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EDITORIAL

It's Owned by Those It Serves

CLARK L. BRODY

Do you know that a farmer's cooperative is one of the largest producers of crude oil in Michigan?

Do you know that this farmer-owned company distributed 40,000,000 gallons of petroleum products to its members this year?

Such is the record of Farmer's Petroleum Cooperative, Inc. It owns a substantial interest in 400 producing oil wells in central Michigan and southern Illinois and Indiana.

The yield of around 3,000 barrels of crude oil per day supplies about 75% of our farmer owners' requirements for gasoline, kerosene, diesel and heating fuels.

Our Cooperative has a proven reserve of 4,500,000 barrels of crude oil in nine oil fields. A fleet of 19 modern petroleum transports carry the refined products from 12 pipeline terminals to points of local distribution and consumption. The company's transports make deliveries to 41 locally-owned bulk plants.

In areas of 46 counties, not served by local cooperatives, the truck tanks and trailers go directly from the terminals to the Farm Bureau member's storage tank.

This "Direct Distribution" plan was pioneered by Manager Earl Huntley and the Board of Directors to make petroleum service available to all farmers in the state. FPC now reaches all but one of the counties in the southern peninsula.

Nine district warehouses are part of the FPC distribution system to provide prompt service to its bulk plants, and to supply farmers with motor oils, greases, tires, batteries and other equipment. These warehouses are located at Breckenridge, Caro, Cassopolis, Emmett, Linwood, Montgomery, Grand Rapids, Scottville and Traverse City.

Farmer's Petroleum has returned over \$1,600,000 in patronage refunds and as dividends on stock to its farmer-owners since it was incorporated in 1949. The net worth has grown from \$370,188 to \$2,013,820. Farmers have invested \$2,000,000 in its stock.

This self-help program grew out of the early efforts of the Farm Bureau to supply its members with petroleum products. Farm Bureau Services in 1930 established a Petroleum Department to offer Bureau Penn and Mioco (mid-continent) motor oils to farmers.

In 1931 we established our first bulk plant at Batavia in Branch county for the sale of motor fuels as a branch of Farm Bureau Services, Inc.

In 1932 and 1933 bulk plants were established at Eau Claire and Lapeer through the sale of preferred stock in Farm Bureau Services.

Our business grew with the increasing use of petroleum fuels in agriculture until in 1948 we were supplying more than 17 million gallons of fuels through 36 bulk plants and seven service stations.

However, during and after World War II we experienced growing reluctance on the part of refineries to supply us with motor fuels. It had become more profitable for them to distribute those products themselves. Supplies of crude oil were short. Several refineries were for sale for that reason.

It became clear that Farm Bureau would have to own a supply of crude oil in order to interest refineries in supplying us with petroleum products. The only solution to the problem was to purchase leases on producing oil fields and to drill new wells.

We could not risk losing in "dry holes" capital which farmers had subscribed to Farm Bureau Services for the feed, fertilizer, field seeds, and other parts of that business.

Our first step was to incorporate the Petroleum Department of Farm Bureau Services as the Farmers Petroleum Cooperative, Inc., January 1, 1949, as an affiliated company of the Michigan Farm Bureau.

In addition to the investment of Michigan Farm Bureau, new capital of \$250,000 was subscribed by local cooperatives and farmers. The new Company purchased the bulk plants, transports and all other

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Michigan Blue Cross-Blue Shield

MFB Leaders Approve New M-75 Program

July 23 and August 24 the State Committee of County and State Farm Bureau leaders met to study in detail the new coverages offered by Blue Cross-Blue Shield.

This was done so they could recommend to the Michigan Farm Bureau Board of Directors the Blue Cross-Blue Shield contract best suited to the needs of the membership.

The State Committee recommendations were:

1. To continue offering the comprehensive hospital coverage presently carried by Farm Bureau subscribers.

2. To offer the new medical-surgical contract known as the M-75 program.

3. To extend benefits on both hospital and medical-surgical service from the present 120 day contract to a 365 day contract.

It was the feeling of the Committee that Farm Bureau has the responsibility of offering its subscribers the best possible program available. The Committee believes:

(1) That the new M-75 contract, modernizes and broadens the medical-surgical contract the subscriber is now carrying;

(2) That the extension of coverage to 365 days on both hospital and medical-surgical programs at a very nominal cost (less than 50¢ per quarter for full family) would provide the Farm Bureau subscriber with the best Blue Cross-Blue Shield contract the Farm Bureau has ever been able to offer.

The Michigan Farm Bureau State Board of Directors meeting September 2nd, approved the recommendations of the State Committee.

M-75 Broad-Coverage Blue Shield Plan

Recently the State Insurance Commission approved a revolutionary new broad coverage Blue Shield (medical-surgical) contract that had been over two years in the planning stage. It is called the "M-75". This new plan provides a wide range of brand new services and adds up to the most sweeping extension of benefits in Blue Shield history. Eighty per cent of Blue Cross Blue Shield enrollment has already converted to this contract. It is now available to Farm Bureau subscribers and they will receive information on this new coverage along with their regular quarterly billings.

Now what is this new "M-75" Blue Shield Plan? First of all, it's based on what the public said it wanted in a comprehensive grassroots survey of prepaid medical care made last year by the Michigan State Medical Society and the Michigan Health Council. And it's based on the same kind of survey questionnaire sent to the medical profession.

In brief, here's what the new broad-coverage Blue Shield program offers:

1. New, more realistic income ceiling contracts which assure FULL-PAYMENT COVERAGE for surgical, in-hospital medical care and for obstetrical deliveries for the vast majority of Blue Shield subscribers whose annual incomes do not exceed \$7,500. Surgery and delivery are covered both in and out of the hospital.

The program offers four income ceiling plans - Plan A - \$2,500, Plan B - \$5,000, Plan C - \$7,500, and Plan D-over \$7,500. Each subscriber enrolls under the plan which matches his annual income.

Blue Shield participating doctors will agree to accept the benefit payments under each of these contracts as full-payment except when the subscriber's annual income exceeds \$7,500, in which case participating doctors may make an additional charge to the patient.

2. In addition to the new income arrangement, these new important benefits are provided on a modest, share-the-cost basis:

•Diagnostic laboratory services in a doctor's office or the hospital out-patient department.
•Diagnostic X-ray (X-ray pictures) when a hospital bed-patient, hospital out-patient or in the doctor's office.
•Radiology services (like X-ray, radium, etc.) utilizing gen-

erally accepted therapy for treatment of malignancies; bone, brain and spinal tumors and certain other diseases. They are available to a hospital bed patient, to a hospital out-patient or in the doctor's office.

•Payment to a doctor assisting the surgeon when the member is a hospital bed-patient.

•Payment of medical consultation service when a hospital bed-patient.

To help keep the cost of coverage down, these five new services are covered by Blue Shield on a share-the-cost basis with the member. The Blue Shield member pays the first \$5 or ten per cent (whichever is greater) of the cost of each of these services. Blue Shield pays the balance according to the schedule of benefits—and that means payment in full for all members under the \$7,500 income level.

In addition, there is a limit to the total amount a member pays as his share in any given year. This limit is \$25 under the \$2,500 plan, \$50 under the \$5,000 plan, and \$75 under the \$7,500 plan.

Wm. S. McNary, executive vice-president of Michigan Blue Cross, said that the new Blue Shield program when coupled with the companion Blue Cross Comprehensive Hospital Care Contract added up to "what we think is the best prepaid health care program generally available anywhere today."

"It is simply what the people have asked for and come to expect of Blue Cross-Blue Shield," McNary added.

Farm Bureau Staff Member Moves to Service Companies

Mr. Earl Huntley, Manager of Farmers Petroleum Cooperative, and Mr. Maynard Brownlee, Manager of Farm Bureau Services, announced that effective October 1, Clarence King will be Director of Membership Relations for these two companies. Mr. King's assignment with the Farm Bureau Service companies will be to promote increased understanding among farm people of Michigan of the services of Farmers Petroleum Cooperative and Farm Bureau Services.



Clarence King

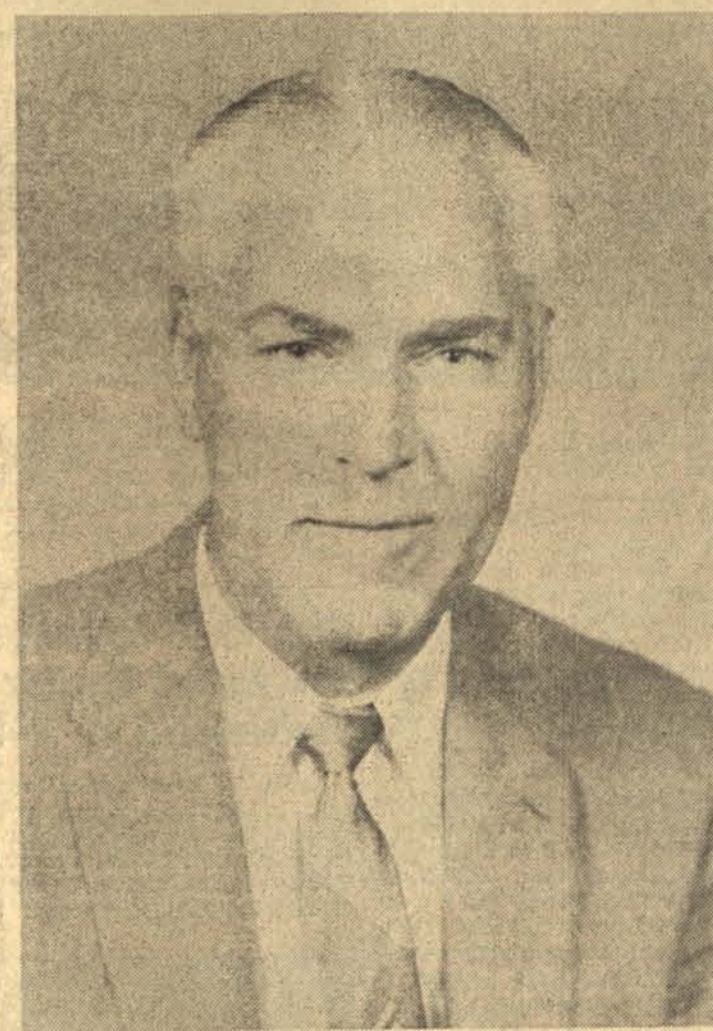
Mr. King came with Michigan Farm Bureau in 1955 as regional representative for the S. W. region. In 1956 he was promoted to Coordinator of Farm Supply division and later in 1958 was appointed Coordinator of Family Activities for Michigan Farm Bureau. The latter position he has held up until his present transfer.

Prior to this Mr. King was active in county Farm Bureau circles in Washtenaw County, holding many positions of leadership in that county including County Farm Bureau president in 1950.

Farm Bureau Annual Meeting Dates

The 40th annual meeting of the Michigan Farm Bureau will be held at Michigan State University, East Lansing, Tuesday and Wednesday, November 10 and 11.

