

But our organization faces a difficult situation. About 85 percent of its income is derived from membership dues. This is a very stable level, growing only in relation to the increase in members each year.

At the same time, inflation has been skyrocketing, pushing expenses up faster than income, in spite of stringent cost controls established by the Board of Directors and Management. Some costs just can't be controlled. As an example, because of postage increases, mailing of the Michigan Farm News will cost nearly \$4,000 more in 1979 than in 1978.

The Board of Directors has spent a great deal of time studying the financial condition of our organization. A program, being reviewed

with county boards of directors, has been developed to improve the long range financial base.

Various ideas were explored. Consideration was given to cutting programs and services. While this might have some short range merit, it weakens the value of the organization and is in the long run destructive.

A substantial increase in dues was another possibility. To an active farmer today, a strong organization is worth hundreds of dollars. But there are problems associated with such a dues level. Members on a fixed income, decreasing farm numbers and keeping economic services competitive, all add up to the belief that a large increase in dues was not the best long range solution.

Also considered was the possibility of increasing

services to attract a larger number of members. Today there are many rural non-farm residents who face many problems and who could benefit by belonging to a strong organization. Farm Bureau, with its affiliated company structure, seems well equipped to handle these needs.

Consequently the Board adopted a program that is a combination of alternatives. A modest dues increase of \$5 per year will be submitted to the delegates at the 1979 Annual Meeting. This increase, if approved, will be effective in September, 1980.

Management of affiliated companies has made commitments to develop new service to member programs. These efforts will expand the number of persons who will find Farm Bureau membership valuable. With that in

mind, we are looking for an increase in membership of 3,000 families in 1979-80 and a 5,000 member increase thereafter.

At the same time, strict cost controls will be maintained.

No one likes the idea of a dues increase, but our organization must be adequately financed to have programs along with competent staff to serve the needs of modern agriculture. There is no alternative to a strong organization.

We must take constructive action to keep Farm Bureau a viable organization. We owe it to ourselves and to the thousands of leaders who have invested their time, miles and money in the past 60 years.

ELTON R. SMITH

Realizing "The Impossible Dream"

It's a rare June that doesn't bring a batch of graduation announcements and invitations to open houses celebrating the occasions. Just when you think you're "past the stage," along comes a new crop from the "but he was just a baby

yesterday" group.

One invitation we received this year to attend a special graduation ceremony stood out from all the rest in its simplicity. It was not on the usual muted tones of colored parchment paper with engraved printing and two

envelopes. It was made of red construction paper with pasted white cutouts forming the numbers, 1979, and a graduation cap. Inside a hand printed message requested the honor of our presence.

This special graduation ceremony made the traditional kind seem pale in comparison. There were no stirring strains of "Pomp and Circumstance," no challenging "go tackle the world" address by a dignitary, no solemn audience applauding only at the appropriate moments.

In this ceremony, the "valedictorian" was wheeled up the ramp in his wheelchair to the microphone, where he haltingly but sincerely thanked his teachers and his mom for their help during his school years. Then another graduate was led to an electric keyboard where he played, so appropriately, "The Impossible Dream." He used no music because he

could not see, and it was beautiful in its imperfection.

There were 12 graduates in bright-red gowns and hand-made cardboard caps. Some were blind, others were crippled. All were mentally retarded. All were 26 years old which meant, by law, that their days in school must end.

As their names were called, each graduate was led or wheeled up the ramp to receive a diploma, tied with a red velvet ribbon. Few of them realized the significance of the diploma, but they knew it was something good because their school mates cheered and clapped with uninhibited enthusiasm.

After the ceremonies, there was punch and a cake decorated with the names of the graduates and miniature tasseled caps, and records for dancing. The "children" danced with their teachers, with each other, alone, or



rocked from side to side in their wheelchairs, enjoying this special party.

The diplomas of these graduates were not for scholastic achievement. They read: "In recognition of great effort and perseverance," because, you see, it takes a lot of that to earn a diploma when you're mentally retarded.

And to proud and grateful parents, like me, who never dared hope their special children would receive a diploma, it really was the realization of "The Impossible Dream."

Letter to the Editor

Ag Research Monies

Restored by Subcommittee

Dear Elton Smith,

I was very interested in your article in the June edition of FARM NEWS regarding MFB's support of funding for agricultural research. Your views are completely in accordance with those that I expressed at the recent Farm Bureau breakfast here in Washington.

I am very happy to report that my Subcommittee on Agricultural Appropriations has restored virtually every single cut in the agricultural research budget. We have restored every single cut in the Extension Service budget, and have even increased the basic Extension account for Smith-Lever 3(b) and 3(c) programs, including county agents and 4-H programs by \$6 million.

Let me also point out to you that the funding for the Saginaw Valley Bean and Beet Research Farm has been restored to its \$50,000 level, and the dairy photoperiod project at Michigan State will be expanded by \$175,000 over a five year period, with the first \$35,000 being provided in this bill. There is also a new \$100,000 in the bill to conduct research on the development of bean flour and the development of food products containing bean flour. Much of this work will be done at MSU.

I hope that you will feel free to let me know of your concerns for the agricultural budget directly. As the only member of the Michigan delegation dealing directly with agriculture as a Committee assignment, I feel a great responsibility to represent the farmers of our state in their quest for federal support of their needs.

With warm regards, I am

Sincerely,
BOB TRAXLER
Member of Congress

Farmers Go Radio-Active

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"I think the project is going quite well," says Scott Killgore, farm editor for WJR.

"The response from the people here in the city has been very encouraging. I think the biggest surprise to people is the small amount of profits made in farming."

Meanwhile, 100 miles north of Detroit the Saginaw County Farm Bureau and radio

station WSGW are coordinating another commodity donation project. This one involves navy beans, soybeans, corn and sugar beets. Local farmers talk about these commodities in weekly telephone interviews with WSGW air personalities.

"The project is definitely helping consumers better understand agriculture," says WSGW Farm Director Terry Henne, "especially the

production of sugar beets. At harvest time the truckloads of sugar beets go right through downtown Saginaw. Since almost everyone uses sugar, I think its helpful for people to understand where the sugar comes from."

After harvest and marketing, the profits — if any — from this project will be donated to a local charity by the Saginaw County Farm Bureau.

"Not Barrel of Oil for Bushel of Wheat" says AFBF President

Farm Bureau Negotiates Libyan Crude, U.S. Ag Commodity Trade

Allan Grant, president of the American Farm Bureau Federation, recently confirmed that the three million member-family organization has begun direct trade negotiations with the Libyan government which "involve a number of farm commodities" and conceivably could include arrangements for crude oil to be handled by the farm cooperative refineries.

A trade delegation, headed by Grant, travelled to Tripoli May 2-7 at the invitation of Ahmed Shahati, Libyan chief of foreign relations, to review trade possibilities for wheat, feed grains and a number of other farm commodities.

"This is not an attempt to reach agreement to trade a bushel of wheat or any other grain for a barrel of oil. We are talking about a number of separate possibilities—about the direct purchase of oil for farm needs and about selling high quality grains at market prices..." Grant said.

The delegation met with the

Libyan Minister of Agriculture, with ministers for food and industry, and with the minister of oil. Libyan officials made it plain that they seek a reliable supply of U.S. farm goods and may be willing to help assure that supply through new trade concessions on oil.

The State Department indicated "no objection" to this kind of direct commercial transaction. About 40 percent of Libyan oil production now moves to the U.S. in similar commercial trade, representing about 10 percent of total U.S. oil imports.

Grant described the present state of negotiations as "very preliminary" adding that reception of Libyan officials has been extremely cordial, and that he is hopeful a full-scale trade pact will result.

Grant will return to Libya later this summer, perhaps accompanied by several cooperative leaders, in an attempt to complete the proposed trade deal.



Libyan minister for oil (far right) reviews possibility of an arrangement to supply U.S. farm and ranch people with new supplies of quality crude. Between AFBF President Allan Grant (left) and the oil minister is foreign liaison staff member Ali El Houderi.

Lack of Federal Funds

Meat Inspection Program in Danger

Despite efforts of the Michigan Department of Agriculture and concerned state legislators, Michigan's meat inspection program is in danger of being scrapped due to lack of federal funding.

Program operations are expected to continue until the close of the 1978-79 fiscal year on October 1, but Dr. George Whitehead, deputy director of the MDA's Consumer Protection Bureau, explains that the current program operations have been curtailed because of a \$299,000 loss in federal matching funds.

