

MF B Works for 'Right to Farm'

When city-bred people realize their dream of moving to the country, they sometimes find more than the fresh air, peace and quiet they bargained for. They may get the smells of pigs and other livestock, early morning sounds of irrigation pumps, dust and noise from farm tractors, combines and other machines necessary to produce the food they buy from the supermarket.

The result has been city newcomer versus farmer in suits filed under nuisance laws and/or the Michigan Environmental Protection Act. Even if the farmer does win in such cases, it costs him legal fees, lost time and mental stress for him and his family.

Farm Bureau, in recent testimony before a legislative committee, pointed out that farming is a biological process and, as such, there is noise, odors, dust and the need for use of essential chemicals and fertilizers, and that farming is also a seven-day-a-week, and often night-time, operation. If farming is to survive in many areas, farmers need a "right to farm" law, Farm Bureau's testimony pointed out.

Rep. Lewis Dodak (D-Montrose), whose district is a combination of farmland and suburban households, has taken leadership in developing legislation to guarantee, to the

degree possible, farmers the "right to farm" without fear of undue harassment from nuisance suits.

Michigan Farm Bureau's legislative staff has been working with Rep. Dodak on the proposed legislation and has collected information from other states which have recognized the problem. They found that some townships around the country have met the problem head-on with "right to farm" ordinances.

For example, a New Jersey township ordinance states, in part, that "the right to farm all land is hereby recognized to exist as a natural right and is also hereby ordained to exist as a permitted use everywhere in the township. . . ."

Regardless of zoning designation and regardless of specified uses and prohibited uses set forth elsewhere in this particular ordinance, the right to farm includes the use of large irrigation pumps and equipment, aerial and ground seeding and spraying, large tractors, numerous laborers and the applications of chemical fertilizers, insecticides and herbicides.

It also spells out that "when conducted in accordance with generally accepted agricultural practices," these activities may occur on holidays, Sundays and weekdays, at night and in the day, and that the noise, odors, dust and fumes that are caused by them are also specifically permitted as part of the exercise of this right to farm.

According to Robert E. Smith, Michigan Farm Bureau's senior legislative counsel, "This is quite specific and, in effect, tells those who wish to move into that particular township that they must recognize that agriculture has priority and farmers shall be permitted to do those things necessary for the production of food.

"It also points out that the farmer has a responsibility for good management and doing the best possible job in the production of that food," Smith said.

The New Jersey ordinance closes with these words: "It is expressly found that whatever nuisance may be caused to

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From the Desk of the President

YOU Can Make a Difference



The 4th of July provides us with a reminder to pause and reflect on all the blessings of being an American, and rededicate ourselves to "stand up and be counted" for the principles set forth by our country's founding fathers.

While good, old-fashioned patriotism may have become unfashionable among some segments of our society, it has continued to burn brightly in the hearts of farmers. Even while we are challenged with government-caused problems, we still have faith that, because we are a free people, we can - and will - change things for the better.

Your Farm Bureau has, as its foundation, the basic principles embraced by those early patriots who fought and died for our independence, those who built a nation that would become the most affluent in the entire world. In its 60-year history, Farm Bureau has never veered from those principles and has always taken leadership to protect them when they are threatened.

With this kind of heritage, it's a small wonder that we do retain the faith that we can change those things which need changing. We aren't faced with the frustration of "aloneness" in any problem that needs solving or any wrong that needs righting. We are not alone. We have a voice, magnified and effective, through Farm Bureau.

If you look through any Farm Bureau publication - your county newsletter, the American Farm Bureau News, or this one you're reading now - you will find examples of how individual farmers, through their organization, have a positive impact on the outcome of issues that affect them, how they win tough battles against formidable opposition.

It may be your staff here at Farm Bureau Center in Lansing who work directly with the legislators to protect your "right to farm," and your staff in Washington, D.C., who get our policy on curbing inflation in the Federal Register. It may have been your staff who made an analysis of Gov. Milliken's coalition tax proposal and then corrected its inequities by amending a constitutional proposal to provide that agricultural and forestry property be assessed on its use rather than its potential value for some other development.

But it was YOU who gave them power and influence in the legislative arena with your membership support and your individual follow-through on calls for member action. Membership strength DOES make a difference.

We have a structure that is the envy of other, less effective organizations. Because of that structure, we can have an impact in the public opinion, legislative, political, and regulatory (watch the results of member participation in the Youth Employment Standards hearings!) arenas, and in the marketplace. Our input in these arenas has clout because it is a well-known fact that our organizational structure allows plenty of freedom for decision-making at all levels. When those decisions are followed through with action, it is known that it was farmers at the grassroots levels who made clear their position on issues.

On this 4th of July, we know that not all is right with our country and with our industry. But we have the tools to make them right. Farm Bureau has national and state organizations, but we can't restrict our battles to Washington and Lansing. Battles are going on in every single county, in every community. Individual county Farm Bureau members must become activists at the local level - serving on boards and committees, participating in local hearings, building membership strength, encouraging allies to stand with us on important issues that affect our cherished American way of life.

I think that's one of the important points we overlook when we're inviting people to join our organization. We do a hard-sell on all the many services and neglect to tell them: through Farm Bureau, YOU can make a difference in the direction America is taking.

Elton R. Smith

You've Gotta Be Tough

There are two kinds of pack-rats, the sentimental ones who can't bear to part with the remains of their yellowed, crumbling, first-prom corsage - and the economical ones who are sure that a leftover cup hanger screw will come in handy someday.

I've never considered myself either kind. With the exception of books, I don't get emotionally attached to "things." And

putting a value on my time, I've found it more profitable to go to the hardware store for a new package of cup hanger screws than to scrounge through multiple drawers to find the one I "filed" somewhere several years ago.

However, during a recent move from a house to an apartment, I discovered that I'm not completely immune to pack-rat tendencies. So that no one

with sentimental or economical pack-rat characteristics could sway my tough attitude, I decided to tackle the job of cleaning the attic alone, in preparation for a garage sale that would precede our move. During this project, I found:

- A clothes basket full of pre-wash-and-wear shirts. My husband caught me in the act of attaching 25-cent labels and exclaimed, "My favorite shirts! Where have they been all these years?" No way could I explain that the discovery of wash-and-wear, not Betty Friedan, was the greatest boon to Women's Lib since the right to vote. So I muttered something about "Remember when you gained - or was it lost - all that weight?" The bottom line - I now have four "favorite" shirts I have to iron!

- Three half-slips for mini-skirts. I didn't! I couldn't have! Not at my age - even then! Yep, I did. There's my favorite

mini-dress. Oh, how I loved that dress! Good grief! Isn't even long enough for a tunic. Now, if an enterprising mother would take a few tucks here and there, they'd be great for a first-grader. How about 50 cents each. . . .

- The zip-out lining to a man's overcoat. The coat? Let's see, I think it was back in the early 60s, or was it the late 50s, that it got taken from the rack in a restaurant we stopped at on the way home from a Tiger baseball game. Remember, the car keys were in the pocket. It's a long shot, but maybe the person who took the coat will stop at the garage sale looking for a lining. It will cost him a quarter!

- Ten beautiful made-by-mom original aprons. She never could understand why I preferred to wipe my dishwasher- or flour-covered hands on my jeans instead of wearing an apron. They are cute. . . . but



I'll never be an apron-type. Sorry, mom, I'll keep one for sentimental reasons; the rest have to go - but I'll set the price high.

- Three gorgeous velvet cocktail dresses (given to me by a rich friend 20 years ago) that could still be worn if I lost 15 pounds, or made into one long skirt if I don't. Better hang onto those. . . .

- My daughter's ruffy baby bonnet that would look silly on my grandson. But better keep it - just in case.

- Would you believe - a garter belt! Yeh, I know what they

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Tax Pot Still Boiling

FB Succeeds in Amending Constitutional Proposal

Gov. Milliken's bipartisan coalition property tax relief proposal continues to be a controversial issue in the Michigan Legislature. At this writing, a Senate-passed proposal had been reported out of the House Taxation Committee with some amendments.

To correct some of the inequities for farmers, Farm Bureau worked for and was successful in amending a constitutional proposal to provide that agricultural and forestry property be assessed at its present use value, rather than its highest potential use.

Such an amendment, if passed, would make it possible to enforce the present statute which requires that assessors should consider "quality of soil, zoning, existing use of present economic income of structures, including farm structures and present economic income of land when the land is being farmed or otherwise put to income-producing use."

Robert E. Smith, Farm Bureau's senior legislative counsel, said, "The amendment could be extremely important

to farmers. In fact, it is so important that it has been attacked in some of the metropolitan daily papers as giving farmers a 'windfall' and as a way to 'harvest the profits, not the crops.' That, of course, is not the case. It's simply correcting an inequity. Farmland and forestland should be assessed on its use for agriculture and forestry purposes rather than for its potential development, such as for homes, factories, or something else."

The total tax package consists of a proposed constitutional amendment (SJR "X") and nine separate but tie-barred bills (SB 1169 through SB 1177). It exempts \$7,100 of assessed valuation as equalized and contains an indexing formula, so that when inflation rises, a homeowner's assessment exemption goes up and the homestead property tax credit and personal income tax exemption also go up.

Those who rent property would receive a flat \$140 income tax credit for the rented household which would be in addition to the renter tax relief

under the present Homestead Property Tax Credit program.

In order to provide the revenue for the tax relief program, it will be necessary to put on the ballot a constitutional amendment to give the Legislature authority to implement several of the provisions contained in the proposal and would increase the present sales tax from 4 percent to 5 1/2 percent.

Other provisions of the proposal include a phase-out, over a period of time, of the sales tax on residential electric and heating bills.

The proposal provides that local units of government would be reimbursed for any loss resulting from the property tax relief.

"This, however, is a point of controversy," Smith said, "because the proposal requires that in the event the additional sales tax that would be levied does not provide enough revenue, the difference would be shared by state and local units."

Another provision calls for the earmarking of all lottery

revenue for education. According to Smith, "This means very little as the state already spends hundreds of millions out of the general fund for state aid to education."

The situation on the coalition property tax relief proposal is changing almost daily, Smith reported, and is being closely

monitored by Farm Bureau. Members will be kept informed on this issue throughout the legislative process, as well as other tax proposals.

At this point in time, the Michigan Farm Bureau has not taken a position on any of the tax proposals.

MFB Board Appoints Consumer Affairs Committee



At the first meeting of the Michigan Farm Bureau Consumer Affairs Committee, Chairman James Sayre reviewed a list of organizations active in the consumer movement with members Claudine Jackson, Joann Thome and Sandra Hill. The committee plans to become active in and encourage Farm Bureau members to participate in consumer groups.

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CAPITOL REPORT

By
Robert E. Smith

Legislative Update

P.A. 116 Amendments

Gov. Milliken has signed two bills, both supported by Farm Bureau, to make some changes in P.A. 116, the Farmland and Open Space Preservation Act. H.B. 5236 (P.A. 148) gives landowners in the program six months before termination of the tenure agreement to decide whether they wish to renew a contract. The renewal will be simplified, as extensions can be made automatically by written request.

S.B. 376 (P.A. 133) will require the state treasurer to pay interest on tax rebates due under P.A. 116. The interest will be 9 percent, the same rate the state pays for all other late payments. It also allows for the granting of easements such as those needed for utility, transmission and distribution purposes.

PBB Cleanup

S.B. 827 (P.A. 136) provides for the Department of Agriculture to take necessary steps to solve any recontamination cleanup problems on 13 farms that still have problems. It also provides for final testing for dairy cattle herds not already examined.

Farm Mechanics Exemption

Gov. Milliken has signed H.B. 5274 (P.A. 151); this exempts all persons repairing farm vehicles and implements and construction equipment from the requirements of the state's Motor Vehicle and Repair Act. The bill had Farm Bureau support and is extremely important to implement dealers and rural mechanics who repair farm machinery and vehicles not required to be registered.

