

Agri-Pac: Political Muscle" for Farmers

"By supporting those who support us, the Michigan Farm Bureau AgriPac is beefing up agriculture's political muscle and serving notice that, when it comes to the ball game of politics, farmers are going to swing a heavy bat," announced MFB President Elton R. Smith, at a press conference on June 21.

The press conference was called to make public announcement of the "Friends of Agriculture" selected by AgriPac for active support in the 1978 elections.

Following the primary elections, additional "Friends of Agriculture" will be designated by Agri-Pac for such offices as gubernatorial and other open seats.

Shown with President Smith answering questions from the news media are AgriPac treasurer Robert E. Braden (left) and secretary Albert A. Aimy (right).



"Friends of Agriculture" to Receive Support

For the first time in its 59-year-history, the Michigan Farm Bureau has a political action arm, authorized by member-delegates at the last annual meeting. Known as AgriPac, the political action arm will give active support to candidates seeking public office. AgriPac recently sent letters to all members offering the opportunity to make voluntary political contributions to "Friends of Agriculture." These contributions will be disbursed by AgriPac, based on need and effectiveness for agriculture, to candidates who have been designated as "Friends of Agriculture."

These designated "Friends of Agriculture" -- 61 candidates for U.S. Senate, U.S. House of Representatives, state Senate and state House of Representatives -- were announced at a press conference held at Farm Bureau Center in Lansing on June 21.

The criteria used by the MFB AgriPac in selection of the "Friends of Agriculture" included: (1) voting records on major issues affecting agriculture, (2) degree of special effort to introduce, support, or oppose legislation in accordance with the position of agriculture, (3) overall support of Farm Bureau policy, and (4) special factors such as attendance at Farm Bureau meetings, communication on legislative issues and liaison with Farm Bureau personnel on legislative development.

Selection of the "Friends of Agriculture" was part of a six point political action program unanimously approved by voting delegates at the last MFB annual meeting. The six-point program included: (1) naming of the MFB Political Action Committee, (2) assistance to County Farm Bureaus in forming mini-PACs, (3) analysis of voting records and designation of "Friends of Agriculture," (4) solicitation of voluntary contribution from members to be used in supporting the election campaigns of "Friends of Agriculture," (5) publication of their voting records (contained in this issue) and (6) encouragement for every member to register and vote in both the 1978 primary and general elections.

Designated "Friends of Agriculture" in the 1978 campaigns include:

U.S. SENATE

Robert Griffin (R-Traverse City)

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Carl Pursell (R-Ann Arbor)
Garry Brown (R-Kalamazoo)
David Stockman (R-St. Joseph)
Harold Sawyer (R-Rockford)
Guy VanderJagt (R-Luther)
Al Cederberg (R-Midland)
William Broomfield (R-Birmingham)

STATE SENATE

Richard Allen (R-Alma)
Donald Bishop (R-Rochester)
Gary Corbin (D-Clio)
Alvin DeGrow (R-Pigeon)
Harry DeMaso (R-Battle Creek)
James DeSana (D-Wyandotte)
Jerome Hart (D-Saginaw)
John Hertel (D-Harper Woods)
Kerry Kammer (D-Pontiac)
Art Miller, Jr. (D-Warren)
Robert VanderLaan (R-Kentwood)
John Welborn (R-Kalamazoo)
Robert Young (R-Saginaw)

STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thomas Anderson (D-Southgate)
Loren Armbruster (R-Caro)
James Barcia (D-Bay City)
Connie Binsfield (R-Maple City)
Thomas Brown (D-Westland)
Larry Burkhalter (D-Lapeer)
Michael Busch (R-Saginaw)
Martin Buth (R-Rockford)
Louis Cramton (R-Midland)
Lewis Dodak (D-Montrose)
Richard Fessler (R-Union Lake)
Edgar Geerlings (R-Muskegon)
Don Gilmer (R-Augusta)
Jack Gingrass (D-Iron Mountain)
Russell Hellman (D-Dollar Bay)
Quincy Hoffman (R-Applegate)
Dominic Jacobetti (D-Negaunee)
William Jowett (R-Port Huron)
Raymond Kehres (D-Monroe)
Bela Kennedy (R-Bangor)
Everitt Lincoln (R-Concord)
Edward Mahalak (D-Romulus)

George Montgomery (D-Detroit)
Charles Mueller (R-Linden)
Ernest Nash (R-Dimondale)
Ralph Ostling (R-Boscommon)
Paul Porter (D-Quincy)
Mark Siljander (R-Three Rivers)
Roy Smith (R-Saline)
Claude Trim (D-Davisburg)
Don VanSingel (R-Grant)
Charles Varnum (R-Manistique)
Robert Welborn (R-Kalamazoo)

SPECIAL CATEGORY

The following Legislators are also designated as "Friends of Agriculture" but due to special circumstances as explained below have been placed in this category by the MFB AgriPac.

--Senator Toepp and Representative Engler are "Friends of Agriculture" and both are seeking the 36th Senate seat. Neither candidate endorsed over the other in the primary, but the winner will be endorsed for election in the November 7 general election.

--Representatives DeStigter and Fredricks are also "Friends of Agriculture" and both are running for the 23rd Senate seat. Neither candidate is endorsed over the other in the primary, but the winner will be endorsed for election in the November 7 general election.

--Representative Gast is seeking the 22nd Senate seat. Based on his strong record in the House, he is designated a "Friend of Agriculture" and endorsed as the preferred candidate for the 22nd Senate seat.

--Representative Mowat is seeking the 19th Senate seat. He is designated a "Friend of Agriculture" and endorsed as the preferred candidate for the 19th Senate seat.

--Senator Davis is seeking the 11th Congressional seat. Based on his strong record in the Michigan Senate, he is designated a "Friend of Agriculture" and endorsed as the preferred candidate for the 11th Congressional seat.

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From the Desk of the President

WANTED: Busy People to Serve Agriculture

County Farm Bureaus will be involved in one of their most important decision-making activities this month - the appointment of committees. Sadly, this selection process, this naming of people who will determine the effectiveness of the county unit - and consequently the entire organization - has not always received the study and serious consideration it deserves.

Sometimes the county committee lists are duplicates of the last appointments; they did a "fair" job so why not appoint them again? When this "easy way out" procedure is used, no new thinking, no new ideas are surfaced to keep the county organization a vital, moving force for its members.

Or, we find county boards searching in desperation for people who "have the time"

to take on a committee responsibility. Have you ever noticed that in our top county Farm Bureaus - the outstanding leadership consists of busy people who, because they believe in themselves and in their organization, somehow or other FIND the time, not only to fulfill their responsibilities in their appointed assignments, but also to go the "extra mile" for worthwhile accomplishments? If you have a particular top operating farmer in mind for a committee appointment, but fear he or she is "too busy" to accept - just take the time to tell WHY the organization needs them for that certain job and why you think they can do it more effectively than anyone else.

I think the past State Study Committees that have been appointed to chart the future course of our organization are good examples of how well this method works. Each one of these elite groups has been made up of busy people - almost as if that were one of the criteria for their selection. They were not only busy

on their farms, they were also busy in their home communities, giving them the broad farmer-citizen thinking and diversified input that our organization needed.

Another reason these people were so successful in their appointed roles is that they had a specific goal to work toward, to motivate and guide them in their activities. When members are appointed to a county committee, they deserve this same consideration - a well-defined goal for direction. Without that goal, it will be an exercise in frustration for those you appoint, with talents, time and energy wasted in the process.

Our organization has weathered some rather unique challenges this past year, the greatest one being that some members were questioning whether Farm Bureau was really serving farmers. This problem created some real concern on the part of county Farm Bureaus.

Granted, most of the members who were doing the

questioning were those who were not active in the organization, who were not aware that Farm Bureau had people working full-time for the interests of farmers in Lansing and in Washington, D.C. And - strange as it seems to me - they did not know that Farm Bureau's policies are developed by the farmer-members themselves.

However, I believe this challenge can be good for our Farm Bureau. Those of us who are active in the organization tend to take it for granted and assume that every member knows what it is and what it can do for farmers. When its effectiveness is questioned, it makes us realize that we have work to do, especially in the area of broadened member-involvement. People who work through the organization to solve their problems never ask "What has Farm Bureau done for me?" They know.

The real strength of our organization lies with the county Farm Bureaus - right

where the members live. A strong, aggressive county unit can accomplish literally anything its members need. That's what its goal should be - to serve its members. And to reach that goal, it must have effective county committees. That's what Farm Bureau is - people working together to help themselves.

There is no room in Farm Bureau for "paper committees." We need county committees made up of farmers who are committed to building a better organization, able to meet any challenges that lie ahead for its members.

If you are in a leadership position now and will be involved in the committee selection process, I strongly urge you to try to surface such people. If you are not, but know of a member who has a special concern or interest and the potential for contributing to the effectiveness of a particular committee, take a moment to call your county president and suggest that person. It could even be YOU.

Elton R. Smith

Somebody Out There IS Listening

There was joy in the hearts of FARM NEWS editors this past month when we received evidence that we had four readers! There was a humorous card from our good friend and secretary of the Ingham County Farm Bureau, Jean Scutt; some words of praise from Paradise (Dan Reed, who gets an extra 10 points for sending those words to our boss!); a great letter from Dean Cousino of the MONROE EVENING NEWS who thinks we deserve another one-year contract, and a postcard from Mrs. Gertie Berends, Kent County Farm Bureau member who enjoyed our front-page bouquet.

Now, you may wonder - what's such a big deal? Four readers out of over 62,000 families is cause for jubilation? Well... our "research" is not exactly scientific and we have high hopes that readership is higher than our evidence indicates. There are times, however, when we really do wonder... like when someone suggests we explain the policy development process to members... and we already did.

But, it's not only writing for the member-publication that makes one want to holler

occasionally: "Hey! Out there! Is anybody listening?" We send a weekly packet of information to newspapers, radio and television stations that have requested agricultural material from us. It's a deadline that comes around so fast our heads spin and, with mounting postage rates, we sometimes ask if it's really worth the effort and cost. Then, along comes some proof that, indeed, somebody has received the message and is passing it on to others. Such was the case recently when we used a tongue-in-cheek editorial on carrots. It's printed here on this page, just in case you didn't read or hear it.

We were pleased to learn that it was used by many of the media, including a couple of the "biggies" - WGN, Chicago, and WJR, Detroit.

The North Dakota Farm Bureau also used it in their state and got some comical reaction, which NDFB Information Director Earl Forkner shared with us. One editor told Earl he had received a call from a local doctor two days after the carrot editorial was run. The doctor reported he had about six people come in for a check-up because they enjoyed their daily quota of



carrots and began to worry about whether they were candidates for cancer.

Another editor noted that a local nursing home served glazed carrots every Thursday for lunch. Because it was a favorite of the residents, an extra-large quantity was cooked each week. However, the week the editorial appeared, the nursing home dietician called the newspaper and threatened - good naturedly, of course - to dump the entire batch on the front steps of the paper because not one resident would touch their glazed carrots that week.

"I guess if the readers believe the tongue-in-cheek editorials, hopefully they believe the others, too," writes Earl. "Perhaps we can assume we are getting the message across."

It's words of wisdom like that (Earl's pearls?) - and your four letters - that keep us pounding away, sending messages and hoping someone is receiving them.

Beware of the Carrot!

More and more individuals and organizations are publicly revealing the ridiculous methodology in research and statistics used by food faddists to support their suggested bans. The Northern California Section of the Institute of Food Technologists came up with its own tongue-in-cheek analysis of that methodology:

"Carrots will kill you! Every carrot you eat brings you nearer to death. Although leading horticulturists have long known that *Daucus Carota* is a delicious vegetable, the thinking man has failed to grasp the terrifying significance in the phrase: 'Sure it helps your night vision, but what does it do to your liver?'"

"Carrots are associated with all the major diseases of the body. Eating them breeds wars and communism. They can be related to most airline tragedies. Auto accidents are caused by carrots. There exists a positive relationship between crime waves and consumption of this vegetable. For example:

"-Nearly all sick people have eaten carrots. The effects are obviously cumulative.

"-99.9 percent of all people who die from cancer have eaten carrots.

"-99.9 percent of all American soldiers have eaten carrots.

"-96.8 percent of all Red sympathizers have eaten carrots.

"-99.9 percent of the people involved in air and auto accidents ate carrots within 60 days preceding the accident.

"-93.1 percent of juvenile delinquents come from homes where carrots are served frequently.

"Evidence points to the long-term effects of carrot-eating: "-Of the people born in 1839 who later dined on carrots, there has been a 100 percent mortality.

"-All carrot eaters born between 1849 and 1859 have wrinkled skin, have lost most of their teeth, have brittle bones and failing eyesight, if the ills of eating carrots have not already caused their death.

"Even more convincing is the report of a noted team of medical specialists: rats force-fed with 20 pounds of carrots per day for 30 days developed bulging abdomens. Their appetites for wholesome food were destroyed.

"The only way to avoid the deleterious effects of carrot-eating is to change the eating habits. Eat orchid petal soup. Practically no one has any problems from eating orchid petal soup."

Carter's Beef Import Action Irks Farmers

"Grandstand Play" for Consumers

The beef industry, just beginning to recover after four years in a loss position, was recently dealt a blow by the Carter Administration's move to allow increased meat imports into the U.S. Despite strong opposition by Farm Bureau and other farm organizations to attempts by the federal government to control beef prices, President Carter announced on June 8 that the administration would renegotiate the voluntary import restraint agreements with 13 nations that export beef to the U.S. The net effect will be to allow an additional 200 million pounds of beef to be imported into the country this year.

His action provoked the anger of farmers throughout the nation. American Farm Bureau President Allan Grant, a beef producer himself, said, "It is unfair to a struggling American industry to interfere with a recovery that has taken so long to achieve," and warned that weakening the American beef industry would drive consumer prices higher in the long run.

At a press conference on June 9 at Farm Bureau Center in Lansing, three Michigan farmers blasted Carter's decision to allow additional beef imports into the country.

Elton R. Smith, president of the Michigan Farm Bureau; David Morris, Grand Ledge beef producer and president of the Michigan Live Stock Exchange, and Dick Knirk, Branch County beef producer, all told reporters that consumers will suffer, along with the beef industry, from Carter's action.

"The U.S. Department of Agriculture had admitted that the extra imports will only shave a few cents a pound off the retail price of beef," Smith said. "What the President's action really does is send a signal to beef producers not to expand their herds, and that is bad news for the consumers of the

future. In the long run, it is better for consumers and producers if the market system and the free market are allowed to work. This government action shows farmers that the Carter administration has little faith in the free enterprise system - which has repeatedly demonstrated its ability to provide ample, reasonably-priced food supplies for this country."

Morris questioned why the administration had singled out the beef industry, while all other costs, such as automobiles, were also increasing. "How long can this kind of harrassment be taken by our industry?" he asked. "Consumers have experienced no shortage of our product in the supermarket or in the restaurants, and if they hope to continue to have an ample supply in the future, they should keep consuming our beef. The American farmer has not forsaken the consumer. We're doing our part to maintain a stable economic system and this type of government intervention is demoralizing to our industry."

Knirk explained the frustration of farmers who cannot afford to compete with the auto industry in wages paid to employees. "There's no way I can pay my employees a comparable wage because there just isn't the profit in the food industry whether it's in the retail end of it, the wholesale, or in farming. We operate strictly on a supply and demand basis. We've not asked for government support in the past and we want to keep it that way," he said.

The farmers stressed that beef producers are not the culprits in the inflation problem faced by both farmers and consumers. The root of the inflation problem, they said, was runaway government spending and that the administration's attack on beef prices was merely a grandstand play for consumers.



Dick Knirk (left), a Branch County beef producer and county Farm Bureau President, explained how beef producers operate strictly on a supply and demand basis at a press conference held at Farm Bureau Center on June 9 in reaction to President Carter's action to allow additional beef imports into the U.S. Appearing on the panel with Knirk were MFB President Elton Smith and David Morris, Grand Ledge beef producer and president of the Michigan Livestock Exchange.

Rep. Porter Urges Carter to Rescind Action

Calling President Carter's decision to relax import restrictions on beef products "counterproductive" and "another affront to the American farmer," State Representative Paul Porter (D-Quincy) has introduced a legislative resolution urging the President to rescind his action.

Porter, Chairman of the House Committee on Agriculture, warned that the import decision will result in a staggering loss in the US beef industry in terms of labor, which will be reflected in every stage of beef production - from breeding to

raising the grain and corn to feeding the cattle.

"The decision to increase imports by 15 percent is of questionable economic soundness," Porter said. "In allowing some 200 million pounds of beef, equivalent to 140,000 head of cattle, to enter the market, prices will once again in all probability go below the point where it is feasible for American producers to make a living. When we reach that point, cattlemen must reduce herds, which in the long range drives prices upwards and creates beef shorages.

