

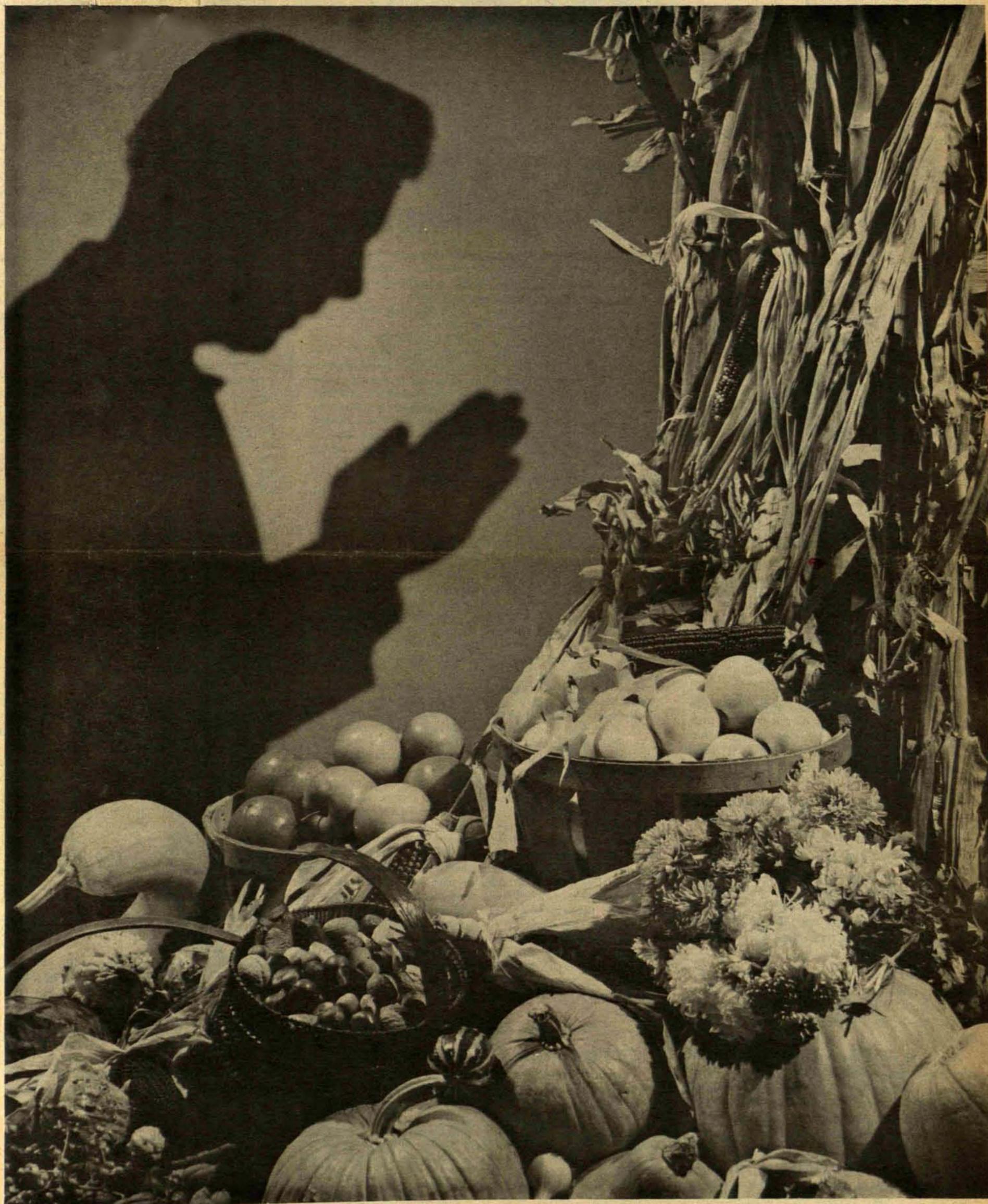
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WE THANK THEE, LORD —

*For Thy countless blessings,
For fertile flocks and fields,
For needed strength to labor . . .
And produce such bounteous yields!*

WE BOW TO THEE —

*For cool of rain and warmth of sun
To nourish Thy fruitful soil,
For rich rewards provided . . .
By the sweat of honest toil.*

OUR THANKS TO THEE —

*For constant love of family,
And helpful, neighborly hand,
For souls free to come to thee
— For the freedom of our land.*

—By Connie Nelson

Editorial

Meat for Thought

There is little time left for farming these days by the president of the American Farm Bureau Federation, Charles B. Shuman. He is an extremely busy man.

His presence is often requested by farm leaders and others who are hopeful that he can attend their annual meeting or other special event. He tries valiantly but visiting more than a small portion of the 2600 county Farm Bureau organizations within 49 states and Puerto Rico is an impossibly huge task for any one man.

Yet Shuman is a marvel of endurance and pushes himself to the limit to keep faith with the fellow-farmers whom he serves.

Recently he attended the 50th anniversary of the Johnson County Farm Bureau in Missouri, where he helped celebrate this event. Next, he came to Michigan and ground-breaking ceremonies for our new Beef Cattle Research Center at Michigan State University.

By his own admission, Shuman came because he was pleased by the confidence Michigan Livestock men obviously have in the future of their industry.

An Angus producer, Shuman has had a long-time interest in growing prime beef. "I accepted this invitation because I was intrigued that the agricultural people of Michigan are confident enough in the future to plan for it," Shuman said.

He cited the livestock industry as the best example of success to be had by producing for consumer demands rather than following government orders or producing for government storage bins. He found the Beef Research Center an expression of confidence by Michigan agriculture that livestock growers will continue to "reject the temptation of the government control route," — and instead are willing to put their money into production research.

Shuman made it plain that if Michigan farmers did not have this confidence, there would be no need for the Center, and the money could have been better spent on a dormitory or a "center to train more federal workers. . . ."

The Beef Center, he said, is dedicated to change, . . . as opposed to all government programs which are based on the premise that what agriculture needs is something to slow down, pervert, distort, or eliminate the process of change.

They are keyed, he said, to *past history*. And the past history of the Michigan beef industry has not been anything to brag about.

The facts bear him out.

Michigan produces about one-third of our red meat needs, and per-capita consumption has been dropping. Yet, Michigan "exports" a surplus of feed grains and forage crops to other states which in turn grow the beef that is "imported" here.

With our own growing cities, plus nearby Chicago and New York, and all of Europe to be reached through the St. Lawrence Seaway, Michigan is on the doorstep of a preferred market.

We have all of the resources needed to produce all of our state's beef needs, plus more for export. We have the feed; we have the farmers with the capacity; we have the finances, the land for development and a top Agricultural College and staff to advise us.

All these things Shuman spoke about, reminding farmers that the future beef barns and laboratories represent an all-too-rare example of a very proper type of government agricultural activity — research.

Through this research, the tide could very easily be turned in favor of an expanded Michigan livestock industry, matching our home-grown market with our own home-grown meats of the kind that market wants.

M.W.



AFBF PRESIDENT — Charles Shuman (left) watches Ground-Breaking ceremonies for Michigan State University's new Beef Cattle Research Center. The completed unit will have 40 experimental pens and hold about 400 cattle. Shown breaking ground is Ernest Girbach, president of the Michigan Agricultural Conference. Others (from Shuman's left) include Senator Elmer Porter, Blissfield; Representative Andrew Cobb, chairman of the House Agricultural Committee, Elsie; and Dr. John Hannah, president, Michigan State University. (MSU Photo)

NFO Like a Square-Wheeled Wagon...

(The following article is a condensation of an editorial written by Glenn Lake, president, Michigan Milk Producers Association, in the September, 1963, issue of the "Michigan Milk Messenger.")

"Give Us The Job! We Can Do It Better."

"With this boast, National Farmers Organization (NFO) continues to harass and coerce dairy cooperatives throughout the midwest in a drive to force them to sign NFO contracts.

"Where these tactics fail, NFO is attempting to take over co-ops by packing membership meetings and electing their own men as delegates and directors.

"We would concede that many well-intentioned dairy farmers who support NFO sincerely believe the objective is to bargain higher prices.

"But is bargaining for farmers really NFO's objective?"

"Virtually all of NFO's efforts thus far have been aimed at breaking down the farmers' own cooperatives — organizations it has taken farmers years of struggle and hard work to build. NFO has spent more time viciously attacking cooperative leaders than in trying to get dairies to pay farmers more for milk.

"The fact is that despite a crew of 2,500 paid organizers and a kitty estimated at five million dollars, plus the backing of labor union money and organizational help, NFO in the past five years has done little more than cause ill will and strife between neighbors, friends, and even families.

"True, NFO recently went through the motions of dumping a few gallons of milk in a swamp — for the benefit of camera and press. But this or-

ganization to date has not marketed a single pound of milk or gotten a single extra penny for dairy farmers.

"It is extremely unlikely that it ever will.

"What would the farmer get in return? (for his NFO membership — ed. note) A guarantee of market or a guarantee of pay such as MMPA members get? Quarantine or natural disaster payments? Check testing, quality assistance, etc.? A proven record of performance?"

"They would not. In two very short paragraphs in the NFO membership agreement, the sole responsibilities of that organization are defined thusly:

"NFO shall not become legal owner or engage in business activities but must remain within the framework of a service organization bargaining for its members. . . ."

"NFO actually does not commit itself to even this restricted responsibility, for it does not sign the agreement and gives the NFO Board of Directors almost dictatorial power.

"Thus, the producer who DOES sign the agreement, and binds himself to its terms, gives NFO a blank check with absolutely no assurance of getting anything in return.