Bean Day at the State Capitol Attracts Appreciative Tasters



Gerald Elenbaum, chairman of the Michigan Bean Commission, left, hands Gov. William Milliken a cup of Michigan bean soup during festivities at the bi-annual Capitol Bean Day. Co-sponsored by the Michigan Bean Commission and the Gratiot County Farm Bureau Women, the June 11 event drew several hundred visitors at the Capitol, as well as many state legislators. In addition to the bean soup, several bean dishes were served in a tent erected on the east lawn of the Capitol. The B & W Co-op of Breckenridge donated the beans for the bean salad.

State Faces Budget Crunch Challenges

Money, or the lack of it, is the major issue in the legislative spending cuts which are becoming deeper by the day, as Michigan's recession becomes more acute. Much federal aid is being cut or eliminated. State income tax withholding revenues are dropping, sales tax revenues and other tax revenues are dropping and costs are rising due to the inflationary pressures.

The 1978-80 General Fund Budget, as passed by the Legislature, was over \$4.4 billion. Cuts by the departments and those ordered by the governor have totaled nearly \$188 million. Under the constitution, the budget must be balanced. It is the governor's duty to cut spending if necessary.

The most recent cut ordered by the governor amounted to nearly \$100 million. Much of that figure will affect the schools throughout the state. With all the cuts, the state will spend some \$300 to \$350 million more than it will take in. This will be made up by using all of the Budget Stabilization or "rainy day" fund of \$275 million, \$30 million from a surplus from last year and \$25 million from liquor transactions.

The budget presently being worked on by the Legislature is for the 1980-81 fiscal year,

which begins Oct. 1, 1980. Gov. Milliken's General Fund Budget was extremely tight with a \$4.9 billion recommendation. This amount is the portion of the total expected budget of more than \$10 billion over which the governor and Legislature have some control. The rest of the total budget is earmarked funds (sales tax to schools and local government, highway funds, local tax sharing, federal funds, etc.).

More than 41 percent of the total budget goes back to local units of government (townships, counties, schools, cities, etc.). This is required by the Headlee Amendment. It is expected that the General Fund Budget will be cut from the \$4.9 billion recommendation to about \$4.6 billion, which will be less than the \$4.7 billion expected to be spent in 1980. This is the first time that a budget has been less than the previous year since the depression of the 1930s! However, this is more significant because of increased costs due to inflation.

Some specific areas of concern and interest to Farm Bureau members are:

Department of Agriculture

The MDA has been especially hard hit, as its budget was also cut in previous years. Ear-

ly this fiscal year the Department of Agriculture budget was cut by \$1.8 million, down to \$20 million. Other specific cuts have included:

- Laying off of 22 meat inspectors (11 were brought back when it was obvious that meat inspection was inadequate).
- Laying off or terminating the jobs of four veterinarians, seven inspectors, one lab technician, one data processing and one Executive Office staff member.
- Other cuts have included \$20,000 in communications and public relations, \$20,000 in toxic substance control; \$62,000 in international trade; \$30,000 in gypsy moth eradication; \$11,500 in the cherry fruit fly program; \$10,500 in the Soil Conservation Service; \$6,000 in the Drainage Division; \$32,000 in the Marketing Division; and \$8,000 in the Marketing Bargaining Board.

In addition to the above cuts, the governor's reconsidered budget has cut the department's budget by another \$1 million and the Senate target is an additional \$700,000.

One vital program for farmer protection is the new amended Grain Dealers Act passed in

late 1979. That, so far, has not been funded. This was intended to protect farmers from severe losses due to the closing or bankruptcy of elevators or other grain dealers. It is hoped that some funding will be provided for this important program.

K-12 Education

Schools, too, have had several cuts. The most recent is approximately \$35 million, which is a reduction in a district's per pupil combined state-local funding. However, the Senate bill for 1980-81 increases the basic per pupil aid from the present \$325 plus \$43 per mill (full funding up to 30 mills and one-half funding over 30 mills) to \$335 plus \$48.89 per mill of school taxes with no limits. This would cost the General Fund over \$876 million with an additional \$629 million from the school aid fund and \$3 million from federal funds for a total of well over \$1.5 billion.

The formula is only part of the total state school aid. The total will probably be around \$1.98 billion with more than \$450 million going to the teachers retirement fund. However, it can be expected that further cuts will be made before the final budget is approved.

Welfare Cuts

A series of three bills would cut welfare benefits by some \$30 million. They have been extremely controversial. H.B. 5701 has passed the House and would eliminate welfare assistance (for up to three months) to those who refuse to work. The vote was 77 to 20. Current policy cuts off funds for one month to those who refuse to work without a good reason. This is expected to save from \$9 million to \$15 million.

H.B. 5785 would make stepparents financially responsible for their stepchildren. It is estimated that this will affect some 13,700 cases and save the state over \$16 million and another \$16 million savings in federal funds.

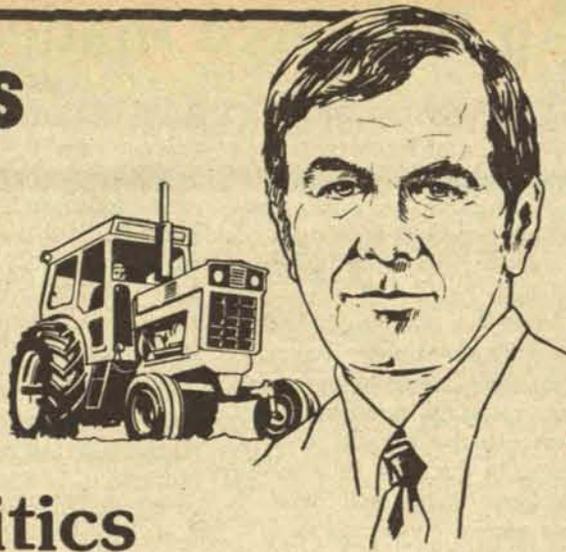
H.B. 5783 has also passed (70-26); it affects those 18 to 20 year olds who are attending high school or college by cutting off ADC funds. It will save over \$9 million.

H.B. 4473 makes a giant supplemental payment for social welfare and includes a total appropriation of \$256 million with nearly \$103 million in federal money. The supplemental appropriation is needed because welfare loads have mushroomed with the economic decline. ADC case loads

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OBSERVATIONS from the Tractor Seat

Robert B. Delano, President
American Farm Bureau
Federation



Coalition Politics

It was not surprising to learn of the recent rebirth of the so-called farm "coalition."

The idea of a coalition of farm-interest groups gains supporters each election year. Interest in the idea falls as political activity declines.

The coalition theory, to which Farm Bureau does not subscribe, is that general farm organizations and farm-related special interest groups gain by submerging their identity within a supergroup which speaks for all.

The idea is most popular with the smaller farm groups which have been least successful in attracting members and support.

Again, the most recent effort appears to be another loose mixture of special farm interests including touches of agribusiness and commodity promotion. Again, Farm Bureau declines to participate for a number of reasons.

Past coalition efforts have been aimed primarily at attempts to persuade Congress to enact federal farm programs featuring price supports set at high levels.

Virtually never is there a coalition call for less government intervention in agriculture or to otherwise recognize that higher supports bring production controls and restricted markets.

Farm Bureau members have made it plain that they favor a market-oriented agriculture with a minimum use of price and income support measures.

This policy, as is true of all Farm Bureau policies, was determined by members in community, county and state annual meetings and confirmed at delegate sessions of the American Farm Bureau Federation annual meeting.

Elected Farm Bureau leaders are committed to all policies as written - and have no authority to modify or alter them for assumed temporary political gain.

Over the years, Farm Bureau has been offered many chances to "sell" our membership as part of coalition politics. These could have included a

coalition with either political party; with food business interests; with militant conservatives of leftist groups; with either organized labor, or anti-labor activists; with special interest commodity groups or segments of agri-business.

Almost 50 years ago, Farm Bureau members and leaders reasoned a pathway through and around such political and special-interest affiliations. This has allowed Farm Bureau to concentrate on furthering the interests of all agriculture... in the words of Farm Bureau's founders, "To promote, protect and represent the business, economic, social and educational interests of farmers of the nation...."

We are guided by a formal "Membership Memorandum of Agreement" in this. The agreement states that Farm Bureau will seek support for Farm Bureau's policies and programs by ALL other organized groups, both within and outside agriculture, in a policy of "correlated

but separate action."

The agreement adds that all parts of Farm Bureau "should avoid joining with other groups in ways which could lead to the impairment, or loss, of Farm Bureau's organizational strength or identity."

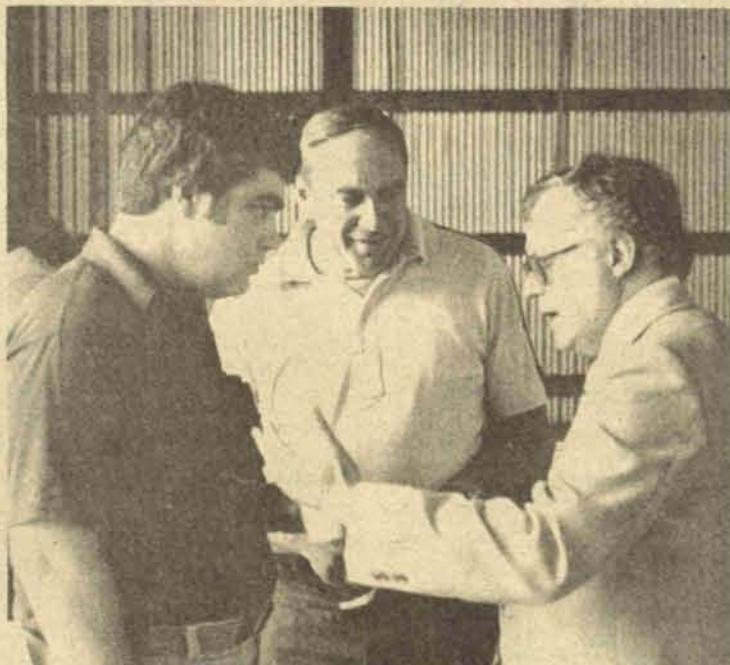
This policy has been put to good use in protecting the member's voice.

The greatest "farm coalition" was put together more than 60 years ago when Farm Bureau was founded. Its success is measured by a membership which includes more producers of every kind of commodity than is now found in all commodity or special-interest groups combined.

Many people and many groups envy Farm Bureau's ability to get things done. We are "doers" with a good record of success.

These attributes are attractive to others who may have little to lose and who - if we would allow it - would use Farm Bureau for their own purposes.

Saginaw Young Farmers, AgriPac Sponsor Pig Roast



(Left to right) Rep. J. Michael Busch (R-Saginaw), Sen. Robert Young (R-Saginaw) and former state senator Bob Richardson were among the hundreds of people who attended the pig roast and dance sponsored by the Saginaw County Young Farmers and MFB's AgriPac on June 14. Held on the Mike Wicke farm, the fundraiser featured four roasted pigs, homemade desserts and lots of beverages.

Farm Bureau on the NATIONAL SCENE

Crack in Embargo Dam: AFBF President Robert Delano said June 20 that the Carter administration's decision to permit U.S. firms to ship foreign grain to the Soviet Union is a "crack in the embargo dam." Delano said that the decision announced by an official of the USDA is "welcomed by farmers and legitimizes what we suspected had been going on for some time."

"The Soviet Union is getting the grain it wants through secondary sources, but the embargo continues to disrupt farmers' markets and depress prices paid to farmers. This decision further indicates that the embargo is not working and it should be dropped."