"In light of the fact that prices have only approached

the level which induces cattlemen to increase their herds, the President's action defeats economic logic. In addition, increasing America's demand on the international beef market can only drive prices up worldwide."

Porter added, "the planned increase in the importation of beef is a short-sighted, stop-gap move and an impediment to American agriculture which ought not to be implemented. It would be yet another affront to the American farmer, making it even more difficult for him to make a living."

Beef Industry Aims for Consumer Support

Farm Bureau, in cooperation with producers, packers and retailers, is increasing its efforts to gain consumer understanding as the nation faces an era of higher meat prices.

This action, approved by the AFBF Board of Directors at an early June meeting, is one of the many recommendations that came from a recent meeting of the AFBF Beef Cattle Advisory Committee and a special livestock and meat situation conference.

Another approved recommendation calls for a "positive, honest approach to assure consumers that the meat industry is cognizant of their needs and that it can produce all the meat they desire."

Farm Bureau is urging individual states to hold livestock and meat situation conferences to encourage meat packers, retailers and the news media to get the story across to consumers that "beef is a good buy,"

noting that the beef industry is responding to higher prices and beginning to rebuild cattle herds after four years of cutting back.

The board also approved a recommendation that Farm Bureau not oppose simultaneous registration and voting if a referendum is held again on approval and funding of a producers' promotion program under the Beef Research and Information Act. Attached to the Senate version of the Farm Credit Bill (H.R. 11504), which is now before a House-Senate conference committee, are amendments to the act that would provide that a referendum conducted among beef producers may be approved by a majority of those voting; but it would not change the requirements in the present law that (1) in order to be eligible to vote in a referendum, a producer must first register and (2) in order for a referendum to be valid, at least 50 percent of the registered producers must have voted.

Worker's Comp Changes

In response to a resolution passed at Michigan Farm Bureau's 1977 annual meeting, Farm Bureau Insurance Group has changed the policy period for Safety Group Worker's Compensation policies for agricultural workers.

The new policy period will be the calendar year (January 1 to December 31) instead of July 1 to June 30, as was previously the case.

The change which was requested by delegates at MFB's annual meeting last December, was made to provide renewal dates which are more compatible with the fiscal year of the Safety Group policyholders.

The Safety Group Worker's Compensation Program is available exclusively to Farm Bureau members who employ agricultural workers. If the Safety Group experiences a relatively safe year without excessive losses, the participating Farm Bureau members can receive dividends ranging from five percent to 45 percent.

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"Supply Center" Welcomes Visitors at Open House July 15

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BRING THE FAMILY

An all-Michigan products luncheon and tours of the complete Saginaw Farm Bureau Services - Michigan Elevator Exchange facility at Zilwaukee will be featured at an Appreciation Day and Open House on July 15, 1978.

To area patrons, the combined services of the grain terminal, farm supply warehouse and retail center are commonly known as the "Supply Center." Managers at this FBS-MEE farmer service complex are proud of their broad service capability and the fact that the remodeled terminal will increase the efficient handling of Michigan grown grain and beans.

Visitors to the "Supply Center" will be welcomed by the manager of the MEE grain terminal, Dale Ackley; farm supply warehouse manager, Maury Tase; and retail center manager, Tom Armstrong.

At the MEE grain terminal, farmers will view new hi-



An Appreciation Day and Open House will be held at the FBS-MEE Supply Center in Zilwaukee on July 15.

speed shipping and receiving equipment. Four unloading pits can handle 37,000 bushels per hour and its dryer has the capacity of 8000 bushels per hour resulting in faster turnaround time for patrons. Three thousand items are

offered through the retail center for purchase and all 3000 are inventoried and readily available in the farm supply warehouse. The farm supply warehouse also serves other FBS cooperative locations in Michigan.

Sale specials featuring some of those 3000 items will be available to visitors at the retail center on July 15, but the best bargain will be offered at absolutely no cost to the customer -- a free Michigan lunch.

Legislators Served Bean Treats

Capitol Bean Day, 1978



Representative Quincy Hoffman, Governor Milliken, Jack McAlpine and Howard Russell, the last two from Fairgrove, enjoy ladling bean soup at Capitol Bean Day.

Bean Soup at Capital Bean Day, 1978, was so good that Governor William G. Milliken ended up with 2 cups, ladled out by Jack McAlpine, second from right, and Howard Russell, right, both of Fairgrove in Tuscola County. Fairgrove is the home of the Michigan Bean Festival, held each Labor Day weekend.

The bean pot, which holds about 200 gallons, is taken to festivals and events throughout the state by members of the Bean Festival committee. At left on the photo is Rep. Quincy

Hoffman of Applegate.

Another part of the traditional bean-boosting day is a spread of beanbase cakes, cookies, candies, doughnuts, rolls and breads prepared by Gratiot County Farm Bureau Women, who bring several thousand treats to the Capitol, where they are served to Legislators, administrative officers, staff and other Capitol personnel and visitors, to acquaint them with the nutrition, variety and versatility of Michigan beans. With the Gratiot

County group was Queen Tammy Jean Reeves of Ithaca, daughter of Gratiot County Farm Bureau member Robert Reeves, and the first county bean queen chosen in 1978. She'll represent her county at the Michigan Bean Festival in Fairgrove. The Capitol Bean Day event is sponsored annually by the Michigan Bean Commission, which is charged by the Legislature to carry out promotions and production research in behalf of the bean industry of the state.

Members Appointed to Cherry Committee

Four Farm Bureau members have been appointed or reappointed to the Michigan Cherry Committee by Governor William Milliken.

George Kelly of Traverse City, member of the Northwest Michigan County Farm Bureau, was appointed to succeed Fred H. Dohm of Traverse City, who did not seek reappointment. A fruit farmer and farm manager - part owner of Seaberg Farms, Kelly is a former member of the Michigan Association of Cherry Producers board. He will represent sweet cherry growers on the committee.

Donald Kroupa of Traverse City, NWM Farm Bureau member; Harry D. Overhiser, South Haven, Allegan County Farm Bureau member, and Elmer Peterson, Ludington, Mason County Farm Bureau

member, were all reappointed for terms expiring February 1, 1981.

Kroupa, 2464 Kroupa Rd., a fruit farmer and former director of the Michigan Association of Cherry Producers, serves as a grower member representing District No. 1. A former member of Peninsula Township Board of Review, he was first appointed in 1975.

Overhiser, a fruit grower and owner, serves as a representative of District No. 3 and was first appointed in 1972. He is a former president of the State Horticultural Society and a past president of the Michigan Cherry Producers Association.

Peterson, a fruit farmer, serves as a representative of District No. 2. He has been a township supervisor since 1969 and is a member of the State Horticultural Society. He was first appointed in 1975.

Committee for Jobs and Energy Created

The Michigan Committee for Jobs and Energy (MCJE), which Michigan Farm Bureau helped to develop, is a newly-formed coalition representing labor, business, industry, agriculture, education, energy producers and others in the state actively interested in the growth of energy supplies.

Formed late last year, MCJE supports responsible energy conservation; encouragement of exploration and development of domestic oil and natural gas; reliance upon abundant domestic fuels, coal and uranium of

generation of most electric power. It also supports conversion of industry from indiscriminate use of oil and natural gas to coal when economically and environmentally feasible; production of more synthetic oil and gas substitutes from coal and other sources; accelerated research and development of alternate energy sources including biomass, wind, geothermal and nuclear fusion. The organization urges consideration by local and state governments of economic

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Farmer Input Needed on Proposed Antibiotics Ban

By Greg Sheffield

For the past 25 years, livestock farmers have been aware of the benefits of antibiotics added to livestock feeds. Not only have the antibiotics controlled diseases in their livestock, it has also helped producers keep themselves efficient under high intensity production units and to be competitive with foreign shipments of meat. Consumers have also benefitted through the resulting yield increases, with millions of tons of extra meat produced.

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in a 1970 Task Force report, estimated the value of antibiotics to beef, swine, broiler, veal and turkey growers was \$414,135,000. This value has continued to increase over the past eight years.

Figures in FARM SUPPLIER showed antibiotics save two million metric tons of feed a year. This feed saved equals 400,000 metric tons of red and poultry meat. Dr. White-Stevens, chairman, Bureau of Conservation and Environmental Science, Rutgers University, says that growth promotion in livestock through the use of antibiotics occurs because harmful organisms in livestock actually compete for food. These organisms compete with the animal within the intestine. They cause toxins, infection and destroy animal tissues.

According to Dr. White-Stevens, many diseases such as shipping fever and foot rot in steers; scours and livestock abscesses in calves; transmissible gastro enteritis, scours and rhinotracheitis, coccidiosis, aerosacculitis, synotitis and rot gut in chicks; blackhead, sinusitis, and blue comb in turkeys — are controlled by antibiotics in feed.

Enter the FDA

Despite this proven value of antibiotics in livestock feeds, the FDA has proposed — among other things — the discontinuance of the use of penicillin and tetracyclines in all species of animals for growth promotion, feed efficiency, and disease prevention, except on a written order of a veterinarian.

According to the FDA, the proposal is based on the contention that organisms in livestock could become resistant to antibiotics and these organisms would then go on to affect humans.

There is, however, no evidence to support the FDA theory. Edward H. Covell, chairman of the board, National Broiler Council, said that there's been no evidence

of human hazards in 30 years of use. Thomas H. Jukes, medical physics professor, University of California, found that, year after year, no resistance to antibiotics has been found in animals.

Even Dr. Donald Kennedy, Commissioner of FDA and proponent of the ban, can point to no case of human disease caused by resistance to antibiotics by an animal source.

FB's Stand

Farm Bureau stands firmly behind the beneficial use of antibiotics in feeds, not only for important economic reasons, but because evidence against the use of antibiotics is lacking. One of the organizations's major concerns is that the proposed regulation puts the emphasis on just a therapeutic use of antibiotics rather than disease prevention, a main factor in producing economical livestock and poultry products.

Farm Bureau believes that antibiotics should not be banned from use in livestock production unless such use is found by competent research to be detrimental to the health of the consuming public. Antibiotics found to be unsafe for over-the-counter sales should be placed under prescription rather than totally withdrawn from any use in treating animal health.

Proposal Impractical

The present controls which FDA has over the commercial feed manufacturer would be lost if the new proposal was put into effect. At the present time, FDA has little control over the practicing veterinarian in the field.

Of the 1.6 million farms in the U.S. which are using medicated feeds containing one or more of the antibiotics in question, approximately 800,000 of these farms do not have chemical mixers. Therefore, at least one-half of the farms feeding medicated feeds mix their own. This means that the FDA would have to oversee the mixing of medicated feeds on these 800,000 farms.

Under the new proposal, if those 800,000 farms now mixing their own antibiotics into feed wanted to continue doing so, it would mean that about 400,000 new feed mills would have to be registered with the FDA. At present, there are only 13,000 feed mills registered with the FDA for mixing antibiotics into feed.

Also, there would not be enough veterinarians to carry out the prescription or ordering of the antibiotic containing feeds. It is a well-

known fact that there is a deficit of practicing large animal veterinarians.

What About Consumers?

When the FDA was asked to determine the impact of their proposals, they had to admit the restrictions would cost American consumers \$1.9 billion more for meat when tetracyclines are banned for just feedlot cattle and swine. Additional death losses from diseases were not even considered.

Unaware that the unrelentless advance of FDA bureaucracy will boost their meat costs, most consumer groups are not interested in defending the industry position on this issue. There was one exception, however — the Consumer Alert Council, a national organization of consumers aligned in their opposition to government regulatory actions which result in needless costs for consumers.

Consumers will be paying higher prices for meat, poultry and dairy products, without any added benefit, if the Food and Drug Administration proposal to restrict use of antibiotics in animal feeds is adopted, the Consumer Alert Council has charged.

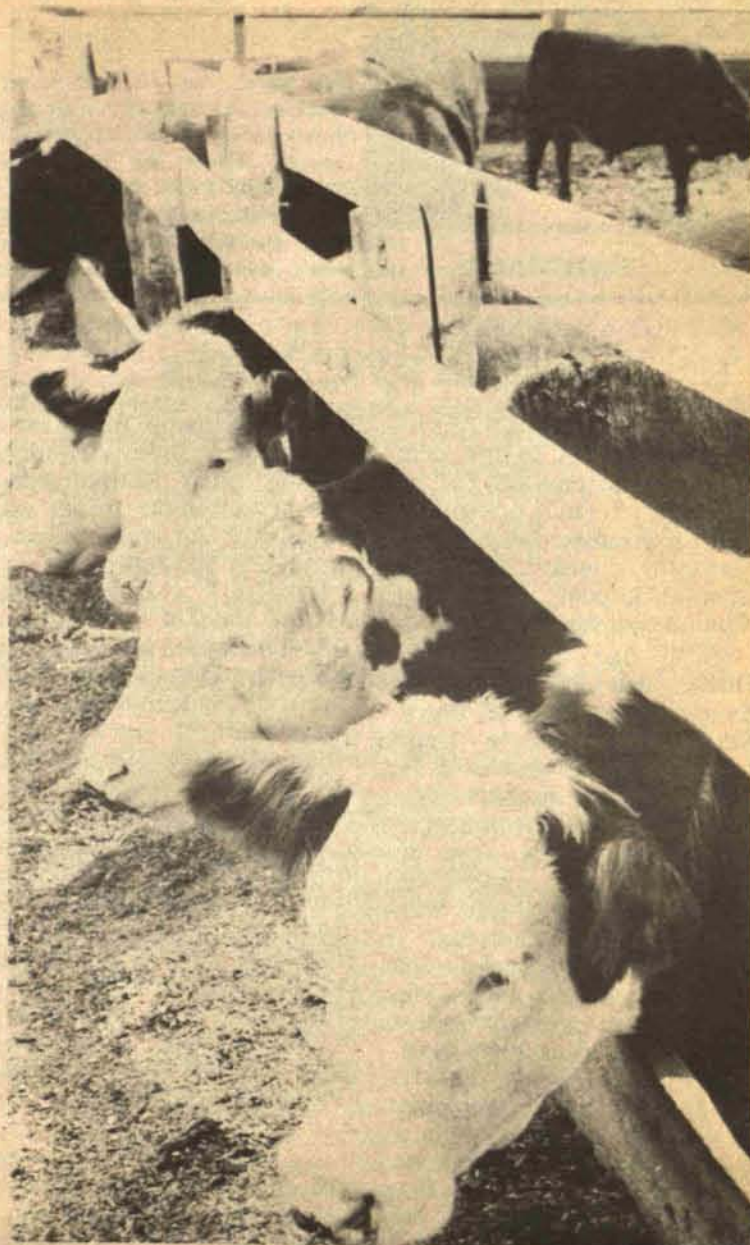
In comment submitted to the FDA, Consumer Alert President Barbara Keating said that nearly 30 years of experience using low levels of antibiotics in animal feeds has yet to reveal any apparent negative effect on animals or humans. However, the same years have seen virtual disappearance of diseases once commonplace in cattle, hogs and poultry, and has increased productivity, she said.

Mrs. Keating said restrictions on use of low levels of antibiotics in animal feed would have significant negative economic impact on farmers, which would result in higher prices for consumers.

Farmer Input Vital

With our new, intensive agriculture, there is no way farmers can continue to produce meat without antibiotics. Indeed, without antibiotics, sick animals are likely to reach the market and real human diseases will occur.

Since the FDA's contentions are theoretical, the FDA preferred not to hold hearings. However, hearings were held in response to pressure from many concerned interests. The hearing record is still open. Persons interested in this issue should write FDA to let them know how they feel. Also, a contact



Livestock farmers need antibiotics in feed to maximize weight gains and prevent consistent, huge losses from diseases. Consequently, Farm Bureau stands firmly behind the beneficial use of antibiotics in feeds and is opposed to FDA's unfounded opposition to them since there is no evidence of harmful effects to humans.

with members of Congress will actually harm the nation's health and nutrition and cause huge economic distress if the proposed ban goes into effect.

"Member to Member" Sales Coming

The Direct Marketing "Member to Member" program will once again be featuring the annual "frozen fruit" sale. Because negotiations between growers and processors are still in progress, prices have not yet been established. However, when prices are finalized, a price list will be made available.

The products offered this year will be similar to last year—frozen fruit, frozen vegetables, orange juice, apple cider, and in addition, hams and bacon. Also a five-pound box of hot dogs will be introduced at this time.

"This member service offers patrons the opportunity to stock up for the fall and winter months, in order that they might enjoy only the highest quality fruits and vegetables during that long stretch when many of these products are not available on the fresh market," said Dick Westra, manager of Direct Marketing.