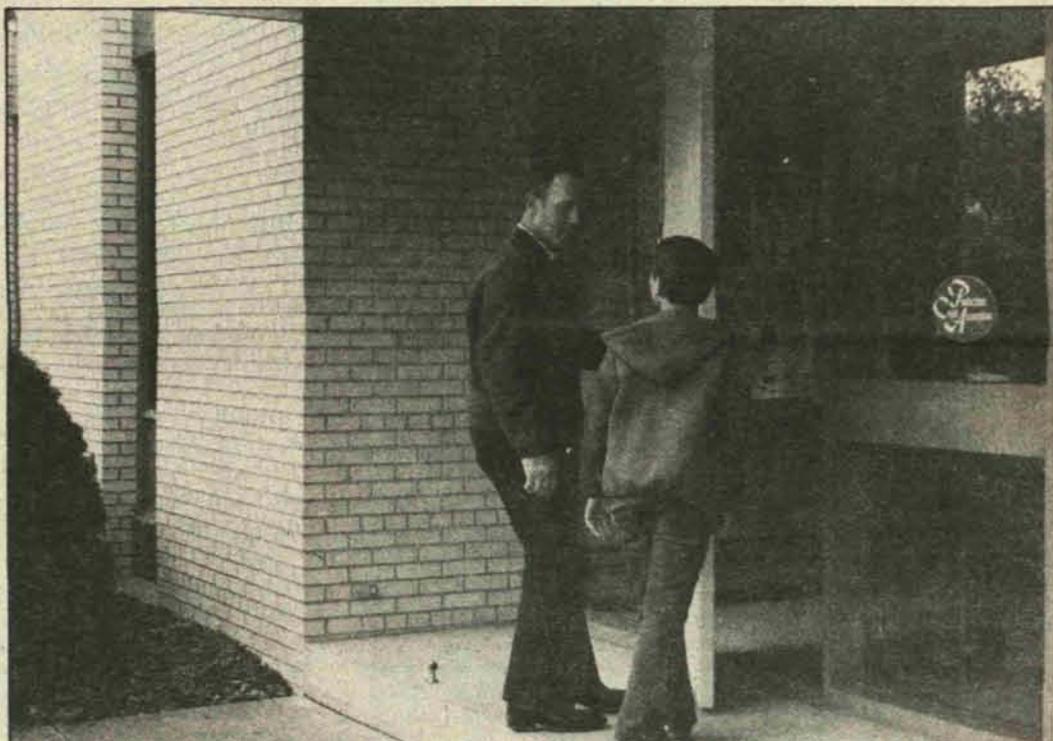
"When we were notified by the feds that our 'match' would be short, we examined our program and determined that we could continue to operate with \$218,000," says Whitehead. Based upon the revised operations cost figure, the MDA received commitments from U.S. congressmen that surplus

funds, if available, would be appropriated to Michigan and 31 other states seeking funds for program operations.

"Thanks to the action of the Michigan Legislature we were able to avert layoffs of 176 employees and continue operations with a \$218,000 supplemental appropriation from the state's general fund," Whitehead reports.

Following the action of the Michigan Legislature, MDA officials were notified that the USDA had "found" one million dollars to be divided equally among the 32 states in question. Michigan received \$80,000 in the federal disbursement and returned that amount to the state's general fund. "Since that time," says Whitehead, "the USDA has 'found' an additional \$750,000, but even if we receive a second appropriation of \$80,000, the meat inspection program will

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Young Farmer Winner Will Get Free Use of Tractor

Three winners of this year's American Farm Bureau Federation "Outstanding Young Farmer and Rancher Award," plus the national Discussion Meet winner, will be awarded the use of a new Allis-Chalmers Corporation tractor for one year. Presentation of the tractors will be made at the AFBF annual meeting in Phoenix, Arizona, January 6-10, 1980.

The Allis-Chalmers Corporation has agreed to loan to the winners, free of charge, the use of two Model 7045, 146 PTO horsepower tractors, and two Model 7020, 123 PTO horsepower tractors. Winners will be responsible for normal maintenance, such as oil and filter changes, fuel, liability and other expenses normally associated with owning a tractor, and they will have the option to purchase the equipment at the end of the year. The tractors will be built with the winners' choices of options.

Winners of the state Farm Bureaus' Distinguished Young Farmer titles and Discussion Meet contests are eligible for the national competition.

DISTINGUISHED YOUNG FARMER CONTEST

The basis for Michigan Farm Bureau's Distinguished Young Farmer award is the individual's ability to be successful in the profession of farming. Heavy emphasis is placed on farm management ability and how much progress has been made from the point at which the individual started farming. Equal emphasis is placed on the applicant's demonstrated leadership participation.

Last year, Michigan's entrants in the national competition, Roger and Linda Bloss of Genesee County, were selected as one of the top three couples in the nation.

Selection of the Distinguished Young Farmer begins at the county level, with winners recognized at the county annual meetings. County winners then use an official entry form for the state competition, submitting their entries by November 1. A panel of judges selects four finalists and makes visits to their farms. The winner, announced at the Michigan Farm Bureau annual meeting in Grand Rapids, is awarded an expense paid trip for two to the AFBF convention in January.

DISCUSSION MEET TOPICS

Discussion Meets are held at the county and district levels, with finals held at the Michigan Farm Bureau annual meeting in Grand Rapids, November 27-30. The winner of the state Discussion Meet receives an expense paid trip for two to the AFBF



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annual meeting in Phoenix, Arizona, to compete in the national contest.

The AFBF Young Farmers and Ranchers Advisory Committee has selected four topics for this year's Discussion Meet:

1. HOW SHOULD THE FARMING OPERATIONS OF THE FUTURE BE FINANCED? (Capital requirements for the operation of America's farms and ranches continue to rise due mainly to larger operational units, increased mechanization and inflation. Production costs presently account for the major portion of a farm operating budget with marketing receiving only minimal budgeting considerations. Both private and public credit resources are presently available to agricultural producers.)
2. WHAT WOULD BE THE EFFECT OF CON-

TINUED, UNCONTROLLED GOVERNMENT SPENDING ON THE ECONOMY AND AGRICULTURE? (Deficit federal government spending has been the rule for most of the last forty years. During this period the value of the dollar has declined by 80 percent. Despite the increase in agricultural commodity exports, the United States is in a balance of payment deficit and also is experiencing a decline in the percentage of the dollar value.)

3. WHAT KIND OF A NATIONAL FOOD POLICY SHOULD WE HAVE? (World hunger is a topic of much discussion in America and throughout the world. Many proposals have been presented to alleviate this situation. Even proponents of a national food policy are not

in full accord on approaches which vary from food reserves to credit reserves to subsidized assistance.)

4. HOW CAN FARM BUREAU EFFECTIVELY DEVELOP PROGRAMS THAT WILL SATISFY THE NEEDS OF THE MEMBERSHIP? (This will

necessarily involve a discussion of the best ways to identify "the needs of the membership." It will also require consideration of Farm Bureau's organizational structure, and what can and what cannot be done within such a structure. Finally, it may involve consideration of what, if any, change should be made in Farm Bureau to improve its ability to serve the needs of its members.)

County Farm Bureaus may wish to develop different topics for their Discussion Meets. However, since these are the topics to be used at the state and national contests there are some advantages to also using the same topics at all levels of competition.

The explanatory paragraphs for each topic are merely suggested areas of discussion. Contestants do not need to limit themselves to these areas.

For further details regarding participation in the Distinguished Young Farmer contest and Discussion Meet, contact your county Farm Bureau Young Farmer Committee.

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Ag-Related Scholarships Offered by 4-H Council

Young people planning careers in agriculture, or in related field such as forestry, veterinary medicine or animal science, may be eligible for \$5,000 in scholarship grants this year if they meet requirements set by the Cooperative Extension Service.

Valued at \$1,000 each, the scholarships are provided by private-sector donors and are arranged by National 4-H Council, a non-profit organization serving the 4-H program.

One scholarship, donated by Educational Foundation of Alpha Gamma Rho, goes to a current 4-H member who will be enrolled as a college freshman in the fall of 1979. The recipient must be planning to major in agriculture, forestry, veterinary medicine or a closely related field.

Allied Mills, Inc. donates

scholarships to two present or former 4-H'ers who will be enrolled as college juniors this fall and plan to major in animal science.

Two former 4-H members currently enrolled in a college of veterinary medicine can earn \$1,000 scholarships provided by Champion Valley Farms, Inc., Recipe Division.

All scholarship applicants must have completed at least one year of 4-H work. Winners are selected by the Cooperative Extension Service and are announced prior to the 58th National 4-H Congress, Nov. 25-29 in Chicago.

Present and former 4-H'ers who are interested in applying for these scholarships should get in touch with their state 4-H leader or county extension agent for more information and special application forms.

Features Seven FB Member Operations

Calhoun County Hosting State Farm Management Tour

If today's farmer is doing well, the operation has an excellent management program. The State Farm Management Tour, in Calhoun County, July 19, will probe nine advancing farm operations to learn why. Seven of the nine farms on the tour are operated by Farm Bureau members.

Sponsored by Michigan State University Cooperative Extension Service, the tour will visit nine sites that include dairy, swine, cash crop, beef production, and a wholesale landscape enterprise.

"Business management, whether on the farm or in town, requires expertise in cash flow as well as personnel motivation. Good examples of both will be seen during this tour. I think that people in just about any walk of life will benefit from what will be seen during the tour of our county," says William G. Plummer, MSU Extension director in Calhoun County.

MSU Cooperative Extension Service production specialists will conduct family interviews at each farm beginning at 9:30 and 11 a.m., at 1:15 and 2:45 p.m. The exception is the interviews at the wholesale landscape stop, which will be held at 9:30 a.m. and 2:45 p.m. The tour is open to anyone who wishes to attend, but personal transportation must be furnished. There is no admission charge and there will be no noon program. Details on each stop and a map will soon be available through all Michigan Cooperative Extension county offices.

Farms to be seen during the tour include the following:

Heisler Swine Farm

About 1,900 market hogs are sold each year from this operation run by members Elmer Heisler and his son, Elmer, located at 20065 27½ Mile Road, Albion. About 450 acres of corn and 80 acres of wheat are produced each year on 530 tillable acres, about half the crop being fed to livestock. The rest of the grain is sold on a local cash market and through forward contracts. Hogs are marketed through Michigan Livestock Exchange and daily markets at Battle Creek.

Lavern and Lynn Smith

This partnership of Farm Bureau members, located at 19244 12 Mile Road, Battle Creek, operates on 720 acres producing hay, corn, wheat, oats, feeder beef, and 19,650 pounds of milk per cow annually from a herd of 60 registered Holstein dairy cows. Their management includes extensive records and is involved in trucking, custom harvesting, and crop irrigation for maximum yield.

