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MICHIGAN'S MOST OUTSTANDING YOUNG FARMERS — Mr. and Mrs. William Mayers, St. Johns — pause on the steps of the Washington Cathedral, which when finished will be 6th largest in the world. Buried within is former U.S. President, Woodrow Wilson and other famed historic figures. Begun in 1907, the structure is three-quarters completed, with \$20,000,000 and 20 year's work remaining.

CLINTON COUNTY FARM BUREAU MEMBERS — Mr. and Mrs. Mayers were selected by Michigan State Jaycees as the state's top farmers. They were invited to join the Washington Legislative Tour, sponsored by Farm Bureau Women, and which this year brought 91 persons to the nation's capital for sessions with their Congressmen. Later, the group toured historic sites such as the Cathedral, and White House.

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## ABOUT PLAYING THE NAME GAME

In a recent edition of Saturday Review — there is a list of imposing sounding organizations officially recognized and in business. Among them are the Orangutan Recovery Service, the American Guppy Association, the National Refuse Sack Council and the National Button Society.

To this imposing list of organizations, one should hasten to add the International Cigar Band Society, The Catgut Acoustical Society (as they say along Madison Avenue "how does that grab you?"), The Viola de Gamba Society of America and the Society of Pragmatic Mysticism.

Somewhere around the bottom of the list are the Sphagnum Peat Moss Association, the International Mustard Association and the Frozen Pea Council.

It is based on these last three FARM organizations that we hinge our point, for we have grown weary indeed in recent months of hearing of the need for all farm groups, no matter what their origin or purpose, no matter what their membership, to work together equally, in one big, happy family. Further, that once this is done, this "federation" will somehow turn on the big-time power for all agriculture.

We have finally decided that some folks are deliberately trying to confuse the Name with the Game.

Pushing hardest for this curious amalgam appear to be some agri-business fringes of agriculture, the near-voiceless and hopeful new farm organizations with microscopic membership and various farm-business publications.

All of which is understandable, for agri-business firms usually wish to be friendly with everybody, with production and profit of much more concern than sound farm policy.

Little farm groups with big plans have every right to compete as best they can for membership, dues money, an expression of their ideas and a place in the sun.

Those who publish periodicals aimed at agriculture, have a most natural desire to get as close as they can to where they think their readers' interests lie, and who can blame them if in their anxiety to be identified with the farming community they confuse the role of reporter with that of leader?

But farmers must remember that agri-business groups are mostly out for business; that little farm groups hide their membership size while searching for the kind of acceptance that will allow them to become big, and that farm publications are not farm organizations.

And when it comes to organizations, farmers must remember that the name does not always mean what it seems — as witness the National Aromatic Red Cedar Closet Lining Manufacturer's Association, complete with convention and annual meeting — but with only four members.

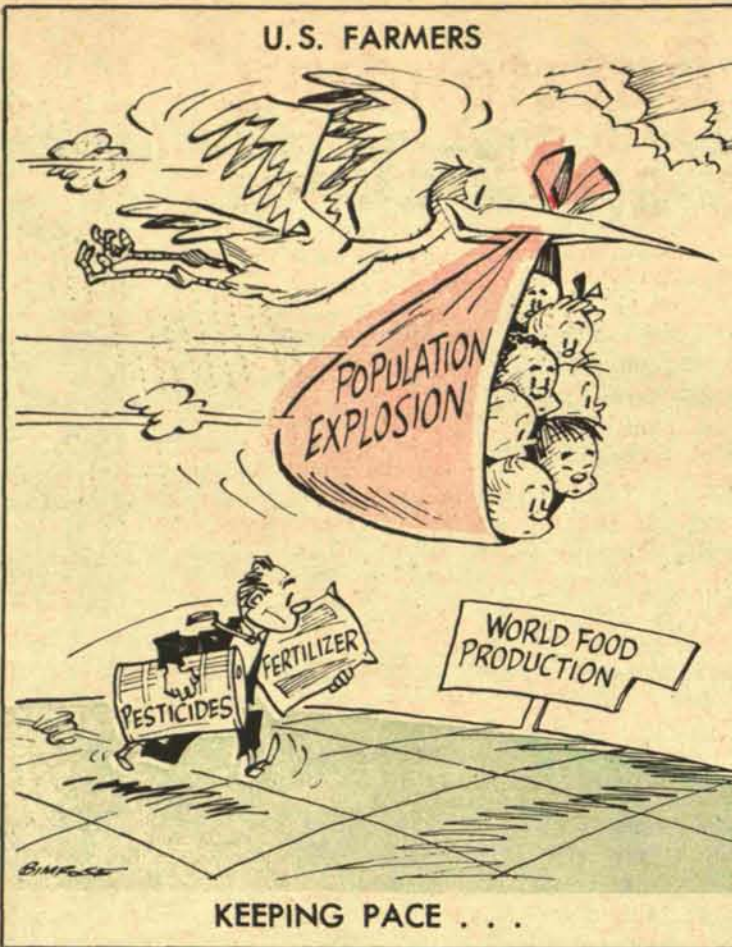
Or the three NATIONAL farm organizations, with far less than nation-wide membership, or with "a secret membership for secret strength."

And no matter how solidly they federate, the Frozen Pea Council, the Sphagnum Peat Moss people and the International Mustard men cannot ever whip up a replacement for a truly nation-wide, general farm organization.

That's why Farm Bureau with 1,703,908 family memberships, (nothing secret about that figure) FEDERATED in 49 states and Puerto Rico, and now representing four out of every six farmers who belong to any general farm organization, must of necessity take a dim view of those who would urge a giveaway of this right of representation.

And that's why every once in a while, Farm Bureau reminds those who would do this, that since well over a majority of all farmers are now within Farm Bureau, those who remain outside, represented only by the National Button Society, or whatever, have at least temporarily lost the most effective farm voice that exists.

M. W.



## Fight to Survive—May Lie in Future

It is fast becoming obvious that a world food crisis is approaching. When it will reach a truly critical point no one knows, but those who study such things say that the trends are accelerating.

Some now predict a time when mere survival in an overpopulated and underfed world may become man's chief concern.

The population Reference Bureau recently released an annual data sheet which shows the world population has increased by 65 million in the past year. This is 180,000 persons each day — the equivalent to a third of the total United States population.

Half the population living on earth today has been born since the end of World War II. It took a million years for world population to reach the billion mark in 1800. In the past 166 years it has tripled and is now growing so rapidly that experts say the next doubling will occur around the end of this century.

Usually it is the countries with the least production capacity that have the larger growth. A large proportion of the population in such countries are children, and in a number of them, around 40 per cent of the population is less than 15 years of age.

Although American farm production has far outstripped all others in the world, there are those who warn that this country cannot expect to continue to feed other portions of the world which stay static in their own food efforts.

Prominent scientists continue to warn — in the words of Dr. George Harrar of the Rockefeller Foundation, that "unless this is clearly understood and maximum efforts made to reverse systems of underproduction wherever they exist, survival will indeed become man's chief concern."

One at least temporary good result has been a renewed appreciation of the good job done by American farmers on the part of consumers — most of whom show some recognition of basic non-farm causes back of higher food prices.

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## SENATE BILL 109

They tell me that what I'm going to talk about in this column may become a discussion topic next month. So much the better! If I set the stage properly, maybe more folks will discuss it and decide that it is their affair.

The Agricultural Producers Marketing bill — or what we call the farmers' "Right to Market" bill — is creating quite a flurry in Congress. The bill was brought out in 1966 as Senate Bill 109. It is back this year under the same Senate number and 18 representatives in the House have sponsored identical bills.

But some of the things that show up in the hearings get my dander up — and ought to rouse yours, too.

To start with, this marketing rights bill is just plain, reasonable legislation. There is nothing tough nor pushy about it as it applies to the buyers or processors of farm products. It doesn't even try to force them to sit down with farmers to bargain about prices.

All the bill tries to do is to protect the rights of a farmer to belong to a marketing association organized by farmers. It says that buyers and processors can't do anything to interfere nor stop a farmer from belonging — can't intimidate him, cut, or threaten to cut, his contract acreage, shut him out on contracts and bring in others in his place — that kind of thing! The buyers and processors can't "pay off" a farmer to quit an association or to refuse to join.

In this bill, farmers are only asking for a fair break — to be able to form associations to bargain for conditions of sale — without interference. The deck has been stacked against farmers by dint of the power of the buyers' mergers. It is only reasonable to allow farmers to try to match that power.

Some farmers have already met such attitudes with an inclination toward violent incidents. A sign that processors are inclined to be reasonable could help to cultivate better buyer-producer relations to the advantage of everyone. So, it is hard to understand why the processing interests rise in opposition to this marketing rights bill. Their opposition is likely to arouse support for legislation having more drastic effects for them.

Numerous farmers testified at the hearings and described a variety of unfair measures taken against them by processing contractors to compel the producer to stop his work with a growers' marketing association. The processors vigorously denied that they were doing any of the things to which the growers testified.

If they were not doing them, why the need to fight the bill so vigorously? If they were not doing these things, the bill contains no threat to them. Why, then, were they spending time and lobbying fees to defeat the bill? Perhaps the reason is that they want nothing to happen to undermine their power to control the conditions of purchase of farm products.

Perhaps the real "cat got out of the bag" in the reply of one giant processor who rejected the request of the American Agricultural Marketing Association to negotiate for prices on vegetables. This big processor declared that it did not want anyone standing between the corporation and "its producers." (To that might be added — "no interference, especially by an organization of the producers, themselves.")

That's where my hackles begin to rise. They insist on maintaining their classical power position while the farmers face more and more pressures from the cost-price squeeze. You would think that the processors would recognize that their policy can light the fuse for a big explosion by growers!

They should recognize that farmers are caught in a bind — with the parity ratio dropping to 74 — nine points below last year.

The surprising thing is that — in the long run — the processors' business is just as dependent on a healthy and growing farming industry as the farmers, themselves. And I think our members ought to holler loud enough on this one to be heard in Washington.

Elton Smith

# State's "Most Outstanding" Young Farmers are Picked...

Evidence that picking Michigan's four most outstanding young farmers is no easy task, can be seen by the fact that the judges this year picked five candidates to fill the top four spots, with a tie announced for the 4th place position.

Selected as the state's "Most Outstanding" young farmer for 1967, was William C. Mayers, 34-year old Clinton county dairyman who represents Michigan at the national program in Harrisonburg, Virginia, in mid-April.

This exciting, state-wide contest, sponsored yearly by the Michigan state Junior Chamber of Commerce ("Jaycees") brought 18 candidates nominated by local Jaycee chapters under the close scrutiny of a panel of judges led by Milton Grinnell, former editor of the Michigan Farmer magazine.

Other judges were Elton Hill, retired professor of Agricultural Economics at Michigan State University and Herbert Van Aken, Eaton Rapids farmer and former president of the Eaton County Farm Bureau.

