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## Shuman: Stop Buying, Storing Farm Surplus

### EDITORIAL

#### We Had Better Face Realities

CLARK L. BRODY

Counsel for Public Affairs for Michigan Farm Bureau

On November 4 the broadcast from some place in Hungary made the following desperate appeal:

"People of the world, listen to our call! Help us . . ."

"People of the civilized world, in the name of liberty and solidarity, we are asking you to help. Our ship is sinking. The light vanishes. The shadows grow darker from hour to hour. "God be with you—and us."

Then there was silence over the air-waves from Hungary.

The life and death struggle which the people of Hungary and Poland are making to regain their freedom is a grim reminder of the stake we have in preserving the freedom and opportunities we are enjoying in the U.S.A. The Hungarian people are making the extreme sacrifice to regain the individual freedom which we largely take for granted.

The cruel persecution they are suffering to regain even a measure of freedom emphasizes how precious liberty is to those who have lost it. The same forces that have brought about this great tragedy to the Hungarians and Poles are at work to similarly enslave other peoples of the free world.

They are seeking to sabotage our ideals and resources from within as well as threatening armed attack from beyond the borders of free America.

This emphasizes the imperative importance of keeping our domestic economy strong, and developing a keener appreciation generally of the factors involved in maintaining and protecting the privileges of individual choice and initiative which we are inclined to take for granted without further effort on our part.

National farm policies have much to do with the preservation of these precious values. Farm programs can be such as to deteriorate our national vitality, or they can make an indispensable contribution to the freedom that makes life in our country livable and worthwhile.

Agriculture must be sustained by the resourcefulness and initiative of the men, women, and young people on the land.

This cannot be accomplished by stifling and replacing these human qualities with political nostrums as substitutes for inevitable economic adjustments in a changing agriculture.

We need to keep constantly in mind, in our attempts to achieve farm prosperity and a high standard of living for the farm family, that economic change affects the life of the farmer as well as his pocketbook.

We need to use care in solving the immediate and pressing problems of agriculture involved in the present difficulties that we do not entangle the farmer in self-perpetuating government controls which become permanent limitations on his progress and the way of life for farm people.

The 672 delegates at the 37th annual meeting of the Michigan Farm Bureau spoke plainly and constructively on these principles when they said without a dissenting voice:

... The employment of government over the past decade as a means of determining the level of farm income has resulted in undue centralization of federal power, and the growing participation of government in controlling the farmer's operations. This has brought confusion and decline in farm returns instead of prosperity.

It has been amply proved that high rigid supports and production for government storage do not constitute a market that will sustain prosperity and agricultural progress. . . .

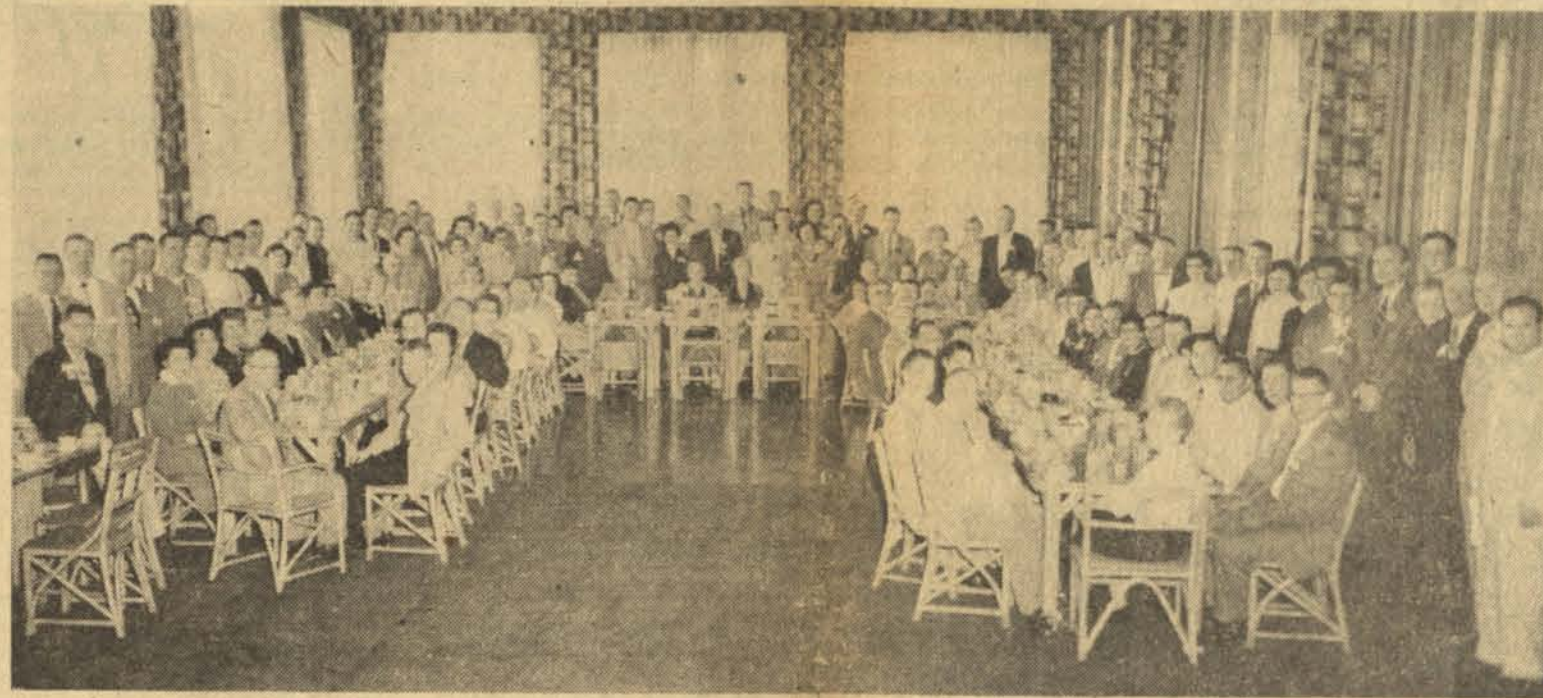
All direct payment proposals involve grave dangers to freedom and opportunity in agriculture, and the independence of farm people.

**THE TRADITIONAL OBJECTIVE** of the national farm policy of the Michigan Farm Bureau has been the achievement and maintenance of an adequate net farm income and a high standard of living for the farm family.

This requires that the Michigan Farm Bureau continue its efforts unabated to reverse the trend toward a subsidized and government-controlled agriculture and to restore a reasonable balance and adaptation of farm production to consumer demand in farm markets.

The Michigan Farm Bureau will direct its efforts to solving both the immediate and the long-range problems of agriculture in a manner consistent with the maximum.

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MICHIGAN DELEGATION OF 147 AT THE AMERICAN FARM BUREAU'S 38th ANNUAL MEETING AT MIAMI, DECEMBER 11-13

### INVITE EVERY FARMER TO JOIN THE FARM BUREAU

## Membership Roll Call Starts January 3; Goal is 70,242

### Corn Growers Approve Allotments

DAN E. REED  
Associate Legislative Counsel

Corn growers in 894 commercial counties approved an acreage allotment program for 1957-58-59 by a 38.8% vote.

Under the law, approval by only one third of those voting was needed to make the acreage allotment effective. While 61.2% favored the base acreage program, the law required a two-thirds vote to make this plan operative.

Comments heard at the American Farm Bureau convention when the referendum results were announced pointed out the unfairness of permitting one third of the voting producers to write the program over the wishes of the majority.

Said one delegate, "Now let's have an American vote where the majority makes the decision."

**Michigan for Base.** In Michigan's 35 commercial corn counties, 73.4% of those voting favored the base acreage program, more than the required two thirds. Michigan, however, is governed by the national referendum results.

Only about 10% of the eligible Michigan voters cast ballots.

**What Allotment Program Means.** Under the program approved in the December 11 referendum, acreage allotments will be based on 37 million acres of corn for 1957. This compares with an acreage of about 57 million planted in recent years and with 51 million which would have been provided under the base program.

Many observers feel that compliance will be so low that the program will have little effect in reducing corn supplies. In the past, compliance has been only about 30 to 40 per cent under the corn allotment program.

While it is necessary to comply with the allotment to obtain price supports, so much corn is fed on the farm that price supports had little appeal and were heavily overplanted.

Corn price supports for 1957 have been announced at \$1.36 under the allotment program. The figure was set at \$1.31 for the defeated base acreage program.

**See Full Elevators.** Some large grain storage operators actively supported the allotment acreage plan. Many believe the allotment plan will continue to keep government-owned corn supplies at a high level, thus assuring continued elevator storage rentals from Washington.

### Cooperative Council At Chicago Jan. 14-17

Outstanding speakers, including Dr. Edwin G. Nourse, a Washington consulting economist, are scheduled to appear on the program of the 28th annual meeting of the National Council of Farmer Cooperatives, to be held at the Edgewater Beach Hotel, Chicago, January 14-17, 1957.

Several thousand Farm Bureau members are all set to go out on the Farm Bureau membership campaign January 3 to 12.

The goal for 1957 is 70,242 families.

More than a thousand new members have been enrolled for 1957 since the beginning of the new membership year on September 1.

**Captain's Jamboree.** Township, county, and state leaders in the coming membership campaign attended the Township Roll Call Captains' Jamboree at the Civic Auditorium at Lansing December 28.

Those at the jamboree included: Township captains, area men, county Roll Call managers, County Farm Bureau presidents and secretaries, and chairmen of all County Farm Bureau committees. Also present were the directors of the Michigan Farm Bureau and its service companies, and staff members of those companies.

**They got things in final order to go out and build up a record membership in 1957.**

We have every reason to look forward to the future with confidence if we use TODAY to build a better and stronger Farm Bureau. Our best wishes and sincere appreciation go with every worker in the Roll Call campaign. They are the builders of the world's largest and most influential farm organization.

