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ty, the work and influence of the Farm Bureau Women has grown constantly to constitute a vital part of the whole Farm Bureau program.

Farm Bureau Women's program is guided by a State Advisory Council elected by Women's Committees in each Membership District.

In support of the State Advisory Council of the Farm Bureau Women, each of the 1,646 Community Farm Bureaus has a Women's Committee member. Some counties have as high as 40 women's committee members.

Recently I enjoyed the privilege of witnessing the semi-annual meeting of the Women's Advisory Council of the Michigan Farm Bureau. I was impressed with the competent and businesslike manner in which State Chairman Mrs. Ball conducted the proceedings.

Discussions were held to the subject in hand and disposed of by motions that clearly implemented the decisions reached.

The Farm Bureau Women's Advisory Council takes an active interest in such matters as school problems, programs for safety; Civilian Defense; child welfare, including help for retarded children; work of the United Nations; Michigan's water resources; farm marketing problems; legal matters, such as the need for wills, etc.; young people; health projects, including social hygiene, mental health, child guidance clinics, problems of the aging, and distribution of health cards.

Farm Bureau Women through their health program favor county nurses. They aid in building and furnishing hospitals. They are active in behalf of cancer clinics, polio prevention, and blood banks.

They have just completed a state-wide story of Michigan farming and farm life in color slides for the London office of the Associated Country Women of the World.

The efforts of 69,000 Farm Bureau Women are directed to programs for better rural living.

Not the least of their many values is their influence on men's opinions and decisions!

They contribute a refinement that inspires the Michigan Farm Bureau to stand for the highest

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## Plan Ahead For Using Lime

Ed Longnecker, extension specialist in soil science at Michigan State University, says if you plan on applying lime to some of your fields, there are several things to consider.

All are important for good results. First, since lime is rather slow acting, there is a distinct advantage in getting it on well in advance of a high lime requirement crop.

In the case of alfalfa or clover—which are both high lime necessity crops, it might be applied at least 1, 2, or even 3 years in advance of seedling.

Second, there are only a limited number of lime vendors in Michigan. The big rush for liming is usually in the spring—so it is smart to plan far ahead on your crop rotations in relation to liming.

Longnecker says that an old meadow about to be broken up is a good place to consider liming. After the hay is off, the soil can be tested to determine the lime requirements.

Then, while the field is still in sod, is a good time to get on it with the heavy liming trucks. Don't wait until spring when the ground will be wet and soft.

Longnecker says that the federal government, through the U.S. Department of Agriculture, subsidizes liming practices by paying one-half or more of the cost of the lime.

All you need to do is test the soil and plan your needs. Then you can apply to the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Office for approval of the request.

You may order the lime from any vendor you wish. Planning far in advance will pay off with less wasted time and trouble.

### Pears

This year's pear crop in Michigan should be back to about average after an excellent harvest last season.

### Peaches

The Midwest peach crop will be below average this year while national output will be up slightly, reports John Ferris, farm economist at Michigan State University.

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## Young People Going to Cooperative Institute

L A CHENEY

The 29th annual summer conference of the American Institute of Cooperation will be held on the campus of the Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colorado, 1957.

The theme of the meeting is, "Cooperatives in Our Big Business Economy." Approximately 3,000 cooperative leaders, including 1,000 rural youth delegates from all parts of the country, are expected to attend.

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Michigan young people participating in the program will be Anita Dietz from Williamston, representing Farm Bureau Young People, Arden Ford of Palmyra and Gary Fulmer of Yale, representing Future Farmers of America.

Judy Balsam of Ottawa Lake will be presented with \$50 from the American Institute of Cooperation for being the Michigan 4-H award winner for outstanding work in cooperative activities.

Other young people attending the conference are:

Future Farmer representatives: Gary Wille, St. Charles; Larry Darling, Owosso; Gary Showerman, Williamston; Richard Malson, Onsted; and John Scheurer, Ionia.

4-H representatives are Terry Healy, East Jordan; Don Aardema, Central Lake; Terry Hughes, Paw Paw; Joyce Orcutt, Millersburg; Harvey Miller, Atlanta; Gloria Wanke, Cheboygan; and Marlene Seiwert, Herron.

Farm Bureau Young People: Joyce Phillips, DeWitt; Harry

Foster, Niles; Diane Cyr, Boyne City; and Robert Baur, Bayport; Howard Gogley, Niles.