Because the order period may be somewhat shorter this year, it is important that people do not delay, but instead complete their order blank soon after receiving it. Complete details, including product sizes and prices, will be available in the near future. Please check the August issue of MICHIGAN FARM NEWS for further details.

CAPITOL REPORT

Robert E. Smith

(Ed. Note: Due to mid-month deadlines for publication in the Michigan Farm News, legislative reports reflect the status of legislation at that time. Significant changes which occur after the third week of each month will be reported in the next issue of the FARM NEWS.

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Legislative Notes

PBB ISSUES-Presently the U.P. is the only area in Michigan to be exempt from continued testing of culled dairy cattle, however, resolutions to exempt Lapeer, Ionia, and Clinton counties have passed.

HCR has passed the House and is before the Senate. It exempts all dairy farms in the state from further testing provided 25 percent of their animals have been tested in the program and proved to be free of contamination. It is expected that the 25 percent figure will be cut to 15 or 20 percent.

There are approximately 1500 farms that have not culled any animals under the program. In those cases, they would have to have at least 25 percent of their animals tested before they would qualify for herd exemption. Sixty-three percent of the herds in Michigan have already culled over 20 percent of their herd. If finally approved, the exemption would take effect on October 1.

It is interesting to note that a recent newspaper report states that a federal agency, EPA, has found at least three more states that have PBB in the soil. Up to now the only state other than Michigan is New Jersey, where there was a manufacturing plant. EPA so far has not named the states, but stated that it is likely that contamination has come from years of PBB use in a variety of products including rubber, plastics, clothing, etc.

The Senate has passed S. 1605 which is an amendment to PA 77, which will permit the Department of Agriculture to pay indemnity to those farm herds that have been recontaminated.

HB 5709 has passed, permitting loans up to \$75,000 to farms that have had PBB, PCP or Penta problems. There would be no interest for the first five years and low interest thereafter.

HB 5533 has passed the House and is now in the Senate. This bill would provide for quarantine and indemnification of any animals in the future that may be contaminated with toxic substances. Had such legislation been in effect during the PBB crisis, it would have been much more simple for the state to act,

and at the same time, farmers could receive indemnity pending other settlements. This bill attempts to set up procedures for future contamination problems.

BUDGET - During the last few days of the session, budget bills take full priority. Presently the Senate has approved \$42 million for the Department of Agriculture, which is nearly \$2 million higher than the current fiscal year, and includes \$15.2 million for PBB testing and indemnification. An additional \$436,100 would expand the toxic substance laboratory and fund \$80,000 for anti-biotic residue in the meat inspection program. Another \$200,000 would expand the food contamination and research program.

MSU BUDGET

Final approval is expected for the construction of the Michigan State University Soil Sciences Building. The legislature has also recognized the need for additional funding of the Agricultural Experiment Station. As this is written, the budget for these proposals is \$2 million higher than the governor recommended. Farm Bureau and others are doing everything possible to maintain this increase in as much as Agriculture Research and Extension have not been properly funded for at least 10 years. This would bring the appropriation into balance with the reality of increased costs and the need for more agricultural research.

K-12 SCHOOL AID

The K-12 School Aid Budget presently is at about \$1.94 billion. Approximately \$1 billion of this amount comes from the general fund and \$940 million comes from the School Aid fund which includes ear-marked revenue such as sales taxes, certain liquor taxes, etc. Only about \$10 million is in Federal monies. The House version increases the school aid under the basic formula to \$285 plus \$40 for each mill of property tax up to 30 mills. This is \$1484 per student.

The act contains a provision to require lowering property tax if over 30 mills. The increased state aid will help local districts to hold the

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Taxation Issues Before Legislature

In a flurry of activity prior to the expected July 1 legislative summer recess, numerous tax bills have been reported out of the committee in both houses. At this writing it does not appear that they will receive further action until the legislature returns in September. Farm Bureau has supported the tax bills that are now on the Senate floor. They are:

(1) **New Taxation Classification** - H.B. 4570 (Reps. Gast, Trim, Van Singel, et al) creates a new "developmental" classification for real estate for assessment purposes. Other classifications are agricultural, commercial, industrial, residential, and timber-cutover. The new "developmental" classification would be assessed on that value and is expected to prevent such values from being used for all other types of property such as agricultural land.

(2) **Agricultural Land Assessment** - S.B. 1271 (Senators Welborn and DeMaso) amends the cash value section of the assessment law to require that "true cash value of agricultural property shall be made upon the computation of the present economic income of farm structures on the land and the earning capacity of the land being farmed as indicated by the capitalization of net income or productivity rating of the property. The capitalization rate . . . shall be the rate of interest prevailing on farm loans . . . as of January 31 of each year."

Much of this language on

"economic income of structures and land" has been in the law for some time. The new part is the requirement that the value be determined by "capitalization of net income or productivity rating." **SIMPLIFIED EXAMPLE:** Assume that the capitalization rate or prevailing loan rate is 8 percent and that the average net income of an acre is \$40. The value is determined by dividing the \$40 by 8 percent which gives a farm use value of \$500 for the acre. Productivity ratings might be determined by a combination of data from M.S.U. and ASCS sources. For example, land capable of producing 75 bushels or more corn per acre could be rated as excellent with other ratings of good, average, fair and poor. While this appears simple, it becomes extremely complicated and many believe might be unconstitutional. Such problems remain to be worked out.

(3) **Property Tax Notice** - S.B. 1545 (Senators McCollough, Faust, Hertel, Welborn and DeMaso) requires notice to the property owner regardless of the amount of increase. It tightens up present law by requiring "tentative" equalization factors and state equalization values. The taxpayer must also be notified on how to appeal to the local Board of Review and State Tax Tribunal.

(4) **Equalization by Classification** - H.B. 4076 (Rep. Roy Smith) requires each classification of property to be equalized

separate from the other.

(5) **Ballot Millage** - S.B. 1546 (Senators McCollough, Faust, Hertel, Welborn and DeMaso) would prohibit combining the renewal of existing millage for school or other purposes with any new increase on the same ballot.

For example, if a unit of government has millage that must be renewed and also is requesting additional millage from the voters, the two issues cannot be combined but must be voted on separately.

(6) **Millage Limits Because of Equalized Assessment Increases** - S.B. 1543 (Senators McCollough, Faust, Hertel, Welborn and DeMaso) tightens the present law considerably and would prohibit a unit of government from taking advantage of an increased state equalized valuation by using the same rate of millage and thereby receives more revenue than would be realized if the state equalized valuation had not increased. In order to receive such additional revenues, the unit of government governing board must vote to apply the millage to the increased state equalized valuation and the public must be notified.

Property tax is a local tax for local purposes, and governing boards (counties, townships, schools) have the authority to cut the millage rate as the state equalized valuation increases. Under this legislation they must either cut the rate or justify by vote as to whether the local unit of government needs the additional revenue.

House Debates Taxation Amendments

There are at least three Constitutional amendments on the House floor which would require 2/3 vote of House and Senate in order to be placed on the ballot. It is possible that additional ballot proposals will be considered by the legislature. Rep. Montgomery, chairman of the House Taxation Committee, has been appointed by the speaker to a special committee to "work out something that is acceptable to both parties. . ." The committee was named because there are so many proposals, but so far not enough agreement on any one to assure passage.

The proposals presently on the House floor are as follows:

(1) **House Joint Resolution JJ** (Reps. Mowat, et al) would change the uniformity clause in the constitution and

permit the electors of a school district to approve a 2 percent income tax and reduce the taxes on property by not less than 22 mills.

(2) **House Joint Resolution II** (Reps. Siljander, et al) would reduce the assessment level on residential homesteads, agricultural, and timber-cutover property from 50 percent of value down to 20 percent of value. All other classes of property such as industrial, commercial, etc. would continue to be assessed at 50 percent. Annual increases of assessed valuations could not exceed 7 percent. School millage elections would be limited to two years except by initiative. The legislature would be required to make up the loss of revenue to local units of government including necessary increases in state aid for schools, etc. In order

to do this, the state income tax would have to be raised at least 2.4 percent from the present 4.6 percent to 7 percent.

(3) **House Joint Resolution C** (Rep. Roy Smith) has been on the House floor for some time and has been changed considerably. (The present 50 mill absolute constitutional limit would be cut to 29½ mills.) It would cut the present 15 mills limit to 13 mills. The county limit would be 7 mills; township 2 mills; community college 1 mill; intermediate schools ½ mill; special education 1½ mills; and vocational education 1 mill. Local people would be permitted by vote to increase the county millage by one mill, townships two mills, schools 12 mills and community colleges 1½ mills for a total of 16½ mills which

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NATIONAL NOTES

Farmers Not Exempt from Hazardous Materials Transportation Act

Farmers who assume they are exempt from the Hazardous Materials Transportation Act could learn, through costly penalties, that their assumptions were in error. It had been assumed, up to now, that the Department of Transportation (DOT) would interpret the law in such a way as to exempt farmers who haul hazardous material in their own not-for-hire trucks. Not so, says DOT, and farmers could be fined up to \$10,000 in civil penalties, \$25,000 in criminal penalties

and imprisonment up to five years -- or both -- if found in violation of the federal regulations.

According to Mike Hayenga, operations manager of the Michigan Agricultural Services Association, these regulations include requirements (1) that all vehicles hauling hazardous materials must be in full conformity with safety regulations; (2) that the carrier of such material have in his possession properly drawn shipping papers or documents that give the

required information; (3) that truck drivers be educated in hazardous materials transportation regulations, and (4) that approved placards be placed on the front, rear and sides of vehicles used to haul such materials.

"The Department's interpretation of the law brings about a million people in the agricultural industry under the regulations," said Hayenga. "Farmers haul a lot of insecticides and most of these are designated as hazardous."

Other materials designated as hazardous include: highly dangerous explosives; certain poisons, such as poison gas; flammable solids that are dangerous when wet; radioactive materials; certain explosives such as dynamite; nonflammable gases; pressurized gases; combustible liquids such as fuel; flammable solids; oxidizers, and others.

Farm Bureau officials have met with DOT to try to obtain relief for farmers and have



Washington D.C.

written to the Secretary of Transportation pointing to the impracticality of including all local hauling of the less dangerous of these materials by farmers in their own trucks, and the problems involved in transporting agricultural chemicals from one farm or section of a farm to another.

FB Leaders on Trade Mission

A special Trade Mission of 15 Farm Bureau executives left Washington, D.C. June 22 for a full week of negotiations with European trade and agricultural officials.

The mission, headed by Allan Grant, president of the American Farm Bureau Federation, went first to Geneva where they were briefed by Ernest Koenig, attache at the U.S. Embassy, and conferred with Alonzo

McDonald, U.S. deputy ambassador to the multilateral trade negotiations.

While in Geneva, the group met with Olivier Long, director general, and Gardner Patterson, deputy director general, of GATT (General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade), with members of the U.S. negotiating team and with officials of foreign

delegations.

Later in the week, the mission flew to Brussels where the group met with U.S. and European Economic Community officials concerned with trade and agriculture.

Purpose of the mission was to assess what progress has been made to-date in the multilateral negotiations and to urge that final agreements

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Subcommittee Approves Expanded Exports

Legislation sought by Farm Bureau to promote expanded exports of U.S. farm products has won approval by a House Agriculture Subcommittee. It will now go to the full committee for consideration. Known as the Poage-Mathis Bill, it proposes to:

- Broaden an existing USDA program of commercial credit to foreign buyers of U.S. farm commodities by authorizing three-to-ten year credits;
- Establish six to 25 U.S. agricultural trade offices abroad;
- The appointment of an

Under Secretary of Agriculture for International Affairs; and

--An upgrading of the role of U.S. agricultural attaches.

In addition, the Subcommittee approved an amendment which proposes to strengthen current federal regulations on reporting export sales to USDA. In approving it, the Subcommittee members emphasized that it is subject to later modification and that a public hearing will be held on the issue before the bill is considered by the full Agriculture Committee.

NATIONAL PERSPECTIVE

ALLAN GRANT, PRESIDENT
AMERICAN FARM BUREAU FEDERATION



FB Involved in World Trade

Most of us accept the idea that how we perceive ourselves in relation to our surroundings, to a large degree, motivates how we act. We need to carry this a step farther.

Farm and ranch people need to understand more about how other people think, and what it causes them to do, both as individuals and as nations.

For example, California Senator S. I. Hayakawa says that Japan's self-image is far different from the way most of the world views Japan, and that this has a profound impact on that country's policies.

Most of us think of Japan as a big, powerful, industrial nation, Hayakawa says, whereas the Japanese see themselves as a tiny island nation with so few resources that they cannot even feed their own people.

This national nervousness about being so dependent upon food imports makes them highly protective of their own farming industry -- resulting at least in part in a protectionist attitude and the tremendous imbalance of trade between this country and Japan.

Perceptions of national self-interest are part of the apparent rising mood of national protectionism now plaguing negotiations in

Geneva, at sessions of GATT, the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

GATT Director General Olivier Long warns of an alarming increase in world trade restrictions. This is especially unfortunate now when U.S. farmers most desperately need the income stimulation of improved world markets.

The growth in foreign demand for agricultural products has been a major influence in boosting U.S. net farm income, even though about two-thirds of our farm exports are subject to a variety of foreign market restrictions.

Besides traditional tariff barriers, a partial listing of trade obstacles would include quotas, export subsidies, product standards, licensing arrangements, "nuisance" health regulations and customs valuation practices. The United States trade record is not without blemish in this regard. . . there have been unwise trade actions on both sides.

The need to minimize or entirely remove such obstacles has been much a part of Farm Bureau's active involvement in all phases of the GATT negotiations in Geneva, and our close monitoring of -- and

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Fatal Blow Dealt to Labor Reform Bill

Defeat of a motion to call off a three-week filibuster against a labor-sponsored measure to rewrite the National Labor Relations Act was called "a tremendous victory for the American public" by American Farm Bureau President Allan Grant.

On June 22, supporters of the labor reform bill, which had been the subject of a Senate talkathon, attempted for a sixth and final time to invoke cloture to end debate and force a vote on the big labor "reform" proposal. The motion failed and the bill was returned to the Human Resources Committee for reworking.

Key to the defeat of the cloture motion was an unexpected announcement by Senate Democratic Majority Leader, Robert Byrd (D-W. Va.), that he would vote against cloture. Seeing they would be unable to obtain the needed 60 votes for cloture, Byrd urged his colleagues to vote against the motion to close debate.

Immediately after the unsuccessful cloture vote, Byrd moved to send the bill back to the committee, a move which usually spells death for legislation. Hoping to keep the issue alive, Byrd's motion included the provision that if the Human Resources Committee sends the measure back to the Senate after July 15, it will receive priority consideration on the floor.

But opponents of the bill consider it unlikely that the bill will reach the Senate floor again. Senator Orrin Hatch (R-Utah), who lead the filibuster, said he is ready to mount a second talkathon if the measure re-emerges from Committee along its current lines.

Reacting to the June 22 "victory," Allan Grant praised what he called, "the firm convictions and determination" of the "statemen minority" within the Senate. "Farm

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Woodlots Become Way of Life to Allegan Farmer

For Adrian Hendriksma, an Allegan County Farm Bureau member and owner of a 500-acre dairy farm near Wayland, woodlots are becoming a way of life.

Hendriksma has been heating his home with wood for 55 years, or as he puts it, "for as long as I've lived — and before that, my father did the same."

So it was natural for him to take an interest back in 1968 when Paul Schroeder, a Department of Natural Resources area forester, offered to help him improve his woodlots.

Schroeder knew, of course, that good woodlot management not only improves the value of the woodlot, but also improves the habitat for wildlife.

Hendriksma now owns eight woodlots near his farm and recently dedicated an 80-acre woodlot to the memory of Paul Schroeder, who died in 1976, a year after retiring from the DNR.

The dedication took place May 20 at the woodlot, some six miles north of Allegan in Allegan County. Among those on hand for the ceremony were Hendriksma and his wife Hilda; Don Hennig, the present DNR forester for the area; Henry Webster, Chief of the DNR's Forest Management Division; and Paul Flink, DNR Regional Forestry Supervisor.

Hendriksma, with the help of the DNR, has developed a nature trail through the woodlot, which is now open to the public. He is also en-



Don Hennig, (left) DNR area forester, and Adrian Hendriksma, woodlot owner, look up one of the larger trees on the woodlot, a 40 to 50-year-old walnut.

couraging local schools to schedule field trips to the woodlot.

"Most farmers around here

manage their own trees," he points out, "but I didn't have that many trees on my farm so I bought some woodlots.

Paul Schroeder was the area forester at the time, and he began helping me develop them."

Purchased in 1968, the 80-acre woodlot Hendriksma dedicated to Schroeder is the largest of eight woodlots he owns, which together total 327 acres.