As has been frequent in the past, top winners were dairymen, with Edwin Coy of Dexter, 28-year old Jackson county dairyman, named to second place. Both Mayers and Coy are active Farm Bureau members. Mayers has served as chairman of his Farm Bureau Community Group and as legislative Minuteman. Coy has been active in Farm Bureau's Young Farmer movement.

Runners-up in third and fourth position were a vegetable grower, another dairyman and a "general" farmer with a beef herd. They are: 31-year old Robert Buist, in 3rd position. Buist produces celery, asparagus and celery-cabbage on his acres near Allendale. He is a member of the Ottawa County Farm Bureau; 29-year old Lavern Smith, dairy farmer from Battle Creek, a member of the Calhoun County Farm Bureau, where his father, Lloyd Smith, has served as President, and 27-year old Lawrence Fisher, livestock farmer from Palmyra, Lenawee county. Smith and Fisher tied for 4th position.

The Michigan Farm Bureau provided top winners Mr. and Mrs. Mayers with an all-expense-paid trip to Washington D.C. — flying by jet as part of the American Heritage tour group sponsored by Farm Bureau Women and which visited the Capitol March 13-16 (see special report, page 9).

The origin of the Outstanding Young Farmer program as a Jaycee project is unknown, but records show that local Chapters began a search for the best youthful farm businessman to match selection of an outstanding city businessman, about 17 years ago.

Last year's winner was Calvin "Pete" Lutz, of Manistee, who acted as Master of Ceremonies for this year's event, held in Manistee and hosted by the same Chapter which last year selected Lutz as their candidate.

### WILLIAM C. MAYERS

Mayers began farming 14 years ago in partnership with his father. In 1961 he bought out his father and has since increased his dairy herd from 12 Holsteins to 40 milking cows. He is a member of the Holstein Friesian Association and of the Clinton Soil Conservation District.

Older brother, Raymond Mayers, has served as president of the Clinton County Farm Bureau.

### EDWIN COY

Coy has been farming seven years, buying his farm after working with his father in partnership.

He also has 40 dairy cows on his 160 acres. He is a member of the Jackson Road Association and the Dexter Jaycees who nominated him.

### ROBERT BUIST

A celery "sizing" machine has been invented and patented by Robert Buist, who has 60 acres in vegetables. The Buists have three children.

### LAVERN SMITH

Smith started building capital and livestock through FFA projects and entered into partnership with his father in 1955. His operation includes 103 dairy cows, 122 heifers and calves on 742 acres of land.

In studying the farming pattern of these top young men, it becomes apparent how most young farmers get started — usually thru a partnership arrangement.

### LAWRENCE FISHER

Livestock are important on the Fisher farm, with 245 steers, 55 sows and 200 fattening pigs as part of the operation. Larry started with 4-H projects and entered partnership with his father and two brothers.



MICHIGAN JAYCEE PRESIDENT — Wendell Smith, congratulates William Mayers, St. Johns dairyman, following his selection as Michigan's "Most Outstanding Young Farmer" of the year.



EDWIN COY — 2nd place



ROBERT BUIST — 3rd place



LAWRENCE FISHER



Tied for 4th place

LAVERN SMITH

## ABOUT FARM BUREAU PEOPLE...

### Mumford Retires— Moves Announced

The April 1st retirement of Charles Mumford, Saginaw Valley regional representative, was recently announced by Dan E. Reed, secretary-manager of the Michigan Farm Bureau.

"For 20 years, Charlie Mumford has worked for Farm Bureau. In that time he has made many contributions to the organization. His ability to motivate people, bring out the real issues, and his belief in the need for a farm organization has won him many friends throughout the state. His dedication to Farm Bureau has been an example to many of his fellow employees," Reed said.

Born and raised on a farm in Gratiot County, Charlie's interest in agriculture began early in life. He moved to the city in the 1930's but returned to the farm in 1944. It was that year that he became a member of Farm Bureau.

In 1947 he became Organization Director for Gratiot and Isabella counties. During the four-year period that he served in this capacity, the membership and the number of Community Farm Bureau groups grew rapidly in these two counties.

He became an employee of the Michigan Farm Bureau in 1952 and served as regional representative in District 5, the Southeast region — and for the past 10 years in the Saginaw Valley area.

A tribute to his ability is the fact that he was selected by the American Farm Bureau Federation to aid in organizing the Pennsylvania Farmers' Association. He spent five months in that state in establishing county Farm Bureaus and developing membership programs.

In announcing his decision to retire, Charlie said, "My wife, Berneice, and I will miss our many friends in Farm Bureau from all over the state. I believe that the 20 years spent with the organization have been the most challenging, rewarding, stimulating and pleasant years of my life. Farmers are a pleasure to work with. They have built an organization in

Farm Bureau of which they can be justly proud."

"Berneice and I hope to enjoy the retirement years together by traveling, visiting our children, grandchildren and friends. We also hope to develop some lake property we own," he said.

In announcing Mumford's retirement, Reed stated, "We will miss our regular contacts with Charlie. His sound advice, his dedication, and his sincere devotion to the members will be missed by all who have known him. We wish him the best of everything in his retirement."

### REGION CHANGES

Charles Neblock, Northwest regional representative for the past seven years, will be serving the Southwest region beginning April 1. He will replace Marlie Drew, who was recently promoted to the "Coordinator of County Office Operations" position for the Michigan Farm Bureau.

Neblock has had many years' experience in Farm Bureau. He served as county president of the Macomb Farm Bureau as well as on various committees. The Neblocks now reside in Lake City

and will be locating in the Southwest region in the near future.

Replacing Neblock in the Northwest region is John Willsie, Freeland. A 1963 graduate of Michigan State University, Willsie holds a Bachelor of Science degree. Upon completion of his college training, he managed a farm in New York state.

Willsie, his wife, Connie, and two children, plan to move to the Northwest Michigan area.



CHARLES MUMFORD



JOHN WILLISIE



CHARLES NEBLOCK

# RECORD NUMBER OF BILLS OFFERED



## capitol report



LEGISLATIVE MERRY-GO-ROUND — continues to whirl, Robert Smith, Farm Bureau Legislative Counsel, reports to those attending a commodity Advisory Committee session in Lansing. Six committees, representing major commodity interest areas, advise the Michigan Farm Bureau board.



TIME JUGGLING — is an exercise in foolishness, Mrs. Andrew Jackson, Howell farm wife, told Representative Thomas Sharpe, Chairman of the State Affairs Committee of the Legislature. Mrs. Jackson delivered lists containing nearly 25,000 names of voters supporting a bill which would leave Michigan time unchanged. Legislative Counsel, Dale Sherwin (left), assisted Mrs. Jackson in delivering the stack of petitions.

## FARMERS WIN "TIME" VICTORY Becomes Major Issue

Senate Bill 1, removing Michigan from the federal mandate to go on Daylight Saving Time, has won a resounding victory. *It was not easy.* This has been described as having become the most complicated, complex, most lobbied and most controversial bill that the Legislature has had before it in many years.

*Many people thought this would be a rather minor issue. Quite the contrary was true.*

Farm Bureau, some months ago, helped organize an Ad-Hoc Committee, along with two or three other organizations representing other segments of the economy, including a major religious group. Several steps were taken very early, before most people were aware of the problem, including meetings with the Attorney General, the Governor and Legislators, both state and national.

Plans were carefully laid for what was known would be a rough campaign. These included a petition campaign led by Farm Bureau in the rural areas and by our allies in the metropolitan areas. Farm Bureau collected an estimated 30,000 names on petitions, in addition to letter writing campaigns to Legislators. Many Farm

Bureau members appeared at hearings, both in the Upper Peninsula and the Lower Peninsula.

The opposition pulled out all the stops and also conducted a fast and effective campaign. Part of that campaign was directed from New York City by the major television networks. Farm Bureau Center had various telephone calls from New York City for information. One of these came from the New York Times newspaper.

*The bill passed the Senate on February 23 by a vote of 24-11 — two short of the necessary two-thirds vote to give the bill immediate effect.* The real battle was in the House of Representatives, but when the bill finally reached the floor and the vote taken, it was 64-43, which passed the bill but did not give the necessary two-thirds vote.

*Then the drive was on for the magic 74 votes. When the vote came, 73 "Yes" lights showed on the big electric board — one vote short. The Legislator leading the fight looked around and was able to collect one more vote.*

The battle was not over because the next day opponents used every parliamentary man-

ever possible to get reconsideration and perhaps still defeat the measure.

The bill then went back to the Senate for the essential two-thirds vote. At this point, the pressures from New York on Legislators began to rise and for a time it looked as if the measure would be lost. *In this case 26 votes were needed. When the vote came, 25 were counted — one short. Then three more fell into line, making a total of 28. At that point, the "time" issue was won.*

Governor Romney's signature on the bill is assured because he had requested the Legislature in his State of the State Address in January to take action exempting Michigan from the mandatory requirements of the federal legislation.

The time issue may not be really solved yet, as other action may need to be taken in Washington. Farm Bureau is already working with Michigan congressmen to amend the Uniform Time Law in a manner that will help solve Michigan's unique problem of being a split state.

*In any event, Farm Bureau members can be proud of the way their organization operated on this issue and especially the extra effort put forth by many individual members.*

Legislation plays an important role in the overall marketing program of Michigan Farm Bureau. Often, before any meaningful progress can be made in marketing a particular agricultural product, some statute may need to be amended or a new one passed.

Legislative Counsel Bob Smith pointed out these facts to the Farm Bureau Commodity Advisory Committees and listed some of the marketing legislation supported by Farm Bureau this year. These included bills on:

### ANTI-DISCRIMINATION

This state legislation is similar to the federal legislation supported by Farm Bureau in Congress and would make it illegal for a processor to discriminate in any way against an agricultural producer because of his membership in a cooperative marketing association (such as MACMA).

### PRICE POSTING

Presently, some producers of fruits and vegetables deliver their products without any knowledge of what to expect by way of a price. The proposed legislation would require the posting of a price by the processors at the time of delivery.

### PAYMENT OF PRODUCE

Processors under this proposal would be required to pay for fruit and vegetables within 30 days after delivery unless there is a written agreement between the producers and the processor stating other conditions of payment. In some areas, producers have waited well over a year for payment for their produce.

### GRAPE PRICES

Farm Bureau has had legislation introduced in an effort to help in the marketing of grapes for wine purposes and also for the increase of the price per ton. Presently, the price for wine grapes and the wine are controlled, due in a large part to laws governing alcoholic beverages. Processors are required to pay a minimum of \$85 per ton for wine grapes in order to be eligible for a reduction in the wine tax. The price of wine is also controlled by the price of grapes. Legislation has been introduced to increase the per ton price to \$100. If passed, this will begin a chain of events that is designed to help with the marketing and price of all grapes. While somewhat complex, this effort is a typical example of the difficulties of marketing. After a study of the problems affecting grape growers, this appears to be one of the first steps that must be taken to solve a much larger problem.