"American dairy cooperatives were created by dairy farmers themselves, by men who held the interests of dairy farmers first and foremost — not by paid organizers out to make a buck, with union money or with union backing. Nor have our cooperatives endured and progressed through deceit, coercion, or the philosophy that the end justifies the means.

"Acceptance of these principles now will cost us far more than we could ever hope to gain."

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President's Column

Withholding from Market Is Hindrance, Not Help!

By Walter Wightman, President Michigan Farm Bureau

If farmers expect to get justice at the market place for the fruits of their labor, they will have to learn to work closer together. This means that bargaining on an individual basis in the market is a thing of the past.

Farmers are going to have to build an organization strong enough to do the job for them in an effectual way, and it is going to have to be an organization with sound leadership which knows the market and understands well the factors that affect the market.

One of the unfortunate things that face us in this effort is that too many people are prone to rally round anybody who is willing to make wild promises without any regard to whether they can be fulfilled or not, and farmers seem to be no exception in this.

We have seen too much of this in the past, and it is still going on in many places in the country.

This kind of activity is most often associated with radicalism and sometimes the destruction of property.

We don't believe in this type of thing, and the main reason is that it will never work.

Withholding produce from the market doesn't solve any problems. The farmer still has the produce and probably can't afford to have it destroyed. If a laboring man wants to withhold his labor from the labor market, he can do so, and those days are forever lost. They don't pile up to cause him more trouble in his future bargaining.

This marketing activity must be done by the farmers themselves if it is going to really serve the farmers. Outside influences furnishing money to organize farmers will surely work to their detriment.

Others are not going to be financing farm organizations unless they think it is going to work to their advantage in some way.

Besides, the type of activity that has been going on recently and has been referred to in many publications, is much too costly, both in dues and commissions. A 5% deduction is most adequate, and we believe 2% will do the job properly in most cases excepting possibly in a short crop year. The Great Lakes Cherry Bargaining Association has operated efficiently mostly on a 2% deduction.

Also, we must remember that to be effectual in many marketing programs, we have to start at the production end. Our egg marketing program starts with the kind of chicks we buy; then comes proper feed and proper handling of the eggs — all of which affects the quality of the product when it reaches the retail store.

The consolidation of Farm Bureau Services, Inc., with the Michigan Elevator Exchange is another move in the field of grain and bean marketing. The new terminal being built at Saginaw will give access to ocean shipping and foreign trade.

The oldest marketing organization we have in Michigan is the Michigan Milk Producers Association. *The efforts of this organization and its success in marketing have, over the years, put millions of dollars in the pockets of dairymen.*

They have often been able to market milk for as much as thirty or forty cents per hundred-weight above the Federal order price. This is an illustration of what good leadership can do in the marketing of farm products.

We are now marketing processing apples through the Michigan Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Association. The next one will be for pickling cucumbers — then asparagus, and so it goes. This is a big field, and it must be done to meet the competition created by the consolidation of buying power into fewer hands through big retail and processing companies.

As we said before, farmers must learn to work together better, in order to get the job done. Let's not let someone else do it for us.

There are those who would like to.

W. W.

WARNING-Water Pollution Brings Stiff Penalty

Michigan, the "Water Wonderland." Bubbling brooks, crystal springs, churning rivers . . . flowing, cooling, *sometimes killing.*

A small factory located along a river has a waste disposal problem. Solution—dump it in the water!

Lacking funds to properly treat its refuse, a city sewage department answers the problem by dumping it into the nearby river. And a farmer loading his spray rig at the water's edge inadvertently spills a sodium arsenite solution into the water.

The net result of hundreds of such occurrences is water pollution, dead fish choking the streams, sludgy grey water slowly swirling in once clear rivers, and possible death to livestock and humans who daily consume millions of gallons of Michigan's once abundant water supply.

In 1949, the Water Resources Commission was created, taking the place of the Stream Control Commission. One of the new agency's principal duties is the "protection of surface and underground waters from unlawful pollution."

Under present pollution laws, individuals are responsible for damages caused by their actions, even if accidental. *Where willful pollution is detected, the individual faces criminal liability with a penalty not to exceed \$500 per day each day of the violation.*

Recognizing the Commission's tremendous task, the Michigan

Farm Bureau commended the agency for its work in controlling water pollution at the Bureau's annual meeting last year.

The resolution called for continuing pressure to be employed to keep the present unpolluted waters clean, and to hasten the cleaning up of present unlawfully polluted waters.

Because of the great quantities of chemicals used by agriculture, some highly poisonous when improperly used, the farmer can be a source of stream pollution.

Only through a constant awareness by farmers of the chemicals they use, can accidental pollution be prevented.

"Familiarity breeds contempt" the old saying goes, and as the farmer daily mixes hundreds of pounds of potential poison he becomes less conscious of the deadly mixtures he produces in his efforts to feed a rapidly expanding nation.

Reports made to the Water Resources Commission contain references to bags found floating in

streams and rivers which had contained DDT spray material indicating that little thought had been given to the possible dangerous conditions created.

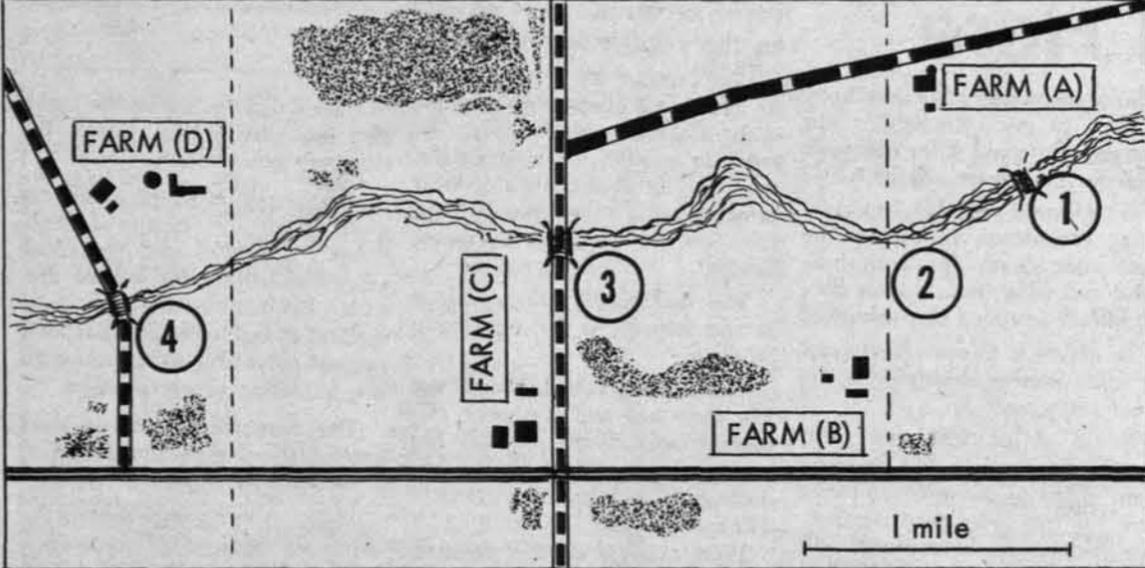
Yet farmers are not selfishly careless in this regard, for many thoughtlessly expose themselves to dangerous amounts of lethal chemicals in their rush to get the job done in a limited amount of time.

Weather conditions often limit to a few hours the time available for carrying on specific spray activities.

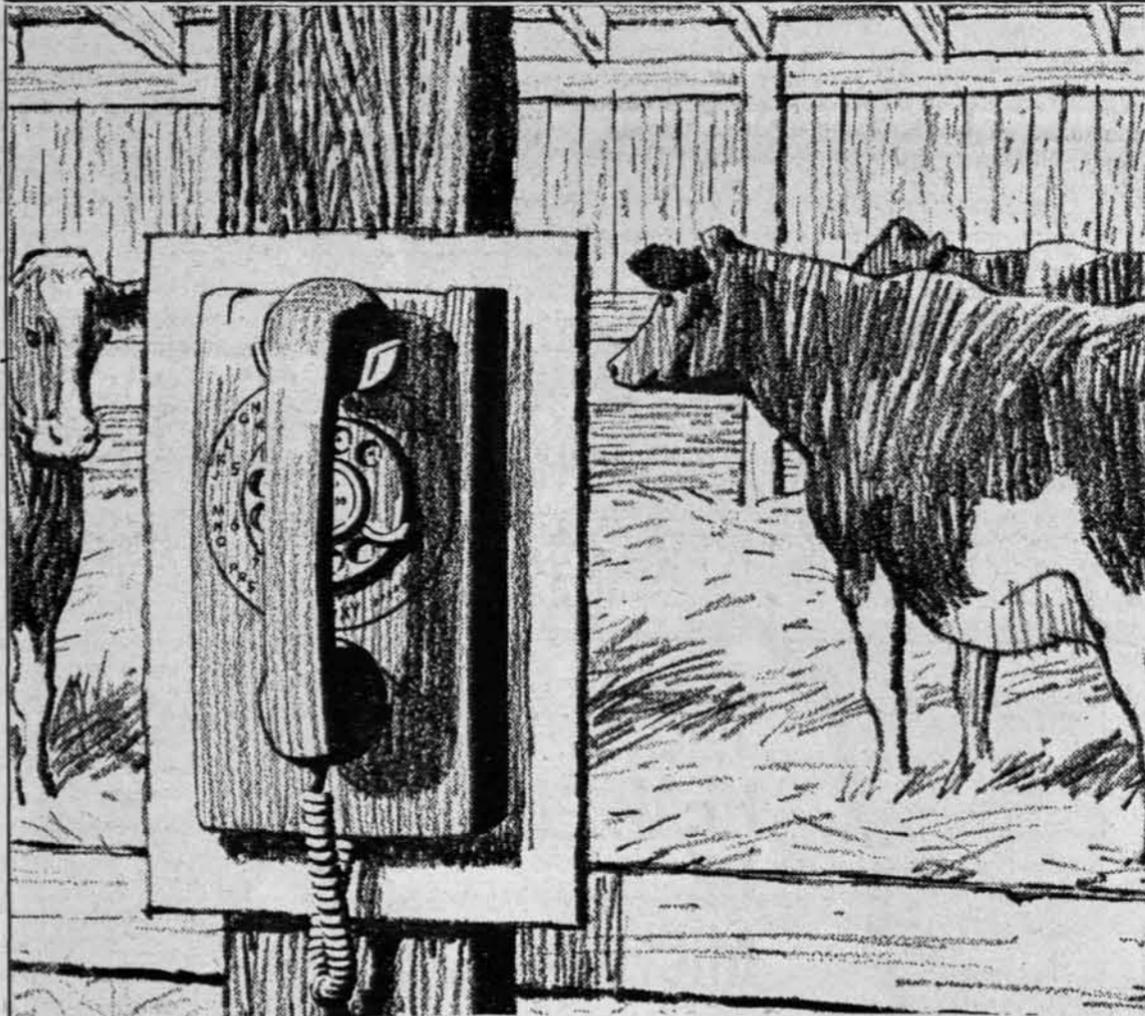
Those who work in agriculture must constantly remind themselves, as farmers, they are responsible for the chemicals they use, and because of this should be very conscious of the potency of the materials used.