"In 1969, I planted 22 acres of trees on this woodlot," he explains, "11 acres of tulip poplar, five acres of red and white pine, and six acres of black walnut. Then in 1971, I harvested 16,000 board feet of poor quality wood that had already been growing on the land, for woodlot improvement."

The woodlot now has an extreme variety on its 80 acres.

"The trees consist of oaks, maples, tulip poplars, black cherries, hickories, and others, both of natural origin and from planted seedlings," says Hennig, DNR area forester stationed in Plainwell. Hennig has helped Hendriksma develop his woodlots since Schroeder retired.

In one area of the woodlot, what used to be a barren hillside is now filled with pines planted by Hendriksma. In another area, white pines were planted on a badly eroded hillside.

"By 1970, about 52 acres of timber stand improvement had been completed," Hendriksma notes. "That improvement included hardwood thinning, release, and removal along with

pruning. My kids helped with the work. This has been a family deal as far as planting and pruning."

Those "kids" are Fred, 26; Nick, 21; and "Little Ad," 18.

Hennig points out that pruning is important to improvement of a woodlot.

A tree's limbs fall off as it grows in the shade," he says, "but when you have a tree out in the open, you have to prune it or else it becomes a stunted, undersized tree with limbs close to the ground. The limbs stay at the same level. They don't move up as the tree grows."

Of the many kinds of trees in the woodlot, the walnuts are the most valuable. Most walnut trees are exported out of the country to be made into high-quality veneer for furniture, Hennig says.

Tulip poplars are also used for furniture manufacturing — mostly for interior parts.

"This woodlot is really a long-term investment," Hendriksma says. "There is a compound interest rate type of formula used to measure your investment. The little tree is your principle investment. The bigger tree is your capital gain."

In addition to the value improvement of the woodlot, wildlife also benefits. Pines make good cover for rabbits and winter shelter for deer, Hennig says. Oak and other trees combine to make edge, that area where two different covers come together. And that makes for good wildlife habitat.

SUPPLY REPORT

By Greg Sheffield

HARDWARE -- EARLY FALL

PURCHASES SUGGESTED

Buying now for fall needs will eliminate disappointments over selections and can get you better prices, too. Some of the items available now for later use this year are good supplies of Farm Bureau LB White heaters and Farm Bureau Titan milk house heaters. Farm Bureau Logsplitters, too, have become popular and will be in great demand this fall. Getting yours now in just the right size is a good idea.

Grain handling systems, complete with drying, storage and augers are available now for shipment. Have your system thoroughly discussed and ready for setup for your fall harvest. These major purchases deserve your important consideration and dealers have information on hand to help you make your decisions.

Livestock, feeding equipment is in good supply with excellent selections. Indications are steel prices will continue their climb, but Farm Bureau has held its

prices down.

Flowtron electronic fly killers are making a hit with farmer patrons. They're good around homes, too.

FERTILIZERS

Stocks of the right pasture fertilizers are ample at most Farm Bureau dealers. It's a good plan to take advantage of the extra money to be made by fertilizing pasture and hayland. Increased yields and cuttings make this type of fertilizer application a wise investment.

BUILDINGS

Orders for all types of farm, commercial, horse barns and garage buildings are being filled. Farm Bureau builders are keeping pace with a large backlog of building requests. The engineering in Farm Bureau buildings has a fine reputation throughout the state. Get your machinery storage, feed storage, and fertilizer storage ideas into a state of reality this summer and start benefiting. Livestock Lodge, confinement buildings from Universal Cooperatives make the raising of calves and

swine a system that's easy and profitable to follow. Talk over the Lodge approach with your Farm Bureau dealer. You'll save your young calves and increase your swine weights faster from farrowing to finish.

CO-OP FILTERS

A promotion is taking place at Farmers Petroleum dealers on the CO-OP oil filter line. CO-OP filters are made by the same manufacturer that produces these filters for original equipment. The filters are of solidly built construction and have superior working qualities. Not changing oil filters frequently enough is a major cause of excessive engine wear. Dealers can fit your equipment with the right filters.

CO-OP MAINTENANCE-FREE BATTERIES

Now that CO-OP Maintenance-Free Batteries have been used for thousands of miles on patrons cars, trucks, and tractors, the benefits are showing up. There's no need to add water to CO-OP Maintenance-Free Batteries.

They are outlasting the vehicles in some cases. Even if lights are left on, the batteries are simply charged up again. Because the water level never goes down, the battery plates are not ruined. Considering batteries as a common weak point in running vehicles, the CO-OP Maintenance-Free Battery is proving a real boon.

TIRE SALES

Cash-and-Carry Tire Savings At Farmers Petroleum outlets seem even more popular than last summer.

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Radial passenger and tractor tires are proving to be everything said about them.

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Labor Reform Bill

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Bureau is keenly aware of the tremendous pressures brought to bear on members of the Senate by big labor and the administration," Grant said. "Resistance to that pressure by a steadfast minority within the Senate makes this victory all the more meaningful."

"The vote is a clear signal to union leaders that they can no longer run roughshod over others. They must now re-earn the confidence of their members and of the American people," Grant said.



House Debates Taxation Amendments

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when added to the 13 mill limit would total the maximum limit of 29½ mills.

All funds for schools would come from the state, and legislation would be required to establish a taxation system

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line on additional local taxes.

DOUBLE BOTTOM TANKERS - This continues to be a major issue, even though the original proposals have been substituted. They still would require a complete "phase out" of "double-bottoms" over a three year period and would limit the hauling of more than 9000 gallons of fuel. During that time, all double-bottoms would be "retrofitted" as recommended by the University of Michigan study. The present ban would continue in the Detroit area.

This is a major issue to outstate areas because such limitations would increase costs and increase fuel prices. Plus the fact that more trucks would have to be put on the road which, according to the U of M study, would also add to the safety hazard.

PRODUCT LIABILITY - The legislation to begin reform on this important area has finally been agreed to in the House. One bill, HB 5689, revises the time and conditions for bringing suit due to defective goods, etc. and allows injured parties to collect damages even if they are partly to blame. This is the "comparative" fault system.

Another bill will require insurance companies to report information on products, liabilities, claims and premiums. Product liability costs are estimated, in the case of farm machinery, to add anywhere from 10 percent - 18 percent to the price.

COURT REFORM - The petition drive which was supported by Farm Bureau along with several other organizations to remove partisan politics from the Supreme Court and Court of Appeals has been cancelled. It has become obvious that sufficient signatures cannot be gathered in time to place the issue on the ballot. In the long run, this is one of the most important issues to face Michigan citizens. However, it does not seem to attract enough interest in view of the fact that so many other petitions are being circulated. About twenty-eight other states have voted in a similar system and it has proved to be superior to Michigan's so called non-partisan election method.

and method of distribution. It would also allow legislation to provide tax credits for parochial and other private schools.

In order to replace the lost revenue, the Single Business Tax would have to be increased at least 2 percent and the personal income tax at least 2¼ percent. This proposal is expected to receive serious consideration.

When considering these taxation measures, it should be remembered that none of them are new ideas. They

have been tried many times in the past. Because of their complexity and the constitutional problems, Michigan presently has a tax system that is based on household income. Presently 60 percent of the difference between 3½ percent of the household income and the property tax on residents and farms are refunded by the state up to \$1,200. Farmers can also take advantage of the Farmland and Open Space Preservation Act (PA 116) whereby 100 percent of the property tax over 7 percent of the household income is refunded.

Jobs & Energy

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impacts of projects and proposals in addition to environmental impacts, and opposes "no growth" policies due to their disastrous effect on jobs and the economy.

The MCJE is currently soliciting membership of all who support its goals and objectives. Membership dues for private citizens are \$10 per year. For further information about the organization, individuals may write Scott R. Kingan, Michigan Committee for Jobs and Energy, Inc., Suite 309, 419 S. Washington Ave., Lansing 48933.

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Farmers Honored Weekly by FBIG, Radio Network for Contributions to Agriculture

The Farmer of the Week Award, sponsored by the Michigan Farm Radio Network and Farm Bureau Insurance Group, recognizes Michigan farmers for their contributions to the agriculture industry and the community. Recipients are selected for the quality of their farming operations and their community involvement.

The Farmer of the Week Award winners for May were:



THOMAS MIDDLETON

Week of May 1 -- Thomas Middleton, 32, who farms 1400 acres and milks 200 cows on his dairy operation near Ortonville in Oakland County. Middleton, a

lifelong farmer, is vice-president of the Oakland County Farm Bureau Board. He is state president of the Dairy Herd Improvement Association, president of the local Michigan Animal Breeders Cooperative, secretary of the Michigan State University Dairy Advisory Committee, and member of the Better Education Committee of Oxford Area Schools. Middleton and his wife, Kathryn, have three children.



DAN WIELAND

Week of May 8 -- Dan Wieland, 26, of Ellsworth, who farms 1200 acres and milks 180 cows in partnership with his father, brother and uncle. They have a total herd of 450 head of cattle. Wieland is past area chairman of the Dairy Herd Improvement Association, member of the Antrim County Farm Bureau and

present chairman of the local Farm Bureau community group; member of the Michigan Animal Breeders Cooperative, and member of the State Young Farmers Committee. He and his wife, Joni, have one child.



ROY SCHWARK

Week of May 15 -- Roy Schwark, 39, a dairy farmer and artificial breeder from Mt. Clemens. Schwark, a farmer all his life, currently farms over 200 acres, most of it in cash crops. He has over 40 head of dairy cattle. Schwark is secretary of the board of education of St. Peter's Lutheran School in Mt. Clemens, member of the St. Peter's Lutheran Church Men's Club, member of the Macomb County Farm Bureau, and member of the Happy Harvesters Community Group. He and his wife, Joyce, have two children.



WILLIAM CHAPIN

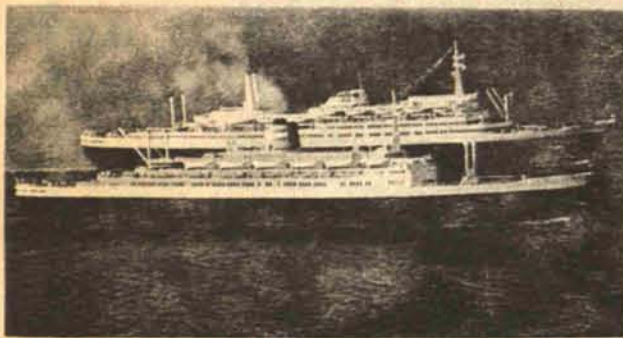
Week of May 22 -- William Chapin, 56, who operates a 420-acre dairy farm near Blanchard with his wife, Jean, and his son, Charles. He is a member of the church board of Hall Corner United Methodist Church, president of the Mecosta County Soil Conservation District, president of the Alma local of the Michigan Milk Producers Assn., member of the board of the Central Michigan Holstein Assn., and a member of the Mecosta County Fair Board. Chapin is also a member of the Wolverine Electric Co-op and the Tri-County Electric Co-op, and he is active as a 4-H leader and member of the Masonic Lodge. He and his wife have five children.



EUGENE WEISENBERGER

Week of May 29 -- Eugene Weisenberger, 42, who farms 300 acres and milks 80 cows near New Lothrop in Saginaw County. He is a member of the state board of the Dairy Herd Improvement Assn., serves on the board of directors of the Chesaning Farmers Co-op, president of the Chesaning local of the Michigan Animal Breeders and serves on the Young Sire Evaluation Committee. He is also a member of the Michigan Milk Producers Assn., member and former officer of the Holstein Assn., member of the Saginaw County Farm Bureau and serves as the local Dairy Committee chairman. Weisenberger and his wife, Marlene, have eight children.

Farm Bureau 1979 PRE-AFBF Convention Cruise



Space has been blocked on Commodore Cruise Lines for two ships departing Miami on January 6, returning on January 13. Cruise itineraries are as follows:

M/S BOHEME

Saturday, January 6: 3:45 PM - Leave Miami
 Monday, January 8: 8:00 AM - Arrive Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic
 1:00 PM - Leave Puerto Plata
 Tuesday, January 9: 9:30 AM - Arrive St. Thomas, Virgin Islands
 4:45 PM - Leave St. Thomas
 9:30 PM - Arrive San Juan, Puerto Rico
 Wednesday, January 10: 4:00 PM - Leave San Juan
 Thursday, January 11: 1:30 PM - Arrive Cap Haitien, Haiti
 8:00 PM - Leave Cap Haitien
 Saturday, January 13: 10:00 AM - Arrive Miami

M/S CARIBE

Saturday, January 6: 4:00 PM - Leave Miami
 Monday, January 8: 1:00 PM - Arrive Montego Bay, Jamaica
 Tuesday, January 9: 1:00 AM - Leave Montego Bay
 8:00 AM - Arrive Port Antonio, Jamaica
 5:00 PM - Leave Port Antonio
 Wednesday, January 10: 8:00 AM - Arrive Port Au Prince, Haiti
 5:00 PM - Leave Port Au Prince

Thursday, January 11: Arrive Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic
 5:00 PM - Leave Puerto Plata

Saturday, January 13: 9:00 AM - Arrive Miami

In addition to cruise arrangements, the following will be done for the group:

Saturday, January 6: Air from Detroit to Miami, based on Group 40 airfare.

On arrival at Miami International Airport, transfer to the docks to board your cruise ship.

Saturday, January 13: On arrival at Miami, and after clearing immigrations and customs, transfer to Miami Beach to your convention hotel.

Thursday, January 18: Transfer from your Miami Beach convention hotel to Miami International Airport for your air departure back to your home airport.

Cost of Cruise Includes: All meals and entertainment while aboard ship, port taxes.

Not-Included In Cost Are: Tips to ship personnel, shore excursions, convention hotel or other expenses while in Miami, with the exception of transfers.

A \$150.00 per person deposit is required to hold a reservation, with the balance made payable at least six weeks prior to departure. Reservations cancelled 30 days before departure are not subject to any charge. Those cancelled less than 30 days prior to departure may be subject to a 25% cancellation charge.

Cost:

Cost will be determined by selection of ship rooms. . .
M/S BOHEME: Outside Caribbean or inside Antilles decks, boarding - Detroit \$705.00 - Miami \$507.00

M/S CARIBE: Inside Restaurant or outside B Decks, boarding - Detroit \$685.00 - Miami \$487.00
 Outside A Deck, - Detroit \$735.00 - Miami \$537.00

The cost would include the cruise based on room category selected. Air from points listed to Miami and return, based on Group 40 airfare. This means that there must be a minimum of 40 in each group and the entire group travels together for the round trip.

Tips to skycaps for baggage handling. Transfers from the airport or the pier, from the pier to the convention hotel and from the convention hotel to the airport in Miami. (Transfers, etc. not included in Miami price) All rates are based on those in effect December 15, 1977. Some increase, particularly in the air portion, could be expected between now and January of 1979.

Reservation Request

Please reserve _____ spaces on the Farm Bureau 1979 pre-AFBF Convention Cruise. Enclosed is my check made payable to "Hoosier Travel Service, Inc." for \$ _____ (\$150.00 per person required.) Balance due 40 days prior to departure.

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- _____ M/S CARIBE
- _____ Inside Restaurant Deck or Outside B Deck
- _____ Outside A Deck

My cruise package should be scheduled from:
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 _____ Miami

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 Michigan Farm Bureau
 P.O. Box 30960
 Lansing, Michigan 48909

On Issues of Potential Impact on Agriculture and the Nation

Key Votes in the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives

In the 1978 elections Michigan voters will elect one U.S. Senator for a six year term and 19 U.S. Representatives for 2 year terms. Following are the voting records on selected issues for incumbent Senator Robert Griffin who faces reelection in 1978 and 7 incumbent Michigan U.S. Representatives who also face reelection. Senator Griffin and the U.S. Representatives have been designated by the MFB PAC as "Friends of Agriculture." The specific issues were selected on the basis of degree of major controversy and/or potential impact on agriculture and the nation.

Votes shown in large type (Y or N) are consistent with the Farm Bureau position. Votes shown in small type (y or n) are in opposition to the Farm Bureau position.

