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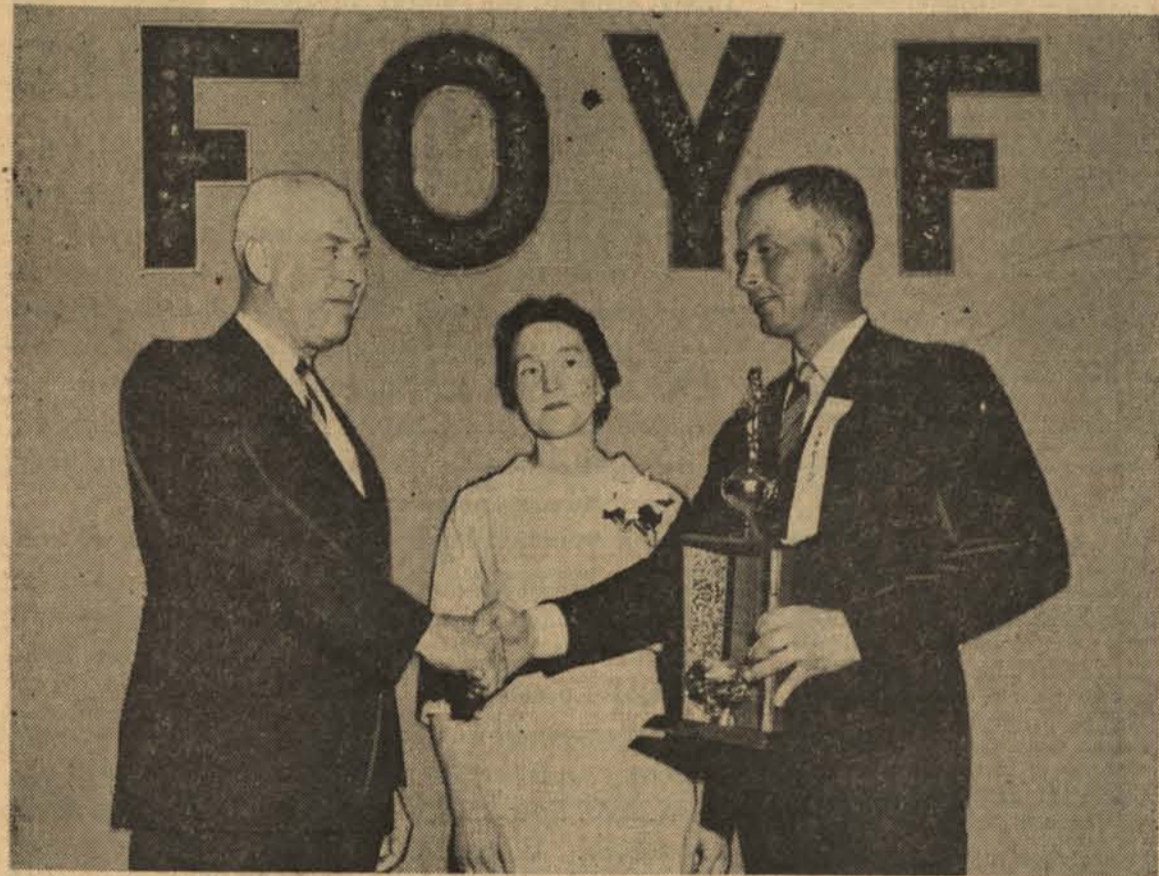
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Michigan's Most Outstanding Young Farmer

CONGRATULATIONS — to Franklin W. Schwiderson, Michigan's "Outstanding Young Farmer" are offered by Clarence Prentice, Secretary-Manager of the Michigan Farm Bureau. The occasion was the annual "F.O.Y.F." Awards Night hosted by the Adrian Junior Chamber of Commerce. Schwiderson and wife, Barbara, were brought to the meeting from their Chippewa County home as guests of the Sault Ste. Marie Junior Chamber. "I only regret the children (they have four) aren't here to see 'Mom and Dad'" — said Mrs. Schwiderson, when the award was made. Schwiderson is president of the Chippewa County Farm Bureau, a post he has held four of the past five years. (Additional story on Page 6)

State Market-Order Enabling Legislation Passes Senate

By Dan E. Reed

Bill Omits "Escape Clause"

Marketing order enabling legislation for Michigan passed the Senate last week in S. 1415.

