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"Farm Bureau Members Working Together"

—Theme for 13th Annual Michigan Farm Bureau Institute Dec. 5-6

Over 250 County Farm Bureau leaders attended the general sessions and workshops held during the recent annual Michigan Farm Bureau Institute. They represented 55 County Farm Bureaus and a wide variety of regional and committee interests. Institute emphasis centered on program-building for county Farm Bureau organizations with workshops designed to sharpen and expand the work of county committees.

Committee people attending the institute included: Executive committee, Community Farm Bureau, Resolutions, Legislative, Citizenship and Public Relations (Information) Committees.

The opening assembly period featured a presentation of the history of farm organizations by Norwood (Bill) Eastman of the American Farm Bureau Federation and Don Kinsey of the Michigan Farm Bureau.

The December 6th assembly program featured Dr. Sheldon Lowry of the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at Michigan State University. He listed and demonstrated good meeting-planning procedures. In a skit acted by "students" of the institute, a Farm Bureau meeting that had "planned for failure" was depicted.

Dr. Laurence J. Taylor, vice president of Hillsdale College, conducted programs at luncheon and dinner sessions. Dr. Taylor was both sparkling and inspirational as he spoke on "Getting the Member into the Act." In a concluding session he worked with county leaders in outlining a program of action back in the county Farm Bureaus.

Welcomed by the Farm Bureau people were five students from Hillsdale College who participated in the institute. They took part in the workshops and general programs at assembly time as part of their work in leadership training.

The Michigan Farm Bureau Institute staff planning committee included Donald D. Kinsey, Chairman, J. Delbert Wells and Marjorie Karker. The presiding chairman was Ward Cooper. Assistant Chairman was Lester Bollwahn.

F. B. Institute Planners Visit



DR. LAURENCE J. TAYLOR—Vice President of Hillsdale College, in charge of Leadership Training, and Donald Kinsey, Chairman of the Program Planning Committee, discuss plans for the closing program at the 13th Michigan Farm Bureau Institute.

Freedom Conference Set For Central Michigan U.

Outstanding Program Planned National Speakers Engaged

The 1962 Farm Bureau Freedom Conference has been set for February 21-22, at the new Student Activities Center, Central Michigan University Campus, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan.

The Conference theme is "Economic and Political Freedom." The meeting is designed to show the economic and political basis of a free society and the challenges to our accepted American systems.

Outstanding speakers have been engaged to lead discussions on topics related to the subject. Dr. Kenneth Sollitt, Pastor of the Midland Baptist Church, a noted speaker, author of several prize-winning essays on freedom and a former teacher of English and Art, will discuss the basis of our American freedom and contrast them with other types of government.

Dr. Howard Kerschner, New York City, —noted lecturer, radio commentator and editor of the publication "Christian Economics" will lead two discussion periods. One will be devoted to a discussion of freedom as it relates to man and government in the United States. The second, following a dinner on the 21st, will deal with internal and external threats to our economy.

Dr. Kerschner has traveled extensively in foreign countries and understands the threats from totalitarian trade programs as well as military and propaganda threats.

Additional features of the program will be a showing of the film "Red China Outlaw" and a discussion by Michigan Con-Con delegates on important issues.

Brownlee Elected



MAYNARD D. BROWNLEE

The American Farm Research Association has announced the election of Maynard D. Brownlee, General Manager of F.B. Services, Inc., Lansing, as vice president of the nation-wide research and information affiliate of the American Farm Bureau.

Wayne State Pushes Plan

(MFB—voting delegates approved study of the Wayne State University plan to increase student tuition—with the state legislature to provide matching payments as student loans. The following article gives more detail.

DETROIT—Wayne State University officials are awaiting the opening of the legislature January 10 with a still-unanswered question: "Will the law makers accept our plan to raise tuition in return for an increase in state support?"

The proposal, made to proper Legislative committees in October, envisioned the restoration of the \$217,000 cut made in the University's appropriation for the current year.

This would be coupled with a \$1.25 per credit hour increase in tuition. Money from the two sources would make possible the admission in February of qualified students turned away in September and the restoration of some of the services curtailed or eliminated by the budget cut.

State-Wide Farm Bureau Membership Activities

Iron Co. First To Goal

Farmers Speak at Open Session

Lively Resolutions Session Held

The annual open session of the American Farm Bureau Resolutions Committee drew a bumper crop of speakers during the 1961 convention. Nearly 500 people attended the two-hour session held in the Sherman Hotel, A.F.B.F. convention headquarters. The session has been a regular feature of the convention program for several years and the number of speakers and the quality of their statements before the committee this year probably reached its peak. Covering a broad range of subjects, speakers were limited to not more than four minutes each.

A Wyoming farmer offered a statement in support of a proposed 24th amendment to the Federal Constitution which would prohibit government in business. He said this would require the government to get out of about 700 businesses; would reduce tax rates and increase private business activity.

A New Mexico farm woman said that cotton growers in New Mexico favor lower price supports and increased allotments for the type of cotton grown in her state. She felt they were losing markets under present support levels.

Several farmers from Utah and Colorado referred to recent action of the U.S. Forest Service in controlling the use of Federal forests and grazing areas. They asked for an opportunity to be heard in court on livestock range use rather than simply appearing before Department officials.

A Mississippi farmer pointed to the increase in the number of employees of government and suggested that corporations and private businesses might offer the services of efficiency experts to increase the effectiveness of government operations.

"Unwed mothers are living high on the hog," said a farmer from Overton, New Mexico. He pointed out that states had lost effective control of this phase of welfare programs because the Federal government withholds aid if the state limits payments.

An Illinois farmer from Oregon county felt that agriculture had received a bad "press" from the publicity regarding the cost of

government farm programs. He said he would "go along with government going out of agriculture when government was taken out of other businesses."

A young Wayne County, New York, farmer challenged the Illinois speaker, saying that the truth about government programs needed to be known and understood. He said the biggest complaint farmers reported while he was on the recent membership drive in his state was not government control, but was the "threat of government control."

A Macon County, Illinois, young farmer said he will furnish the names of farmers who planted narrower rows and used more fertilizer on their corn. He said that he doesn't "feel that the feed grain bill has done much in my locality."

A New Jersey farmer, apparently referring to a recent letter distributed by Robert Koch, of the American Limestone Institute and questioning whether President Shuman represented the thinking of the Farm Bureau membership, said that it had been "evident at this convention that Mr. Shuman is speaking for Farm Bureau members."

A Colorado man said that anyone who thinks that feed grain yields per acre were not increased should come to Colorado. He said that many who took payments this year are set to raise a big crop next year. "We have corrupted a lot of farmers who may go along next year."

A Ravenna, Illinois, man said that he believed the Farm Bureau's cropland adjustment program "is the finest program ever developed."

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Tempo of Farm Bureau Membership Work Increases Greatly State-Wide

Iron County has announced "over goal" for the 1962 Farm Bureau membership year, thus becoming the first county in the state to achieve this distinction, — repeating their "first over" victory of two years ago.

Roll-Call Manager Herman Reimers, Iron River, reported clinching the struggle for the "Little Brown Jug" — much sought-for membership trophy of the Upper Peninsula, December 19. Although goal has been reached, president Chester Kudwa, Crystal Falls, states that the Iron County Farm Bureau member sign-up will continue "until we also nail down the state trophy for highest per cent of goal attained by any county by January 15." Last year Iron County also won this coveted state-wide award.

Delta and Menominee counties, also of the Upper Peninsula, continue close seconds to Iron in the membership race and predict they will end their campaigns high in the state "top ten" membership contest.

A random selection of reports from around the state indicate that membership activity continues strong with most regions reporting close to 75% sign-up at the first of the year. Farm Bureau membership in the northeast stands at better than sixty percent of goal for the 1962 year with Alpena county reporting 32 new members signed. Saginaw county in the East-Central area vows again to lead the state in total number of members signed with a goal of 2,681 or more, according to president Frank Blessing.

The Bridge Region has reached 70% of goal and much activity is reported in new member and renewal drives.

Plans for clean-up work were made at a regional Roll Call Managers' dinner meeting December 27 in the West-Central area, where 53 percent of goal has been attained. The South Central Region is moving fast in membership work and has passed the 55 percent of goal work. Three counties are over 60 percent. They include Calhoun, Jackson and Eaton.

Southeast regional reports show renewals strongly ahead of last year.

Genesee County reports 55 new members signed as of December 15 with over 1,000 renewal memberships already received in the county office toward a goal of 1,804 according to president Leslie Ames.

"Talent Find" Winner

Mich. Farm Bureau Programs Capture Five Major Awards

Presentations Made at AFBF Annual Meeting in Chicago

In spite of unusually keen competition, the Michigan Farm Bureau was honored in five major award areas during the annual meeting of the American Farm Bureau Federation in Chicago, December 12. Awards were made to states in nine categories including Legislation, Women's Programs, Information, Commodity Promotion, Citizenship, Meat and Dairy Promotion, and Farm Bureau Young People's Work.

Perhaps the greatest competition was in the dairy promotion field where thirty states carried out active dairy promotion programs and almost all submitted entries. Ten states, including Michigan, were awarded plaques for having the top programs.

Eight states were judged to have carried out the best Farm Bureau Information programs during 1961. Winning jointly in the top category, (over 70,000 members) were the Michigan and Indiana Farm Bureaus.

Seven state Farm Bureau organizations, Michigan among them, were honored for outstanding citizenship program activities in the past year. Michigan placed first in the 40,000-and up category, with Tennessee receiving the second place award.

For the second year in a row the over-all commodity promotion award was won in the 50,000 to 80,000 member grouping, by the Market Development Division of the Michigan Farm Bureau. The Kansas Farm Bureau also scored in this category. Eight other states were awarded outstanding-service plaques. The Michigan Farm Bureau was among the top eight states to receive a separate award for red-meat promotion.



MISS THELMA STOUT, Ionia, —represented the Michigan Farm Bureau Young People at the AFBF convention in Chicago.



NORTHWEST MICHIGAN FARM BUREAU—at the Institute, Kellogg Center, Michigan State University. Shown checking material and plans for future Farm Bureau expansion are: (seated, left) Mrs. Ivan Lee, Public Relations Chrmn., and Mrs. Dora Fromholz, past-president, F.B. Women's Committee. Standing, (from left) are Earl Bacon, president, N.W. Michigan Farm Bureau, Keith Shugart, vice president, and Lee Wilson, Legislative chairman.

EDITORIAL

Farm Bureau Of The Future

Some years ago a group of dedicated farm leaders gathered to examine the road ahead for organized agriculture. They attempted to use the mirror of the past to project, if possible, the road of the farming future. They were especially interested in the role Farm Bureau would be expected to play in the future.

This "Farm Bureau Architect's Committee" had great faith in the ability of Farm Bureau to get difficult jobs done. Unsurpassed membership growth was their proof.

They studied case histories. They examined the successes and failures of the original Grange, and the first Farmer's Union. They inspected the records of The Wheel, — The Alliance, — The Gleaners and the Non-Partisan League.

Out of this dedicated study came their "Architect's Report" — a document that although unofficial and not completely accepted by many of the state Farm Bureau organizations, was to guide Farm Bureau in the next two decades.

Simplified, the report said: "Keep membership the most important project." "Secure adequate finance through that membership." "Improve Farm Bureau-Extension relationships." "Establish services to members, preferably those non-members cannot receive." "Complete a uniform co-operative agreement between county Farm Bureau organizations and the states," and "Protect the Farm Bureau member-organization from involvement in commercial products and projects."

There was more, — detailed recommendations and background reasoning.

Although not all state Farm Bureau organizations chose to follow the reasoning of the Architect's committee, most did to varying degrees. It is interesting to note that those states and counties that followed most closely were those to gain the most in size, effectiveness and prestige.