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Farm Credit Act Amendments Could Help Young Farmers: Several of the amendments to the Farm Credit Act, which it appears that Congress is ready to approve, would be important to young farmers, according to MFB Public Affairs Director Al Almy.

"The bill would authorize increasing the amount of appraised value that can be financed by the land banks," Almy explained. "Now at 85 percent, it would increase to 100 percent of the appraised value."

Another amendment would make it easier for farmers to finance farm equipment. The bill would authorize PCA's to extend repayment terms up to ten years. The current limitation is seven years. Also included in the amendments is one which would make it easier for the farm credit system to finance cooperatives which are in the grain export business.

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New USDA Interest Rates: The U.S. Department of Agriculture has agreed to reduce interest rates on 1980 crop price support loans and other credit, including Farmers Home Administration loans. The interest rate on 1980 crop support loans was reduced to 11.5 percent from 13 percent, effective June 16.

Changes in other USDA loan programs include a cut in the interest rate on economic emergency loans from 14 percent to 11.5 percent; FmHA regular operating loans from 12.5 percent to 10.5 percent; and FmHA real estate loans from 12 percent to 11 percent. The present 13 percent rate on farm storage facility loans will remain unchanged.

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USDA Presents Consumer Affairs Plan to Public: The USDA has presented its final consumer affairs plan to the public. The plan calls for establishment of an Office of Consumer Affairs to encourage consumer participation in USDA decision-making and to ensure consideration of consumer interests by USDA officials.

Starting this fall, the Office of Consumer Affairs is planning a series of consumer forums around the country on issues such as food, rural affairs and natural resources.

Farm Bureau is opposed to USDA's consumer office.

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Alcohol and Methane Grants to be Approved: The Farmers Home Administration will soon begin approving grants to help finance construction of on-farm fuel alcohol and methane production facilities. The Department of Energy is supplying \$2.3 million, which will be used to supplement FmHA loans and loan guarantees for methane and fuel alcohol production plants.

Under an agreement between the USDA and DOE, the funds are to be used to test and demonstrate the economic feasibility of on-farm fuel production.

The FmHA has set aside \$10 million in farm loans and \$100 million in business and industry loan guarantees for alcohol and methane production.

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In Memoriam**Dr. Cyril Spike**

*"There was a gladness
in his service. . . ."*

In commemorating the death of Dr. Cyril Spike on May 29, 1980, Shiawassee County Farm Bureau members honored him with these loving words: "No work was beneath him. He was ready to do all he could for others. There was a gladness in his service. In serving others, he expressed his love for the Lord."

The words are a simple, straightforward testimony to the honorable lifetime work of Dr. Spike. It was this work in service to his veterinary practice, to the growth of the family farm, to the community, to the development of the qualities of integrity and service in his six children that was Cyril Spike's lifetime act of love.

Dr. Spike was a loyal supporter of state and local organizations including the DHIA, Michigan Milk Producers Association, Michigan Farm Bureau and the local cooperative. He served as president of the Michigan Jersey Cattle Club, on the board of directors of the Michigan Artificial Breeders Cooperative and the American Jersey Cattle Club. He was a member of the Michigan Professional Farmers and the Michigan Veterinary Medical Association.

In his veterinary practice, he believed that to have practical livestock health programs in the state, the practices had to be usable by farm people. He had the courage to voice his conviction and greatly influenced livestock health programs in Michigan.

Because of his dedication, he was honored by the Michigan Farm Bureau membership in 1972 for Distinguished Service to Agriculture, and received an award for distinguished service to agriculture from Michigan State University.

Ag Research Inadequately Funded

By Robert E. Smith

Agricultural research is in a serious situation as far as adequate funding is concerned. Research cannot be turned on or off; it must be an ongoing function.

With the continued decline of the automobile industry, agriculture has probably moved from being the number two industry to the number one industry in the state. It is by far the most stable and dependable part of the economy.

One bright spot at the moment is that the Senate Appropriations Committee has recommended the restoration of \$600,000 for renovation and repairing the outlying research facilities throughout the state. This is the amount the governor vetoed earlier in the year.

This year's experiment station budget is \$12,047,100. MSU's original request was for an additional \$3,135,000, but cut the request to \$1,160,297 because of the budget crunch. The governor's recommendation was a 7 percent increase (\$846,297) for the 1980-81 budget. In April this was cut to a 4 percent increase (\$465,724) making a total of \$12,512,822. In May the Se-

nate committee recommended that the 1980-81 budget be this year's budget, plus a 4.2 percent inflation factor, plus \$600,000 for the outlying stations for a total of \$13,153,100, or \$506,000 more than the governor's revised recommendation.

However, at least \$654,300 more is needed to avoid termination of more positions and reduction of research programs. In the past five years, more than 60 scientists have resigned from MSU to accept better paying positions, and all had the opportunity to work in better facilities with adequate operating funds.

There has been a meteoric rise in operating costs for MSU's Extension Service. More than 45 Extension staff members have been lost with the possibility of more losses in the counties.

The 1979-80 budget is \$11,180,500. MSU requested an increase of \$3,089,000 and then revised it downward to \$1,608,293. The governor's recommendation for the coming year was a 7 percent increase (\$782,635), which has been revised downward to 4 percent (\$432,223), making a

total of \$11,612,000. The Senate committee has recommended \$11,650,100. However, in order to meet the demand and to keep even, an additional \$1,138,693 is needed.

The Extension Service and Agricultural Experiment Station budgets are part of the total MSU budget, but unlike the college, cannot supplement their funds with increases in student fees. Three years ago there was a 10 percent cut, which has never been recovered.

Other states are continuing to increase their investment in agriculture and forestry. They consider it to be a high priority. It should be remembered that Michigan has the most diversified agriculture outside of California. It takes more funding to do an adequate job, but it also pays greater dividends.

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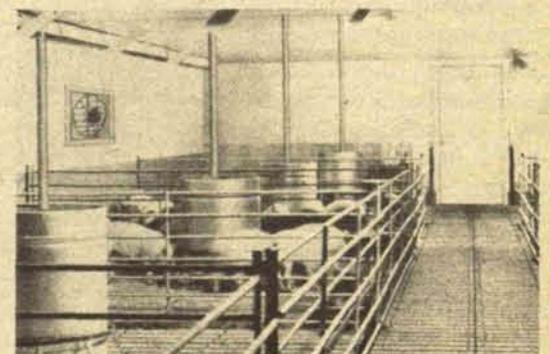
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State Farm Management Tour July 10

Montcalm Farmers Innovators, Good Managers

When Jim Crosby leans back in his big office chair and begins talking about the farmers in Montcalm County, you sense a tremendous pride and dedication in the man.

Without saying so, Crosby, the director of the Michigan State University Cooperative Extension Service for the county, has no doubt that those farmers are among the best, anywhere. That is part of the reason why the 32nd State Farm Management Tour is being held in Montcalm County July 10. It is sponsored by the university and Extension and is open to the public.

Crosby, who has piloted MSU Extension programs in Montcalm County for 18 years, traces substantial agricultural progress with what is almost an air of expectation. This probably stems from his keen interest in continually providing current educational information from MSU to farmers.

"Today's farming is a comparatively low-margin profit business and it takes a great deal of management acumen to remain solvent," Crosby said. "The farmers here have

that ability and the interest to keep abreast of change. They are also very innovative, which will become apparent as each farm is visited. Admittedly, the farms we have selected are among the best in the county but that's what a tour of this nature is all about; to show how good management can turn a profit."

He and his tour advisory committee have selected 10 farms for public review, each of which has some unique aspect in addition to good management.

For instance, the Terry Anderson orchard operation, which contains 232 acres, is a good example of how a former employee can get into the business with little capital. Terry started working for Orville Trebian as a high school student and is now in the process of taking over the farm as Trebian readies for retirement. Anderson orchards produces eight varieties of apples, blueberries, peaches and tart cherries. They are Farm Bureau members.

An interesting aspect of the Allen and Donna Anderson 840-acre potato and grain cor-

poration is their experiments with solar energy grain drying. The Andersons, Farm Bureau members, have 285 acres of potatoes, 400 acres of wheat and 80 acres of rye.

Lakeside Acres, operated by brothers Leonard, Harold and Richard Goodell (father, Kaye, is retiring) is a good example of how five generations of good personnel treatment can retain family interest in farming. Lakeside Acres consists of 550 acres that supports a 115-cow Holstein herd having a rolling herd average of 22,398 pounds of milk and 721 pounds of butterfat per cow per year. They are Farm Bureau members.

How can water pollution by animal manure on sandy ground be prevented? Farm Bureau members Wayne and Gene Grassley, who farm 885 acres and have a 110-cow Holstein dairy business, found the answer by building a long, gradually-sloping grass watershed. The experiment is being monitored for pollutants. The farm crop production includes alfalfa, corn, cranberry beans, dark red kidney beans and wheat.

Lavern Hansen mortgaged his mobile home to buy a tractor to help plant beans on 10 acres of rented land, which was his advent to farming while working in a factory. A Farm Bureau member, he currently has a 1,110-acre farm that produces dry edible beans, corn and wheat.

Because of the amount of sand contained in the farm run by Farm Bureau members Allen and Mike Hardy, all the cropland used for support of their 84-cow herd is contour farmed. This farm was involved in the formation of the Soil Conservation District in the county in 1949. As much care also goes into this father-son partnership as does their practice of good soil stewardship, which pays off in good profits

for their interest in good family and land relationships.

When it comes to borrowing money, no one understands the importance of good records better than does Richard Peterson who runs a 397-acre beef farm and is a bank vice president. Peterson currently markets 230 head of beef annually and intends to expand the operation to 400 head produced per year.

Division of labor, matched to individual talents and interests is part of the complex operation found at Sackett Ranch. This father-son partnership consists of the father, Keith, sons Allen, Bruce and Larry. Their operation covers 1,435 acres for the production of potatoes, corn, wheat, oats, rye, soybeans and peas. They are Farm Bureau members.

Robert and Marcia Spencer are good examples of how a family can successfully make the transition from part-time farming and working in one county to full-time dairying in another. This Farm Bureau family began putting down roots in Montcalm County in 1973 and today operate on 280 acres that support 80 Holstein cows with a rolling herd average of 17,000 pounds of milk and 635 pounds of butterfat per cow per year.

There are no charges for going on the State Farm Management Tour but in the interest of energy conservation, visitors are requested to board buses at the Norman Crooks farm. It is located two miles west and six and one-half miles north of Stanton on Mussen Road. Crooks grows potatoes, wheat and rye on his 1,020-acre farm.

Buses will begin running about 9:30 a.m. and continue through the day. Each of the 10 farms will be visited; interviews with farm family members will be conducted by MSU Extension personnel. There will be a noon meal available at

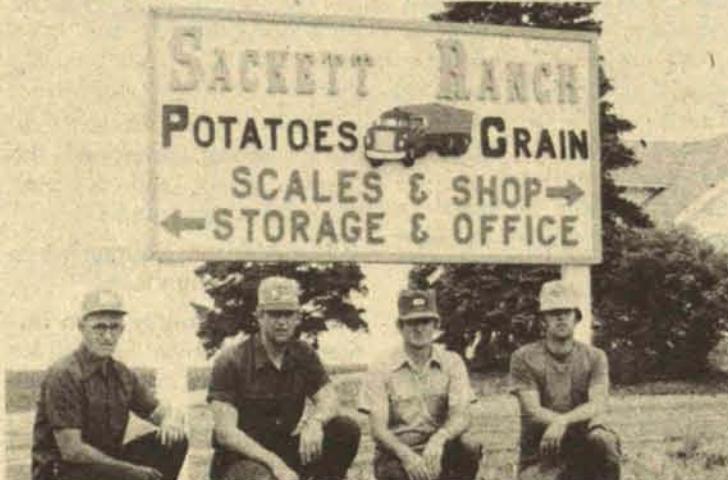
the Crooks farm. Tour details may be obtained by contacting the Montcalm County Cooperative Extension Service office in Stanton, 517-831-5226, extension 58.