Resolutions from County Farm Bureaus must be with the state



CLARENCE E. PRENTICE

Secretary-Manager, Michigan Farm Bureau

To Members of Michigan Farm Bureau:

It is with thoughts of a challenge and opportunity that I tackle the Secretary-Manager responsibility of the Michigan Farm Bureau. It is a distinct honor to have been selected by your Board of Directors for this position.

Working with Farm Bureau folks, however, is not entirely a new experience. I've known President Wightman, some of the Board members, and many families in connection with my previous agricultural work. Several of the staff members are more than casual acquaintances. Working with the present splendid staff will be a distinct pleasure.

Farm Bureau has a great future of service to Michigan agriculture and to its member families. I pledge my most sincere efforts in continuing and improving this work of service and cooperative effort.

Sincerely,
Clarence E. Prentice

Directors Select Man With Many Years Of Service to Michigan Farmers

The Board of Directors of Michigan Farm Bureau on September 2 employed Clarence E. Prentice, 53, of Okemos as Secretary and Manager of Michigan Farm Bureau, which serves 72,000 farm families.

The appointment was announced by President Walter W. Wightman of Fennville.

Mr. Prentice succeeds Norwood D. Eastman of East Lansing. Mr. Eastman resigned July 10 to become head of Field Services for the American Farm Bureau Federation in 12 mid-western states, including Michigan.

For the past 6 years Mr. Prentice has been state administrative officer for the State Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee of the U. S. Department of Agriculture with headquarters at Lansing.

Mr. Prentice was graduated from the School of Agriculture at Michigan State University in 1931 and has a master's degree in agriculture from Kansas State University.

He was born in Barry County, Michigan, and graduated from Hastings High School.

His first job was teacher of Vocational Agriculture at Ionia,

Michigan Farm Bureau at Auditorium, MSU.

Nov. 9 — (Monday) Commodity Conferences for Michigan Farm Bureau's state Dairy, Fruit, Livestock, Poultry and Vegetable Committees at Union Memorial Building, MSU.

Oct. 19 — 14th annual meeting of Michigan Ass'n. of Farmer Cooperatives, Kellogg Center, MSU.

Oct. 20 — Cooperative Clinic, Kellogg Center, MSU.

Oct. 31 — (Saturday) 24th annual meeting of Young People of Farm Bureau, Music Auditorium, MSU.

Nov. 9 — (Monday) 15th annual meeting of Women of Mich-

Members Will Act On 1960 Program

This is the Place Where the Individual Member Says What He Wants Farm Bureau Program to Be

Farm Bureau members in 74 of Michigan's 83 Counties will meet in their annual meetings during October. Under consideration will be policy recommendations on State and National issues, as well as decisions on matters of local importance.

Other business to be taken up at County annual meetings will include:

(1) Election of members of the County Board of Directors.

(2) Arrangements for the selection of delegates to the Michigan Farm Bureau annual meeting to be held at East Lansing, November 9-12.

(3) Consideration and action on the reports and recommendations of committees and officers of the County Farm Bureaus.

(4) Discussion and decision on matters affecting the affairs and business of Farm Bureau.

Among the matters likely to be discussed by County Farm Bureau members in these important meetings are:

Legislative Reapportionment—Urgent proposals are being made by labor and other groups to reapportion the seats in the Legislature.

Constitutional Revision—Campaigns are under way to radically revise Michigan's Constitution. Many people have blamed the Constitution for our financial difficulties. A Constitutional Convention is again proposed.

Government Spending and Inflation—1960 is an election year—spending proposals usually gain support.

State Taxes—Has Michigan's tax problem been solved?

Farm Programs—Should there be more emphasis on controls and price supports or on efforts to remove farm land from production through the conservation reserve program?

Market Expansion—What can the Seaway mean to Michigan agriculture?

World Trade—Farmers depend on a world market for the production of nearly one acre in five. Can this be maintained?

Dairy Inspection—Can we eliminate multiple dairy inspection?

Agricultural Research—Research in problems facing Michigan's diversified agriculture costs money. New diseases require new controls; new market conditions require new varieties. New York, with an agriculture comparable to Michigan's, spends \$3.00 in research for each \$1.00 spent in Michigan.

Schools—Can the efficiency of our schools be increased through the use of new methods, such as television teaching?

Plan now to attend your County Farm Bureau annual meeting. Mark your calendar for your County meeting as listed below:

COUNTY FARM BUREAU ANNUAL MEETINGS

Alcona — Oct. 5, Harrisville Township Hall, 8:15 p.m.
Allegan — Oct. 16, Allegan Methodist Church, 7:00 p.m. (Supper)
Alpena — Oct. 12, Long Rapids Hall, 8:00 p.m.
Antrim — Oct. 22, Bellaire Community Hall, 8:30 p.m.
Arenac — Oct. 6, Omer Hall, 8:15 p.m.
Baraga — Oct. 8, Pelkie School, 8:00 p.m.
Barry — Oct. 19, Parish House, Hastings, 8:00 p.m.
Bay — Oct. 22, Monitor Hall, Bay City, 8:00 p.m.
Benzie — to be announced
Berrien — Oct. 22, Youth Memorial Building, Berrien Springs, 6:30 (Supper)
Branch — Oct. 19, Edison School, Coldwater, 8:00 (Annual)
Branch — Oct. 26, 4-H Cabin, Coldwater, 8:00 (Resolutions)
Calhoun — Oct. 13 — Community Building, Marshall, 8:00 p.m.
Cass — Oct. 17 — County Center Building, Cassopolis, 8:00 p.m.
Charlevoix — Oct. 14 — Charlevoix High School, 8:00 p.m.
Cheboygan — Oct. 7 — Topinabee Township Hall, 8:15 p.m.
Chippewa, Oct. 6 — Kinross 4-H Building, 8:00 p.m.
Clare — Oct. 8, Harrison Court House, 8:15 p.m.
Clinton — Oct. 12, Smith Hall, St. Johns, 7:30 (Potluck Supper); 8:30 (Meeting)
Delta — Oct. 1, Rapid River School, 8:00 p.m.
Eaton — Oct. 15, 4-H Building, Fairgrounds, Charlotte, 8:00 p.m.
Emmet — Sept. 29, Alanson School, 8:00 p.m.
Genesee — Oct. 22, Rankin Township Hall
Gladwin — Oct. 12, Gladwin Hall, 8:15 p.m.
Gratiot, Oct. 21 — Methodist Church, Ithaca, 8:15 p.m.
Hillsdale — Oct. 14, 4-H Building, Hillsdale, 8:00 p.m.
Houghton, Oct. 7 — Hancock City Hall, 8:00 p.m.
Huron — Oct. 22, to be announced
Ingham — Oct. 21, VFW Hall, Mason, 7:30 (Supper); 8:30 (Meeting)
Ionia — Oct. 8, Community Building, Fairgrounds, Ionia, 8:00 p.m.
Isosco, Oct. 6 — Reno Township Hall, Whittemore, 8:15 p.m.
Iron — Oct. 13, Bates Town Hall, Iron River, 8:00 p.m.
Isabella — Oct. 16, American Legion Hall
Jackson — Oct. 19, County Building, Jackson, 8:00 p.m.
Kalamazoo — Oct. 22, County Center, Kalamazoo, 7:00 (Supper); 8:00 (Meeting)
Kalkaska — Oct. 9, Kalkaska Court House, 8:00 p.m.
Kent — Oct. 12, Runciman Elementary Building, Lowell, 7:00 (Dinner); 8:15 (Meeting)
Lapeer — Oct. 8, Center Building, Lapeer
Lenawee — Oct. 8, Madison Agriculture School, 7:00 (Dinner); 8:15 (Meeting)
Livingston — Oct. 1, Fowlerville High School, 7:30 (Dinner); 8:30 (Meeting)
Mackinac-Luce — Oct. 5, Engadine Community Building, 8:00 p.m.
Macomb — Oct. 21, K. C. Hall, Utica
Manistee — Oct. 21, Kaleva VFW Hall, 8:00 p.m.
Marquette — Alger — Oct. 9, Skandia School, 8:00 p.m.
Mason — Oct. 14, to be announced
Mecosta — Oct. 5, Mecosta High School, 8:15 p.m.
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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.

Michigan Farm Bureau

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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.

Plan for the future. It is only thus
That you can shape, in any sense, your road.
Destiny takes but meagre care of us
Unless our own intent apply the goad.

The past is profitless to contemplate.
Nostalgic dreaming leads nowhere at all.
The future holds the key to every gate
And bears its witness of our rise or fall.

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.

The past that threads so closely on our heels
Bears but the record of the constant Now.
The future, always just ahead, conceals
All things to come, and will no glimpse allow.

But we, and each of us, can plan and strive
To shape the Future's course as best we may.
Little or much. The best shall yet survive.
So look ahead. Our best is not far away.

R. S. CLARK

President's Column

The Michigan Farm Bureau Board of Directors feel real proud to be able to present Clarence Prentice to the membership of Michigan Farm Bureau as Secretary and Manager of the Membership Department. Clarence has a wide acquaintance with farm people in Michigan and surrounding states. He is also familiar with the production of almost every farm commodity and the problems that are connected with marketing them.



President Wightman

The active part that both he and Mrs. Prentice have taken in farm organizations, youth groups, educational and Church organizations qualify them well to fit into the Farm Bureau family. They are both very active in their local Church and affiliated organizations; also in their local school district, Mrs. Prentice being a teacher in the Schools of Okemos.

They live on a 30 acre farm and have been producing strawberries, peaches, cherries and all sorts of fruits and vegetables which have a ready sale in their local community.

This causes one to begin to look into the future. What does

the future hold for agriculture? What will be the role of a general farm organization and what will our obligations and responsibilities be?

The answers to these questions don't come readily and the most obvious ones frequently are not the right ones. I have always been a believer in group decisions. This is the democratic way. Sometimes it has been a long, painful process, but when a group of farmers, and we have over 1,600 such groups, have all the facts on both sides of any question they will always come up with the right answer. The only time we come out wrong is when we have only half the facts.

And so, we will be making important decisions along the way. Our concern is that we come to the right conclusions. As important as our marketing problems are in agriculture, there are national problems that affect the whole economy that overshadow these others at times. Inflation, national debt, our relationship with communist nations of the world, are some of them.

The labor situation that has been threatening our whole economy is one current example. Right here I want to thank the Farm Bureau Members from all over the State for the letters you sent to Washington on the labor legislation. This is one time it is evident that your letters that went to Washington had some effect.

The strength of the American Farm Bureau Federation lies in the support we give them back home in problems of this kind. Seldom are the results more evident than they were this time. It always works however.

Indian Mound

The largest known Indian mound is near Mountsville, West Virginia. It is 70 feet high and 900 feet in circumference. An inscribed stone found there in 1833 has never been deciphered.

partment is busy developing collecting lines.

Within the distribution department, managed by Jack McKendry, is Arlo Wasson, sales manager, Claude Rasey, in charge of management contract bulk plants and transportation, and Ken Harvey, manager of company records and liquid fuel purchases.

"It is gratifying," states Mr. Huntley, "to see Farmers Petroleum grow consistently. This indicates an increasing acceptance on the part of farm people to purchase their farm supplies cooperatively."