Introduced by Senator Milliken, of Traverse City, and seven other Senators representing both parties, the bill passed with only one vote to spare. The 19 to 9 vote was recorded: YEAS—19

Senators Blundy, Brown, Dehmel, Drendzel, Feenstra, Fitzgerald, Hilbert, Hughes, Lane, McManiman, Milliken, Novak, Rahol, Roberts, Schweigert, Stahlin, Steeh, Stephens, Thayer. NAYS—9

Senators Beadle, Doyle, Geerlings, Graebner, Greene, Litowich, Morris, Smeekens, Younger.

Eighteen votes are required for passage in the Senate.

The bill was transmitted to the House and has been referred to the Committee on Agriculture. To meet deadlines established by the Legislature, this bill must be reported by the House Committee by April 4 and must pass the House by April 18.

A resolution to support State marketing order legislation was debated at the Michigan Farm Bureau convention last November. By a rather close vote, the resolution was defeated.

The Michigan Farm Bureau Board of Directors recognized that this left Farm Bureau with no position on the question. The Board considered the points brought out in the debate on the resolution and also earlier Farm Bureau policy statements.

F. B. Board Applauds Dairy-Support Action

Commends Congressional Committees

In a hard-hitting Board Statement, the Michigan Farm Bureau supported action of the House Committee on Agriculture in its recent rejection of a resolution that would have directed Agricultural Secretary Freeman to continue dairy price supports at present levels through 1962.

Even as the Board acted, March 28, word came from Washington that the Senate Committee on Agriculture had also turned thumbs-down on the same proposal placed before that body. The Senate action was by the substantial margin of 11 to 5.

The Farm Bureau Directors took pains to point out that when Freeman increased dairy price supports from \$3.22 to \$3.40 a year ago, he did so arbitrarily, and that if he wanted to continue supports at

this same high level now, he has the same authority to do so as he had a year ago. They implied that if Freeman took illegal action a year ago, he should not be relieved of his responsibilities by Congress.

In their statement the Directors said that they interpreted Freeman's request for such Congressional resolutions as evidence either that he made a "mistake in judgement and now wants Congress to assume responsibility for his action, or acted beyond his authority last year."

Among the results of the Secretary's action they listed: "A costly increase of government storage stocks of dairy commodities, a decrease in the net blend-price received by Michigan dairymen and the threat of ruinous government controls on dairy farmers."

Gratuit

Smorgasbord Date Set

The fifth annual Bean Smorgasbord will be sponsored by the Gratiot County Farm Bureau, Tuesday, April 10, at 6:30 p.m.—in the Ithaca High School gymnasium. The public is invited.

The Smorgasbord will follow much the same format as in previous years, opening with the smorgasbord table featuring cakes, pies, cookies, breads and other dishes all made of beans. The dinner is a combined product promotion Rural-Urban Couple's night, with Farm Bureau members bringing urban guests to the potluck supper held in conjunction with the smorgasbord table.

Harry Densmore will act as Master of Ceremonies for the evening with M. J. Buschlen, Manager of the Farm Supply Division of Farm Bureau Services, as guest speaker. The evening will conclude with the naming of the Gratiot County Bean Queen, the winner to replace Linda Allen of Ithaca, last year's winner and reigning State Bean Queen.

Bernard Godley is general chairman of the Smorgasbord, and Basil McKenzie is chairman of the Queen contest.

Vermillion Heads State Law Day



N. L. VERMILLION

Nile L. Vermillion, Executive Vice President of Michigan Farm Bureau Insurance Companies has been named chairman of the state Law Day Observance, May 1.

According to Ronald M. Ryan, president of the Michigan Bar Association, Vermillion will head "a state-wide program to stress respect for law, the importance of independent courts and good citizenship."

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Cropland Retirement Program Receives "Excellent" Hearing

F. B. Testifies On Bills

"It was the best attended agricultural hearing I have ever witnessed," reported the president of a Midwest State Farm Bureau after returning from the Washington hearing on Farm Bureau's Cropland Retirement program before the House Committee on Agriculture.

One Congressman remarked during the hearing that the Farm Bureau proposal "bears the seeds of its own destruction," — in that it would be self-liquidating instead of self-perpetuating after the pattern of most government programs.

Bills Are Identical

Farm Bureau's recommendations for a comprehensive farm program are contained in two sets of identical bills introduced by eleven Congressmen from both political parties. One set provides authority for the Secretary of Agriculture to extend existing Conservation Reserve contracts. The other would provide a long-term voluntary land-retirement program and bring about needed changes in price support programs for wheat and feed grains "to accelerate the adjustment of farm production to effective market demand."