Two-way radio communication is used frequently to help keep the 1,110-acre cash crop operation of Lavern and Joyce Hansen running smoothly. Theirs is one of ten farms to be seen on the State Farm Management Tour in Montcalm County July 10.



Wayne Grassley (left) and Jim Crosby, Extension director in Montcalm County, discuss the crop spraying program, which is part of the farm business program to be covered during the State Farm Management Tour. The Grassley operation, consisting of 885 acres and 110 Holstein cows, is a partnership between Wayne and his brother, Gene.



Sackett Ranch, consisting of more than 1,400 acres for production of potatoes, corn, wheat, oats, rye soybeans and peas, will be one of ten farms visited during the State Farm Management Tour. This operation is a partnership between (left to right) Keith Sackett and his sons, Allen, Bruce and Larry.

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Come to the Fair

1980 Michigan County Fair Schedule

Fair	Location	Date
Alcona County	Lincoln	Aug. 11-16
Alger County	Chatham	Aug. 7-9
Allegan County	Allegan	Sept. 5-13
Alpena County	Alpena	Aug. 17-24
Arenac County	Standish	July 28-Aug. 2
Armada	Armada	Aug. 12-17
Baraga County	Pelkie	Aug. 8-9
Barry County	Hastings	July 12-19
Bay County	Bay City	July 28-Aug. 2
Berlin Fair	Marne	July 14-19
Berrien County	Berrien Springs	Aug. 8-16

Fair	Location	Date
Branch County	Coldwater	Aug. 3-9
Calhoun County	Marshall	Aug. 10-16
Cass County	Cassopolis	Aug. 4-9
Chelsea Community	Chelsea	Aug. 26-30
Chippewa County	Kinross	Aug. 27-Sept. 1
Chippewa County	Stalwart	Sept. 4-6
Clare County	Harrison	July 27-Aug. 2
Clinton County	St. Johns	Aug. 11-13
Crowell	Crowell	July 14-19
Dickinson County	Norway	Aug. 28-Sept. 1
Eastern Michigan Fair	Imlay City	Aug. 25-Sept. 1
Eaton County	July 20-26	
Emmet County	Petoskey	Aug. 18-23
Fowlerville	Fowlerville	July 14-19
Genesee County	Mt. Morris	Aug. 12-17
Gladwin County	Gladwin	July 21-26
Gogebic County	Ironwood	Aug. 7-10
Gratiot County	Ithaca	July 19-26
Gratiot Co. Youth Fair	Alma	Aug. 4-8
Hillsdale County	Hillsdale	Sept. 21-27
Houghton 4-H Fair	Hancock	Aug. 22-24
Hudsonville Fair	Hudsonville	Aug. 18-23
Huron County	Bad Axe	Aug. 4-10
Ingham County	Mason	July 28-Aug. 2
Ionia Free Fair	Ionia	Aug. 1-10
Iosco County	Hale	July 23-26
Iron County	Iron River	Aug. 15-18
Isabella County	Mt. Pleasant	Aug. 17-24
Jackson County	Jackson	Aug. 3-9
Kalamazoo County	Kalamazoo	Aug. 18-23
Kalkaska County	Kalkaska	Aug. 14-16
Kent County	Lowell	Aug. 25-30
Lake Odessa Fair	Lake Odessa	July 1-6
Lenawee County	Adrian	Aug. 17-24
Luce County	Newberry	Sept. 4-6
Mackinac County	Allenville	Aug. 22-24
Manchester Community	Manchester	Aug. 12-16
Manistee County	Onekama	Aug. 27-Sept. 1
Marion Fair	Marion	July 1-5

Fair	Location	Date
Marquette County	Marquette	Sept. 18-20
Mecosta County	Big Rapids	July 6-12
Nemominee County	Stephenson	July 24-27
Michigan State Fair	Detroit	Aug. 22-Sept. 1
Midland County	Midland	Aug. 10-16
Missaukee-Falmouth	Falmouth	Aug. 4-8
Monroe County	Monroe	Aug. 4-9
Montcalm County	Greenville	July 20-26
Montmorency County	Atlanta	Aug. 13-16
Newaygo County	Fremont	Aug. 11-16
Northern District Fair	Cadillac	Aug. 11-16
Northern Michigan Fair	Cheboygan	Aug. 9-16
N.W. Michigan Fair	Traverse City	Aug. 25-30
Oakland County	Davisburg	Aug. 3-9
Oceana County	Hart	Aug. 28-Sept. 1
Ontonagon County	Greenland	Aug. 21-24
Osceola County	Evart	July 28-Aug. 2
Oscoda County	Mio	Aug. 6-9
Otsego County	Gaylord	Aug. 3-10
Ottawa County	Holland	July 21-26
Presque Isle County	Posen	Sept. 13-14
Ravenna Fair	Ravenna	July 22-26
Saginaw County	Saginaw Co.	Sept. 6-13
Saline Community Fair	Saline	July 29-Aug. 1
Sanilac County	Sandusky	Aug. 3-9
Schoolcraft County	Manistique	Aug. 22-24
Shiawassee County	Corunna	Aug. 3-9
Sparta Area Fair	Sparta	Aug. 12-17
St. Clair County	Goodells	July 29-Aug. 2
St. Joseph County	Centreville	Sept. 15-20
Tuscola County	Caro	July 27-Aug. 2
U.P. State Fair	Escanaba	Aug. 12-17
Van Buren Youth Fair	Hartford	July 19-26
Vassar Fair	Vassar	July 6-12
Washtenaw County	Saline	Sept. 2-6
Wayland Community	Wayland	Aug. 22-23
Wayne County	Belleville	Aug. 11-17
Western Michigan Fair	Ludington	Aug. 4-9

Telling the Story of Agriculture



Dick Kamprath and Jerry Heck of the Modern Producers Community Group in Monroe County begin construction on their county fair display. Patterned after midway games of chance, players roll "dice" to determine the success or failure of their crops. The Monroe County group is one of six county Farm Bureaus that received Michigan Department of Agriculture grants for fair displays.

Recipients of one year grants for the development of innovative agricultural exhibits at local county fairs were announced in early May by Dean M. Pridgeon, director of the Michigan Department of Agriculture.

Grant applications for 113 agricultural exhibit proposals were submitted to the department; 36 were awarded grants totalling nearly \$50,000.

The top eight proposals were: Shiawassee County 4-H Council for a five-day demonstration and exhibit promoting the area's agricultural past and future; Crowell-Lexington FFA for an exhibit and demonstration of a solar still producing alcohol from farm products; Monroe County Farm Bureau for an audience participation game illustrating the gambles

involved in farming; Cass County Extension Service for a small animal exhibit and demonstrations of crafts and cooking; Alpena County FFA for an agricultural olympics featuring contests in bale throwing, egg throwing, corn shelling, nail driving, cross-cut sawing, etc., and for another proposal, a demonstration of an alcohol still utilizing farm grains and raw agricultural materials as the energy source.

Marty Kamprath, member of the Modern Producers Community Group in Monroe County, is chairperson for the county fair display - "Gamble with the Farmer."

"People going to the county fair are looking for fun and excitement from games of chance

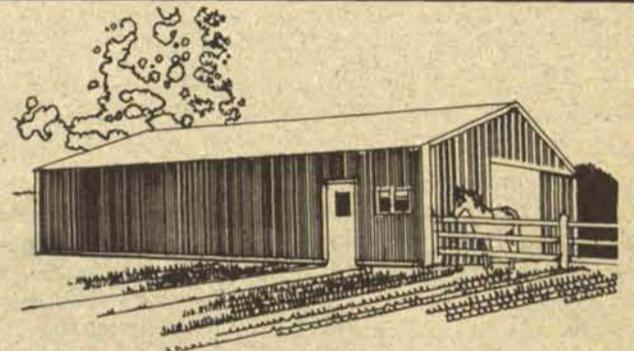
and skill along the midway," she said. "Our exhibit project has this element of fun; we hope fairgoers will also learn more about the risks involved in production agriculture."

Members of the Modern Producers group developed the game concept and designed the exhibit background.

The Monroe County fair is August 4 through 9.

Five other county Farm Bureaus also received funding for exhibit projects from the MDA grant program: Sanilac, Saginaw, Branch, Washtenaw and Farm Bureau members from Ontonogon County.

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Policy Alternatives

All Wheat Farmers Affected By Government Price Management



While wheat producers across the country are considering their wheat production and marketing options for the 1980 and 1981 crops, dozens of USDA and other federal planners are considering the supply of, and demand for, wheat for the marketing year beginning June 1, 1981.

This activity is undertaken each year as the federal government attempts to manage the wheat program as required by the Agriculture Act of 1977. Government management of wheat prices directly affects producers whether or not they participate in the government wheat program each year.

The Agriculture Act of 1977 resulted in a wheat program with significantly less direct government interference in individual production and marketing decisions, but which retained "supply-management" objectives established by the government.

The secretary of agriculture is provided with broad administrative tools to manage wheat supplies and prices within ranges established by the USDA. But the USDA does not make this decision alone. Also involved in this decision are the Office of Management and Budget, the Treasury Department, the Council of Economic Advisors and the White House.

The primary objective of the program, as it has been managed, has been to protect consumers from high wheat prices with a secondary objective to protect producers from low wheat prices.

The farmer-held reserve, set-aside and diversion programs are used by USDA to manage supply and force wheat prices to average close to a target price established by USDA for the year. Price support loans are used to provide a floor under commodity prices and the farmer-held reserve is used to put an upper limit on prices.

In operating the wheat program, the government has pretty well assured that, unless there is a unique combination of international events, wheat prices are likely to fall within the "loan/release price" range about 95 percent of the time. The ultimate government objective is to hit the target price in order to avoid deficiency payments.

During the summer of 1978, USDA considered the likely demand situation for the marketing year beginning June 1, 1979, and decided that supply

would exceed demand without a set-aside program, so a 20 percent set-aside program was announced for the crop to be harvested in summer 1979. With the set-aside, the average farm price was forecast to be \$3.02 per bushel but it actually was about \$3.75, compared with the USDA's desired price of \$3.12 per bushel.

The beginning carryover was about 75 million bushels less than forecast, production was 200 million bushels larger than forecast and exports were about 275 million bushels greater than forecast.

Based on the forecast for that year, the ability of USDA to forecast production and exports is questionable, and points to continued problems in government management of the wheat program to the degree mandated by the Agriculture Act of 1977.

Some agricultural economists also are concerned about how much grain is actually needed in the farmer-held reserve to effectively administer the program. When the wheat reserve was originally set up, USDA sought to have about 550 million bushels of wheat enter the farmer-held reserve.

Recent research by some respected economists indicates that the reserve stock objective set by USDA planners is enough to cover all production shortfalls, except those that occur once every 100 years, and assumes that there would be no cutback in domestic use or ex-

ports due to the smaller crop, which is a highly unlikely event.

By programming for larger supplies than economically justifiable, the administration is making sure, to the maximum extent possible, that wheat prices will not make any unexpected jumps due to world supply-demand conditions. Thus, the opportunities for producers to ever realize full market prices have been substantially reduced.

Farm Bureau favors a market-oriented agriculture. Given the government operation of the wheat program to date and the economic situation and income outlook confronting wheat producers, the question becomes: "Where do we go from here to maximize market price opportunity?" In getting at an answer to this question, three policy options with definite economic implications come to mind:

- (1) continue on the wheat program path chartered by USDA for the past three years;
- (2) await final U.S. wheat crop developments and price pressures; or
- (3) modify the present program in order to provide incentives for greater use of the farmer-held reserve and push for a set-aside program for the 1981 wheat crop.