**Let's not stop with 70,242. Let's invite every farmer to join and push past our 1957 goal of 70,242.**

### AT FARMERS WEEK, JAN. 28 TO FEB. 1

## Agr'l Economics Has Good Program

"How to Face the Challenge of the Future on the Individual Farm" is the keynote of one of the best programs ever developed by the Department of Agricultural Economics at Michigan State University. It is for Farmers week, January 28 to February 1.

The programs are designed to meet the needs, problems, and questions of Michigan farm families as they look to 1957 and beyond, said John C. Doneth, agr'l extension specialist. Here is a summary of the program:

**Jan. 29, Tues. morning,** at Fairchild theatre—"Should Young Folks Start Farming Today?"

**Jan. 29, Tues. afternoon,** Fairchild theatre—"Where do Farm Organizations Stand on Agricultural Policy?"

**Jan. 30, Wed. morning—"State Control of Milk Prices."**

**Jan. 30, Wed. afternoon—Special meetings:** Soil Bank, Room 313, Agr'l Hall; Livestock Marketing Problems, Fairchild theatre; Father & Son Partnerships, Room 301, Agr'l Hall; Social Security and Income Tax for Farmers, Room 213, Agr'l Hall; Laying Flock Costs and Returns, Room 225, Anthony Hall; Farm Accounting that Works, Room 212, Agr'l Hall.

**Jan. 31, Thurs. morning,** Fairchild theatre—"The Small Family Farm—What is its Future?"

**Jan. 31, Thurs. noon,** Michigan State Union, Room 21—Farm Managers and Appraisers annual meeting and luncheon.

**Jan. 31, Thurs. afternoon,** Fairchild theatre—"Economics of Machinery and Buildings to Save Time and Dollars."

**Jan. 31, Thurs. evening,** Kellogg Center—Farm Management Banquet.

The Agricultural Economics Farmers Week exhibit "Farmer or Wage Earner" will run continuously during the week at the football stadium.

Two new films will be shown daily from 12:00 to 12:55 at Fairchild theatre.

"One Man's Meat" shows some of the problems of farm families and why they are important to all people.

"The Magic Formula" explains some of the problems involved in using the parity formula as a basis for the farm program.

### Director of AFBF



WALTER W. WIGHTMAN

The Michigan delegation to the American Farm Bureau's 38th annual convention at Miami Dec. 11-13 was happy to have Michigan Farm Bureau director Walter W. Wightman elected to the AFBF board of directors. He is one of five directors representing the midwestern states.

Mr. Wightman was the unanimous choice of the Michigan Farm Bureau board of directors as Michigan's nominee for the AFBF board.

President Ward G. Hogde made a most effective nominating speech for Mr. Wightman at the Mid-West states caucus. Vice-President Blaque Knirk's seconding speech was excellent.

Walter Wightman has been a member of the Michigan Farm Bureau for 38 years, and a member of the state board of directors since 1949. He has been chairman of the state resolutions committee at three annual meetings. His farm operations are fruit and beef cattle on 210 acres at Fennville, Allegan county.

### Farm Bureau's Old Home Sold

The Michigan Farm Bureau sold its former office building and adjoining properties at 213-227 North Cedar Street, Lansing, to the Summit Development Company in November. The new owners were tenants of building and rent space to other firms.

So ends the story of the 69 year old building that was home for the Michigan Farm Bureau for 35 years.

Farm Bureau bought it from the Reo Motor Car Company in April, 1920. In later years the Farm Bureau provided for additional office space and for seed department warehouse expansion. It bought two adjoining properties to the south on Cedar street, and the Michigan Brass and Iron Works behind them.

### 67,398 This Issue

This is the number of copies of the Michigan Farm News mailed to subscribers January 1.

## AFBF Favors End of Farm Controls

FB President Says Farm Surpluses Held by Government Should be Moved Soon and Not Replaced

"Farmers are hurt rather than helped by accumulations of government stocks of farm commodities.

"I therefore propose that by Congressional action we eliminate the authority for the Secretary of Agriculture to buy and store a farm commodity when the Commodity Credit Corporation disposes of all the supplies now held of any particular commodity."

Charles B. Shuman, president of the American Farm Bureau, made these proposals in his address to the 38th annual convention at Miami, Florida, December 12.

Mr. Shuman recommended a gradual but steady movement away from depending upon government action for determination of farm prices.

He said that flexible price supports and the soil bank move in the right direction, but they are not the final answer.

"As long as the Secretary of Agriculture has authority to purchase and store farm commodities while attempting to bring about increased prices, we are almost certain to have unwise government interference in the pricing, production, and marketing of farm products.

"No matter who is the Secretary of Agriculture or what his party affiliation is, the political pressures generated by national elections in alternate years will result in political rather than economic decisions influencing the purchase and storage programs of government.

"We should move as rapidly as possible to dispose of the government held surplus stocks. They should be sold at reduced prices or given away to needy people at home and abroad and should not be replaced.

"There is no possible way to isolate a government owned surplus from the market and it will most certainly tend to depress farm prices as long as it is in existence."

The American Farm Bureau convention said in its resolutions: "Price support and production adjustment programs have a place in an overall agricultural program. . . .

"Real farm income cannot be protected by policies which draw excessive resources into agriculture, create unmanageable surpluses, or cause artificial prices to be capitalized into land values. . . .

"Present farm programs are based upon an accumulation of laws enacted over a period of more than 25 years, which has included periods of widely diverse economic conditions.

"We urge the AFBF board of directors to make a comprehensive review of the laws and seek, for consideration of the delegate body, revisions necessary to achieve our objective of gradually eliminating government regulation of individual farming operations as rapidly as possible.

**Mr. Shuman said in part:** "One of the principal causes of the decline in farm net income and of the 25 years of recurring surpluses has been an oversupply of legislative attempts to solve economic troubles by political action.

"The recent national election demonstrated that farmers' votes were not for sale. Candidates who promised government price fixing or large subsidy payments were not supported on these issues at the polls. The argument over price supports is a dead issue.

"The way is now clear for farm people to develop a constructive approach to the changing conditions in our industry.

"Eighty-one per cent of the decline in net farm income during recent years was due to increased costs of farm operation. National legislation can do little if anything to reduce those costs.

"Rather than seeking legislation to delay the needed changes in farming, we should do everything we can to help farmers make shifts in their production and speed up the application of improved cost-reducing methods.

There is no reason for government to be engaged in the business of purchasing and storing farm commodities. The fertility of our soil, our normal livestock population, and the normal channels of trade provide all the food and fiber necessary to protect consumers against shortage.

"Our objective should be the

complete disposal of all farm products held by the Commodity Credit Corporation. Until authority for the acquisition of these commodities is eliminated, political pressures will force administrators to continue purchases.

"Considerable progress has been made in reducing or eliminating government held stocks of some commodities. The experience has been good when this has happened and the product has returned to a free market basis.

"Many of our troubles are due to too much legislation rather than too little. We do need a further broadening of the flexible price support authority to permit greater freedom for prices to change.

"The soil bank should be amended, as experience suggests, so that it will result in shrinking total crop acreage.

"We need Congressional action to provide for crop by crop elimination of the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture to purchase and store farm products, and authority to dispose of all presently held government stocks as rapidly as possible.

"This should be done by discount sales and gifts in such a way so as not to seriously injure international relations or disrupt the domestic market.

"This type of legislation would help clear the decks of useless and harmful governmental activity in agriculture.

"Farmers need to be no more dependent upon the federal government than any other business or industry."

### Ingham Women Plan Three Tours in 1957

Thirty members of the Farm Bureau Women's committee met at the Mason Farm Bureau office for their annual Christmas party Tuesday, Dec. 14.

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Chellis Hall. A collection was taken up to buy chair cushions for the Okemos Rehabilitation Center.

In discussion of next year's program it was proposed to have three tours: A visit to Legislature, The Ingham County Court House to learn more about county government and visit the WJIM, County House or School for the Blind.

### 35th Year

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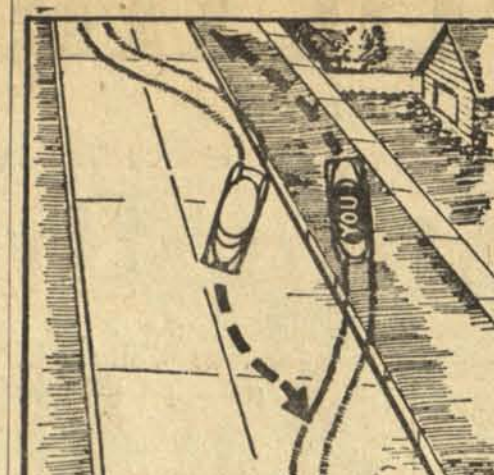


PURPOSE OF FARM BUREAU
The purpose of this Association shall be the advancement of our members' interests educationally, legislatively, and economically.



Forward Look
Oh look ahead, not backward. As you tread
The path that Fate assigns you keep your eyes
Directed toward the way that goes ahead.
There every prospect for achievement lies.

Unwritten Laws of the Road



KEEP CLEAR of the crazy driver. Slow down for him. A crazy driver ahead of you is defined as any driver who does all the wrong driving things you think are crazy.

From Michigan Driver Education Manual, Department of Public Instruction.



Community Farm Bureaus

CLARE L. MCGHAN
Coordinator of Community Farm Bureaus for MFB
During the past two months, we have had the opportunity of visiting with several staff members of several state Farm Bureaus.

some time, we tend to lose interest in the program. We hope that this will not be true in your Community Farm Bureau.

Because of the interest of other states in this program, it made us feel that we should renew our efforts to increase the participation of Farm Bureau members in the Community Farm Bureaus.

If you are a Farm Bureau member and are not now attending a Community Farm Bureau Group, you are missing one of the best opportunities of finding out what Farm Bureau is doing, but even more important, you are able to lend your thinking and ideas for a better future for farmers through Farm Bureau.

In last month's minutes, we noticed that some of the Community Farm Bureaus reported that their Minuteman didn't have anything to report or was absent from the meeting.

In January, both the State Legislature and Congress go back into session. It is very important that our Community Farm Bureau Minutemen become active and keep up with the legislative affairs.