Helpful as was this Architect's committee report of the past, farming and Farm Bureau in the 60's will need more up-to-date guidance. Recognizing this, President Shuman, working with the board of American Farm Bureau Federation, has appointed a "Farm Bureau of the Future" committee. It too is empowered to study Farm Bureau programs and structure, "past, present and future." The 16 member committee will include four farm leaders from each of the Farm Bureau regions. Committee chairman is Marvin Morrison, president of the Arizona Farm Bureau. Midwest representatives include: Wendell Weller, President of the Ohio Farm Bureau; Robert Thompson, secretary of the Nebraska Farm Bureau; George Doup, president of the Indiana Farm Bureau and Clarence Myers, president of the Minnesota Farm Bureau.

Having met for the first time during the American Farm Bureau Federation annual meeting in Chicago, December 12, — it is too early to predict just what areas of concern the committee will study.

Obvious areas could well include the catchy question of just who shall the Farm Bureau of the future serve? Add to that, "What programs are needed to serve a changing agriculture?" To make it interesting, toss in the whole broad area of financing such programs.

We salute the formation of this committee, — and await with interest its report.

Resolution . . .

When the ripe corn hangs plump on the stalk,
Whatever the day or the hour,
If the picker gets jammed and you value your hand,
Remember to shut off the power.

Traditional Session Held December 10

Shuman Press Conference Opens American Farm Bureau Annual Meeting Activity In Chicago



NEWSMEN PRESENT—at the Farm Bureau Press Conference held on the eve of the 43rd annual meeting of the American Farm Bureau Federation in Chicago included: (from left to right) Tom Milligan, Dallas Morning News; Gerald Dearing ("Mr. Cotton")—Commercial Appeal, Memphis, Tennessee; Robert Drake, Cleveland Plain Dealer; Julius Duschka, Washington Post and Ovid Martin, Associated Press, Washington. Two of the men seated in the foreground at the end of the room were, (left to right)—Claude Gifford, Farm Journal and George Thiem, Pulitzer-Prize winning writer for the Chicago Daily News. Mr. Shuman (standing) was introduced by Leonard Warner, Director of Press Relations with the American Farm Bureau and former farm press for the Providence Rhode Island Journal.

Shuman Faces Nation's Newsmen in Hard-Hitting Session

There is no question but that the nation's press is a powerful force—and that informed people are the backbone of our American Republic. This was never more evident than during the recent annual meeting of the American Farm Bureau Federation in Chicago, December 10-14.

The proceedings of the convention and its conferences, — the policy making sessions and the annual election of officers were all recorded in considerable detail by members of the press, radio and television.

For example, following the traditional Sunday evening Inspirational Service at the beginning of the convention, newsmen from all parts of the United States gathered for their equally traditional news conference with Charles Shuman, president of the nations largest farm organization, the American Farm Bureau.

A glance at badges around the conference room revealed how truly representative of the nation's press were the people present. They included: Florence Arms, of the Burlington Vermont Free Press; Bill Mason of WBBM, CBS, Chicago; Bill North of the Raleigh North Carolina News and Observer; Tom Milligan from the Dallas News and Julius Duschka from the Washington Post.

Chicago's Sun-Times was represented by Harvey Meyerson, and the Chicago Daily News by Pulitzer prize-winner George Thiem. Ovid Martin, farm editor for the Associated Press from Washington was present as was Wes Pippert, of United Press. Scattered throughout the room were representatives from prominent farm magazines such as Farm Journal, Prairie Farmer and Farm and Ranch.

Shuman is a master at the art of giving straight — forward answers to complicated questions. He led off the press conference by reminding the newsmen that the American Farm Bureau had gained in membership in the past year—"something that some people predicted wouldn't happen," he added.

"Mr. Shuman, asked one newsmen, "do you see any change in the willingness of farmers to accept acreage allotments and controls?" "Yes, I do," Shuman shot back, "—and it's all away from more government intervention in agriculture. — Away, not toward more controls." Shuman continued, "the failure of the Feed-Grains program firmed up many farmers opinions that it is not economically possible to institute support and control programs that can price farm products out of the market."

When asked by a writer for one of the largest farm magazines if he expected the next Congress to work on new areas of farm legislation, Shuman indicated that this definitely was possible.

"There will be some difference in the kind of legislation farmers themselves work for," he explained. When pressed to illustrate, Shuman said that possible example might be a push by farmers to enact legislation preventing the Commodity Credit Corporation from dumping surplus grain on the market "to depress prices and force farmers into Administration supported programs."

This led the group into questions about the proposed national turkey marketing order and Shuman's opinions concerning it. "When this thing began, Shuman offered, "we thought we were 'running second' — but farm opinion soon crystalized. The more turkey growers found out about the order, what it would mean and what it would do to them, the madder they got. If the referendum were held tomorrow, we'd vote it down two-to-one." He indicated that those within the government supporting and pushing the order hardest "may have discovered it is now slightly less than wise to expose it to the wrath of turkey growers."

Shuman said that when the hearings first began, some turkey growers seemed to think that the idea of a national marketing order might not be too bad. "But when they were exposed to the philosophy behind it they soon became determined to prevent the order from being imposed. Right now, it would be sunk by the turkey growers themselves," he declared.

In response to further questioning he indicated that the order proposal might be completely revised and rewritten as a result of the hearings. Did he consider the promotion of the order by the Administration as a trial balloon? "Yes definitely," Shuman said. "It was to be an opening wedge. A national dairy order is high on the priority list too," he added.

Mr. Duschka of the Washington Post asked if there was any shift in Farm Bureau policy "to the far right, . . . for instance as expressed in the views of the John Birch society."

Shuman replied that there was no noticeable shift in Farm Bureau policy to any extreme, and added "for that matter we're either conservative or liberal, and the sooner we choose up sides and declare ourselves the better." He indicated that by this remark he meant all people, not just farmers or Farm Bureau members. "For instance, the American people would welcome a choice between conservative and liberal candidates." When asked if this had not been offered them in the last presidential election he replied that in his opinion Americans did not have a clear-cut choice.

At this point, Ovid Martin, Associated Press editor and Dean of the correspondents broke up the press conference with the traditional "thank you, Mr. President, . . ." and the reporters put away their note pads and cameras and slowly drifted out.

Michigan Farmers Question Romney Statement But Continue Work In Con-Con



JOSEPH A. PARISI, JR. (second from left), executive director of Michigan Township Association, presented the case of Michigan townships before the Local Government committee of the Constitutional Convention recently. The Committee includes two Farm Bureau members, (from left) James S. Farnsworth of Allegan, and Thomas Sharpe of Howell. Mr. Sharpe is the former president of the Livingston County Farm Bureau. The other committee member is Peter L. Buback of Detroit. Parisi asked for a higher degree of flexibility, approaching home rule, for townships and more equitable representation on county boards of supervisors.

American Motors Head Speaks

Mr. George Romney, guest speaker at the recent American Farm Bureau convention stated that some Farm Bureau members, now delegates to the Constitutional Convention, had come to the view that holding the Convention was a worth - while thing. Mr. Romney cited no one in particular in making his statement.

A sampling survey of Michigan Farm Bureau visitors to the American Farm Bureau meeting in Chicago seemed to indicate that most

Farm Bureau members in

President's Column

Once again we have returned from the AFBF Annual Meeting. The results of the meeting have not been entirely summed up, nor will they be for some time yet to come. However, there were some very important conclusions to be drawn from this convention, some of which have not been as strongly evident before. The first, and most important of these, was that we probably have never witnessed as enthusiastic support by every state in the union for the great President of the Federation as was demonstrated this year. This was spontaneous and unanimous support which was particularly significant just at this time when there had been a determined effort to discredit Mr. Shuman by those who have been saying that he doesn't represent the thinking of the average farmer or even a majority of his own organization.



Mr. Shuman realizes that we are in a desperate struggle to preserve the traditional freedoms that the American farmer has enjoyed. The courage he exemplifies is expressed in a statement he made to the members of the resolutions committee when he said,

"It is better to fight for what is right and lose, than to take your stand on the side of those who are wrong and win."

Neither Mr. Shuman, nor any of us, are ready to give up the fight and admit that we have lost the battle. But, in times like these, it takes real courage, dedication, determination, and perseverance to stand four-square against the pressures of liberalism that are surrounding us on every side.

Another thing noticeable at this convention was the unity of thought expressed by delegates in opposition to government programs and federal controls. Never in the fifteen years that we have been privileged to attend has this been so evident. While there are always differences of opinion, the sessions of the resolutions committee were more harmonious than usual. The resolutions committee is composed of 50 State Farm Bureau presidents and women's representatives.

It has always been a source of wonderment how so many people with so many different interests and types of agriculture from every section of the United States could ever agree on anything. But they do. Really this is what makes the organization strong. It is all voluntary. There is no compulsion here.

It is the only National organization operating in 49 states and Puerto Rico. It represents over 1,600,000 farm families. Expressed in terms of individuals, this would mean nearly 4,000,000 people. In addition to all of this, the Federation gained membership again this year.

We have never seen so much publicity on radio, television, and in the newspapers as has been displayed this time. We are still reading quotations from the convention in newspapers and magazines a week after the convention is over.

This is all an indication of the reputation that the American Farm Bureau Federation has built for itself in people's minds. Let us not sell our organization short, and let us remember that its strength lies in the 2,900 County Farm Bureaus that cover the State of Michigan.

Your County Farm Bureau is one of them. We must keep it strong.

How Sad That.....

People often
Repent without Repenting,
Try without Trying . . .
... And live without Living.

James Hood
Paw Paw

changes in the Constitution without all this expense. The whole work of the Convention can "go by the board" if the voters turn down a new proposed document, and well they might. How can the average voter be expected to study a whole Constitution, understand it and vote intelligently on it? Seems to me that this is a costly operation for a state already in financial trouble with little assurance of accomplishing what it is supposed to do."

Said Mr. Wilbur Smith, of Calhoun County, "Those pushing hardest for holding a Constitutional Convention sought to use it as a means of putting control of the Legislature into the hands of a few highly populated counties. The object was not to write a sound Constitution for Michigan, but to use the Convention as a partisan political tool. I cannot see that the outcome can be worth what it will cost the taxpayers of Michigan."

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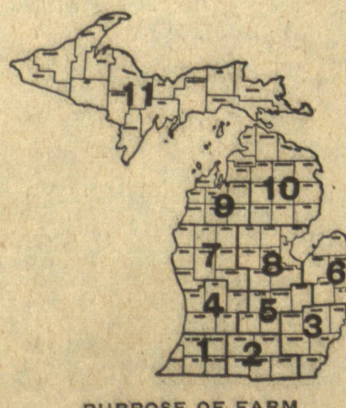
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Nation's Agriculture

Watch for, and save the January issue of the "Nation's Agriculture"—official publication of the American Farm Bureau Federation. The issue carries a condensed summary of the policy resolutions adopted at the annual meeting of the American Farm Bureau Federation, in Chicago.

The magazine will also carry excerpts from the annual report of Secretary-Treasurer Roger Fleming and the annual address of President Charles B. Shuman. Of interest to gardeners will be a review of new flowers in the major varieties for 1962.

Michigan question whether the Convention is a necessary thing or will achieve objectives worth the cost. Of fifteen members interviewed, only one expressed the view that "holding the Convention is a good idea."

R. W. Petersen of Lakeview, Montcalm County, said, "I have been enthusiastic over the idea of holding a Convention from the start. Now we have some good men in as delegates, and I think that it is a fine thing to untangle some of the complications of the present Constitution."

More typical of comments from the other Farm Bureau Chicago visitors was that of Mr. Anton Hoort of Ionia County. Mr. Hoort said, "Well, now that we have it, I believe that it is a good thing to support what is going on in the Convention. But I still believe that we could have made necessary

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Lost Your Notice? Plan to Join for the First Time? Listed are Names and Addresses of Co. Farm Bureau Secretaries to Whom 1962 Dues May Be Sent

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Booklet Available On Tax Dollars

"Is Your Tax Dollar a Good Buy or a Good-bye?" This is the title of a very readable booklet prepared by the Economic Affairs Committee of the Adult Education Association of Michigan in co-operation with the Uppjohn Institute of Kalamazoo. The booklet points out that "becoming a taxpayer is just about the easiest thing there is and then it stops being easy." Plans call for a meeting of representatives of various state organizations at East Lansing on January 26 to arrange for distribution and use of this valuable pamphlet. Robert Smith, Associate Legislative Counsel, and Don Kinsey, Coordinator for Education and Research, will represent Michigan Farm Bureau at the meeting.