L A Cheney, assistant secretary of Michigan Association of Farmer Cooperatives, Lansing, will conduct one sectional meeting on "How Cooperative Education Works."

Earl Huntley, manager of Farmers Petroleum Cooperative, Inc., will be on the program to discuss transport deliveries of fuel from terminals to farms.

At Denver on the return trip the Michigan youth group will tour the plant of the Western States Bean Cooperative. It packages western varieties of beans and peas that are sold under the brand name of Casserole. Michigan varieties of beans packaged by the Michigan Elevator Exchange at Port Huron are also sold under the Casserole brand.

The group will travel by train and returns to Lansing August 23.

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Blanching certain vegetables before freezing them is important. Mrs. Maura Bean, a Michigan State University instructor of foods and nutrition, explains that this is done to destroy enzymes which would otherwise cause changes in texture, color and flavor. The time for blanching varies with different vegetables.

For example: corn on the cob takes ten minutes for blanching; while corn off the cob takes about four minutes.

Various booklets about freezing

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give times for blanching. Mrs. Bean recommends that you consult a reliable one to be sure of the correct blanching time for the vegetables you are freezing.

After blanching, the vegetables are cooled quickly and packed into suitable containers. They can be packed in pint or quart containers. Any larger container is not recommended for home freezing since they would freeze too slowly in such large amounts.

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standards in farm living.

"Next to God, we are indebted to women, first for life itself, and then for making it worth while."—Bovee.

## Neighbors of Mine Marion S. Hosteller

One recent afternoon I lived through twenty minutes that couldn't have been better if I had planned them myself.

Arthur Houston was playing a hi-fi recording of bird songs for some children on the lawn of a country church. When he played the call of the cardinal, several redbirds answered from the treetops across the road, and one of them even circled in the air above us, looking for the bird whose voice he heard on the record.

Next, two sharp-eyed children spied a tiny bird's nest in a low-growing evergreen. It contained a newly hatched baby bird, one that was just coming out of its egg, and one egg as yet unhatched.

Since I'm not much of a bird-watcher myself, this was a new thrill for me, and I think the children also, sensed the marvel of the miracle of life.

Later the same day, we noticed little wagon-wheel designs on some pieces of crushed stone in the driveway. I told them the designs were fossils, but I didn't know whether they were cross-sections of a prehistoric worm or slices of an antediluvian reed. One of the boys said, "I guess if we could ask a professor, he could tell you what they were."

This reminded me that as a citizen of Michigan, I am entitled to the educational services of the state. So I mailed one of the rocks to the Department of Paleontology of the University of Michigan, with a stamped self-addressed envelope.

In a few days, I received a note saying that my specimen was a fossil coral (Lithothamnion proliferum Hall) preserved in Bayport limestone of the Mississippian period, which was laid down perhaps 300,000,000 years ago.

effect. Tolerances were then quite liberal, except for mercury. No mercury-treated grain at all may be sold for food purposes. Therefore, the only alternative is that all grain handlers must learn to use good housekeeping methods. They are:

Store dry grain in rodent-proof storage.

Inspect it for insects regularly.

Do not mix it with treated seed wheat.

Before harvest, Michigan wheat is all clean. After harvest it must still be clean to be sold as a food grain!

**Young People**

Farm Bureau Young Peoples Camp is just completed. About eighty were in attendance for entire camp.

**Hazard**

As a tractor's speed is increased from 3 to 6 miles per hour, the hazard of its tipping over is four times as great.



### Opportunity Beckons

#### Invite Young Men To Elevator Career

Michigan's feed and grain industry was host to 45 interested young men with farm backgrounds on June 27th at Michigan State University. Each year the Michigan elevator trade goes all out to attract talented farm youth for key positions in country elevators.

Michigan State University has graduated over 100 young men from this course and has 19 young men presently enrolled. They are now working in country elevators in an on-the-job phase of the course.

About 30 young men are expected to enroll for the 18 month short course September 26th. Additional information can be secured by writing to George Greenleaf, Coordinator of the Elevator and Farm Supply Short Course, Short Course Department, Michigan State University.

#### Turkey and Poultry Sausage Legalized

Manufacture and sale of turkey sausage and poultry sausage in Michigan has been made legal by the Legislature. The bill was almost adopted in the regular session, but lost by a few votes in the Senate.