It is not good enough for a Minuteman to say that he didn't receive anything from Lansing this month. Every day there are articles in the newspapers and magazines concerning issues of interest to farmers.

Another important activity for the Minuteman is to inform the group members as to what the policies of Farm Bureau are.

The strength or failure of Michigan in the legislative field

in the future pretty much depends upon the activities of our Community Farm Bureau Minutemen. If you are a Minuteman, you should remember that you have a very vital job in the organization.

We hope that you will give the time and effort to this position that it deserves. By your efforts will Farm Bureau have a good record this year in legislative activities.

We want to congratulate all the Community Farm Bureau groups in the State who held their election and got their set-up sheets into our office by Nov. 1st.

We had the best record this year that we have ever experienced in the Farm Bureau program. Only 14 groups out of 1,581 decided not to re-organize this year. Since September 1, we have had 17 new groups which now gives a total of 1585 Community Farm Bureaus in Michigan. What county will have the 1600 group?

GOLD STAR AWARD (October)
Midland County, Hope Community Group, Loneta B. Joynt, sec'y.

Mecosta County, Pleasant View Community Group, Dorothy Emmons, sec'y.

SILVER STAR AWARD
Alpena County, Nicholson Hill No. 2 Community Group, Mrs. Felix LaBonte, sec'y.

Eaton County, North Windsor Community Group, Harriet Baker, sec'y.

GOLD STAR AWARD (November)

Genesee County, Southwest Davison Community Group, Shirley Hummel, sec'y.

SILVER STAR AWARD
Huron County, South Brookfield Community Group, Mrs. Alfred Schnepf, sec'y.

Manistee County, Arcadia Hill-Port Community Group, Elizabeth Werle, sec'y.

Lapeer County, Montgomery Community Group, Thelma McKu, sec'y.

Farm Bureau In Upper Peninsula

WESLEY S. HAWLEY
Co-ordinator for U.P.

Baraga County Farm Bureau was organized at L'Anse the evening of December 12.

By-laws were adopted and a board of directors elected. Four districts were established for electing directors and three were elected at large. A director will be selected soon by the women's committee and one by the Farm Bureau Young People.

Six Community Farm Bureaus have been organized. They expect to have two or three more soon. Next year more groups will be organized.

The board met December 13 and organized. Robert Godell, of Watton was elected president, Reino Heikkinen of Aura, vice-president and Wilbert Leino of L'Anse as the third member of the executive committee. The board plans to meet again to adopt the County Relationship Agreement and incorporate in January.

Chippewa County Farm Bureau met December 18 to incorporate. They expect to organize several new groups and build the membership this winter.

Two very good meetings were held at Escanaba in early December on agricultural research. The meetings were sponsored by the Commodity Department of Michigan Farm Bureau with the help of Michigan State University.

Dr. N. P. Ralston head of the Dairy Dept., Dr. R. L. Cook, head of the Soil Science Dept., Dr. A. J. Panshin head of the Forest Products Dept., formed a panel for the meetings. There was considerable interest in the meetings and much good discussion.

Upper Peninsula was represented at the Farm Bureau Institute at Lansing Dec. 3 and 4. Elmer Johnson of Escanaba attended the community sessions, Charles Curran of Vulcan attended the presidents meetings, and Mrs. John Olsen of Thompson the women's sessions. Mrs. Hawley and I attended the women's and presidents sessions.

Managers' Business Clinic January 15-16

Three elevator associations-The Michigan Association of Farmer Cooperatives, the Michigan Bean Shippers Association, and the Michigan Feed and Grain Association are again cooperating with the short course department at Michigan State University to organize the second annual Managers' Business Clinic.

This Clinic is scheduled for January 15 and 16 at Kellogg Center and will cover sessions on: (1) credit; (2) employee relations with respect to hiring, orientation, and training; (3) planning, which will include manager's time and long range plans insofar as business is concerned.

To escape criticism say nothing, do nothing, be nothing.

Our planning need not leap a span of years. Tomorrow is the future of today. Future and past run parallel, and near. And Fate is never very far away.

EDITORIAL

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It is encouraging to note that the delegates chosen by the 48 State Farm Bureaus and Puerto Rico emphatically endorsed these high objectives at the annual meeting of the American Farm Bureau Federation at Miami, Florida, December 11 to 13.

This firm expression springing directly from the voluntary action of 1,623,000 farmers over the entire nation is one of the strongest and most effective forces for the preservation of the freedom of American citizens as we enter the new year.

Michigan Farm Bureau also pointed out in letters to Michigan Congressmen that "we believe that on an issue of this importance, hearings should be held throughout the country at locations which would permit the individuals affected to present their points of view."

Railroads Get Emergency Rate Increase

DAN E. REED
Associate Legislative Counsel

On a showing of increased costs of labor, steel, coal and other items, the Interstate Commerce Commission granted a freight rate boost of approximately 5% to 7% to the railroads.

Still pending is a request for a 15% increase. Farm Bureau, Michigan Association of Farmer Co-ops, and other farm organizations, objected to the speed-up in hearings scheduled and asked for additional time to prepare testimony. A postponement of approximately one month was obtained.

Hearings are now scheduled for Washington, D.C. on February 25 and at Salt Lake City on March 6. Oral arguments and briefs will be presented in Washington on March 19.



Donald Chase (left) takes time out from checking phone equipment at Michigan Live-stock Exchange to discuss mutual friend with Hubert Cates, yard traffic manager there.

Telephone man—and farmer, too

There's a very good reason why this telephone man understands farmers and their problems. He's a farmer himself.

Donald Chase lives about ten miles outside Battle Creek with his wife and two sons. A 20-year veteran with Michigan Bell, he knows just how important telephone service is to farmers. One of his jobs as telephone repairman is to keep the switching equipment that handles their calls in top condition.

Don has a 40-acre farm on which he grows oats and corn and also raises chickens. Jim, his older boy, raised a prize-winning Hereford steer last year. This year he's raising two others for 4H competition.

When Don isn't on his telephone job, he spends his time farming and in farm activities. He enjoys working with youngsters on 4H projects. And if there's a Farm Bureau meeting, you're likely to find Don there.

A devoted family man, a good neighbor, Donald Chase is a fine example of the kind of employee who illustrates—"It's people who make telephone service good."

Who's Eligible For the Farm Bureau?

Farmers, and this is the way they are described in the by-laws of the Michigan Farm Bureau:
Section 1. Membership Qualifications. (1) Only persons engaged in the production of agricultural or horticultural products, including lessees and tenants of land used for the production of such products.

(2) Or lessors and landlords who receive as rent all or any part of the crop raised on the rented or leased premises, or the proceeds thereof.
These people shall be eligible for membership in this association, upon approval of their membership application at the direction of the board of directors.

Sec. 2. Family Membership. Membership in this association shall be a family membership which includes the husband and wife and minor children;
Provided that, an unmarried minor reaching the age of 21 shall be included in his or her family for the balance of the calendar year, and provided further, that married minors must qualify, as a family membership.

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Farmers Week Jan. 28 to Feb. 1

Blueprint for Tomorrow's Agriculture is the theme for Farmers Week in 1957 at Michigan State University, Jan. 28 to Feb. 1.
Programs and exhibits have been coordinated with efforts of the state's farm organizations to develop a plan to promote the prosperity of Michigan agriculture.

Ads Sold Sap Buckets and Bees

"In less than a week I sold the 200 sap buckets and spouts advertised in the Michigan Farm News for December 1."—G. F. Ottmar, St. Johns, R-4.
"I sure got good results from my ad to sell 75 colonies of bees. They went quick after the De-

CLASSIFIED ADS

Classified advertisements are cash with order at the following rates: 10 cents per word for one edition. Ads to appear in two or more editions take the rate of 8 cents per word edition. These rates based on guarantee of 60,000 or more subscribers. They are members of the Michigan Farm Bureau.

LIVESTOCK

ABERDEEN ANGUS cows and calves. Registered, blue, years old. All check fat stock. In health reason for sale. William Leist, Milford R-1, Michigan. (1-11-23P)

FOR SALE—Twenty registered Oxford ewes. Bred by a registered Oxford ram. Under six years of age. Mrs. Reid J. Kirk, Fairgrove, Michigan. (1-11-23P)

FOR SALE—The last of my Holsteins, 18 Heifers Registered and Calhoun vaccinated. One due soon. Bred since Nov. 1st to A.A. sires. The rest of breeding age. All sired by For-Mar Var Dean. Leo Dickman, 7181 Potter Road, Davison, Michigan. Phone 57E3. (1-11-25P)

BABY DILKS

NOW HATCHING DIRKSE SUPERIOR LAYERS. Bred by a registered male. All hatching flock stock this year was hatched from 24 oz. eggs or over. Are you troubled with broodiness, small chicks, egg-eaters? Get Dirkses this year. Try them against any chicks at any price. Growing seasons, North Carolina University they lay more eggs on less feed and more birds are left at the end of the laying year. Egg production specialists—no brooders, no curkeys at Dirkses. Complete egg production program. Dirkses windowless sun house, Northerns, ventilation and Kitson poultry equipment. DEALERS WANTED. Many territories available. Write for literature. Dirkses Ledge Farm, Zeeland, Mich. Telephone 3891. (10-11-154b)

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# Right Now in Farm Bureau . . .

**JERRY CORDREY**  
Coordinator, Organization Dept. of MFB

All County Farm Bureau forces are ready to start the 1957 Membership Campaign January 3 - 12.

The Second State-wide Captains' Jamboree was held on December 28. This officially started the 1957 membership campaign.

Reports of progress will be made by Roll Call workers, captains, area men and Roll Call Managers on January 7 and 11.

Already we have nearly 45% of 1957 goal of 70,242 with over 31,400 paid through the mail.

Over 1,000 of these are new members for 1957.

With this kind of start and continued interest on the part of Farm Bureau members we will "again gain" in 1957.

American Farm Bureau ended its 1956 membership year November 30, with 1,587,107 members. 37 States made a gain in 1956.