Recently the cooperative, for its eleventh consecutive year, has declared a 5% dividend to its stockholders and 5% interest to all the cooperative's debenture holders. This amount exceeds \$90,000 this year. These dividend and interest payments are not to be confused with patronage refunds. Patronage refunds are paid at a later date and are paid to stockholders who made purchases of gasoline, oil, tires, etc., during the year.

F.P.C. Growth Prompts Re-organizat'n

A new stream-lined re-organization was recently announced by Earl Huntley, Manager of Farmers Petroleum Cooperative. This was brought about by the constant growth of the Farm Bureau subsidiary.

Two new departments have been organized: Production and Distribution. Mr. Robert Brueger will be Production Manager and Mr. Jack McKendry, Distribution Manager. The production department will be involved in crude oil production. The cooperative today has over 400 producing oil wells, producing approximately 3,000 barrels of crude oil per day. Currently market has been found for much of the natural gas that is being produced and presently the production de-

Mich. Elev. Exchange Has Annual Meeting September 2 at MSU

James R. Biss, general manager of Michigan Elevator Exchange, the state-wide marketing cooperative for 135 local cooperative elevators and over 70,000 Michigan farmers reported the



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biggest year in the history of the organization at the Exchange's 39th Annual Meeting held September 2 at Michigan State University.

Biss said the firm did over \$32 million worth of business last year and handled just under 20 million bushels of grain and beans for Michigan farmers. He said this represented an increase of about 25% over the previous year. He told the 200 delegates and guests that increases will become the rule of the day as Michigan lunges forward in crop production and more and more

"Human Relationships of Cooperatives," H. C. Fiederjohn, general manager of the Indiana Farm Bureau Association, is scheduled to speak on "The Challenge Facing Cooperatives." The conference is being sponsored by the MSU college of agriculture.

October is Proclaimed Eggtober

The Poultry and Egg National Board, in cooperation with other interested groups, is launching a retailer-consumer attack to spotlight the fall egg selling season. More than 9,000 chain store executives, with many times that number of stores, are tying in with this nationwide egg promotion event. Cooperative campaign efforts are being planned on a local level in many areas with excellent radio and press tie-in activities scheduled.

EGGtober's theme—"Eat More Eggs—A Good Health Habit"—is designed to appeal to the health-conscious consumer. PENB has developed posters, place mats, egg carton inserts, recipe leaflets—even bumper signs—proclaiming that "Eggs belong in everybody's breakfast." "Eggs add appeal to any meal," "Keep fit all day—the egg protein way," "EGGtober good egg buys."

A second selling point is economy. Consumers will be encouraged to buy the small and medium-sized eggs which will be most plentiful during EGGtober. With PENB's specially-developed EGGtober recipes and photos, plus a variety of information on egg purchasing, egg care, egg storage, egg economy, and egg nutrition, consumers will get the EGGtober story from all sides.

In Michigan, the Michigan Allied Poultry Industries is giving EGGtober its support. One of the supporters of PENB in our state is the Egg Marketing Division of Farm Bureau Services.

Farmers Go-ops Plan Annual Fall Meeting

Representatives of about 150 state and local farmers' cooperatives will meet at Michigan State University October 19-20 for the 15th annual Michigan Association of Farmer Cooperatives Conference.

At the same time the St. Paul Bank for Cooperatives and the Michigan Production Credit Association will hold their annual conferences with the MAFC at Kellogg Center.

Delegates this year will concentrate on the problems of membership and public relations. Professor Everett M. Rogers of Ohio State University will address participants on the subject,

State Board Commend Congressmen

The Board of Directors of Michigan Farm Bureau commends the following Michigan Congressmen who gave their full support to effective measures to control labor union abuses:

George Meader, 2nd Congressional District, Ann Arbor
August E. Johansen, 3rd Congressional District, Battle Creek
Clare E. Hoffman, 4th Congressional District, Allegan
Gerald R. Ford, Jr., 5th Congressional District, East Grand Rapids
Charles E. Chamberlain, 6th Congressional District, East Lansing

Today in Farm Bureau

ROGER FOERCH

Coordinator of Organization for Michigan Farm Bureau

With one month of the 1960 membership year under our belt, let's take stock as to where we are and how far we have come. First, over 200 members have been written for 1960, and dues notices are now going out to our 1959 members.

The Michigan Farm Bureau closed out its 1958-59 membership year with 72,361 farm families. This is an increase of 907 over last year. This total found us just 26 short of our goal. I know a lot of time and effort went into membership work this year, and I want to take this opportunity to thank each one. I wish I could do it personally. Without your assistance, there would not be an ever-expanding Farm Bureau.

The regional standings for 1959 are as follows:

Region	Per Cent of Goal
North East	101.4
Central	100.67
South West	103.3
Thumb	100.068
East Central	100.065
South East	99.88
West Central	98.79
North West	98.72
Upper Peninsula	94.5

The Michigan Farm Bureau membership goal for 1960 is 72,927. You will remember that, at the district meetings during the Mid-Year Series, each district made a recommendation for state goal. Compiling these figures and dividing by the 11 member-

ship districts, we came up with this goal. It will be an increase of 566 members. However, let's not forget to add the number of new members we will need to replace those not renewing their membership. Based on this past year's experience, we will need to write approximately 5000 new members. The lower our cancellation per cent, the less new members we will need to reach goal. Goals for the coming membership drive have been figured out, and they will be in the hands of your Roll Call Manager very soon.

Full activities are upon us. Community groups are re-organizing for the coming year. New groups are being organized. (This means group officer rallies or training

meetings.) Roll Call training is under way. County Annuals are being planned, and many kinds of rural-urban activities.

To keep ourselves up to date, here are a few specific things occurring in Farm Bureau very soon:

1. Roll Call training meetings in your region and county.
2. County annual meetings. Here is your opportunity to make your voice heard in Farm Bureau policies. (Dates and places on pages 1 and 2.)
3. Michigan Association of Farmer Cooperatives Annual Meeting—October 19.
4. Michigan Farm Bureau Annual Meeting.

Women—November 9
Commodity—November 10 and 11

Farm Bureau Services and Farmers Petroleum Cooperative Annuals—December 1.

5. Michigan Farm Bureau Institute—December 8-9, where we inform committee chairmen of their duties and responsibilities.

6. American Farm Bureau Federation Annual Meeting, Chicago—December 13-17.

7. January 4 Kick-off.

In the above list, I have mentioned some meetings where you can find out what your organization and a few of its affiliates have accomplished during the past year.



Farmers Petroleum Snow Tires

Here's the first year 'round tire developed exclusively for on and off the highway driving. UNICO'S REDI-GRIP, with the deep tread Paddle Wheel action goes anywhere through snow, mud, or sand. New silent traction tread has thousands of tiny gripping edges that really dig in when the going gets tough. Designed for passenger cars and light trucks.

Tires designed for farmers, on and off the farm.

TRACTOR TRUCK IMPLEMENT PASSENGER CAR

Sold only by Farmers Petroleum Dealers direct distribution agents

FARMERS PETROLEUM

4000 N. Grand River

Lansing, Michigan

Magnesium

Magnesium is about one-third the weight of aluminum, and is obtained largely from sea water, where it remains in suspension.

County Farm Bureau Annual Meetings

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Menominee—Oct. 12, Sportsman's Club, Stephenson, 8:00 p.m.

Midland—Oct. 20, Averill

Town Hall, 8:15 p.m.

Missaukee—Oct. 19, Falmouth

Public School, 8:00 p.m.

Monroe—Oct. 8, Ida Elementary

School, 8:00 p.m.

Montcalm—Oct. 21, Stanton

High School Gym, 8:00 p.m.

Montmorency—Oct. 3, Atlanta

High School, 6:30 p.m.

Muskegon—Oct. 8, Wolf Lake

4-H Center, 8:00 p.m.

Newaygo, Oct. 20—Fremont

Foundation Building, 8:00 p.m.

Northwest Mich.—Oct. 13, Gilbert

Lodge, Traverse City, 6:00

(Supper); 7:00 (Meeting)

Oakland—Oct. 13, Savings &

Loan Building, Pontiac

Oceana—Oct. 23, to be announced

Ogemaw—Oct. 13, West Branch

Community Building, 8:30

Oscoda—Oct. 15, Lincoln Town-

ship Hall

Otsego—Oct. 9, Bagley Town-

ship Hall, Gaylord, 8:30 p.m.

Ottawa—Oct. 13, Allendale

Township Hall, 8:00 p.m.

Presque Isle—Oct. 1, Belknap

Township Hall, 8:30 p.m.

Saginaw—Oct. 15, 4-H Club

Building, 8:15 p.m.

Sanilac—Oct. 12, Farm Bureau

Building, Sandusky

Shiawassee—Oct. 13, Methodist

Church, Corunna, 7:30 (Potluck

Supper); 8:30 (Meeting)

St. Clair—Oct. 13, to be announced

St. Joseph—Oct. 12, Centreville

Methodist Church, 7:00 (Potluck

Supper)

Tuscola—Oct. 29, Caro High

School

Van Buren—Oct. 2, F.B. Building,

Paw Paw, 8:00 (Resolutions)

Van Buren—Oct. 24, F.B.

Building, Paw Paw, 6:30 (Sup-

per)

Washtenaw—Oct. 7, Dexter

High School, 8:00 p.m.

Wayne—Oct. 9, 4-H Building,

Belleville, 8:00 p.m.

Wexford—Oct. 20, Cherry

Grove Township Hall, 8:00 p.m.

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WORKING TOGETHER TO BRING PEOPLE TOGETHER

Repairmen Jim Bouse and Jerry Jackson are one of many Michigan Bell repairmen teams. Together, they keep telephone service humming. When wires start to show their age, they string new ones. When equipment begins to wear, they replace it.

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Telephone repairmen Jim Bouse (left) and Jerry Jackson have a lot in common besides their work. Each is a Navy veteran, married, 26 years old, and a resident of St. Joseph, Michigan.

1959 Legislature Set at Least Two Records

They Met More Days Than Any Previous Session and Appropriated the Largest Budget in Michigan's History

STANLEY M. POWELL

From the Farm Bureau's standpoint the session could have been better and it could have been worse. It appeared obvious that new revenue would have to be found to meet the State's growing needs and to make at least a start in repaying the accumulated deficit in the State's sadly depleted and over-expended General Fund.

Some of the proposals for raising new revenue would have been extremely detrimental to rural interests. For instance, there were those who said that one of the simplest ways to bring in new revenue would be to do away with some of the exemptions from the Michigan Sales Tax. It was frequently suggested that the Sales Tax exemption on farm production supplies and on equipment used in agricultural production might be eliminated. This would have been very costly to every farm family. It would have resulted in very definite double taxation as these supplies and tools are used to produce products which are sold subject to the tax. Also, modern farming is definitely one form of manufacturing and should be entitled to the same tax treatment as is afforded industrial purchases of supplies and equipment.

Some of the other tax proposals which have hit farmers hard were, a bill to impose a State 1% tax on land value and a constitutional amendment to increase the property tax limitation provision from 15 to 20 mills. These were among the detrimental proposals which were introduced but not enacted.