The proposal specifically prohibits the dumping of Commodity Credit Corporation stocks on the market to depress or juggle free market prices.

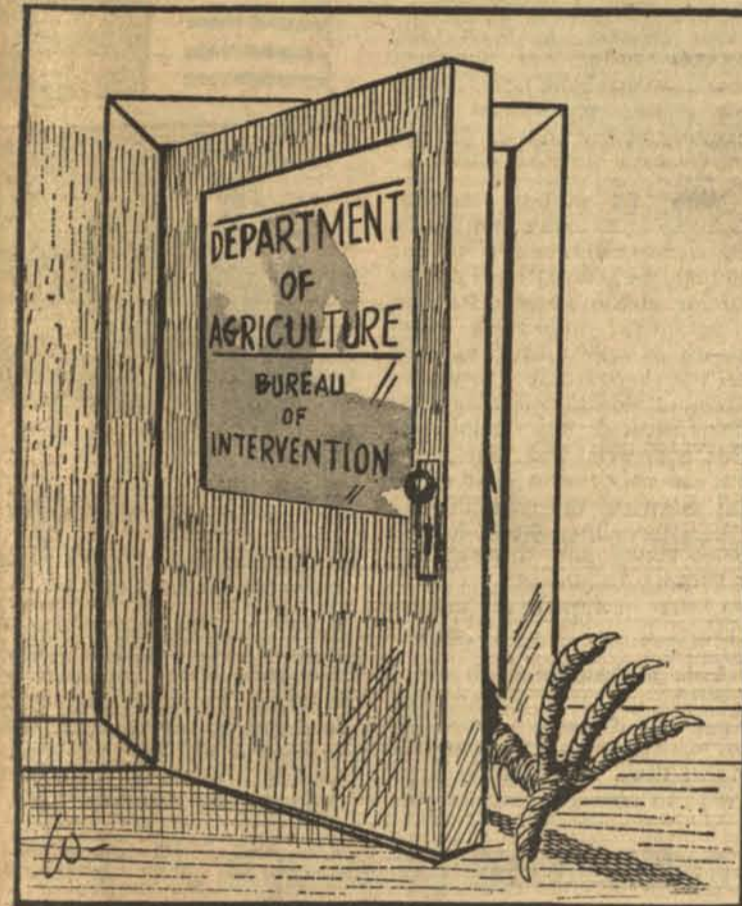
the opportunity for each farmer to make his own decisions." It would use support prices to facilitate orderly marketing rather than to fix prices and protect the market system from the burden of accumulated government stocks so that prices can rise above support levels. "This is the road to high per-family net farm income," Shuman said.

Major Objectives

The legislation supported by Farm Bureau has four primary objectives:

Opportunity to renew expiring Conservation Reserve contracts.

New long-term contracts for cropland retirement on a purely voluntary, competitive-bid basis, with emphasis on retire-



Turkey Order, -- A Foot In The Door

USDA Proposes "Bird-Watching"

A "recommended decision" favoring a national marketing order for turkeys has been announced by the USDA, upon the insistence of Agricultural Secretary Orville Freeman, and based on the advice of a hand-picked producer committee and "evidence" gathered in a series of hearings.

Farmers made it plain at the hearings that they understood the proposal for what it is, — an attempted foot-in-the door for more USDA regulation. They recognized the attempt by the Secretary to use the administrative route to gain control of commodities after the failure of the direct approach of the Omnibus Bill.

The testimony of farmers has done little to slow the Secretary's determination to call the referendum, now expected in the forefront of April.

Farm Bureau has been hard-hitting in opposition to the marketing order, testifying that such federal intervention in farming would result in a labyrinth of rules, regulations and government edicts. "It would provide a new national pastime, 'turkey-watching'," — predicted Charles Shuman, president of the American Farm Bureau Federation.

If approved, the door would be opened for further marketing orders on other commodities on a nation-wide scale. It would tie in with proposals for milk, potatoes and honey, among other commodities.

The turkey order would be

operated by an Advisory Board, picked with the expressed approval of the Secretary. According to USDA, it would vest in the Advisory Board "the broadest possible authority and responsibility for initiating regulatory provisions and other decisions of the order."

It is an obvious step in the "supply-management" — controlled economy theory currently pushed by USDA officials and farm planners.

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Farm Bureau has urged turkey producers to vigorously oppose the national marketing order which they feel could well be one of the most important initiatives ever held on the American farm.