An important consideration must be the attitude of the public toward farmers and toward their continued right to use water from lakes and streams.

No more jokes about Limburger cheese, please! Limburger cheese production in 1962 was up 25% over the year before.



HOW POLLUTION CAN SPREAD — Farmer "A" has a spray rig that is not working properly, but he uses it anyway because of weather conditions. At (1) the rig accidentally discharges poisonous spray material into the stream before it is repaired. A short time later, farther downstream, farmer "B" notices a few dead fish (2) and others in distress. Before the poison is diluted by the stream, the banks along farm "B" are strewn with dead fish (3) and cattle must be driven from the bordering pasture. As far as (4) dead fish can be observed having floated downstream.



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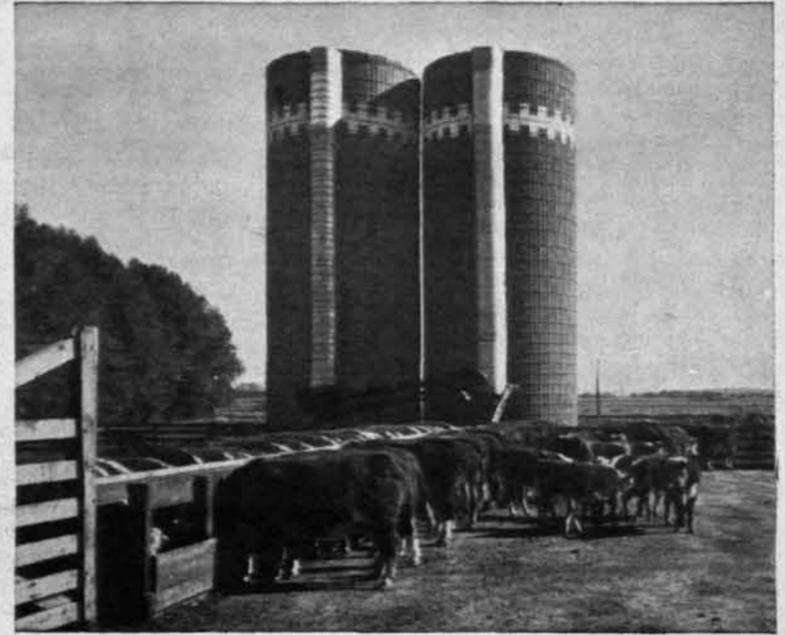
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capitol report



As It Looks From Here

Last fall, in the closing days of the Congressional session, another brake on inflation was quietly removed. An automatic "escalator" clause was provided for government workers under Civil Service — those already in retirement as well as those yet to reach retirement. And their survivors!

Under the plan, each increase of 3% in the cost of living will bring an automatic 3% increase in pension.

The military pay bill now under consideration by Congress would apply the same plan to retired members of the armed forces.

"Built-in inflation" has been the charge against "escalator" plans such as the automatic "cost-of-living" pay increases granted two million workers under certain union contracts.

Officials of the Federal Reserve Board take a dim view of the action. The "Fed" is responsible for maintaining the purchasing power of the dollar.

If Civil Service employees and Military are given this advantage, will Congress be able to resist pressures to give the same "protection" to Social Security pensioners, railroad workers, veterans, and State and local employees?

The only real check on inflation is the pain suffered by those whose buying power is reduced. If enough citizens are relieved of the pain, can we expect politicians to resist the urge to make voters happy even though it means "printing press" money?

The beer bottle menace drew much attention at County Farm Bureau annual meetings. Undoubtedly a resolution on this subject will be presented at the State Convention.

Representative William Doorn, Kent County, one of the co-sponsors of the 1963 bill which would have prohibited the use of non-returnable glass beer bottles, has indicated that he is still interested in the problem and willing to introduce and support a bill in 1964.

Doorn said that he felt the requirement of a reasonably high return value on each beverage

bottle would be a more effective method of dealing with the problem than to try to outlaw the throw-away.

Reports continue to mount of damage to tires, livestock and persons from the easily shattered throw-aways.

With record speed, the Legislature passed an emergency appropriation of \$130,000 in State funds to continue the battle against the Japanese Beetle.

The worst spots uncovered in the summer trapping program this year are around Battle Creek and Ypsilanti. Because of the large number of lakes and streams in the Battle Creek area, much of the treatment will have to be done by hand.

Last year's campaign against the infestation in Monroe and Lenawee Counties shows a very successful result with the probability that no treatment will be necessary in this area next year.

The property tax relief plan of tax deferral suggested by Governor Romney has been subjected to some criticism. Part of the criticism is an apparent organized attack on this "fringe" benefit by a group which was really not able to find fault with the major points.

Part of it comes from sincere people who lack full information.

The following letter, reprinted from the Detroit Free Press, gives one point of view:

Oldtimer Defends Romney's Tax Plan

MAY I SPEAK to other "oldtimers," since my husband and I will soon be there, with only a home and social security?

Why do you object to Gov. Romney's tax provision regarding the repayment of any taxes paid by the State on your home?

You don't have to accept this plan, if you can pay your own, or if you are lucky enough to have children who would prefer to pay them now rather than have them as a lien on the property.

This is the first break that we

older homeowners have ever been offered, to my knowledge. Are you going to spoil it for everyone through misunderstanding?

Why should you object to taxes being considered a debt, to be paid after death (of both husband and wife), just as your doctor bills or anything else you owe?

To object is to ask charity and to add another burden to the other taxpayers.

Some of us will need this "break" desperately, but we don't want charity. We are wondering how we can hang onto our hospitalization, which we don't dare drop, and this tax-break would help.

Surely you do not think it right to ask help from the State (your neighbors and mine are the State) then expect to pass your home — free and clear — to your children who would not help you in the first place.

Better think about it or we'll get nothing, and deserve it.

ALMOST OLDTIMER

Americans like American cheese which accounts for about three-fourths of the total U.S. consumption of cheese.

School Aid and Tax Reform

One of the most important parts of Farm Bureau's Tax Reform Program is the need for changes in the School Aid Act.

Presently the Special session of the legislature is concerned with the general tax structure, and farmers have made it clear that tax reform must include significant reductions in property taxes. However, further relief on property taxes can be obtained by a proper and more equitable school aid formula.

Governor Romney in his tax message to the legislature recognized this problem as a part of fiscal reform and indicated he would have specific recommendations to present to the regular session in January.

The present formula is based on \$224 gross allowance per pupil with 3 3/8 mills deductible. In order to qualify, a school district must levy at least 6 mills of local property tax. To receive maximum state aid, 8 mills must be raised locally.

The deductible millage factor in the formula is for equalizing purposes.

The wealthy school districts get less state aid and the poor districts more. Farm Bureau has been instrumental in raising the deductible millage to the present 3 3/8 mills.

Present Farm Bureau delegate policy believes that this factor should be as high as 8 mills, in order to equalize educational opportunity.

Example: The average per pupil valuation is presently approximately \$14,500. Under the present formula a poor school district (for instance \$5,000 per pupil valuation) receives about \$205 per pupil state aid.

A wealthier district (\$25,000 per pupil) receives \$127. With an 8 mill deductible factor and adjustment in the gross allowance, the poor district could receive \$235 per pupil and the wealthier district \$75 per pupil.

It can be seen that the number

of state dollars could be the same but the distribution would be changed considerably.

High valuation per child is quite often the result of high value commercial and industrial properties within the school district. Deductible millage is a method of making taxes from such property available to schools with low valuation property bases.

The state aid act, as we now know it, is being questioned in many quarters.

Many people, interested in equal educational opportunities, believe that new methods for achieving such a goal should be studied. They ask: Is property valuation the only factor that should be considered in a school aid formula? Should other factors be considered, such as: regional differences, sparsity and density patterns, school programs, and income level of the community?

For instance the 1961 state county average property tax millage for all school purposes was 17.46, based on income the average was 2.49%. One county levied 22.8 mills or 2.5% of its income, another levied 13.8 mills which required 4.7% of its income.

Knirk Elected Chairman of Agricultural Commission

Blaque Knirk, prominent Branch county farmer and former vice president of the Michigan Farm Bureau, was elected chairman of the Michigan Agricultural Commission at its October meeting.