U.S. SENATE KEY VOTES

1. **S. 354 No-Fault Auto Insurance** — Motion to recommit, and thus kill, legislation to establish federal standards for no-fault auto insurance, require states to adopt no-fault plans or accept a federal plan, and make no-fault insurance coverage mandatory for all drivers. Motion to recommit passed. Farm Bureau favored a "Y" vote.
2. **S. 1871 Minimum Wage** — Motion to approve an amendment that would allow employers to hire workers under age 20 at 85 percent of the minimum wage for the first 6 months on the job. The amendment was rejected. Farm Bureau favored a "Y" vote.
3. **S. 2104 Natural Gas Pricing** — Motion to adopt an amendment to end federal price controls for natural gas found onshore, retroactive to January 1, 1977, and to cease regulation of new offshore gas after December 31, 1982. The amendment was adopted. Farm Bureau favored a "Y" vote.
4. **S. 1811 Nuclear Energy Applications** — Motion to table, and thus kill, an amendment to allow states, by legislative action or by referendum, to prevent construction of federal storage facilities for radioactive wastes. The amendment was tabled. Farm Bureau favored a "N" vote.
5. **H.R. 7555 Economic Impact Statement** — Motion to require the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) to

- prepare an economic impact statement for all regulations issued by the agency. The motion was rejected. Farm Bureau favored a "Y" vote.
6. **S. 275 Food Stamps to Strikers** — Motion to table, and thus kill, an amendment to prohibit the availability of food stamps to strikers. Motion to table was approved. Farm Bureau favored a "N" vote.
7. **S. 275 Food Stamp Purchase Requirement** — Motion to retain the requirement in existing law that recipients pay for a portion of their food stamps. Motion was rejected. Farm Bureau favored a "Y" vote.
8. **H.R. 14232 OSHA Citations** — Motion to table, and thus kill, an amendment to prohibit the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) from issuing first instance citations for other than repeated or willful violations of OSHA regulations. The amendment was tabled. Farm Bureau favored a "N" vote.
9. **H.R. 11504 Emergency Farm Credit** — Passage of legislation to create a two-year, \$4 billion "economic emergency" loan program permitting refinancing of existing farm debts; to raise individual loan levels and to extend an emergency livestock credit program. The bill was passed. Farm Bureau favored a "Y" vote.
10. **S. 2493 Airline Deregulation** — Passage of legislation to encourage airline industry competition by increasing airlines' flexibility to set fares and enter additional routes. The bill was passed. Farm Bureau favored a "Y" vote.
11. **H.R. 6782 Emergency Farm Bill** — Adoption of the conference report on legislation to provide a one-year flexible parity program with graduated target price levels for wheat, corn and cotton, and to raise loan rates for those commodities. The conference report was adopted. Farm Bureau favored a "N" vote.
12. **Executive N Panama Canal Treaty** — Adoption of first resolution of ratification of the Panama Canal Treaty. The resolution was adopted. Farm Bureau favored a "N" vote.

U.S. HOUSE KEY VOTES

1. **H.R. 4250 Common Situs Picketing** — Passage of legislation to permit a labor union with a grievance with one contractor to picket all contractors on the same construction site. The bill was rejected. Farm Bureau favored a "N" vote.
2. **H.R. 10 Hatch Act Amendment** — Passage of legislation to revise the 1939 Hatch Act to allow federal and civilian and postal employees to participate in political activities. The bill passed. Farm Bureau favored a "N" vote.
3. **H.R. 7171 Food Stamps to Strikers** — Motion to eliminate from the food stamp program any household in which a member is on strike unless the household was eligible before the strike. Persons who refused to accept employment at a plant site because of a strike or lockout would not be eliminated. The motion was rejected. Farm Bureau favored a "Y" vote.
4. **H.R. 7171 Food Stamp Purchase Requirement** — Motion to require that recipients pay for a portion of their food stamp allotment. The motion was rejected. Farm Bureau favored a "Y" vote.
5. **H.R. 7171 Food and Agriculture Act** — Passage of legislation to extend and increase support payments for wheat, feed grains, cotton and rice four years, extend the food stamp program four years with numerous changes, extend the PL 480 program two years, amend the peanut support program, expand agricultural research programs, authorize establishment of a farmer held grain reserve and make other changes in U.S. agricultural programs. The bill was passed. Farm Bureau favored a "Y" vote.
6. **H.R. 8444 Use of Energy Tax** — Motion to use 1978 revenues from the proposed crude oil equalization tax to supplement the Social Security Trust Fund System. The motion was rejected. Farm Bureau favored a "N" vote.
7. **H.R. 8444 National Energy Policy** — Passage of legislation to establish a comprehensive national energy policy including a crude oil equalization tax. The bill was passed. Farm Bureau favored a "N" vote.
8. **H.R. 3744 Minimum Wage Study** — Motion to establish a nine member commission to study indexing the minimum wage, effects of the minimum wage on employment, youth differential and other aspects. The motion was adopted. Farm Bureau favored a "Y" vote.
9. **H.R. 3744 Youth Differential** — Motion to permit employers to pay 85 percent of the minimum wage to young workers under age 18 during their first 6 months on the job. The motion was rejected. Farm Bureau favored a "Y" vote.
10. **H.R. 8410 Labor Law Revision** — Passage of legislation to aid union organizing and bargaining by amending the National Labor Relations Act. The bill was passed. Farm Bureau favored a "N" vote.
11. **H.R. 1037 Cargo Preference** — Passage of legislation to guarantee U.S. flag ships a 9.5 percent share of the nation's oil imports. The bill was rejected. Farm Bureau favored a "N" vote.

	No Fault Auto Insurance	Minimum Wage	Natural Gas Pricing	Nuclear Energy Applications	Economic Impact Statement	Food Stamps to Strikers	Food Stamp Purchase Requirement	OSHA Citations	Emergency Farm Credit	Airline Deregulation	Emergency Farm Bill	Panama Canal	Votes For Farm Bureau Position	Votes Against Farm Bureau Position
Robert Griffin (R-Traverse City)	1 n	2 Y	3 Y	4 N	5 *	6 N	7 Y	8 N	9 Y	10 Y	11 y	12 N	9	2

* Did not vote or otherwise make a position known

Voting Record of Agri-Pac's "Friends of Agriculture" in U.S. House

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12. **H.R. 9346 Social Security Financing** — Adoption on conference report to raise Social Security payroll taxes, above existing scheduled levels, by increasing tax rates and the taxable wage base for both employees and employers beginning in 1979 and make other changes. The report was approved. Farm Bureau favored a "N" vote.

13. **H.R. 6805 Consumer Protection Agency** — Passage of legislation to establish an independent Consumer Protection Agency to represent the interests of consumers before federal agencies. The bill was rejected. Farm Bureau favored a "N" vote.

14. **H.R. 6782 Emergency Farm Bill** — Adoption of the conference report on legislation to provide a one-year flexible parity program with graduated target price levels for wheat, corn and cotton, and to raise loan rates for these commodities. The report was rejected. Farm Bureau favored a "N" vote.

DISTRICT AND NAME	Common Situs Picketing	Hatch Act Amendment	Food Stamps to Strikers	Food Stamp Purchase Requirement	Food and Agriculture Act	Use of Energy Tax	National Energy Policy	Minimum Wage Study	Youth Differential	Labor Law Revision	Cargo Preference	Social Security Financing	Consumer Protection Agency	Emergency Farm Bill	Votes For Farm Bureau Position	Votes Against Farm Bureau Position
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14		
Pursell (R-Ann Arbor)	y	N	n	n	Y	y	N	Y	Y	y	N	X	y	N	8	6
Brown (R-Schoolcraft)	N	N	Y	n	Y	?	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	y	11	2
Stockman (R-St. Joseph)	N	N	Y	n	n	N	N	n	Y	N	N	N	N	N	11	3
Sawyer (R-Grand Rapids)	N	X	Y	n	Y	y	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	12	2
VanderJagt (R-Luther)	?	N	Y	n	Y	y	N	n	Y	?	N	N	N	y	8	4
Cederberg (R-Midland)	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	n	Y	?	N	X	N	y	11	2
Broomfield (R-Birmingham)	N	N	Y	Y	n	y	N	n	Y	N	N	N	N	y	10	4

KEY
 Y or y - voted for (yea)
 N or n - voted against (nay)
 X - paired against (interpreted as a nay vote)
 ? - did not vote or otherwise make a position known

Key Votes in Michigan House on Issues Important to State's Agriculture

In the 1978 elections Michigan voters will elect 38 State Senators for 4-year terms. The following are the voting records on selected issues for incumbent State Senators during 1977-78, who have been designated as "Friends of Agriculture." The specific issues were selected on the basis of importance to Michigan agriculture.

Votes shown in large type (Y or N) are consistent with the Michigan Farm Bureau position. Votes shown in small type (y or n) are in opposition to the Farm Bureau position.

MICHIGAN SENATE KEY VOTES

- H.B. 4223 Truck Covers** — Passage of bill requiring loading and construction of vehicles to prevent escape of contents on highways. The bill contained an exemption for vehicles used to transport seasonal agricultural commodities at harvest time. The Senate passed the bill. Michigan Farm Bureau favored a "Y" vote.
- H.B. 4350 School Aid** — Passage of bill entitled "The State School Aid Act of 1977" making changes in the school aid formula and other changes consistent with Farm Bureau policy. The Senate passed the bill. Michigan Farm Bureau favored a "Y" vote.
- H.B. 4501 Artificial Lights** — Passage of bill making it illegal to use an artificial light to hunt, pursue or kill a deer while having a bow, firearm or other weapon in possession. The Senate passed the bill. Michigan Farm Bureau favored a "Y" vote.
- H.B. 4795 Truck Registration** — Passage of bill to eliminate registration requirements and establish a special \$15 annual permit for motor vehicles designed and used exclusively for the purpose of transporting farm crops between the field where produced and the place of storage. The Senate passed the bill. Michigan Farm Bureau favored a "Y" vote.
- H.B. 4806 Malpractice Insurance** — Passage of bill to establish policy and procedures for prompt and equitable resolution of malpractice claims in the medical profession. The Senate passed the bill. Farm Bureau favored a "Y" vote.

- H.B. 4954 Right-of-Way Taxation** — Passage of bill to eliminate taxation against private property owners of land on which there is a public right-of-way, such as a highway. The Senate passed the bill. Michigan Farm Bureau favored a "Y" vote.
- H.B. 5310 Pesticides** — Passage of bill to bring Michigan's pesticide law into compliance with the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act. Failure to comply with the federal mandate would have left Michigan farmers being unable to purchase or use essential pesticides after April 15, 1978. The Senate passed the bill. Michigan Farm Bureau favored a "Y" vote.
- H.B. 5417 Taxing Property Improvements** — Passage of bill directing assessors to exclude expenditures for normal repairs and maintenance of up to \$4,000 per year for three consecutive years when determining the true cash value of property. It also defines expenditures as money paid for labor or materials, but not the estimated cost of the property owner's labor. The Senate passed the bill. Michigan Farm Bureau favored a "Y" vote.
- H.B. 5476 Minimum Wage** — Passage of bill to extend minimum wage coverage to persons over 65 and extend coverage to include employers who employ two or more persons at any time within a calendar year. The Senate passed the bill. Michigan Farm Bureau favored a "N" vote.
- H.B. 5811 PBB** — Passage of bill to provide a \$30 indemnity to owners of dairy cattle biopsied for PBB, payment of \$2.50 per day for dairy animals quarantined because of PBB while awaiting pick-up by the State for burial and indemnity at fair market value for dairy cattle that died through no fault of the owner within ten days after a slaughter certificate has been issued. The Senate passed the bill. Michigan Farm Bureau favored a "Y" vote.
- H.B. 6003 State Tax Commission** — Passage of bill to remove from the Farmland and Open Space Preservation Act (P.A. 116) a requirement that the State Tax Commission appraise farmland before it is approved for a P.A. 116 contract. The Senate passed the bill. Michi-

gan Farm Bureau favored a "Y" vote.

- H.B. 6122 Price Later Agreements** — Passage of bill requiring persons engaged in the commercial business of buying, exchanging, selling or storing grain under price later agreements to meet specific standards designed to protect farmers from financial loss in case of default. The Senate passed the bill. Michigan Farm Bureau favored a "Y" vote.
- S.B. 4 Household Income** — Passage of bill to exclude Social Security income, certain retirement benefits, contributions towards insurance plans and the first \$300 from contest winnings from the definition of income when computing tax credits under the Homestead Property Tax Act. The Senate passed the bill. Michigan Farm Bureau favored a "Y" vote.
- S.B. 145 Written Permission** — Passage of bill to require that hunters, fishermen, snowmobilers, and ORV operators obtain written permission from the landowner before entering farmland and connected farm woodlots without the land being posted or fenced. The bill also applies to other non-farm property subject to specific conditions. The Senate passed the bill. Michigan Farm Bureau favored a "Y" vote.
- S.B. 689 Nuclear Wastes** — Passage of bill prohibiting the Governor from conveying title of land or turning jurisdiction of land over to the federal government for use of storing, depositing or dumping radioactive materials. The Senate passed the bill. Michigan Farm Bureau favored a "Y" vote.
- S.B. 714 Unemployment Compensation** — Passage of bill to bring the State Unemployment Compensation Act into compliance with minimum standards enacted by Congress. The bill was passed by the Senate without requiring more stringent standards from Michigan employers than required by the federal law. Michigan Farm Bureau favored a "Y" vote.
- S.B. 734 Single Business Tax** — Passage of an amendment to exempt agriculture from

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Michigan Senate Votes on Key Issues with Potential Agricultural Impact

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the single business tax. The Senate rejected the amendment. Michigan Farm Bureau favored a "Y" vote. (NOTE: the exemption was included in final legislation signed by Governor Milliken.)

18. **S.B. 808 Employment of Minors** — Passage of amendment to exempt from permit requirements minors employed in agriculture if standards for the farm work have been established by Michigan Department of Labor

or federal statute or regulation. Senate rejected the amendment. Michigan Farm Bureau did not support the requirement that state or federal standards be developed and there for favored a "N" vote.

19. **S.B. 1332 Agricultural Marketing and Bargaining** — Passage of bill to remove the expiration date from the Michigan Agricultural Marketing and Bargaining Act. The Senate passed the bill. Michigan Farm

Bureau favored a "Y" vote.

20. **S.B. 1683 P.A. 116** — Passage of bill to solve a problem encountered by lenders in providing loans to farmers who had signed P.A. 116 contracts. The bill clarifies that lending institutions have first lien mortgage rights to property enrolled in P.A. 116. The Senate passed the bill. Michigan Farm Bureau favored a "Y" vote.

VOTING RECORD MICHIGAN SENATE 77th and 78th Legislative Session

KEY:
Y or y = yes
N or n = no
A = absent or not voting

(Capitol letter in favor of Farm Bureau)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	Support Farm Bureau Position	Votes Against Farm Bureau Position	Absent Or Not Voting
	Truck Covers	School Aid	Artificial Lights	Truck Registration	Malpractice Insurance	Right-of-way Taxation	Pesticides	Taxing Property Improvements	Minimum Wage	PBB	State Tax Commission	Price Later Agreements	Household Income	Written Permission	Nuclear Wastes	Unemployment Compensation	Single Business Tax	Employment of Minors	Agric. Mktg. & Bargaining	P.A. 116			
Allen (R-Alma)	Y	A	A	Y	Y	Y	n	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	n	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	15	2	3
Bishop (R-Rochester)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	N	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	n	Y	17	1	2
Corbin (D-Clio)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	n	y	Y	Y	Y	17	3	0
Davis (R-Gaylord)	Y	n	Y	Y	Y	Y	n	Y	N	A	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	A	Y	Y	14	2	4
DeGrow (R-Pigeon)	Y	n	A	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	n	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	16	2	2
DeMaso (R-Battle Creek)	A	n	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	y	Y	Y	Y	n	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	15	3	2
DeSana (D-Grosse Ile)	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	n	y	Y	Y	Y	16	3	1
Hart (D-Saginaw)	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	A	A	y	Y	Y	A	Y	A	Y	A	n	A	Y	Y	11	2	7
Hertel (D-Harper Woods)	Y	n	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	n	A	Y	Y	14	3	3
Kammer (D-Pontiac)	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	n	y	Y	Y	14	3	3
Miller (D-Warren)	A	Y	Y	A	A	A	A	Y	y	Y	A	A	A	A	Y	Y	n	y	A	A	6	3	11
Toepp (R-Cadillac)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	n	Y	18	1	1
VanderLaan (R-Kentwood)	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	A	Y	A	A	A	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	15	0	5
Welborn (R-Kalamazoo)	Y	n	Y	Y	Y	Y	n	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	n	Y	17	3	0
Young (R-Saginaw)	Y	n	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	19	1	0

Key Votes in Michigan Senate on Issues Important to Agriculture

Voters participating in the 1978 elections will elect 110 State Representatives to serve 2-year terms. Following are the voting records on specific issues for incumbent State Representatives during 1977-78, who have been designated as "Friends of Agriculture." The specific issues were selected on the basis of potential impact on Michigan agriculture.

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MICHIGAN HOUSE KEY VOTES

- H.B. 4076 Tax Equalization** — Passage of bill to equalize property by class and include "developmental" as a class by itself. Classes established would be agricultural, developmental, residential, commercial, industrial, and timber cut over. The House passed the bill. Michigan Farm Bureau favored a "Y" vote.
- H.B. 4109 PBB** — Amendment to the original bill. The amendment would raise the level at which PBB contaminated cattle would be destroyed from 20 parts per billion to 300 parts per billion established by the Food and Drug Administration as the federal tolerance level. The House rejected the amendment. Michigan Farm Bureau favored a "Y" vote.
- H.B. 4350 School Aid** — Passage of bill entitled "The State School Aid Act of 1977" making changes in the school aid formula and other changes consistent with Farm Bureau

policy. The House passed the bill. Michigan Farm Bureau favored a "Y" vote.