If turkey producers give ground for government control over their commodity, they clear the way for a completely controlled agriculture, Farm Bureau spokesmen warn.

April 30

Allan Kline To Speak Rural-Urban Dinner Set



ALLAN B. KLINE

The former president of the American Farm Bureau Federation, — recipient of the rare "Great Living Americans" award, will speak at a Rural-Urban dinner sponsored by the Benzie County Farm Bureau, Monday evening, April 30.

Speaking will be Allan B. Kline, widely known and honored Iowa farmer who for 7 years headed the nation's largest farm organization, Farm Bureau. He is widely known for his support of the free-enterprise system of agriculture. Holder of two college degrees, he has been abroad several times representing Farm Bureau, the U.S. government and the International Federation of Agricultural Producers, which he formerly headed.

The dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the "all-purpose" room of the Elementary School, Benzonia. It will be a "carry-in" potluck style meal, with the general public invited to participate. All are asked to bring "dishes to pass and your own silverware," coffee will be furnished by the county Farm Bureau.

Those unable to attend the dinner may note that Kline is expected to appear on the program at 8:00 p.m.

Wightman Testifies At Labor Hearing

Questions Labor-Secretary's Authority

"We believe the Secretary of Labor is exceeding his authority and is going beyond the intent of Congress in proposing to establish a minimum hourly wage-rate for farm workers," Walter Wightman, president of the Michigan Farm Bureau testified before a hearing called by the U. S. Department of Labor, March 5.

"While most farm workers in Michigan are paid as much or more than the \$1.00 per hour, named by the Secretary, the nature of the work and the ability of the worker are important factors," Wightman said.

He pointed out that much of the peak period work is done by people who are unemployed in other jobs because of age, physical conditions, or other reasons.

"The establishment of a \$1.00 hourly minimum to be paid piece-rate workers would immediately make these people unemployable," Wightman said.

Wightman, himself a fruit grower from Allegan county, hit at the actions of the Secretary of Labor for attempting to establish an "arbitrary minimum wage" — which action he said does not belong to the Secretary as a responsibility.

He reiterated the idea that the Labor Secretary did not have the intent to set such minimum wages by stating that while officially the \$1.00 minimum would have to be paid only to workers employed by those hiring Mexican Nationals, the result would be to establish an across-the-board figure.

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It gets away from the politics of assignment of quotas, historic bases, minimum allotments and other problems inherent in government efforts to regulate individual farm operations.

Purpose Made Clear

In testifying before the House Agricultural Committee, Charles B. Shuman, president of the American Farm Bureau, pointed out that Farm Bureau does not favor the abolition of all government price support-adjustment programs, but does strongly urge changes in these programs — that will permit market influence to guide the use of farm resources and the movement of farm output into consumption. He stated that Farm Bureau's program provides for government assistance to "help farmers make needed adjustments in resource use and output during a transition to freer markets."

Farmers Make Own Farming Decisions

Shuman said, "The Cropland Retirement program preserves

ing whole farms. A program to remove additional land from production to balance output and market demand.

Price supports for grains and wheat consistent with the need to adjust production.

Bill Numbers Listed

Bills called for hearing are H. R. 9513 and companion bills, and H. R. 10060 and similar bills. H. R. 9513 provides for the first part of Farm Bureau's Cropland Retirement Program, — extension of present conservation reserve contracts which would hold some 21 million acres out of production.

The second part of the Cropland Retirement Program, embodied in H. R. 10060, would authorize long-term contracts (minimum of three years) for cropland retirement on a voluntary, competitive bid-basis, and authorize annual contracts to remove from production additional cropland if it were necessary to balance supply and demand.

Record Crowd Attends Farm Bureau Insurance "State-Wide" Meeting



"BUILDING CONFIDENCE—THRU SERVICE"—the motto for the 1962 "Statewide" Farm Bureau Insurance meeting, backs this group of thirty-eight county Farm Bureau presidents gathered on the stage of the Jack Tar Hotel ballroom, Lansing. Each received a briefcase in recognition of contributions to the progress of Farm Bureau's insurance program. Four other county presidents, unable to attend, sent personal representatives.

Appearing on the March 7 program were: N. L. Vermillion, Admin. Vice President, Farm Bureau Insurance; Clarence Prentice, Secretary-Manager, Mich. Farm Bureau; Dean Pridgeon, F.B. "Cooperator" of the year; John Lynch, Clinton county Agency Manager; Norman Lohr, Monroe county Agent; Russell H. Moore, Advanced Life Consultant; and Bill Gove, nationally known sales-speaker from Coral Gables, Florida.