Year end results place Michigan as the 7th largest Farm Bureau state in the nation.

Other activities are exceeding expectations.

Over 400 County committee chairmen attended the Michigan Farm Bureau Institute December 3 and 4 at Lansing Civic Center where they were given information, training and a chance to exchange ideas with leaders from all over the state.

County Farm Bureaus are holding County Institutes for all committee members to start program work for 1957.

150 Michigan Farm Bureau members attended the AFBF Convention in Miami, December 9-14.

Walter Wightman of Fennville, a director at large, on the Michigan Farm Bureau Board, was elected to the AFBF Board of Directors.

12 District Research Meetings were completed in December with over 900 Farm Bureau leaders attending.

The information received by these leaders will be used during discussion of this month's topic for

Community Farm Bureau groups.

Blue Cross reopening instruction meetings will be held during January and February in all counties.

Regional Representatives are:

1. Spending all available time on membership campaign, helping with kickoff meetings, checking progress, getting reports and working with Roll Call managers in weak areas of counties.
2. Helping with County Farm Bureau Institutes.
3. Helping in County Blue Cross reopening meetings.
4. Attending regional representatives conferences.
5. Attending County Farm Bureau board meetings.
6. Doing everything possible to build a farmers' organization to meet the needs of farmers throughout Michigan and the nation.

Development of personnel is an ever continuing program and is being given considerable attention. In order to bring policy and operations closer together in this procedure, a planning committee of the Board of Directors and the staff has been organized and with regular meetings is making considerable progress in this area.

It is the objective of Farm Bureau Services to serve farmers in programs and in areas where ad-

equate service and quality products are not available from other sources, and to carry on programs on a competitive basis in all areas so as to become a factor in establishment of price and quality.

The planning processes must take into consideration a changing agriculture. Farms are less numerous in Michigan than in the past and they are larger, although still in the main family operated. Mechanization plays a greater part in their operations.

We support a reasonable appropriation for the purchase of land for parks. We also approve a small charge for use of our parks so that those using the facilities can help maintain them.

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## ANNUAL REPORT OF FARM BUREAU SERVICES, INC.

# 1956...and a Look Ahead

**J. F. YAEGER**

Executive Secretary of Farm Bureau Services, Inc.

Progress of an organization is quite largely accomplished by adequate planning, organization and direction.

This involves not only facilities and financing, but people.

There has been for a number of years Farm Bureau Services' planning in the areas of financing and facilities with the result that the expansion of the Farm Bureau Services' plant has progressed rapidly throughout the state.

The program for retirement of securities on a revolving basis has been an annual occurrence. During the past year this involved the retirement of \$165,000 "AAA" Preferred Stock of the 1943 issue.

The expansion of plant and facilities includes, during the past year, the building of a modern seed processing plant at Lansing, and the rebuilding of the retail store and warehouse after the disastrous fire last December.

The total volume of Farm Bureau Services for the past fiscal year, although approximately \$1 million less than a year ago, accomplished savings for farmers in terms of net margins totaling \$394,134.

This is the largest net savings since 1951.

The planning process is an ever continuing one. Financial projection is presently on a 12-year basis. Planning for the expansion of service to farmers through increased operations and facilities is projected, in a general fashion, on a ten-year basis. More exact projection is on a progressive five-year schedule.

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Fort Custer State Recreation Area. We commend the efforts of Calhoun County Farm Bureau and others in securing a large portion of the Fort Custer Military Reservation for use as a State Recreation Area.

Planning must take into consideration this type of change. Farmers' institutions, including Farm Bureau Services, must plan to serve this type of changing agriculture.

It is important, therefore, that projection be made regarding the kind of Michigan that will be operating in Michigan ten or more years from now. In this regard much help is given by the School of Agriculture at Michigan State University.

As farmers increase their use of fertilizers, and as they move directly to the source of supply

for their needs, it becomes apparent that the establishing of a greater number of fertilizer factories throughout the state is important. And that they be so located as to be available to farmers who, as their farming operations increase, may desire to go directly to the source of supply by utilizing their local cooperative outlets to assist them in this.

The same development of going to the sources of supply may include feeds and seeds. The trend is toward a greater amount of bulk handling of fertilizer and

in some areas, of feeds. Another indication of change is in the increased use of pressure treated poles and posts. Not so many years ago the pole type of construction was unheard of. Today it has reached such proportions as to increase the volume from a relatively few cars handled by Farm Bureau Services to 130 cars for 1956.

Increased mechanization all through agriculture is rapidly changing the type of services which farmers are demanding from their cooperatives, whether at the local or state level.

The planning group of Farm Bureau Services is taking these things into consideration in its five to ten year projections. Although industrial expansion in Michigan is growing by "leaps" (Continued on Page 6)

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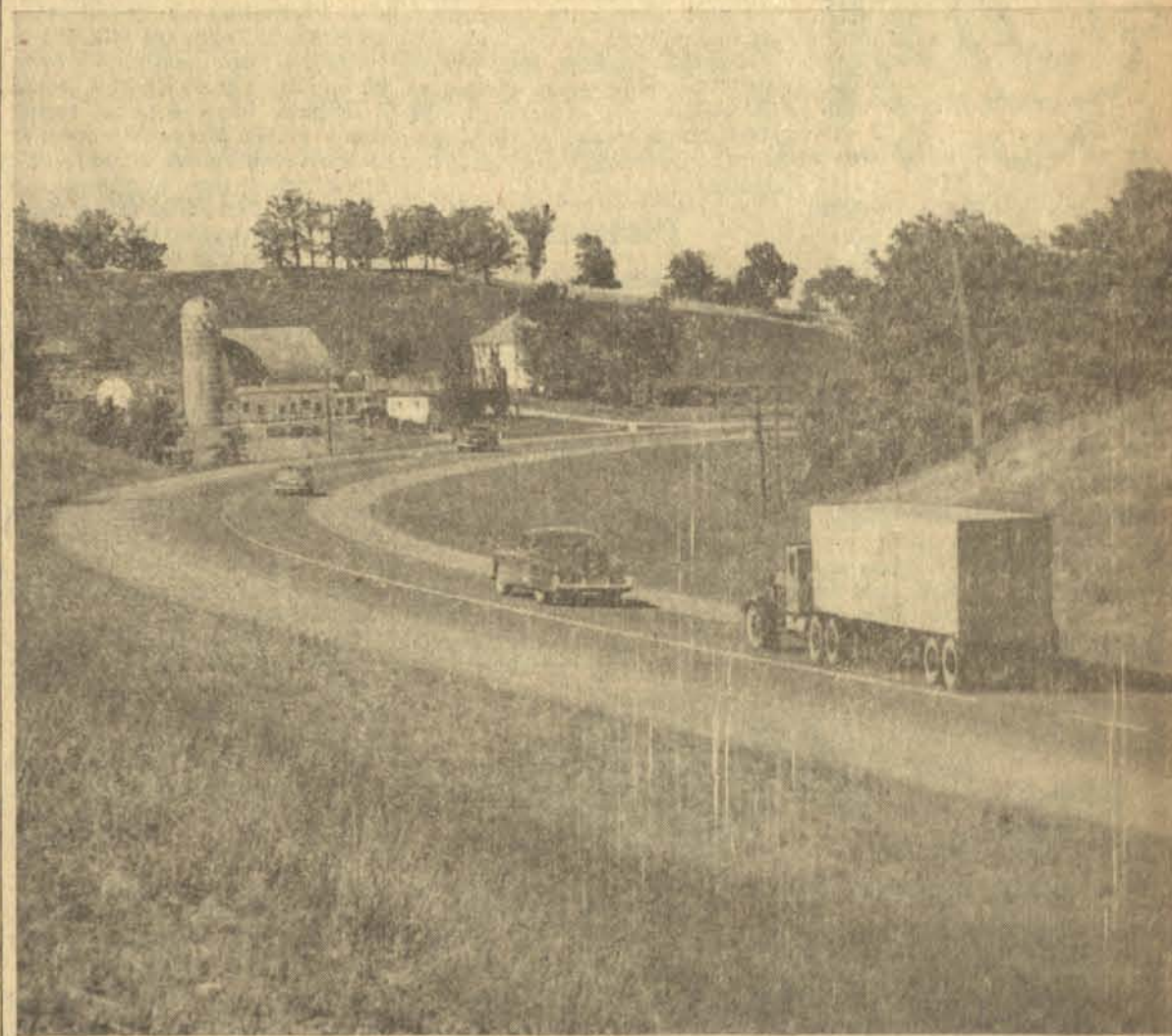
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## State Resolutions

(Continued from Page 5)

trend toward uniform traffic signals and highway markings throughout the Nation.

Punishment of drunk drivers. A drunk driver constitutes a frightful menace to himself, his passengers, other motorists and pedestrians. No fine, no matter how heavy, is adequate punishment for such an offense.

We urge that it be made mandatory that the sentencing judge impose a severe jail sentence on any person convicted of driving while drunk and that his or her license to drive be revoked for a period properly commensurate with the offense.

Center line marking. We commend highway officials who have placed a white center line on blacktop highways. Without such marking even a careful motorist may find himself taking his half out of the center of the road when traveling the road at night or at other times of poor visibility.

We urge that all blacktop roads be marked with a white center line and yellow lines indicating no passing where applicable.

Rubbish and "Litterbugs." We congratulate the Michigan United Conservation Clubs on their "Litterbug" campaign. It was clever, constructive and effective.

Much farm equipment now travels on rubber. Broken glass and rubbish in the fields near parks and highways are a man-caused hazard. This is only one of many reasons for full compliance and stricter enforcement of the statutes outlawing dumping and strewing junk and rubbish.

It has been suggested that gas stations would be performing a public service if they would provide receptacles in which tourists and other motorists might deposit such material which they wished to discard.

State park improvement. Constantly increasing population pressures are presenting a problem in the use of State parks. Trespassing problems of farmers and landowners are also intensified as more people try to get "out of the city."