Knirk, a cattle and hog feeder of Quincy, was named to the Commission in March by Governor Romney.

As chairman, he succeeds Edgar Wright, Saginaw. Other

officers are Charles Zoller, Benton Harbor, vice chairman, and Mrs. Kay Sleik, Iron Mountain, secretary. Others on the five-member commission are Mr. Wright and R. K. Stout, Marshall.

BEET SUGAR INDUSTRY OF MICHIGAN

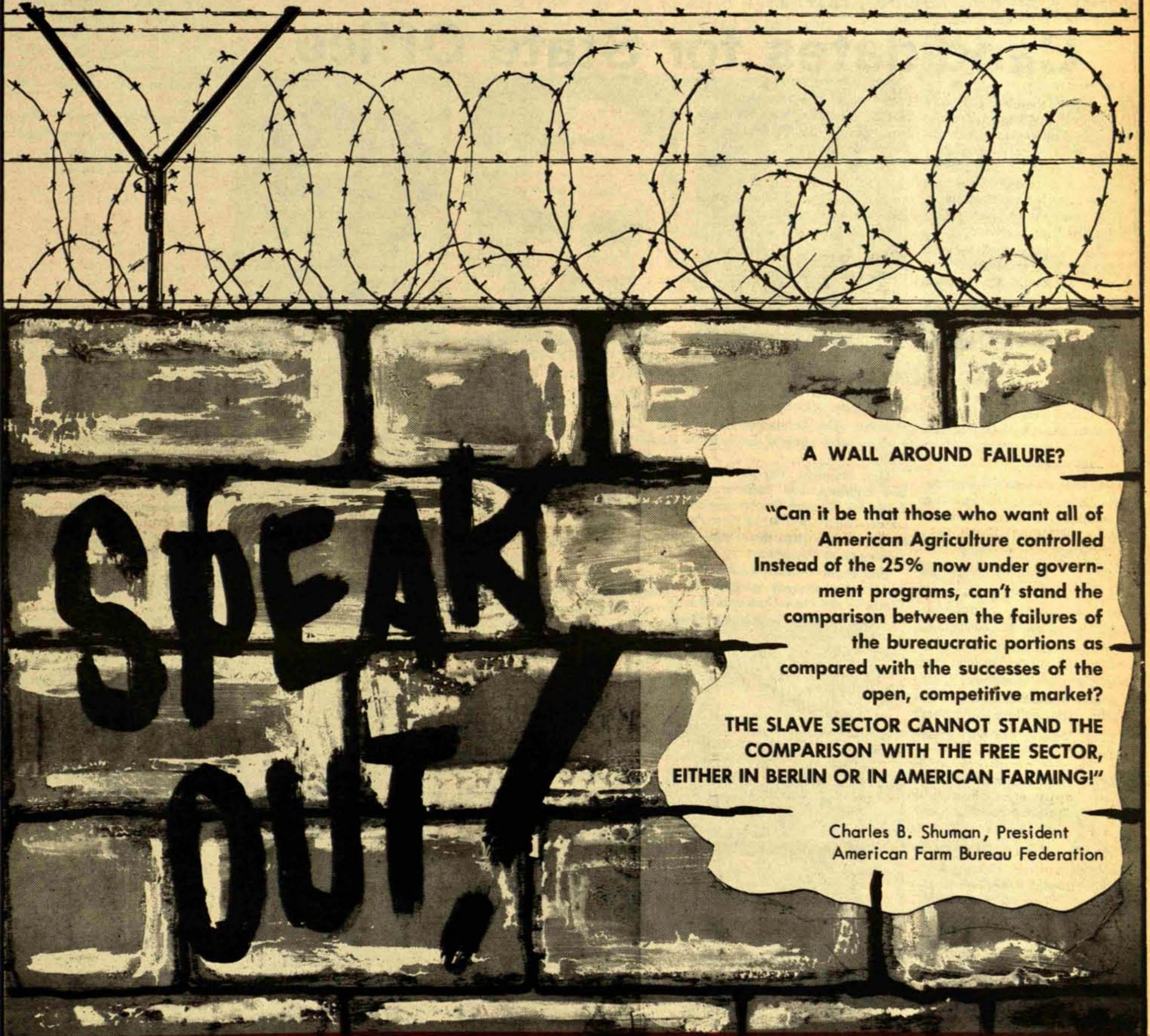
THE HEART-BEET OF MICHIGAN

As one of the state's leading agricultural enterprises, the Michigan beet sugar industry last year contributed over \$25,000,000 to the economic growth of Michigan. With advanced technology and planting methods the farmers of Michigan will realize even greater returns in the future. But it doesn't stop there. As the beet sugar industry prospers so does Michigan and the scores of communities that lie in and around the beet producing areas. It's our way of saying thank you for buying the finest sugar in all the world... MICHIGAN MADE PURE SUGAR.



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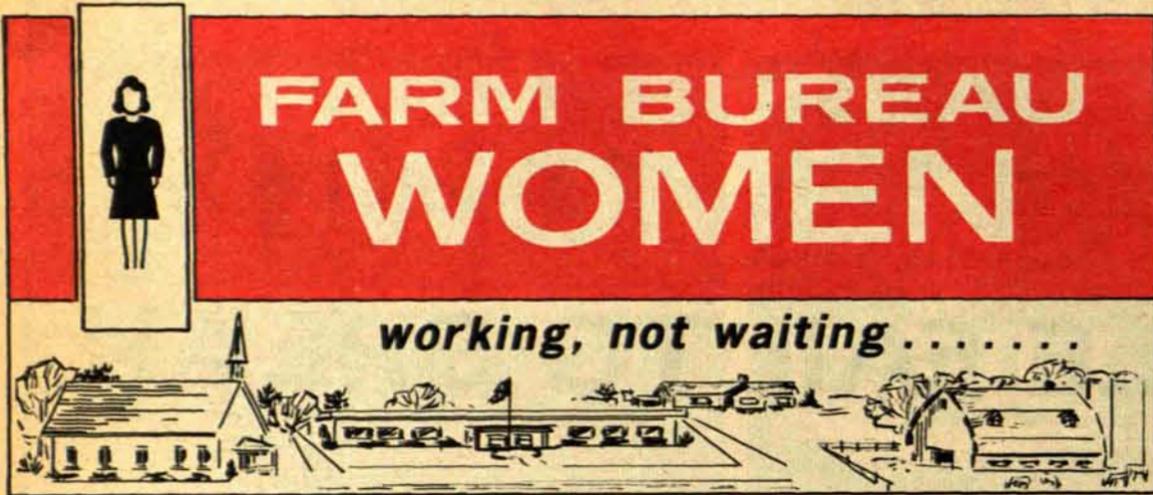
A WALL AROUND FAILURE?

"Can it be that those who want all of American Agriculture controlled instead of the 25% now under government programs, can't stand the comparison between the failures of the bureaucratic portions as compared with the successes of the open, competitive market?"

THE SLAVE SECTOR CANNOT STAND THE COMPARISON WITH THE FREE SECTOR, EITHER IN BERLIN OR IN AMERICAN FARMING!"

Charles B. Shuman, President
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Candidates for State Office



MRS. ARTHUR (MARGARET) MUIR, Newaygo county, is a candidate for re-election to the office of state Women's chairman, a position she has held for two years. The Muirs live on a dairy farm near Grant.

Mrs. Muir has served as treasurer of her local school board, is vice-chairman of the hospital board and a Bible teacher of a women's class in her church.

Her Farm Bureau activities include service as state chairman, state vice-chairman, district vice-chairman and county chairman of Women's committees; and she has held several offices in her community group — secretary, chairman and discussion leader.

Mrs. Muir is sponsored by the Newaygo county Women's Committee.



MRS. WM. (MAURINE) SCRAMLIN, Oakland county, is a candidate for state chairman of the Michigan Farm Bureau Women. The Scramlins live on a dairy and general farm near Holly.

Mrs. Scramlin, the mother of five children, has been a 4-H leader for 15 years. She has served on the county Extension Council and worked with the Citizens Non-partisan League.

Her Farm Bureau activities include her current position as Women's state vice-chairman. She has been active in community group and citizenship committee work, and is past district chairman of women's committees. She has also served on the state Resolutions Committee.

Mrs. Scramlin is sponsored by the Women's Committee of Oakland county.



MRS. JESSE (LOUISE) SMITH, Kalamazoo county, is a candidate for the position of Farm Bureau Women's vice-chairman. The Smiths live on a beef and poultry farm near Galesburg.

Mrs. Smith is a 4-H leader and Sunday School teacher. She serves as a member of her Township Planning Commission and is president of the PTA.

Her service to Farm Bureau includes acting as chairman, discussion leader and Women's representative for her community group. She has been District 2 vice-chairman of the Women's committees, chairman of her county Women's committee and a member of the Citizenship committee.

She is sponsored by the Kalamazoo County Women's Committee.



MRS. JEROLD (MAXINE) TOPLIFF, Ingham county, is a candidate for state vice-chairman of the Farm Bureau Women. The Toppliffs live on a farm near Eaton Rapids, specializing in dairying, field crops and maple syrup.

Mrs. Toppliff is a 4-H leader in her area and is vice-president of the local high school band booster's club. She is active in county Extension and Eastern Star work and is superintendent of her church's Sunday School primary department.

Her Farm Bureau activities include district Women's chairman. She was winner of her county "Secretary of the Year" award for community groups, and has worked on Information and Resolutions committees.

Mrs. Toppliff is sponsored by the Ingham County Farm Bureau Women's Committee.