### GRAIN TAX

Quite by chance, Farm Bureau discovered a bill slated for introduction that would in effect cut the price of grain by several cents per bushel. The bill states that it is a repeal of a specific tax on stored grain; however, it also would make that same grain subject to the full property tax. Some years ago, Farm Bureau supported legislation to eliminate the property tax on stored grain and replace it with a specific tax of only two mills per hundred pounds. If this bill should be passed, it would return stored grain to the personal property tax on an average of \$40 per \$100 of valuation, which in turn would be reflected in the price received by farmers.

# if you want to eat tomorrow...!

## HOUSEWIFE SPEAKS OUT

(Editor's note: The following article was written by Farm Bureau member, Mrs. Ray Anderson, wife of a Manistee county fruit grower, and sent to all news media outlets in her area.)

Recently passed and presently proposed legislation is about to put the Michigan strawberry grower out of business with 16% higher piece-rate equivalents, proposed workmen's compensation at \$8./hundred, fantastic upgrading of housing, plus minor increases along the way, coupled with a decrease in prices received combining to do it.

Those increased costs come out of the grower's net income — they can't be passed along as in industry because Michigan then becomes uncompetitive with other states and Mexico.

The factual counsel of my farm organization is frequently being ignored in the legislature. Michigan fruit growers, because of their individualistic pride which is also a part of their undoing, haven't learned yet the power of unity and you have taken advantage of it, with guts enough to say it will work out somehow. Fruit growers are a minority with not enough money and unity to properly tell their side of the story.

The migrant farm workers, bless them, are so badly needed for harvesting and fruit growers are providing them with the best living quarters they can afford. The Michigan fruit grower is now being asked to provide the equivalent of multi-room vacation homes for each family rent free to be used usually four to six weeks.

How many of you can provide summer homes for 10-12 families when your net income is \$4,000-\$6,000 per year — if you're lucky?

The gambler is a piker when it comes to the chances a fruit grower takes and the decisions he must make daily. Are there many among you who want to give up your 40 hours at a predetermined hourly rate, substantial fringe benefits and vacation with pay for a NO vacation, NO benefits, at times a MINUS hourly rate and 60-70 hour work week and around-the-clock frost watching and seasonal work crush with your wife working beside you for free? Government supports, you know, don't accrue to fruit growers except as they help to cheapen the price of food by making greater production possible.

Aren't you being cruel in giving Michigan strawberry growers a slow death? Why not outlaw agriculture in general and say that agriculture with its agri-business, which is presently second or third in product value in the state, means nothing?

Have all food shipped in from other countries and you'll eat cheaper for awhile. Even in this county processors are buying Mexican berries because with labor in Mexico at 7-13¢ per hour, Mexican berries are cheaper than we can raise them.

You'll agree with me that the world hasn't yet proved itself capable of feeding us and let's remember that this country has the lion's share of fertile soil, temperate climate and agricultural know-how so if the fruit grower and the farmer can't make a sub-

sistence income now — is he going to stay around to put food on your table tomorrow? WOULD YOU?

I challenge each and everyone of you — YOU — ONLY YOU, can save Michigan strawberry growers by insisting on a practical application of workmen's compensation and minimum wage to agriculture not the arbitrary and immediate application of industrial standards which do not apply in the first place and were gradually assumed by industry over a period of many, many years.

Ask and get results for more research where stoop labor can be mechanized and development of fruit species more tolerant to mechanization, government assistance in building those migrant homes of your choice for workers to use during this interim, earn-as-you-learn educational programs for retraining both migrant and farmer or retiring them.

PHONE, WRITE BUT CONTACT YOUR LEGISLATORS OR THOSE WHO WILL LISTEN TO REASON for those responsible for production in agriculture must receive a reasonable income or this nation will inevitably become involved with very serious food problems.

Florence A. Anderson  
(Mrs. Ray S. Anderson)  
Chief, Michigan 49624

The Workmen's Compensation Act as it applies to farmers will become effective May 1, 1967, unless legislation is passed with immediate effect (passed by two-thirds vote in each house) to change the present act. Efforts in this direction are "up in the air" at present and the outlook for effective changes to help farmers is rather bleak.

## ROLL-CALL COMPARISON

Two counties — Cheboygan and Delta — joined the exclusive "Big Ten Club" (first 10 counties over goal) this month with Cheyboygan at 100.4 per cent of goal and Delta at 100 per cent as of the first of March. Membership workers in Delta went full speed ahead to bring themselves up from 32nd place in the state standing to a tie for 4th!

Another county which has made impressive gains during the last month is Montcalm, which came from 56th place to 18th! Workers there found that "teamwork" is the key word. They signed up new members and more new members — 73 in all this year — tops in the state. With this kind of success formula they, too, will soon be in the "over goal" category.

Other counties to watch are Washtenaw, Livingston, Emmet, Missaukee, Oceana, Bay, Manistee, Tuscola, Arenac, Northwest Michigan, Clinton and Macomb — all of which are over the 90 per cent mark.

At this stage of the game, positions are rapidly changing and some of the "dark horses" are beginning to make a real race. Will your county be in the top ten next month?

County	% of A Year				County	% of A Year			
	Mar. 1	Goal	Goal	Ago		Mar. 1	Goal	Goal	Ago
Menominee	89	29	103.4	70	Ingham	1,080	1,259	85.8	1,161
Benzie	235	234	100.4	224	Kent	1,118	1,304	85.5	1,154
Cheboygan	321	320	100.3	308	Barry	801	940	85.2	844
Baraga	15	15	100.0	13	Eaton	951	1,113	85.1	985
Delta	124	124	100.0	104	Antrim	249	293	85.0	263
Houghton	26	26	100.0	14	Ogemaw	325	384	84.9	342
Washtenaw	1,668	1,751	95.3	1,708	Chippewa	150	178	84.8	149
Livingston	1,192	1,289	92.5	1,235	St. Joseph	708	842	84.8	762
Emmet	238	267	92.1	249	Van Buren	1,359	1,600	84.8	1,499
Missaukee	431	472	91.3	455	Montmorency	171	208	84.6	200
Oceana	603	663	91.1	608	Lenawee	1,178	1,403	84.1	1,214
Bay	1,378	1,508	91.0	1,451	Osceola	394	478	84.1	425
Manistee	341	387	91.0	363	Kalkaska	105	125	84.0	119
Tuscola	1,860	2,046	90.6	1,957	Berrien	1,534	1,823	83.9	1,643
Arenac	383	422	90.5	394	Shiawassee	888	1,059	83.8	940
N. W. Mich.	909	1,003	90.5	942	Isabella	733	878	83.5	794
Clinton	1,148	1,297	90.2	1,185	Presque Isle	303	363	83.5	321
Macomb	996	1,108	90.0	1,019	Jackson	816	979	83.4	876
Sanilac	1,823	2,025	89.8	1,877	Gladwin	327	392	83.2	362
Kalamazoo	852	951	89.5	902	Hillsdale	938	1,121	83.2	976
Calhoun	1,173	1,293	89.4	1,200	Ottawa	1,027	1,236	83.1	1,077
Saginaw	2,172	2,412	89.4	2,289	Iron	57	69	82.6	58
Montcalm	767	859	89.3	731	Mecosta	488	598	81.9	546
Branch	1,102	1,227	88.8	1,152	Cass	587	708	81.8	611
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Huron	1,700	1,913	88.6	1,813	St. Clair	910	1,122	81.1	971
Iosco	215	244	88.5	219	Muskegon	273	336	81.0	278
Monroe	1,198	1,367	87.6	1,230	Clare	190	235	80.4	208
Charlevoix	258	296	87.5	275	Midland	388	479	80.4	416
Oakland	838	956	87.4	903	Newaygo	429	533	80.3	455
Wayne	582	666	87.4	608	Mason	343	440	78.0	393
Ionia	929	1,058	87.2	970	Marq.-Alger	70	90	76.7	68
Alpena	402	467	86.7	430	Otsego	71	98	75.5	80
Lapeer	1,265	1,463	86.5	1,371	Mac.-Luce	55	75	73.3	61
Gratiot	1,068	1,233	86.2	1,130					
Wexford	196	228	86.0	216					
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## MEMORIAL FUND NEW BROCHURE

A memorial scholarship fund, sponsored by the Michigan Livestock Exchange, has been set up at Michigan State University in honor of the late Arthur Ingold. Contributions are to be used for livestock scholarships for worthy M.S.U. Animal Husbandry students.

Ingold, who died December 29, 1966, was well-known for his many contributions to the livestock industry, and for his service as president of Michigan Livestock Exchange and Michigan Association of Farmer Cooperatives.

The farm leader was recognized by the Michigan Farm Bureau in 1957 when he received the Distinguished Service to Agriculture award.

The Arthur Ingold Memorial scholarship fund committee, which includes Michigan Farm Bureau President, Elton Smith, and L A Cheney, executive-secretary of the Michigan Association of Farmer Cooperatives, urges individual and organization contributions to the fund.

Those interested in donating are asked to send checks (payable to Michigan State University) to Dr. Harlan D. Ritchie, Department of Animal Husbandry, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan 48823.

The Michigan Association of Farmer Cooperatives (MAFC) has outlined qualifications and responsibilities for cooperative directors in a new brochure appropriately titled, "The Cooperative Director."

L A Cheney, MAFC executive-secretary, reports that the brochure, when properly used, will enable directors to make greater contributions to their cooperatives.

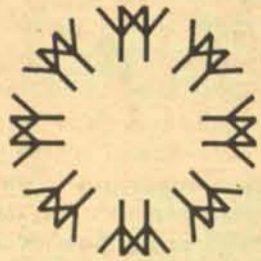
Among the qualifications, the brochure lists that directors should "believe in, invest in and patronize the cooperatives, . . . be qualified to make decisions in the overall interest of the organization, . . . and be progressive in developing new ideas that will continue to its success."

The responsibilities of cooperative directors, as listed in the brochure, include the suggestion to understand the terms of all contracts into which the co-op enters by authority of the board, and to become familiar with the articles of incorporation and bylaws of the cooperative.

Nineteen points regarding a director's responsibilities are concisely outlined, as is a "success formula" for cooperatives.

The brochure is available from the Michigan Association of Farmer Cooperatives, 4000 N. Grand River Avenue, Lansing, Michigan 48904.

# EXPO- '67



The world's greatest show will come to Montreal the last of this month to play a limited engagement. Between April 28 and October 27, nearly six million Americans are expected to pour over the U.S.-Canadian border to take part in helping celebrate the 100th anniversary of Canada as a confederation.

Earlier, Russia had bid for the International Exposition, and her bid had been accepted over a number of other nations, Canada among them. Russia wanted the Exposition as a showcase for the observation of her 50th anniversary of the Bolshevik Revolution. But in the inscrutable ways of Moscow, after having won the bid, Russia decided otherwise and deferred to the Canadians.

Where she ignored the New York World's Fair, Russia is doing anything but ignore the Expo, and her pavilion will be one of the larger and most costly, topping the American exhibit in expenditure by more than \$5 million.

Canada, as befits the host country, will spend more than either, with \$20 million invested in a pavilion which will dominate the 1,000 acre, canal-laced exhibition site. Shaped as an unusual pyramid, rising nearly 200 feet, the structure will project a dramatic image of Canada's contributions to international culture and commerce.