Fred and John Kinney

This father-son operation, called Burr Oaks Farms, Inc., 7120 29 Mile Road, Battle Creek, is a cash crop enterprise based on 765 tillable acres that currently produces 610 acres of corn and 155 acres of wheat. The 38,000 bushel on-farm storage assists the Kinneys in forward contracting and buying grain futures. The farm corporation is enrolled in PA 116, a governmental provision that helps preserve farmland from urban growth.

Dennis Anderson

This family operation, located at 7901 Condit Road, Homer, is a kosher veal, beef and swine operation. Production is supported by 410 acres producing corn, wheat, hay and soybeans. Anderson is a Farm Bureau member.

Richard Marshall

Also a Farm Bureau member, this is a beef finishing farm located at 7705 29 Mile Road, Concord, which markets about 1,200 head a year. Beef, purchased as feeders from the West and South, are maintained on three feedlots and are marketed through Michigan Livestock Exchange. The farm consists of about 500 tillable acres for growth of corn, wheat and soybeans.

David Cook

This is a cash crop operation located at 9217 19½ Mile Road, Marshall, that produces corn, wheat, alfalfa and oats. The Cook family operates on 704 acres and custom farms (planting a crop for another farmer) another 412 acres. The farm has a 50,000 bushel storage capacity and uses irrigation on corn. The Cooks use a high level of farm cash flow management that includes a combination of futures, forward contracts and cash sales, and they are Farm Bureau members.

Barton Family

Corn-Hog Operation

This operation, run by Mike and Kathy Barton, has production facilities at 6201 23½ Mile Road, Homer, and at Horton (in Jackson County). A third production center is being built near the Homer location. The Bartons intend to be selling about 10,000 market hogs per year in the near future. Corn and soybeans are currently produced on about 1,300 acres of cropland.

County Produces

\$30 Million

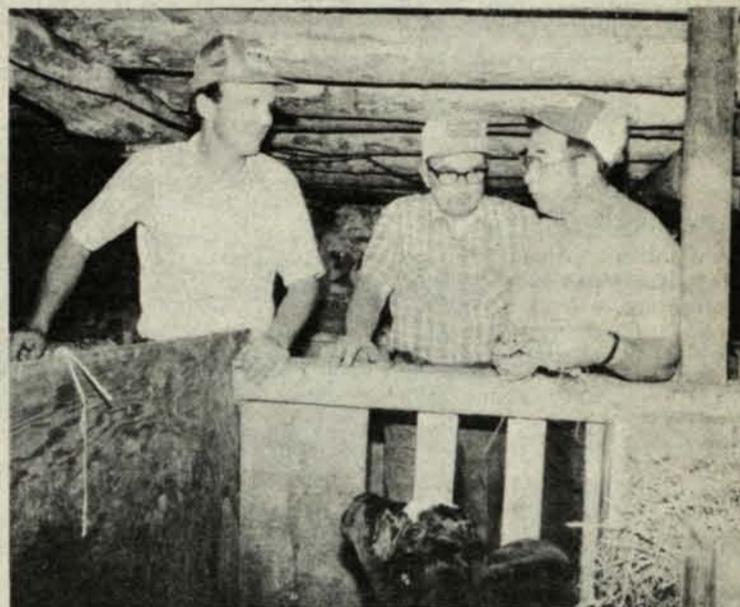
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Farm Products

Calhoun County produces about \$30 million in farm products annually, and has about 272,000 acres in crop production. About 1,400 persons are involved in full-time or part-time farming. The order of importance of major livestock and harvested farm products is dairy production, followed by cattle and swine, with field crops being a close third.

Crandall Farms

This 148-cow dairy operation, operated by Frank and Larry Crandall, 22231 N. Ave., Battle Creek, has a rolling herd average of 18,370 pounds of milk. The father-son partnership, begun in 1967, consists of 832 acres producing alfalfa, corn, wheat and oats. Most of the crops grown are fed to the herd. Both Frank and Larry are Farm Bureau members.



Larry Crandall (left), Frank Crandall (center) and Warren Cook, Eaton County Extension director (right) discuss the Crandall's calving program.

Farley Brothers Nursery, Inc.

This is a father-son partnership between Farm Bureau members Robert and David Farley, 8755 28 Mile Road, Albion. The operation consists of 450 acres of nursery stock (shade trees, pine trees and shrubs) sold to landscapers in Illinois, Minnesota, Iowa and Michigan. Trickle irrigation is used on about 150 acres.



The Farley farm was the first of its type in the U.S. to use trickle irrigation for nursery stock. David Farley (left) and Chuck Cooper, MSU Extension horticulture agent, show one of the emitters in the system which puts water at the base of the tree.



Michigan State University Swine Specialist Dale Brown (left) looks at part of the Heisler's hogs with Elmer Heisler, Jr. (center) and Elmer Heisler, Sr. (right).

Ag Lands Given Priority

MDA/DNR Deny Metropark Plan

Plans to build the 3,501 acre Mill Creek Metropark in Washtenaw County have been placed on the back burner.

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA) recently sent letters of disapproval for the park planned by the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority (HCMA) to the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service, U.S. Department of the Interior, in Ann Arbor. Approval of the project by the state was required before 50 percent matching funds could have been released for land acquisition.

Dr. Howard Tanner, director of the DNR, says the Interior Department "has received our recommendation and it is to deny the park." In Tanner's perspective, "It would appear that in strong likelihood that it (the project) is killed. If HCMA has the independent sources of money, I think from a technical sense that it is still alive. Certainly this opposition plus what I have heard is substantial opposition from local government should pretty well terminate the project," Tanner concluded.

The park would have occupied 3,501 acres in Lima and Freedom townships in

western Washtenaw county, located 55 miles from Detroit, 16 miles from Ypsilanti and nine miles from Ann Arbor. Total acquisition of the park site has been estimated at \$6.9 million.

After a joint review of the final environmental impact statement the DNR and MDA found that "implementation of this proposal would convert more than 3,000 acres of agricultural lands to park land in a locality eminently suitable for agriculture, but too distant from major population centers to be particularly appropriate for park development."

Dean Pridgeon, director of the MDA, said "the continuing loss of productive agricultural land jeopardizes our ability to provide the food and fiber needed by this state and nation." The MDA director added, "with the current energy shortage, agriculture is being asked to fill the gap, and alcohol, as an alternative energy source, must come from this land." According to Pridgeon, "Mill Creek was planned for the people of the five-county metropolitan region. Studies have indicated that the majority of day-users of parks do not travel more than 40 miles one-way to reach their destination."



Michigan Department of Agriculture Director Dean Pridgeon and Department of Natural Resources Director Dr. Howard Tanner held a press conference to report the two departments' decision to deny the Mill Creek Metropark plan.

The agricultural land in the Mill Creek park site consists of row crops, pastures, farm woodlots, wooded fence rows and occasional homesites. There are 57 occupied residences.

In addition, 414 acres within the proposed project bound-

aries are enrolled in Public Act 116, the Farmland and Open Space Preservation Act. In order for such lands to be removed from the program prior to contract expiration, it must be demonstrated that conversion of agricultural lands

is in the public interest. Tanner says "the measure of public interest must, in this instance, fall on the side of preserving and protecting agricultural lands."

The Mill Creek Metropark has been in the planning stages for 15 years.

Comments from Edith

By Edith Humm
MFB Outstanding Young
Farm Woman



Know Your Rights

Get a group of farmers together and sooner or later talk will come around to OSHA. The basic concept behind the Occupational Safety and Health Act, to protect workers from avoidable dangers, is worthwhile. But one of the problems is that you have people making laws to regulate a business they do not understand.

The Supreme Court ruled a year ago in the Barlow case that random OSHA inspections would have to be supported by search warrants. It almost takes a lawyer who is familiar with OSHA decisions to decide if you should insist on a search warrant. The National Federation of Independent Business recommends that you get the following information if an inspector comes to your door.

• Find out if the inspector is

with state or federal OSHA and get his name ask to see his credentials.

• Ask why he is there: An employee complaint? Random inspection?

• If he has a warrant note by what judge it was issued and what specific workplace areas the warrant mentions.

• If you wish, contact your attorney before deciding to allow the inspection, or to demand a warrant.

Legal precedents are not yet clear, but you can demand a warrant and the demand for a warrant cannot prejudice the inspection against you.

Farm Bureau has been very active in monitoring OSHA's activities in the agri business sector. If you have problems or questions about OSHA, contact your Farm Bureau and they will be glad to answer your questions.

Gypsy Moth Spray Program Completed in Montcalm County

The gypsy moth spraying project conducted by the Michigan Department of Agriculture to combat larval development of the insect in Montcalm County has been completed. The area has been plagued by an infestation of gypsy moths which destroy tree foliage in forest and orchard areas. The announcement was made June 14 by Dean Lovitt, MDA's chief of Plant Industry.

"We chose to use aerial insecticide spraying in Montcalm County because evidence of large gypsy moth egg masses presented a real danger of defoliation in the area this year," said Lovitt. The Department of Agriculture plans to conduct high density trapping projects in selected areas of Isabella and Clare counties to control the spread of the tree pest in those areas.

Aerial application of Dimilin, an insecticide which kills gypsy moth larvae, was begun on May 26 after a ruling by Ingham County Circuit Court Judge Ray Hotchkiss rescinded a preliminary injunction filed by several residents in the target area. Plaintiffs in the court action objected to the

use of the chemical on or near organically maintained gardens or woodlots and population centers.

In the May 23 decision, Judge Hotchkiss stipulated that the MDA provide a 250 ft. buffer zone around villages and a 100 ft. buffer zone around the plaintiffs' properties. He declared the rest of the mapped treatment area to be "uninhabited forest."

The May through June gypsy moth spraying program treated 35,000 acres in Montcalm County with Dimilin at an application ratio of two quarts of the liquid per acre.