A Gain A-gain

The nation's largest farm organization, the American Farm Bureau Federation, gained membership in 1961. The final tally for the 1961 year stood at 1,600,994 farm families. This compares with 1,600,792 members a year earlier. Twenty-seven state Farm Bureaus showed an increase in membership over the previous year. In 12 states the 1961 membership was at an all-time high.

New Member Welcomed at "Open-House"



One of Jackson county's newest members, Mrs. Layman Schafer of Parma, was on hand for the "Open House" of the new county office December 9th. Mrs. George Cisenberry, (left) wife of the county President, is serving her refreshments.

Community Groups Vital To Member Growth

Local Meetings Real Asset In Providing Effective Voice

Much has been said about the Community Farm Bureaus in Michigan and the benefits of belonging to a Group. It is well to think about this opportunity in terms of alternatives.

Many state Farm Bureaus do not have the Community Group program as organized in Michigan. Let's ask this question about those states. How do the members participate in Farm Bureau? What kind of results do they get?

In both questions, the answers are very simple. The county Farm Bureaus generally hold regular monthly meetings open to all members. The results in participation, legislation, policy development, women's program, etc., are generally much less than in Michigan.

Consider these points when trying to decide whether or not to join a Farm Bureau Community Group:

As a Farm Bureau member, you can join a Farm Bureau Community Group, if you agree to, without paying additional dues. In states with only county-wide meetings, there are no groups in existence.

In Michigan (not in most other

Farm Union Clash - - - Looms In California

Grower Council Plans Campaign

feet of machinery behind them at one time. In Michigan, we have more horse power per acre of farm land but it operates through smaller farms and smaller tractor units—lots more of them.

This is somewhat illustrative of our Michigan Community Groups. Michigan Farm Bureau is structured and programmed to operate through the Community Groups. In many things if you are not a member of a group, you are left out.

Since the Michigan Farm Bureau is structured to operate through Community Groups, rather than on a general county-wide meeting basis, county leaders should attempt to have Community Groups organized in every area of the county possible and every member should be invited and encouraged to get into a group.

The Community Groups are not "chrome and trim" of Farm Bureau. They are motor and wheels. It's built that way.

Rank & File Against Labor Monopoly

The annual report of the National Labor Relations Board shows that rank and file employees are questioning the value of a labor monopoly.

In 6,380 representative elections held last year, 2,640 employee groups chose no union, and 1,340 chose an unaffiliated or independent union. Only 2,400, or two out of five, voted for AFL-CIO unions.

The same report showed that unions were voted out in 163 of 237 "decertification elections."

A recent ruling on a request for a "decertification vote" at a Michigan Chrysler plant in Warren shows it is easier to get into a mandatory membership union than to get out of it. N.L.R.B. told employees that a vote to "decertify" would have to be company-wide, affecting plants across the nation. "Certifying elections" are conducted on a plant-by-plant basis.

(From the Chicago Daily Tribune, December 12, 1961)

California agriculture is taking to the courts and to the speakers platform.

One segment of it, the Di Giorgio Fruit corporation, won an order recently for a \$150,000 judgment against the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations.

The Council of California Growers is setting up a speakers' bureau for "correcting the distorted image of agriculture" in this state. Some growers blame efforts at unionization, and accompanying accusations by labor leaders, for an "erroneous" public view of California farmers.

Seek Federation Aid

Meanwhile, an organizer who is spending the last of a \$500,000 contribution from the labor federation to bring California farm workers into organized labor voiced the hope that the AFL-CIO would "take a new look" at the California situation.

Norman Smith, who directs the Agricultural Workers' Organizing committee has expressed confidence that in the next few years a union of 20,000 to 25,000 members in well-paying crops could build up if the federation renewed its support.

The parent organization, with Smith and several associates, lost a suit in San Joaquin county Superior court to the Di Giorgio corporation. It involved the showing of a film called "Poverty in the Valley of Plenty," which the company successfully contended was libelous. The film purported to show living conditions on Di Giorgio farms near Arvin.

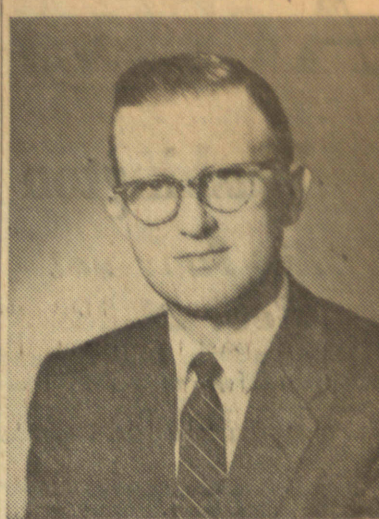
May Appeal Decision

Judge George J. Buck assessed \$100,000 general damages and \$50,000 exemplary damages against the defendants. Union officials said the decision would be appealed.

The AFL-CIO farm organizing drives, if continued, faces rivalry from the teamsters union, which entered the California agricultural picture last winter.

The teamsters have a contract with Bud Antle, Inc., which has announced a plan to

Kentner Promoted



Named Coordinator, Office Services Printing and Mailing

Carl P. Kentner, Imlay City, Regional Field Representative for the Michigan Farm Bureau in the Thumb region for the past 3 years, has been promoted to head the Office-Services division of the Michigan Farm Bureau Information Department.

The division includes an internal print shop, an art department, purchasing, mailing and courier services.

Kentner is a former employee of Farm Bureau Services, managing the Mt. Pleasant branch elevator and retail store. Previously he served 5 years as Regional Field Representative for the Michigan Farm Bureau in the East Central Region.

Mr. and Mrs. Kentner and three children plan to move to Lansing soon.

60 Farmers Have Friendship Acres

The Friendship Acres program of Michigan CROP saw 60 projects in 1961. The production of these 60 Friendship Acres provided corn for use in the worldwide program of feeding hungry people.

Many of the 60 farmers participating were "second-timers" and many are planning to continue the project next year. In some instances, the Friendship Acres have been neighborhood projects, with several farmers working together.

If you or your neighbors are interested in this program, contact Michigan CROP at P.O. Box 206, Lansing.

mechanize vegetable harvesting, use only domestic laborers, and set a minimum wage of \$1.50 an hour.

You . . .

ARE THERE!

Through Farm Bureau you are there, — in Washington and Lansing, — every law-making day, year in, — year out.

You were there last year when the big bills hit. You will be effectively represented when the issues that count come up in 1962.

It's your voice, multiplied in Michigan by 70,000 other Farm Bureau families.

It's still your voice, multiplied nation-wide by 1,600,994 Farm Bureau families in 49 states and Puerto Rico.



IN WASHINGTON AND LANSING THROUGH FARM BUREAU

- Now, more than ever before, farmers need to be represented where decisions are made. At the conference tables, the hearing halls, committee gatherings and the Constitutional Convention sessions.
- As a Farm Bureau member you have a strong voice in community, county, state and national affairs.

PROTECT YOUR FARM FUTURE WHERE LAWS ARE MADE

Renew YOUR FARM BUREAU MEMBERSHIP NOW!

Activities of Women of Michigan Farm Bureau

Washington Trip Planned

**Air-Tour set
Feb. 25-28**

Michigan Farm Bureau Women are sponsoring their third annual trip to Washington for Farm Bureau members, February 25-28.

The trip is sponsored primarily for three reasons:

A chance to meet the staff of the American Farm Bureau Federation and to talk with them about some of the problems facing farmers which may or may not be solved by federal legislation.

An opportunity to meet with Michigan Congressmen and Senators. A luncheon is being planned for this purpose. Also there will be an opportunity to visit Congress in session at that time.

One full day for sight-seeing in Washington and surrounding areas.

Two Michigan Farm Bureau staff people will be going with the group to help in arrangements.

The trip is planned to leave Lansing by United Airlines at 4:15 p.m. Those wishing to leave from Detroit will meet the group there at Metropolitan Airport. The plane leaves from Detroit at 6:30 p.m.

Monday will be spent with the A.F.B.F. staff and visiting the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Tuesday will be the day for visiting Congress and the luncheon with the Michigan Congressmen.

The all-day sight-seeing tour for Wednesday will start in the morning and the group will be taken directly from the tour to the Washington National Airport for the trip home. The tour will arrive back in Detroit at 9:20 p.m. and in Lansing at 10:22 p.m.

The cost of the trip varies a little. For those leaving from Lansing and returning to Lansing, the cost is \$114.30 per person, except if a husband and wife travel together the total for the couple would be \$214.52.

Cost from Detroit and back to Detroit is \$92.75 per person or \$174.11 per couple. The difference in rates applies only to married couples traveling together. The reason is that during the week family rates apply on airline travel.

Included in the cost of the trip are:

- Three nights at the Hotel Continental. Twin-bedded rooms and private bath.
- Dinner on the plane both ways.
- Sightseeing trip.
- Plane fare.
- Limousine transfer.
- Monday luncheon at the Sky Room of the Washington Hotel and Wednesday luncheon at the Old Club in Alexandria, Virginia.

These rates are based on at least twenty-five people and unless there are that many the trip may not be held.

Those wanting further information should contact Mrs. Marjorie Karker, P. O. Box 960, Lansing 4, Michigan. Attached coupon may be used.

Mrs. Karker:

I am interested in more information on the Farm Bureau sponsored trip to Washington.

Name

Address

County

THE BETTER WAY

Contributed by a Farm Bureau Member

The eye's a better pupil and more willing than the ear. Fine counsel is confusing, but example's always clear. And the best of all the preachers are the men who live their creeds

For to see the good in action is what everybody needs. I can soon learn how to do it if you'll let me see it done. I can watch your hands in action, but your tongue too fast may run

And the lectures you deliver may be very wise and true. But I'd rather get my lesson by observing what you do. For I may misunderstand you and the high advise you give

But there's no misunderstanding how you act and how you live.

District 2

Mrs. Glenn Hombaker, Chairman
East LeRoy R-1

Branch County. Twenty-five committee women and 2 guests met at the 4-H Cabin for potluck dinner and Christmas program. Mrs. Ladyman reported on the Legislative seminar she had attended.

Marge Karker will be our speaker at the January meeting when the men will be our guests.

Calhoun County. After our business meeting we went to Schulers for dinner-then toured the kitchen. We also collected jams, jellies and quilt pieces for the Calhoun Infirmary at Marshall.

Hillsdale County. Mrs. Dorothy Wolf gave the Christmas devotion at our regular meeting. Mrs. Karmner read two Christmas poems and all joined in singing Christmas Carols. We have collected \$33 for the purchase of dishes for the Community Building.

Lenawee County. Roll Call at our December meeting found 12 groups represented. We voted to continue taking gifts to our adopted people of Maple Lane Manor. We all signed get well cards for Mrs. Walter Sager and Mrs. Lawrence Smoll and a Christmas card for Mrs. Pontius. We then enjoyed the story "No Room in the Inn," read by Mrs. H. Haas, "The Christmas Bells" by Mrs. A. Carnahan and "Our Christmas" by Mrs. Clare Pifer. We brought our meeting to a close with Carol singing.

District 4

Mrs. Anton Hoort, Chairman
Portland R-1

Allegan County. Many city friends were present for the potluck luncheon in the Griswold Auditorium in observance of Farm-City week. Roll-call was "The Farthest Place I've Been." The citizenship chairman, Mrs. Wilbur Anderson reminded the ladies to write their congressmen.

The newly appointed regional man, Mr. Anthony Kreiner, was introduced and talked to the ladies on their responsibility as members of the Women's Committee.