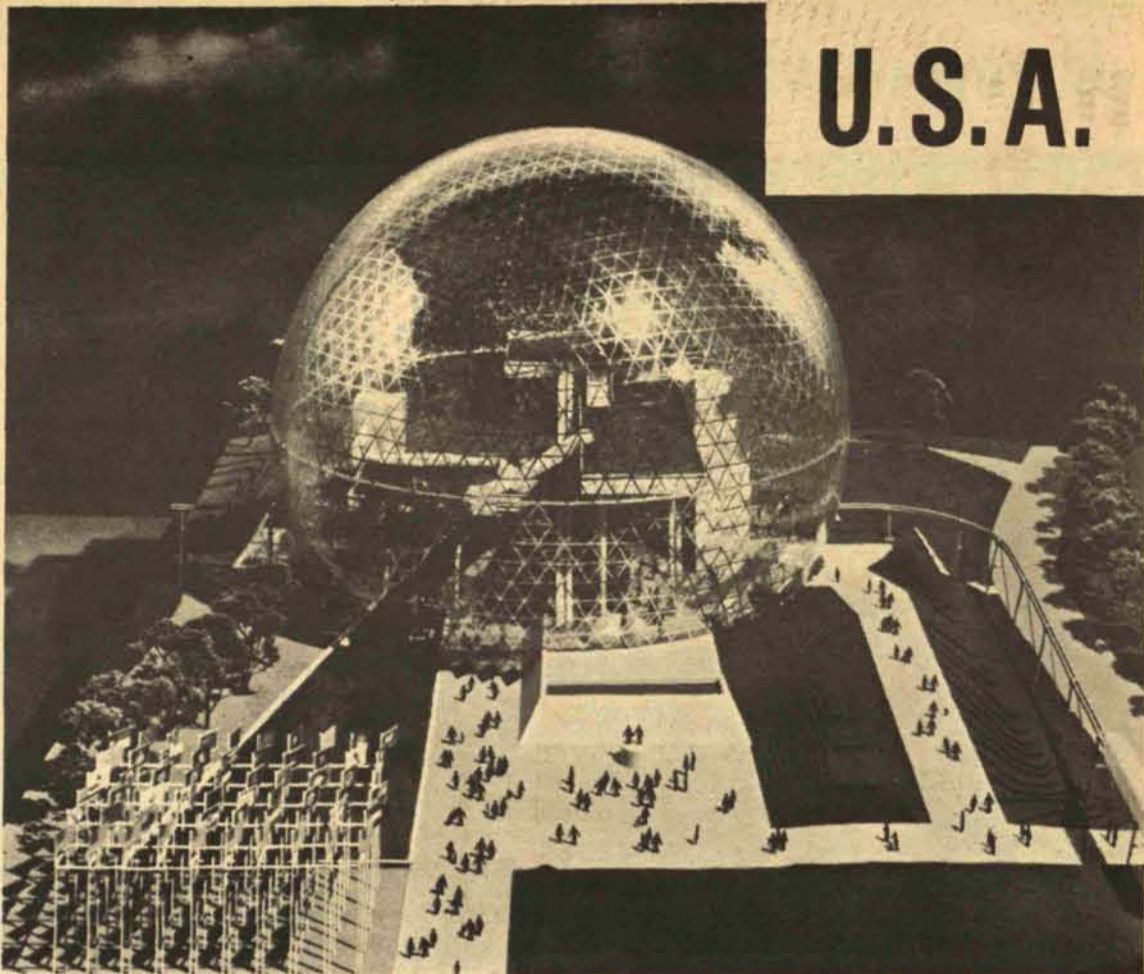
The late Walt Disney's impact will be felt at Expo. Disney was a major consultant throughout the planning stages, and his workmen have filmed an unusual sampling of the excitement in Canadian sports and natural beauty to be shown in a completely circular theatre, with visitors surrounded by the fast-moving action.

As is the case with most "world fairs" — few of the buildings erected will be of a permanent nature. Among those to stand as a lasting tribute to Expo will be a new broadcasting center, housing Canada's first all-color networks; "Habitat '67" — an unusual grouping of 158 colorful apartments stacked like building blocks and to be a permanent feature of Montreal after Expo — and a new \$1,500,000 art gallery.

"We had the advantage of being able to study the New York World's Fair — its successes and its problems — and we have attempted to avoid mistakes made there," one Expo official explains.

Among the problems obvious to those visiting New York was the grouping of major attractions in one area, leaving "blank spots" largely unvisited by fairgoers. Another was the sprawling hugeness of the grounds and the physical exertion necessary to cover it.

Although Expo 67 covers 1,000 acres, officials have arranged to solve both problems first by scattering the major pavilions, then by linking them together with transportation systems.



THE UNITED STATES PAVILION — a \$93 million dollar aluminum and plastic geodesic dome, will attract major attention at Expo 67 in Montreal. Created by architect Buckminster Fuller, the dome towers 20 stories (200 feet) and contains an escalator to loft visitors to a platform from which will be shown a number of our space vehicles. "Creative America" is the exhibit theme, with emphasis on art, technology and space conquests.

## U.S.A.

## Agricultural display will be largest single exhibit

### FOOD PRODUCTION IS MAJOR THEME

There is something quite pathetic about Millet's famed painting "The Gleaners" which in the original will be among the 250 world renowned masterpieces on loan in the giant climate-controlled and permanent art exhibit at the Montreal International Exposition.

"The Gleaners" from the Louvre in Paris, was painted in 1857, and depicts a familiar harvest scene of years gone by. In the background is a team, hitched to an "Old-World" version of a farm wagon. Dimly seen nearby are dozens of harvest workers cutting grain and binding it with a few twisted straws into bundles for removal to the threshing floor.

Three stooped figures in the foreground fill most of the picture, older women, wearing the roughest of work clothes, bonnets of simple make shielding their faces from the strong sun as they carefully pick up the stray heads of grain left behind in the stubble by the harvesters.

From Biblical times such gleaners were welcomed to the fields, where the aged, the widows and landless were allowed to help themselves — not to the "first fruits" but to the second fruits of the harvest.

Unfortunately, Jean Francois Millet painted a scene of so many years ago which continues to be repeated over much of the modern world where men and women still swing scythes and flails and where hooves of animals provide the only threshing "automation."

Russia, Czechoslovakia, Cuba — all with major pavilions at the International Exposition, with each display sure to bristle with "evidence" of technological advances, must remain embarrassingly silent when it comes to their farm production.

Red China, with the greatest farm failures of all, will not be represented.

The story of agriculture in the world today — the production of food and its movement to people, will be a major story told at the "Expo".

Within nearly 10 acres devoted to agriculture, (the largest single exhibit area) will be parts of a huge clock showing a population increase of about 2 persons per second, in a world where population is growing at twice the rate of current food production increases.

Under the broad theme "Terra des Hommes" (Man and his World) taken from the title of a book by the French author and aviator, Antoine de Saint-Exupery, "Expo" has five subthemes: Man

the Explorer, Man the Creator, Man the Community, Man the Producer and Man the Provider.

The last two subthemes deal with farming around the world, with earth and its soils, with natural sciences, plant life, insects and pest control, nutrition and malnutrition.

The farm exhibits will be housed in 10 buildings, each partially submerged in the earth. Included will be a complete dairy and an automated "poultry factory". Architects working closely with the exhibit designers have evolved a layout which is particularly fitting for agriculture, snuggling the buildings into 30 foot high earth-mounds which not only enclose the 9 main exhibit areas but also serve as viewing ramps for outdoor demonstrations.

Entering from the west, the Expo visitor comes upon a center of attraction called the Sun Acre, an area covered with a variety of crops. Having established an association between growing crops and their source of energy — the sun, visitors instinctively follow a path through nature linking various subject pavilions.

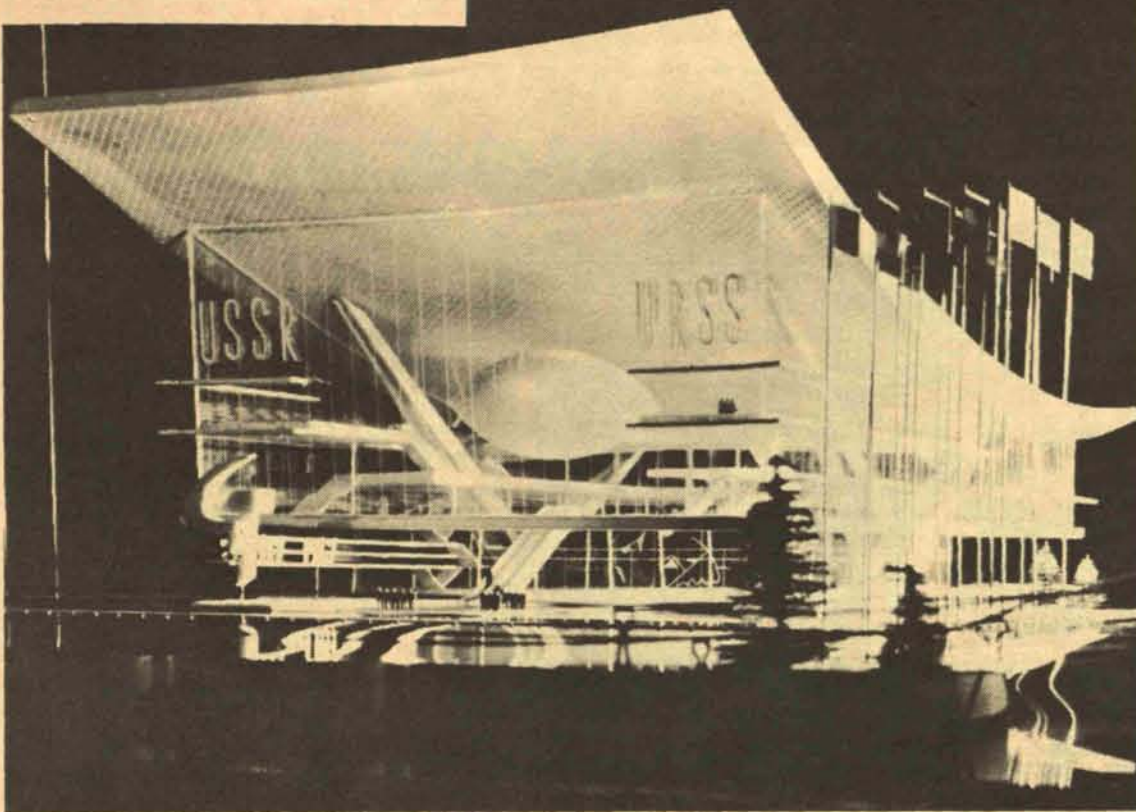
Among promised exhibits are: man-size organisms infecting giant size cereal plants, to illustrate the life history and destructive nature of plant diseases and what they mean; modern methods of farm mechanization and farm marketing; basic cycles of agriculture, soil structure and irrigation methods.