We believe that additional land should be acquired by voluntary sale and purchase to provide for future park facilities in areas convenient to large population

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# Activities of Women of Michigan Farm Bureau

## District 1

**Mrs. Fred Foster, Chairman**  
Niles R-3

Berrien County Women's Committee met Nov. 20th at the Youth Memorial building at Berrien Springs.

Thirty-five women toured the Simplicity Pattern Company at Niles. It was interesting to see how patterns are made from the beginning to the finished product. The patterns are well known and sold throughout the United States and to most foreign nations. After the tour, the ladies returned to a business meeting at the Youth Memorial.

They voted to give money to the school for retarded children at Niles. A 50 cent gift exchange party was planned for December 19. The Christian Rural Overseas

program was discussed. Each Community Farm Bureau group has been asked to take up a collection. Berrien county hospital will be toured later.

Cass County Women's Committee met at the home of Mrs. James Minnear Dec. 11 with eight groups represented. Response to roll call was by Christmas stories. The group gave money to the County Center building fund.

Mrs. Chester Ball reported on the Michigan Farm Bureau Institute at Lansing. Mrs. Bakeman said the county program will be ready after the first of the year.

The ladies have been asked to serve a dinner January 19. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Chester Ball January 8, a dessert luncheon.

Kalamazoo County Women's Committee met for luncheon at the Galesburg Methodist church Nov. 26. The ladies heard Mrs. Stanley Benjamin, superintendent of the Galesburg-Augusta schools, speak on "Our Changing Schools." She was introduced by Louise Smith. Twenty-three ladies were present.

Mrs. Corbus, chairman, made these committee appointments: program, Louise Smith, Arlene VanSickler, Mrs. Earl Roberts, Mrs. Wayne Lynn, and Mrs. Albert James. Resolutions, Mrs. LaVern Shedd. Legislative, Mrs. Myron Wolfe. Citizenship, Mrs. Cecil Rales. Publicity, Mrs. Michael, Alice Southworth, Arlene VanSickler, Marilyn Durham, and Mrs. Gray. Radio, Mrs. Williams. Safety, Mrs. Frank Snyder.

It was reported that Mrs. Jesse Smith had been proposed as our member in the United Nations.

The group voted to give \$5 to the Community Ambassador fund. Mrs. Lee Cook reported on our state convention. The next meeting will be January 7 at the home of Mrs. Corbus.

Van Buren County women met at the home of Mrs. Louis Bregger for the December 4 meeting. Twenty members were present. Vice-chairman Mrs. Sallis presided at the business meeting after a Christmas luncheon.

The Dairy Association thanked the ladies for serving a smorgasbord this fall. They accepted invitations from the Grape Growers organization and the Farm Bureau to serve dinners in January. Reports were given from the Farm Bureau's state convention in November.

The ladies will visit the Upjohn pharmaceutical plant at Kalamazoo when they have their meeting in January.

Mrs. Carl Buskirk, Mrs. Wright and Mrs. Bitley were invited to make the yearly program books. Mrs. Davis read a Christmas story, preceding the gift exchange.

Mrs. Marjorie Karker and is a past chairman of Clinton county. Since October, Clinton, Eaton, Ingham, Shiawassee and Genesee County Women's Committees have installed new officers.

We are just getting to know a little about our respective jobs and hope to do better in the future.

Clinton County reports a special October meeting for the newly elected committeewomen. They were guests of the retiring committee at an attractive luncheon followed by an instructive program in charge of Clare McGhan. He described some of the program material other counties are using and pointed out the duties of a good committeewoman.

Small discussion groups were then formed to bring out ideas for new program material. The newly elected chairman, Mrs. Levi Blakeslee of St. Johns, and Mrs. Fred Perry of DeWitt, vice-chairman, were installed by Mrs. Doris Green of Ovid, past county chairman.

Guest speaker at the November meeting was Robert Sirrine, director of Civil Defense in the county. He said we are preparing ourselves by participating in the National Defense Program. Michigan has four target areas, namely, Detroit, Lansing, Flint, and Sault Ste. Marie.

The counties' task would be to care for refugees from these areas. Designated buildings have been set up throughout the county.

The committee chose a special Christmas project to raise funds to help start a school for mentally handicapped children in Clinton county.

At the December meeting pledges and donations from the community groups were handed in. The response was very encouraging but not complete.

We had a recognition service for all Clinton county past chairmen and district chairmen. Mrs. Carl Toplift, Ingham county, past chairman of District 5, was guest speaker.

There was a panel discussion with each chairman telling of the accomplishments during the time of her chairmanship. This was interesting.

Mrs. Herbert Hardke of DeWitt was first county chairman followed by Mrs. Floy Devine. Other county chairmen present were Mrs. Alfred Wickerham of DeWitt, Mrs. Doris Green of Ovid, Mrs. Ardis Howell until recently of St. Johns, Mrs. John C. Watling of Bath, Mrs. Raymond Murton of St. Johns was unable to attend. Mrs. Blanche Magis of DeWitt has passed away.

Next month we will report on another county's activities.

President Nasser of Egypt. Mrs. Adolph Bender is the new chairman and Mrs. Wesley Young is secretary.

## District 9

**Mrs. Oliver Tompkins, Chairman**  
Traverse City R-1

Benzie County. Keep cleaning fluids away from children, especially carbon tetrachloride, which is a deadly poison.

May I relate an experience of my own? My grandson, about 15 months old, was playing with tin cans under the kitchen sink. I thought all the tops were on tight. He drank furniture polish and passed our pronto. The baby, grandma and the can exceeded all speed laws getting to the doctor 15 miles distant. A blood test showed alcoholic content only. I learned the hard way. Never again!

In reading county chairmen's letters I note that four counties have had safety meetings recently. Many interesting facts have come to light.

Missaukee County brings to our attention that 75% of our death rate is on the rural highways. One person is killed every 15 minutes. 1,350,000 are injured annually, which means 154 injured every hour! Frightening, isn't it?

Women's role is to send their families from home lighthearted and happy.

Manistee County had representatives of the Michigan State police at a recent meeting. Interesting information was brought to them regarding arson, narcotics, and subversive activities.

Northwest Michigan has been acquiring information on local health hazards. Slides from the health department were shown at our county meeting. Many pertinent facts were revealed as regards food and water.

Wexford County Women's Committee helped make Christmas merry for patients at the Mooney and Dorr convalescent homes.

The ladies have made plans for the district meeting late in the winter.

Kalkaska County Women's Committee has had program planning meetings and is getting

underway. That makes it 100%. All County Farm Bureaus in the District have Women's Committees.

## District 10-W

**Mrs. Hiram Brock, Chairman**  
East Jordan R-2

Again we are wrapped in the arms of winter. A season which so many enjoy for its varied winter sports. In our district we have some of the best known ski areas in Michigan. We are very proud of them.

I was one of four voting delegates for Michigan Farm Bureau women at the AFBF convention at Miami. The enthusiasm and friendliness of Farm Bureau people will always be a pleasant memory to me as well as the knowledge gained.

Antrim County Farm Bureau Women's Committee met at the home of Mrs. Andrew Williams on December 2 with Mrs. Losey Wright as co-hostess. In keeping with the Christmas season the devotions arranged by Mrs. Williams included the Nativity Story in Song and Scripture and a duet, "Star of The East," by Mrs. Ver-

non Vance and Mrs. Charles Edson.

Mrs. Robert Hubbell and Mrs. Mae Fritzpatrick reported that the plans were completed for the Christmas party for our ward at the Traverse City State Hospital. Candy corsages were made and Christmas wrapped for each patient by the ladies of the Creswell extension group.

December 13th eight ladies from the Kewadin area took the corsages to the hospital, as well as ice cream, cupcakes, a bushel of apples, and oranges and bananas for those who could not eat apples.

Mrs. Glen Bush announced the following committee chairmen: citizenship; Mrs. Siebe Vander Heide, Atwood; legislative, Mrs. Robert Hubbell; safety, Mrs. William Patterson, Ellsworth; Mrs. Robert Hubbell; program planning, Mrs. Carl Conant.— Mrs. Glen Bush, chairman.

Emmet County Women's Committee has elected these officers: Chairman, Mrs. M. Veurink, Petoskey R-2; vice-chairman, Mrs. Elmer Kreger, Conway; sec'y Mrs. Helen Pool, Carp Lake.

## District 11

**Mrs. Ken Corey, Chairman**  
Stephenson R-1

This was the first year for District 11. Activities of the Women's Committees of Delta and Menominee counties included meetings addressed by these speakers:

Mrs. Marjorie Karker, director of Women's Activities for Michigan Farm Bureau. Two meetings.

Ingrid Bartelli of Marquette, consumers marketing specialist for Michigan State University.

Alice Rouse, of Iron Mountain, home economist for the Wisconsin Light and Power Co.

Delta County Women's Committee had a program on library study. They had a showing of a film on breast cancer. They finished the year by packing Christmas baskets for patients at the county convalescent home.

For a nation of people who worship bigness, ours is a small beginning, but it is nonetheless sincere.

## Mrs. William H. Harris

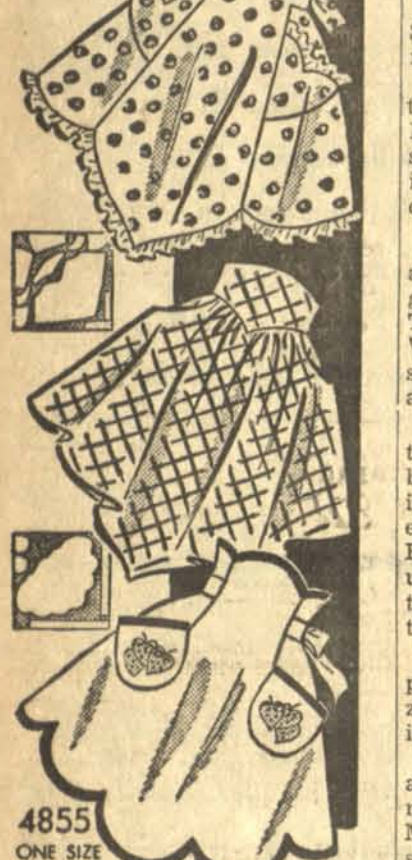
**Cass County Chairman**

Editor's Note: Mrs. William H. Harris of Cassopolis R-3 was elected chairman of the Cass County Women's Committee at the October meeting. We were mistaken in our November 1 edition when we said Mrs. William Hains.