When I wrote our report for the September 1 issue of the Michigan Farm News the Legislature had still failed to reach agreement on the tax program. However, about that time it did agree on a compromise involving two major features:

1. The Use Tax was raised from 3% to 4% and made applicable to the furnishing of electricity, natural or artificial gas and steam when not re-sold, rooms in hotels and motels, and on supplies used in Federal construction projects. These changes went into effect September 1, 1959.

2. Various amendments to the Business Activities Tax were al-

so adopted. The rate was increased from 6 1/2 to 7 3/4 mills. Utility companies will be charged at the rate of 2 instead of 1 1/2 mills. The intangibles tax on deposits in banks and savings and loan companies was increased 10c per \$1,000.

Somewhat offsetting these various increases were features providing a measure of relief to small business. For instance, complete exemption from the Business Activities Tax was granted if the annual gross was less than \$25,000. There were amendments providing some tax forgiveness to unprofitable business and low-profit firms. The changes in the taxes on busi-

State Committee Meets on Blue Cross-Blue Shield Contract



The State Committee is a standing committee elected every year. Its purpose is to review county agreements and recommend any changes in organizational policy which become necessary as the Farm Bureau programs continue to grow and develop. The above photo was taken at a recent

meeting called to discuss the Blue Cross-Blue Shield program. (Story on page 1)

From left to right they are: J. E. Shaddock, Assistant Director-Enrollment Division of Blue Cross-Blue Shield; Milton Larsen, Rural Representative, Blue Cross - Blue Shield; Marjorie

Gardner, Blue Cross Coordinator, Michigan Farm Bureau; Mrs. Rodgers, Acting Secretary; Robert E. Smith, Vice President, Michigan Farm Bureau; Eugene DeMatio, Michigan Farm Bureau Board; Blaque Knirk, Michigan Farm Bureau Board; Kenneth Johnson, Michigan Farm Bureau

Board; Frank Bur, District X; Marion Nye, District IX; Don Sandbrook, District VIII; Austin Greenhoe, District VII; Bruce Ruggles, District VI; Gerald Butcher, District V; Theo Yager, District IV; Merrill Smith, District III; LaVerne Kramer, District II; Francis Finch, District I.

ness were made retroactive to July 1, 1959.

As you know, the boost in the Use Tax rate has been challenged by legal proceedings before the State Supreme Court. The attack is made on the basis that the new legislation is a subterfuge to get around the provisions of the constitution which prohibit the Legislature from levying a Sales Tax at a higher rate than 3%. The supporters of the new tax program insist that the Sales Tax rate is still 3% and that the Use Tax is a totally separate tax although the two are collected together.

The 3% Sales Tax is a tax on the privilege of doing business at retail. The proceeds are divided on a formula basis, with the schools getting 2/3, cities, villages and townships 1/6 and the State 1/6. The Use Tax is imposed "for the privilege of using, storing or consuming tangible personal property." It is thus a tax on the purchaser. All the revenue from the Use Tax goes to the State's General Fund.

The Legislature agreed on the details of the new School Aid Formula for the current and future years. It places the gross allowance at \$205 per pupil and the deductible millage factor at 3 1/4 mills.

During the final stages of consideration of the Capital Outlay Bill in the House, the Representatives made various amendments, among which was inclusion of an item of \$100,000 to finance

construction of a laboratory and isolation barn at the Michigan State University Experiment Station. This would be used in connection with a grant of \$415,000 which the Federal Government has made to the Experiment Station to be available over the next three years for research regarding bovine TB. This disease has been increasing alarmingly in Michigan during the last four or five years and it is felt that new information is needed regarding the disease and its control.

As this is written the Senate has not accepted the House amendments to the Capital Outlay Bill and the measure is pending in Conference. That is, it has been referred to a committee consisting of three Senators and three Representatives who will attempt to reach an acceptable compromise.

The Michigan Farm Bureau followed very closely the consideration of some 145 bills and proposed constitutional amendments which were of special concern to our members and other farm families. When the session has been finally completed and when the Governor has had an opportunity to sign or veto all proposals reaching his desk, we will prepare for our records and for publication and distribution to County Farm Bureaus and Community Farm Bureau Groups, a complete report listing these measures, the position of the Michigan Farm Bureau with ref-

erence to them and what happened to them in the Legislature. In the meantime it might be of interest to comment on a few of these proposals.

Few issues are more controversial or get people more steamed up than a situation involving school district reorganization. The Farm Bureau has favored area studies of school district conditions and needs and the maximum amount of local interest and participation in such issues. It has consistently opposed mandatory school district reorganization and arbitrary action in this regard by County or State officials. Hence it opposed vigorously H. 91, which set up a series of deadlines for merging all local elementary schools into districts providing a complete kindergarten through twelfth grade program. This bill was approved by the House but was laid to rest in the Senate Com-

mittee on Education. Later the Representatives added its provisions as an amendment to S. 1225 and passed that bill as so amended. Again we were able to get this bill sent to the Senate Committee on Education for burial.

The proposal to require special stickers for motor vehicles utilizing certain designated State parks encountered very stiff opposition, particularly from organized labor. The revenue from these permits was to be used to retire not to exceed \$5 million of revenue bonds which would have provided money for improving State parks. Despite the bitter and very active opposition of the A.F.L.-C.I.O., this proposal, S. 1249, was finally passed in the Legislature. However, the same influence which fought the proposal in the Senate and House apparently prevailed in the Gov-

ernor's office and the bill was vetoed.

We had quite a battle to get Senate approval of H. 417, a bill amending the cattle disease law relative to testing for Bang's and bovine T.B. One Senator devoted much energy to a one-man crusade to kill the bill and at one time had plenty of votes lined up to do the job. However, we were able to convince enough of those Senators of the merits of the bill so that it obtained just enough votes for passage.

Another close battle had to do with S. 1190, a bill proposing drastic changes in the law relative to purchase and condemnation of property for highway right-of-way purposes. This bill was desperately desired by the politically powerful Michigan Highway Department. They "pulled out all the stops" in an effort to get the bill passed. We contacted each Representative in opposition to the bill and on the final roll call it lacked 3 votes of the 56 needed for passage.

Another bill that created quite a stir was H. 429, which proposed the establishment of a milk marketing commission and the fixing of milk prices at various levels. This bill was drafted and strongly promoted by a potent coalition of some dairy and labor union groups, especially the milk deliverers. It was opposed by the two major general farm organizations, some dairy organizations and the Cash and Carry Milk Dealers. The bill was defeated in the House Committee on Agriculture.

The only bill passed by the Legislature over the opposition of the Michigan Farm Bureau

was S. 1050, a proposal to subsidize city and suburban bus lines. This was strongly backed by the communities which would have been directly benefited and by the Michigan Municipal League. We led an effort to convince the Governor that this was not good legislation and he vetoed the bill.

No one would accuse the Detroit Free Press of being rural-minded. It is an able spokesman of metropolitan interests. However, in the Letter from Lansing, a feature of their Sunday, September 13, 1959 issue, their Capital Correspondent, James Robinson, wrote a summary of the Michigan Farm Bureau's legislative efforts and achievements during the 1959 session of the Legislature. From that we quote this sentence, "It is doubtful if any lobby in Michigan can match the Farm Bureau's record."

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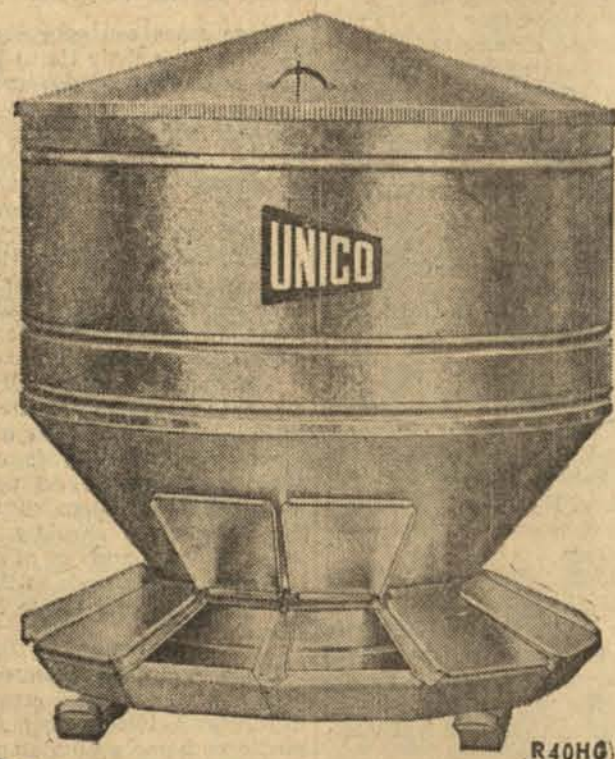
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Activities of Women of Michigan Farm Bureau

District 1

Mrs. Alma Foster, Chairman
Niles R-3

Cass County Farm Bureau Women's Committee met September 1 at the home of Mrs. Chester Ball with 11 groups represented. Answer to the Roll Call was by showing an early picture of self. Next meeting will be held October 6, an evening meeting, with husbands, directors and wives invited, also chairman and spouse of each local group. The meeting will be held at the Volinia Town Hall 7 P. M.

Report was made on the fair booth. It was decided to keep \$100 in the treasury, the remainder to be given to the C. C. Building Fund.

Mrs. Harvey brought a folder containing each Farm Bureau member's name and map for each township. Non-members are to be recorded and reported to county secretary.

Mrs. Alma Foster, District Chairman, gave an interesting report on the Farm Bureau Young People and encouraged the Women to get a group active. J. Burton Richards, Regional Representative, was present with information.

Kalamazoo County. The September 14 meeting was held at the Kalamazoo County Center Building with 23 groups present. About 40 enjoyed a potluck dinner. Zelon Wiley, 1st Vice-Chairman, called the meeting to order after which Ellwood McAdam, Kalamazoo County Conservation Officer, was introduced. Mr. McAdam gave information on "Farmer-Hunter Relations."

After reading the note of thanks from Mary Reddy for the privilege of attending Young People's Camp the following announcements were made: Rural-Urban meeting October 12; Fall District meeting at Paw Paw Farm Bureau Building October 30; County Farm Bureau meeting October 22; State Convention November 9.

Nellie Lou Vosburg gave a report of the Midwest Camp which she and her husband attended with 22 others from Michigan.

Barbara DeLeeuw and Alice Southworth were appointed tellers for the election of officers which followed. Louis Smith was elected chairman for another two years and Marilyn Durham as 2nd vice-chairman for the same time. Meeting closed by repeating the Farm Bureau Creed in unison.