According to Dr. Cyril H. Goulden, the man who prepared guidelines for the \$3.5-million agricultural exhibit, the exploration of Man the Provider is too vast a subject to be found within the limits of agriculture alone. "We are therefore simply presenting a comprehensive framework which will permit the visitor to think intelligently about the food situation in the world today . . ."



UNIQUE SETTING — on two man-made islands and a peninsula in the St. Lawrence River, Expo 67 will host 70 nations, three states and many industries. 37 maritime nations will send 50 major ships to be tied up at dockside for public viewing. One province will lay the keel of a ship on the first day, construct it during Expo and launch it the last day.

# U.S.S.R.



THE RUSSIAN PAVILION — costing \$15 million dollars and helping celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Bolshevik Revolution, features a cantilevered roof and a room where visitors will feel weightlessness just as astronauts do. Included will be many of the country's scientific achievements, plus appearances of the Bolshoi Ballet, the Red Army Chorus, the Moscow Circus and other famed Russian groups. "Cosmos Walk" across a narrow channel connects the USA and the USSR exhibit areas.

## EXPO IS NEARBY...

Montreal is so close to Michigan (about 500 to 550 miles from most of our eastern border) that many people — farmers among them — will want to visit the exciting International Exposition soon to open there.

*Matters of cost will be foremost in many minds, along with questions concerning food, lodging, customs inspection at the border and length of time necessary to see the big exposition.*

Time, or its lack, is a big factor with something as huge as Expo, involving as it does, dozens of industries (steel, forestry, agriculture) and more than 70 countries, 1,000 acres of exhibits and nestled among them 135 acres on newly-created St. Helene's Island for a major amusement park.

Expo officials figure that most visitors will stay six days out of the total 183 which Expo runs between April 28 and October 27 when it closes forever. Other than actual lodging, the exposition site contains every necessity and includes a number of relaxing refinements not usually found at such an event — for example, a large central park and rose gardens, complete with picnic tables for those who care to bring their food.

*Food prices will be tightly controlled, officials promise, with a breakfast in the 75¢ to \$1.25 category, lunches from \$1.25 to \$2.00 and dinners from \$2.00 to \$5.00, and considerably higher where major entertainment and night club atmosphere is included. Prices will be posted.*

Lodging is another matter, with most people (somewhat rightly) concerned about where they will sleep. Expo officials have inspected and classified 20,000 rooms — with a \$5 per person, per night, rate set for much of this space.

Although major hotels have been taking bookings for a number of months (50,000 "bednights" were already booked weeks ago), "Logexpo," the official housing agency, continues to feel confident that suitable lodging will be found for all.

Many intend to solve the problem by camping out, and 15,000 sites for camping and trailers are located within easy driving distance to Expo.

What about language barriers? While many Canadians are French-speaking, you will have no trouble finding locals who speak English as their second language. Most menus, timetables, advertisements and similar instructional materials are printed in both French and English. Almost all waitresses and shop people share both languages.

Besides, should you be overcome with home-sickness, it is a simple matter to step into the New York state pavilion, or those of Maine and Vermont, for a touch of pure U.S.A. These three are the only states to place pavilions at the fair, although others, including Michigan, were invited.

*The Michigan Farm Bureau is considering sponsorship of a one-week guided tour to Expo, with further planning depending strongly upon interest shown. The tour would include transportation (by plane), lodging, and daily tickets. Advantages include services of an experienced Farm Bureau guide with the group at all times, including aid through customs, and tips based on experience — of how best to arrange your time at Expo.*

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## "Man and his world" title for international display

### BOTH COMMUNIST AND FREE WORLD

*"To be a man is to feel that through one's own contributions, one helps build the world."*

That statement by famed author Antoine de Saint-Exupery, helped set the theme for Expo '67 which will portray "Man and His World" throughout all pavilions and special events.

Unlike the New York World's Fair — Expo has attracted the communist world as well as the free world, and visitors will get to see how mankind has fared within the "worlds" of these two systems.

*Cuba will be represented, as will Czechoslovakia, Russia and Yugoslavia.*

Although the U.S. pavilion will be tallest on the grounds, the Soviets have gone all-out to impress visitors. Besides space exhibits, a Russian restaurant will feature Soviet foods.

Similarly, the Czech pavilion will feature a national-foods restaurant. The Czech's food service at the Brussels Exposition won special honors at that event.

*In keeping with the world-wide theme, Britain, France, Italy, West Germany, Japan, India, Australia, Brazil, Mexico, Israel, the African nations — all will be housed in elaborate pavilions.*

At "Africa Place" 22 nations from the Dark Continent will join together within interconnected smaller buildings, each of which gives the impression of a modernistic African thatched hut.

The five Scandinavian countries are also joining hands in a pavilion — again featuring a fine restaurant. Nations of the Arab League are sponsoring a cooperative pavilion and the Latin American nations will jointly host the "Plaza de las Americas."

*Canadians are especially pleased by their new, specially-constructed 25,000 seat "Expo Stadium" which will provide the setting for a 1700-man Canadian Searchlight Tattoo — conducted in the hillside stadium after night-fall and accompanied by appropriate pageantry.*

Other events scheduled for the big amphitheater include a Wild West rodeo — an Indian lacrosse tournament and an international soccer tournament. La Scala opera of Milan and the Philharmonic Orchestra of New York will be among other attractions.

All major pavilions will be linked together by a number of transportation systems. The first, called "Expo-Express," is a free, mass transportation system of small, air-conditioned electric cars which circle the groups within about 10 minutes, stopping four times along the way. Supplementing this system is the "Minirail" — individual cars which take you over, under, through and within feet of any pavilion. Still a third transportation system is one using boats in the canals and waterways of the island area.

*Expo "passports" (tickets), which include free use of the "Expo-Express," cost \$2.20 in Canadian funds — \$2.10 in U.S. money. This is for an adult ticket, for one day. Children through age 12 are charged \$1.10 Canadian, \$1.05 U.S. money.*

"Passports" are also available for a week — or for an entire season — for those fortunate enough to stay that long!

*A permanent amusement park called "La Ronde" will be the center of attraction for many at Expo.*

Billed as a combination of Disneyland and Copenhagen's Tivoli Gardens, it includes a two-story

aquarium, a sky-ride, and the "Gyrotron" . . . a new ride created especially for the exposition. Thrill-seekers will travel inside a 215-foot-high pyramid covered with aluminum webbing, in four-seater cabins.

These will spiral upward around a towering central core, past satellites, planets and comets on a simulated trip through outer space before plunging into a "volcano" and final gulping into the maw of a realistic mechanical monster.

*Such an exciting ride seems a fitting climax for such a huge, original, colorful, exciting and awe-inspiring international show which is Expo '67!*



"HABITAT '67" — an unusual concept in multiple city dwellings is an attractive feature of Expo 67. Each of the 158 apartments in this 7-story complex has its own garden on the roof of the unit below. Interconnected walks allow easy access and a community social life. Units were pre-cast and lifted into position. 36 furnished homes will be open to exposition visitors.

# Farm Leaders Report On Labor Shortages

By TOM OCHILTREE  
State Journal Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Michigan farm leaders told their congressmen today that worsening labor shortages threatened important segments of the state's agriculture. As an example they said strawberry production is tending to move to Mexico.

The visiting farmers also protested the "dumping" of dairy products by foreign producers, particularly those in the European low countries, New Zealand and Australia. They said Michigan's imports of such products had increased as much as 400 per cent in the past two years.

And finally, they urged support for legislation pending in the Senate (S. 109) to prevent food processors from applying pressure to producers who take part in farmers' marketing organizations.

The party of 91, organized by the women's section of the Michigan Farm Bureau, included 35 full-time farmers and farmers' wives from the various congressional districts in the state interested particularly in studying the work of Congress and contacting lawmakers. The rest of the group spent much of its time visiting historic sites in the Washington area.

The 35 breakfasted with Michigan's Republican congressmen in the members' private dining room of the House of Representatives.

They lunched with the state's Democratic congressmen in the dining room of the Rayburn House Office Building. It was at these sessions that the farmers defined their problems both to Republicans with rural constituents and to Democrats from the Detroit area.

Melvin Woell, of the Michigan Farm Bureau's information division, told newsmen the visit was "an exercise in legislative understanding — not some sort of protest march in Washington."

Dan Reed, the bureau's legis-

lative counsel, said the visiting farmers "want to encourage the minimizing of federal government direction in agriculture."

"I don't say," he added, "that we want to see the elimination of all minimum price support. But we are interested in seeing that the federal government is not again in a position to have stock piles that can be dumped on the market to drive prices down."

As for the "dumping" of dairy products, the visitors said they thought the Johnson administration had sufficient statutory authority now to stop this practice. If the administration does nothing about this in the next year, they predicted, Michigan farmers probably would call for stiffer anti-dumping legislation along the lines of the bill introduced by Sen. William Proxmire, D-Wis.

Particular concern was expressed about the growing shortage of farm labor in Michigan since the large-scale employment of Mexican migratory workers stopped two years ago.

In that period Mexican production of strawberries has doubled and now is running at more than 11,000 acres, much of it at the expense of the strawberry growing industry in Michigan. The farmers pointed out that when the crops are grown elsewhere allied industries in the state, such as packaging and processing, also tend to move.

Last autumn a large amount of Michigan's farm produce was lost because of inability to get it harvested. Somewhere between one and two million bushels of apples rotted away on the ground out of a crop of 16 million bushels. No easy solutions were foreseen. Michigan's farms are being automated but for many crops machines have not yet displaced the need for pickers.

Leading the party were Elton Smith, Michigan Farm Bureau president, and Mrs. Maurine Scramlin, chairman of the Women's Committee.

## One Year Later...

She walks a bit slower than she did before — and it takes a bit longer to get where she's going. But when she arrives at her destination — she wears the same familiar ready smile and twinkle in her eyes that gained her so many friends throughout her Farm Bureau "career."

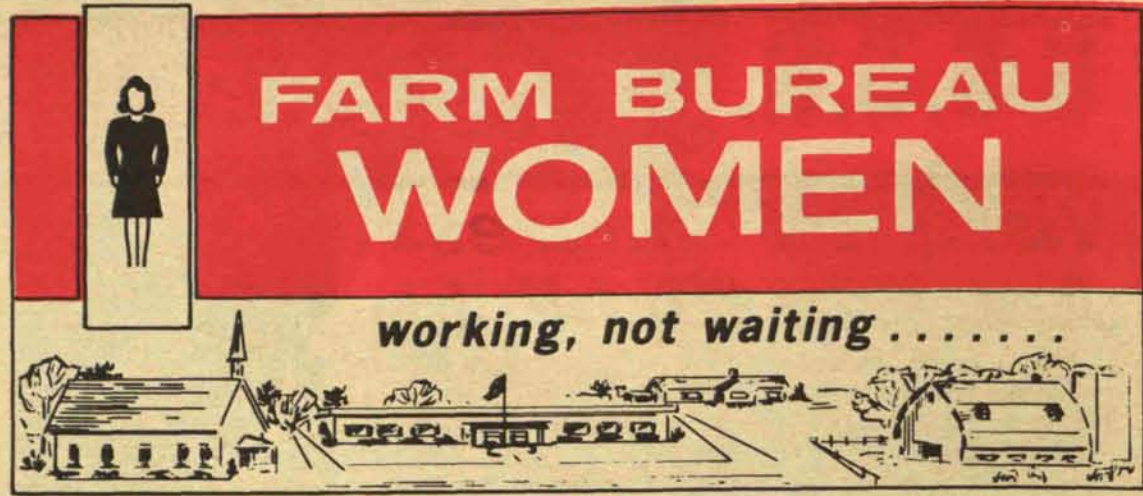
It's been a long year for Mary Edith Anderson, District 3 Farm Bureau Women's chairman, a year in which courage, faith, determination and friends played a major role. Last March, she lay in a hospital with intensive injuries suffered in an automobile accident which took the life of her husband, Clayton. Sparrow Hospital in Lansing was her "home" for 4½ months — 16 of those long weeks spent flat on her back.