Mrs. Marge Karker spoke on "Local Government."

Ionia County. Mrs. Ed Roth, program chairman, introduced Miss Kathleen Maloney, Ionia county treasurer, who spoke on the "Portland township" and how their appeal to the State Tax Board is affecting the other townships. The following special chairmen were appointed: Safety, Mrs. Elmer Hamilton; Legislative, Mrs. Dan Hickey; F.B.I. Mrs. Fred Fahrni; Publicity, Mrs. Guy Cook.

Kent County group held its meeting at beautiful Camp Kett following a luncheon. Fifty women and a few husbands made the trip. The following special chairmen were appointed: Safety, Mrs. Martin Koert; F.B.I. Mrs. Marie Deardorf; Legislative, Mrs. Alvin Wells.

District 6

Mrs. Bruce Ruggles, Chairman
Kingston

Huron-East Side. Thirty-four women met at the Farm Bureau Center for a potluck dinner. Mrs. Bruce Crumback, chairman, presented Dr. Strum of Bad Axe, who showed slides and spoke on fire prevention and fire safety. Be sure you know where and how to call your fire department and be able to give right directions to the fire.

Mrs. Lawrence Schroder, citizenship chairman, told us that only 62% of the voters voted at the presidential election.

We were asked by Mrs. Mike Osminski to listen to Mr. Thomas McAllister speak on the ConCon each Monday at 5:50 p.m. over WLEW.

Lapeer County. Thirty-five women were present at the Center Building. A silver offering was taken for Suncrest Hospital.

Mrs. Marvel Whitaker presented Mrs. Phipps, the outgoing chairman, with a centerpiece of wood roses from Hawaii. Mrs. Phipps is taking a trip to Mexico. Mrs. Whitaker showed a picture of a trip through the Holy Land.

It made the story of 2000 years ago seem very near.

Sanilac County. Sixty-six women from 22 groups enjoyed a potluck dinner. Mrs. Orla Egar told of her visit to the United Nations. There was an exchange of gifts and a Christmas program, also, a bazaar and bake sale.

St. Clair County. Farm Bureau women met at the home of Mrs. Fred Welsch. Mrs. Geo. Pohl presided. Mrs. Wm. Green reported on the State Farm Bureau convention. Mrs. Jayson Holt warned of the danger of defective car mufflers.

Tuscola County. Farm Bureau women met at the Detroit Edison Office and Miss Helen Higgins talked on the use of electricity.

A contribution for Christmas was made to the Retarded Children's School. The second payment for the education of our Korean Boy was made. Arrangement was made to complete our Camp Kett project.

Our January meeting will be

Women's Holiday Camp Set For Dist. 1, 2, 4, 5

**Dates of March 7-8 Selected
For Clear Lake Site**

Farm Bureau Women in Districts 1, 2, 4 and 5 are making preliminary plans for an outstanding "Women's Holiday" to be held at the Wesley Woods Camp on Clear Lake, near Dowling, Wednesday and Thursday, March 7-8.

The program is an interesting one dealing with such topics as "Urban Planning" — world tours, book reviews, and a "Little Freedom Conference."

The camp on Clear lake is located just off M-37, 15 miles north of Battle Creek or 1½ miles south of Dowling and west off M-37 on Pifer Road at Bristol Corners.

It is a winterized camp growing in facilities and comfort. Charges are \$7.50 for overnight including registration fee. Campers are asked to bring sheets, blankets and a pillow. Those coming for just one day, may pay \$1.10 for lunch, \$1.50 for dinner plus registration fee.

The camp committee includes: Mrs. Jesse Smith, District 1, Camp Chairman; Mrs. Carleton Ball, District 2, — Secretary-Treasurer. Other committee members include Mrs. Fred Foster, District 1; Mrs. Ray Lord, District 2; Mrs. Harry Martin, District 4, and Mrs. Donald Sanford, District 5.

It is not too early to make reservations. Clip and send the coupon to "Wesley Woods Camp, Dowling, R. 1, Michigan." Reservations should be in by March 3.

Farm Bureau Women's Holiday, March 7 & 8

I wish to attend camp at Clear Lake, Barry County.

I will attend for both days and overnight.

I will attend for 1 day.

Signed

County

Farm Bureau at Work Schedule for 1962

Here is a listing of Michigan radio stations now carrying the weekly 15-minute Farm Bureau variety programs on a regular basis. Tune in to these broadcasts. Let your local station know that you appreciate their fine public service programming.

Adrian; Dial 1490.....WABJ
Saturday 12:15 p.m.
Albion; Dial 1260.....WALM
Wednesday 6:30 a.m.
Alma; Dial 1280.....WFYC
Saturday Farm Program
6:30 to 7:00 a.m.
Alpena; Dial 1450.....WATZ
Monday 6:30 a.m.
Ann Arbor; Dial 1290.....WOIA
Saturday 6:45 a.m.
Ann Arbor; Dial 1050.....WPAG
Thursday 7:00 a.m.
Bay City; Dial 1440.....WBCM
Saturday 12:15 p.m.
Big Rapids; Dial 1460.....WBRN
Tuesday 12:30 p.m.
Charlotte; Dial 1390.....WCER
Saturday Farm Show
12:30 to 1:00 p.m.
Cheboygan; Dial 1240.....WCBY
Friday 1:05 p.m.
Clare; Dial 990.....WCRM
Friday 1:05 p.m.
Coldwater; Dial 1590.....WTVB
Saturday 6:15 a.m.

Detroit; Dial 760.....WJR
Announced Locally
Dowagiac; Dial 1440.....WDOW
Saturday 12:15 p.m.
East Lansing; Dial 870.....WKAR
Saturday 10:30 a.m.
Escanaba; Dial 680.....WDBC
Saturday 11:35 a.m.
Fremont; Dial 1550.....WSHN
Announced Locally
Gaylord; Dial 900.....WATC
Thursday 6:30 a.m.
Grand Rapids; Dial 1410.....WGRD
Saturday 6:40 a.m.
Greenville; Dial 1380.....WPLB
Saturday 1:30 p.m.
Hancock; Dial 920.....WMPJ
Wednesday 6:30 a.m.
Hastings; Dial 1220.....WBCH
Tuesday 12:30 p.m.
Houghton Lake; Dial 1290 WHGR
Monday 12:30 p.m.
Ionia; Dial 1430.....WION
Saturday 6:30 a.m.
Jackson; Dial 1450.....WIBM
Saturday 6:30 a.m.
Jackson; Dial 970.....WKHM
Third Tuesday of each month

Kalamazoo; Dial 1420.....WKPR
Friday 6:00 a.m.
Lapeer; Dial 1230.....WMPC
Monday 6:00 p.m.
Ludington; Dial 1450.....WKLA
Saturday 7:00 a.m.
Manistee; Dial 1340.....WMTE
Monday 1:00 p.m.
Marquette; Dial 570.....WMAM
Friday 11:55 a.m.
Midland; Dial 1490.....WMDN
Saturday 6:30 a.m.
Munising; Dial 1400.....WMAB
Friday 1:05 p.m.
Muskegon; Dial 1090.....WMUS
Saturday 12:15 p.m.
Owosso; Dial 1080.....WOAP
Monday 12:35 p.m.
Petoskey; Dial 1340.....WMBN
Tuesday 11:45 a.m.
Rogers City; Dial 960.....WHAK
Friday 12:00 noon
Saginaw; Dial 1210.....WKNX
Saturday 12:40 p.m.
St. Johns; Dial 1580.....WJUD
Saturday 6:15 a.m.
Tawas City; Dial 1480.....WIOS
Tuesday 12:15 p.m.

FARM FORUM — Community Farm Bureau Discussion Topic
Radio Station WKAR; Dial 870

1:00 p.m. — 1st Monday each month, September through June



County Publicity People Active at Farm Bureau Institute

During a break some of the ladies attending the public relations workshop at Farm Bureau Institute review a few of the many County Farm Bureau publications. From left to right: Mrs. Ger-

trude Gaskill, Barry County; Mrs. Julia Spitzley, Clinton County; Mrs. Helen Green, Cheboygan County. Standing: Mrs. Hazel Harvey, Cass County.

The Institute was held at Kellogg Center, December 5th and 6th.

FARM FORUM

Community Farm Bureau
Discussion Topic

Radio Station WKAR
1:00 P. M.

1st Monday each Month
September through June
870 on Your Dial

**Smoke Gets
In Your Eyes**

He parked his tractor in the straw. Some sparks touched off a blaze. The prettiest barn you ever saw is just a smoky haze.

Avoid Carbon Monoxide

To avoid carbon monoxide hazards motorists are urged to observe the following safety rules:

1. Check your automobile's exhaust system periodically, especially before winter.
2. Always open garage doors before starting your car's engine.
3. Open a window if you have to stay in a stationary car with the motor running.
4. In closely spaced traffic keep front air vents closed to prevent CO seepage from the exhaust fumes of other automobiles.

FCC, Congress Tangle on Radio Channels

The Federal Communications Commission has taken unusual action in regard to clear channel radio broadcasting stations by defying a request by a Committee of Congress.

The FCC ordered the opening of 13 of the remaining 25 clear channels to permit other stations to occupy the same wave lengths.

At the request of Farm Bureau and other groups, Chairman Oren Harris of the House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, asked the FCC to delay such action until a reasonable time after the reconvening of Congress in 1962.

Farm Bureau has urged FCC and Congress to maintain the service of clear channel broadcasting stations that are so important to people in many areas.

In time of national emergency, some 25 million citizens could be dependent for information and instructions on such stations as WJR-Detroit and WGN-Chicago. It is likely that new licenses will be issued before Congress has an opportunity to review the action of the FCC. Congressman John Bennett (R) and John Dingell (D) of Michigan have introduced bills that would protect clear channel radio service.

Pill-ills

Small Jacks and Jills
Gobble with glee
Pills to cure ills,
And some R. I. P.



**"We save 8 hours a week on
cow clean-up since we paved
the barnyard with concrete!"**

Says SAM B. FIELDER, JR., Harford County, Maryland

"Concrete paving is a vital part of our loose housing dairy system—we couldn't operate without it. Cows stay cleaner, get all the exercise they need, but aren't always fighting mud. And we get out of the milking parlor earlier. Further, we get a longer productive life from our cows."

It's only natural that herds stay healthier when barnyards are completely paved with concrete. Mud-borne diseases like mastitis and foot rot can't breed in concrete. You save on vet bills. And less cleaning is needed in the stalls. Milking goes easier, faster. No tracked-in mud to wet down bedding, so bedding expenses stay low. Send for free booklet on paved yards. (U.S. and Canada only.)

**PORTLAND CEMENT
ASSOCIATION**
Stoddard Building,
Lansing 23, Michigan

THE MARK OF A
MODERN FARM...
concrete

A national organization to improve and extend the uses of concrete

Young People---Citizenship

Young-Adult Leaders Gather At Lansing

Twenty Young Farm couples from Michigan are attending a three-day conference at Farm Bureau Center in Lansing January 3, 4 and 5. They are chairmen and representatives of Young Adult Community Groups throughout the state.

The Conference is designed to give Farm Bureau members a better understanding of the total Farm Bureau program. Farm Bureau and affiliated companies are cooperating in the program.