Following the wheat program path charted by USDA carries the high risk, from the producers' standpoint, that USDA planners will choose to continue to error on the side of excessively large supplies in order to avoid any chance of increased wheat prices, and

therefore, food prices. Consumers outnumber wheat producers and the administration is very sensitive to higher food prices.

To await further crop developments before taking action bears the risk that the income situation of wheat producers will deteriorate to the extent that those who favor high support prices may get the upper hand with a return to strict production controls - a very real possibility in this election year. This would reverse all the work done in the last several years to move the wheat industry toward more free market opportunity.

Supporting increased incentives to use the farmer-held reserve and a set-aside program for 1981 carries the risk of being accused of "raiding the treasury" to protect farm income. This path also is risky because farmers will have to battle the whole USDA bureaucracy and cheap food advocates to get a fair program for wheat producers.

This debate is critical because all wheat producers are affected by government management of wheat prices, whether they participate in the formal program or not. The program will be operated by USDA to keep wheat prices within a specific range. Those who expect a return to the good old days of \$5 or \$6 per bushel wheat had better take a second look.

The economic options for wheat producers are compounded further by the fact that this is an election year.

There is no limit to the number of schemes to "save the wheat farmer" that can be advocated by a politician in a tight race for re-election.



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others by such uses and activities so conducted, it is more than offset by the benefits from farming to the neighborhood and community and to society in general, by the preservation of open space, the beauty of the countryside and clean air and by the preservation of continuance of farming operations... as a source of agricultural products for this and future generations."

This wording, Smith said, indicates that many people are recognizing that farming is the basic industry of our nation, and that it must be given priority status if our country is to meet the energy, food and fiber needs of the future.

Capitol Report

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in April were 221,000, about 17,000 more than expected; and general welfare was running to 82,000 cases, about 32,000 more than expected.

The above report on the budget crunch gives only a few examples. Another example of the state's financial bind is indicated by the fact that Standard and Poors has downgraded Michigan bond ratings from AA to A+. This means that Michigan taxpayers will be paying increased interest for money the state must borrow. When a similar change in rating was made of Michigan notes 18 months ago, the state's interest rate jumped from 6.4 percent to nearly 7.1 percent.

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1980 — Time to 'Show Our Colors'

Story and Photos By Marcia Ditchie

What do you do when you are concerned about the prevalent attitude that America is going to the dogs and you think it's time to focus on what's good about our country and share that message?

What do you do when you are miffed about the hayseed image the general public has of those involved in agriculture and you think it's time to erase that misconception and give the farmer the credit he deserves?

If you are innovative, energetic and talented, like Huron County farm woman Mary Leipprandt, the one thing you don't do is sit around bemoaning the situation and ask, "What can one person do!" First, you figure out a strategy and Mary's was this:

- This is the year to "show our colors" - an election year

when everyone ought to rally "round the flag," talk about how good America is, and brag about the people they're going to vote for.

- This is the year of the country woman - when farm women are recognizing their worth, their ability and their responsibility to change things for the better.

- This is the year of the T-shirt - there are T-shirts with every kind of message imaginable... and people love to wear them and read them.

That strategy tells you that the timing is right, something vitally important to any marketing venture.

Next, you write a song, "I love America, land of the free; I love America, for it has been good to me..." get it copyrighted and published. Then, design a T-shirt with "I Love

America" across the front and the words - and music on the back and line up a manufacturer and distribute.

You do the same for the country woman: "There are seasons of the year when things go wrong... then I smile and I love in a special way, that a country woman knows..."

The strategy may have been simple perhaps... but when you get into songwriting, merchandising, marketing and being an active farm wife and mother at the same time, it's not so simple anymore.

Of course, it helps if you have Mary's talents as an accomplished writer, poet and musician. It helps if you've had the experience of having two songbooks published, a song professionally recorded in Nashville, written a two-hour cantata, plus composing some specials for such events as the Huron County Fair and the Sebewaing Sugar Beet Festival.

It also helps if you really do love America and you really do love being a country woman. And it probably also helps if the setting for your work is the family's stately centennial farm located along the historic Pigeon River.

Originally settled by German immigrant C.F. Leipprandt in the late 1870s, the current Leipprandt farm "is a family corporation," Mary said, "consisting of my husband, John, our two sons and John's brother and his son, although it is still under John's father's name, H. F. Leipprandt."

"Grandpa (H. F.) is retired now, but he putters around every day in the shed and keeps busy, but he is a lot of help to the boys because he is always fixing things for them,"

she said. H.F. Leipprandt is 84 years old.

Farming 1,500 acres north of Pigeon, their operation is diversified. They raise feeder cattle; grow beets, beans, grain, corn, seed beans and seed corn; and have a dairy operation.

Recently Mary had some of her songs printed on T-shirts. "I heard the phrase, 'This is the year of the T-shirt,' and I thought, why not?" she said. Prompted by the announcement that Dr. Jerry Falwell and his I Love America Club would be appearing on the steps of the Capitol in Lansing, Mary had her bicentennial song, "I Love America," printed on T-shirts. She has also had T-shirts printed with another of her songs, "This Is My State, Michigan."

By her own admission, Mary is a patriotic woman, which is why she is emphasizing her patriotic songs, poems and T-shirts at this particular time. "This is the year of election and this is the year to show our colors - red, white and blue," she said.

"I love America. I am very patriotic and I want to promote that. People have such a feeling of 'what's the use, everything is going to the dogs.' We can stop that feeling."

Her latest composition is "Country Woman."

"I wrote this song because I got excited that our farmers don't get the credit they need. This song is for the country woman; she is praising her farmer-husband. It's almost a love song; the love a farmer has for his profession and the country woman who is always at his side."

Mary explained two plans she has for her current composition. "I would like to have a country woman sketch some artwork for the cover of the sheet music for the song, using her own imagination of what a country woman, or farmer's wife, looks like and what she does. Then, after I have the artwork and have the song copyrighted, the song will be put on T-shirts like I did with 'I Love America.'"

Mary said that any country woman wishing to design the artwork for "Country Woman" should send it to her at 3864 N. Sturm Road, Pigeon, Mich. 48755.

She is undertaking a national advertising campaign for T-shirts with three of her songs. Advertisements will appear in several national publications beginning in September for "I Love America," "This is My State, Michigan" and "Country Woman."

A patriotic, energetic and talented woman, Mary Leipprandt has undertaken a personal campaign through her songs and poems to help change the "I don't care" attitude so prevalent today.



Providing the setting for Mary's work is the family's centennial farm located along the banks of the historic Pigeon River which was originally settled in the late 1870s by C. F. Leipprandt.



While talking about the history of the old dinner bell on the Leipprandt farm, Faye Adam of Sanilac County, left, models Mary's "I Love America" T-shirt which has the music and words to the song on the back. Mary, right, will be undertaking a national advertising campaign this fall for three T-shirts - "I Love America," "This Is My State, Michigan" and her latest composition, "Country Woman."

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Workers' Comp Survey Reveals Farmers' Concerns

By Jim Robinson

The Marketing Research Department of Farm Bureau Insurance Group has completed a survey of Michigan farmers who cancelled their Farm Bureau workers' compensation insurance policies. The study was conducted to determine the farmers' reactions to a change in premium due dates from July to January that resulted from action taken by delegates at the 1977 Michigan Farm Bureau annual meeting.

The survey uncovered no surprising information dealing with that change, but did reveal some related concerns farmers have with workers' compensation coverage and legislation, including some common misunderstandings.

Three main concerns about workers' compensation that surfaced were the reasons for carrying it, who provides it and to whom, and if it should be continued when no one is employed.

Why have workers' compensation?

Michigan's workers' compensation law requires all employers in the state to comply with its provisions and provide the stipulated benefits for eligible employees. Employers not carrying workers' compensation insurance should consider the financial burden that may be encountered if an injured worker decides to present a claim.

Who is responsible for providing workers' compensation and to whom?

Michigan's workers' compensation insurance covers the employer for liability for job-related accidents and disease. The actual liability is specifically set forth in the Michigan Workers' Disability Compensation Act. The following employers are subject to this act and must provide protection against liability due to job related accidents or disease:

- All private employers who regularly employ three or more employees at one time.

- All private employers who regularly employ less than three employees, if at least one has been regularly employed

by the same employer for 35 or more hours per week for 13 weeks or longer during the previous 52 weeks.

It is the employer's responsibility to provide workers' compensation insurance for the employees. If the employers are required to provide this coverage but fail to do so, they could be found guilty of a misdemeanor and fined not less than \$10 nor more than \$100, or imprisoned in the county jail for not less than 30 days nor more than six months, or both. Each day's failure to comply is considered a separate offense. There is also potential for civil action which could result in the shutting down of the employer's business.

In addition, there is confusion concerning a provision in the Workers' Compensation Act referring to family members and dependents of agricultural employees residing on the employers' premises.

This question remains unsettled with no simple statement to clarify the situation at this time, but based on current understanding of the law, the following guidelines should be useful:

- No person shall be considered an employee of an agricultural employer if the person is a spouse, child or other member of the employee's family residing in the home, or on the premises of this agricultural employer. In addition, a spouse and child under the age of 16 are conclusively presumed to be dependents.

- Members of the family who are 16 years of age and older, and receive less than one-half of their support from the parents, are not considered to be dependents. Upon showing reasonable proof of their employment status (which would include payroll records, paychecks and withholding records), individuals 16 years and older may qualify as an employee and be eligible for workers' compensation benefits.

Why renew coverage when no one is employed?

In light of the January premium due date, this area caused some degree of confu-

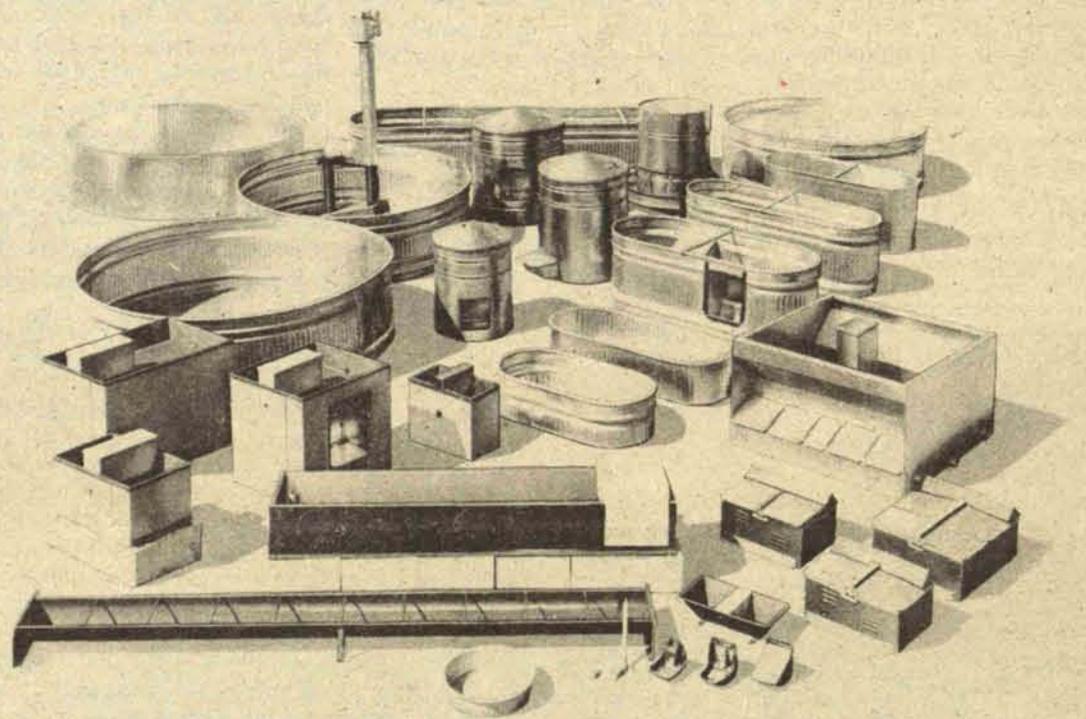
sion to farmers. People questioned why they needed coverage in January when they did not hire any help until April or May. There are a few underlying situations a FBIG workers' compensation policyholder should be familiar with.