She left the hospital in a wheel chair where she remained until just before Christmas. But Mary Edith and her "wheels" were back in the Farm Bureau swing of things almost before she left the hospital. As vice-chairman of the Christian Rural Overseas Program (CROP), she promoted the "share-a-loaf" project with more vim and vigor than most people on two strong legs.

Graduating from wheelchair to crutches — and now from crutches to walking cane, Mary Edith does her own driving to Farm Bureau activities from her farm in Fowlerville. Son Don, his wife Bonnie, and five-month-old granddaughter, Connie, share her farm home.

Busy now with plans for the District 3 spring meeting in April which is scheduled for her "home" church, Trinity Methodist, Mary Edith also has other things on her mind. Coming up is the 54th wedding anniversary of her in-laws and the 75th birthday of her mother-in-law. There must be a party to celebrate these occasions — a party with all the family gathered together — about 30 in all. Where? At Mary Edith's, of course!

How's she doing a year later? As well as anyone would expect Mary Edith to be doing — just great!



HOUSE MINORITY LEADER — Michigan's own Gerald Ford of Grand Rapids, visits with Legislative Leaders as Time-Life TV cameraman (extreme right) shoots newsfilm. To the right are U.S. Senator Robert Griffin, and Michigan F.B. Secretary, Dan E. Reed. Left of Ford is MFB president, Elton Smith, and Mrs. Wm. Scramlin, chairman of Michigan Farm Bureau Women, tour sponsors.

## Spring Meetings are Planned

Plans are currently underway for Farm Bureau Women's spring district meetings, with officers and committees putting forth extra effort to present interesting and worthwhile programs. With an impressive list of speakers to stimulate interest, it is hoped that attendance will reach all-time highs.

District 1 plans their meeting for April 11 in the Farm Bureau Building at Paw Paw, with 9:30 coffee and registration. Michigan Farm Bureau Secretary-Manager, Dan Reed, will speak on "Farmers Look Ahead." Gene Carter, Wolverine Shoe Company, is also scheduled to appear on the program.

District 2, scheduled for May 2 at the Municipal Building in Marshall, with a 9:30 coffee, will feature John McConnell, Education Director for the Michigan Department of Health, speaking on the Alcohol program.

District 3 — April 13, Trinity Methodist Church in Fowlerville, with a 9:30 coffee. Charles Bailey, director of Communications and public relations for the Michigan Farm Bureau, will speak on "People, Peas and Poverty."

District 4 plans their meeting on April 12 at the Lake Odessa Methodist Church. Featured speaker will be Melvin Woell with his presentation, "25 and Under." "A Trim and Slim" session is also planned.

District 5 — April 17, Wacousta Methodist Church, 9:30 coffee. Russell Hartzler, CROP, and Melvin Woell, Michigan Farm Bureau, are featured speakers. A panel moderated by Jack Deppong, director of community programs for the Michigan Farm Bureau, will consist of three of the women who attended the Young Farmer Conference in Lansing earlier this year.

District 6 has scheduled their spring meeting for April 18 at the First Presbyterian Church in Marlette. Featured speaker will be Melvin Woell on "25 and Under."

District 7 — April 6, Hart Congregational Church, 9:30 coffee. Melvin Woell will be the speaker.

District 8 — scheduled for April 19 at the University Center in Mt. Pleasant, will feature Charles Bailey speaking on "People, Peas and Poverty."

District 9 — April 20, Kalkaska (contact county or district chairman for location). Mrs. Maurine Scramlin, state women's chairman, will show her slides on the AC-

WW triennial meeting, and Phyllis Gosling will present slides and commentary on the culture of the Samoa Islands.

District 10W — scheduled for April 27 (contact county or district chairman for location) with 10:00 coffee. Speakers will be M.F.B. secretary-manager, Dan E. Reed, and Russell Hartzler, CROP.

District 10E — April 28 at Reno Twp. Hall, south of Hale, 10:00 coffee. Charles Bailey and Russell Hartzler are featured speakers; also reports from Legislative Leaders on Washington Air Tour.

## 'Go and Grow'

The Farm Bureau Women's annual "Holiday Camp" — sponsored by Districts 1 and 2 — will be held April 5 and 6 at Wesley Woods, Dowling, located on Clear Lake between Battle Creek and Hastings. Farm Bureau Women (and men) throughout the state are invited to attend, and are urged to bring urban guests.

Theme of this year's camp is "Go and Grow." Speakers for the two-day session include Larry Ewing, director of Field Services, Michigan Farm Bureau, who will outline the "Role of Farm Bureau Women Today," and a speaker on "Consumer protection." A "play session" where an instructor will teach crafts, and a discussion on traffic safety, led by Mrs. Leota Westfall, Michigan State University, will help to make the camp a worthwhile and enjoyable experience.

There will be a hint of mystery this year, too, as chairman Dorothy Kramer, Hillsdale County, announces a "surprise speaker" and an interesting "tasting party."

Programs on both days begin at 10:00 a.m., with registration and coffee hour at 9:00 a.m. on the 5th. Cost of the camp, including four meals, lodging, insurance and registration, is \$7.50. Campers are asked to bring their own bedding, and to dress comfortably.

Although most counties have already made their reservations — there is still room for late-comers. Those wishing to attend the camp who have not made their reservations are asked to call Miss Helen Atwood at Farm Bureau Center, Lansing, area code 517, 485-8121.



# "LEGISLATIVE LEADERS"

## Washington Air-Tour called largest ever!

### Visits to Congress Are Trip Highlight

Apparently the spirit of adventure continues to burn strongly within the people of Michigan agriculture — as evidenced by the 91 persons who took part in the mid-March "Washington Air-Tour" sponsored by Farm Bureau Women. This year's 7th annual tour was the largest ever and required use of two turbo-prop planes.

That spirit of adventure stood part of the group in good stead when their plane was forced to remain on the ground in Cleveland after a heavy overcast moved in during a scheduled stop and thunderstorm turbulence closed the field and cancelled all flights.

Earlier, at Detroit's Metropolitan Airport, Northwest Airlines personnel appeared surprised at the 100-per cent showing at the proper check-in time, of everyone listed to fly. "It is unusual not to have several 'no shows' within a group this large," one official was heard to say.

Placed together on one plane were the 35 "Legislative Leaders" and in many cases, their husbands or wives, plus a number of other persons taking the "American Heritage" portion of the Washington Tour. A total of 67 seats were reserved for the Farm Bureau group in this non-stop ship.

Another group of 24, including Michigan Farm Bureau President Elton Smith, boarded a second plane, which left first of the two — but had scheduled stops including the one at Cleveland. There, a storm center which its sister-ship overflew, pinned the big jet to the ground and closed the field to all air traffic for the next 18 hours.

When it became apparent that all flights out of Cleveland was cancelled, airline officials provided food and lodging and Farm Bureau tour guides informed those now in Washington of their problem, even as they made arrangements to be "first in line" when skies cleared.

Apparently the same storm center was having a reverse effect in Washington, where skies were unseasonably clear with temperatures nearly into the 80-degree mark. Some trees were in bloom and many showed some leaf color.

In the morning, the Washington contingent breakfasted together in the venerable Willard Hotel, (where Julia Ward Howe wrote the "Battle Hymn of the Republic") before walking to the nearby offices of the American Farm Bureau Federation and a legislative briefing before visiting Capital Hill and their Congressmen. In early afternoon they were joined by those who had been grounded at Cleveland where clearing skies finally allowed return of normal air traffic.

The late-comers soon made up for lost time, touring the Capitol and getting aching feet in the process of walking such vast exhibit areas as the National Gallery of Art, the Department of Justice, (where they toured F.B.I. headquarters) and the National Archives Building where they viewed the Declaration of Independence and the Bill of Rights.

A highlight of this year's tour was a special news conference called in a room of the National Press Club, and bringing together Michigan Farm Bureau officials and members of the Washington Press corps serving Michigan news outlets.

Present at the noon-time gathering were representatives of United Press-International, Associated Press, Federated Publications, Booth Newspapers, Michigan League of Home Dailies and Time-Life corporation. A report written by one of these newsmen is printed on the adjoining page, and is typical of the understanding coverage given to the trip and explaining its purpose.

Michigan's "Most Outstanding Young Farmer" — Wm. Mayers of St. Johns, and his charming wife, Jean, took part in the press conference as well as in all other activities of the tour.

A breakfast with Michigan's Republican delegation to Congress — where attendance on the part of these busy people was nearly 100 per cent, was followed by a luncheon with Michigan Democrats. Spokesmen for the group included Senator Philip Hart and Representative Lucien Nedzi, both of the Detroit area.

Farm labor, restrictions on dairy imports, enactment of Senate bill 109 (dealing with unfair market practices) and similar issues were discussed with the lawmakers.

Their work done, the combined group boarded two large sightseeing busses for a tour of famed landmarks including a first-time visit to "Embassy Row" — where many nations have their embassies, and to the famed Washington Cathedral where former President Woodrow Wilson lies buried.

A trip through the White House, the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers, watching money printed at the Bureau of Engraving, a visit to Mount Vernon, the Home of George Washington, all followed in sequence as did the final flight (this time uneventful) — back home.



MICHIGAN IN WASHINGTON — posed on the steps of the Washington Cathedral, the 91 persons taking part in this year's "Legislative Air Tour" paused briefly for this photo before continuing their sightseeing tour during the final day of their stay. On the way to the Cathedral they toured "Embassy Row" where most of the foreign governments have diplomatic offices.



LEWIS CASS STATUE — in Capitol rotunda attracts attention of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Mayers. Cass was military and civil governor of Michigan Territory from 1813 to 1830.



PRECIOUS PAPERS — our U.S. Declaration of Independence and Bill of Rights attract Michigan tour members in the Archives Building.



DISTRICT 3 — Congressman Garry Brown meets with constituents (left to right) Robert Bender, Barry County; Mr. and Mrs. Clifford McIntyre, Eaton; Mrs. Wm. Mayers, Rep. Brown, Wm. Mayers, David Cook, Calhoun, and Andrew Cobb, representing the Clinton County Farm Bureau.