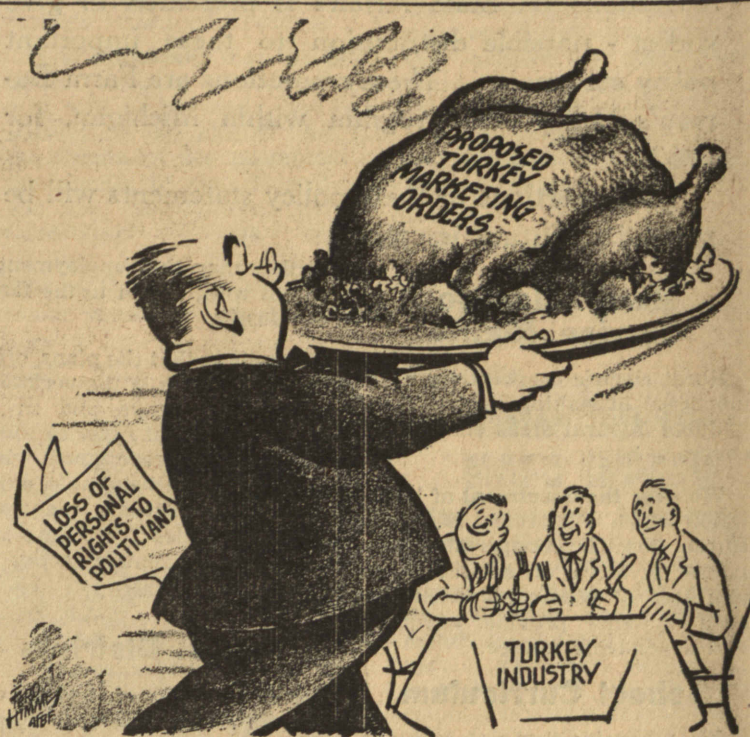
The Conference includes a tour through Farm Bureau Center, Leonard Refineries at Alma and the Egg Marketing facilities at Jenison. Each of the companies are providing an educational program regarding the services offered to Farm Bureau members.

Young farmers attending the conference include: Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bernreuter, Frankenmuth; Mr. and Mrs. David Graham, East Jordan; Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Hesselink, Tustin, and Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Lutz, Kaleva.

Mr. and Mrs. Vern Proctor, Holton; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Raymond, DeWitt; Mr. and Mrs. La Vern Silm, St. Johns; Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Swoffer, Richmond; Mr. and Mrs. James Vanden Heuvel, Hart, and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Miller, Clare.

Others in attendance include: Mr. and Mrs. Frank Green, Allen; Mr. and Mrs. Peter Campbell, Avoca, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mohr, Fostoria, Mr. and Mrs. Orlin Letter, Silverwood; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Sheridan, East Jordan, Mr. and Mrs. Vern Clemens, Prescott, Mr. and Mrs. Eldridge Ericson, Prescott, and Mr. and Mrs. Purcel DeWeerd, Hudsonville.

WAIT TILL THEY SEE THE BILL !



Citizenship Thought For the Month

The following resolution was passed at the recent American Farm Bureau Federation in Chicago. We urge that every Farm Bureau member read, study and consider the challenges brought out in this resolution, as a guide for your 1962 activities.

Nations which live by the great principles of Christianity, freedom, dignity, and responsibility of the individual will endure. We need to dedicate ourselves to active participation in programs which will preserve these principles upon which our republic was founded and developed.

There is a tendency on the part of too many people to shirk their duties as citizens and to react indifferently to the needs of our country. To combat this indifference, every home, school, and voluntary organization should encourage appreciation of the origin, history, and meaning of citizenship in the United States. We recommend a vigorous campaign of civic education for all Americans,

particularly in our schools. This program should include new citizens and immigrant aliens.

We urge that all Americans, as individuals and groups undertake with renewed vigor the basic responsibility of citizenship. This includes encouraging and supporting suitable candidates; voting; active participation by the individual in the political party of his choice; a continuing study of local state, national, and international issues; and sound citizenship programs in our homes, schools, local organizations, and institutions.

As a farm organization, we have an obligation to seek the cooperators who hold beliefs similar to those of other groups and individuals.

Young Farmer Series Set

Claude de St. Paer of the American Farm Bureau Federation will visit Michigan during the week of January 22 to speak to Michigan Young Farmers. A series of luncheon and dinner meetings have been set up across the state for this purpose.

The series of meetings will provide young farmers a background in Farm Bureau. It will also provide an opportunity for young farmers to visit together and exchange farming ideas.

The meeting schedule is: January 22, Fremont at noon, Kalamazoo at night; January 23, Alma at noon and West Branch at night; January 24, Pontiac at noon and Jackson at night; January 25, Saginaw or Bay City at noon and January 26, Traverse City at noon. County Farm Bureau secretaries have other meeting details.

All Young Farmers are invited to attend these meetings.

De-pressed

Little Johnny Taylor Was hearty and hale, Till he slipped on his baler And got packed in a bale.



Farm And Garden Center - Lansing

Shown viewing plans for the new Farm and Garden Center under construction at the Lansing Farm Bureau office location, are (from left) Donald Hamaker, manager of the Lansing retail store, Maynard Brownlee, General Manager of the Farm Bureau Services, Inc., and Raymond Bohnsack, manager of Farm Bureau Services-Retail Division.

The structure will contain three units when completed. A 40 by 90 foot store will be built of brick and concrete block with both front and rear customer entrances. A warehouse will be pole-type construction of 35 by 70 feet. The third section will be a "lath house" with an area of approximately 7,500 square feet.

The new Farm and Garden center is designed to serve rural and urban customers alike with

ample parking space provided. The front of the structure (facing US-16) will match the appearance of the Farm Bureau Center itself.

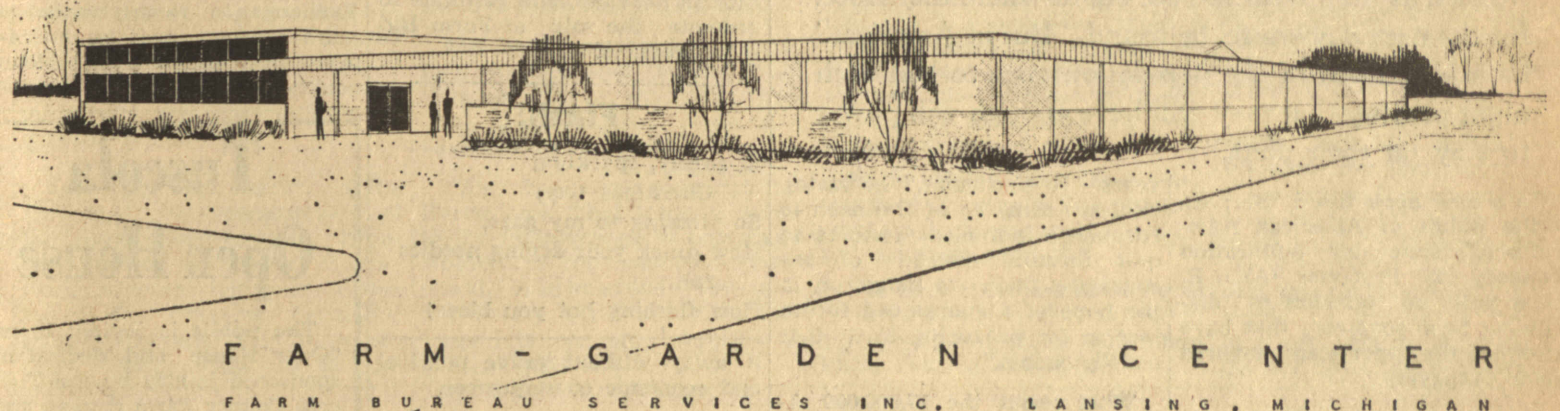
Costing approximately \$60,000, the new building will incorporate under one roof all products now handled through the present retail store and Home-Garden center.

Products handled include: Seed,

feed, fertilizer, fence and roofing, creosote products, insecticides, weed killers, farm hardware, and a complete line of lawn and garden items.

Shrubs, garden and lawn seeds, home and garden sprays and dusts will be included. The improved facility will add greatly to the convenience of local customers, as well as those from "out-state" that visit the Lansing area.

Architect's Conception

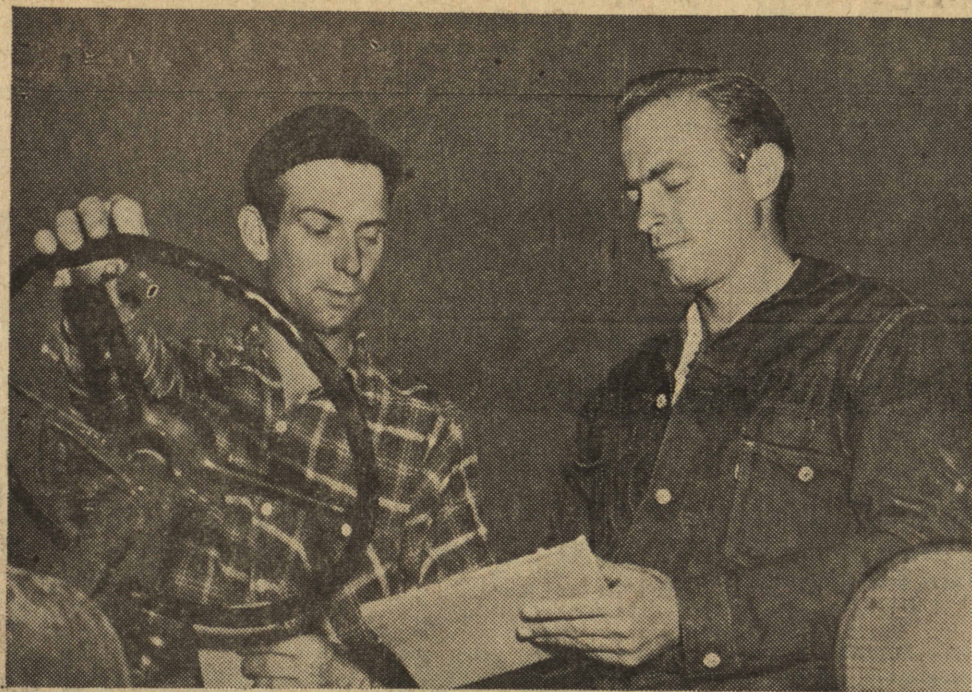


Pictured is the architect's drawing of the new Farm and Garden Center under construction immediately east of the Farm Bureau Center office building in Lansing. Completion date is scheduled for June 1, 1962. Mr. Nuechterlein of Laifala and Nuechterlein

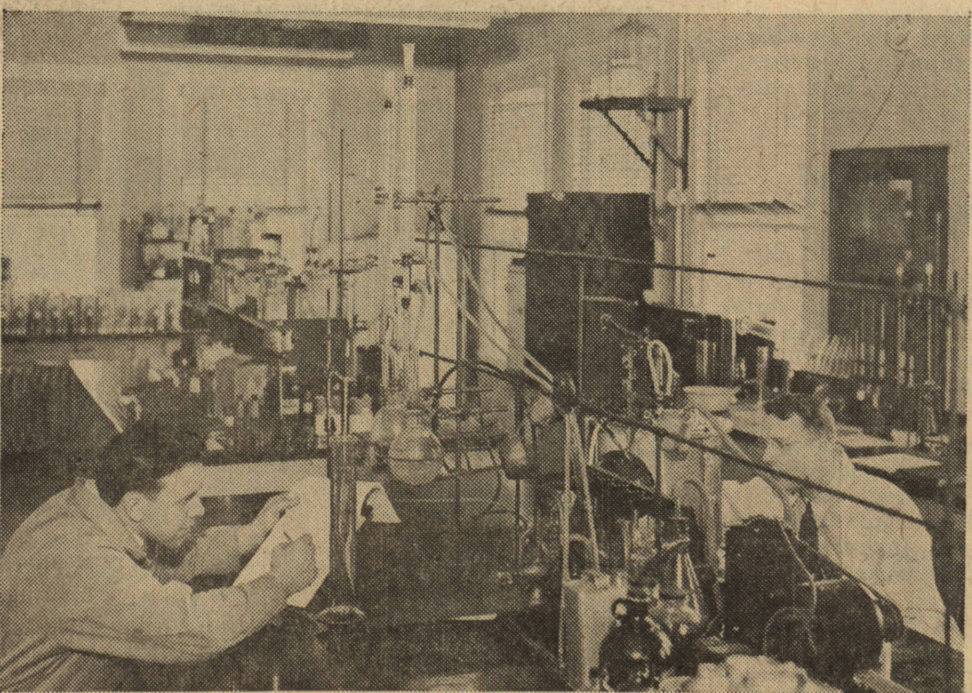
Associates is the architect and Granger Brothers of Lansing, the contractors. The building faces US-16 and will contain three service units.