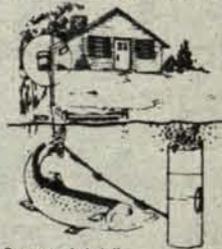
"The Department has cooperated to the fullest extent with the stipulations in Judge Hotchkiss' decision. We used spotter planes to track the path of the spray and provided aerial markings to clearly designate buffer zones," said Lovitt.

"We feel the project will prove effective in controlling the spread of the gypsy moth without threatening the safety or violating the rights of residents and landowners in the area."

The gypsy moth control project was a cooperative

effort of the MDA and the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The federal agency is expected to conduct similar cooperative gypsy moth spraying projects in Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina and Pennsylvania.

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Meat Inspection Program in Danger

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be operating \$56,000 short of our budget requirements for this fiscal year."

"Our problems have just begun," he says, "We are not optimistic about the future of the meat inspection program in Michigan. Without adequate funds to conduct inspections of slaughterhouses and packing houses as prescribed under our state standards, we would have to return to the Legislature year after year to request additional funds."

There is also the possibility that the Michigan meat standards would be rescinded. If that action becomes inevitable due to inadequate funding, Michigan meat standards would be uniform with federal meat inspection standards.

Under the federal standards, no custom slaughterhouse inspections would be carried out. Elimination of these inspection services would affect 33 full-time custom slaughter operations and 60 others where custom slaughter represents 50 percent or more of their business.

"It was apparent in the hearings held by House Agriculture Committee Chairman George Cushingberry this April that Michigan meat packers want the inspection standards and program to go on in

Michigan," observed the MDA official.

Whitehead points out that federal takeover of the inspection program could mean closings for 200 slaughter houses in the state.

"Federal requirements for facilities and plant construction are more stringent than the state requirements," says Whitehead, "Meeting those requirements would

impose financial burdens on some slaughterhouses that would shut them down.

"In Michigan, our emphasis has been primarily on meat quality standards. We feel that our facility requirements, while not as stringent as the federal regulations, are fully adequate to ensure the health and safety of the employees and the Michigan consumer."

Ronald Gaskill Appointed Regional Representative

Don Currey, manager of the MFB Field Operations Organization Department, recently announced the appointment of Ronald Gaskill as MFB regional representative in the Southwest Region.

Gaskill is a graduate of the Michigan State University Agricultural Technology program in Production

Agriculture and has a strong farm background and considerable experience in agricultural marketing and sales.

He replaces John VanderMolen who assumed the position of manager of Member Services for Michigan Farm Bureau in April.



Ivan and Shirley Sparks operate this 160 acre Saginaw County Centennial Farm in partnership with their son and daughter-in-law, William and Eva Sparks and children, Joseph and Leann. The Sparks' farm includes a total of 1,100 acres majoring in beef feeding and cash crops.

Cphoon Named

Farm Supply

Vice President

Donald R. Armstrong, executive vice president of Farm Bureau Services, Inc. and Farmers Petroleum Cooperative, Inc., recently announced a change in organization structure with the merging of the Farm Supply and Retail functions into the Farm Supply Division. Duane Cphoon will become vice president of this division.

Cphoon has over 20 years of employment history with the cooperative including such assignments as director of Crude Oil Procurement and Production, FPC; vice president of Finance; and more recently vice president of the Retail Division for both FBS and FPC.

Farm Bureau Services, Inc. and Farmers Petroleum Cooperative, Inc. are affiliates of Michigan Farm Bureau and the major supplier of farming supplies in the state of Michigan.

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Michigan Com

USDA Board Announces Results of National Cherry Crop Survey

The final factor in a three-part market estimating model used by the red tart cherry industry to set price recommendations was announced by the USDA Crop Reporting Board on June 21. Figures released by the USDA board indicate the 1979 cherry harvest will fall below last year's yield.

According to Dave Aune of the Michigan Agricultural Reporting Service of the USDA, the crop yield prediction is one factor in a formula used by growers and processors to determine price recommendations. The industry reviews carryover inventories and estimates consumer demand for the product based upon disposable income figures. The formula is also used to establish set-aside orders in years of abundant supply.

Crop projection data is gathered in field and mail surveys conducted in eight cherry producing states: Colorado, Michigan, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Utah and Wisconsin.

Aune, who supervises the Michigan survey operation, says the data collection procedures in the state provide the most accurate field data available among the reporting states. The Michigan Cherry Objective Yield Survey, as it is known, utilizes random selection at each stage of the sampling. The 1979 survey was based upon field data from 300 sample trees in the state.



Barbara Emory of Newaygo is one of eight "enumerators" working in Michigan's cherry producing counties to collect field data for the Cherry Objective Yield Survey. Enumerators conduct interviews with growers and mark sample trees as designated by random selection producers. In the second phase of the survey, field teams under the supervision of the enumerator strip the sample limbs, count and weigh the fruit. The field data is analyzed by the Michigan Agricultural Reporting Service to project Michigan's cherry yield for the season.

"We try to maintain an objective survey by eliminating the human factor as much as possible. Growers are selected from computer files and a random number series directs the selection of the test tree in each sample. We have no choice of the grower, tree block or tree that will be marked and recorded for the survey," says Aune.

Aune admits that growers with more than 12,000 trees are certain to be included in the survey. "Such a systematic selection based upon the number of trees in the state allows sampling of large growers," he says, "but small growers are also included."

And the survey is impressively accurate. Aune points out that in recent years, the pre-harvest prediction has been accurate within two percent of the actual yield in the state.

TOTAL U.S. CHERRY PRODUCTION
(In Million Pounds)

State	1977	1978	Indicated 1979
Colorado ¹	2.3	1.1	2.2
Michigan	162.0	128.0	95.0
New York	11.8	18.9	30.0
Ohio	.2	.2	—
Oregon ¹	8.0	3.8	4.0
Pennsylvania	6.4	6.2	9.0
Utah ¹	11.2	11.3	14.0
Wisconsin	12.2	11.5	13.0
United States	214.1	181.2	167.2

¹ Estimates for current year carried forward from earlier forecast.

Watch for Beef Referendum in '79

Farmers should be aware of the approaching referendum for a proposed beef research and information program. If a majority of voting producers support the program an assessment will be made on producers' receipts for the sale of cattle. Sales of dairy and breeding cattle may be exempt from assessment until the animals are sold for slaughter.

The expected beginning assessment would be .2 percent of the value of each animal slaughtered. This rate would be the equivalent of less than 1/4 of a cent per pound of beef sold at the retail level. The maximum allowable assessment under the Beef Research and Information Act of 1976 is .5 percent. The Secretary of Agriculture has the responsibility, through a process involving public hearings, for determining if an order permitting research and information activities should be issued.

Five public hearings have been held in June in the following cities: Dallas, Pittsburgh, Atlanta, Reno and Des Moines. If the Secretary of Agriculture decides a program is justified, a producers' referendum will be

scheduled. The act originally required two-thirds of all voting producers to approve the order. In 1977, an order was defeated even though 56.4 percent of those producers voting favored it. A 1978 amendment to the Act requires only a majority for passage. The law requires that producers must register at least 10 days before the referendum to vote. Local offices of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS) will conduct the referendum. The program would be administered by a beef board of up to 68 members selected by the Secretary of Agriculture from nominations submitted by producer organizations. The Department of Agriculture would monitor the program to make sure it operates within the law.

The program would generate \$40 million to \$100 million for vital research and promotion of beef. It would be entirely self-financed. Funds would be collected according to a value-added concept and would be assessed to all sellers in the marketing chain. Under the act, a producer who does not wish to participate has the right to a refund by applying to the board.

Apple Grower Volume, Demand

Processing apple crop supply and market conditions for 1979 were examined during a multi-state meeting of the American Agricultural Marketing Association Apple Advisory Committee on June 12-13 in Richmond, Virginia.

According to Daryl Peterson, vice chairman of the Michigan Processing Apple Growers Marketing Committee and one of four Michigan delegates to the AAMA meeting, the 1979 apple crop in the eastern U.S. will be down slightly from last year.

"We should be able to get a more accurate picture of the harvest situation in July, but it appears now that producers in all of the apple producing states are looking at a shorter crop this year."

AAMA apple state delegates will re-convene in July or August to make final reports and recommendations. "What we try to do," says Peterson, "is to get an idea of the volume we're looking at and get some idea of the demand that is there for the product so that we can come up with realistic price recommendations."

"We also discussed the status of the National Agricultural Marketing and Bargaining legislation while we met in Virginia," he reports. "The number of congressional sponsors continues to gain. Michigan currently has eight congressional representatives who have endorsed the bill and response in the other apple producing states has been good."

Because of the P.A. 344 law

Apples Promote



The Michigan Apple Industry float, with Rockford, Michigan and Michigan Apple the "500 Festival Parade" in Indianapolis, Mo.

Commodity Update



look at Crop Factors

that is operating in Michigan, producers in other states frequently quiz the Michigan producers, says Peterson.

"When we meet with other states, they check with us for the accuracy of the reports they hear about marketing and bargaining legislation. We share with them what we know, how it has worked for us and how we feel."

Processing apple growers from eight states were represented at the meeting: New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Michigan.

Michigan AAMA delegates were selected from elected committee members of the Michigan Processing Apple Growers Marketing Committee on May 30, 1979. Michigan's AAMA delegates are Howard Gilmer, chairman, Van Buren County; Rob Peabody, committee member, Livingston County; Daryl Peterson, vice chairman, Mason County; and Bill Austin, committee member, Van Buren County.

The Michigan Processing Apple Growers, a division of the Michigan Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Association (MACMA), recently held elections for officers of its marketing committee.