Van Buren County. Fifteen Farm Bureau Women, two past chairmen, one honorary member and two guests attended the September 1 meeting at the home of Mrs. Oliver Kechum. Meeting called to order by chairman Salis. The speaker of the day, Mr. Elmer E. Woolfe, was former Fire Chief and Chief of Police of Decatur for 40 years. Van Buren County under sheriff for 10 years and had a record of over 3000 hours in Red Cross work. Mr. Woolfe suggested that each pick up a daily newspaper and check to see what tragedies have taken place because of lack of safety. He stated that most traffic accidents are caused by lack of caution, lack of education and indifference. Drownings, one of the leading accidents, are caused by these three factors. The speaker urges everyone to take a first aid course and learn how to use a resuscitator. It is a practical education which some day may reap a large reward. He urged everyone to check their homes for safety measures, especially electrical wiring. Most farm homes are inadequately wired for the use of today's appliances. Mr. Woolfe concluded his talk with this statement: "In everything you do there is nothing so uncommon as common sense."

Poster Committee Chairman Drake reported that progress in publicity was under way and asked that the committee members contact the schools. It was decided to give \$5 to the County winner. Recognition Program Chairman Dowd gave a report on the progress of the committee and asked the group for help in recalling activities or committees that could be listed.

It was decided to serve the County Annual dinner on October 24.

The new officers for 1960 are: Chairman—Vida Morehouse; 1st Vice-Chairman, Ruth Barker; 2nd Vice-Chairman Melba LaFler and Secretary and Treasurer Ruth Dowd. The officers will take office at the November meeting.

Chairman Salis appointed committees for the Rural-Urban meeting to be held on November 3. It was decided to have a potluck luncheon at the Farm Bureau Building. General Chairman, Hoxie; committee—Dowd, Hagburg, and LaFler. Hostess chairman, Phillips; committee—Leedy, Schooner and Salis.

It was decided to sponsor a Blood Bank on November 19 under the leadership of Mrs. Carl Buskirk, for the Red Cross, at the Farm Bureau Building.

A short report from the legislative chairman regarding the increase on Sales Tax which took effect recently. She also read excerpts from a report on the Landrum-Griffin bill, which is being

backed by some of the Michigan Congressmen. "Indicating the interest in this bill is the fact that 430 of a possible 434 votes were cast on the measure. Some analysts have called this the largest vote ever recorded on a measure in Congress."

District 2

Mrs. George Crisenbery,
Chairman
Jackson R-8

Calhoun County. Our September speaker was Mr. Harry DeMaso. Mr. DeMaso is State Representative and also Battle Creek Supervisor. He explained the duties of the township officers.

Mrs. Landis gave a talk on "safety" stressing that the attitude of the driver is very important for traffic safety.

Mrs. Brenner stressed the importance of traffic stopping both ways for school buses. Mrs. Brant read an article which was a tribute to Secretary Dulles and Mr. Drew spoke on the necessity of the County Farm Bureau members taking out liability insurance.

Plans were made for the Rural-Urban Day October 6 and the district meeting which will be held at the Marshall Community Building, October 13. Delegates to the State Annual Meeting November 9 were selected.

Hillsdale County. At our July meeting the ladies of the Reading V.F.W. Auxiliary gave the history of the flag and demonstrated the etiquette for proper display of the flag. They also reported that there are about 200 children in the V.F.W. Home in Eaton Rapids and it was voted to give an amount, to be determined by the officers, to the V.F.W. Home for these children. Several accordion selections were played by Judy Meyer.

In August we made plans for our fair project. Items to be sold at the fair are white and chocolate milk, cookies, bread, rolls, cup cakes and candy. We also voted to purchase a new coffee maker.

We voted to give \$10 each to Red Cross, Heart Fund, Cancer Fund and V.F.W. Home for children.

Jackson County. Our fair is over and we had a very successful week. We sold baked goods, aprons and miscellaneous articles and raised more than enough money for our nurses' scholarship.

Our new officers are Mrs. Sherman Hartman, Chairman, Mrs. Dale Crouch, Vice Chairman; Mrs. Wesley Moeckel, Secretary and Mrs. L. R. Reed, Treasurer.

At the District meeting at Marshall, October 13, Mrs. Karker will give a report on her trip to the A.C.W.W. conference. The other speaker will give a "food quiz."

Each county will report on their most important project for the year. This panel will be moderated by Mr. Drew.

District 3

Mrs. Celestine Young, Sr.
Mt. Clemens R-2

Livingston County Farm Bureau Women's Committee met September 4, 1959 at the Deerfield Town Hall. Our luncheon speaker, Attorney W. H. Erwin, gave us valuable information on wills, deeds, and the laws of inheritance. He stressed the point that the law protects the direct inheritance of property without a will but that should there be any special or irregular bequests the will is necessary.

Monroe County Farm Bureau Women held their meeting at the new library building.

Mrs. Dorothy Bacum, chairman of the concession stand at the fair, reported the project as being very successful and plans are already under way to improve the handling of the project next year.

Macomb County women met with Mrs. Frank Gagle. Congratulations were extended to the following groups that had a perfect attendance of committee women: Garfield Hall, Good Neighbors, Home-oye, Merry Milkers, 700th, North Avenue and Utica.

Mrs. Muller, chairman of rest and first aid tent at Armada fair, reported that 262 people registered and many were treated for various minor injuries. This project furnished a haven for mothers with babies and weary elderly ladies. A member of the state police showed a film of chain reaction in accidents, how to prevent them, etc.

District 4

Mrs. Clare Barton, Chairman

The Fall district meeting will be held in Ionia County, October 1 at the LeValley Church south and east of Ionia. An attendance contest is being sponsored with Ray DeWitt, Regional Representative, in charge. Mr. W. J. Pubanaw from Paul Steketee's in Grand Rapids will give a demonstration on selection of draperies and co-ordinating them with other furnishings.

We are all looking forward to

the report of Marj. Karker about the A.C.W.W. Conference in Scotland.

Barry County. Congratulations to Barry County for their splendid camp August 18-19. The location was ideal, the program well planned and carried out and the attendance very good. Thanks for inviting me to be with you for the day, Barry County ladies.

This is a Y.M.C.A. camp at Algonquin lake. Barry County ladies may use this camp free of charge each year and many other groups in the county use it also. After the fire destroyed the main lodge last year it was impossible to hold Farm Bureau camp. A fine new one has been built. It certainly is a splendid thing for the youth of Barry County.

In July, Barry County ladies held for their program demonstrations on artificial respiration by Mrs. Herman Stanton. Also, a talk by Educational Counselor George Watson from the Calhoun County Health Department. He stated that there are 2,000 babies born per year in Calhoun County. This is above the national trend. Counties not having a County Health Department are dependent on other counties for care.

Farming is the third most dangerous industry. Besides mechanical and animal hazards, part-time farming is an added strain for people with other full-time work.

There are about 80,000 products developed and on the market as insecticides and weed repellents. They are labeled as such and have antidotes on them. Burned toast and milk of magnesia, milk, eggs and warm water are all standard emetics.

Kent County ladies held their September meeting at the Veterans facility at North Park, Michigan. Miss Margaret Hartnacke, Recreational Director, supervised the tour. It included the dining room, where they observed delicious looking chicken being served that noon. The group was served lunch at the canteen, had their picture taken, visited the sick and disabled veterans at the hospital. The ladies were all reminded of the sacrifice these men made for us that we might enjoy the freedom of this great country.

Ottawa County. The officers for Ottawa County are chairman, Mrs. Kenneth Willard, and secretary, Mrs. Ben Bosgraft.

A white elephant sale was held at the September meeting which netted \$18.95. Kenneth Willard, Farm Bureau Insurance Agent, showed a film on the Jack Fry family.

It was suggested by the legislative chairman, Mrs. Wolbrink, that we especially pray for our leaders during the time Mr. Khrushchev is visiting in the U.S. We should show him a better way of life and not treat him as an enemy. We never know what good may come from this visit.

Allegan has not been meeting in July and August. Their September meeting is scheduled for September 22 when the film "Time and Two Women" will be shown.

District 6

Mrs. Allyn Gordon, Chairman
Croswell R-2

Lapeer County. Mrs. Marjorie Karker told us Michigan is a "deader" State because it uses more registered nurses than it trains. The \$5 contributed by most county women committees pays for pamphlets and other information but not for scholarships in nursing.

"Marge" impressions of the A. C. W. W. conference in Edinburgh included some changes in by-laws long deserved by Americans; her less than enthusiastic acceptance of the lodging and the "drab food." But, some of the extra entertainment by Scotland's women was fine. Her visits with some of the women of Australia were among the bright spots.

Plans for the dinner for the County Annual meeting were completed and work assignments made.

The October 16 meeting will feature a talk by Dr. Zimmer, medical missionary on leave. Visitors are invited to come at one o'clock for this program.

We voted \$10 for Girls' Town and \$10 to a family with 12 children, on the Island of Malta, for clothing.

Tuscola County. Mr. Clark Montague from the Farmers Petroleum Division attended the meeting and explained the direct distribution of gasoline in the county. Fuel delivery direct from the refinery to the farmer is another service available to Farm Bureau members.

Our Annual meeting will be October 29. The Women's Committee, with Mrs. Robert Bush as chairman, will serve the dinner. Mrs. Herman Daenzer is the newly elected vice-chairman and Mrs. Bessie Monteil of Caro was elected treasurer.

The State Annual meeting at Lansing November 9 was discussed and plans were made to

attend. Plans are to charter a bus.

Sanilac County. Our newly elected officers for the coming year are: Mrs. Harold Gough, Deckerville chairman, vice-chairman Mrs. Edsel Clemons, Deckerville, Mrs. Harvey Petsch, Peck, Secretary, Mrs. Walter Davitt, Peck, Treasurer.

Our program chairman, Mrs. Clemons, presented Mrs. Eleanor Kowalski, of the Sanilac County Health Department who spoke on immunization.

Rural-Urban Day will be held in November.

The Women's Committee will serve the potluck dinner at the County Annual meeting October 12, at the County Building, at 7:30 P. M.

Safety and Legislative chairman both gave fine reports.

District 9

Mrs. Oliver Tompkins, Chairman
Traverse City R-1

Farm Bureau women of District 9 are getting into line for a real active year. Three counties held meetings during the summer but all seven were represented at our Advisory Council meeting September 17. Twenty-four women, also, Royal Call, were served lunch at the Ogdensburg Methodist Church where the District meeting will be held October 6.

The council gave consideration to their children's needs in setting up the program. History of Michigan was also proposed. This is a rally spend a day together and Northwest is the hostess county.

Kalkaska County. Mrs. Bertha Nave reported that the group had a series of picnics in August, Rural-Urban Day, Farm Bureau Day and 4-H, which were all enjoyed and well attended.

In their October meeting officers will be elected. There being seven groups in this county Kalkaska women left their silo filling and potato digging to attend Council meeting and help with our plans.

Manistee County. Some of the groups in this county are paying into the Camp Kett fund. They entertained Mr. J. McCormick from Muskegon who explained the Blue Cross-Blue Shield program comparing it with socialized medicine. This meeting was attended by both men and women and well reported by Mrs. Hammel.

Wexford County continues their program on traffic safety. Joyce Jacobs reported 30 accidents, injury costs of \$1,719.50. 469 1/2 days lost, home and yard being equally unsafe. It was not related what period of time this covered but a follow up was an invitation to the Governor's Conference with expenses paid, September 14.