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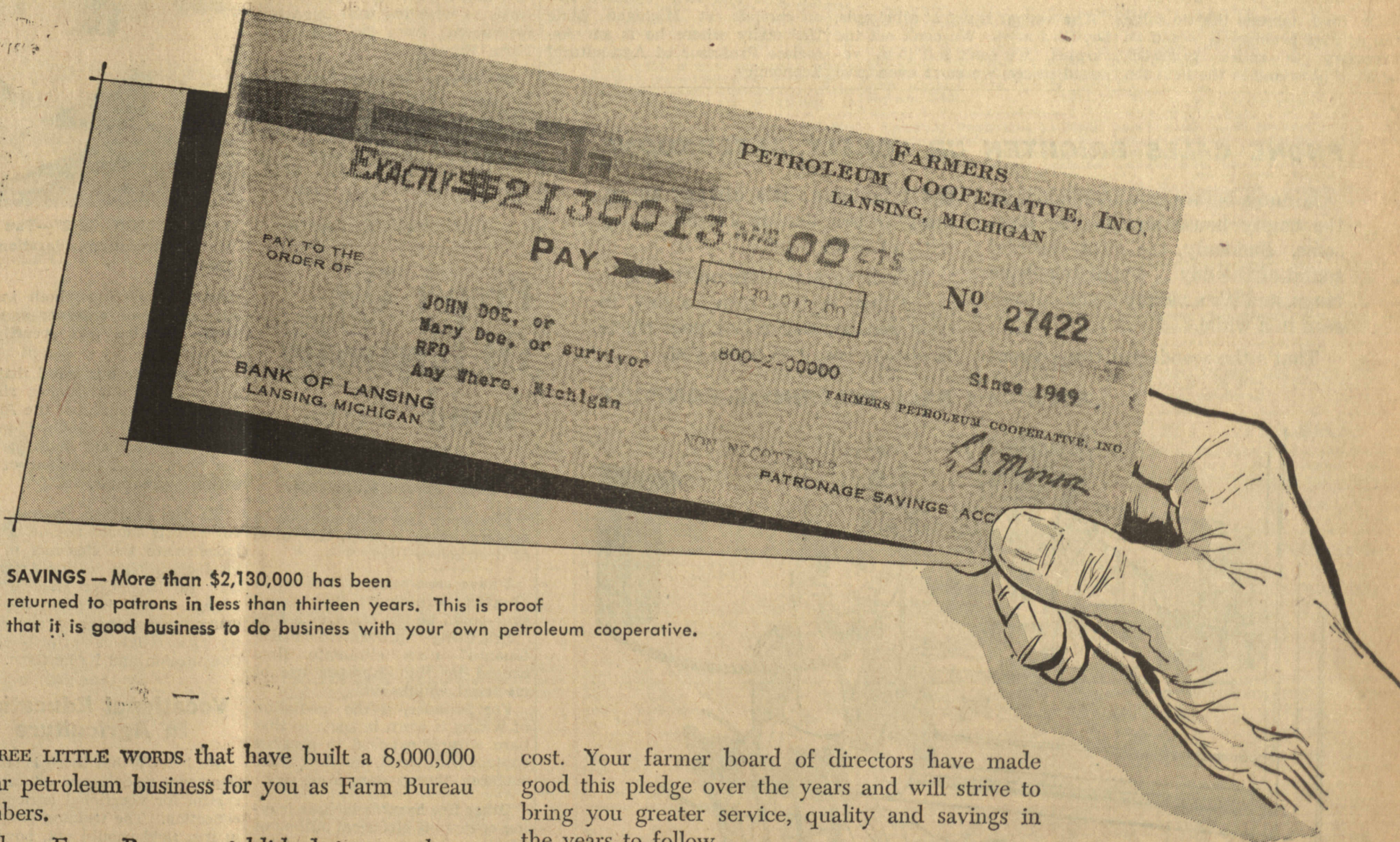
SERVICE, QUALITY & SAVINGS



SERVICE—Farmers petroleum has built a tremendous distribution system during their less than thirteen years of existence. With six large transports and twelve direct distribution units and many local tankwagons they can deliver the product when it is needed.



QUALITY—Your Farm Bureau Petroleum Company has a rigid quality control on all of the products they distribute. They maintain several laboratories in Alliance, Ohio that are constantly checking products to protect you . . . the patron.



SAVINGS—More than \$2,130,000 has been returned to patrons in less than thirteen years. This is proof that it is good business to do business with your own petroleum cooperative.

THREE LITTLE WORDS that have built a 8,000,000 dollar petroleum business for you as Farm Bureau members.

When Farm Bureau established its petroleum company in 1949 these three words had been all but forgotten in the petroleum industry. Now for the thirteenth straight year they are yours for the asking through your farmer owned, farmer controlled, Farm Bureau Petroleum Company.

Farmers Petroleum has always had but one goal . . . To bring farmers of Michigan the very finest products available, at the lowest possible

cost. Your farmer board of directors have made good this pledge over the years and will strive to bring you greater service, quality and savings in the years to follow.

Your tank-wagon salesman or direct distribution agent will be calling on you in the near future on a pre-season booking campaign. This will be your opportunity to share in the many benefits that has made Farmers Petroleum Cooperative the second largest distributor of petroleum products to Michigan farmers in less than thirteen short years. Welcome him when he calls. . . . He can save you money.

FOR ADDITIONAL SAVINGS ORDER YOUR OIL AND GREASE NOW FOR SPRING DELIVERY. SPECIAL PRE-SEASON DISCOUNTS NOW IN EFFECT.

Agreement Signed

Co-ops Cooperate



The Board of Directors of Buchanan Co-ops, Inc., posed for this picture shortly after signing the historic "business Service Agreement" recently. Seated, (left to right) they include: Jesse G. Boyle, C. L. Ehninger, Earl Beck and Robert Camp. Standing, (from left) Norris Young, Don Armstrong, (new manager) former manager R. F. Koenigshof and Ralph Seabast.

Progress has been made in co-operation between co-operatives. Effective January 1, 1962, the Buchanan Co-ops, Inc., and Farm Bureau Services, Inc., entered into a "business-service" agreement. This is the first such agreement and involves one of the largest farmer-owned farm supply cooperatives in Michigan.

The business-service agreement is designed to meet the demands of a new era in operation of farmer cooperatives. It is designed to achieve economies that result from integration with large operations, without loss of control by the local-farmer board of directors.

Buchanan Co-ops looked to Farm Bureau Services for assistance in securing a new manager. Robert Koenigshof, manager for over twenty years, leaves the co-op and will be associated with the Buchanan Federal Savings and Loan Association.

Donald Armstrong, former manager of the Battle Creek Farm Bureau has been selected to replace him.

Services offered include accounting services such as payroll records, patronage records, tax returns, monthly operating statements and an annual audit.

The local cooperative as a stockholder member of Farm Bureau Services, will continue to promote the sale of Farm Bureau products.

A. D. A. Field Representative



James M. Hutchinson

The American Dairy Association of Michigan, this week, announced the appointment of James M. Hutchinson of Ypsilanti as field representative for the newly formed merchandising - membership department.

Hutchinson will be responsible for localizing and expanding the American Dairy Association merchandising and membership activities in the Eastern Michigan markets under the direction of Boyd Rice, Secretary-Manager of the American Dairy Association of Michigan.

The new field representative is married and the father of two children. He is a 1957 Dairy Science graduate of Pennsylvania State University. A dairy farmer by background, he has been employed by Eastern State Farmers Exchange in Pennsylvania, and more recently, was county 4-H agent in Washtenaw and Monroe counties.

Farm Bureau Policy

More MFB Resolutions

Another portion of the Michigan Farm Bureau resolutions on State Affairs is presented to give widest - possible distribution to these important policy statements. These resolutions are Farm Bureau's policy and program within Michigan, for 1962.

Other portions of these policy statements will be printed in future issues.

Rural Electric Service Rights

Rural electric cooperatives have pioneered in making electricity available in rural areas on an area coverage basis.

We urge the enactment of legislation which will protect Michigan Rural Electric Cooperatives against invasion of service areas and loss of consumers wherever such systems provide adequate and dependable service.

School Curriculum

We recognize that not only the preservation of our national defense, but also the progress of our national life and the personal success of our children, depends upon their competence to solve problems faced in everyday living and their fields of work.

We are concerned about the trends of classroom offerings in our schools, which provide merely a special know-how for certain practical situations or the social niceties and which displace the training of youth in the understanding and thoughtful application of basic principles to many varied situations and problems.

We are also concerned that the emphasis in our school offerings puts so much stress on the adjustment of the child to group or social situations at the expense of an emphasis on the full development of the capabilities of the individual child.

We appeal to those in positions of influence in school affairs to correct any such weaknesses in

that they may find employment in areas of work linked to the farming industry.

We believe that the plans, offerings and projects in the vocational agriculture program and in the Future Farmers of America should be changed and redesigned, where necessary, to achieve this objective without reducing the training opportunities for young men who plan to remain active in farming itself.

School Districts

Reorganization of school districts in Michigan has been continuing at an accelerated rate in the past few years.

In the past year 208 school districts have merged with others to form more adequate units. There are now approximately 1,900 school districts. Five hundred and thirty-six districts are operating full elementary and secondary programs.

Although this number comprises only about 27% of the total districts, 90% of all children and 91% of all taxable valuation are in districts offering complete elementary through high school programs.

Much of this reorganization has been accomplished by gradual approaches and with action based upon the decisions of the people in the local districts rather than through directives from a state or national agency, department or authority. This is as it should be.

We will continue to oppose legislation designed to force school reorganization on local districts arbitrarily and in which appeals



SPIRITED DISCUSSION—marked the adoption of resolutions to form the 1961-62 program of work for the Michigan Farm Bureau during the recent annual meeting.

sister state of Ohio the deductible millage rate is 10 mills, with a proportionately higher gross allowance per child. We believe that an increase in the deductible rate in Michigan would provide greater equality of educational opportunity. We favor an increase in the deductible millage rate to 8 mills, with a corresponding increase in the gross allowance per child.

School Building Plans

Under the present laws, school plans must be submitted to the State Department of Education for approval before submitting plans to bidders. The State Fire Marshal does not act on the plans, but when building is well under construction he inspects and makes necessary recommendations for changes, thus creating delay of construction and added costs.

We would urge legislation to make mandatory the approval of school plans by the State Fire Marshal at the same time as such plans are approved by the State Department of Public Instruction.

Governing Boards For State Colleges

It is well known that the University of Michigan, Michigan State University, Wayne State University, Ferris Institute and the College of Mining and Technology are governed by separate boards.

The remaining State colleges

and universities are placed at a handicap in that they have no separate governing boards to direct them, but must function under the direction of the State Board of Education.

The State Board of Education is burdened with many responsibilities, and can give very little time to consider the problems of the remaining State institutions of higher learning. This results in a burden on the State Board of Education and insufficient time to give proper consideration to the problems arising in the State colleges and universities.

We would recommend that a separate Board of Trustees be established to serve each of the State colleges and universities not now served by such a body. We believe that these boards should be elected on a district basis.

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The Riddle Of Farm Surpluses

Recently a nationally-known agricultural speaker told a large crowd that in much of the world people worried as they went to bed, about where their food for the next day would be found. "But in America," he said, "much of the population goes to bed each night praying that they will have enough will-power to stay on their diets."

In a new book titled "Surplus, The Riddle of American Agriculture," slated for publication January 12, Professor Alan R. Bird pulls no punches in discussing farm surpluses that have stumped the experts and angered some taxpayers.

The food surplus problem in the United States is large, Bird points out. The 1962 agricultural appropriation is nearly six billion dollars and economists estimate that it will go as high as eight billion in the next ten years, a large chunk of the taxpayer's money. To top it off, Bird explains, the present programs provide no solution.