New Farm Bureau Offices, --County Reports

Symbol Of Expansion

A crowd upwards of 100 persons witnessed the dedication of the new Bay County Farm Bureau building at 2450 Midland Road—in a Saturday afternoon ceremony Feb. 17.

Clarence Prentice, Secretary-Manager of the Michigan Farm Bureau appeared as principal speaker. He traced the history of Farm Bureau growth in Michigan and commended the county organization on the new 40-by-60 foot, all-modern concrete block and brick building as a "symbol of expanding membership and dedication to better service for farmers and the public."

Warner Meylan, county vice-president, served as Master of Ceremonies for the program. Members of the building committee included: Roland Kloha, chairman, Clarence Wirbel, Lawrence Whitman, Clarence Frank and Arthur Roth.

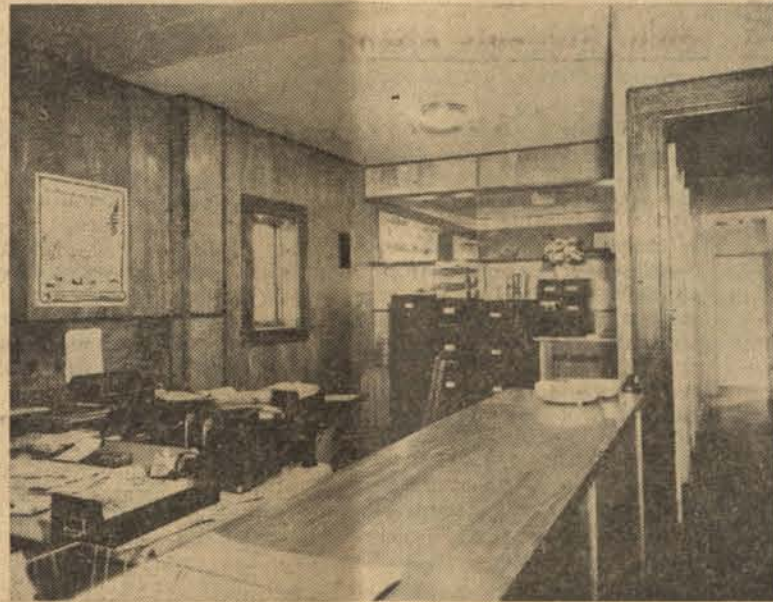


CORNERSTONE CEREMONY—fitting the cornerstone into position in the new Bay County Farm Bureau building was a proud moment for Roland Kloha, (left) chairman of the building committee, and Omer Colbert, committee vice chairman. The building was formally dedicated recently.



Barry County Farm Bureau Offices

"A YEAR OF GREAT CHANGE"—accurately describes happenings in the past 12 months for the Barry County Farm Bureau. Chief among them was a move to new offices in a building purchased on E. State Street, Hastings. Pictured in the well-equipped headquarters are, (from left) Office Secretary Mary Burdick, Winnie Woodmansee, Assistant Secy., and Murray Schnurr, member of the Co. F. B. Board.



NEWLY REMODELED QUARTERS—provide an inviting work-atmosphere in the Barry County Farm Bureau building. A good-sized crowd attended the Open-House event, among them James Matthews, who lays claim to having signed the first member in "the county, state and nation." (Oakland County immediately upon the formal establishment of the Mich. and American Farm Bureau organizations in 1919. He now resides in Barry County.)

Livingston County Holds Open House



"DOWN THE STAIRS, -- ACROSS THE STREET"—that's the way to describe the new location of the Livingston County Farm Bureau quarters at 205 North Walnut, Howell. The smartly appointed offices house many services of importance to Livingston county farmers. They include private office space and conference areas. Pictured welcoming guests at the Open House, are (from left) Thelma Goss, office Assistant; Don Brinks, Insurance Agent; Max Bixler, Insurance Manager; Wm. Taylor, county President; Gale Hoisington, Insurance Agent; Mrs. Jesse Spalding, Women's Chairman, and Mrs. Betty Pressler, Office Manager.



PRINCIPLE PARTICIPANTS—in the official dedication of the new Bay County Farm Bureau office building, (on Midland road, just west of Three-Mile Road.) are: (from left) Farm Bureau house program chairman, Photo.—Courtesy of the Bay City Times.