MISS HENRIETTA BURCH, Wayne county, is a candidate for state vice-chairman of the Farm Bureau Women's Committee. She specializes in vegetable and greenhouse gardening at her farm near Plymouth.

Miss Burch is a member of the advisory council of the Detroit Consumer Information office.

Her Farm Bureau activities include service as secretary and discussion leader of her community group, county women's chairman and legislative committee work. She has also served as district treasurer and vice-chairman.

Miss Burch is sponsored by the Wayne County Women's Committee.



MRS. WM. (WINIFRED) ANDERSON, Berrien county, is a candidate for Farm Bureau Women's vice-chairman. She and her husband live on a fruit farm in Rural Coloma.

Mrs. Anderson served as township treasurer in her area for 25 years.

Her Farm Bureau service includes acting as Women's representative, secretary and discussion leader for her community Farm Bureau group. She has been county Women's committee chairman and has worked on Resolutions and Public Relations committees.

Mrs. Anderson, better known as "Winnie", is sponsored by the Berrien County Women's Committee.



MRS. B. H. (MARTHA) BAKER, Saginaw county, is a candidate for vice-chairman of Farm Bureau Women. She and her husband live on a general farm at rural Merrill.

Mrs. Baker has been active in Red Cross and Community Chest work and has served on school and township boards. She also works for the U.S. Census Bureau.

Her Farm Bureau activities include holding the office of secretary for her local community group for the past 20 years. She was roll-call manager, served on Community Group and Women's Committees and is currently public relations chairman and District 8 Women's chairman.

She is sponsored by the Saginaw county Women's Committee.



MRS. OLIVER (BESS) TOMPKINS, Northwest Michigan, is a candidate for the office of Farm Bureau Women's vice-chairman. The Tompkins operate a fruit and beef cattle farm near Traverse City.

Mrs. Tompkins is a substitute schoolteacher, active in her local church and is a former president of the county Federation of Women's Clubs.

She is a former District 9 Women's chairman, and also served as county chairman of the Women's Committee. She has been a discussion leader and Women's representative for her community Farm Bureau group.

Mrs. Tompkins is sponsored by the Northwest Michigan Farm Bureau Women's Committee.

Calhoun Women Hold Rural-Urban Event

To "better acquaint urban friends with the work Farm Bureau is doing in solving problems that affect both rural and urban people," the Calhoun County FB Women held their annual Rural-Urban Day in mid-September with 40 ladies present.

Mrs. Rosalind Wight, a dietician (and daughter of Calhoun County's new Women's chairman, Mrs. Leslie Ross), talked on diabetes, its detection and treatment.

Mrs. Wight informed the group that diabetics could live a long, healthy and useful life if, when symptoms appeared, they would see their doctor immediately and follow his instructions.

Calhoun County Dairy Princess, Cathy Crandall, pleased the audience with her spoonerism rendition of "Spenderella and the Cinse."

Royal Call, regional representative for Michigan Farm Bureau, and Mrs. Glen Hombaker, chairman of District 2 Women, gave a skit on "What is Farm Bureau" — who may belong, its various activities — especially its legislative program — and how the wheat referendum affected all of the people.

The successful event closed with an audience participation question-and-answer period.

Oakland FB Holds Bi-partisan "Citizens' Political Forum"

Farm Bureau Women played a large part in the success of a "Citizens' Political Forum" held recently at Oakland University in Rochester. The multi-group sponsored affair was the first of its kind in Oakland County.

Mrs. Maurine Scramlin, state Women's vice-chairman; Mrs. Leona Hutchings, county Women's chairman; Mrs. Violet Porritt, vice-chairman; Mrs. Ed Bourns, Women's Legislative chairman, and Mrs. Blanche Beardsley, Women's Committee member, along with their county president, Edward Bourns, represented the Oakland Farm Bureau.

With the theme, "Let the citizen's voice again be heard," the forum featured such "political headlines" as Governor George Romney, Senator Philip A. Hart, and Congressmen William Broomfield and Neil Staebler.

Panels on "Who's to Pay for Public Services?" and "Is More Efficient Local Government Now Possible?" created a great deal of interest among the 522 registered meeting participants.

"We found out how misunderstood Farm Bureau is, especially by Economic teachers," said Mrs. Hutchings, one of the program co-chairmen. A literature table contained material which together with the person-to-person explanations by Farm Bureau representatives, helped to promote a better understanding of the organization. Mrs. Hutchings feels "we need more such jointly-sponsored meetings."

Other sponsors of the forum included the Detroit Jaycees, the Oakland County Bar Association, Medical Society and Citizens League, the American Ass'n of University Women, League of Women Voters and others.

SURPRISE

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Of these fresh elderberry pies,
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—Betty L. Smith
Eaton County Farm Bureau

44th ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Annual Meeting Speakers Include Governor Romney

A singing auctioneer who farms in Illinois, — a world traveller who formerly served as President of the College of West Africa, and Michigan Governor George Romney are among personalities scheduled for the fast-moving programs of the 44th annual meeting of the Michigan Farm Bureau.

Held in the Auditorium of Michigan State University on the dates of November 11-12-13, the three-day program will be packed with events that include the formal resolution session and election of directors in the "odd numbered" districts of 1-3-5-7-9-11. One "Director at Large" will also be named.

Governor Romney will speak to the delegate body and guests on Tuesday morning, November 12 at 11:00 a.m. The singing auctioneer is Jim DeCap, Whiteside County, (Illinois) livestock and grain farmer.

He is rated as one of the top auctioneers of the Midwest and his rendition of the difficult "Auctioneer Song" at the American Farm Bureau convention in Atlanta, Georgia, was an instantaneous hit.

He will be heard at the annual banquet, Monday night, November 11.

Dr. John Furbay, who has flown more than four million miles — earning him the title of the "world's most travelled man," will be the principal speaker at the big banquet. Tickets for the event are available through County Farm Bureau offices.

Furbay, who has served as Senior Specialist in the U.S. Office of Education, and as an Attache in our Embassies of Costa Rica and

Colombia, is a regular guest lecturer for the Strategic Intelligence School in Washington, D. C.

Others on various programs include Dr. Dena Cederquist, head of the department of Foods and Nutrition at Michigan State University, and Father Hugh Michael Beahan of Grand Rapids, frequently referred to as the "Radio Priest."

Both will be heard in the afternoon on the November 11 Women's program. Dr. Kenneth Hood, director of the Commodity Division of the American Farm Bureau will speak before the Commodity Day conference gathering, also on Monday.



DR. KENNETH HOOD, Director, Commodity Division of the American Farm Bureau, and Assistant Secretary.

Commodity Programs Begin with Luncheon

Topics that range from the meaning of "thirty-six silos in a Saginaw Field" to "World Markets for Milk Products" will be explored during a series of five commodity conferences scheduled as part of the 44th annual meeting of the Michigan Farm Bureau. A noon luncheon program will precede them.

Fruit and Vegetables, Dairy, Field Crops, Poultry and Livestock conferences will all run simultaneously Monday afternoon, November 11.

Although some may wish to attend portions of several conferences, most farmers are expected to take part in the complete conference built around their chief commodity interest.

But before breaking into their special-interest groups, delegates are expected to join in a noon luncheon program at the Union Memorial building. There, they will be treated to a concert program by the Youth Choir of the Ganges Methodist Church under the direction of Robert Gooding.

Dr. Kenneth Hood, former marketing specialist for Cornell University, and now director of the Commodity Division of the American Farm Bureau, will speak on methods for effective marketing, — "Your Key to Success."

Hood, who frequently refers to his Pennsylvania "Dutch" ancestry, is a humorous speaker who quickly grows serious whenever anyone suggests that farmers are not capable of doing a better marketing job.

"Instead of being satisfied that the produce of one acre in six is now sold overseas, — we should aim at one-third by 1975," Hood believes. "Instead of allowing a restrictive agriculture, we must think in terms of an expansive agriculture because the markets are there. . . ."

FIELD CROPS

The "Thirty-six silos in a Saginaw Field" is a reference to the new Michigan Elevator Exchange grain terminal project now moving toward semi-completion in what formerly was a beet field near the Saginaw River in Zilwaukee Township.

The entire story of the huge terminal and what it will mean to Michigan farmers will be told as part of the Field Crops program in one of the afternoon programs. Edward Powell of the MEE Division of Farm Bureau Services will be the speaker.

Also on the program will be James Shaffer of the Agricultural Economics Department of MSU, speaking on the topic of farm agricultural promotions.

DAIRY PROGRAM

A Wisconsin dairyman who is widely known as the past-president of the American Dairy Association, will present the possibilities of better world dairy markets in the special dairy sessions.

He is Lyman McKee, a strong advocate of self-help farm programs. Jack Barnes, general manager of the Michigan Milk Producers Association, will fill in the "local" side of the story by presenting "What's new in Michigan's milk industry."

LIVESTOCK PROGRAM

"So who needs consumers?" — Everybody does, so why don't we give them what they want? This theme will be developed at the Livestock sessions by David Stroud of the National Livestock and Meat Board.

W. R. Cummins, General Manager of Producers Livestock Association, will tell of volume marketing of hogs.

ices Director for the Michigan Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Association (MACMA), will be Jack Rose of the Michigan Chain Stores Council, Charles Todd of the Michigan Potato Industry Council and two MSU Marketing Agents, John Trocke and Don Hine.

POULTRY PROGRAM

In a follow-up performance to his luncheon address, Dr. Kenneth Hood will tell of the effects of futures trading on the egg market, as part of the poultry conference program.

Michigan's new egg law and what it means to those who sell eggs in our state will be discussed by Lyle Littlefield, Chief of the Foods and Standards Division of the Michigan Department of Agriculture.