Elected as officers for the 1979-80 crop year for the Michigan Processing Apple Growers Marketing Committee were Howard Gilmer, Van Buren County, chairman; Daryl Peterson, Mason County, vice chairman; and Tom Butler, MACMA, secretary.

at "Indy 500"



National Apple Queen Rebecca Pitsch of Van Buren County, Michigan, appeared in person at the running of the "Indy 500" in

Wheat Forecasts Show Michigan Wheat Production Up 71 Percent

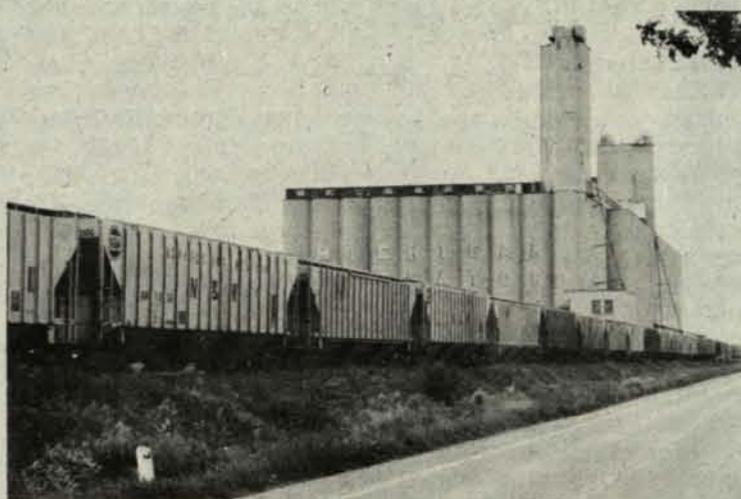
The Agricultural Reporting Service has projected that 770,000 acres of wheat will be harvested this summer in Michigan. Early season yield forecasts are projected at nearly 31 million bushels up 71 percent from the 18 million bushels harvested in 1978.

The predicted 31 million bushel yield is about average although it is a substantial increase over last year's harvest which was low due to poor weather at planting time in the fall of 1977.

Adequate Rail Transportation Forecast

A rail car shortage in the spring of 1978 clogged movement of grain last year, not only in Michigan, but nationwide, even though harvest was down substantially from the preceding year. However, United States Department of Agriculture specialists predict the movement of grain will be improved this year.

In Michigan, the availability of hopper cars to move grain to mills and export facilities looks better this year because the four railroads serving the state — the C&O, Grand Trunk, ConRail and the Ann Arbor — have additional cars available this year, according to Bud Seeley, general traffic manager for Michigan



"Overall, we should have more cars available this year," stated Bud Seeley, general traffic manager for MEE.

Elevator Exchange, a division of Farm Bureau Services, Inc.

"The C & O has about the same number of cars they had last year, but they got 500 new ones last year that weren't delivered in time for wheat harvest, but will be available this year. The Grand Trunk is expecting 100 new hopper cars in July, so that should help them considerably, because they've had a fewer number of cars than anybody else," stated Seeley. In addition, ConRail has a surplus of cars for the first time in three years.

"Overall, we should have more cars available this year than we had last year — it looks brighter than it has looked for quite a while," Seeley said. Besides using the

four railroads, MEE also operates a 65-car train out of the Ottawa Lake facility to move grain to the east coast.

Direct Overseas Sales Opened Through Farmers Export Company

Foreign marketing doors have opened for Michigan-produced grain as a result of Farm Bureau Services acquiring membership last February in the Farmers Export Company (FEC).

"It opens an avenue for the first time to us to sell grain directly to world buyers," said Donn Kunz, manager of the Grain Department for MEE. "We've always had to go through the major companies, such as Cargill and Continental, where we sold them the grain, they elevated it, put it on a ship and sold it

all over the world. Through the FEC, we'll be making the sales direct, putting the grain through our own elevator and, therefore, improve both our ability to move it and, hopefully, it will improve the price as well," stated Kunz.

The FEC recently completed negotiations for an east coast terminal in Philadelphia; most grain shipments to this terminal will originate from Michigan and Ohio. Kunz estimates that there will probably be 10-15 million bushels of the 1979 Michigan wheat crop available for export through the FEC.

Asked what countries might be purchasing some of this wheat, Kunz said, "Historical patterns would indicate countries like Norway, Sweden, Morocco, Egypt, Pakistan and India. Those countries are the ones that use a lot of soft white wheat which is grown in Michigan and we have it to sell."

Though it is too early to forecast how much of the new Michigan wheat crop will be exported on ocean-going ships through the Saginaw facility and Mid-States Terminal in Toledo, Ohio, which is partially owned by FBS, Kunz predicted, "We will be very active both at Saginaw and Mid-States in direct exports as well as through FEC in Philadelphia."

MFB Wheat Program Enters 13th Year

The 1979-80 marketing season will mark the 13th anniversary of the Michigan Farm Bureau Wheat Marketing Program. The objective of the wheat marketing program is to obtain a better than average price for Michigan wheat producers. This objective has been met in nearly every year since the program's inception.

The MFB Wheat Marketing Program uses the pool concept; in fact, it is often referred to as the MFB Wheat Pool. To participate in the pool a farmer must meet a few simple requirements and follow a few simple procedures. The requirements are these:

1. Be a Farm Bureau member.
2. Sign a Wheat Marketing Program Agreement.
3. Deliver wheat to a participating co-op elevator.

The first two requirements can be taken care of at the county Farm Bureau office.

The procedures likewise, are relatively simple:

1. Tell the local co-op elevator manager when delivering wheat that you want to participate in the Farm Bureau Wheat Marketing Program or Wheat Pool.

2. He will prepare and have the producer sign a delivery and settlement sheet. It is important that the signature and address be the same as those used when completing the Wheat Marketing Program Agreement.

3. The producer, soon after delivery, will receive an advance payment check for his wheat. The exact amount will vary based on transportation differentials.

4. Before May of the following year the pool will be liquidated and all producers in the pool will receive a final payment check. The final payment is based on the total pool results. Every producer will receive the same final payment per bushel.

The pool is ideally suited for wheat producers who do not have excess storage on the farm, do not want to sell at harvest time and want to share in any post harvest price advances. The pool frees farmers from watching daily wheat markets and handling their product again after harvest.

Sales from the pool are based on the concept of orderly marketing. Orderly marketing does not insure that the pool will be sold at the market high. It does, however, give the producer a much better opportunity to even out market fluctuations. In most cases orderly marketing has led to above average results for the wheat program.

There is nothing magical or mystical about the Farm Bureau Wheat Pool. It involves the simple concept of producers putting their product together for the betterment of everyone. It is like any other cooperative venture, it can only be successful if people make use of it. The MFB Wheat Marketing Program does provide Michigan farmers with an alternative market for their crop.

For additional details about the program, contact either your county Farm Bureau office, the Commodity Activities and Research Division of Michigan Farm Bureau or your participating co-op elevator.



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CAPITOL REPORT

Robert E. Smith

Task Force on Workers Comp Established

A joint Senate, House-Executive Task Force on Workers Compensation Reform has finally been set up for the purpose of discussing and developing reform legislation to be considered during the fall legislative session.

The Task Force is bipartisan. Co-chairmen are C. Patrick Babcock, director of the Department of Labor; Rep. Perry Bullard, chairman of the House Labor Committee; and Sen. David Plawecki, chairman of the Senate Labor Committee. Other members include Senators Donald Bishop (R), Gary Corbin (D), Jerome Hart (D) and John Welborn (R); representatives include Dennis Hertel (D), Paul Hillegonds (R), Juanita Watkins (D) and Jack Kirksey (R). William F. McLaughlin, director of the Department of Commerce also will serve on the 12-member Task Force.

The Task Force is expecting to meet throughout

the summer in the effort to arrive at an agreeable solution to workers comp problems.

The public is invited to write to members of the Task Force as individuals or to the Task Force as a group. The address is: Workers Compensation Reform Task Force, c/o Director's Office, Michigan Dept. of Labor, 309 N. Washington, Box 30015, Lansing, Michigan 48909. Mr. Karl Benghauser is the staff coordinator. Letters to individual legislators on the Task Force can be sent to their Capitol address.

Farmers and others who have had workers comp problems or concerns may take advantage of this opportunity to write to their own legislators as well as those on the Task Force. We at Farm Bureau would appreciate a copy of any communication you have with your legislators on this issue inasmuch as Farm Bureau will be working closely with the Task Force on the problems.

The Workers Comp Reform Coalition which is made up of about 200 different groups has been instrumental in beginning the huge task of writing a reform measure. Farm Bureau is a member of the Steering Committee of that group and is the only agricultural group so represented.

This will be an extremely controversial and difficult issue to resolve. Big labor and big industry are involved as well as small businesses and farmers, and the opinions vary between the various economic groups.

Farm Bureau has already distributed to each county Farm Bureau a booklet explaining workers comp and outlining many of the major issues. Farm Bureau Insurance Group has recently

succeeded in getting special permission to deviate from the normal pattern and to cut minimum premium costs to farmers for workers comp. This was difficult to accomplish. However, the final solution must be part of a reform of the law.

It is interesting to note that farmers and others in agriculture were not brought under the law by the Legislature inasmuch as they were exempt for some years from workers comp. Instead, it was a Supreme Court decision that required farmers to carry the coverage on their employees.

Farm Bureau voting delegates at the last annual meeting in December approved a very comprehensive policy on workers comp reform.

Special Farm Truck Permit

SB 73 (Sen. DeGrow, R-Pigeon) is now under consideration by the Senate Transportation Committee. It appears that it will be opposed by the Department of State. The bill removes the words "designed and" from the law passed in 1976.