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## District 2

**Mrs. Leta Sanford, Chairman**  
Allen R-1

Calhoun County. Officers for year: Chairman, Mrs. Glen Hom-baker; vice-chairman, Mrs. Roy Lord; secretary, Mrs. Charles Knapp. The Chairman appointed these committees: Safety, Mrs. Aldrich; legislative, Mrs. Lord; United Nations, Mrs. Ross; citizenship, Mrs. Peck; resolutions, Mrs. Van Sickle.

For the December meeting each committeewoman invited her husband, her alternate and her husband to a Christmas party. Mr. Koster showed some very interesting slides and told of his trip to Germany and Holland.

At another meeting we heard Mr. Andrews of the Sister Kenny Foundation at Farmington. He showed a film on the Sister Kenny treatment of polio.

Jackson County. Due to a misunderstanding little was reported during the past year. However, Jackson County's Citizenship Committee made the headlines in December by winning the national award of the AFBF for outstanding work.

In May they entertained the District with over 150 women attending. In June they entertained the Greater Jackson Association Ladies at a dinner.

The newly elected officers are as follows: Chairman, Mrs. Victor Adams; vice-chairman, Mrs. Richard Perrine; secretary, Mrs. Roy Choate; treasurer, Mrs. Meade Allen. Committees appointed: Resolutions and legislative, Mrs. Roy Hatt; safety, Mrs. Leonard Thorne; citizenship, Mrs. Leo Fornner; reporter, Mrs. Choate; nurses scholarship, Mrs. Perrine.

Lenawee County. Chairman, Mrs. Clinton Falor announced the following committees: Finance, Mrs. Leighton Loar; citizenship, Mrs. Vern Neidlinger; reception, Mrs. Charles Moore and Mrs. Gerrold Emmons; legislative, Mrs. Paul Vollmer; crops, Mrs. Walter Sager; dairy, Mrs. Walter Wolfe; Pennies for Friendship, Mrs. Harold Robertson; safety, Mrs. Ben Dentel and Mrs. Forrest Smead; project, Mrs. Milton Bailey; publicity, Mrs. Thomas Munger; rural-urban, Mrs. Dewey Ries.

From our Christmas meeting inexpensive, wrapped and labeled gifts were taken to the Girls' Training School in Adrian. Trooper Tubbs of the State Police spoke on traffic safety.

Hillsdale County. Our November meeting at Moscow Plains Church was in keeping with Rural-Urban week. Sixty members and guests enjoyed the luncheon. Mr. John Lane of Adrian spoke on "Alcoholics Anonymous."

The women served the Institute dinner under the direction of Mrs. James Erskine.

## District 4

**Mrs. Robert Weisgerber, Chmn.**  
Ionia R-2

Women's Committees of District 4 have had a busy fall with speakers on topics of vital interest to the farm family. We have an invitation from District 1 and 2 to join them for the spring camp at St. Marys like north of Battle Creek March 5 and 6. We know what fine programs are planned and consider this a wonderful opportunity for two days of relaxation and education.

Allegan County Women's Committee heard Mr. Ted Hicks of the Social Aid program urge that the women support a drive for a new hospital.

Barry County Women's Committee with Mrs. L. A. Day as chairman earned some money by serving luncheons to the County Farm Bureau annual meeting, and to the Roll call workers.

They are making plans for their annual camp in August.

Barry women are urging greater participation in community group attendance contests. They have been cooperating with the citizenship committee.

Mr. W. E. Kirchgessner of Grand Rapids spoke to a recent meeting on the social security program. An excellent question period followed.

Instead of the usual gift exchange at the Christmas meetings, the ladies gave money to the fund for retarded children.

Ionia County. The Story and Spirit of Christmas was the theme of our December meeting at the home of Mrs. Frances Goodmoot. The program was based on the book "Christ and the Fine Arts." It was presented by Mrs. Goodmoot with colored slide, music and poetry.

Mrs. Harold Funk, county chairman, presided at the business meeting. Several suggestions were discussed for projects for the group. We are interested in zoning, civil defense, health and safety, and matters concerning rural education.

Mrs. Funk gave a report on the Michigan Farm Bureau Institute in early December. Twenty-five attended the meeting.

## District 5

**Mrs. John Watling, Chairman**  
Bath R-1

Farm Bureau Women of District 5 had a very successful district meeting in October with Ingham County women as hostesses.

The newly elected chairman, Mrs. John Watling of Clinton county, and vice-chairman, Mrs. Maxine Toplift of Ingham county, were installed by Mrs. Floy Devine. She is the mother of

# The Home Flower Garden

H. L. R. CHAPMAN  
Horticulturist

A garden is a pleasant thing: a sanctuary filled with living plants.

Gardening provides the home owner with an opportunity of self-expression, enabling him to satisfy his creative instinct. Gardening gives the worker a feeling of kinship with Nature, and provides a haven for meditation and rest.

For many years I have advised and assisted home owners with planning and planting their home grounds, so I realize the many problems which beset the new gardener.

With these facts in mind I hope that this and future articles will be helpful aids to the home gardener in his work of beautifying his home grounds.

Before one attempts to garden there are certain conditions which must be recognized and understood: Light, Temperature, and Soil.

Perhaps the greatest gift of God to man is light, for without light there can be no life. The home gardener will be wise to understand the light requirements of his plants before planting them in his garden.

Temperature is also important. Nature has indeed been kind in distributing her plants over the face of the Earth, from the Equator to the Arctic and Antarctic regions. Many of these plants can be grown by the amateur if he acquaints himself with their requirements.

Regarding soil—very few home gardeners have any choice as to the type of soil in their garden. It may be a good soil in which the plants will flourish, or it may be an inferior soil which is detrimental to plant growth.

Always remember that a garden can be only as good as its soil will allow. For this reason every gardener must know and understand his soil so that he can, if necessary, gradually improve its physical condition and its fertility.

Broadly speaking there are three types of soil: clay, sand, and loam.

Clay soil often causes the home gardener much trouble. It is heavy, cold, closely packed, and lacks good drainage. A soil of this type can be improved by deep digging, which can be done in the late fall. The soil should be turned over roughly in ridges, exposing as much of the surface as possible to frost action. Ground limestone should then be spread over the top at the rate of 100 lbs. to 1,000 square feet.

In the spring, before planting, apply super-phosphate at the rate of 30 lbs. to 1,000 square feet and work it well down into the soil. This stimulates the root action which is always slow in a clay soil.

Sandy soil is not considered ideal for gardening for the reason that it does not hold moisture, and that plant food is easily lost. To improve sandy soils con-

siderable amounts of organic matter must be used to build up the humus content. Farm yard manure, peat moss, and compost will create improvement.

A loam soil, of course, is the ideal one for the home garden, because it is easy to work, holds needed water, drains off excess water, and contains mineral contents for plants. It is also warm which enables plants to get an early start.

Now is the time to be making preparations for sowing seeds indoors so as to have plants ready to set out when weather conditions permit. These preparations are:

1. Selection and obtaining seeds. Since the TIME for sowing seeds is of such importance in the lives of plants this fact must be understood. Also, the seeds must be fresh and obtained from a reliable dealer, such as the Farm Bureau Services, Inc.
2. Equipment necessary. Flats 17 x 9 x 2 3/4 inches; flower pots, 4 inches; seed pans 6 inches and 7 inches.
3. Soil. A preparation consisting of one-third loam, one-third leaf mold or sifted peat moss, and one-third builders' sand. This preparation should be mixed thoroughly and sterilized two weeks before using.

The article in this column in February will be on sowing seeds indoors. Full instructions will be given regarding the preparation of the soil and the sowing of the seeds.

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# Farm Bureau Resolutions on State Affairs

## They Outline the Program of Work

We present the remainder of the resolutions on state affairs adopted at the 37th annual meeting of the Michigan Farm Bureau at East Lansing, November 8-9, 1956. The first section of state affairs was published in our edition for December 1.

Our resolutions on national and international affairs were recommendations to the 38th annual meeting of the American Farm Bureau at Miami, Florida, Dec. 11-13. The AFBF resolutions will be published in the Nation's Agriculture for January or February.

The section of the Michigan Farm Bureau resolutions dealing with the Michigan Farm Bureau organization itself will be published in our edition for February 1.

### MFB RESOLUTIONS ON STATE AFFAIRS Section 2

**State Fair building program.** We rejoice that the Legislature complied with our recommendation and terminated the dual control of the Michigan State Fair and its property. The buildings and facilities at the Fairgrounds are sadly in need of rehabilitating. We endorse the idea of a long-range program of reconstruction and modernization.

One of the most urgently needed structures at the State Fair is a new Home Arts Building to replace the former such building, which was demolished a few years ago in compliance with an order from the State Fire Marshal.

We note with satisfaction that the Legislature, at its 1956 session, granted funds for the preparation of plans and specifications for a new Home Arts Building and we urge that an appropriation for construction of this essential facility be made by the Legislature at its 1957 session.

**Medical care and socialized medicine.** We believe that medical care for all of us should remain in the hands of those best qualified to assume the responsibility on a voluntary plan, based on competitive enterprise rather than on a "closed-panel" type arrangement such as is often sponsored by socialistic planners. We are opposed to any form of socialized medicine.

**Additional medical training facilities.** We recognize the need for more doctors and will support needed appropriations to add sufficient teaching staff at Wayne University College of Medicine, to permit the enrollment to be increased to the capacity of the present facilities.

**Need for more doctors and medical associates.** There is a definite shortage of doctors and medical associates in many communities, especially in rural areas. We therefore encourage rural young people to enroll in the study of medicine as a professional career or to explore the many interesting and profitable job opportunities in the medical associates field. This will tend to provide a wider distribution of medical care in rural areas.