Branch County Farm Agencies Use Joint Facilities



A COOPERATIVE ARRANGEMENT—that includes a majority of Branch County farm agencies under one roof, was dedicated in Coldwater March 10 with an open-house for the Branch County Farm Bureau, Farm Bureau Insurance Services, the Production Credit Association, Federal Land Bank, the Soil Conservation Service and the county ASCS.

The building is located at 11 S. Hudson Street, Coldwater. Pictured at the door after checking final preparations for the large crowds expected, is Wilfred Miller, Branch County Farm Bureau president.

That Question Again ---An Income Tax?

Robt. Smith, Associate Legislative Counsel, Mich. F. B.

Record Debt Forcing Issue

"Ninety to one hundred million dollars in the red by the end of June." This, the Michigan financial problem, seems to be one area of agreement around the Capitol.

How to solve it is quite another matter—on which there is little agreement except that there must be new taxes.

Some say — "reinstate the nuisance taxes"—"Put the 4% sales tax on services." "Throw out the 15-mill and let property carry more of the burden." "Property is carrying too much now." (In 1959, H.B. 460 would have added 10 mills to the 15 mill limit as a "land value tax.")

"Michigan needs an Income Tax." "Over my dead body!" "Not unless we have to, but let's leave the door open." "It should be progressive." "Never, but a flat rate income tax wouldn't be so bad." "If Detroit enacts one it won't be long before it will spread over the state, county by county, and just be a hodgepodge." "If we don't provide for our needs the Federal Government will try to do it for us."

So it goes—on and on and on. What are those who say—"Maybe" and "Don't shut the door"—saying about an income tax program? Well, if you put bits of conversation and hear-

Van Buren Fund Dinner Planned



DR. C. L. ANSPACH

Dr. Charles L. Anspach, President Emeritus, Central Michigan University, will be the speaker for the Van Buren County Farm Bureau Debt Reduction Dinner on Wednesday, April 25, at the Farm Bureau Building, west of Paw Paw.

Dr. Anspach is a Delegate to the Michigan Constitutional Convention. He holds a P.H.D. degree and four honorary degrees. He became President of Central Michigan University in 1939 and served in that capacity until 1959 when he became President Emeritus.

Many honors, both civic and educational, have been bestowed upon Dr. Anspach. At present he is a member of 18 state, local and national committees, commissions and boards. Among his honors are the King Christian X Liberation Medal and the Freedoms Foundation Award. Noted for his humor and his story telling ability, Dr. Anspach is in constant demand as a public speaker.

Mrs. Arthur Drije, Paw Paw, is general chairman of the event. She is being assisted by a committee which includes: Mrs. Ruth Dowd, Hartford; Mrs. Gertrude Ewing, Lawton; Mrs. Curtis Drake, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Donald Piper, Bangor; Ronald Dowd, Bloomingdale; Max Hood, Paw Paw; and Mrs. Francis Finch, Mattawan.

The dinner will be prepared and served by the Van Buren County Farm Bureau Women, with Mrs. Paul Graham, Decatur, in charge.

U.S. Chamber of Commerce Says: "Leave Farmers Alone!"

WASHINGTON — The Administration is trying to treat agriculture as an invalid industry in need of drastic help, although the opposite is true, the Chamber of Commerce of the United States said.

The National Chamber said that the government should gradually reduce its role in the farm economy.

"An industry that has reduced its work force by one third, increased its output by one quarter, and has had a 50 per cent increase in its dollar volume in the 15 years since the end of the war," the Chamber said, "surely is not a sick or dying industry."

Views of the National Chamber were contained in testimony delivered to the House Agriculture Committee by Walter B. Garver, Manager of the Chamber's Agriculture and Natural Resources Department.

Mr. Garver said that the Administration was proposing "monopolistic practices" for agriculture which "the public will not tolerate if it understands them for what they are."

If two thirds of the hardware dealers in a town formed an association, forced all other dealers in, then fixed the price of barbed wire, first to complain loud and clear would be the farmers.

They would cry, "Monopoly!"

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One type, for example, is milk monopolies.

The President is urging congress to let some dairy farmers voluntarily set up arrangements to limit their own milk supplies and then force similar quotas on other unwilling dairy farmers. The purpose would be to limit milk supply. Demand would then keep prices higher than otherwise.

The President has said that millions of Americans are undernourished, that they go to bed hungry every night. Yet milk has been aggressively promoted as the most nourishing food.