This special law promoted by Farm Bureau provided for a \$15 permit for those vehicles used in agriculture production for only a few days a year during the harvest where used "exclusively" to haul crops from the field to the place of storage.

The purpose of the special permit is because producers of fruit, grain, sugar beets, etc. have a variety of vehicles used for this purpose - sometimes homemade and other times old or obsolete trucks that are purchased as *standby equipment*. However, the words "designed and" in the law caused a problem because the rules provide that trucks with regular boxes and racks do not qualify because they were not "designed" for that purpose. Some special meetings have been set up to try to work out this problem.

In the first year of operation, many farmers were given the special permits for their trucks and about 100 were issued. So far this year, 48 special permits have been issued. Trucks with the special permits are removed from the regular registration. Because of this, it is hoped that the federal "use tax" will be eliminated. The federal "use tax" is based on "registered vehicles" and can be, for some vehicles, over \$200.

Farm Truck Covers —
Last month's issue pointed out the fact that some safety groups favor eliminating the exemption that farmers have from the mandated truck cover law. Since that time Farm Bureau has received many complaints from law enforcement officials that farmers are overloading their trucks and thereby spilling some contents on the highways.

Again, we urge that farmers use care in loading trucks to prove that farmers should continue to be exempted from the expensive mandatory truck cover law.

Senate Bill Introduced to Cut State Tax on Gasohol

Gasohol continues to receive a great deal of publicity. Farm Bureau and Farmers Petroleum have had many requests from many areas on gasohol on our experiences with providing it to the consuming public.

Sen. Corbin (D-Clio), has introduced SB 480 which would, among other things, cut the state tax on gasohol from eleven cents per gallon to six cents per gallon. This would place the price of the alcohol product in line with non-leaded fuel. The purpose is to encourage the use of it in order to extend the gasoline supplies.

The bill also sets up quality standards to assure the buying public that they will receive high quality alcohol in the 90 percent - 10 percent mixture. It also sets up requirements for the blending of gasohol.

Farm Bureau has received information from the Automobile Club of New York (A.A.N.) which has been testing gasohol in that state in cars driven by their field representatives. They find that the product "eliminates dieseling, knocks and pings, reduces emissions over all, and provides an increase in mileage." They have found a 20-25 percent mileage improvement. They found their best results are with a blend using 15 percent alcohol instead of the usual 10 percent. Their cars are also being tested on blends up to 30

percent. The cars are a 1978 Pontiac LeMans and a 1978 Pontiac Ventura. They have set up a scientific procedure including a diagnostic center to analyze the condition of the plugs, points, carburetor and engine performance at the end of each 3000 miles.

It is interesting to note that Henry Ford designed his first cars to run on alcohol. The reason it was not used is that oil and gasoline became plentiful and cheap. Many maintain that the hightbred fuel is an "idea whose time has come — again."

As reported in an earlier issue, state Farm Bureaus around the country have been involved with alcohol for fuel over the years. Indiana Farm Bureau published a 210 page book, "Food For Thought," outlining the use and production techniques of alcohol in 1942, more than 37 years ago! The book is still a good resource study and was reprinted in 1978. It outlines the use of alcohol for fuel over the years throughout the world since 1922.

Many stations in Michigan are now following Farm Bureau affiliate's Farmers Petroleum's lead and making gasohol available to their customers. It is estimated that there are presently approximately 37 stations in the state, 15 of which are being supplied by Farmers Petroleum with more expected to be added as supplies permit.

Millage Rollback Bill Approved by State House

After a long drawn out and controversial period of time the Legislature has passed HB 4232. This is the first major legislation passed to implement the Headlee Amendment that was passed by the voters last November.

It implements the section of the constitutional amendment that requires procedures for a "rollback" of property tax when the increase is more than the inflation factor. In other words, property taxes can only rise as much as inflation.

The new law provides that the tax millage must be "rolled back" when the equalized assessments rise more than the inflation rate. The inflation factor for this year is set at 7.7 percent.

Some schools are expecting to be required to cut their millage three or more mills. Others may not be affected.

There are at least two other major parts of the amendment that must still be implemented by the Legislature. One requires that the state funds must be used to pay for any new program that is required by the state or a local government, also known as "mandated programs." The other prohibits the state to cut the proportion of the state budget that goes to local governments in various forms such as revenue sharing, etc.

The method to accomplish this is probably more controversial than any other part

of the voters' mandate. The question is: What constitutes a mandate on local government and how far must the state go in paying those costs?

It now appears that funding to local governments may be higher than anticipated by as much as \$40 million. This would include a \$21 million increase to school aid.

This results from the final figures available on state equalization evaluation as released by the State Tax Commission. It appears that the SEV is about 2 percent higher than expected which will result in increased local revenues and thereby cut state school aid budget requirements. However, under the Headlee Amendment, the \$40 million in budget savings must be returned to local units of government.

Notice Of Availability

The Bureau of Maps is making available a free Index containing detailed lists of its Michigan Lake & Land Map Inventory.

This inventory lists over 3,000 hydrographic inland lake charts, 958 U.S. government topographic land maps, and all of the N.O.A.A. Great Lakes and connecting water nautical charts. This index is free by sending a self-addressed business (No. 10) envelope, with 30 cents postage affixed to: Bureau of Maps, D-30235, Lansing, MI 48909.

NATIONAL NOTES

The Carter Plan vs. the Kennedy Plan

National Health Insurance Programs Presented

The administration has finally submitted its "Phase I" proposal for what would eventually lead to a universal, comprehensive national health insurance program. The announcement came in June, just weeks after Senator Kennedy (D-Mass.) had unveiled his universal, comprehensive Health Care Act for All Americans. Neither the Carter nor Kennedy proposal has been introduced in bill form as yet.

The President is seeking an additional \$18.2 billion increase in federal spending to

expand and combine Medicare and Medicaid as part of a new federal health insurance program titled "Healthcare." For the private sector, the President asks to order employers to provide coverage for employees and their families to keep their costs to a maximum of \$2500 in any one year. This will cost the private sector at least an additional \$6.1 billion. Thus the minimum total cost of Carter's proposal is \$24.3 billion.

Whereas Kennedy has proposed a plan covering all

Americans, Carter's "Phase 1" proposal is aimed at the aged, disabled, poor and near-poor, mothers and infants, and those citizens who have been left uncovered by the present system. Carter also is aiming at coverage for catastrophic illnesses for all.

A brief comparison of Carter's and Kennedy's proposals follows:

The Carter Plan

Coverage: Catastrophic for everyone, expand and combine Medicare-Medicaid into "Healthcare" for poor, aged, etc.

Costs: (Note: these figures are minimums and are in addition to current spending for health care.)

\$18.2 billion - federal
6.1 billion - private
\$24.3 billion - total

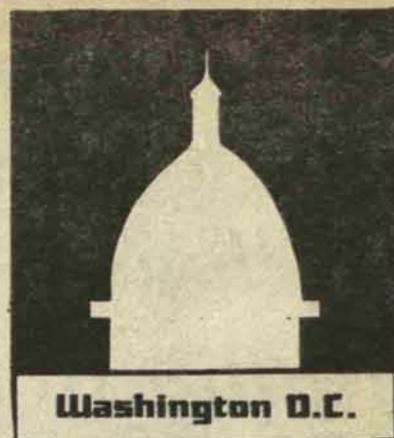
Cost controls: Negotiated fee schedules, limits and sets charges for hospitals based on national targets

Premiums: For coverage above \$2500, employers pay 75 percent, former workers covered for 90 days, federal subsidy for low wage or high risk employers.

The Kennedy Plan

Coverage: Universal for all, comprehensive benefits
\$28.6 billion - federal
11.4 billion - private
\$40.0 billion - total

Cost controls: Negotiated fee schedules for



physicians and strict budget limits for doctors and hospitals
Premiums: Income-based, employers pay at least 65 percent, former workers covered for 60 days.

A main key in the Senate in this area is Senator Long (D-La.), chairman of the Finance Committee, which must approve any health insurance bill. Long favors a catastrophic plan covering costs over \$4,000, and comes closer to Carter's proposal than Kennedy's. Costs for Long's plan have not been presented but would be around \$10 billion.

Bonior, Pursell Join Co-Sponsors of National Agricultural Marketing Bill



DAVID BONIOR



CARL PURSELL

Two additional Michigan Congressmen have announced they would co-sponsor the National Agricultural Marketing Bill. Congressmen David Bonior (D-Mt. Clemens) and Carl Pursell (R-Plymouth) have joined Don Albosta (D-St. Charles), Bob Davis (R-Gaylord), Dale Kildee (D-Flint), Bob Traxler (D-Bay City) and Howard Wolpe (D-Kalamazoo) as co-sponsors of the bill.

The bill would make it an unfair trade practice for handlers of agricultural commodities to refuse to negotiate in good faith with an accredited association of producers regarding price and other terms of commodities represented by the association.

The bill has been introduced in the Senate by Senator Walter Huddleston (D-Kentucky). The Senate bill is S. 1193 and is identical to the House bill.

Three action requested items are being asked of Farm Bureau members: (1) if your Congressman is among those who have joined as a co-sponsor of H.R. 3535, write and thank him if you have not already done so; (2) if your Congressman has not yet announced a decision to co-sponsor H.R. 3535, write and ask them to do so; and (3) write Senators Carl Levin and Donald Reigle asking them to join as a co-sponsor of the Senate bill S. 1193.

Smith Praises Governor's Decision to Order Escort for Fuel Tankers

Elton R. Smith, president of the Michigan Farm Bureau praised Gov. Milliken's decision to order State Police escorts for fuel tankers. "This will assure that vital fuel shipments will be made to consumers and farmers," he said. "Farm commodities are often perishable, and if farmers can't get the fuel they need for processing and transportation, thousands of pounds of valuable food

could be wasted."