- H.B. 4501 Artificial Lights** — Passage of bill making it illegal to use an artificial light to hunt, pursue, or kill a deer while having a bow, firearm or other weapon in possession. The House passed the bill. Michigan Farm Bureau favored a "Y" vote.
- H.B. 4546 Food Handler Licensing** — Passage of bill revising license procedures for firms engaged in processing, packaging, preserving, fabrication, storage or sale of food. Included provision that if the firm had not paid producers for commodities during the preceding year its license application for the coming year shall not be approved thus providing some prompt pay protection to growers. The House passed the bill. Michigan Farm Bureau favored a "Y" vote.
- H.B. 4570 Tax Assessment** — Passage of bill amending the General Property Tax Act and requiring the State Tax Commission to establish assessment and equalization procedures for property by type of use. A special classification for development property would be created. The House passed the bill. Michigan Farm Bureau favored a "Y" vote.
- H.B. 5402 X-Disease** — Passage of bill authorizing the Director of Agriculture or his agent to enter private property with the owner's permission to destroy choke cherry bushes which are host to a virus known as X-Disease that is fatal to peach and cherry

trees. The Department was also given control over the sale, transportation and distribution of choke cherry seeds or plants. The House passed the bill. Michigan Farm Bureau favored a "Y" vote.

- H.B. 5417 Taxing Property Improvements** — Passage of bill directing assessors to exclude expenditures for normal repairs and maintenance of up to \$4000 per year for three consecutive years when determining the true cash value of property. It also defines expenditures as money paid for labor or materials, but not the estimated cost of the property owner's labor. The House passed the bill. Michigan Farm Bureau favored a "Y" vote.
- H.B. 5476 Minimum Wage** — Passage of bill to extend minimum wage coverage to persons over 65 and extend coverage to include employers who employed two or more persons at any time within a calendar year. The House passed the bill. Michigan Farm Bureau favored a "N" vote.
- H.B. 5551 Wine Industry** — Passage of bill to reduce the license fee to \$250 from \$1000 for wine makers who manufacture less than 50,000 gallons of wine per year. The House passed the bill. Michigan Farm Bureau favored a "Y" vote.
- H.B. 5811 PBB** — Passage of bill to provide a \$30 indemnity payment to owners of dairy cattle biopsied for PBB prior to slaughter, pay owners \$2.50 per day for the dairy animals testing above PBB tolerance while awaiting

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On Specific Issues with Potential Impact on Michigan Agriculture

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pick-up by the state for burial and indemnity at fair market value dairy cattle that die through no fault of the owner within ten days after a slaughter certificate has been issued. The House passed the bill. Michigan Farm Bureau favored a "Y" vote.

12. **H.B. 5988 Agricultural Commodities Promotion** — Passage of bill to lower producer referenda requirements for approval of a commodities promotion program to a simple majority of those voting representing a simple majority of the commodity produced by those voting. The House passed the bill. Michigan Farm Bureau favored a "Y" vote.

13. **S.B. 4 Household Income** — Passage of bill to exclude Social Security income, certain retirement benefits, contributions towards insurance plans and the first \$300 from contest winnings from the definition of income when computing tax credits under the Homestead Property Tax Act. The House passed the bill. Michigan Farm Bureau favored a "Y" vote.

14. **S.B. 46 Fence Law** — Passage of bill to amend the outdated fence law. Requires that a person constructing a fence pay the entire cost unless an adjoining property owner uses the fence in which case he would pay a portion of the cost. Provisions for fence viewers to settle disputes are included. The House passed the bill. Michigan Farm Bureau favored a "Y" vote.

15. **S.B. 547 Livestock Health Certificates** — Passage of bill to update health certificate requirements on imported livestock. Persons receiving imported cattle would be required to obtain health certificates and see that the certificates accompany the animals. Swine imported for breeding purposes would be required to pass a pseudorabies test before entering the state. The bill passed the House. Michigan Farm Bureau favored a "Y" vote.

16. **S.B. 689 Nuclear Wastes** — Passage of bill prohibiting the Governor from conveying title of land or turning jurisdiction of land over to the federal government for use in storing, depositing or dumping radioactive material.

The House passed the bill. Michigan Farm Bureau favored a "Y" vote.

17. **S.B. 714 Unemployment Compensation** — Passage of bill to bring the State Unemployment Compensation Act into compliance with minimum standards enacted by Congress. The bill was passed by the House without requiring more stringent standards from Michigan employers than required by federal law. Michigan Farm Bureau favored a "Y" vote.

18. **S.B. 734 Single Business Tax** — Passage of final bill making changes in the Single Business Tax including an agricultural exemption. The House passed the bill. Michigan Farm Bureau favored a "Y" vote.

19. **S.B. 808 Employment of Minors** — Passage of bill to establish working standards for minors and exempt from work permit requirements minors engaged in farm work that is in compliance with the standards. The House passed the bill. Michigan Farm Bureau favored a "Y" vote.

VOTING RECORD MICHIGAN HOUSE 78TH LEGISLATIVE SESSION

KEY:

Y or y = yes
N or n = no
A = absent or not voting
(Capital letter in favor of Farm Bureau)

- Anderson (D-Southgate)
- Armbruster (R-Caro)
- Barcia (D-Bay City)
- Binsfield (R-Maple City)
- Brown, Thomas H. (D-Westland)
- Burkhalter (D-Lapeer)
- Busch (R-Saginaw)
- Buth (R-Rockford)
- Cramton (R-Midland)
- DeStigter (R-Allendale)
- Dodak (D-Montrose)
- Engler (R-Mt. Pleasant)
- Fessler (R-Union Lake)
- Fredricks (R-Holland)
- Gast (R-St. Joseph)
- Geerlings (R-Norton Shores)
- Gilmer (R-Augusta)
- Gingrass (D-Iron Mountain)
- Hellman (D-Dollar Bay)
- Hoffman (R-Applegate)
- Jacobetti (D-Negaunee)
- Jowett (R-Port Huron)
- Kehres (D-Monroe)
- Kennedy (R-Bangor)
- ¹ Lincoln (R-Albion)
- Mahalak (D-Romulus)
- Montgomery (D-Detroit)
- Mowat (R-Adrian)
- Mueller (R-Linden)
- Nash (R-Dimondale)
- Ostling (R-Roscommon)
- Porter (D-Quincy)
- Siljander (R-Three Rivers)
- Smith, Roy (R-Ypsilanti)
- Trim (D-Davisburg)
- Van Singel (R-Grant)
- Varnum (R-Manistique)
- Welborn (R-Kalamazoo)

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Anderson (D-Southgate)	A	n	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	14	2	3	
Armbruster (R-Caro)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	19	0	0	
Barcia (D-Bay City)	Y	n	Y	A	Y	A	A	y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	14	2	3	
Binsfield (R-Maple City)	A	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	16	1	2	
Brown, Thomas H. (D-Westland)	Y	A	A	Y	A	Y	Y	y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	15	1	3	
Burkhalter (D-Lapeer)	Y	n	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	16	2	1	
Busch (R-Saginaw)	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	A	Y	A	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	16	0	3	
Buth (R-Rockford)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	17	0	2	
Cramton (R-Midland)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	y	Y	A	Y	A	n	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	15	2	2	
DeStigter (R-Allendale)	Y	n	Y	Y	Y	A	A	Y	A	n	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	12	2	5	
Dodak (D-Montrose)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	18	1	0	
Engler (R-Mt. Pleasant)	Y	n	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	17	1	1	
Fessler (R-Union Lake)	Y	n	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	17	2	0	
Fredricks (R-Holland)	Y	n	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	17	1	1	
Gast (R-St. Joseph)	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	17	0	2	
Geerlings (R-Norton Shores)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	18	1	0	
Gilmer (R-Augusta)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	18	1	0	
Gingrass (D-Iron Mountain)	Y	n	Y	Y	A	Y	A	Y	A	A	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	12	1	6	
Hellman (D-Dollar Bay)	n	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	y	A	A	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	12	2	5	
Hoffman (R-Applegate)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	A	Y	Y	A	n	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	15	1	3	
Jacobetti (D-Negaunee)	Y	n	Y	A	A	n	Y	A	y	Y	A	A	Y	Y	Y	A	A	Y	9	3	7	
Jowett (R-Port Huron)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	y	Y	A	A	A	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	14	1	4	
Kehres (D-Monroe)	Y	A	A	Y	A	Y	Y	y	Y	A	A	A	Y	Y	A	Y	A	A	9	1	9	
Kennedy (R-Bangor)	Y	n	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	n	Y	16	2	1	
¹ Lincoln (R-Albion)	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Mahalak (D-Romulus)	Y	n	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	y	Y	A	Y	Y	n	Y	Y	Y	n	Y	14	4	1	
Montgomery (D-Detroit)	Y	n	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	n	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	15	2	2	
Mowat (R-Adrian)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	A	15	1	3	
Mueller (R-Linden)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	n	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	16	1	2	
Nash (R-Dimondale)	A	Y	A	A	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	16	0	3	
Ostling (R-Roscommon)	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	16	1	2	
Porter (D-Quincy)	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	17	0	2	
Siljander (R-Three Rivers)	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	A	N	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	16	0	3	
Smith, Roy (R-Ypsilanti)	Y	n	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	17	2	0	
Trim (D-Davisburg)	Y	A	Y	Y	A	Y	A	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	16	0	3	
Van Singel (R-Grant)	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	A	y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	15	1	3	
Varnum (R-Manistique)	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	y	A	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	15	1	3	
Welborn (R-Kalamazoo)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	n	Y	18	1	0	

¹ Replaced Angel in Special Election May 4, 1978 - has not voted on these issues.

Nelson Appointed to Ad Hoc Crime Coalition

Ron Nelson, Michigan Farm Bureau Local Affairs Specialist, has been named by Governor William G. Milliken to a 22-member ad hoc Crime Prevention Coalition.

In announcing the coalition, Milliken stated, "Michigan experienced a ten percent reduction in serious crime in 1977 -- thanks, in large measure, to coordinated prevention programs. However, we can have an even wider impact, if we involve business and industry, private security, major institutions, the media and civic groups in the effort."

Milliken further stated, "I am asking these 22 key leaders to become directly involved. Working with the Commission on Criminal Justice and the Crime Prevention Association of

Local Input Urged In Conservation Programs

For the first time in the 43 year history of the USDA's soil conservation program, the public will have the opportunity to participate in the development of conservation programs of their local Soil Conservation District (SCD), the State Soil Conservation Committee and the USDA Soil Conservation Service (SCS). The primary vehicle for this massive public input to the SCS program planning will be a series of open meetings to be held in each of Michigan's 84 Soil Conservation Districts.

This unprecedented public participation campaign was developed to respond to the mandates of the Soil and Water Conservation Act, known as the Resources Conservation Act, passed by Congress last fall. It calls for an inventory of soil, water and related resources in each of the nation's 2,950 soil conservation districts. The inventory will be completed by the USDA Soil Conservation Service in cooperation with local soil conservation districts, state soil conservation agencies and organizations with input from all interested groups and individuals. Arthur Cratty, SCS State Conservationist, explained the key points of the law are: an adequate appraisal of the condition of the soil, water and related resources and development of programs to solve problems identified.

The officers of the Michigan Association of Conservation Districts (MACD) have met with the Soil Conservation Service to develop plans and local SCD Directors have attended MACD workshops to prepare



RON NELSON

Michigan (an organization of law enforcement-oriented officials), I expect them to develop comprehensive programs which can further reduce crime in Michigan."

Nelson has been coordinator of the MFB Rural Crime Prevention Program since its inception in 1976.

for the local public participation campaigns.

Each Soil Conservation District will have its own grassroots campaign designed to surface local needs and concerns. Although the public meetings will highlight the information gathering campaign in most counties, the Soil Conservation Districts will be accepting responses anytime before the September 1, 1978 cut-off date.

"Traditionally, the SCD programs have been tied to rural communities and through these public participation meetings, farmers will have a greater opportunity to bring attention to their concerns for soil and water resources conservation," says Al Almy, director, Michigan Farm Bureau Public Affairs Division. "The SCS and local SCD's will also be listening to new voices who share these broad areas of concern. The public participation programs will seek input from all segments of the population such as urban residents, young people, civic groups and environmentalists. "It is important for farmers to recognize the potential impact of these new 'voices' on future programs of the USDA's Soil Conservation Service. In every district meeting, agriculture should make every effort to be represented by individual farmers and the county Farm Bureau organization."

Interested persons and organizations may get details of area meetings from local Soil Conservation Districts or local offices of the USDA's Soil Conservation Service located throughout Michigan.

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work with -- officials of the European Economic Community.

We have been part of two important trade related sessions recently. The first was a meeting between the general farm and commodity organizations from the U.S., and the 9-member European Economic Community, held at Reims, France, in early June.

More recently we mounted a Farm Bureau trade mission to Europe with meetings at Geneva, and Brussels.

After months of discussion, the "Tokyo Round" of GATT negotiations is reaching a critical phase both for U.S. agriculture and U.S. industry. Many agreements of extreme importance are being debated and are now near final decision.

Our talks have been amiable, but often return to the basic fact that many European farm leaders appear to value price "stability" (often pegged by government at very low average prices) more than they value market opportunity.

European farm organizations are themselves somewhat captives of government, and their thinking often closely reflects the government political view. One result is that European "farm" programs are often blended with social-action

schemes designed to meet some government goal -- such as reducing unemployment through keeping people busy on farms.

At the Reims conference, a number of us within the American delegation expressed growing concern that farmers of the community allow politics to replace farm economic realities.

At one point I made the formal statement that: Farm Bureau believes that the working of the price mechanism, as determined by supply and demand relationships under the private, competitive enterprise system, has been demonstrated to be far superior to attempts to politically regulate world trade.

This, I added, appeared to be the one most basic ideological difference we have with some of the policies of the economic community which include the concept of government controlled stockpiles and allocated shares of world markets.

Farm Bureau's objective in these talks is (at a minimum) to preserve, and if possible to improve, the excellent competitive position that American farm and ranch people have by their own efforts, so greatly earned.

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A Day in the Life of a Regional Representative

Stories by Donna Wilber
Photos by Marcia Ditchie

Three out of the last four state "distinguished young farmers" were products of the West Central Region. The only woman County Farm Bureau president in Michigan holds office in the West Central Region. Year after year, County Farm Bureaus from the West Central Region capture a healthy share of the program achievement honors at the state annual meeting.

To what do its members attribute these successes? The modest, hard-working, dedicated members of the West Central Region aren't saying. . . they don't have to; they have an enthusiastic "press agent" who does their bragging for them - Regional Representative Pat Lause. And according to Pat, the answer is simply because people in his region are "special" - special farmers who rate A+ in business management, special members who realize they can accomplish "anything that needs to be done" through their organization.

This "weekend cowboy," who hangs up his guitar and puts his horse out to pasture five days a week, took FARM NEWS editors on a whirlwind "typical" day recently and introduced us to some of these "special" people.

Our first stop was at the Oceana County Farm Bureau office in Shelby to check signals with county secretary Ingrid Jauch. County member involvement in the National Asparagus Festival, scheduled for the following week-end, was discussed, along with Pat's favorite topic: membership. "I see no reason for any farmer not to be a member of Farm Bureau; it offers something for everyone. It provides more economic services, more legislative services, more of everything than any other organization. If we can just get farmers to realize the strength, the power they can have through Farm Bureau; they can do just anything they want to do through Farm Bureau," says Pat.

"The day when a farmer has no interest beyond his own fence rows is over. There's going to be trips to Lansing and Washington, involvement in government at all levels and in other organizations, if they are going to have any input into decisions which affect them. It's a whole lot easier to stop something that will be detrimental to agriculture than to change it after its already happened," he said.

The next stop was at the farm of Robert Rider, District 7 Director on the Michigan Farm Bureau board. Pat feels it's im-

director informed on what's going on in his counties, what particular concerns or problems the members are having, so that he can represent them knowledgeably at state board meetings.

There's a board meeting in Mason County Farm Bureau that evening and consequently, this has top priority on Pat's activities for the day. "Board meetings are serious business," Pat believes, and therefore, he tries to call on a majority of the county board members that day, just to remind them of the meeting and call their attention to some of the key items on the agenda.

Our first stop in Mason County is at the home of County Secretary Ann Conrad. Pat and Ann review the agenda and also discuss (naturally!) membership. Both are confident that the five members still needed for goal would be in shortly.