The premium charged to

each policyholder is based on remuneration, which means all salary, wages, bonuses or other value received from the employer during a year. Depending on the nature of the business, the workers' compensation insurance cost will fluctuate based on this annual re-

muneration. No matter which month of the year the employer is required to pay the insurance, January or July, the premium will be based on the same remuneration figure. There is no savings, in terms of premium by not paying until help is hired.

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You've Gotta Be Tough

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say - but, gee, panty hose rank right up there with wash-and-wear as a contribution to the liberation of women. Can you believe Fredericks of Hollywood sells these harnesses for an outrageous price? Sexy, you say... well...

- Throw out those raunchy looking clam shells? But they're from my first visit to El Bogadon's in Washington, D.C.!

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- Ah, look, my first prom corsage!

- Hey, how about that! My cup hanger screw!

Now, how come the "save" box is fuller than the "sell" and "dump" boxes?

Farm Bureau Insurance Group, Michigan Farm Radio Network Honor 'Farmer of the Week'

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 the local news media, award winners receive a plaque and award buckle and belt from the local FBIG agent.

The Farmer of the Week Award recipients for May 1980 were:



THOMAS EPPLER

Week of May 5 - Thomas Eppler, 29, a dairy farmer from Petoskey who farms 300 acres and milks about 50 cows in partnership with his father. They have a total herd of 110 cattle. Eppler is a member of the Resort Volunteer Fire Department, St. Francis Church, and the Emmet County Farm Bureau. He received the State Farmer of the Year Award from the Petoskey Jaycees in 1979. He and his wife, Lucy, have one child.

Joseph County Soil Conservation Committee. He received the Conservation Farmer of the Year Award from St. Joseph County in 1974 and the St. Joseph County Soil Conservationist Award for 1970 from the *Kalamazoo Gazette*. He and his wife, Maureen, have 13 children.



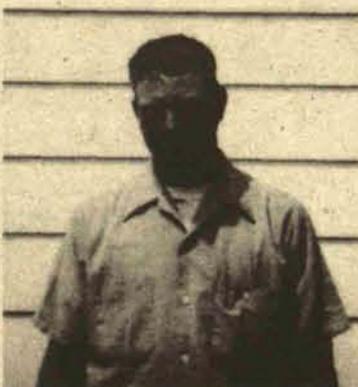
ROY E. THOMPSON

Week of May 19 - Roy E. Thompson, 43, who farms 600 acres and manages a herd of 75 cows near Mecosta. He is chairman of the county Dairy Herd Improvement Association; a member of the County Zoning Commission; a member of the County Agricultural Council; chairman of the Remus Farm Bureau Elevator Advisory Board; a member of the local Farm Bureau Dairy Advisory Committee and the Michigan State University Dairy Advisory Committee; a member of the County FHA Committee and the Masonic Lodge; and serves as a 4-H dairy leader. He is a past member of the County Planning Commission and past chairman of the county Farm Bureau. He and his wife, Janet, have four children.



PHILLIP CUPP

Week of May 12 - Phillip Cupp, 49, who farms 1,000 acres near Mendon in St. Joseph County. Most of his acreage is devoted to irrigated corn. Cupp is a member of the Mendon School Board, a position he has held for the past several years; St. Edward Catholic Church; St. Joseph County Farm Bureau; and past member of the St.



HAROLD LONIER

Week of May 26 - Harold Lonier of rural Grand Ledge who farms nearly 900 acres and manages a modern hog farm operation in Clinton County. He is an active member and past president of the Clinton County Pork Producers; a member of the National Pork Producers Association and the Clinton County Farm Bureau; served on the Farm Bureau Swine Advisory Committee, the Farm Bureau Petroleum Committee and the local Farm Bureau group purchasing committee; and is an active member of St. Therese Catholic Church in Lansing. He and his wife, Linda, have three children.

Law Change Opens Lawsuit Possibilities

FBIG Offers New Protection

A change in Michigan law may leave you open to a lawsuit if you are at fault in an accident that causes damage to another vehicle in this state. The change, effective July 1, allows a lawsuit for up to \$400 against a driver considered more than 50 percent at fault in the accident.

Because of this new lawsuit potential, Farm Bureau Insurance Group policyholders have the option of purchasing coverage to protect themselves in case they are sued.

The average cost for this protection, called limited property damage liability, will be \$3.75 per vehicle for six months of coverage. The coverage provides protection up to \$400, the maximum lawsuit allowed.

The legal change that allows these lawsuits is the result of the Essential Insurance Act, passed by the Michigan Legislature last year. A section of the act stipulates that any Michigan driver may bring such a suit against another driver in small claims court as of July 1, 1980.

Present auto policies do not include coverage for this liability, although FBIG insureds may obtain the coverage by contacting their agents or returning the special form enclosed with all auto renewal billings. In the meantime, as a service to insureds, FBIG will allow a grace period from July 1 until the policy renewal date during which any claims resulting from this type of lawsuit will be honored.

Although any driver in Michigan may initiate such a lawsuit, the law is very specific about the conditions that must be met:

- The suit must be initiated in small claims court (a division of district court).

- The maximum amount recoverable is \$400, no matter how great the damage might be.

- The driver must initiate the lawsuit and appear in small claims court himself. Individuals being sued must also appear on their own behalf. The regulations of small claims court do not permit attorneys to represent any of the involved parties. If you are sued and found guilty, however, your insurance company will pay off the lawsuit up to the maximum if you carry the limited property damage liability coverage.

- The damage must not be covered by insurance, either because of deductibles or because the damaged vehicle did not carry optional collision insurance. If insurance covers the damage, no lawsuit is allowed.

- The other driver (defendant) must be found to be substantially at fault, more than 50 percent responsible for the damages.

- If the driver initiating the lawsuit is also considered to be partially at fault, the court may reduce the amount awarded in the lawsuit by the percentage of his responsibility for the accident.

- No recovery may be made by anyone who is more than 50 percent at fault.

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Personal Protective Equipment Promoted

Farm Bureau Insurance Group, in cooperation with the National Safety Council, will help promote National Farm Safety Week in Michigan July 25 through 31, with this year's emphasis on the life-saving value of personal protective equipment for farmers.

"Our purpose is to encourage more farm operators to use personal protective gear such as hard hats, safety eyewear, safety shoes and respiratory equipment," said Ron Converse, vice president of the Michigan Rural Safety Council. "Farm safety leaders believe its routine use around the farm could significantly reduce the number of deaths and injuries resulting from agricultural accidents."



Converse, an Eaton County farmer, said that nearly half of all farm injuries involve the head, eyes, hands or feet - parts of the body for which a lot of protection is available.

Agricultural accidents resulted in nearly 2,000 deaths and 190,000 disabling injuries in the United States last year, grim statistics that could have been significantly reduced by the use of personal protective equipment, he said.

FBIG, through special mailings and through the help of its statewide network of agents (continued on page 17)

Notice Of Availability

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

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PEOPLE

Van Buren County Farm Bureau Honors Secretary Mary Dick

Interest in agriculture and belief in Farm Bureau's philosophy and goals are what has kept Mary Dick in her job as secretary of the Van Buren County Farm Bureau for 15 years.

Mary, who celebrated her 15th anniversary with Farm Bureau in June, said that the most enjoyable part of her job is working with and helping people.

As part of the anniversary celebration, the Van Buren County Women's Committee held a luncheon in her honor and presented her with a plaque commemorating her 15 years of service to the county Farm Bureau.

In addition to her duties as county secretary, Mary works on her parent's farm, is on the Secretarial Advisory Committee for Michigan Farm Bureau, is secretary/treasurer for the



county Farm Bureau board and manages the Van Buren County section of the Southwest Michigan Farm News.

She is also secretary of the Paw Paw Business and Professional Women's Club, is a member of the Van Buren

County Republican Party Executive Committee, is a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Paw Paw and is past chairperson of the Lincoln Day Banquet.

In her spare time, she enjoys traveling and has visited many states, including Hawaii, Canada, Austria and Germany. In addition, she enjoys skiing, music, plants, photography, reading, writing, knitting and baking.

Mary attended Western Michigan University where she took a three-year secretarial course.

She was raised on a fruit and field crop farm in Lawrence, Mich. Her parents are active Farm Bureau members. Her father, Waldo, is a past president of the Van Buren County Farm Bureau and her mother, Helen, is a past Women's Committee chairperson.

Governor Appoints Almy to DNR Advisory Committee



present and future generations," Milliken said.

The committee is to assist the department in inventorying the state's agricultural, forest and mineral lands, and identifying areas of a unique or sensitive nature and lands most suited for growth or redevelopment.

"The importance of proper management of Michigan's natural resource base for the long-range economic health of this state cannot be understated," Milliken said.

Almy was one of 20 people appointed to the committee. The appointments are subject to Senate confirmation. His appointment is for one year.

Northwest MFB Regional Rep. Named

James Luginbill has been appointed the new MFB regional representative in the Northwest Region, effective July 7.

Prior to assuming the regional representative position, Luginbill was employed with the Jasper County Farm Bureau Cooperative, Inc. in Rensselaer, Ind., as a management trainee.

Luginbill, a graduate of Michigan State University, earned his degree in crop and soil science.

White House Conference on Families

Rinke Appointed

St. Clair County Farm Bureau member Janice Rinke was one of 31 people appointed as delegates to the Regional White House Conference on Families by Gov. Milliken. The regional conference was held June 19 and 20 in Minneapolis, Minn.

Rinke and her husband, Gene, operate a cash crop farm near Capac. She serves as second vice chairman of the District 6 Farm Bureau Women.

The White House Conference on Families was established by President Carter to develop recommendations to protect family interests in the development of public policy.

Delegates to the regional conference included individuals elected at the state conference and gubernatorial appointees. Thirty-two delegates were elected at the Michigan conference held in mid-April in Lansing.

Local Affairs Specialist Joins Staff

Kirby A. Cooper has been named local affairs specialist for the MFB Public Affairs Division, effective July 1.

Cooper, a graduate of Albion College and the University of Michigan, has partially completed work toward his doctorate degree in horticulture at Michigan State University.

Prior to joining Farm Bureau, Cooper was vice president and president of Green Way Growers, Inc., a greenhouse operation in Grand Lodge.

Al Almy, director of the Michigan Farm Bureau Public Affairs Division, has been appointed to the Michigan Inventory Advisory Committee by Gov. Milliken in accordance with P.A. 204, the Resource Inventory Act of 1979.

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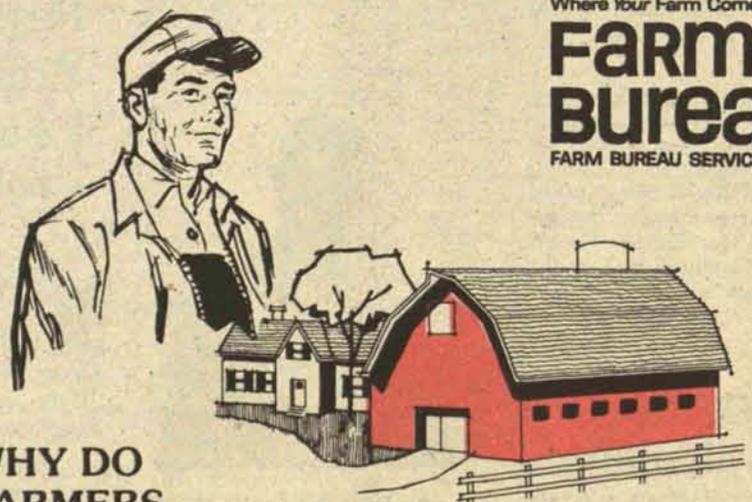


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Take Time to Dream

Life tends to get "ho-hum" at times and, I guess, this past month has been that way. Not because there hasn't been anything to do, but because there has been only one thing to do.