The lower the price of milk, the more milk people will drink, and the better they will be nourished.

The Administration also has proposed restricting the amounts of other foods available to the American people, corn, wheat, turkeys.

Fortunately for the public, the Administration's plans won't work. This fact is the public's main hope. The partnership of farmers, modern science, technology, and industry has resulted in an agriculture of abundance. Trying to dam the abundance is like trying to dam the sea. Progress lies in using our abundance not damaging it.

Washtenaw Farm Leader Passes

Albert Amrhein, long-time Washtenaw county farmer and farm leader, passed away at his home March 16. Death was attributed to a heart attack.

He was well known throughout Michigan for his many activities which at death included the presidency of the Washtenaw Farmers Oil Company, and membership on the state board of directors of Farmers Petroleum Cooperative. He was past president of the Washtenaw County Farm Bureau.

He is survived by his wife, son Howard and a number of grandchildren.

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Four Outstanding Young Farmers



OUTSTANDING FARM COUPLES—pictured moments after they were named to top spots in the annual Junior Chamber of Commerce "F.O.Y.F." competition are, (from left) Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Schwiderson, Sault Ste. Marie; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Holtom, Centreville; Mr. and Mrs. Larry Richardson, Rives Junction, and Mr. and Mrs. William Van Frank, Montague. At the lectern is William Pressprich, president of the Michigan Junior Chamber of Commerce. Each of the top four winners are active in Farm Bureau; two are county presidents. (Schwiderson, Chippewa; Holtom, St. Joseph). By coincidence, all are dairy farmers.

Twenty-three Young Farm Couples Honored

As the climax to an impressive program sponsored by the Michigan Junior Chamber of Commerce, 23 young farm couples were honored for outstanding contributions to the business of farming. From the group, four couples were selected as top examples of young farm businessmen.

Named Michigan's "Most Outstanding Young Farmer" was Franklin Schwiderson, 34 year old dairyman from Sault Ste. Marie in the Upper Peninsula, and president of the Chippewa county Farm Bureau. Listed in other top positions were: Frank Holtom, 29, Centreville; Larry Richardson, 30, Rives Junction; and William Van Frank, 33, Montague.

The competition is sponsored annually as an exercise in rural-urban relations by Jaycee Chapters from all parts of the state, and in all states of the Union. It is designed to honor these young farmers who have shown leadership, business ability and dedication to

Farm Programs— Freedom Or Security?

By Herbert VanAken
 Chmn. Eaton Co. Legislative Com.

At last we can begin to see the pattern of the farm program of the future. I must say, that at last this program begins to reflect the hard facts of life, and of farm price programs.

It has always been true and will forever be true, that any price support program which provides a high level of prices to farmers, must at the same time control production to near the level of consumption and export.

Any high support program that does not consider this fact is going to accumulate surplus so large that the cost to the public becomes excessive. You have seen this happen during the past years. Supplies of wheat, corn, cotton, etc., have accumulated in the C. C. C. stocks of the government. Acreage controls have failed to control the production of crops under support.

Science and technology have combined to aid farmers to produce more and more bushels of crops from less acres of land.

There is one way to control the amount of crops produced and sold. That is by establishing sale quotas in bushels or pounds. That is the only definite way to hold production in line with consumption.

The present administration has finally seen the hand writing on the wall, and has come up with what might be a practical plan for the government.

But what of us, farmers and producers? Do we wish to have such a plan imposed on us? Do we want controls that will really work and force every farmer to operate under certain prescribed limits? Do you want controls over farm commodities not at present controlled? Do you wish to have a Federal Milk allotment—Egg allotment—Turkey allotment—Beef allotment?

We have never had controls over livestock and poultry. We have had regional milk marketing orders, but only in comparatively small areas. Under the new plans of the Department of Agriculture, we would first, have tighter controls on

basic crops. Then in the future these would be extended to turkeys, chickens, livestock, even milk.

I do believe that the projected program would work. But I also believe that it would place shackles on American Agriculture which we might not escape for a long time. It would substitute controls for freedom.

Let us look again at the plans proposed by the Farm Bureau. It is a voluntary program of land retirement on a much larger scale than in the past. Gradually lower support prices as land is retired and storage stocks decrease. Limit the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture to place C. C. C. stocks on the market unless price is well above support levels. Continue use of export payment in kind; and make more effort to move commodities into export.

Farm Bureau will oppose legislative and administrative controls over volume or marketing of livestock-poultry turkey or any other farm commodities not now under control.