Our next visit is with the only woman county Farm Bureau president in the state (see accompanying story), Janet Groth. Asked if having a woman president in his region created any unique challenges for him, Pat unhesitatingly replied: "Heck, no! I think it's great!"

It's in Scottville, where we meet several of Pat's "special" people, that we find a living definition of that phrase: Farm Bureau Family. There's a cooperative "oneness" between the Mason County Farm Bureau and the affiliates. It's evident that the Farmers Petroleum Cooperative, Farm Bureau Services, and Farm Bureau Insurance Group personnel all think of themselves as an integral part of the county Farm Bureau organization. This is evidenced by the fact that most of the employees are members, attend county board meetings and other activities, and work jointly on the Farm Bureau fair exhibit at the county fair. "Everybody works together," reports Pat.

Scottville FBS - FPC manager, Jerry Erwin, whom many credit for this "oneness," (along with FBIG agency manager Jim Fitch, a former county president) was out of town when we stopped in Scottville. At the FPC outlet (where Mason County's many program activity award medallions are displayed), we talked with assistant manager Fred Smith. Fred reported it had been a "great spring" for the Scottville FPC, and an incentive tire campaign initiated by Manager Erwin



Pat talks with 10-year FBS veteran Dick Thurow at the busy Services' headquarters in Scottville.



President Carter's action on beef imports is the topic of discussion with fruit grower and beef producer Bruce Brown.



Pat asks Membership Chairman Loren Young to be thinking about committee appointments as he sprays his cherry orchards.

reasons. A big poster displayed in Erwin's office told the story. Employees had been trying to convince him that they could work more efficiently to the accompaniment of a stereo system. Erwin agreed -- provided they sold a quota of 182 tires by a certain date. The poster showed they were

tire sales recorded the day of our visit.

The FBIG agency at Scottville is a family affair with Jim Fitch, a former Mason County Farm Bureau president, as the manager with the capable assistance of his wife, Carol. The experience of being a county Farm Bureau president and

"Watching my people grow"--

Pat Lause, West Central Region

empathy with his clients. He understands their concerns about having Worker's Comp premiums higher than their total payroll.

We leave the bustle of Scottville's Farm Bureau affiliates for the quiet serenity of Maple Hill Farms, home of Michigan Farm Bureau's "Distinguished Young Farmer," Ron Wood. (See accompanying story.)

Next, we head for the next Mason County board member, Barry Pleiness, Young Farmer chairman. Barry is out working in the fields, but this doesn't prevent his father, Harlan, from giving FARM NEWS editors a tour through his modern dairy barn or to try convincing his pride and joy 20,000 lb. Guernsey that she ought to pose for her picture.

We caught up with Bruce Brown, another Mason County Farm Bureau board member, in the orchard inspecting his cherry trees. We talked with Bruce, a top beef producer as well as a fruit farmer, about President Carter's beef import action to control prices. Bruce opened his beef and fruit operation to urban people during last year's Mason County Farm Bureau's fair promotion and understands the importance of gaining consumer understanding and support of agriculture and its unique problems. A follow-up of our conversation with Bruce was listing him as a resource person for the news media to contact regarding beef prices and Carter's action. Bruce is also a member of the state Feed Grains Advisory Committee.

Our last stop of the day, was in the orchard of Mason County Farm Bureau membership chairman, Loren Young. Loren wasn't expecting "company" and was in the process of cleaning off his tractor windshield and himself after spraying when we arrived. Like everything else, Pat explained - Mother Nature, prices, and other farmer challenges - he took our visit and the snapping photographer in stride. He displayed confidence, rather than exuberance, when Pat reported another membership had come in that day. Pat admires Loren as a "good thinker" and realizing the importance of committee appointments, suggested that he "think about some good people" to appoint while driving his tractor and spraying his orchards.

By this time, the sun was sinking into the horizon and so were the FARM NEWS editors. But we still had to ask Pat one last question: What is the most satisfying part of your job?

"Watching my people

"Watch Them Grow!"

Janet Wiolds President's Gavel with Ease

"She's doing a great job.

That's what Regional Representative Pat Lause, West Central Region, has to say about the only woman county Farm Bureau president in the state, Janet Groth.

When Janet was first asked to be president of the Mason County Farm Bureau, her answer -- after a few sleepless nights debating the decision -- was "no." This negative answer was not because she doubted her ability to handle the job. Rather, it was based on the fact that she was involved in a sideline business to the farm operation that was demanding more and more of her time and energies. And she didn't want to accept any responsibility to which she couldn't give her best.

She did, however, consent to take the vice presidency post. She, nor anyone else in the Mason County Farm Bureau, could have predicted that the president would move out of the county after

selling his farm. This put the gavel in Janet's hands and she's wielding it, like all her other responsibilities, with competence.

We interviewed Janet under the watchful eyes of hundreds of fish, some beautiful, others ugly but interesting -- all attractively displayed in 158 tanks with appropriate underwater backgrounds and props and all housed in a new facility accented with hanging plants and educational books to tempt the fish enthusiast.

This business started out innocently enough -- three little goldfish brought home by her husband as part of a soap promotion in a store where he delivered eggs. The next time he delivered eggs to the store, there were still some gold fish left and they found a home in the Groth household. As husband Gordon discovered "little guppies with silver tails," etc. they graduated from a small bowl to a 10-gallon tank, then another and

another until there were three 10-gallon tanks on Janet's counter.

Then came the news that a fish business in the area was selling out and Gordon bought the inventory. However, when he got involved in expansion of the farm business, it was up to Janet to take over the fish business, which was moved into the newly - constructed facility last January.

In addition to a husband who operates a honey and egg farm (with a route covering Mason and Manistee counties and a self-serve egg business) and brings her goldfish instead of flowers, Janet has two children, a girl 18 and a boy 14 ("and sometimes could use a few more.").

Janet has some thoughts on why she is the only woman county Farm Bureau president in the state. First is, she thinks, they haven't been asked! Secondly, "I don't think we have enough women on county boards and of course, that's the place you

must start -- you have to serve on the county board before you can become county president," says Janet. "It's a challenge to get women involved, to get them to come forth and accept a new responsibility. They might say, 'Well, I don't know anything about it,' but you get in and you learn -- FAST!" Another reason, she believes, is that women have failed to see themselves in the role of county president.

Janet has the experience of being a county president's wife, several years ago, and of serving as Women's chairman for three years. The experiences she's gained from those two jobs, she believes, helped equip her for the county president's role. She also serves on the Farm Bureau Women's Speakers' Bureau, with Joan Allison as her partner. They've made about 14 presentations this past year to service organizations and schools. They follow their school presentations with a farm



tour to give students the opportunity to see and sometimes touch farm animals for the first time.

Janet has one more term to serve as county president. Will she run again? She hasn't made that decision yet, but in the meantime, "I think it's a good challenge and a good experience."

"Watch Them Grow!"

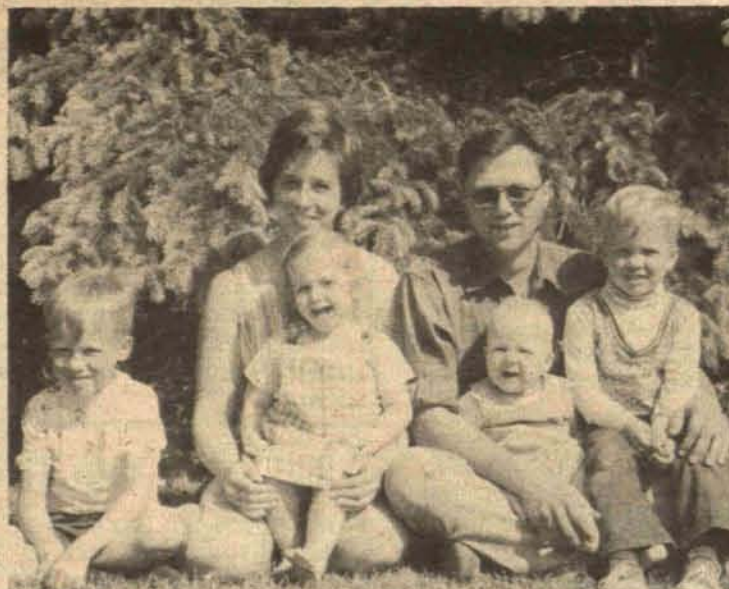
Top Young Farmer is County, State FB Leader

Pete Bontekoe, Osceola County, 1974 Distinguished Young Farmer; George Parsons, Osceola County, 1976 Distinguished Young Farmer; Ron Wood, Mason County, 1977 Distinguished Young Farmer. A proud record for the West Central Region!

Regional Representative Pat Lause has a theory that the challenges of agriculture in that particular area are conducive to the consistency with which the region turns out award-winning young farmers. "We don't have the land quality they have in other areas; we don't have a Saginaw terminal to haul our grain to; we don't have a Detroit market close at hand to ship our milk to -- so our farmers have to make it on their management skills. They're all excellent managers; they have to be," he explained.

Another common trait of these three top young farmers, Pat says, is that they're open, friendly, and very proud of their operations. "It's that pride that keeps them striving to do a better job," he said.

That pride -- in his chosen vocation, his farming operation, and his heritage -- is certainly evident in the current DYF, Ron Wood. It's not a boastful pride, rather a kind of reverence and sense of responsibility that shines through when you talk to Ron about the Centennial farm of which he is a family partner. That pride is illustrated by



Distinguished Young Farmer Ron Wood, his wife Neva, and their four children -- Jamie, Becka, Joseph and David -- relax together on their shady lawn at Maple Wood Farms.

a special Maple Wood Farms centennial book, a pictorial history of the family farm, complete with a dedication to his mother and father, painstakingly and lovingly put together by Ron and his wife, Neva, as a special Christmas gift to the family partners.

That pride is also evident as he takes his visitors on a tour of the efficient dairy operation and when he expresses the hope that at least one of his four children will decide to stay on the farm to carry on the proud family tradition.

He's proud, too, of the title that was bestowed upon him at last year's Michigan Farm Bureau annual meeting.

"When I was named

Distinguished Young Farmer at the county annual meeting, it was a complete surprise," he recalls. "I was sitting there just waiting for that part of the program to get over with so we could get started on resolutions -- and then they announced my name. When you're selected by your fellow board members for such an honor, well, I thought it was just great. If it had stopped right there, it would still have been tremendous."

"Then I filled out the application for the state contest and it was a real nice experience to be interviewed on the farm by the judges. It was great to be in the state contest and meet the other candidates. Several of the can-

didates were in FFA when I was; in fact, I had interviewed two of them for State Farmer Awards when I was an FFA officer. So I know what kind of farmers they were -- and here I was competing against them! Then being named Distinguished Young Farmer was something you dream about but don't really expect to happen. Representing Michigan in the national contest was another great experience."

Ron has been on the Mason County Farm Bureau board of directors for three years and last year was elected to the executive committee. He's been active in his community group, the citrus sales, and the membership drives for a number of years. At the last annual meeting of Farmers Petroleum Cooperative, Inc., in December, he was elected to the state board.

He talked about this relatively new role and the responsibility he feels toward it. "I'll never be a rubber stamp on any board. I may argue up to the time the vote comes, but once the issue is passed, then I will support it as strongly as I opposed it. That's the way it should work in Farm Bureau," he explained.

Ron and Neva had just returned from the combined Farm Bureau state boards' annual week-end meeting and were enthusiastic about their participation. "It was an education," Ron said, "I

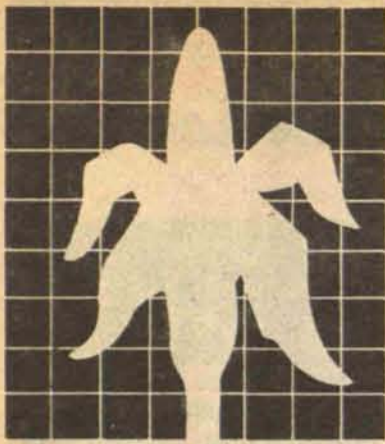
would compare it to a half semester of college. I only wish that all young farmers could be actively involved in all the programs and activities Farm Bureau has to offer."

What do these kind of young farmers mean to a county Farm Bureau? According to Pat Lause: "When well - respected farmers like this belong to and are active in the organization, it projects a positive image of the county Farm Bureau -- and does more to keep it going than anything else."

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grow! That's the most rewarding experiences in this job. There's a lot more to agriculture than planting and harvesting; there's marketing, legislation, public information -- so many things that farmers need to be involved in -- and Farm Bureau gives them that opportunity. It's a great thrill to see a member who has not been active in the organization get 'turned on' and involved in a particular project, then grow into leadership positions. They're out there; all we have to do is find them and ask them. success breeds success; one success and the ball starts rolling and they (those "special" people) strive for yet another success. That's what Farm Bureau is all about." So says Pat Lause, West Central Regional Representative.



Marketing Outlook



Passing the Buck--Farmers May Bear Burden for Inflation

By Dr. Paul Kindinger

Farmers are in for some rough sledding if food prices continue to increase. Yes, farmers appear to be the ones chosen by the Carter Administration to bear the burden for inflation in the U.S. and worldwide!

In a recent Wall Street Journal article Barry Bosworth, director of the Council of Wage and Price Stability was quoted as saying that the success of the Carter Administration's anti-inflation program would be judged by consumers in the nation's grocery stores. This statement may contain a great deal of truth since food is one of the more visible items in the household budget. But how ludicrous to assume that, by concentrating on a single component of the consumer price index, inflation will be eliminated. Rising food prices are as much the result of inflation as they are the cause. But it's probably more popular politically to attack food since it is the most visible item in the budget and to ignore the small number of farm votes.

If U.S. beef producers are causing inflation -- why, then, did Sweden experience a 13 percent increase in its consumer price index during the

past year? Or similarly, why did Brazil's CPI increase 38 percent or Argentina's increase an unbelievable 173 percent? Many developed and developing nations are experiencing higher living costs compared to three or four years ago. It is simply unrealistic to blame such serious problems on one segment of society in a particular country.

What is the cause of inflation if it's not just food prices? Obviously there is not a single answer. It is a combination of events.

Most introductory economics textbooks expound the virtues of increasing productivity commensurate with increased wage rates. This advice may be more pertinent today since many wage settlements now take into account future expectations regarding inflation, thus, building in guaranteed inflation.

U.S. government statistics also indicate that disposable income has risen 54 percent since 1972. Wages have risen faster than the cost of living during the same period. Certainly there were some ups and downs, but basically the trend in real wages is up. This means that people have additional discretionary income. Demand has been

strong for automobiles, new houses, recreational items, televisions, etc. Thus, strong demand has helped to pull prices up.

Government itself is a prime cause of inflation. Large budget deficits and federal debts are inflationary. These same factors have shaken the foundation of our currency in overseas markets. Every U.S. citizen must pay the price when Uncle Sam prints another dollar bill to replace one that has gone overseas or goes toward paying interest on the federal debt.

External shocks to the U.S. economy have also had a dramatic impact on our cost of living in the U.S. The exact amount is difficult to measure. The creation of OPEC has certainly played a tremendous role in pushing the button on our inflationary spiral that is still going on.

It is unfair to single out agriculture or food prices as the cause of inflation. Farmers are also consumers. The price of the lumber, steel products, electricity, diesel fuel and everything they buy has also gone up since 1972. Yet the fact remains that the majority of farmers have little or no market power to affect the prices they receive. It also appears that they

cannot look towards the current administration for assistance in their fight to control input costs and make a decent return on their investment from the market place.

Perhaps farmers should start their own rumor: Mr. Carter is the reason food prices are going up! One thing is certain, the buck must stop somewhere.

What Does Inflation Really Mean?

By DR. PAUL KINDINGER

We read about it every day; every businessman dreads it; consumers curse it; and some are blamed for it. But what is it? Inflation. . . that 6½ percent increase in the cost of everything we purchase. Some items increase more than 6½ percent, some increase during certain times of the year, then slow down at other times. But, on the average, the American economy now seems to be geared to a 6½ or 7 percent rate of inflation. Unfortunately, few understand just what that really means.

With a 6½ percent rate of inflation, it takes exactly 11 years for the price of an item to double! So if an item costs \$1.00 in 1978 it will cost \$2.00 in 1989. For instance the \$4.00 haircut becomes \$8.00; the \$7,000 car or truck becomes \$14,000; and the \$50,000 home becomes \$100,000. All this means that a person earning \$10,000 today must earn \$20,000 or more just to stay even. It will have to be slightly more than \$20,000 because of the bigger income tax bite under the current laws.

People should also realize that the compounding process continues as time marches on. After the initial doubling, it only takes an additional six year before our original item costing \$1.00 will cost \$3.00, etc. Furthermore, a 7 or 8 percent inflation rate means that it takes even less time for this doubling process to occur!