Farm Bureau spokesmen made a full explanation of the bill to individual Senators and why it is so important to the poultry industry. June 27 when the Legislature finished its business, the Senate reconsidered its vote and adopted the Sausage bill. Governor Williams signed it. The law is effective Sept. 27.

RAY BOHNSACK, center, of Farm Bureau Services, counsels with high school graduates, senior and junior students about the job opportunities for TRAINED MEN in the farmers elevator and farm supply store field. 45 youths attended the 6th annual

Elevator Career Day presentation at Michigan State University June 27 by the Elevator and Farm Supply Short Course Dept. Applications are being taken for the 2-year course opening in September.

## There's a Right Paint For Every Home Job

There's nothing like bright sunshine to highlight faded walls and dingy corners. Most of us know that a quick cure is a fresh paint job.

But in our enthusiasm to start wielding a paint brush, we shouldn't buy just any paint. There's a right paint for almost any job you're planning, according to home economists at Michigan State University.

To begin with, there is no all-purpose paint. For example, paints vary greatly in their washability. Generally speaking, the higher the gloss, the more washable the paint.

Full gloss or semi-gloss paint is a wise choice for such places as the kitchen, bathroom, laundry and playroom where the walls are likely to get soiled. Soiled spots and grease can readily be removed from gloss paint with a damp cloth and mild soaps.

Because gloss paint can be scrubbed, many homemakers are now using it instead of paper for cupboard shelves and bureau drawers. But here's a word of caution before applying paint to drawer interiors. Paint will not dry on a waxed surface. And since some furniture manufacturers wax drawer interiors, be sure to wash these surfaces with

turpentine before painting.

For other rooms, you may want to try a rubber base paint which is also washable and is easily applied. This gives it a distinct advantage over standard flat wall paints which do not have a rough washable surface.

Rubber base paints have certain limitations. While their use is often suggested for woodwork, you may find that enamels on woodwork are more satisfactory and will always give the best service.

So before you stock up for painting, it's a good idea to consider how and where the paint is to be used.

#### Right Now In Farm Bureau

District Midyear Meetings for Executive, Membership, Community Group, Resolution and Public Relation Committees are over.

Membership Committees are in the process of selecting county Roll Call Managers. Prospect lists are being made in most counties.

There's no use hurrying if you are headed in the wrong direction.

# Making our Bargaining Associations Succeed

PETER J. SIKKEMA  
Coordinator of Commodity Relations for MFB

Farmers complain more about prices they receive for their products than any other topic, and well they might. However, they should realize that they are indicting themselves for their lack of ability to bargain effectively.

Often farmers will compare their ability to bargain with that of a labor union or a large manufacturing industry such as the automobile manufacturer.

Unfortunately, the very nature of agriculture does not lend itself to the techniques used by labor or industry. Automobile manufacturers can and do control production. Labor can stop production.

History has shown us that this cannot work in agriculture. In spite of all the various quota systems that the Government has initiated from time to time to curb production, it has constantly increased.

Controlled production in agriculture does not work. We are distinguished from labor in that we have too much invested in our production to be able to withhold it from the market for any length of time. It boils down to the fact that farmers must develop their own types of bargaining programs.

Bargaining cooperatives are a proven technique. They depend, however, on the willingness of the producers to stick with their organization during the period of trial and error. This is often the time when the bargaining cooperatives are first organized and their problems are the greatest.

If bargaining cooperatives were to have the support of the processor from the outset, their problems would not be as great.

History has shown that, in general, the processor does not seem to realize the benefits that these associations hold, not only for producers, but for them. They stabilize the particular industry involved.

During these periods when the processors not only fail to cooperate with the bargaining association, but actively work against them, confusion reigns. Producers should realize that this is the very time when their lack of confidence within their organization means defeat.

organization, they should take very serious stock of what is involved.

I would further hope that they ultimately realize that their future power to bargain effectively is determined today by the support which they give their own organization.

These are periods of trial but success can be attained only through cooperation with other producers.

About the time a man gets to the place where he can live on velvet Mother Nature is apt to call him on the carpet.



## To Prevent Damage to Stored Wheat

Harvest and store clean wheat. With the new federal grain standards in effect, this is the advice of Leyton Nelson, extension specialist with the farm crops department at Michigan State University.

Nelson says the principal causes of contamination in Michigan wheat are:

Animals, such as rats, mice and birds.

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