No one knows what this program might cost because we do not know at what price per acre we could retire enough land to make this program work. For we must retire enough land to cut our production down to near our levels of consumption and export. The weakness of the past programs of land retirement has been that lower producing land has been retired.

I have attempted to present views in this article about both the Farm Bureau and Department of Agriculture plans—I have tried to present some of the truth about the good and bad in these plans. I have seen

County Presidents Hold Session



PRESIDENTS CONFERENCE—at the President's "buzz" sessions and friendly idea exchanges. Conference, held at Camp Kett Leadership Training Center in the latter part of February. Shown visiting are, (from left) Reuben Wirgau, Presque Isle; Eugene Fleming, Otsego, and Harold Wegmeyer of Alpena. Fully as important as the formal sessions dealing with a wide range of Farm Bureau program areas, were these informal

these programs in the past from the viewpoint of a farmer and a Farm Bureau member, also as a past member of both county and State A. S. C. Committees.

But I want you to remember that the price of liberty is never cheap. The heritage of freedom that you as a farmer have received can be preserved by you, if you want it enough.

Liberty is a precious jewel which we may never know the value of unless we lose it. Thousands of people in East Germany have left possessions, friends and homes to seek freedom in the West. Many have even lost their lives in their quest for it. Some of your brothers and your sons have given their lives all over the world that we might keep this liberty. Farmers have been and are the greatest stronghold of freedom in this country. We cannot well lead a fast changing world into Liberty if we sell our own Freedom.

John A. Chisholm

Veteran Writer Honored



BEST WISHES—were tendered veteran farm writer, John A. Chisholm of the Muskegon Chronicle at a recent dinner in his honor given by Farm Bureau leaders of Oceana, Mason, Newaygo, Ottawa and Muskegon counties. Henry Johnson, Meigs, Michigan, (left) is pictured presenting Mr. Chisholm with a gift of appreciation from the counties.

To Retire In June
 For the past 14 years, John Chisholm has served his paper, the Muskegon Chronicle, and through it, farmers of the area, with high-caliber farm news coverage. Especially noteworthy has been his weekly column, appropriately titled "The Chisholm Trail." In it and

in his other writings he has carefully brought out and developed important background details frequently missed by other writers.

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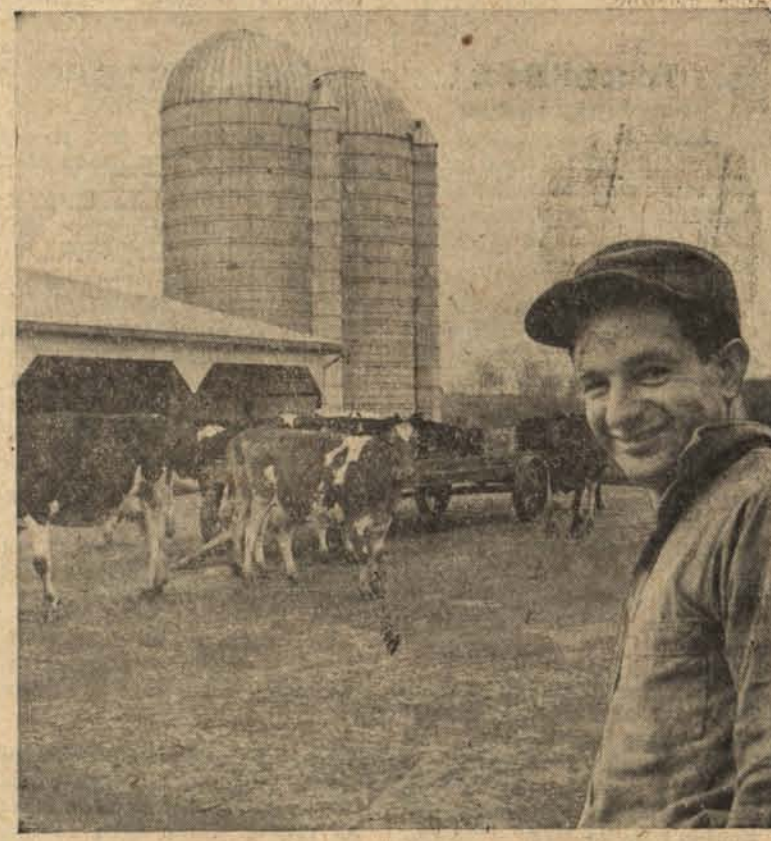
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