All commodity conferences will begin at 2:15 p.m. in their respective rooms of the Union Building following the joint noon luncheon program.

FB Women Hold Special Afternoon Session

A popular speaker with a "no-nonsense" attitude about foods is Dr. Dena Cederquist, head of the Foods and Nutrition Department of Michigan State University.

She will appear before the Farm Bureau Women at their special session during the annual meeting of the Michigan Farm Bureau, Monday afternoon, November 11.

It is again planned that the Farm Bureau Women will attend the regular session of the annual meeting program in the morning, as scheduled in the Auditorium of Michigan State University. When

the regular session adjourns to the Union Memorial building on campus for lunch, the Farm Bureau Women will stay in the auditorium for a box-lunch and the afternoon program.

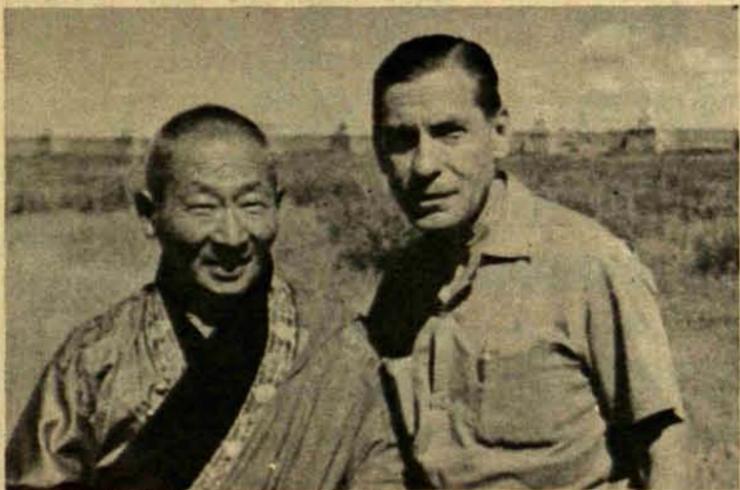
Reservations for the box-lunch may be made with Mrs. Marjorie Karker, Coordinator of Women's Activities for the Michigan Farm Bureau, at \$1.25 each.

Besides Dr. Cederquist, the afternoon program will include an address by Father Hugh Michael Beahan, "Radio Priest" of St. Thomas Aquinas College, Grand Rapids.

The State Chairman's report by Mrs. Arthur Muir will precede the speaking program, as will the election of State Committee officers. Awards for program activities and a period of entertainment will round out the Women's program.



Dr. Dena Cederquist



BUDDHIST MONK — poses in troubled Viet Nam with Dr. John Furbay, diplomatic traveler and strong believer in the powers of a "People-to-People" program. He will be featured speaker on the Nov. 11 banquet program at the annual meeting of the Michigan Farm Bureau.



FARM TALENT WINNER — from Illinois, Jim DeCap, will be featured on the banquet program of the MFB annual meeting, November 11. DeCap has many radio and television appearances to his credit.

Banquet Program Complete

The annual Farm Bureau banquet scheduled for Monday night, November 11, will bring together an expected crowd of 1,000 Farm Bureau members from all over Michigan for a program of beauty, talent, awards, and an outstanding talk.

Tickets for the event which is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. in the Big Ten Room of Kellogg Center, Michigan State University, are now on sale at County Farm Bureau offices.

"Miss Farm Bureau" of 1964 will be introduced, and awards for Distinguished Service to Agriculture will be announced. Jim DeCap, youthful Illinois Talent Find winner will perform as "The Singing Auctioneer."

The hopeful story of emerging peoples of the world will be told by Dr. John Furbay in a talk titled, "Countdown for Tomorrow." Furbay is associated with many leading organizations now helping to create a more active awareness of the forces at play in

today's world.

His many years spent in carrying out cultural, diplomatic and commercial missions all over the globe for our government, and as director of Air World Education for Trans-World Airlines, have given him an unusual insight into the problems and possibilities we face in the immediate future. His humor and dynamic speaking ability have placed him in constant demand. He appears as a guest lecturer through the courtesy of General Motors.

Four Thousand Volunteer Workers!

An impressive "army" numbering 4,000 Farm Bureau Volunteer Roll-Call workers have pledged themselves to the kind of membership campaign that may place the Michigan Farm Bureau in the enviable spot of "first in the nation" to reach its American membership goal.

This goal has been an elusive target, set high enough to be attainable, but not without substantial effort. This year, Farm Bureau officials feel confident that it will be reached early in the membership year.

They base their prediction on a number of encouraging signs, chief among them, the 50 to 75 persons per county who are serving as Captains and volunteer workers in the campaign to reach a Michigan goal of 70,525 Farm Bureau family memberships in 1964.

This means the addition of 767 new members, plus enough replacements for "old" members who cease to farm, become ineligible, or for similar reasons fail to renew their membership.

The Michigan Farm Bureau has one of the lowest "back door" loss ratios of any state, with only a scant 6.1% of previous members failing to renew. Many farm organizations consider a 10% or higher figure to be normal.

Last year one Michigan county, (Menominee in the Upper Peninsula) signed 100% of its previous membership.

This meant that to reach such a perfect score, no member died or moved away during the entire year.

Another encouraging sign for this Fall's Roll-Call campaign, has been the obvious enthusiasm.

For example, although a mass-action drive for new members will begin over the state on December 2, — energetic Farm Bureau mem-

bers of the Upper Peninsula have "jumped the gun." As of November 1, they began signing new members.

Elsewhere in the state, it has not been uncommon for membership workers to bring new member applications along to the training sessions at which they were supposed to learn how to fill them out!

Three distinct phases have been planned for this year's Roll-Call work, beginning in October with a direct-mail campaign of renewal notices to all present members.

This will be followed by a training period, culminating in the state-wide drive December 2, which begins as the mail campaign ends.

"Every mail renewal that arrives in a county office releases more time and energy for volunteer workers," reports Roger Foerch, Manager of the Organization Division.

"Fall is the busiest time on the farm, and both time and money can be stretched, through early returns on the mail campaign."

Foerch suggests that those members who have not yet responded to the mail renewal campaign should do so to make their dues go farther and do more work for agriculture.

State Moves to Wipe Out Hog Cholera

Michigan's \$22 million swine industry has entered a cooperative hog cholera program with the USDA, the 35th state to do so, according to Dr. John Quinn, state Department of Agriculture veterinarian.

At present, there are about 790,000 swine in the state.

Recognizing the disease as a threat to the Michigan swine industry, a committee was formed in 1960. One of the members, and presently chairman of the committee is Dean Pridgeon, Montgomery swine breeder and a member of the Michigan Farm Bureau board of directors.

Other members of the commit-

tee include: William McCalla, Ann Arbor swine breeder; James Prince, East Lansing, president of the Michigan Livestock Auction Association; John Anderson, Muskegon, Michigan Meat Packers Association; Dr. George Bergman, Cassopolis veterinarian; Robert Hines, MSU animal husbandry department; and Dr.

Glenn Reed, MSU extension veterinarian.

Affecting swine only, the disease costs the nation's hog producers about \$50 million annually — about 45 cents for each pig marketed.

Eradication of the disease, never as extensive in Michigan as it has been in some states, will eliminate this cost to the industry, veterinarians believe.

Michigan has a well established disease reporting system and a system for investigation of all hog cholera outbreaks.

In addition all garbage feeding premises are regularly inspected to make sure garbage is properly cooked before being fed to hogs as required by state law.

Farmers' Week Set for 1964

February 2-7 are the dates for the 49th annual Farmers' Week at Michigan State University. The event draws thousands of visitors to the East Lansing Campus each year for a report on the latest developments in agriculture.

"Michigan Grows as its Agriculture Grows," is the theme for the 1964 program according to Dr. Byron Good, general chairman for the yearly sessions.

He reports that the total attendance in programs and meetings last year was 24,151.

Michigan's Farmers' Week remains as one of the unique educational events for agriculture in the entire nation.

Plans are already underway at MSU for a special observance of the 50th anniversary program in 1965.

MABC Manager Named

Kenneth Baushke, 38, was recently appointed the general manager of Michigan Artificial Breeders Cooperative, according to Frank Heim, MABC president.

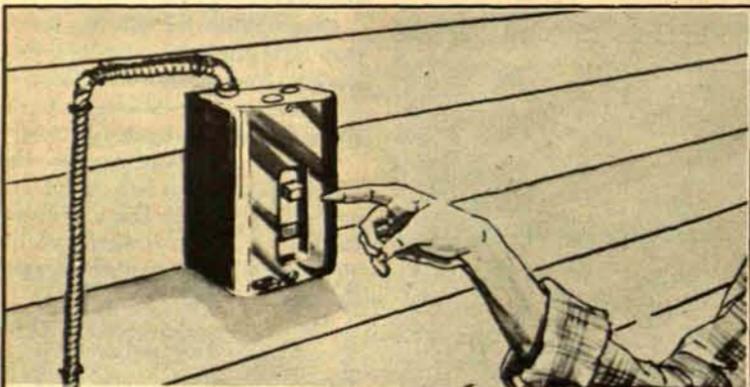
A native farm boy of Mason county, Baushke is a graduate in dairy production from MSU.

He is no newcomer to the artificial breeding field as he has been the general manager of Jessup Breeders, Glendale, California, the past 12½ years.

Ken and his wife, Nancy, have three children; Kenneth, Jr. 9, Barbara Ann 5 and Candace Elizabeth 3.