**During recent weeks, several versions of proposed legislation on this subject have been developed by representatives of various organizations which have an interest in the matter. A special Milk Marketing Advisory Board, appointed by Governor Williams, is currently studying the problem. Provisions of the various bills on this subject now in draft form vary widely.**

There has been very little consideration or discussion of this matter among Michigan farmers. Sentiment as expressed in the few resolutions on this subject coming in to Michigan Farm Bureau Headquarters from the annual meetings of the County Farm Bureaus, was definitely divided. We are advised that in other County Farm Bureau annual meetings held last month, resolutions favoring such legislation were decisively defeated.

In view of these circumstances, we urge our members, particularly those who are directly affected by the price of milk and dairy products, to carefully study the various proposals which are being promoted by different groups, and to advise their lawmakers and Michigan Farm Bureau officials of their conclusions on this issue.

In the meantime, we give our officials and staff instructions to study the provisions and results of laws on this subject in other states. We suggest that this might well be the topic for discussion in the Community Farm Bureau Groups in the near future.

**School lunch program.** We are gratified that during the ten months period from September, 1955, to June, 1956, inclusive, 3,704 Michigan schools participated in the school milk and lunch program.

They consumed 36,947,951 school lunches and 76,027,421 half pints of milk, for which our schools were reimbursed \$4,011,552.

We urge our County Farm Bureaus to promote the expansion of this program. It is important to the health of our young people, and at the same time it provides an outlet for surplus farm commodities.

Encouraging students to drink more milk might be accomplished by installing milk dispensers and vending machines in schools wherever this is practical.

Since we have in Michigan a pea bean crop of over 1 million bags in excess of the normal crop, we suggest that beans and potatoes be used to a greater extent in the school lunch program.

**Ice cream standards.** This is being agitated that the Michigan law establishing standards for ice cream be amended so as to permit the manufacture for interstate shipment of ice cream with 10% butterfat content. The present required minimum is 12%. Passage of such an amendment would greatly complicate problems of enforcing the butterfat content provisions of our law and would tend to break down the quality standards of this important food product. We oppose any such amendment.

**Bulk milk tanks.** Due to the large investment by the producers in bulk milk tanks, we recommend that the physical requirements for their installation be standardized by state law.

**Manufacturing milk.** We recommend that the regulations governing the production of manufacturing milk and butterfat be strictly enforced and enough funds be appropriated so this can be accomplished.

**Promotion of use of dairy products.** We are proud of the self-help promotional program of research, advertising and public relations carried out by dairy farmers through the American Dairy Association. We are glad to note that government storage stocks of dairy products have been sharply reduced.

We urge every dairyman to support the A.D.A. through the year-around monthly set-asides of 2 cents per hundred pounds of milk or 1/2 cent per pound of butterfat.

**Bonding livestock dealers and auctions.** We favor action to require a bond or other evidence of financial responsibility as a prerequisite to the obtaining of a license to buy livestock commercially.

We would also favor more adequate bonds for livestock auction sales and yards and believe that the face amount of the bond should be determined by the average amount of business done weekly during the previous year.

**Bovine, Brucellosis & T. B. eradication.** We recommend that sufficient funds be appropriated by the legislature to the Michigan Department of Agriculture so that the Bovine, Brucellosis and T. B. eradication programs can be concluded as rapidly as possible.

**Livestock inspection.** We request that the Michigan legislature provide sufficient funds for the State Department of Agriculture so the regulations concerning inspection of livestock coming into Michigan can be enforced.

**Slaughter house licensing.** We favor a license for all slaughter houses, including poultry dressing plants, which operate on a commercial basis.

**State egg standards.** We recommend that state egg standards as to size be changed to conform to federal egg standards.

**Poultry market reports.** We recommend the establishment of a system of reporting of poultry and egg prices as received by the producer on the farm or at the dressing plant. This "on the farm" quotation should be broadcast daily and could augment and supplement, but not replace, the Federal State Market News Service.

**Poultry sausage.** We recommend that the regulation concerning sausage be amended to include the use of turkey and chicken meat.

**Wholesomeness inspection.** We wish to compliment the State Department of Agriculture for their voluntary Wholesomeness Inspection Program. However, we would urge that the use of lay inspection under the supervision of the State Veterinarian be authorized.

**Moisture testers.** We request that grain moisture testing machines be inspected by the State Department of Agriculture for accuracy and that the individual making the test use standardized procedures as determined by the State Department of Agriculture.

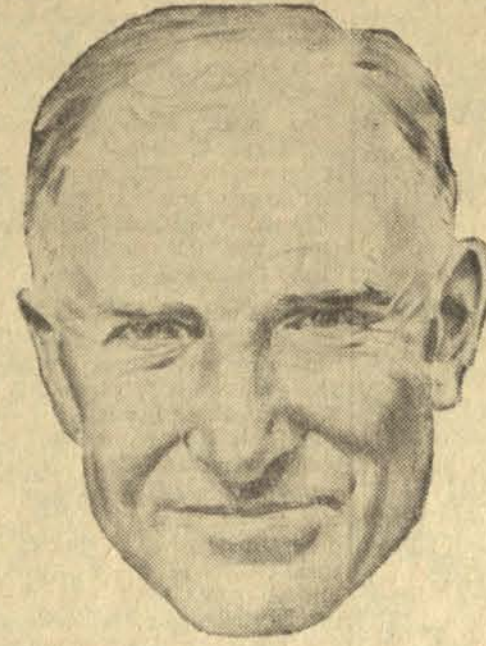
**Buying and selling grain by hundredweight.** There is a wide variation in the number of pounds per bushel for various kinds of grain. When grain is bought or sold by the bushel the weight has to be converted into bushels and that amount, probably involving a fraction, has to be multiplied by the price per bushel. It would be much simpler for those engaged in such transactions if the sale were made by the hundredweight rather than by the bushel. This would also assist D.H.I.A. testers and those desiring to decide which grain represents the best buy at any prevailing schedule of prices.

**Bean grading.** The Michigan dry edible bean crop is now inspected under a system supervised and controlled by an association of bean dealers. The inspection of no other farm commodity is so controlled by dealers. In order to bring about a more uniform grading of Michigan Bean shipments, we recommend that the supervision of the bean inspectors be brought under the direct control of the State Department of Agriculture and that a system be inaugurated whereby the inspectors be rotated over the state as with other commodities.

**Research on checked beans.** Due to a large financial loss sustained by checked seed coats in pea beans, we request Michigan State University's Agricultural Engineering and Farm Crops Departments to conduct research to determine the cause and recommend corrective measures.

**Fruit bargaining associations.** Considering the wide fluctuation in prices for horticultural products, often unnecessary, we believe bargaining associations can assist in stabilizing the industry.

**Uniform traffic code.** We encourage the continuation of the (Continued on Page 3)



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Michigan Farm News

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# Michigan Has Great Need for Agr'l Research

## Community Farm Bureau Discussion Topic for January

Background Material for Program in January by 1585 Community Farm Bureau Discussion Groups  
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At our 37th annual meeting in November, delegates representing 67,154 members of the Michigan Farm Bureau adopted this resolution on the need for more research to expand markets and find new uses for Michigan farm products:

"There is increasing agreement that among the most hopeful means of solving perplexing farm problems are research and the broad educational activities of the Cooperative Agricultural Extension Service.

"The volume of business of the individual farmer is too small, and his financial resources are too limited, to permit him to engage directly in more than the most meager type and amount of research regarding production, handling or marketing of farm products.

"Such projects must, of necessity, be carried on through the Agricultural Experiment Stations associated with the land grant colleges, such as Michigan State University.

"The results of research are of very little value to farmers until they are widely disseminated through such channels as those provided by the Extension Specialists and County Agricultural Agents.

"Recently representatives of general farm organizations and commodity groups have made a very careful study of the needs for expanded programs in these fields of activity. They have reached agreement on the amount of state appropriation which would be needed for each of the next five years in order to provide these services. We endorse these recommendations, and respectfully urge the members of the Michigan Legislature to give careful consideration to these requests.

"We feel strongly that special consideration should be given to programs of research which would promote new industrial uses and greatly increased utilization and consumption of Michigan farm products.

"We favor work with food handlers, retailers and consumers, as well as with producers, to stimulate better merchandising, and to develop an increased demand for the products of Michigan agriculture.

We request that the Michigan Legislature also include in their appropriations sufficient grants to permit taking full advantage of the Federal Hope-Flanagan Act."

A farmer friend and I were chatting one day about the fact that our consumers so often prefer farm products from other states.

There is little use in griping about it. We need action. What's the answer?

One big answer is that we have slipped badly in support of agricultural research in Michigan. Most states are out to create the

other states. We cannot afford to have our growing Michigan markets taken over by others.

Michigan has more need for research than many other states. We have more problems. We grow a greater variety of crops and products. We are in a high-cost labor area, so we need special labor-saving devices. We need research to help solve such problems.

Last month Michigan launched its "Rural Challenge Program". It's aim is to get cooperative effort among rural people to help to keep Michigan agriculture great and it's rural people on a sound footing.

Community Farm Bureaus received the booklet "Michigan's Blueprint for Rural Progress". The program is sponsored by the Michigan Farm Bureau, the Michigan State Grange, and the Michigan Agricultural Conference.

We are not exaggerating when we say that a "live" research program is the keystone to the rural challenge program. It will underlie much of our hope for future success in rural Michigan.

Michigan is changing. It is a tremendous urban market. Ninety percent of our population are non-farm people. The market is growing. In only 10 years, as things are going, only about 7% of our people will be farming. The rest will need farm products. Will they want Michigan farm products?

Agricultural Research. Industries are stepping up research. They spent more money for research in 1955 than was spent in the previous 175 years! Chemical companies report that 30% to 40% of their sales are in newly developed products—made possible by research.

But where industry has been putting 2% of all gross sales (average) into research, agriculture has spent only 4 of 1% in the whole of the U.S. This is almost the smallest sum for any industry on record.