Smith said that while he understands the concerns of truckers, demonstrations and blockades do little toward resolving the root cause of the truckers' complaints.

"What is vitally needed is action on the federal level to increase the efficiency of fuel consumption in the trucking industry," he said. "Speci-

ally, Congress should provide for regulatory reform of trucking, a uniform 80,000 pound maximum weight on interstate highways and a uniform maximum tractor-trailer length of 65 feet. According to a U.S. Department of Energy study, these two steps could save one quarter billion gallons of fuel a year...a savings of one third in fuel consumption on the interstate network."

Earned Income Credit

Obscure Provision of Revenue Act of 1978 Threatens Ag Employers

A previously obscure provision of the Revenue Act of 1978 threatens to create a severe administrative burden for agricultural employers. That provision allows employees eligible for the earned income credit to elect to have advance payments of the credit added to their paychecks each pay period.

The earned income credit is designed to assist low-income families. Prior to the 1978 law, the credit could only be claimed and received by an eligible individual after filing an income tax return. Although the eligible individual still must file a tax return, the new law allows him-her to receive a ratable portion of the credit at the end of each payroll period. According to temporary regulations every employer who pays wages after June 30, 1979, to an eligible employee with a valid credit certificate, must also pay the

employee the earned income advance amount along with the employee's wages.

The amount of the advance payment would be determined from tables in the Employer's Tax Guide (circular E) and based on the amount of wages subject to withholding. For employees not subject to withholding, but subject to FICA taxes, the payment is based on the amount of wages subject to FICA taxes. Payment of the advance earned income credit amount is credited on a dollar - for - dollar basis against the employer's liability for income tax withholding and FICA taxes.

The earned income credit per year is 10 percent of the first \$5,000 of earned income (maximum credit of \$500) and is phased out between \$6,000 and \$10,000 of adjusted gross income (or, if higher, earned income).

The new law presents

problems for many farmers and ranchers, particularly those who employ migrant workers whose pay period is daily.

Efforts are under way to remedy the problems caused by the new law.

According to language contained in the House Ways and Means Committee report on H.R. 2797 (the Technical Corrections Act of 1979), the Internal Revenue Service has indicated it will not impose penalties for non-compliance during the six month period between June 30, 1979, and January 1, 1980.

Representative Archer (R-Texas) recently introduced H.R. 4307, which would retain the effective date of June 30, 1979, but give employers the option of making advanced payments between June 30, 1979, and January 1, 1980. There would be no requirement to comply until January 1.

Immediate Member Action Request

Reports are that President Carter may be considering suspension of the Department of Energy's rule (Special Rule 9) granting priority to farmers for diesel fuel. Farm Bureau members are urged to immediately send

telegrams to their congressmen urging retention of Rule 9 beyond July 31, and urging that the distribution of farm commodities be added to the priority list.

Farmers Honored Weekly by FBIG, Michigan Farm Radio Network

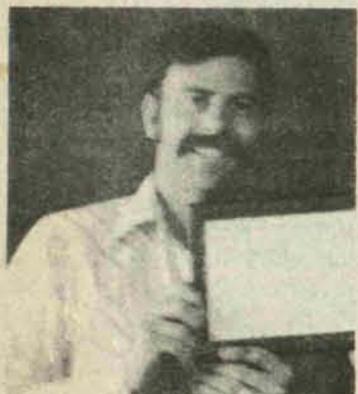
The Farmer of the Week Award, sponsored by the Michigan Farm Radio Network and Farm Bureau Insurance Group, recognizes Michigan farmers for their contributions to the agriculture industry and the community. In addition to recognition from local news media, recipients are awarded a personalized plaque and custom-designed Farmer of the Week buckle and leather belt from the two sponsoring organizations.

The Farmer of the Week Award recipients for May 1979 were:



JIM DOMAGALSKI

Week of May 7—Jim Domagalski, 33, a cash crop farmer from Richmond who farms 400 acres and raises primarily corn, soybeans and wheat. He is an active member of St. Phillip Catholic Church where he serves as a commentator, lector and usher; member of the St. Clair County Farm Bureau and past chairman of the county Young Farmers Committee; past member of the County FB Board of Directors; and member of the Federal Land Bank, Farmers Elevator Co-op and the St. Clair Macomb Co-op. Domagalski has also worked with the Extension Service in growing test soybean plots on his farm. He and his wife, Lorry, have five children.



ROY SHANKEL

Week of May 14 — Roy Shankel, who farms 820 acres of cash crops near St. Louis in Gratiot County. Shankel 30, raises beans, corn, beets and pickles. He is a member of the state Young Farmers Committee; member of the Long Range

Planning Committee of Peace Lutheran Church; member of the St. Louis Jaycees; and member of the Gratiot County Farm Bureau Board, the County Young Farmers Committee and the Farmers Petroleum Board of Gratiot County. He and his wife, Tana Rae, have three children.



MELVIN STOFER

Week of May 21 — Melvin Stofer of Leslie, a dairy farmer specializing in Registered Holsteins. Stofer, 49, farms 400 acres in partnership with his son. He serves as president of the Ingham County Holstein Board and president of the district Holstein board; president of the Mason local of the Michigan Milk Producers Assn.; and member of the Ingham County Farm Bureau and past county FB Board member. He has also served on the Dairy Herd Improvement Assn. Board and is a past 4-H community leader and 4-H dairy leader. Stofer and his wife, Audrey, have four children.



RALPH FOGG

Week of May 28—Ralph Fogg, 35, a lifelong farmer from the Saginaw area. Fogg farms 400 acres and raises soybeans, corn, sugar beets, cauliflower, peppers and zucchini. He is an active member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Saginaw and serves on the Board of Elders of the Church; member of the Sugar Beet Growers Association; and recipient of the 1979 Farm Manager of the Year Award for Saginaw County from Michigan State University's Telfarm Program. Fogg and his wife, Janice, have three children.

FBIG Introduces Low Cost Policy Option on Converted Ag Equipment

Farm Bureau Insurance Group has introduced a low cost policy option which will provide required No-Fault insurance coverage on former road vehicles converted into agricultural equipment.

For a semi-annual fee of just \$10, the policy option, which is an endorsement added to the farmer's auto policy, will cover all converted agricultural vehicles owned by the farmer. Such

July 25-31

National Farm Safety Week

Nearly half of all farm work injuries might have been prevented or lessened in severity if the victim had been wearing personal protective equipment, according to the latest National Safety Council agricultural accident surveys.

"Farm safety leaders believe that agriculture can benefit from the routine use of protective equipment just as other industries do," said Ron Converse, vice president of the Michigan Rural Safety Council and manager of field service representatives for Farm Bureau Insurance Group. "Protective gear like hardhats, safety glasses and safety shoes can do much to prevent injury and loss of life."

This message will be emphasized during National Farm Safety Week July 25-31 which this year has the theme "Personal Protection — A Defense Against Injury."

Farm Bureau Insurance Group will be a leader in promoting the safety message among Michigan farmers. Through a campaign of policyholder communications, broadcast interviews and assistance from FBIG agents, the state's largest farm insurer will promote the observance in all areas of the state.

"Agricultural work accidents in the U.S. resulted in 1,900 deaths and 180,000 disabling injuries in 1978," Converse said, "so the need to emphasize farm safety is critical."

Personal protection equipment that would help farmers reduce injuries include:

equipment includes, for example, surplus military trucks or utility company vehicles converted into shakers, forklifts, 6x6's or similar agricultural implements.

Even though these vehicles are not required to be registered with the Secretary of State, they are subject to the Michigan No-Fault law when being driven on public roads and must carry the mandatory insurance.

Through a resolution passed at last year's Michigan Farm Bureau annual meeting, MFB delegates requested that Farm Bureau Insurance Group develop a program to provide the necessary coverage at a low cost. Prior to the FBIG endorsement, converted agricultural vehicles had to be charged the same rates as other motor vehicles, despite their limited use.

—Hard hats to protect the head against bumps or falling objects while felling or trimming trees, repairing machinery, doing construction work, and such.

—Safety glasses and goggles to protect the eyes from flying particles and chemicals. Use the appropriate safety eyewear in the shop, when operating in dusty conditions, spray painting, and applying ag chemicals, pesticides and ammonia fertilizer.

—Safety shoes should be standard footwear for all farm work. Safety shoes with a metal toe box and puncture and slip-resistant soles will help avoid foot and toe injuries and falls.

—Filter masks help keep dust, chaff and other particles out of your lungs while combining, haying, working in dusty fields. The ap-

propriate respiratory equipment should be worn when applying toxic or irritating chemicals or working in bins, manure pits, silos or other areas lacking oxygen or containing deadly gases or fumes.

—Protective ear muffs or ear canal inserts help prevent hearing damage due to long exposure to noisy farm equipment, chain saws and the like. Farmers suffer a high rate of noise-induced hearing loss, usually due to operating noisy equipment for long hours.

—Proper gloves for the job will help protect your hands from minor injuries and chemical irritations. A word of caution: gloves should be removed when working near moving parts since the gloves could be caught and pull the fingers or hands into the moving parts.

What's Happening?