LEAVING THE TOMB — of the Unknown Soldiers (first and second World Wars, Korea) are a portion of the Michigan group.



U.S. SENATOR — Philip A. Hart, (D) of Detroit, makes a point in his visit with the Legislative Leaders representing Farm Bureau in their counties and districts. The occasion was a luncheon with Michigan's Democrat delegation in Washington. Earlier, the group breakfasted with the Republican group.

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**YOUNG FARMER COMMITTEE**

At a recent meeting in Lansing, young farm leaders representing districts of the state reviewed an expanded program of work aimed at developing leadership and strengthening the young-farmer voice within Farm Bureau.

Committee members include Ray Launstein, Williamston (Chairman), Roger Stoner, Jones, and Wayne Erny, South Haven, District 1; Lynn Smith, Battle Creek, District 2; Paul Geiger, South Lyon, and Wm. Middleton, Lake Orion, District 3.

Representing District 4 are Jack Bosgraaf of Hudsonville, and Carl Alverson, Wayland. Jim Van Dyne, Ovid (2nd Vice Chrmn.), and Harold Molzon, North Branch, Dist. 6; Mrs. Janet Ravell, Howard City, District 7; Larry DeVuyst, Ithaca, District 8 and James Call, Grawn, and Don Nugent, District 9.

Representing District 10 and the Upper Peninsula on the Committee are Lawrence Karsten, Rogers City, and Duane Snow, Hillman, Dist. 10; Willis Walcher, Stephenson, and William Good, Bark River, Dist. 11.

**Young-Farmer Activities**



STATE YOUNG FARMER COMMITTEE — examines a new brochure telling of their work. The leaflet points out that there are action programs within Farm Bureau for both married and unmarried young farmers.

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**NEW BROCHURE TELLS YOUNG FARMER STORY. .**



**"ACTION"— is key word**

By Jack Deppong  
Director, Community Programs

Emphasis on "action— through Farm Bureau" and involving Michigan's young farmers, is strongly stressed in a new, colorful brochure outlining opportunities for youthful farm leaders.

The brochure was unveiled at a recent meeting of the state Farm Bureau Young Farmer's committee in Lansing, where the group agreed that young adult farmers need Farm Bureau more than ever before. Together, the young leaders reviewed their position within a fast-changing agriculture, and the need for participating in all programs of their organization. They later reversed this idea, pointing out that farm organizations also need them.

"Farm Bureau will continue its successful and influential approach to solving the many problems of farmers only to the degree that its young members are given leadership responsibilities and are encouraged to contribute their energies and abilities," they wrote.

In a preface to their program of work they stated: "Basically the overriding purpose of a Farm Bureau Young Farmer's program is to provide our young farm members with additional opportunities for becoming active members of the Farm Bureau family. . ."

Listed in the brochure are opportunities for young farmers to receive: — New and wider friendships — Personal development — Broadened understanding — Active citizenship — Leadership activities which come about as a part of "doing things to improve agriculture".

"Doing" and "acting" appear to be a large part of today's Young Farmer vocabulary, beginning with an appeal for support to these action programs on the part of County Farm Bureaus.

"Our goal is an active Young Farmer committee at work in every county of the state," reports Ray Launstein, state committee chairman. "Right now we have dozens of Young Farmer community groups organized throughout Michigan and these will help provide leadership within their counties."

It is planned that when a majority of the counties within a district have appointed Young Farmer committees, then the two state representatives from that district (listed above) will meet with the new committees to review the state program and how best to develop local programs of action.



AT ALABAMA CONFERENCE — were a group from Michigan, alert to new ideas which can be adapted to Michigan Young Farmer programs. Attending were: (L. to R.) Jack Deppong (standing); Wayne Erny; Mike Satchell; Ray Launstein; Jack Bosyeard; Harold Morgan. The conference was held in the Admiral Semmes Hotel of Mobile, and featured speeches by AFBF President Charles Shuman and Women's Chairman, Mrs. Haven Smith.

**SOME PROJECTS**

Current recommended projects range from working as a membership volunteer, to policy development and execution.

Listed are: *work in local affairs* — on the theory that good government and services of good government begin at home.

*Citizenship*, in an action program to explain and retain constitutional government and our two-party political system.

*Marketing*, coordinating the activities of young farmers in this broad, fast-moving field.

Other programs suggested are: *leadership development*, with young farmers taking more responsibility for direction and aims of their farm organization of the future; *safety* — with much thought given to the question of what really causes accidents on the farm and then follow-up action to remove these causes; *sports and social activities* — the "fun" part of belonging to a group.

*Public relations* for agriculture is another area of Young Farmer activity as is another natural adjunct to all of the projects — an effective program of *awards and*

*recognition* for work well done.

In listing steps to success in launching such programs, County Farm Bureau Young Farmer committees were advised to submit a program of work to the county Farm Bureau board of directors for approval and to report progress and achievement periodically to the Board.

Also recommended: that Young Farmer Committee chairmen serve on county boards in advisory or voting capacity, in recognition that these activities are most valuable when carried out as part of the total county program.

# AGRICULTURE IN ACTION — — PICTORIAL REPORT

BANQUET "M. C."



LAST YEAR'S WINNER — "Pete" Lutz, concludes his year as Michigan's Most Outstanding Young Farmer by acting as Master of Ceremonies for this year's event, hosted by Manistee Jaycees.

MICHIGAN'S CHAMPION FARMER



WILLIAM MAYERS — poses with his wife, Jean, and "Mom and Dad" Mayers (Mr. and Mrs. Louis) shortly after being named Michigan's Most Outstanding Young Farmer at an awards banquet sponsored by Michigan Jaycees. Mayers farms 235 acres in Clinton county.

MORE PAPERWORK



THE NEW MINIMUM WAGE LAW — and records required as a result, is of great interest to farmers — especially fruit growers such as (left to right) Myron Dowd, Hartford; Merlin Kraft, Sparta, and Don Nugent, Frankfort. The form they are examining at Farm Bureau Center, Lansing, is one of several now required under Federal wage laws.

SAMPLE SAFETY PLATES



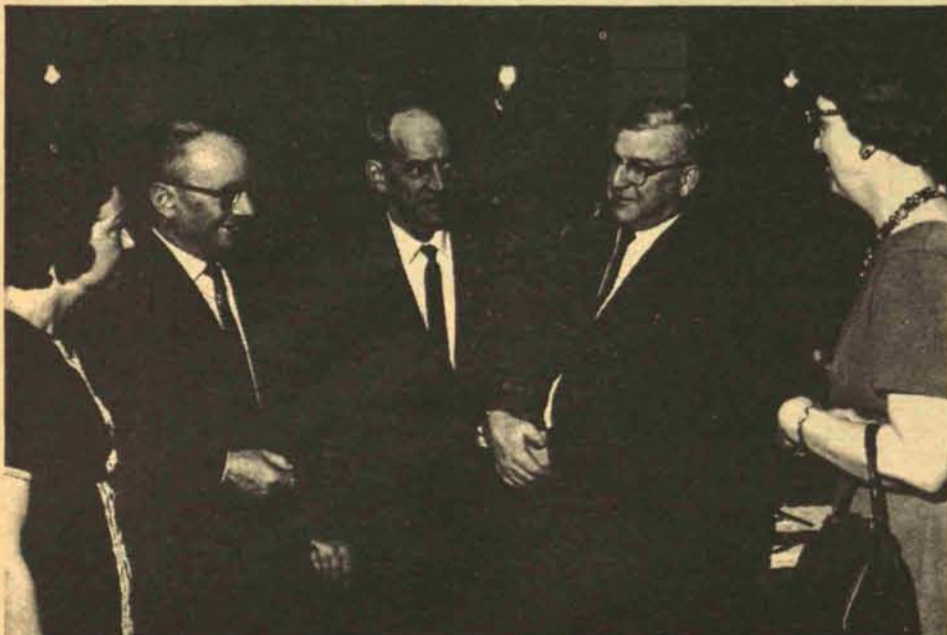
REFLECTIVE LICENSE — shows safety features on car with burned-out headlight, centering car's position for oncoming drivers. A House Bill would require such plates in Michigan.

FARM BUREAU RADIO . . .



VETERAN NEWSCASTERS — Jack Angell (left) and Don Donnelly (center) are interviewed for Farm Bureau's 50 station network by Melvin Woell. Program producer, Steve Van Slyke, engineers in foreground.

AT U. P. PRESS DINNER



"FARMING IN THE U.P. — is big business", MFB board member Clayton Ford, Cornell, (second from right) tells Mrs. Josephine Burgeon (left) and Mrs. Gene Watson (right) of the Delta Reporter. Listening are Michigan Farm Bureau President, Elton Smith and Iron county President, Arne Pentilla, Crystal Falls. The occasion was a Farm Bureau "Press Dinner".

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETS



ADVISORY TO THE BOARD — on poultry problems, is this committee of producers-members. Committee chairman is M. Burdette Carroll, Blissfield. Center in photo is Eugene Roberts, member of the MFB Board of Directors. Staff specialist is Donald Moore (left). The committee is one of six dealing with special commodity problems.

# TOP EGG PRODUCERS ARE RECOGNIZED

## TIMBER CO-OP

Michigan businessmen are watching with interest a new ag-related enterprise dealing in forest products.

The "Lake States Forestry Cooperative" — organized under a grant from the Cooperative League of the U.S.A. has the avowed purpose of "developing a program for the more effective marketing and processing of timber—in order to bring a greater return to producers of these products."

Involved is the marketing potential for timber and timber products in a three-state area of Michigan-Minnesota-Wisconsin.

The recent purchase of the Kalkaska Lumber Company, which manufactures pallets, marks the opening move of the co-op into the retail lumber business.



TOP PRODUCER TROPHY was awarded to Mr. and Mrs. Roman Yakomowich, Union Lake, by egg marketing manager, J. J. Seddon, and Wayne Playford (left), F.B.S. flock supervisor.



CONGRATULATIONS — for excellent production records are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Fletcher, Niles, by Jim Seddon and Lyman Clark (right), Buchanan Co-op manager.



EGG PRODUCTION AWARD went to Mr. and Mrs. George Kato, Pinconning. Wayne Playford, flock supervisor of FBS Egg Marketing Division, watches Seddon present the award.

## PRODUCER — AWARDS GIVEN

Top egg producers were honored recently at "recognition dinners" in Brighton and Jenison, locations of Farm Bureau Service egg marketing plants.

Twenty-two awards were presented at the annual event by J. Seddon, manager of Services' Egg Marketing Division.

Mr. and Mrs. Roman Yakomowich, Union Lake, took the Top Producer trophy for their record 301 eggs per bird housed on 4 pounds of Farm Bureau feed. They were also the recent winners

of another top production award from the DeKalb Company's north central area of Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana and part of Missouri.

Top egg production trophy went to Mr. and Mrs. George Kato, Pinconning, for their average of 285 eggs per bird housed.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Fletcher, Niles, received a trophy for their 282 eggs per bird housed and 4.2 pounds of feed. The Buchanan Co-op is the source of Farm Bureau feeds for the Fletcher flock.