Financing Problems. Industries have an advantage. Their factories and their funds are under centralized control, and within their own grasp.

On the other hand, farms are separate units. There is no centralized management and no uni-

fied collection or control of funds. Individual farmers cannot afford to set up research programs, laboratories, nor hire the scientists to do the research work needed.

Hence, the answer for agriculture must lie in dependence on the land grant colleges and universities, such as Michigan State. These must be supported by state funds.

Michigan State University is one of the best. But it has relatively small funds for research work. Cornell University gets 2 1/2 times as much from New York State.

What is Research? It is scouting for facts. It seeks knowledge and a careful testing of ideas. Some of the ideas it works on are branded as "crazy" when they are first explored.

Ideas that were thought "crazy" in their time include such things as the incandescent light, the horseless carriage, the telephone and the flying machine. But out of "wild ideas" has come modern living.

If we have problems, we need research. Too often old approaches don't fit our present needs. We need help in getting out of the rut. We need new practices, new crops, new machinery—better know-how.

If old farming methods fail us—we need research. By its very nature research has the forward look.

Two-thirds of the crop acreage in America is now planted to varieties that did not exist twenty years ago. Farmers are familiar with the tremendous benefits gained.

But the greatest discoveries and benefits still lie ahead! We have only scratched the surface. Agricultural research is young.

There is not room in this article to put down all the possibilities for future research development, even if we knew what they might be. We will mention some of them in our special letter to your discussion leader.

In general, programs to aid the farmer can be developed in:

- 1. New crops to raise on the farm.
- 2. New ways in which farm products can be used.
- 3. Better varieties of present crops and farm products.
- 4. Better marketing methods for farm products.

5. Better methods of packaging and preserving foods.

6. More effective and economical methods of farm production.

7. Better control of soils and water resources.

8. Better control of pests, weeds, plant and animal diseases.

9. More healthful diets for all people.

10. Greater safety in farm operation and living.

11. Improved home-making methods on the farm.

Value of "Don't Do It" Research. Research performs a peculiar service, too, that we often forget. Farmers lose many dollars by mistakes. They "just try things out" on the farm. Research can save by trying out and finding out what not to do.

This is a service. Mistakes might better be made by the researchers than by many thousand farmers at a single loss. Mere trial and error on single farms can be costly. Just add them up!

Scattered experiments on farms don't lead to a collected body of information useful to farmers all over the state. It is well to have our information gathered where all can get it, whether it gives us new programs or warns us not to do certain things.

Much Good Research Just Explodes. In research, sometimes the best way around is the best way home. Trying to hit a problem directly often trips us up. We need background facts first.

For example, suppose scientists had been asked to find a better weed-killer. In the older days they might have tried to develop a better hoe or cultivator.

Chemical weed-killers came from research where the scientists weren't even thinking about weed-killers. They were studying the growth of plant tissues and buds under the effects of various plant "hormones".

The weed-killer 2,4-D was found in this way. The weeds it killed more than paid for the cost of the laboratories and 30 years of research in finding it.

Present ideas in research will be replaced by greater discoveries of tomorrow. But discoveries of today will lay the foundations for tomorrow, both in the laboratory and on the farm in Michigan. IF—that "IF" depends upon our support for research programs. If we are to have such programs our farm people must ask for them.

Appropriations. Our present state appropriation amounts to \$2,400,000 annually for all fields of research. The new research program would ask for \$1,000,000 additional each year for a five year period. An additional \$4,000,000 needed for materials and equipment at the outset. This would not be repeated annually. The monies would not be used for increasing salaries of the present staff.

Michigan and America cannot afford to have an agriculture that bases its program merely on the past. To look to the future, research is a "must".

Michigan farmers have to be a bit selfish here. We want markets. We want progress to better incomes. Agricultural economists warn that if we do not have a continued increase in efficiency—or if we do not expand our volume of business—our labor income will be zero in ten years. Research will be vital to these things. So let's be selfish, and wise!

For every dollar spent on research at Michigan State University, Michigan farmers have gained \$300 in receipts in the markets up to now.

Let's all support the move in the Legislature to expand our research program in Michigan in 1957. Let's be sure that our Legislators know about our support.

### Questions

1. What do you think should be done to help improve the acceptance of Michigan farm products by the consumer market?

2. What problems of farm production and marketing should be given special attention by research programs at Michigan State University? (Good ideas for research come from everywhere. Your suggestions are valuable.)

3. Will your Community Farm Bureau support the move to increase our program of agricultural research in Michigan? If so, how? If not, why not?

A man can be on the right track, and still be run over by others if he just sits there.

The chances are that few people will ever reach the top in this life without working overtime.

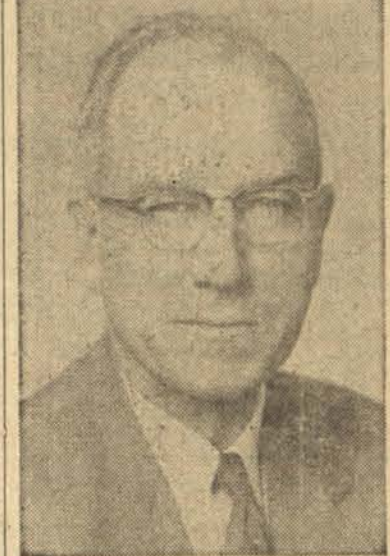
It's necessary to cultivate good habits—bad ones grow wild.

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and bounds," agriculture will, in our opinion, continue to be an important segment of the state's economy. As more people work in industry, more food and farm services will be required.

Farming is increasingly becoming more comparable to business and industry and is increasingly regarded as such, rather than as a way of life. Farmer-businessmen are requiring a more businesslike service of their cooperatives.



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The greatest opportunity for local outlets, but the greatest opportunity for the advancement of

quality, economy and savings rests with the central organization where the manufacturing, processing, and pooling of buying power centers.

All of these must combine in a common program with the common objective of increased service and quality products at the lowest possible cost if the farmer is to get the type of service to which he is entitled from his organizations.

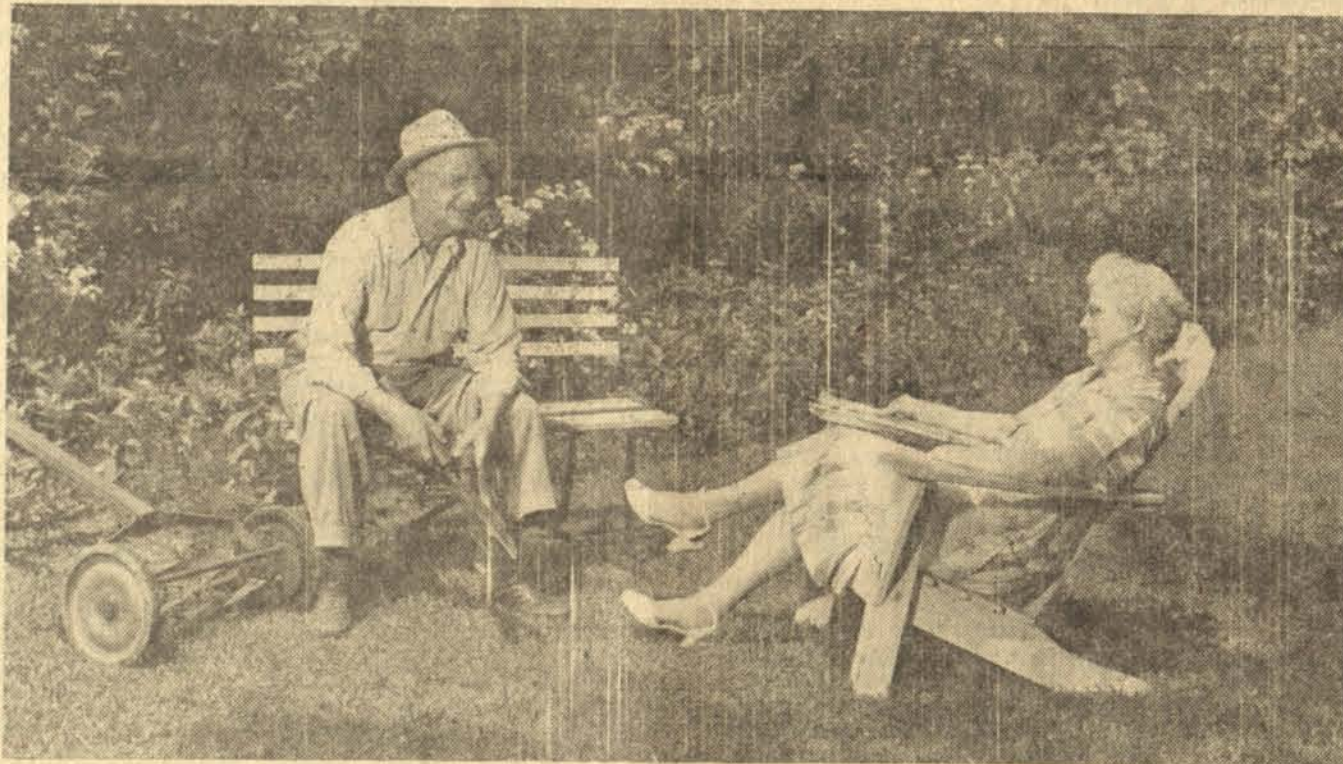
This unified program can be accomplished by a desire on the part of the local cooperatives and the state organization to work together and be set forth in contracts or agreements voluntarily entered into. Or it will be accomplished by the central organization "taking over" primarily through the failure of the local organizations to assume their responsibilities in such united action and planning for the future.

One thing is certain, farmers are demanding and will get better quality products, more efficient services. They will get them at such costs as will assist them to more effectively meet the increasing competitive situation in which they find themselves.

If the farmers' cooperative institutions do not serve farmers in this manner, they will seek that service from other sources.

The planning Committee of Farm Bureau Services is determined that this organization will grow in such fashion as to meet these demands. Accomplishments to date are proud testimony to the progress that has been made.

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