Although some people feel that the trouble with American agriculture is that there are too many farmers, few dare offer suggestions in what is recognized as a highly explosive political area.

Dr. Bird suggests that to solve the surplus problem it would be necessary to retire 70,000,000 acres of plowland in the next ten

years. "In particular," he states, "We are thinking of the need to encourage inefficient farmers to quit farming instead of encouraging them to hang on in the hope of a guaranteed future income for producing food that nobody wants."

What about the 17,000,000 Americans who are said to need more food? Economists report that if everyone in this country had been fed as well as he would wish, we could eat out way out of only one-third to one-quarter of the food surplus. Giving the food away to underdeveloped countries carries with it many economic and political problems. As Dr. Bird suggests, "We might do better by sending them fertilizer instead of wheat. Even better, we should be building plants in India instead of sending fertilizer, because agriculture is usually the biggest industry in an underdeveloped country.

The answer is not at all simple, Dr. Bird says. We can't eat the surplus, we can't sell it at reduced prices, we can't even give

Flash!

O, pretty, sparkling Christmas tree, So pleasing to my gaze, How quick your drying needles fall!

How flashing hot you blaze!

it away without grave political and economic consequences.

As Dr. Bird points out, "Our mandate is clear; to get rid of the food surplus problem and not just the food surplus. In his book, "Surplus, The Riddle of American Agriculture," (Springer Publishing Company) Dr. Bird discusses many aspects of the surplus problem, presents differing points of view and examines suggestions made for solving it.

Bird received his Ph.D. from Michigan State University and has received professional awards from several foreign countries. Born in Australia, Dr. Bird and his wife and two children live off-campus at Michigan State University where he is an Associate Professor of Agricultural Economics.

Tuscola Open House

The public is invited to an "Open House and dedication sponsored jointly by the Tuscola County Farm Bureau and the Caro Farmer's Cooperative Elevator, January 23, 1962. The event will be held from the hours of 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with an afternoon program and refreshments for visiting guests.

The address is 444 Green Street, Caro.

Note to Members From E. E. Ungren
To County and Community Farm Bureaus and individual members:

Thank you for your many kind and heart warming letters and cards to wish me well upon my retirement from the Michigan Farm Bureau.

My nearly 41 years with the Michigan Farm Bureau and the Michigan Farm News were an interesting and rewarding experience. I made many fine friends in Farm Bureau work. With my best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,
Einar E. Ungren

Proper Use Of Electricity Avoids Fires

FRANCIS BUST
Fire Safety Engineer
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Electricity that adds so much to modern living is often the cause of destructive fires.

I have seen many situations in electrical equipment that sometime could be the cause of a fire. "Practicing" "preventive maintenance" can eliminate fires caused by the improper use of electrical equipment.

For instance, if the insulation of wiring is worn in spots so that bare wire is exposed to possible contact with wood, metal or other surfaces, there's danger of fire.

Other fire hazards include leaving covers off electrical outlets or junction boxes, loose insulator supports for wiring, use of fuses with too high amperage for safety.

We don't think of people putting pennies behind blown fuses any more, but some do... and invite trouble.

Defective electrical switches and makeshift temporary installations should never be allowed. Sometimes they are close to combustible materials!

Defective or unsafe wiring to electric motors often are the cause of sparks or arcs. Failure to keep a motor free from lint, oil, deposits or dust can result in starting a fire.

There are many safeguards in the use of electrical equipment that could be mentioned, but those I have mentioned are common and can be corrected easily by the property owner.

RESOLUTION "S-2"—Tax Adjustment Study—becomes an object of careful consideration at the Michigan Farm Bureau annual meeting.

curricular offerings, both in the interest of our children and the future progress and security of our nation.

We reiterate our stand that the teachings in our schools should reveal the strengths of the American system of individual opportunity and personal challenge that has been the foundation of our national greatness.

We feel that the classrooms of our schools should not be used to indoctrinate the students in any ideology foreign to our American way of life. We believe that schools should instill in the students the greatness of our country, its religious principles, its Constitution and its heritage.

Vocational Education In Agriculture

We believe that there is still an important role in our educational system for vocational agricultural education. The training programs in this field should not, however, be restricted to young men who will pursue the vocation of farming.

The fullest opportunity should be offered through this program for training young men and women who leave the farm in occupational pursuits related to agriculture.

Fully forty percent of the work force in the United States is employed in related agricultural occupations and in farm production. The offerings in vocational agricultural education and the projects in the Future Farmers of America should take recognition of changing trends in farming and in the business opportunities related to it.

Young people from the farm have the background needed for the related jobs, and the fullest opportunity should be provided so

from local people are restricted or arbitrarily disregarded.

We support legislation that would permit elementary or high school districts to consolidate for a special high school district, or would permit elementary districts to join or annex to an existing high school district, said consolidation or annexation to be at the high school level only, thus permitting the control of the elementary schools to remain in the districts as presently organized.

Equalization of Opportunity

Practically every policy statement regarding the education of children in Michigan holds forth the view that all children should have an equal opportunity for an education regardless of their place of residence.

Our present State school aid formula does not adequately compensate for inequities that have been created by rapid shifts in our population. Industries, with their broad tax potential, locate in or are annexed to cities. Employees take residence in the rural suburbs and townships.

The tax base in the areas receiving increased populations is inadequate to provide schools for the mushrooming pupil load. Farms are taxed beyond their capacity to earn. The situation bids fair to become progressively worse.

The formula for distributing State-aid funds should be made more realistic if children are to be given anything that approaches equal opportunity in education. It would take a deductible millage factor in the State-aid formula amounting to 8 mills to provide an approach to parity of finance for the various school districts.

We would point out that in our

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F. B. Services Employee Honored

Ray Bohnsack, Manager, Retail Division of Michigan Farm Bureau Services, has been selected by the Short-Course Alumni Association to receive the Short Course Alumni Award for distinguished achievement and service. The award will be presented at the Short Course banquet to be held during Farmers Week in Kellogg Center at 6:00 p.m., January 31.

Dr. C. M. Hardin, Chancellor of the University of Nebraska, will be the featured speaker at the banquet. He is the former Dean of the College of Agriculture

and director of the Agricultural Experiment Station at Michigan State University.

Bohnsack was graduated from Short Courses in 1937. In addition to his successful business career with Farm Bureau Services, he has been active in the Association of Michigan Feed and Grain Dealers as Financial Secretary and immediate past president. He has also served as a director of the National Feed and Grain Dealers Association.

His keen interest in young people is exemplified by his work with the Wesley Founda-

tion. He has served 10 years as treasurer and the past three years as president of the Foundation's Board of Trustees.

It is significant that the Short Course banquet at which Bohnsack will be honored, has been selected as the kickoff for the celebration of the centennial of the signing of the Morrill Act and the establishment of the Land-Grant College system. Michigan State was the prototype of this new kind of educational institution which brought with it an "educational revolution" that today is copied

throughout the world.

As the 68 Land-Grant institutions over the nation observe their one-hundredth anniversary, they number less than four per cent of the nation's colleges. Yet they enroll 20 per cent of the nation's undergraduate students and grant forty per cent of the doctoral degrees in every field of study.

Tickets to the Short Course Farmer's Week banquet are available from the Short-Course Department, Michigan State University.

Dates Set for MAFC Institute

The Michigan Association of Farmer Cooperatives (MAFC) will again sponsor a series of "Directors Institutes"—for cooperative directors only, during the month of January and the first part of February. The program is built around acquainting directors with their responsibilities, their relationship with the manager, and examination of sound cooperative financing.

The first meeting will be held January 9, in the First Commercial Savings Bank meeting room at Constantine. Other dates include: January 11, Holiday Inn, Jackson; January 23, Township Hall, Crystal Falls; January 25, Northern Mich. Electric Coop offices, Boyne City.

The February series begins Feb. 7 at the Thumb Electric Cooperative in Uby. February 8, Naismy's Restaurant, Chesaning, and February 9, the By-Pass Motel, Grandville.

Reservations for those planning to attend may be sent to the Michigan Association of Farmer Cooperatives, 4000 North Grand River Avenue, Lansing. It is suggested that all cooperative board members plan to attend.

Stairway to Heaven

The ladder wasn't mended. The acres lie untended. And William with his broken leg is glad his song ain't ended!



Jackson county held "Open-House" December 9th

Jackson county held open-house at its new office building on Lansing Avenue, Jackson, December 9th. Pictured are M. A. Barnard, Editor of the "Farm Bureau Good News" with Robert Nelson, Insurance Agency Manager, and George Crisenbery, county president, discussing the current issue of the paper announcing the open house.

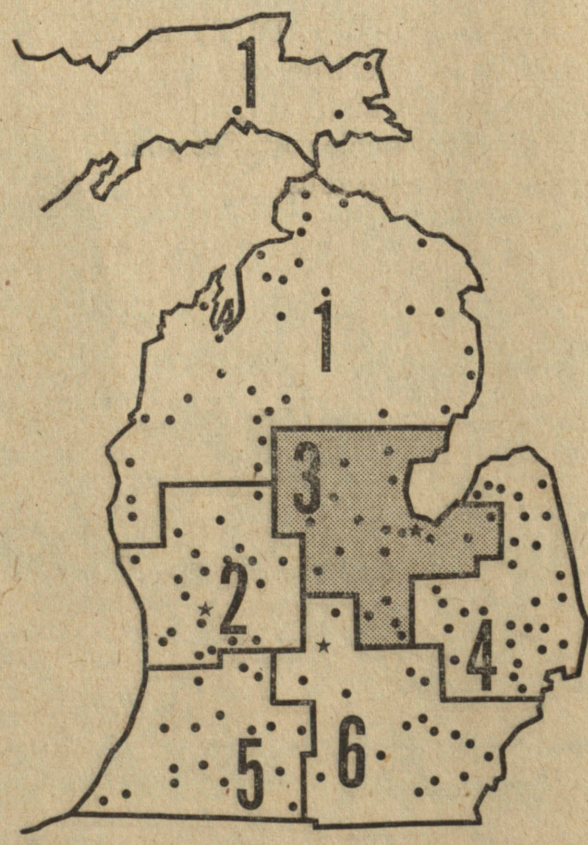
The County Farm Bureau purchased a rural school house and remodeled the inside completely. Mr. Crisenbery stated that the project to date has cost \$5,600—only a fraction of the cost of new construction. The board has plans of remodeling the exterior during the summer of 1962.



ROW 1—John Cahoon and Dean Cahoon, Midland; Don Houlden and Cleo Bradley, Breckenridge; ROW 2—Ray Swanson, Essville; Dale Brown, Oosteo; Lewis Strickland, Gladwin; Gene King, Cass City; ROW 3—Jack Basler, Freeland; Ed Sayers, Coleman; Ed Wightman, Mt. Pleasant; Alvin Johnson, Bay City; ROW 4—Robert Schantz, Caro; Martin Bauer, Hemlock; Reuben Puetz, Saginaw; Leon Dull, Jr., Clare; ROW 5—Vern Hamilton, Byron; Norm Blight, Clio; Edsel Brewer, Chesaning; Steve Haskell, Sterling; ROW 6—Joe Duley, Pinconning; Harold Kline, Bennington; Hubert Terbusch, Akron; Dale Nowlin, Farm Bureau Services Field Representative.

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Feed and Grain Dealers Review Display

Ray Bohnsack, president of the Michigan Feed and Grain Dealer's Association, and Stanley Sherman, Manager of the Michigan Elevator Exchange, are shown checking over one of 27 exhibits at the Feed and Grain Dealers Association annual meeting, December 6, 1961.

The meeting and displays were at the Pantlind Hotel, Grand Rapids. Bohnsack, manager of Farm Bureau Services Retail Division, in his annual address said: "The feed and grain industry operates in an environment of more government and rapidly changing requirements by the agricultural producers of our state and

nation. "Elevators and farm supply business concerns in Michigan are making sizeable investments in plants and equipment to make them more efficient. Thus, they are able to be of greater service to customers of these businesses."