Therefore, it behooves each of us to consider these facts when we are electing those public officials who will vote on state and federal budgets and tax laws. Certainly each of us must play a role in curbing inflation. But the example for us to follow must begin with our public officials.

Michigan Citrus Sales Promotion Wins Award at Florida Conference

An award winning Michigan citrus sales promotion brought recognition for the Michigan Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Association (MACMA) Direct Marketing program during the annual Florida Farm Bureau Spring Citrus Conference at Gainesville, Florida, May 24-26. The January through May promotion was conducted as part of the Citrus Incentive Program sponsored by the Florida Agricultural Marketing Association. The goal of the incentive program was to stimulate the sale and use of Florida citrus products through direct marketing programs.

Dick Westra, manager, MACMA Direct Marketing, and Noel Stuckman, MACMA general manager, were presented first place awards in the Division II membership



Holding two of Michigan's products are Glenn Tyre, manager of the citrus division of Florida Agricultural Marketing Association, Dick Westra, manager of MACMA's Direct Marketing Division, and Noel Stuckman, MACMA general manager.

category for best overall sales promotion and variety product promotion of size 48 grapefruit. Direct Marketing total sales of citrus products based on membership earned a 3rd place award for the Michigan Farm Bureau

member service. All county citrus coordinators in participating counties were sent a stainless steel fruit knife and a certificate of appreciation from the Florida Agricultural Marketing Association.

Crop Predictions

Predictions for this year's fruit crops are now taking shape. It now appears that all major fruit crops grown in Michigan will be larger than last year, except tart cherries. Tart cherries were damaged most extensively in the southwestern and central districts. Those two areas will produce less cherries than last year, while the northwest will likely have more. Early predictions range from 185 to 205 billion pounds national crop, with between 135 to 150 million pounds produced here in Michigan. A more accurate prediction will be announced soon.

Apple production should be significantly higher than the last two years. Early estimates peg the Michigan crop between 16.5 and 18.5 million bushels. If the final figure is near the upper end of this scale we may find problems in harvesting that large a crop as well as a box shortage.

The grape crop should be the best in several years. With a good season this crop could easily reach 60,000 tons. This big crop comes at a time which should be good for growers and processors.

The blueberry output should double last year's disaster, but will still be less than the five year average. Poor production could continue for several seasons as canes for future years have been killed during the last two cold winters.

Both sweet cherries and plums will show increased production over last year and the five year average. An accurate plum prediction is somewhat difficult to determine as many growers have removed or abandoned orchards. The upcoming fruit tree survey should supply us with much needed fruit production capacity information and planting trends.

Louise Smith Passes Away

Mrs. Louise Smith of Galesburg, who served as pianist and organist for the Michigan Farm Bureau annual meetings for 17 years, passed away May 30 at the age of 72.

A long-time Farm Bureau member, she was active in the Kalamazoo County Farm Bureau Women's Committee and was also involved in the women's program at the state level.

She is survived by three sons, Ledward E. of Bronson, Duane A. of Mason, Craig B. of Roscommon; a daughter, Mrs. Donald (Carolyn) Roberts of Dowling; her mother, Mrs. Maude Shuler of Battle Creek, and 11 grandchildren.

FB Member's Son Wins FFA Speaking Contest

Paul Horny, son of Farm Bureau member Joyce Horny of Chesaning, was selected statewide winner of the Future Farmers of America extemporaneous speaking contest.

The contest, held recently at Michigan State University, was co-sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance Group.

More than 75 FFA chapters in Michigan participated in the contest, with winners being selected on the district, regional and state levels.

In the state competition, each contestant drew a topic at random and was required to deliver a five minute speech on the topic after a

short preparation period. All topics related to agriculture.

As in the first place winner in the state, Paul Horny, representing Chesaning High School, received a large trophy and plaque from Farm Bureau Insurance Group.

The other statewide winners included Mike Eagling, Alpena High School, Rick Crego, Corunna High School, and John Hubka, Hastings High School, all winners of Gold Awards, and Joe Hawkins, Fennville High School, Kirk Staley, Fremont High School, Laura Berry, Reading High School, and Steve Mixer, Ubyly High School, winners of Silver Awards.

What's Happening . . .

July 7-9	Sebewaing Sugar Festival	Sebewaing
July 10	Last Day to Register for Primary Elections	Statewide
August 8	Primary Elections	Statewide
August 10-11	Agri-Marketing Seminar	Hilton Inn, Lansing
August 10-11	International Grape Meeting	Kalamazoo
August 21-22	North Nut Growers Association 69th Annual Meeting	West Holden Hall, Michigan State University

Trade Mission

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provide for expanded mutually advantageous agricultural trade.

Accompanying Grant on the trade mission were ten state Farm Bureau presidents (eight of whom are members of U.S. Agricultural Trade Advisory Committees) and four staff members. The state presidents included Hugh M. Arant, Mississippi; John Junior Armstrong, Kansas; Harry S. Bell, South Carolina; Donald Haldeman, Wisconsin; Richard McGuire, New York; Cecil H. Miller, Jr., Arizona; Elton R. Smith, Michigan; Harold B. Steele, Illinois; E. Robert Stuhlmillner, Washington; and J. Robert Wade, Kentucky.

Staff members who made the trip included John C. Datt, director of the Washington, D.C. AFBF office; Tom Hammer, assistant director, AFBF National Affairs; Harold Hartley, director AFBF Commodity Division; and Kenneth E. Goy, executive vice president, Farmer-to-Farmer Tours.

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You Can Prevent Farm Accidents

Most of you are probably tired of hearing safety messages this time of year. However, with the late planting season, spring work is crowding the summer chores and everyone is working at a faster pace than normal. This faster pace may alone contribute to more accidents.

Being in the fields myself this last month, I've taken notice of some of the critical jobs. The one that I treat with greatest caution is the application of anhydrous ammonia. Some precautions we always take are:

1. Check for water on the wagon tank.
2. Prepare a small bottle of water that will fit in your husband's pocket.
3. Check hoses for leaks and also the safety goggles that are supplied.
4. Know where your husband or hired man is filling the tank and check on them every now and then.

There is a film on anhydrous ammonia ("For the Rest of Your Life") available at the state office that will give your husband and others a new respect for this gas even if he has been

applying it safely for years.

I can't touch on every safety measure in this column, but there is one more safety measure that I really believe in. I believe that every woman on the farm should be able to do the following:

1. Be able to start and STOP every motor driven vehicle on their farm.
2. Know the locations and how to operate power sources for electrical or motor driven power take-offs, augers and other equipment found on their farms.
3. Know where family members and hired workers are working and the approximate time they should be completed.

These measures could mean the difference whether you save someone's life, watch helplessly or even make the accident worse by doing the wrong thing.

Probably the most important, wives, if the pace of work becomes faster than is safe, slow it down by forcing a break. It's much better to have them alive and irritated with you than involved in an accident.

I wish everyone a safe and happy summer.

Women's Program Stresses Rural & Farm Safety

The Ogemaw County Farm Bureau Women presented an educational program promoting safety in farm and rural life to 50 guests at a meeting held in May.

Joan Green, safety chairman for the county Women's Committee, told the group that with emphasis on safety, the Farm Bureau Women are promoting the use and sale of Early Warning smoke and fire alarms and escape ladders. Mrs. Green also told the group about a rash of fires in the area earlier this year and that a smoke alarm was credited with saving lives in a home fire.

A movie entitled "Agricultural Tractor Safety" was also shown to the group, giving a complete rundown on safety practices involving farm tractors and other agricultural equipment.

Bill Craig, regional representative, spoke on the Rural Crime Prevention program in conjunction with the Ogemaw County Sheriff's Department and the Ogemaw County Farm Bureau Women



Ronald Quick, Community Service Officer with the Ogemaw County Sheriff's Dept., explains the use of the rubber stand marker in combating rural crime to Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Green of West Branch.

in promoting the program.

Also participating in the safety program were Vern Clemens, an FBIG agent, who talked on safety in wood-burning stoves; and Roberta Beck, chairman of the women's first aid and cardio pulmonary committee, who reported that the American Red Cross provides a variety

of emergency and first aid training instructions.

The objective of the Ogemaw County Farm Bureau Women's Safety Committee is to have at least one person in every farm family knowledgeable of first aid training so that they can respond to emergencies on the farm.

FBIG Helps Promote Farm Safety Week

Farm Bureau Insurance Group, in cooperation with the Michigan Rural Safety Council, has initiated a campaign to promote National Farm Safety Week throughout the state. Farm Safety Week has been set for July 25-31.

The theme of this year's observance is "Manage to Prevent Farm Accidents," which urges farmers to develop methodical on-the-farm safety programs of their own.

"Accident prevention must be a farm management goal," said Ron Converse, president of the Michigan Rural Safety Council. "Farm safety experts believe that most Michigan farm accidents could be prevented if farmers used careful management—the same kind of attention to detail that has made Michigan a leader in agricultural production."

Accidents on the farm killed 1,800 farm residents in

the U.S. last year and disabled 180,000 others, many thousands of them from Michigan. The result: immeasurable human suffering and an annual loss of \$4 billion.

Farmers are urged to routinely inspect all farm equipment and facilities for hazards and develop a safety plan tailored to their individual operations.

"Many industries and commercial firms have developed outstanding safety programs that have paid off in fewer injuries and less property damage," Converse said. "Farmers can benefit from that example and implement safety programs of their own."

Farm Bureau Insurance will spread the Farm Safety Week message through mailings to policyholders, news interviews, radio messages on farm programs, and through the efforts of FBIG agents in communities throughout Michigan.

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The Voucher Plan

Petitions are being circulated to place an amendment of Article IX, Section 6 and Article VIII, Section 2 of the Michigan constitution on the November general election ballot. The proposed amendment is entitled "School Finance Proposal" but is commonly referred to as the Voucher Plan.

This proposed amendment is sponsored by the Citizens for More Sensible Financing of Education. The core of the group represents parochial and others interested in private schools.

The proposed amendment would make three major changes in financing elementary and secondary school education:

a. Prohibit the levying of general ad valorem (according to property value) taxes for use in local school operation, intermediate school district, vocational, special and compensatory education purposes.

b. Require the legislature to establish a program of general state taxation to support elementary and secondary education.

c. Require the legislature to provide for the issuance of educational voucher for each child in attendance at state approved public and non-public schools of their parents or guardians choice.

Parents of non-public school students pointed out the fact that they presently support two school systems. Increasing property taxes for public schools and rapidly increasing costs of operating non-public schools have pressured parents of non-public school children to seek remedies. The proponents of this proposal express deep belief that the property tax is not suitable for financing schools, but they would leave property tax as a major source of revenue for other units of local government, including community colleges.

Constitutionality

Present public assistance to non-public schools is limited to transportation, auxiliary services and time sharing of public school courses. This assistance has been supported by the courts.

The federal government has provided educational vouchers to veterans since World War II. These vouchers can be taken to colleges and universities with religious affiliations as well as other private colleges and to public colleges and universities.

Many groups oppose this amendment on grounds that money paid to a parochial school on the basis of the voucher credit is actually public maintenance of an institution religious in character, and thus conflicts with the federal constitution. Surely, the question will be put to the courts if the amendment is ratified in November.

Parents' Rights

No two schools are exactly alike. Schools develop programs which vary according to the priorities of the administration, demand by parents and students and the amount of money available. The proponents of the amendment have asked, wouldn't it be nice if each child and his or her parents could choose a school with programs in the style best suited to their interest and needs?

Many schools are operating close to capacity. Would this amendment require such schools to make additional provisions for every child

coming with voucher in hand? What would happen to facilities of schools lacking the popularity to keep classrooms, laboratories, and shops filled? Property taxes would be levied as usual to pay principle and interest on outstanding debt but how would operational expense be handled. Certainly, some reorganization of school operation across the state would be required. The proponents believe that these pressures would provide stimulus to higher quality education. Some schools would be scaled down or closed, some would be scaled up. Many new schools would be opened.

Transportation systems would have to be redesigned in some areas where the pattern of school attendance becomes scattered. In such areas perhaps the traditional school busing system would give way to a transportation credit within each educational voucher. Then parents could seek out the necessary transportation for their children. What would become of cross-busing for purposes of racial intergration if each child and the parents could choose a school?

Economic Issue

Removing the property tax now used for schools and shifting the burden to other taxes would result in redistributional effects which cannot be accurately predicted. However, removing one-half to nearly all the property tax would result in a windfall to present property owners. The cost of owning and enjoying the use of property would diminish considerably, and abruptly. Future purchasers would be willing to pay more for most classes of property. As a result income properties such as apartments and investment property, such as prime open land, would increase in price rather quickly. Future owners would pay interest on a higher purchase price in place of the repealed property taxes. Some new property owners could end up paying considerably more interest than would have been the case with higher property tax, and also paying the higher income taxes to support schools. Some would lose, some would gain, some would end up with about the same discretionary income as before. Every major change in public financing has increased redistributional effects. These effects must be kept in mind when evaluating the overall advantages and disadvantages of proposals for change.

Approved Schools

One task of the legislature under the proposed voucher amendment would be that of drafting new legislation for state approval of schools. Children may receive credit for their vouchers only at state approved schools. There is at present no uniform system of evaluation and approval such as would be required under this proposed amendment. As for non-public schools, state approval exists under the Private Domination and Parochial School Act. This Act would be insufficient as a basis for state approval without considerable amendment.

State approval of all schools is an issue in itself. The state would be funding the entire operation of public schools (federal grants excluded) and some part of the operation. How many state regulations would follow the money? Perhaps no more than would be required for accountability. Perhaps more. Who can say?



Effect on Millage Limitations

Many point out that the property tax cut may not last long. This amendment does nothing to change the basic limitations in Article IX, Section 6 of the State Constitution. The 50 mill limitation is retained as is the 15 mill limitation. If nothing else were done by courts or the legislature, it is conceivable that the county and township could receive the tax allocation within the 15 mill limitation which had formerly gone to schools. In most counties this would be 8 mills. In counties which have voted to fix the tax allocation to schools, townships and county, presumably, no change in the limitations would occur for the township and county, since limitations would have already been fixed by the voters. It has been pointed out that elimination of the present locally voted millage would make it available for other county and local uses.

Forty-seven percent of the state budget now goes back to local units of government. It is conceivable that the state could cut back on various forms of local aid in order to help pay for the costs of schools because the property tax would be available for other uses.

Proportion of Funding

Nothing in this proposed amendment specifically requires the legislature to pay for the entire support of each child through the educational voucher. In the case of public school financing, what portion would be direct appropriations and what portion of funding would be made through the vouchers? In the case of the non-public schools, what portion of the funding would remain private and what portion should be made through the vouchers? The legislature or the courts might be asked to interpret the words in the amendment, "... a method of distributing funds to support the attendance" What portion of total school operation costs are to be funded through vouchers is apparently a matter for the legislature to decide, unless and until the courts are asked the question.

Rewriting Laws

The amendment would require the rewriting of much of the school code and a number of tax laws. Some constitutional laws would need to be written. But this is not a sufficient reason for rejecting a new system of public finance. If the reasons for change are sufficient in the minds of the voters, then the necessary legal framework can and will be developed.

Nigerian Farmer Visits FBS



Ishiaku Yusufu Dutse, a farmer from Nigeria, is questioned by MFB's Cary Blake. Ishiaku was joined by a farmer from the country of Holland in hopes of purchasing U.S. farm supplies.

National Asparagus Festival Held in Oceana Co.



Announcing the parade at the National Asparagus Festival in Shelby on June 10 are Bobbie and Bob Rider. In the background is Farm Bureau member John Finucane, chairman of the Festival and a director of the Agricultural Stabilization & Conservation in Oceana County. Rider is District 7 Director on the MFB Board.

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Governor Milliken presents Mrs. Lillian Wonsley with the Governor's Minuteman Award for her achievements in promoting Michigan agriculture. Twenty-five people from every walk of life are honored on the state level each year for their efforts in promoting Michigan.

As part of Michigan Week festivities in May, 25 Michigan citizens were recognized by Governor William G. Milliken for their efforts in promoting the "Great Lake" state. Sponsored by the Greater Michigan Foundation, the 25 people received the Governor's Minuteman Award for their achievements in working for a better state, telling other states about Michigan and teaching state residents about the quality of Michigan.

Two of the 25 recipients of the Minuteman Award were Isabella County Farm Bureau members Minnie O'Brien and Lillian Wonsley, who were recognized for their achievements in promoting Michigan agriculture and the annual Michigan Week smorgasbord, sponsored by the Isabella County Farm Bureau Women.



Governor Milliken exchanges a few compliments with Mrs. Minnie O'Brien after presenting her with the Minuteman Award at ceremonies on the Capitol lawn during Michigan Week.

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