A hobby program from Wexford sounds intriguing. Do you have conversation pieces around the house? If I should ever attend another World Conference I would fill our hat with many. People are avid for information regarding America—as one woman said, "You are so vast we cannot comprehend you."

Since one must speak plainly, in simple language easiest understood, even a postage stamp can be most helpful. On a train my traveling companion was Mrs. Ammu Swaminadham (get that?) from New Delhi, India. A Lincoln stamp fell out of my diary and immediately slavery became the topic of conversation. We observed that all peoples of all nations are slaves to one thing or another, whether by choice or not. Dress, tradition, religion, superstition all entered into the conversation. In America what do you think about monopolies? What are you doing about integration? These are the questions asked.

A cloth flower, the dogwood, was picked off the floor in the lounge by a delegate from New Zealand. The dogwood is the state flower of Vermont. Have you heard the legend of the dogwood? It is said that the Cross of Christ was made of the dogwood tree which grieved the little tree so greatly that ever after the lovely blossoms have shown the imprint of the Cross of Thorns. Mrs. New Zealand carefully wrapped this tiny emblem and placed it in her brief case. Mrs. Thailand said, "This conference has been so wonderful, but now the problem is how can we reach the masses?"

Well, never let it be said that because we could do so little, we did nothing at all.

See you all October 6.

District 10W

Mrs. Vernon Vance, Chairman
East Jordan R-3

The Advisory Council meeting of District 10W was held at the home of Mrs. Wm. Nulph near Boyne City, Charlevoix County with four of the five counties represented and all district officers present. Mrs. Karker gave the report of the Program Planning Committee and Royal Call, our



Peach Ridge Has Apple Smorgasbord

Mr. and Mrs. Norris Helsel left, hosts for the 1959 Peach Ridge Apple Smorgasbord, with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rasch, chairman of the event. They compare an ordinary apple pie with the three foot pie that drew much attention.

By Keats Vining

A cloudy sky and a cool wind, failed to dampen the ardor or the appetites either of the 500 Peach Ridge fruit growers, their families, friends, and invited guests to the 9th annual Apple Smorgasbord.

This event officially opens apple picking time in the Peach Ridge section of Kent and Ottawa counties. Drive through the area today and you will find ladders, crates, and boxes ready for the pickers. The cool weather was doing something apple growers wanted, putting some color in their fruit.

The Norris Helsel farm near Kent City was the scene of this year's festivities, with the well landscaped farm home grounds making a good setting for the many tables holding the food.

Apple pies with cheese, over a hundred of them, was the featured dish this year. With the small pies was one 36 inches in diameter, that really drew many ohs! and ahs! from guests.

The pies were made from Northern Spy apples from an old recipe of the late Mrs. Henry Schaefer. Mrs. Schaefer used maple sugar instead of brown sugar. Here is the recipe:

3/4 cup light brown sugar
1/4 cup white sugar
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
1 tablespoon of lemon juice
6 cups sliced apples, needing 6 to 8 medium sized apples
Place in unbaked 9 inch shell and dot with 1 tablespoon of butter. Add top crust and bake at 425 degrees for 10 minutes. Reduce to 340 degrees and continue baking for 40 more minutes.
For dinner there was baked ham glazed with apple juice and

district representative, was also present and gave an interesting talk on Farm Bureau.

We were sorry to learn of the death of the chairman of Cheboygan County, Mrs. Louis Burgdorf, and wish to extend our sympathy to the group.

Our District Meeting will be held at Gaylord, October 28. Mrs. Marjorie Karker will report on her trip to Scotland and there will be other fine numbers on the program. Every Farm Bureau woman is urged to attend and visitors are welcome.

It is hoped that a large number of people will attend the Annual Meeting of Farm Bureau Women at Lansing, November 9. Dr. Kenneth Wells, President of the Freedom Foundation, has been secured and he has a real message for us.

District 11

Mrs. Ken Corey, Chairman
Stephenson R-1

Menominee County Women's Committee met Thursday evening, September 17 at the home of Mrs. Elmer Tuinstra, west of Daggett, Michigan.

After a short business meeting a review of county operating rules and needed changes were discussed.

The story of "Crop" was presented by vice-chairman in view of the possibility of making it a project.

Rain, rain and more rain has terribly delayed the harvest season but it is hoped that Tuesday, October 27 will see many District 11 women able to attend the Annual Meeting in Chippewa County.

take your choice of some 200 apple dishes. Dressing to go with the ham, salads, jellies, preserves, apple coffee cake and bread with fruit punch served from a bowl of ice. An old favorite with everyone are the apple fritters.

Two new dishes met with favor, one was green beans with apples, and the other a combination apple-potato salad.

Betsy McPherson, the Kent Ottawa 1960 apple queen, assisted by Alice Helsel, served candies preceding dinner, these candies had many apple flavors.

The table decorations, creations of Janet Kober, were of apple leaves and fruit designs and

in keeping with the event.

Guests for this annual event are newspaper and farm magazine editors, including home editors, TV and radio men from many Michigan and out-of-state stations. Apple buyers, handlers, and truckers were also on the guest list.

Mr. and Mrs. Norris Helsel were the hosts for the day. They have been on this farm for 35 years. Besides growing quality fruit, he does his own landscape work, and can be called a tree farmer.

Assisting the Helsels were the chairmen of the event, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rasch, fruit growers

The Home Flower Garden

Popular Trees and Shrubs for Home Plantings

H. L. R. CHAPMAN
Garden Clubs Lecturer

Trees form the greatest living monuments on earth. Botanically speaking, a tree is a woody perennial rising from the ground with a distinct trunk. There are occasional, however, when it is advisable for the homeowner to grow certain trees with several stems.

Some trees are long-lived, 3,000 years or more, and reach enormous heights, sometimes over 300 feet. Others reach their maximum height and usefulness between 35 and 75 years.

Some trees are grown around the home for their floral beauty, such as the Crabapples and Magnolias; others for their richly colored fruits and foliage, such as the species and varieties of Euonymus Crabapples and the Pin Oak; others are grown for their shade.

Some trees are allowed to grow on a single stem to a height of 8 to 10 feet without branches. They are then encouraged to grow a beautifully shaped crown.

Other trees, especially the evergreens such as the Blue Spruce are grown with a single stem and branching is encouraged from the ground up.

Still another form of tree is the somewhat shrubby type which forms a number of smaller stems or trunks, such as the Yellow-wood and the White Fringe-tree.

Trees carefully selected and properly placed will create the difference between a beautiful or mediocre home grounds and garden. The home owner also should keep in mind the value of shade when tree planting.

Shrubs are definitely plants for the home garden. There are so many species and varieties for the home gardener to choose from that he is able to solve practically all of his garden planting problems.

Evergreen and deciduous shrubs alike have come to grace our gardens from all parts of the world. Many new hybrids created by man have placed at our disposal such a large number of plants that the home owner may not be sure which material to plant unless he studies his shrub catalogues very carefully or receives help from an expert.

Shrubs can be planted singly or in groups for good garden effect or they may be planted somewhat closely together to form a screen to hide unsightly matter from the garden.

Shrubs give a feeling of peace and permanency to any garden as well as a protection to birds which most garden lovers like to

see and hear. The following list of trees and shrubs contains plants which are hardy and recommended for planting in Michigan:

JAPANESE MAPLE (Acer palmatum.) Grows 10 to 15 feet in height. A small graceful tree with deeply lobed leaves. It is somewhat rounded in growth giving it a moundlike appearance when planted in the lawn. Valuable for its deep red foliage which remains throughout the growing season.

FLOWERING DOGWOOD (Cornus florida.) Grows 10 to 25 feet high. Most gardeners will agree that the Flowering Dogwood is the most beautiful and spectacular of our native spring flowering trees. Beautiful not only in the spring when in flower, but also in the fall when its leaves take on colorful tints of deep purple and reddish brown. All this is enhanced by its berry-like fruits which become brilliant red when ripe. The beauty of the pattern of its branches in winter is also spectacular.

Nature has planted the Dogwood along the borders of our woods where generally they are sheltered from strong sun in summer. She has also arranged for the soil in which the tree flourishes to be slightly acid but well drained and for the leaves which fall from surrounding trees to decompose and become mixed in the soil in which the tree grows. Quite often the tree is as broad as it is high.

The Dogwood may be used as a small tree in the home garden especially if light shade can be provided by taller trees. The shrub-like form with more than one stem is also an interesting subject when planted at the shaded corner of the home.

Unfortunately the Flowering Dogwood is not too easy to transplant. It resents root breakage and for this reason plants which are 3 to 4 feet high (obtainable from the nursery) is the best size for the home gardener to plant.

When planted, the Flowering Dogwood must never be allowed to become dry at the root. This is important for at least three years after planting.

There are various forms of the common Dogwood offered in the trade. The most popular being the Pink Dogwood. Our native Dogwood has a cousin which comes from the opposite side of the world, China and Japan. This plant is the Japanese Dogwood (Cornus Kousa.) It has white petals and enjoys some sun and grows well in the Lansing area of Michigan.

(To be cont'd in November.)

in Alpine township. The co-chairmen were Mr. and Mrs. Mark Hersey of Casnovia.

Dr. H. B. Tukey, head of the horticultural department at Michigan State University, in talking to the group after dinner said that agriculture was a misunderstood industry these days. From some comments made one would think the farmer was rocking in easy chairs and supported by the taxpayers.

Nothing could be farther from the truth for only one farmer in five gets any government subsidies with the fruit growers getting none.

According to Tukey, farmers in 1958 received only 20 billion dollars of the 485 billion dollars worth of goods and services of that year. Americans have a greater abundance and variety of foods, due to a free agriculture.

Tukey called attention to the development of Michigan's multi-million dollar blueberry industry as a result of research work. Plant breeders are finding new varieties that might be grown in the Upper Peninsula.

Plant regulators show promise of not only stimulating growth but controlling as well.

Another factor in fruit production are mechanical harvesting devices. Tukey told the growers that already cherries and blueberries were being harvested by mechanical means. The agricultural engineering department at Michigan State is at work on perfecting these two and working on others.

Umbrellas

If you started out with 200 umbrellas, loaned them to anybody who needed one, how many would you have at the end of the year? A store in Cincinnati tried it and found they had 198 left.

John Cabot was the first known explorer to reach the mainland of North America, after the Vikings.

MICHIGAN FARM NEWS
October 1, 1959

Engineers Find Better Way to Do It

The successful manufacturing experience of United Co-operatives' Farm Mechanical Department illustrates the planning between United and United's co-operative member organizations, including Farm Bureau Services, Inc. of Michigan.

Milk Cooler. The first project about 10 years ago was the development of a new, and patented, front-opening milk cooler. A new design was developed by R. C. Shipman, United's quality control engineer. It eliminated the back-breaking lifting required with the top-loading models.

D. E. Washburn, manager of United's Farm Mechanical Department, was extremely anxious to administer complete quality control and pricing on this new product. A small plant was set up in 1949 at Miller Field at North Benton, Ohio. This small manufacturing operation was the beginning of the Farm Mechanical Department's manufacturing facilities.