"The rapid trend to an agriculture controlled by centralized government is a very real threat to our competitive free-enterprise system. Every-day business decisions become more difficult and uncertain with commodity markets that react to government control."

A.F.B.F. Testifies At Joint Session

American agriculture's tremendous capacity for efficient production of a wide variety of farm products could be utilized to increase the nation's export earnings, a spokesman for the nation's largest general farm organization said.

Testifying at a hearing of the Foreign Policy Subcommittee of the Joint Congressional Economic Committee, Herbert E. Harris II, assistant legislative director of the American Farm Bureau Federation, said farm exports already make up 26 per-

cent of total U. S. farmer's foreign exports, "could have serious consequences to our balance of payments position." "Agriculture must be kept a full participant in the benefits of trade negotiations," he told the Subcommittee - headed by Representative Hale Boggs (D., La.).

The farm organization spokesman asserted that the European Common Market can be a "bulwark against further communist advances in Europe."

"We have a strong conviction," Harris said, "that trade is a key to the maintenance of peace and freedom in the non-communist world." And he added: "Throughout history, the fact is clear that trade relations are requisite to political alliances."

The U. S. is the world's largest exporter of farm products, Harris said. American agriculture exported over \$4.9 billion worth of farm products last year—the produce of 60 million acres of cropland.

The Farm Bureau spokesman told the Subcommittee trade is also important to farmers because imported supplies help to alleviate the "serious price-cost squeeze which farmers are presently undergoing."

Harris noted that the "rising standard of living in Europe could create a large expanding market for our farm products."

But he warned against a "goal of self-sufficiency for European agriculture" which he said would bring "strong reactions."

A European policy of encouraging excessively high and frequently uneconomic farm price supports would reduce the U. S. to the status of a "residual supplier," he said.

"The Common Market must be prepared to adopt policies and grant concessions in regard to agricultural products if they desire concessions on industrial products."

At the same time the U. S. must adopt "realistic" domestic farm programs, he said.

He warned that government price fixing of U. S. farm products could price U. S. farmers out of world markets. And he declared that this country must set an example to Europe in producing farm products for the market and not for government warehouses.

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The Pros and Cons of a State Income Tax

Community Farm Bureau Discussion Topic for January

Background Material for Program in January by Our 1525 Community Farm Bureau Discussion Groups

The state income tax idea is more than 50 years old. Did you know that Wisconsin established a state personal income tax in 1911, two years before the federal income tax became law? But that's neither here nor there so far as such a tax for Michigan is concerned.

What does carry force at the moment is an action by the Michigan Farm Bureau delegates last November. In debating the matter, they recognized that taxes on Michigan farm property are getting completely out of hand. Could a state income tax, designed to ease the property tax burden, help to answer this problem? They didn't say no. They said, "Let's just take a look at the matter. Let's give it careful study."

Property Tax Predicament

The distress created by taxes on farm property is not just imagination. There are certain facts that loom large and irritating—like a burr under the saddle. Let's put these facts in a nutshell.

1. Farm property taxes have been rising at a time when net farm incomes have been shrinking, due to rising costs of operation. In fact, these taxes are a large factor in these rising costs. The U.S. parity index of prices paid by farmers rose 14% from 1950 to 1959. In the same period, real estate taxes in Michigan soared upward 56%.

2. Property taxes per farm income dollar have gone "into orbit." In 1939-40 real and personal property taxes took 5% of the net income of Michigan farmers. By 1955 the same tax was over 9% of farm incomes. Although it eased off a bit, the percentage has remained high. In some areas of Michigan, farmers were having to "divvy up" as much as 17% of their incomes to pay the property tax bills.

Generally, farmers have been paying two and a half times as much of their net earnings as is true of the average earner in the state of Michigan as a whole (this average including farmers).

3. As urban areas expand, farms are taxed to bear the load of providing new community facilities and services before residential properties are put on the tax rolls—and even afterward. These are things that the farmer usually does not need and cannot use.

Tax Overload on Farm Land

Assessment practices, too, often sharpen the farmer's problem. Seeing the broad acres of the farm in contrast with small residence lots, assessors are apt to overassess the farm land and underassess the residence plots. This compounds the injury.

A Michigan State University study shows that while taxes tripled in agricultural townships from 1940 to 1955, on the other hand, they multiplied elevenfold in the expanding urbanized townships. Taxes on farms are often set in terms of the sale value of the land for suburbs, rather than its value as farming land. And this often done far in the advance of the need for, or any prospect of, using the land for residence or business places.

Tax Rate Per Acre

4. Farm real estate taxes have been rising on the average of 9% per year since 1949. The tax rate per acre averaged 42c in 1942. In 1959, the average tax was \$1.75 per acre. This is a return to the high farm tax levels of the 1920's.

Some of the better-than-average farm lands in southern Michigan are paying real estate taxes well over \$4.00 per acre.

With all of this in the background, is it any wonder that some farmers are looking for ways of easing the pressure? Farmers are paying the largest percentage of the costs of local government services in a majority of Michigan counties.

A Way Out - State Income Tax?

Could a state income tax be used to ease this burden? Suppose that the proceeds from such a tax were redistributed by the state to County and local governments to finance schools and local government services. This would need proper laws to make

it possible. But it does have possibilities.

A state income tax would not necessarily mean more taxes for the farmer. In fact, it could mean less taxes for him. The Conlin study suggested that a flat rate income tax be substituted for property taxes to a large degree and that the business activities tax be eliminated.

Such a development could find the farmer with a reduced tax burden. Farmers, being generally in the lower net income brackets, do not pay as high a percentage of income taxes as other income groups. The only comparison available showed that in 1955 farmers paid 5.6% of their incomes in federal income taxes, while non-farm people averaged 10.6% of their personal incomes surrendered in federal tax returns.

Local Crisis and Federal Aid Appeal?

Farm economists have pointed a warning finger at a danger. Since property taxes cannot keep pace with growing local needs for facilities and services, they declare that people are being driven to appeal to the federal government to meet the crisis. The Michigan Education Association promotes this point vigorously.

Other people point wistfully to the dollars going to Washington and declare that we should take steps to keep some of this money at home. This could be done through a state income tax with proper provisions for deductions.

Payments of state taxes are deductible from the federal income tax. Economists say that where states also permit taxpayers to deduct the federal income tax, the total combined state and federal income taxes are only a little more than the present federal tax.

If so, this arrangement would whack off a corner of the money now going into federal coffers and keep it nearer home to meet our needs. Thirty or more states now have state income taxes. Sixteen of them allow full deduction of the federal tax. Four more allow the deduction of part of it.

Have We Hit the Ceiling?

Economists say that property taxes have only one way to go under our present Michigan tax structure—Up. County and local governments have no basic source of revenue other than property taxes as it now stands. And the limit has been reached at which this tax base can be tapped without hazard to property. A rule of sound taxation is that "any tax which confiscates property destroys it as a base of taxation." We have about hit that ceiling.

Would Income Tax Be Asking For Trouble?

There are folks who vigorously challenge the idea of a state in-



come tax in Michigan. "Who wants to add another basic tax? Look at the record established by the voters. They rejected a state income tax at the polls in 1922, 1924, 1934 and 1936. They passed a one-cent increase in the sales tax in 1960. This was widely recognized as a rejection of the idea of a state income tax."

Many fear that to legalize a state income tax is to open the door to a whole new segment of wealth to be exploited by state government. Central governments make a habit of spreading their taxing powers as widely as the law permits. They are constantly seeking more revenue. They spend all they can get then ask for more. Isn't this the way it goes?

With incomes free to be tapped, any majority group can vote benefits to itself at the expense of the people. This can bring the "welfare state" right home to our doors.

Big Oaks from Little Acorns

A new tax is often introduced without much shock—easy on the taxpayer. But then limitations and exemptions are gradually removed and the drain on the tax base increases. What assurance have we that such a trend would not be followed in case of a state income tax in Michigan?

We may raise a question, too, as to whether the revenues from an income tax would be returned to local governments for very long. The present argument grows against "earmarking" of state collected funds for schools and roads. State reimbursement programs are now very insecure.

Control the Purse-strings, And —

Another vigorous point of protest—"shift the tax collecting power and you shift authority from local government to a central government." Reimbursements from central to local governments always bear the tag "compliance with regulations required." The authority of central officials supercedes and displaces the authority of local officials and of the people.

And when central governments become cash distributing agencies, another "jack-in-the-box" pops up. With a financial pie to cut by the government, pressure groups of all sorts multiply, each seeking a bigger cut of the pie. Votes can be traded for such cuts of pie. The more there is to kick back, the more pressing demands become.

A Graduated Tax?

Some people are demanding a state income tax with a graduated scale of rates. Such a tax is based primarily on the "ability to pay." While that may sound just and desirable on the surface, we must look at its consequences.

Such a tax takes from those with initiative, ambition and skill, from those who strive for success, and gives the gain to those who lack these qualities. The result is to weaken the effort of the ambitious and to make the indolent less responsible than ever for their own welfare. A nation of weak and irresponsible people cannot progress and may not long survive.

And the personal income tax brings the police power of the state into your own private and personal business affairs. The government becomes a watch dog and auditor of your personal accounts. You may have to defend yourself and pay penalties if your accounts do not suit the auditors.

Some Moves to Relieve Pressure

Some states have taken other forms of action to relieve the

pressure of farm property taxes. California, Florida, Maryland and New Jersey have been working on laws by which farming land is not to be taxed for other than agricultural uses. The land is zoned agricultural until the time arrives when it is needed for other purposes. Assessors cannot assess the farm land except as farm land. In some of the states mentioned, these laws are in effect.

In Ontario, Canada, the farm is

put on a par with other residence property for school tax purposes. The farmer is assessed only on the value of his farm home plus one acre of land for school purposes. The rest of the farm carries no school tax assessment.

Quite a bit of relief could be brought to the farmer's tax problems by the use of such idea in Michigan. They would tend to bring more equity between farm and residential assessed valuations, at least.

January 15-17

Co-op Council Meets In Calif.

Michigan farmers will be well represented at the annual meeting of the National Council of Farmer Cooperatives, to be held in San Francisco, Calif., January 15-17. The Council is a nationwide organization of farmer-cooperatives engaged in the marketing and purchasing of farm production supplies.

The Council represents approximately 5,000 farmer-cooperatives in this country and Puerto Rico. They serve nearly three million farmer-members. "Cooperative Services from raw material to the end product" has been selected as the meeting theme. Both

general sessions and special conferences will be focused on this idea.

Dr. G. Burton Wood, head of the Agricultural Economics department at Oregon State College, will be the keynote speaker at the opening general assembly program Monday, January 15. Also slated is a panel discussion featuring representatives of cooperative organizations including Harold Jordan, General Manager of the Indiana Farm Bureau Cooperative Association.

Representing the Michigan Farm Bureau at the meeting will

be Walter Wightman, president, board members Elton Smith and Eugene Roberts, Secretary-Manager Clarence Prentice and Ed Steffen, Legal Counsel.

Farm Bureau Services will be represented by Marten Garn president, and Maynard Brownlee, Manager. Farmer's Petroleum Cooperative by Tom Konig, president, and Jack McKendry, Manager.

The Market Development Division of the Michigan Farm Bureau will be represented by Ward Cooper, Manager and Noel Stuckman, Coordinator. Robert Braden will represent the Michigan Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Association (MACMA) and the Michigan Association of Farmer Cooperatives will be represented by both L. A. Cheney, Secretary-Manager and by Marten Garn, who is also president of MAFC and of Farm Bureau Services.

Discussion Topics

Discussion topics are selected by your State Discussion Topic Committee from results of ballots returned by Community Farm Bureau Groups. Later this month, the Committee meets to plan the next 6 months' topic series.

Feb. Challenges to Americanism in our Schools.

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