Kenneth Baushke



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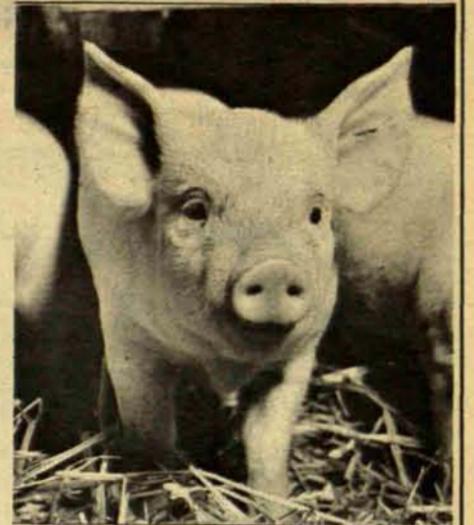
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TUSCOLA FOREIGN STUDENT PROJECT



THE FOREIGN STUDENT project is the story these ladies are depicting at the Dist. 6 Camp Kett meeting. To illustrate one of their outstanding activities, the Tuscola ladies "dressed up" in costumes from various countries represented in foreign student visits to their county. Left to right are: Mrs. Clare Carpenter, Nigerian costume; Mrs. Rinard Knoblet, Japanese; Mrs. Elwood Eastman, Korean; Mrs. John Dickie, Indian; Mrs. Carlyle Everitt, Hawaiian; Mrs. Mack Little, Chinese, and Mrs. Nellie Cooper, Chinese.

MISS MECOSTA FB



MISS FARM BUREAU of Mecosta County is Marjorie Nellis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Nellis of Rodney. The Barrington high school senior was crowned at Mecosta's annual rural-urban dinner. (Photo courtesy Big Rapids Pioneer)

MONTCALM WOMEN VISIT FB CENTER



MONTCALM COUNTY FB WOMEN listen to Michigan Farm Bureau President, Walter Wightman, during a visit to Farm Bureau Center in Lansing. The ladies also heard from Roger Foerch, Manager, Organization Division and their host, Elden Smith, Manager, Personnel. They are shown in one of the conference rooms at the Center.

COMMUNITY COOPERATION AIDS INJURED FARM BUREAU MEMBER



A CLASSIC EXAMPLE of community cooperation resulted from a recent tragedy in Antrim County. Roy L. Staudenmeyer, Ellsworth, known in this area as "everybody's friend," suffered a permanent eye injury in an accident involving a self-unloading wagon. Turning out "en masse" to help their friend following his accident, members of this rural community came to the rescue with three choppers, twelve wagons and unmeasurable amounts of willingness to help with the necessary work on Roy's farm.



ROY STAUDENMEYER is the Antrim County FB Legislative Chairman and husband of county secretary, Ruth. Active in all community affairs, he is especially well-known for his work as assistant football coach, chairman of the PTA, and American Legion activities. In his time of need, the community showed its appreciation to "everybody's friend" with a gesture of kindness never to be forgotten by the Staudenmeyers.

AWARD WINNERS ON STATE COMMITTEE



EIGHT COUNTY FB SECRETARIES, recognized for outstanding performance met recently to formally organize the first State Secretaries' Advisory Committee, and to begin a survey of record areas where state office IBM equipment might be used in FB programming. (From l. to r.) Marion Matthews, Ogemaw; Leona Vance, Gratiot; Marjorie Gardner, Coordinator, Office Services; Alice Abbott, Lapeer; Marilyn Knight, Chairman, Clinton; Rita Williams, Secretary, Kalamazoo; Bonnie Burkett, Missaukee; Lena King, Calhoun; Kay Robe, Vice-chairman, Kent.

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Prepared by the Department of Education and Research
Michigan Farm Bureau

Are farm people sleeping well these nights? Should they be? Based on insurance records, rural teen-agers have the most destructive driver record of any group in the state. The damage they create exceeds that of young drivers in the city. Why is this so?

Adult farm drivers have a better than average safety record. But before the "oldsters" start swaggering, let them take a closer look at the facts. And let them consider carefully, too, their parental responsibility for the teen-ager's rising accident rate. Just what can the parents do to reverse this record?

Are the kids really so much worse on the road than Dad and Mother? It may take the elders down a peg to find that — mile for mile of driving — the kids have no more accidents than their parents. The record is not all against the young folks.

But young people today are driving more miles than their parents. Michigan State University finds that they have more exposure to traffic and at more dangerous periods of the day.

Rural Youth Spin Off the Miles

In Michigan nearly all teen-agers get driver's licenses by the age of 18. Teen-agers are about 7% of all the licensed drivers. Generally, they are as skilful at handling a car as the adults. That is not the problem. A big factor is that they drive at more dangerous periods.

Rural youth, especially, drive more miles than other people. They pile up the mileage going to school, visiting pals and sweethearts across the County, journeying to other towns for school athletic games — and "just driving around." The "open road" of the country is a greater temptation to "put the old bus through her paces." You can't do that on city streets with as much freedom.

"Social driving" at school has become a pastime. The car becomes a "club house on wheels". It rolls from Drive-In to Hamburg Joint. The "crowd" in the car are rollicking and gay. And it usually is a crowd. Sometimes a "thrill ride" is the order of the moment.

Horseplay in the car often distracts the driver. He is not attentive to traffic conditions. Then — *Crunch!*

Midnight Ride of Teen-Age Drivers

Research at the Michigan State University Traffic Safety Center reveals a key element of the teen-age problem. For all drivers, night driving is three times as dangerous as daytime driving. The accident rate jumps to that height!

The record shows that teen-agers drive as many miles in daylight as adult drivers. Only six percent of the drivers in daytime traffic are teen-agers. But from dusk to midnight, the teen-age percentage mounts to 14%. And from midnight to dawn it is 20% to 22%. The youngsters are "night hawks." Of course, quite a few fall asleep at the wheel.

Average Kids and Road Demons

The majority of these young folks are not "fast cats" or "hot rodders." Most of them come from average, well-respected families. They have the high-powered family car out for "a night on the town" with their parents' permission.

The occasional "hot rodder" with his souped-up "bomb" is a special case. Michigan State University studies reveal that people — young or old — drive automobiles according to their personal make-up. Their driving reflects the attitudes created by emotional problems in their lives.

Studies by Dr. William A. Mann (M.S.U.) show that the dangerous young driver has serious personality problems. He takes out his resentment and frustration in his manner of handling the car in traffic. Dr. Mann studied the backgrounds of 100 of Michigan's worst drivers of high school age.

He found that these terrors of the highway come from broken homes or homes where there are serious emotional conflicts and tensions among family members. These "fast cats" are belligerent and aggressive. They are serious disciplinary problems in school. They have court records for juvenile delinquency. They feel socially insecure. They are rejected by other young people.

Studies at the Menninger Institute agree with these findings. They show, too, that such youths are poor readers, neglect their school work and get poor grades. They spend all their time, money and attention on the "hot rod." It's an abnormal obsession with them. They quit school early.

They are tagged with many traffic tickets. Strangely, they rarely wreck their own cars, for they handle them very skilfully. But they test the control of other drivers by seeing how close they can come to a crash without having one. These "near misses" cause other drivers to swerve into accidents.

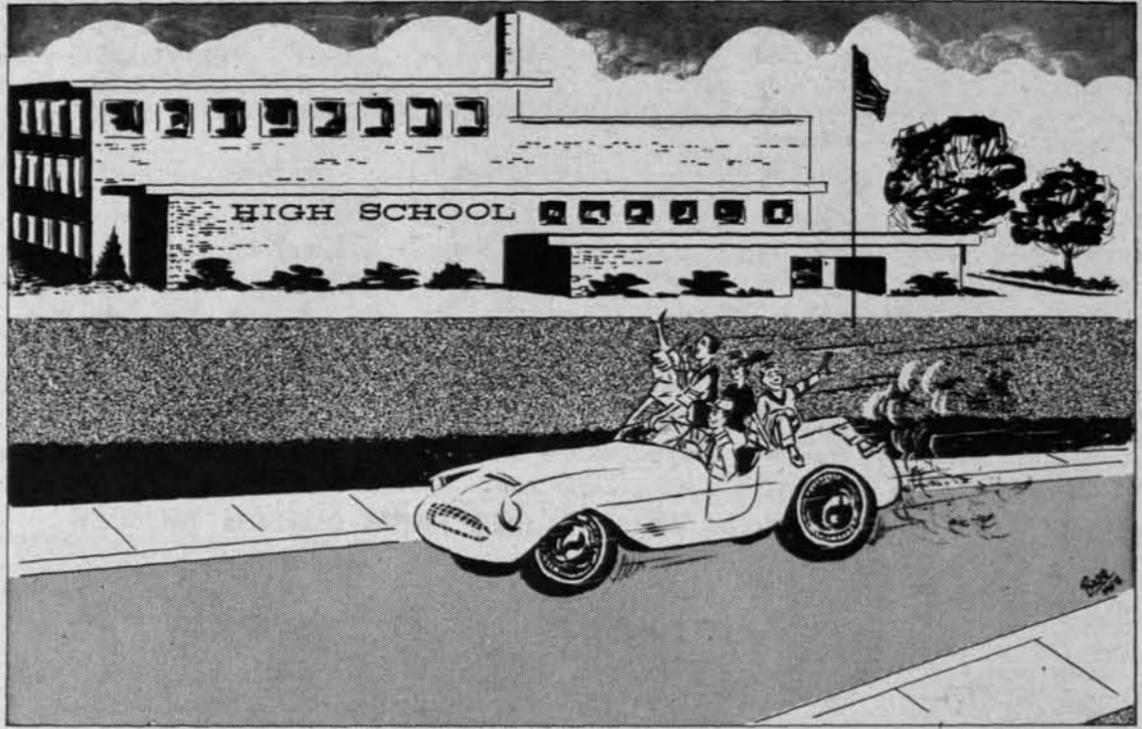
These "Wild Willys" cannot be stopped unless cars are put beyond their reach and they are denied a driver's license. "Fast Cats are a special breed of cats."