Life is "ho-hum" when you work really hard to get your crops in, then get 4 inches of rain in 36 hours. It's also "ho-hum" when you work long hours all spring until you're bone tired and there seems to be no end to the work.

Now, I'm all for good, hard work, but I also think highly of good, hard play... and having the time to think and dream. Taking the time to plant the seed of a dream, to nurture the dream and watch it grow can feed us spiritually as the crops we plant feed the body.

So, if life has been "ho-hum" lately with little time for play, at least I feel grateful that it has given me the opportunity to reassess my life and see how I can improve it.

We all need to take a look at ourselves periodically to see if we are as openminded as we would like to think we are.

New ideas are a good way to beat the "ho-hums," but how

many times do we veto a new idea as being impossible simply because we feel we lack the time, talent, money, brains, energy or skill to explore it. Sometimes we oppose a new idea because we have never tried it, can't imagine ever doing it, or, maybe, it carries the risk of failure.

Recently, I accepted a new idea which hopefully will be very beneficial to my family and me. I have started my own small retailing business. Our family is very excited about it and we're dreaming about the future.

Sooner or later, we must all take a look at our lives and see what steps we can take toward making some of our dreams come true. It's a sure fire way of beating some of life's "ho-hums." So, if someone presents a new idea to you, be openminded. It just might be the seed of your own dream come true.

Until next month, I want to leave you with this thought, "If life gets you down, and you think you have reached the end of your rope; don't quit. Just tie a knot and hang on."

Michigan Conference Looks at Alcohol Fuels Industry

Gasohol - the spark of energy ingenuity that has ignited the hopes of farmers and consumers - could mean less dependence on foreign oil supplies, a renewable energy source, and a stronger domestic grain market.

But interest in the production of ethanol for the 90 percent gasoline, 10 percent alcohol mixture as a feasible investment for business and industry has lagged behind.

"We know how to make ethanol," said Ken Nye, commodity specialist for the Michigan Farm Bureau and member of the Michigan Gasohol Committee. "The technology is there, and we believe there is a market, but there are risks for the investor and a continued market for ethanol is speculative."

"The question is how to educate the various leaders in business and industry to the feasibility of ethanol produc-

tion, what can be accomplished to meet our energy requirements through the use of gasohol and alcohol fuels and what it takes to start up this new industry in Michigan."

As part of this educational effort, Nye and others interested in the production of alcohol fuels in Michigan, will participate in the Michigan Alcohol Fuels Conference July 9 in Southfield, Mich.

The conference is sponsored by U.S. Ethanol Industries, Inc., based in Southfield. Clifford M. Stimson, executive vice president of the corporation, in cooperation with the Southfield Chamber of Commerce, has invited 3,500 business and industrial leaders from banking, government, agriculture, manufacturing and the petroleum industry to attend.

Morning keynote addresses will be presented by Michigan Congressman James Blanchard and Gov. William G. Milliken.

Expo Spotlights Dairy Forage

More than 120 acres are being set aside at Michigan State University for Ag. Expo '80: Forage, which is specifically geared to dairy producers' needs. The event is scheduled for July 22 and 23.

"No matter how you figure it, hay is big business and odds are it will be even bigger in the years just ahead," said Ned Netherton, expo coordinator, MSU agricultural engineering department.

The two-day event features 80 acres of harvesting demonstrations and 30 acres of commercial farm equipment and forage supply exhibits. About 200 manufacturers from throughout the Midwest are expected to participate.

Field demonstrations and displays will include forage harvesting and handling equipment as well as other types of farm production equipment. Action demonstrations are to be held during the afternoon with tours of trial plots (29 will be available for comparison) and exhibit tours planned during the morning. Daily activities begin at 9 a.m. and conclude at 4 p.m.

There will also be a variety of educational exhibits and clinics featuring hay judging skills, insect control recommendations and analysis of forage samples that farmers should bring from their farms.

FmHA Emergency Loans Available

Farmers in nine Michigan counties are eligible for emergency loans if they suffered damage from the tornadoes and accompanying storms which struck the Kalamazoo area May 13.

The Farmers Home Administration approved emergency loans for affected farmers in Kalamazoo, Van Buren, Allegan, Barry, Berrien, Branch, Calhoun, Cass and St. Joseph counties.

Emergency loan applications can be filed until Feb. 24, 1981, for physical and production losses, and annual production loans can be made until Dec. 31, 1983.

The FmHA designation is a result of the Disaster Declaration issued by President Carter for Kalamazoo and Van Buren counties in response to state requests several days after tornadoes destroyed portions of Kalamazoo and several townships in Van Buren County.

More information is available at the disaster center in Kalamazoo and at FmHA offices in Allegan, Cassopolis, Centreville, Coldwater, Hastings, Marshall, Paw Paw and St. Joseph.

Open House Held

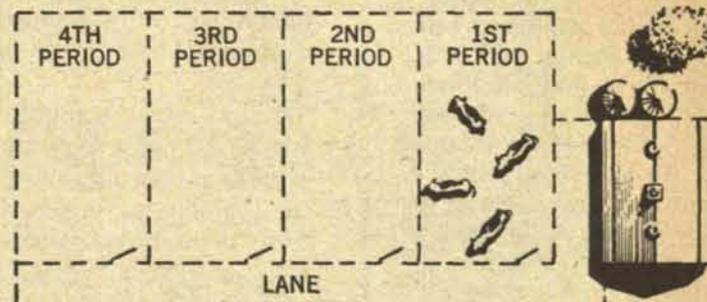


Delores and Royce Hyde of Hilltop Orchards, Fenton, and Chuck and Janice Kapnick of Kapnick Orchards, Britton, shop product displays at a recent open house held by Farm Markets Cooperative, Inc., for members of the Michigan Certified Farm Markets at the cooperative's Danville, Michigan warehouse.

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Expansion Planned in Flint, Benton Harbor, Alpena

Expansion Program Launched By New McDonald Dairy Co.

The new McDonald Dairy Co., a division of Michigan Milk Producers Association, has begun a \$4.2 million modernization program at its Flint Milk and Ice Cream Plant and Benton Harbor Milk Plant.

Announcement of the plans to update the dairy's plants, equipment and fleet was made at a news conference June 12 by James M. Cowan, general manager of the company

to the consumer," Cowan said. "Our goal is to become one of the most modern and efficient processors in the country. We have the necessary capital to make major improvements in our equipment and facilities.

"The improvements in the Flint Milk Plant and fleet along with our modernization efforts at our Flint Ice Cream Plant and Benton Harbor Milk Plant will make us even more effi-

cient and competitive," he said.

Purchases Alpena Branch

The company also purchased a milk and ice cream distribution branch in Alpena for \$150,000 from the McDonald Cooperative Dairy Co., Cowan said. The new McDonald Dairy Company leased and operated the

Alpena Distribution Branch since Nov. 24, 1979, when McDonald Cooperative Dairy Co. ceased to exist due to financial difficulties during the past several years.

The McDonald Dairy Alpena Distribution Branch, which has one of the largest freezer facilities in northern Michigan, produces over 1,500 gallons of dairy products and over 2,500 gallons of ice cream daily for

distributors in Alpena, Cheboygan and Rogers City. In addition, the branch distributes milk to retail outlets from Au Gres to Cheboygan and ice cream from Standish to Cheboygan and west to Gaylord.

McDonald dairy products are sold through some 5,000 independent and supermarket chain retail stores in Michigan and northern portions of Indiana, Ohio and Illinois.

Renovation at Flint

At the Flint Milk Plant, \$2.5 million is being spent on new equipment to improve quality and efficiency. Plans call for installation of an automatic milk standardization system to increase production and maintain consistent quality standards of low fat products. A computer will monitor and control all processing functions of this system.

Other improvements include additional silos to increase raw milk receiving capacity, replacement of all material handling equipment with automatic casers and stackers, and modernization of the cottage cheese operation by producing the cheese under atmospheric control and packaging it using a new filler.

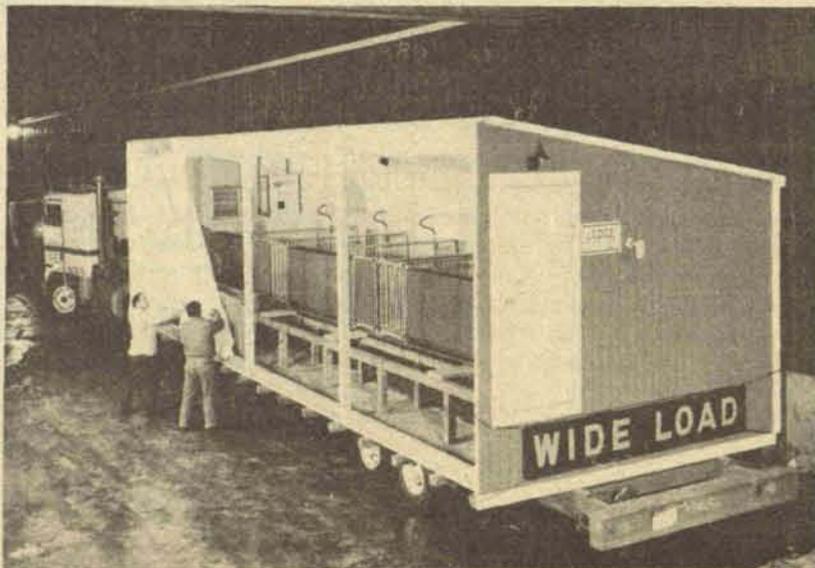
In addition to the new production equipment, the McDonald Dairy fleet is being updated. As part of the first phase of a replacement cycle, eight new trailers and eleven new tractors have been purchased.

Another \$1.2 million is being spent to modernize the Flint Ice Cream Plant which has the capacity to produce over seven million gallons of ice cream a year. An automatic pasteurizing and batching system for the production of ice cream mix will be installed in the fall.

New Equipment Installed in Benton Harbor

At a recent news conference in Benton Harbor, plans were announced to install a \$500,000 blow mold, a machine to produce plastic bottles from resin pellets, in the Benton Harbor Milk Plant. It will produce all of the plant's plastic bottles. Additional high-speed gallon fillers, automatic casers and stackers, silos, air compressors, coolers and machinery to increase pasteurizing capacity have been installed in the Benton Harbor facility.