Because of rapid expansion, plant space of about 3,000 square feet was obtained in Alliance, Ohio and the plant operation was moved in November, 1950.

Electric Fence Controllers. Dissatisfaction in the quality and price of electric fence controllers brought about a careful study by United's product engineers.

United's Board of Directors and management again showed foresight by providing capital to start the tooling for a complete line of electric fence controllers. In spite of difficult tooling problems and steel shortages caused by the

Korean War, a complete, high-quality line of Unico electric fence controllers was placed on the market in the spring of 1951.

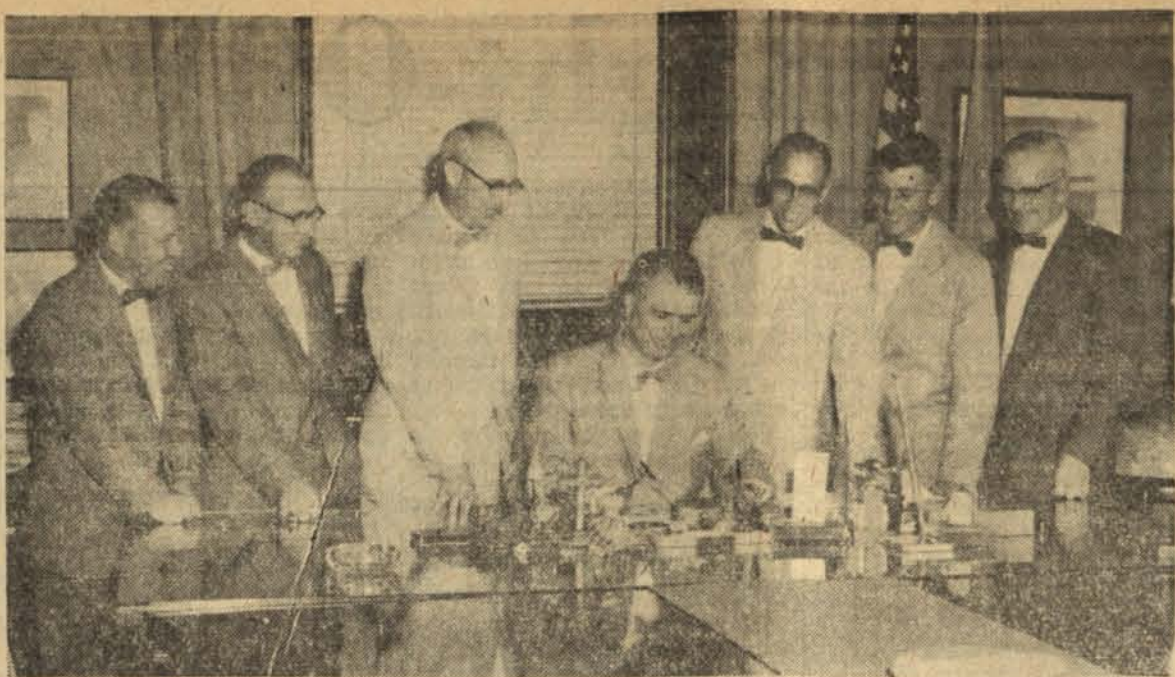
Egg Cooling Equipment. In 1955 the Farm Mechanical Department began development of a refrigeration unit for the cooling of eggs in an egg holding room.

H. R. Wakefield, chief agricultural engineer in the department, was in charge. Equipment was developed and manufactured that would not only cool eggs but would also maintain levels of satisfactory humidity for the proper storage of eggs to insure poultrymen of the highest market price for top-quality eggs.

Plant Expansion. In 1959 a modern plant with 32,000 square feet of floor space was purchased at 1000 North Union Avenue, Alliance, to provide adequate manufacturing space for fence controllers, electric egg cooling units, brooders and cow water bowls to meet increased volume requirements of United's member organizations.

Department Manager D. E. Washburn said invested capital totals well over \$300,000. Sales volume has exceeded \$500,000 per year, with egg coolers doubling in volume for the past two years. With new products being studied and developed, Mr. Washburn predicted volume of sales for 1960 will exceed \$700,000.

The man who claims he's sitting on top of the world seems to forget it revolves once every 24 hours.



October Is Co-op Month in Michigan

The "bow-tied" group representing Michigan cooperatives, left to right: Vernor Smith, Manager, Tri-County Electric Co-operative, and President of the Michigan Rural Electric Cooperative Association; Arnold Musolf, Secretary-Treasurer, Production Credit Association of Lansing; Albert Seelye, Manager, Lapeer County Cooperatives, Inc.; Governor G. Mennen Williams, Secretary, Michigan Association of Farmer Cooperatives; Richard Green, Research Assistant Editor, Michigan Artificial Breeders Cooperative; and Burke Ardis, Manager, Falmouth Cooperative Association.

Governor G. Mennen Williams has proclaimed October as "Co-op Month" for 800 farm cooperative groups in Michigan.

In signing the proclamation the Governor said, "through active

participation in cooperatives, farmers keep pace with rapid changes in farming methods and practices. Through cooperative business the farmer can effectively and efficiently provide the best products in sufficient quantity for the ultimate consumer. This contributes to the well-being and prosperity of all groups of citizens.

"During October," said Mr. L. A. Cheney, Secretary of the Michigan Association of Farmer Cooperatives, "farm cooperatives will have 'open house' and other programs to acquaint the public with the services they offer their members and the community."

'Food Comes First' Youthpower Project

A program has been started in Michigan in cooperation with the National Food Conference. In Michigan a "Food Comes First" committee has been organized to carry on a Youthpower Project for our state. This committee is composed of representatives from farm organizations, youth organizations, food processors, food retailers, educators and government agencies.

The general objectives of the National Food Conference and its Michigan Committee are these:

1-To increase public understanding and appreciation of the total food industry, as it is represented in the cycle of food—from farm to table.

2-To develop opportunities to enlarge the market for farm products within the boundaries of the public interest.

3-To enhance the values that food represents in the public mind—values relating to cultural and nutritional, as well as economic consideration.

The National Food Conference believes that a cooperative public education program should be a continuing effort of the total food industry.

Food industry groups will be able to participate in this public service program in many ways. They will host student Farm-To-Table inspection tours, sponsor teenage participants in the state and national meetings and have many opportunities to tie-in merchandising, advertising and promotional programs to events designed to generate enthusiastic public support.

The general chairman of the Michigan Committee is Ward Cooper, Assistant Commodity Coordinator of the Michigan Farm Bureau.

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Electric Fencers Can Cause Fires

Have you hired a potential barn-burner to work for you? It's possible, if your electric fence isn't approved by the Underwriters' Laboratories, warns Richard Pfister, agricultural engineering safety specialist at Michigan State University.

During the past year, barn fires resulting from overpowered fencers have increased, he says. And during late summer, when fence posts, hay, fence rows, barn walls, and even pastures are likely to be dry, the fence is more likely than ever to cause a fire.

If the fence is strong enough to kill weeds that touch it, it is strong enough that under proper conditions, it can cause a spark that can set your barn on fire, states Pfister.

If the fence is UL approved, the likelihood of starting a fire is much less.

Also, personal danger is less on the UL approved fence. If there is too much current, as in home-made fencers, it's possible to electrocute a person. UL fencers are much safer.

Pfister advises that if you do have a higher-powered fence, you'd better make sure you have it out of the barn or at least use insulated electric wires within all buildings. If it is a potential barn burner, either replace it or take all the precautions you can.

Dairyland Picnic

A crowd of about 3,000 attended the 34th annual Dairyland Picnic-Fair held in late August at Carson City. About 200 dairy cattle were exhibited by 4-H and FFA members. Held concurrently with the Dairyland show was the annual exhibit of the Montcalm County Guernsey Breeders Association.

Farm Bureau Market Place

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REGISTERED POINTER PUPS for sale. Beautiful. Whelped April 15, 1959. \$35. Either sex. Also, trained dogs. Gerweck Kennels, Monroe, Michigan. Phone Cherry 2-1327. Three miles west of Fairgrounds (Monroe County). (8-31-25p) 10

11 FARM EQUIPMENT

INTERNATIONAL NO. 24 Corn Picker mechanically good. Kept in state. \$12. Fred Vollman, 15600 Lake Road, Niles, Michigan. Phone Mutual 3-4228. (Cass County). (9-21-20p) 11

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2 ROW CASE MOUNTED CORN picker for sale. Fits D. C. Case Tractor. William Cole, 5325 McClelland Road, Breckenridge, Michigan. Phone Breckenridge 1-LE6 (Gratiot County). (8-31-22p) 11

CORN HUSKER - SHREDDER. Rosenthal Steel 49. Good condition. Lavern Wensberger, 19327 Briggs Road, West Lohr, Michigan. Phone Cheesaning Village 5-3517. (10-11-20p) 13

CORN PICKER NO. 227 John Deere 2 row mounted for sale. Good condition. Price reduced to \$1100. Victor Zischke, Dewitt R-3, Michigan. Phone 2-2314. (Clinton County). (9-21-24b) 13

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INCOME TWO APARTMENT frame house for sale. Centrally located near schools and churches. Stoker heat. Reasonable. Margaret L. Wenger, P. O. Box 165, Cheboygan, Michigan. (Cheboygan County). (8-31-24p) 27

15 FARM FOR SALE

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A quitter never wins; a winner never quits.

18 FOR SALE

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PUREBRED SHROPS and 4-H member, located 5 miles north and 2 1/2 miles west, 2nd house, St. Johns, Michigan. Phone 34673. (Clinton County). (10-11-20p) 18

SPECIAL FEEDER SALES. Two more to be held in Lincoln, Michigan this fall. Dates—Thursday, October 1 and Thursday, October 22. Sales start at 1 p.m. Will have beef and dairy type steers and heifers, all weights. Guy Joslin, Lincoln Livestock Auction Yards, Lincoln, Michigan. (Alcona County). (10-11-42p) 18

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While waiting for opportunity to knock, it's a good idea to keep the hands busy.

Cedar Group

First for 1960
Cedar Farm Bureau community group in Leelanau county (Northwest Michigan Farm Bureau) on Sept. 3 turned into the county office the 1960 Farm Bureau dues from 24 members, a number equal to 100 percent of its 1959 roster.

The dues represent renewals from 22 of its members and two other renewals from non-group members.

By so doing the group qualified for payment for roll call activity and for one of five \$5 prizes for early action.

Using a method adopted three years ago, Northwest Michigan Farm Bureau is paying 30 cents per member for roll call activity to all community groups which meet two qualifications: (1) groups must report the names of their roll call captains by October 26, and (2) must enroll a number equal to 95 per cent of their last year's membership by January 1.

For the 1960 roll call, Northwest has added five \$5 early action prizes for the first five groups to achieve 95 per cent of and keep your barn standing, he concludes.

their goals, and a bonus of 50¢ for each new full-fledged Farm Bureau member. No payment is made for new Associate members.

Mrs. Edwin Kasben is roll call captain for the Cedar group.

The Pax Romana was the longest continuous period of relative peace the world has known—some 200 years. Not too flattering a record for mankind.