We should not look at the problem of the average young driver in the light of this poor example. Rather, we should look at what a car means when seen through the eyes of a normal young person. When a youth first slides behind the wheel of a car he becomes transfigured! It is a giant stride toward being grown up!

High Man on the Totem Pole

The right to drive a car gives the young person a new social standing among fellow teen-agers.

DISCUSSION TOPIC



MODERN "KIDDIE KARS" ARE SUPERCHARGED CLUB-HOUSES ON WHEELS

There is recognition, new social influence — Status! The normal youth yearns for this. Without it he feels lost, left out — socially insecure. Under proper guidance this yearning must be satisfied by the parents.

You graybeards — close your eyes and hark back to the thrill that hit you when, as a young driver, the car was first put under your control! Remember your feeling of personal mastery over a powerful machine?

But the young person, feeling this power, is tempted to test its limits. That is a natural impulse. The child is forever testing his own limits. He runs as fast as he can and jumps as far and as high as he can.

This impulse carries over to the car, — "to try it out — see what she can do!" As a result of this, you get "scream take-offs" with tires protesting and screaming halts. You get drag races and fast cornering — if you don't watch out!

Since there is danger in handling a car in this way, parents must stay with the young driver until he learns to curb these impulses. Driver training courses do not produce "finished drivers." Chaperoning is needed until it is quite clear that the teen-ager is responsible enough to "solo." The car should not be turned over to him simply because he has been granted a driver's license.

Facts about accidents support this position. There are more accidents during the driver's first year. One insurance company found that 40% of 16 year-olds had an accident in their first driving year.

Parental Influence is Basic

Freedom to use the car represents a break away from the restraints of childhood. If the child respects his parents and is loved by them, if he is taught to take responsibilities in the home and is permitted to make decisions according to sound counsel — if he feels secure in his family and social life — the problem of freedom in the car is not a great one.

The insecure or overprotected child may take this new freedom

as an occasion to revolt. He then handles the car with a dangerous aggressiveness, or like the "fast cat", uses it as a weapon of social vengeance. The morality of self-control goes back to the pattern of family living. Parents are the basic teachers. Responsibility begins at home.

Does He Run the Car —

Or the Car Run Him? No parent should allow the car to dominate the life of the youth. Does he spend every penny he can earn for gas and oil? Has he little time for anything else — including his studies? If so, the time has come to set limits on the freedom of the car. A bit of restraint is a necessary thing. A youth's impulses — his sheer enthusiasm — can throw his whole life out of balance.

The home is the basic training ground for the habits and attitudes that carry over into the driving situation. There must be love for the child. Rejected children become dangerous basic personalities. The "Fast Cat" can teach us this point.

But discipline should be positive. We should show our children what to do and how to do it. This is not to be confused with overprotecting the child nor making every decision for him. Teach him to handle his own affairs with good judgment. Sit down and analyze his problems with him so that he can appreciate the consequences of right and wrong decisions.

Where training is negative — simply a "barbed wire entanglement of DON'Ts" — the child rebels at the earliest opportunity. Nor is discipline based on fear the answer. Fear is a retreat reaction. It can never yield positive and confident attitudes and habits. Little is learned under its influence. The emotion, not learning dominates the child.

By contrast, the child needs to learn to be proud of his record because it is well done. He must not base every decision simply on the fear that he will make a mistake. Self-control is a positive thing rather than a defensive attitude from which he has need to escape.

Like Father — Like Son?

What about the parental "good example?" In the home and in the car the child is an observer of his parents' behavior. Children stand on the front seat of the car as toddlers — and learn from their parents.

The parent who takes risks, who violates the traffic laws — who "watches out for the cops" while taking chances — teaches these things to his children. No amount of lecturing later can overcome the impact of such early lessons. Children want to be like Dad.

Think this one over, too. It is illegal for a young person to drive in Michigan without training in driver education and without a learner's permit. But don't interfere with the training practices given by the driving trainer. Don't tell the child something else. Sure! You're an expert! But you set up a dangerous situation for the child. Why?

By forcing contradictory attitudes and impulses on the youth you leave him in confusion. Is this action — or that — the proper one? When an emergency arises this conflict will make him do the wrong thing. He can become "accident prone."

If you still think that you are a superior driver — be careful that your hatband doesn't get too tight. Studies show that you cannot measure the skill of a good driver by the length of his driving experience. What the teen-agers need most is interested and thoughtful parents. This would help cut down on teen-age traffic accidents.

QUESTIONS

1. How does child training in the home relate to the driving habits and attitudes of young sons and daughters?
2. If you seek to reduce accidents among rural teen-agers, what rules would you, as parents, establish concerning the use of the car by your children?

Most of State's Red Meat Produced Outside Michigan

Only about one out of every four of those juicy steaks and chops you eat are produced in Michigan. The others are shipped in from other regions of the corn belt.

"More than 70 per cent of the red meat we consume is produced outside the state," according to Leonard Kyle, agricultural economist with the Michigan Cooperative Extension Service.

Lowered transportation costs and timely marketing of livestock are two advantages for increasing the state's livestock production. Feed costs are about the same as in other parts of the eastern Corn Belt.

"Feed is one-half to three-quarters of the cost of producing livestock," says the economist.

"Reasonable feed costs made Michigan farmers competitive in the past and is a major reason why they have increased steer feeding by 50 per cent in the last 10 years."

But all costs of production aren't in their favor. "Hired labor rates are higher than most of the other Midwest livestock producing states," says Kyle. "Land is also basically higher priced because of the pressure of urban real estate development and taxes in an industrialized state."

The basic question of whether livestock production can greatly expand in the years ahead must be answered by individuals and not on a state basis.

Tuscola Takes Time To Honor Teachers

"You have already done so much and we are grateful," was one of many comments praising the activities of the Tuscola County Farm Bureau made by Vo-Ag instructors attending a dinner-meeting honoring them and their wives, August 29, at Caro.

The dinner, served by the women's committee, and the following program was the project of the Tuscola FB's information committee.

The special guests along with the county board members listened to Mrs. Carpenter, chairman of the information committee, as she explained how the county FB operates.

Les Bollwahn, coordinator of Farm Bureau Young People, then discussed FB's role in state and national affairs, tracing the history of the organization from its beginning to its present multi-division structure.

A spirited discussion highlighted the evening as FB members and Vo-Ag teachers examined

their roles in agriculture and found areas in which both groups might better work together in serving the agricultural community.

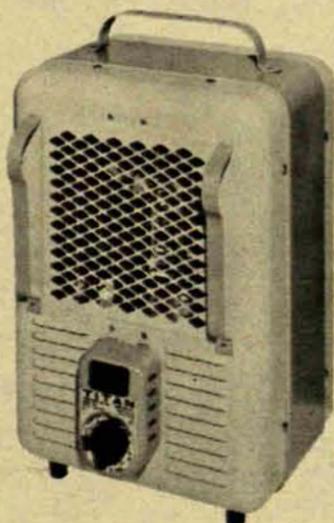
The teachers were told that the Tuscola FB would again honor the county winners of the FFA district soil and water projects at their annual meeting in October.

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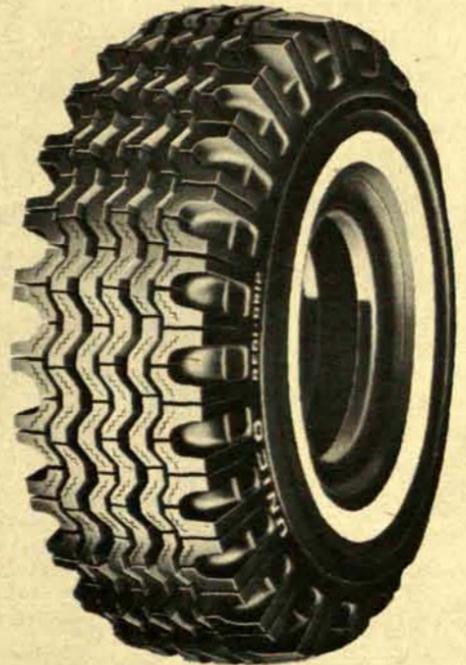
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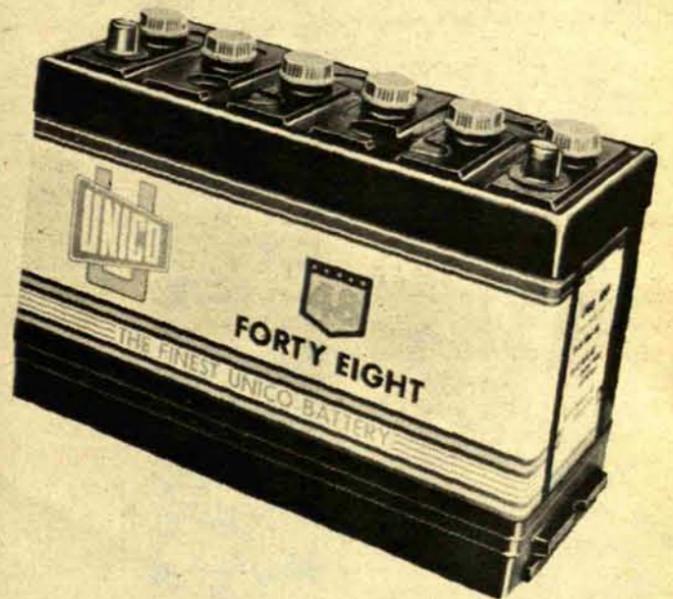
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