"The new McDonald Dairy Company is financially strong and viable. We are totally confident that, as the largest single processor of dairy products in Michigan, we will continue to deliver the top-quality products



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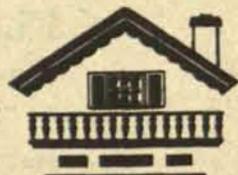
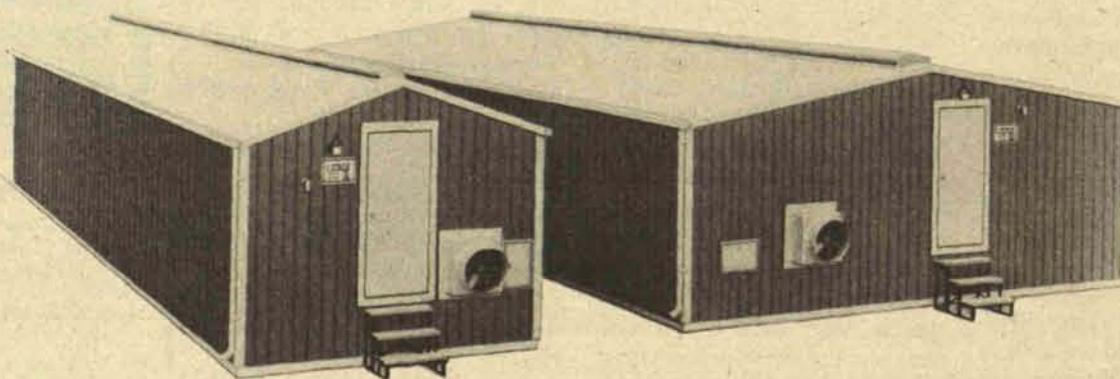
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Protective Equipment Promoted

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and service offices, will distribute posters and thousands of safety leaflets to Michigan farmers.

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- Protect your vision with safety eyewear when applying pesticides and ammonia fertilizer, in the shop, working in heavy dust and similar situations.

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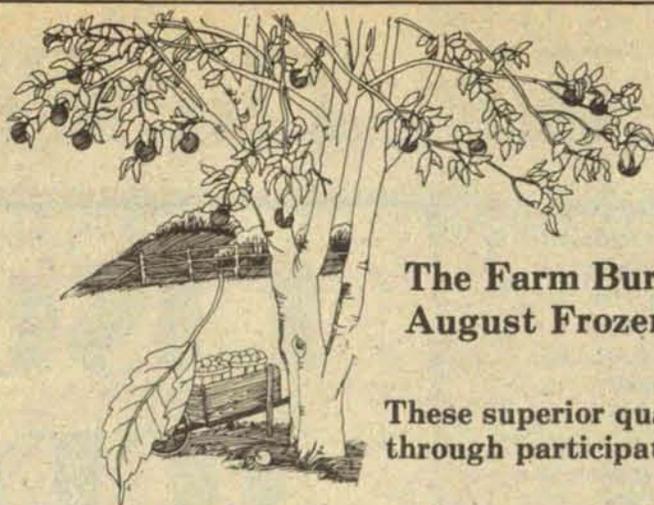
- Protect your lungs with the correct respiratory equipment (dust masks, cartridge respirators, gas masks, air packs) when working in dusty or moldy conditions, spray painting, applying chemicals, working in bins, silos and manure storage places.

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What's Happening

July 10	State Farm Management Tour	Montcalm County
July 18	33rd Annual Ohio Sheep Day	Ohio Ag Research & Development Center, Wooster, Ohio
July 22-23	MFB Women's Leader Conference	Hilton Inn, Lansing
July 31	MFB Policy Development Committee	Farm Bureau Center, Lansing
August 3-6	Michigan Chapter, Soil Conservation Society of America Annual Meeting	Hyatt Regency Hotel, Dearborn
August 5	Primary Elections	Statewide
August 19	Statewide Policy Development Conference	Hilton Inn, Lansing



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- Frozen Michigan Asparagus, 12/2 1/2 lb. boxes per case
- Frozen Broccoli, 12/2 lb. boxes per case
- Frozen Cauliflower, 12/2 lb. boxes per case
- Florida Orange Juice Concentrate, 24/12 oz. cans per case
- Florida Lemonade Concentrate, 24/12 oz. cans per case
- Florida Grapefruit Concentrate, 24/12 oz. cans per case
- Sharp Cheddar Cheese, 4/1 lb. packages per case
- Medium Cheddar Cheese, 4/1 lb. packages per case
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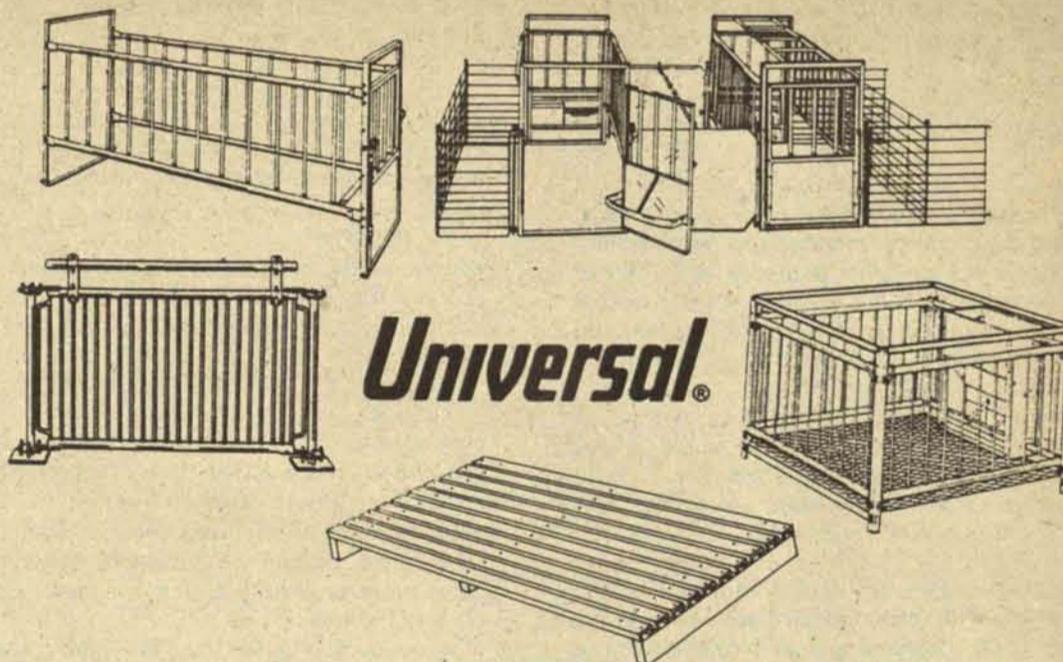
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★ ☆ We, The People ☆ ★

When our founding fathers put themselves to the task of devising a fundamental law for the brand-new nation they had created, they displayed great unity of purpose and breadth of vision. They did not, in class-conscious fashion, ask, what can we do for the benefit of agriculture? Or, how can we help labor? Or, what will be best for industry? No, their sights were on an altogether different sort of target - and they expressed the essence of it in the first three words of the Constitution they were so carefully and laboriously drafting: "We, the people."

Today, at a time when we are beset on all sides by the demands of this or that special interest, it would be fine if the leaders and proponents of all such groups would take a minute to read the one short paragraph that forms the preamble to the Constitution.

It is interesting to note that in a period of rather florid rhetoric, our founders restrained themselves remarkably at the crucial moments. The Declaration of Independence was really a public relations production - a propaganda document, designed to tell the world why revolutionary action had been taken. It was prepared out of "a decent respect for the opinions of mankind." It had to go into considerable detail.

But the "action paper," the thing that did the trick, was a 47-word resolution introduced by Richard Henry Lee, which asserted quite simply that the American colonies were, and of right ought to be, free and independent states. Of course, many words were required to spell out all its articles and sections; but when it came to setting down just what the basic law of the new nation was all about, our founders laid it out fully in that one short paragraph. They said it was to form a more perfect union; establish justice; insure domestic tranquility; provide for the common defense; promote the general welfare; and secure the blessing of liberty for themselves and posterity.

That was it. That's what they said it was all about - and it ought to be required reading to offset somewhat the recurrent proposals for the addition of this or that million-dollar bureau to bring this or that alleged billion-dollar "benefit" to this or that group - for the creation of this or that agency to regulate and control our lives.

In addition to being sure of their aims, our founders were very conscious of the source of their authority. When they set down a principle, or even a procedure, they knew who, ultimately, was speaking. It was, "We, the people."

Of course, the great issues of statism vs. freedom were not posed to our colonial forebearers in the explicit terms of privilege and preferences such as we now hear. But our founders were not ignorant of history or human nature. They knew that a time would come when there would be demands for governmental favors, preferences, largesse; and they made no place for them, except inadvertently perhaps, in the much tortured general welfare clause; and the anticipated demands for such extensions of government were answered once and for all by Jefferson's simple phrase: "The best governed are the least governed."

Growth of Bureaucracy

History shows that it is seemingly the tendency of men to oscillate between the extremes of government - from Jeffersonian simplicity to the imagined benefits (and inevitable restrictions) of complete statism. It is not argued that we can return to the simple governmental forms that sufficed for our colonial and agrarian periods. We are a vast and complicated aggregation of aims, interest, economic

DISCUSSION TOPIC

by **KEN WILES**
Manager, Member Relations

problems, political processes and social responsibilities. But through the years, we have elected in Washington, and throughout the states, a bureaucratic monstrosity that is devouring our savings, crippling our economy and stifling our initiative.

To some extent, the costs and repression of such overextension of government were felt in colonial times, and they aroused the anger of our founders, perhaps even more than the British denial of representative government. Jefferson was testy about it. As a tax-paying citizen, he was both concerned and angered because the London bureaucracy had "sent hither a swarm of officers to harass our people and eat out their substance."

A Costly Government

No question is raised here about the efficiency, honesty or devotion of those people in the federal bureaucracy. They are citizens, employed to do work projected by Congress. But they do "eat out of substance." They do cost money - millions, billions of it in the aggregate.

Who owns the debt, and must finally pay it, one way or another? The government? Not really, the ultimate debtor: we, the people!

As a result of this expanded sphere of government control we, the people, are held accountable for:

- Government systems of transportation on the theory that this will facilitate the desired movement of goods and services and people.
- Government health and welfare programs on the theory that this will enable and encourage individuals to lead happier and more successful lives.
- Government parks, playgrounds, and other recreational facilities on the theory that these will lead to more constructive uses of leisure.
- Government communication facilities on the theory that people will thereby be better informed and more understanding of the views and problems of others.
- Government supplied water, fuel, power and other utilities on the theory that this will promote the welfare.
- Government regulation and control of wages, prices, rents, interest rates, advertising, purity and quality of products, competitive practices, working conditions, insurance, banking, and numerous other aspects of business on the theory that voluntary traders are unfit judges of fairness and equity.
- Government privileges to labor, industry, professional groups and similar minorities on the theory of equality after the law.
- Government aid to other governments on the theory that this will improve the American image abroad and stimulate exports.

Remove Restrictions

The American colonies wanted, it seems clear, a government under which Americans could pursue their respective interests through peaceful production and exchange in the open market.

Freedom! That was what they were after; not just relief from whimsical bureaucratic restrictions but freedom to make, produce, trade, sell, buy, invent, build, save and spend. Freedom, in short, to live the sort of life that is natural and normal to an industrious, inventive, adventurous and acquisitive people.

By creating a governmental environment favorable to personal initiative, our founders laid the foundation for our greatness as a nation. Despite the drain of several wars - despite these colossal burdens - the nation grew, expanded and developed into the globe's greatest power, and at the same time it exceeded all others in the material wealth of its people.

The big question now is, where do we, the people, go from here? The American problem today is not what do we do about the world, but what do we do about us, the people, and about us, the nation. Shall we resume our travels on a path of destiny - travels that have made us great and strong and useful in the world? Shall we rid ourselves of smothering debt through sufficient self-denial? Shall we once again be solvent as well as sovereign? Shall we halt the march to match national bankruptcy? Shall we avoid the killing inflation that wipes out savings, destroys credit and brings chaos? If we do, who will benefit? If we don't who will pay? To both questions, the answer is, we, the people.

Items for Discussion

Most county policy development committees will begin preparing resolutions shortly for consideration at the county annual meeting. Therefore, now is the time to submit proposed resolutions to your county office.

What topics would you recommend for future discussion topics? Your ideas would be greatly appreciated by the Community Group Advisory Committee.

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