July 7	Michigan Swine Field Day	Livestock Pavilion MSU
July 11	Seed Potato Demonstration	Experiment Station Chatham
July 16-18	AFBF Marketing Forum	Chicago
July 17	Summer Agronomy Tour	Monroe, Lenawee and Washtenaw Counties
July 19	State Farm Management Tour	Calhoun County
July 20-21	Michigan Beekeepers Assn. Summer Meeting	MSU
July 25-31	National Farm Safety Week	
July 28-29	Southern Michigan Trappers Assn., Chelsea Fairgrounds Inc. Convention (Farm Bureau members invited)	Chelsea
July 31	MFB Policy Development Comm.	Farm Bureau Center Lansing



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Compulsory National Health Insurance

DISCUSSION TOPIC

by **KEN WILES**
Manager Member Relations

"...We oppose national health insurance. Nationally implemented and administered health insurance, were it adopted, would be one more step in the socialization of this country. Nationalized medicine would be the law of the land unless those who believe in our free choice, private medical system unite to work aggressively against it... We recommend that all citizens be encouraged to participate in private health care plans by federal income tax credits for premiums on such plans, with provision for government assistance to persons who do not have enough income to take full advantage of such credits. The full cost of health insurance should be a tax-deductible item for the self-employed."

Adopted by elected voting delegates of the member state Farm Bureaus to the 60th Annual Meeting of the American Farm Bureau Federation, Miami Beach, Florida, January, 1979.

The Problem

Senator Kennedy of Massachusetts has proposed a Compulsory Health Insurance Plan which would cover every resident of the United States. Under this plan:

- Every resident would be issued a health card.
- The federal government would finance coverage for the poor, disabled, the unemployed, and the aged.
- Employers would pay premiums based on the total wages paid and employees could be taxed up to 35 percent of the premium.
- Self-employed individuals would enroll in a plan meeting federal standards and pay premiums related to their incomes.

President Carter has proposed that we move toward the Kennedy plan on a gradual basis — a step at a time. This is the only real difference between the Kennedy and Carter national health insurance plans. They imply a total failure of our traditional health care system and would be one more step in the socialization of this country.

Present Health Care System

High quality medical care is available to virtually everyone in the United States. Excellent hospitals are located within 30 minutes travel time for over 99 percent of the population.

As a result of this high-quality health care and service availability — which includes ultramodern medical equipment, highly-trained, skilled physicians, surgeons and support personnel — Americans now live longer and have fewer infant mortalities. Life expectancy increased 10 years between 1940 and 1976, while infant mortality declined dramatically.

Over 180 million Americans already have insurance or prepayment plans as protection against unpredictable expenses such as the costs of extended illnesses.

Present Federal Health Care Subsidies

Federal spending for health programs has grown at a greater rate since 1965 than spending by state and local governments and the private sector.

In 1977 federal, state and local government expenditures accounted for 42 percent of total U.S. health outlays.

On a broader front, Health, Education and Welfare (HEW) budget spending has increased from \$14.9 billion in 1960 to \$181.3 billion in 1978 — a twelve-fold increase.

Medicare now benefits almost 27 million aged and disabled persons. Costs of this federal health care program, for the most part, are borne by persons now paying social security taxes. Medicaid, the other major federally-initiated health program, now benefits an estimated 24 million low-income persons.

At the outset of the Medicare program, HEW said the program would cost \$900 million in the first year for hospitalization benefits. The actual cost was \$3.4 billion — almost four times HEW's original estimate.

Kennedy health planners estimate that the cost of health care would be \$40 billion more under the proposed program than under our present health care system in 1980 — \$211 billion under the Kennedy plan versus \$171 billion with our present system. One must ask the question: "How will the actual cost compare with the original estimate?" Four times? Six times?

As a result of existing federally-mandated health care redistribution programs, the poor tend to make more physician visits each year than the nonpoor. One of the Kennedy plan benefits is 100 "home health service" visits per year — two per week.

What Would Be the Results

Compulsory national health insurance is a prescription for higher taxes, more costly government rules, more regulations and red-tape, more inflation, higher medical costs and poorer medical care.

The idea of having the government pay our medical bills is deceptively simple. It sounds good, but "there is no free lunch." Everything the government pays for must ultimately be paid for by individual citizens — either through taxes or a combination of taxes and inflation which

reduces the value of every dollar we own or earn.

A government-sponsored compulsory health insurance program would lead to an explosive increase in the demand for medical services and a corresponding increase in government rules and regulations.

The costs of medical care and administrative bureaucracy would soar.

With the government paying the bills, many, many people would seek medical assistance for trivial or frivolous reasons.

Since the supply of health care services would not be increased, waiting lists would become commonplace.

The proposed limitations on the charges made by hospitals and doctors for individual services would not prevent total costs from rising.

It would be impossible to prevent the type of frauds that have plagued Medicare and Medicaid.

The inevitable result of compulsory national health insurance would be a decline in the availability and quality of the medical care that is available to those who have serious medical problems.

Current Policy

Farm Bureau policy is clearly against national health insurance. Individual citizens should be encouraged to participate in private health care plans with federal income tax credits for premiums on such plans with provision for government assistance to persons who do not have enough income to take full advantage of such credits. The full cost of health insurance should be a tax-deductible item for the self-employed.

Questions to Consider

Does current Farm Bureau policy offer sufficient alternatives and how can these alternatives be effectively implemented?

What are other alternatives to be considered? In what ways can Farm Bureau combat the proposed legislation?

FB Members: Special Rates at Cedar Point, Sea World

Special arrangements have been made with Cedar Point, mid-America's finest family entertainment center, located near Sandusky, Ohio and with Sea World of Ohio, located near Aurora, Ohio for Michigan Farm Bureau members to purchase admission tickets at reduced cost.

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To purchase your tickets to either Cedar Point or Sea World of Ohio send a self-addressed, stamped envelope and a check or money order, made payable to Michigan Farm Bureau, in the full amount for the number of tickets ordered to Kenneth Wiles, Michigan Farm Bureau, P.O. Box 30960, Lansing, Michigan 48909. Be sure to indicate which admission tickets are desired.

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Sea World Cedar Point



County Committees Play Key Role in Safemark Program

Michigan Farm Bureau's youngest "child," MFB Group Purchasing, Inc., is nearly 3½ years old. Best known as "Safemark," the service-to-members-only program involves the group purchase of tires, batteries, and other accessories, and was initiated in Michigan as a result of a State Study Committee recommendation.

In their search for economic services which would serve the future needs of farmers, this committee was impressed with the members-only benefits of the Safemark program, which was in operation in 40 other states. In these states, it had become a key factor in membership acquisition and

maintenance.

When the program was introduced in Michigan, leaders predicted that the degree of its success would be in direct relation to the amount of time, effort, and continuing involvement and commitment the county Farm Bureaus were willing to invest. That prediction has proven true. In counties where commitment to the program has been invested, Safemark is enjoying growth and success.

A key to this growth and success, believes Kevin Kirk, operations manager of MFB Group Purchasing, Inc., is a dedicated county Farm Bureau Safemark Committee. The responsibilities of

a Safemark Committee include promoting member participation in the program, building and maintaining the best possible servicing program to members in the county, safeguarding it as a members-only service and acting as liaison between the Safemark dealers, the county board and the membership.

"When a committee believes that the program provides real economic services to members and takes its responsibilities seriously, it is almost a guaranteed success," says Kirk. "The key is really at the county level."

He points to the Washtenaw County Farm Bureau as an example. County President

Luke Schaible and Safemark Committee Chairman LaVerne Leach believed in the program and its potential value to their members. They had a good dealer, Ray Feldkamp of Saline, a long-time active member who understood Farm Bureau philosophy and supported its activities. But there was a problem of inadequate inventory, preventing members from getting what they needed when they needed it.

Sufficient inventory is important, so Luke and LaVerne recommended to their county board that they loan a certain amount of money to the dealer, that amount also to be matched by the dealer, for investment in

Safemark inventory. They would "use membership money to promote a better membership program."

The board approved the proposal in March and since Feldkamp has increased his inventory, his Safemark sales have nearly doubled, and member interest indicates that growth will continue.

"Our dealer feels good about what we did and so do we," reports Luke. "He now has inventory readily available and that's paying off."

Other members of the Washtenaw Safemark Committee are Dennis Engelbert, Jay Hopkins, James Bolz and Robert Leland.

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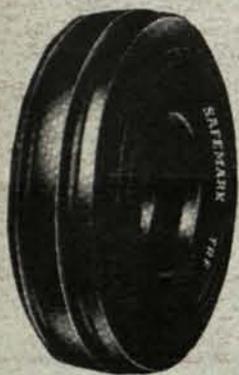
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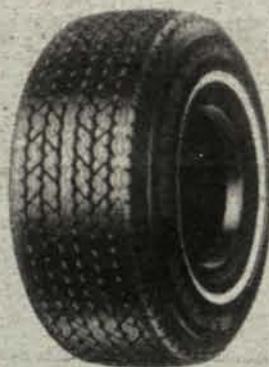


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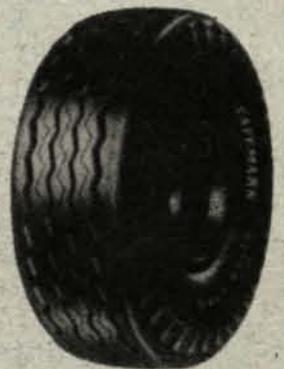


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Osceola	Steve VanHouten	Evart	616-734-2421	Van Buren	Kellogg Farm Supply	Mattawan	616-668-3816
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Montcalm	Reinbold Sales & Service	Grant	616-834-7903	Montmorency	Barlow Equipment Company	Hillman	517-742-4341
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Sanilac	Steven's Tire Company	Escanaba	906-786-4522	St. Joseph	Dick Athony Enterprises	Three Rivers	616-279-7937
Shiawassee	Farmers Supply Company	Charlotte	517-543-4548	Benzie	Benzie Safemark	Frankfort	616-352-9741
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Huron	Stephen Shook	Quincy	517-426-4261	Hanson Farm Equipment Co.	Dagget	906-753-6674	
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