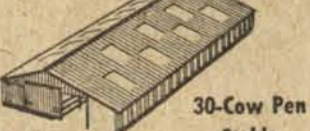
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Dollars and Sense in Right-Of-Way Problems

Community Farm Bureau Discussion Topic for October

Background Material for Program in October by Our
1650 Community Farm Bureau Discussion Groups

DONALD D. KINSEY

Coordinator of Education and Research

No man holds unlimited ownership on his property. One limitation on his ownership lies in the public right of "eminent domain" — the right of the government to take the land for public use, if needed, simply by paying the owner a "just compensation."

Tomorrow the government, at any level, might ask you to surrender title to part or all of your farm. Demands for property for public use are booming.

Rapid Increases in Demand for Public Land

Highway Commissioner John C. Mackie states that thousands of acres of farm land in Michigan will be taken over, crossed or affected by public developments within the next 15 to 20 years.

Plans are drawn up and under way for Federal inter-state highways in Michigan — 1000 miles of them. These highways take a strip 300 feet wide, 37 acres to the mile. Over 40,000 acres of Michigan land will be needed for them. Then, the State plans to add another 1250 miles of 4-lane divided highways. It begins to sum up to a lot of acres.

There are also growing demands for "easements," to build pipelines, power lines, etc. across farm land. Companies can do this under certain provisions of eminent domain.

These developments can create serious problems for the farm owner and interfere with his farm operation. It is well for him to be prepared for it, to know his rights, and how to handle the situation when or if it comes.

A property owner has little or no chance to block the action. Your aim must be to get the best possible deal. You can block condemnation only if you can prove the public demand to be unnecessary or unreasonable. This is not likely to happen. Sometimes the right-of-way planners have worked out an alternate route in case serious blockage is encountered.

Who Decides on the Property Values?

Routes for a road or a utility line are first planned and mapped. Then professional appraisers are hired to establish values on individual properties along the route. The offer to buy is made on the basis of this appraisal.

Michigan law does not insist that the offer be made to the owner before court action is taken. The agency seeking the right-of-way can take the matter to court directly.

But, this involves added costs, both to the agency and to the property owners. So the owners

are usually made an offer first. If the owner rejects the offer and bargaining fails, it goes to court for condemnation proceedings.

Paying Court Costs

Court proceedings are costly. A proposed Bill in the 1959 Legislature would have put the load quite definitely on the property owner. It was Senate Bill 1190. In effect it would have put the burden of proof completely on the property owner.

Michigan Farm Bureau vigorously protested this proposal and it died in committee. The rights of property owners are small enough in right-of-way claims as the law now stands.

Informed Bargaining Important

Setting a fair price is only one of the matters to consider in a right-of-way deal. Study the route to be taken and the nature of the construction to be installed. What can be done to reduce the damage to your own uses of the land—now and in the future?

Appraisals and plans are very apt to overlook certain features of the farm and its operation. A variety of related damages may be imposed on the land owner, for which he should be paid.

Fields may be cut up into irregular shapes, hard to work. Part of the farm may be severed off and difficult to reach. Men servicing utility lines in the future may cause damage to crops. The construction work may come at a time of year so as to cause the loss of the crop for the whole year.

Drainage Important

Interference with the farm drainage plan constitutes one of the most common sources of future trouble when the highway or utility line goes through. Farmers should meet this by proper planning ahead of time.

If one is not already available, a drainage survey of the farm should be made. Let's consider a highway. It cuts across a farm. But there are natural streams or ditches that are important parts of the drainage outlets for the farm. It should be made certain, and put down in writing, that culverts, bridge footings and tiling lines are set deep enough to provide for the proper run off of water and avoid damming it up in the fields in the future. The necessary depth cannot be determined without a proper drainage survey. If the work is done and the culverts are placed or the bridge footings are too high, it is very hard to get the highway department to correct it. So, see to it first.

The same idea applies to the setting of the level for a pipeline or cable. Only a drainage survey can show the proper depth to set the pipeline so that it will not interfere with the drainage plan. After the pipeline is installed, you cannot go under it, and if it is not deep enough, you cannot easily go over it without blocking the whole system up. These things should be considered in the signed contract before work begins. And you may need to keep close check to see that the company actually keeps the pipeline down to the level called for in the contract.

The pipeline or utility company may sever your tile line system in laying their own line. The contract should call for proper replacement of the tiling system at their cost, if this happens.

The rule is "Don't sign anything until you know that you are protected and until responsibility for such things is written into the document."

Watch to see that the location

of the pipeline or utility location does not prevent you from building where you will need structures on the farm in the future.

Know the value of your property. It will pay, if the need arises, to get an appraisal expert to set the value of the land demanded or the easement for the utility line. Your own appraiser can be counseled to include the damage claims probably left out by others.

Quick Deals and Damages

Courts do not recognize damages resulting from the costs of moving, inconvenience, interruption of business, damages to crops, etc. But juries often consider them in their decisions. So quick deals are often unwise.

Buyers who have the powers of eminent domain are anxious to push through quickly and as cheaply as possible. Naturally, they will get all the signed agreements they can as fast as possible. But the thoughtful property owner will take his time about it and will study it with expert help.

Changing Land Values

One possible source of loss cannot be corrected. Payments for land taken over are based on present sales values. But land values may be rising at a pretty good clip.

Possible future values cannot be claimed by the property owner in his settlement. That would be speculation. In spite of trends, the land might drop in value. So the present sale value is all that is allowed.

Watch Water Rights

New highways, cutting across your farm, may cut you off from rivers, lakes, ponds or streams that have furnished water for irrigation or stock. Do not overlook these things in your damage claims.

And what about driveways? The new road may demand a new driveway or leave you without one. Proper location for the driveway, proper slopes and surfacing should enter into your bargaining.

If trees are to be cut—is the cutting necessary? Are they still on your land? What are they worth in the deal? If the lawn must be graded and reseeded, who will pay for the job? What sort of topsoil and seed will be used?

Inconveniences

You may get little payment for such things as being cut off from schools, church, trading centers or markets by a limited-access highway. The family may be disturbed to find close friends and neighbors now "miles away" by the open road. Some of your buildings may wind up across the expressway.

Farm Records

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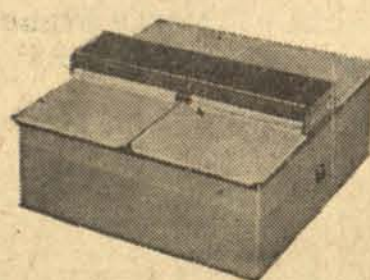
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ty Agricultural Agent in Kalamazoo County, ran into these problems on his farm in Antrim County. Shorty advises, "Keep a farm map of your farm—with histories of all fields (Production, costs of cropping, and incomes per field). Know the value of each field in terms of producing capacity. Then you have records upon which to base claims for the losses incurred by the right-of-way. Study the plans for the construction in detail. Watch for errors and things that can be corrected."

"If you cannot understand the plans or the contract so that you are sure, get experts to help you. You might find that it pays to have a lawyer go over the contract with you."

Some "Don'ts"

Don't get angry about the right-of-way action. Anger will not halt it. Rather get to work and be ready for the action as it develops.

Don't sign anything until you understand exactly the conditions and the problems involved. Don't sign until all the needed agreements are included in the contract.

Don't try to force through unreasonable demands. You cannot gouge the public for more than the deal is worth and make it stick. But do marshal your reasonable claims for payment.

Don't form a community pressure group just to put on pressure for unreasonable demands. But a group of neighbors may profit by hiring an appraiser who works out the values for all concerned.

Don't write letters to the right-of-way agency. Go to see them personally. Ask for information. Study the plans and proposals carefully.

Utility companies may not let you see the appraisals that they

have on file. They are private property and may be part of their own court case. So you may have to hire someone to make your own appraisal.

All we are saying is, "Be smart in the way in which you handle your side of a bargain that is being forced upon you. Stand up to your rights with facts."

Questions

1. What special problems have developed in your own areas resulting from right-of-way claims by highways, pipelines, power lines, etc.?

2. How could a Community Farm Bureau work as a local unit to give property owners the best protection in case of right-of-way claims?

3. Are there needed changes or improvements in right-of-way laws which your group would care to suggest?

Farm Bureau in U. S. Agriculture

The membership of the American Farm Bureau in 1958 was 1,576,462 families.

This membership includes the overwhelming majority of all commercial farmers. Although, the 1954 census reported 4,783,000 farms in the United States, over half of these consist of part-time farmers and rural residents whose income comes primarily from other sources.

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Discussion Topics

These topics were chosen by your State Discussion Topic Committee from the results of the ballots returned by Community Farm Bureaus.

- Nov. The U. S. Supreme Court and the American Constitution.
- Dec. Inflation—A Tool of Prosperity or Bankruptcy?
- Jan. The Legal Liabilities of Farmers.
- Feb. School Reorganization Issues in Michigan.
- Mar. What a Farmer Stands to Lose by a Farm Accident.

Be sure to read your Discussion Article in the Michigan Farm News. Attend your Community Farm Bureau meetings. Have your voice in Farm Bureau affairs.

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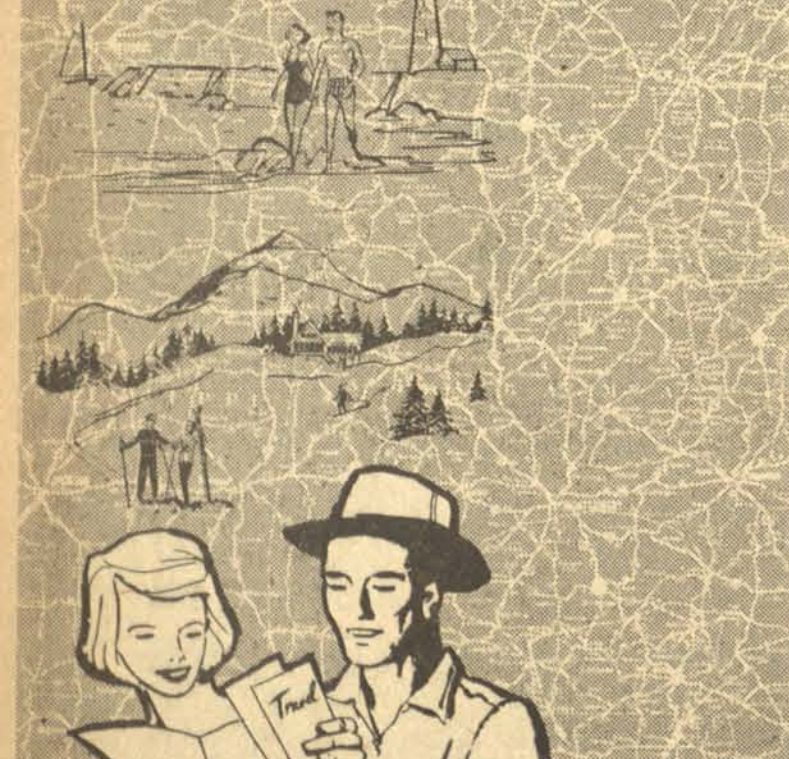
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