TOGETHER — two Farm Bureau Insurance Agents, Dick Wenzel and Don Greanya, were awarded top prizes of radios for their efforts in a month-long membership contest held in Saginaw county. Wenzel won first prize for his second consecutive year. Greanya placed second.

# FARM BUREAU MARKET PLACE

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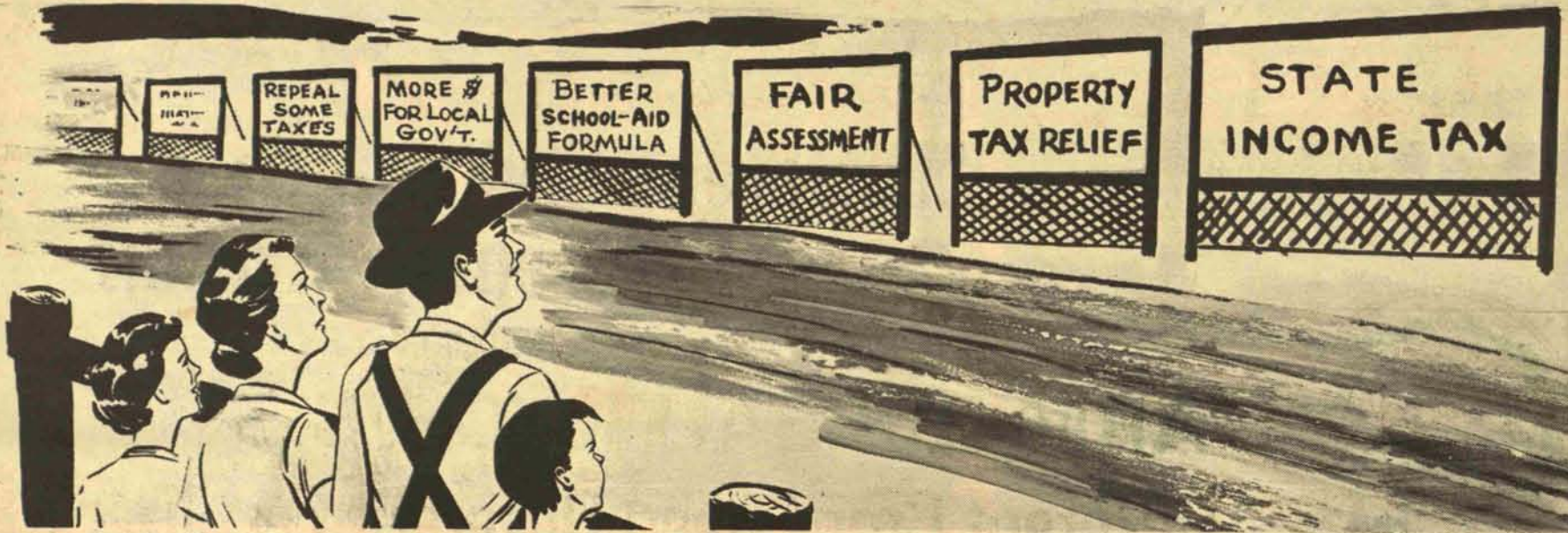
# DISCUSSION TOPIC

"TAXES ARE WHAT  
WE PAY FOR A  
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Oliver Wendell Holmes

# DISCUSSION TOPIC

## TAX REFORM..tax reform..TAX REFORM..tax reform..



Farm Bureau has been asking for tax reform in Michigan since 1958. The population explosion paces a surging demand for increased state and local services. More services require more revenues. At the county and local level, the situation puts heavy pressure on property taxes.

In recent years, property owners have been fighting a desperate stand against runaway tax demands on property.

There is need to revamp and to re-balance Michigan's tax system. Such a move has not been made in a considerable number of years. Property, once regarded as a measure of wealth and ability to pay, no longer identifies the citizen who enjoys the highest income in the economic system. Farmers realize this need for tax reform more keenly than anyone. They have paid a greater percent of their net incomes in property taxes than any other group in the economy — by a considerable margin — and have paid all other taxes equally with other people.

Actually, Michigan's tax problem is double-barrelled.

1. More revenues are needed to maintain and expand present programs and to provide new ones. 2. The tax system must be re-designed if the job is to be done.

Michigan's rapidly increasing population creates needs for more schools and colleges. There were 64,000 added school pupils in 1966, and more students wanting college educations. This is a yearly development. The education bill in 1967 will go up by \$10 million.

Crowding communities, expanding industries and modern industrial plants create growing water pollution problems. Highways become crowded. Safety services need expanding. Health and mental health problems multiply.

In spite of these expanding pressures, Michigan has avoided a tax increase and has not floated a general-purpose bond issue for five years. Forty-one other states have added new taxes and a neighboring state has added to its bonded debt.

To attempt cut-backs in program or spending in the face of civic and social problems is quite out of the question. The state simply cannot declare a "lack of concern or responsibility" for growing public problems.

The existing pillars of state revenue are the sales tax and several taxes on business and industry. Local and county govern-

ments have had to depend, almost entirely, on the property tax. Five years ago, property furnished 47% of the tax dollar in state and local operations. The pressure has increased on property in a constant procession. Never an election day without a millage proposal on the ballot.

The sharp pressure on farmers, as a special case, is shown by the fact that in Michigan they have averaged 14% of their net incomes paid for taxes on the farms as compared to about 3.5% of incomes for non-farm property owners.

The property tax overload has resulted in a backlash at the polls — a majority of millage proposals being rejected by the voters. This does not answer the problem nor fill the need. It indicates the degree of responsibility and obligation of the Legislature to bring about tax reforms which will lead to the needed revenue.

Since 1963, the Michigan Farm Bureau delegates have supported a tax reform policy aimed at a more equitable spread of the tax burden. These policies call for:

The repeal of the Business Activities Tax and the Intangibles Tax. The Business Activities Tax has been unfair in that it imposes the tax on a company whether or not a profit has been realized from business operations. It penalizes companies with high payrolls. The result is to discourage new businesses and industries from locating in our state. Business has been paying a larger share of the tax bill in Michigan than in other states. Many farmers pay the Business Activities Tax.

Governor Romney's 1967 proposal would replace the Business Activities Tax with a 5% tax on business incomes. The tax would not be payable unless the business showed earnings. The Governor would also exempt taxpayers from \$100 of the Intangibles Tax. The exemption is now only \$20.

Farm Bureau's 1967 policy calls for a "significant tax relief on property." Farm Bureau would not approve any new taxes unless some form of relief for property taxation is part of the package.

Property tax relief might be realized in a number of ways.

1. State collected taxes can be increased with part of the revenues turned over to school districts and to county and local governments.

2. Local and county governments can be granted authority to levy new kinds of taxes, including an income tax. Cities

have been adopting the local income tax. In this there lies a danger for other local units of government. If the income tax is monopolized by the cities on the local scene it can leave the county and other local government units without adequate tax resources. Farm Bureau declares that counties should be given this taxing authority, and that cities should not preempt this tax field nor be allowed to tax non-residents of the city.

3. Farm Bureau has recognized the necessity for a broad-based state income tax since 1963. But the limitation is always stated — the revenues must be used in part, to ease the property tax burden.

Governor Romney's proposal includes the immediate levy of a 2½% tax on personal incomes. The Governor warns that, if the legalizing of this tax is delayed, the rate would have to be increased to 3%. "Each month of delay," says the Governor, "results in a revenue loss of \$21 million and a rising rate of costs for state programs based on inflation and population pressures."

Property tax relief? The Governor would allow a property owner a credit of 10% on his property tax bill. The local treasurer would give the credit to the taxpayer and bill the state for the figure credited. The Governor would also rebate \$10 per person from the sales tax — either as a cash rebate or as a deduction from the state income tax return of the taxpayer.

Farm people are asking, "Why only a 10% property tax credit?" Ten percent makes a small dent in the farm property tax load considering that Michigan's per-acre farm taxes have risen 242% above the 1950 level. To farmers, the move is in the right direction, but it is a very small move.

Some people still reject the income tax approach. They say, "Increase the sales tax or the nuisance taxes." Governor Romney points out that the sales tax places the heaviest burden on people with low incomes — demands more of their income in taxes — than for persons of ample income. The tax does not fall where people have the ability to pay with any degree of balance. The Governor is seeking a better balance in the tax approach.

The "Nuisance Tax" angle? The Governor would add 3¢ per pack to the tax on cigarettes, making the total state tax 10¢ with 2¢ of it earmarked for schools.

But the Governor also points out that the taxable commodities in the "nuisance" field cannot deliver enough revenue to do the job without ridiculous and self-defeating rates being charged.

The Governor's 1967 budget calls for \$51 million more than was thought to be needed last July 1st. State expenses have exceeded revenues by \$129 million. The State's financial surplus has been melting away. Only \$38 million remains — and this is fast disappearing. By July 1, 1968, Michigan would be "in the red" by \$147 million.

To those who would demand cuts in spending or "no added taxes" the Governor answers that such demands are unrealistic. A state facing problems created by a growing population and inflated costs cannot cut spending nor "hold the line" without slashing vital services. And what services shall they be that are slashed?

Shall the schools be cut, health and mental health programs? Shall the cuts be across the board? Every attempt to cut would have a citizens' group up in arms. It would be a case of "slap the other fellow, but don't slap my program!"

The Governor says that there is no evidence of waste and inefficiency in the departments of State government. He appointed a Study Committee to examine operations and work practices in these departments. The Committee's report was favorable.

Governor Romney proposes new programs which would call for \$34 million. This represents a 3.4% increase in the budget. Included are \$5 million in matching funds to help local governments develop sewage treatment plants and controlling other forms of water pollution. \$5.6 million would go for increasing salaries at our state universities and colleges. \$6.2 million would be used to increase special education for handicapped children; \$4.4 million for new mental health programs; \$3.5 million for veterans' homestead tax relief; \$1 million to strengthen programs of the Civil Rights Commission and \$1 million for reimbursing medical costs under the Crippled Children's Program.

Michigan's financial problem being what it is, the Governor has charged the legislature with the need to open the way to more revenues and to tax reform. He declares that he will not sign any spending bills that are not covered with revenues realized through tax reform legislation.

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## *THE MORNING AFTER..*

The dawn of April 12th unveiled a shocking scene of destruction. Several tornadoes had swept through southern and central Michigan the night before – leaving damage, injury and death. The landscape was covered with the debris of homes and farm buildings which had been torn apart by the winds. Machinery was mangled. Silos were toppled. Livestock was dead or injured.

The Palm Sunday tornadoes left 47 dead and 788 injured. Approximately 700 homes were totally destroyed. Another 680 received major structural damage. Countless farm buildings were damaged or destroyed. The total financial loss surpassed \$23 million.

Unfortunately, many of the tornado victims found themselves underinsured – and were required to bear financial losses in the amount of tens of thousands of dollars.

This year's tornado season is just beginning. Please take a minute to make sure your insurance is adequate. Ask your local Farm Bureau Insurance Agent for an evaluation of the protection on your farm.

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