



IRIS — "The Goddess of the Rainbow. . ."

"HI-JINKS" — A NEW AND LOVELY FLOWER

The Greeks knew what they were doing when they named the iris for the rainbow. They considered Iris, Goddess of Greek mythology, as a lovely flashing messenger for the other deities.

As usual, the Greeks had the right word for it, a feeling easily confirmed by standing in a Michigan iris field in full bloom.

A half-million orchid-like blossoms in all colors of the rainbow will soon greet visitors to the A. F. Bloese iris farm near Bedford, about halfway between Kalamazoo and Battle Creek. Peak blossom time is usually from June 1 to June 15, depending upon the season.

A long-time member of the Kalamazoo County Farm Bureau, Bloese (it rhymes with "Daisy") looks forward to the visitors who come from all parts of the country to admire his blooms. He loves to talk about iris, he enjoys the thought that most will

be unable to resist taking a number of the hardy rhizomes back with them to plant in their own gardens. Many of the iris are like part of his family — in fact, many were created by his hybridization experiments.

Pictured, actual size, is one such "Hi-Jinks" — which Bloese describes as a dark mahogany color, with "standards" about 4 inches across and the "falls" 7 inches across. The standards are silk-like in appearance, and the falls are chocolate-velvety.

Although a huge flower, "Hi-Jinks" is dwarfed by another Bloese creation, "Heroique," an all-white giant considered the world's largest, and now winning prizes coast-to-coast in national flower shows. Blooms are up to nine inches across and three flowers frequently open at one time on a stalk.

Opposite in color is a midnight bloom, called "Top Hat," and another iris among the dozens of original varieties is called "Black Orchid" — although no absolutely

black bloom has as yet been perfected. If one ever is — it might well happen at Bedford Gardens, where an estimated 300 distinct varieties are growing, including a number in test plots.

Of this amount, more than 150 are on the market, with a number of the newer, more rare types bringing top prices. All — no matter how lovely, must prove to be hardy without protection from Michigan winters.

Still, Bloese is first to concede that usually, iris are "easier to grow than weeds" — enduring a greater variety of soils than many weed types, some of which only thrive on poor soil, some on sandy land, while others need heavy humus. Iris will do well on all of these — but does have an aversion to acidity.

While in France during the first World War, he was intrigued by fields of iris, buying some roots for as much as \$25. — considered an extravagant price at that time. He grew iris for fun for many years, beginning his hobby of hybridization about

40 years ago, and selling commercially (mostly in wholesale lots) for the past 20 years.

Many of his blooms travel in international trade, through a Belgium firm, which in turn trades with East Germany growers.

The story of 72-year-old A. F. Bloese and how he has turned a long-time iris interest into a full scale retirement business (to the point where he ranks among the three or four largest growers in the United States) is significant to farmers everywhere.

Many Michigan farmers are now growing flowers as their main or only crop — finding ready markets for bulbs, seeds, plants and roots. Others have turned to such horticultural crops as trees, both ornamental and fruit, vines and berries, all typical of the many ingenious ways in which Michigan farmers have specialized to turn the new leisure time and higher standards of living most Americans enjoy — into new farm income.

Editorial

FARM TELEVISION

Among other things, the last U.S. census has revealed the startling fact that only about six U.S. homes out of each 100 do not have a television set.

At almost the same time, a check by the Roper Survey discloses that 65 per cent of today's adult population feel they now get most of their information from television. Other independent research shows they spend nearly six hours per person, per day, in doing this!

Yet this is a medium which until now, farmers have largely ignored — possibly because it provides frightening technical problems and is so obviously costly.

As farmers hesitate, every day brings new evidence of the great need for them to tell their production and marketing story to the busy non-farm public. Recognizing this, Michigan Farm Bureau management directed the Information Division to study the possibility of Farm Bureau making a significant entry into farm television programming on a Public Service basis.

Division personnel reported that such an ambitious move was feasible, that it could be done within modest cost-limits and without sacrificing present important information projects.

At their May meeting of last year, the Board of Directors of the Michigan Farm Bureau carefully examined the staff and management report, and instructed the Information Division to move into the field of farm public service television "as soon as feasible".

It was decided that primary efforts would be in the areas of rural-urban understanding.

Since that time, much effort and some money has been spent in getting ready. An impressive sound-on-film camera was bought, lighting needs studied and tests made. A number of station owners and managers offered encouragement and helpful advice.

The actual "shooting" of pilot films followed — something tangible to show stations as being typical of a regular offering to be expected over a period of time. The title "Accent — Agriculture!" seemed to fit, and budget and personnel time-problems suggested that initial programs should be confined to 15 minutes length.

Farm Bureau leaders have been typically helpful in giving of their time and talent to help make these films. Ralph and Walter Frahm of Frankenmuth ("Wally" is on the MFB Board) entertained a busload of Saginaw children on their farm for the Farm Bureau camera. Herbert Schmidt of Bay City did the same, opening his specialized hatchery to reveal the actual hatching of goslings, pheasants and ducks to the youngsters.

Mrs. John Cutler of Plainwell spent a complicated morning in their 10,000-hen laying house, helping record the television story of a "Fresh Fancy Quality" egg. Mary Edith Anderson faced the bright lights to explain why Farm Bureau Women are involved in the Christian Rural Overseas Program, of which she is state Vice Chairman.

Board Member David Morris explained the costs of today's farm equipment and tractor tires. Mrs. Lou DeMatio did some Slow-Moving-Vehicle promotion spots.

At this point, five television stations were contacted and offered the "show" on a weekly basis for a trial period of 13 weeks. No one said "NO" to the series and three stations scheduled the program for regular viewing. Others are expected to accept the series in the near future.

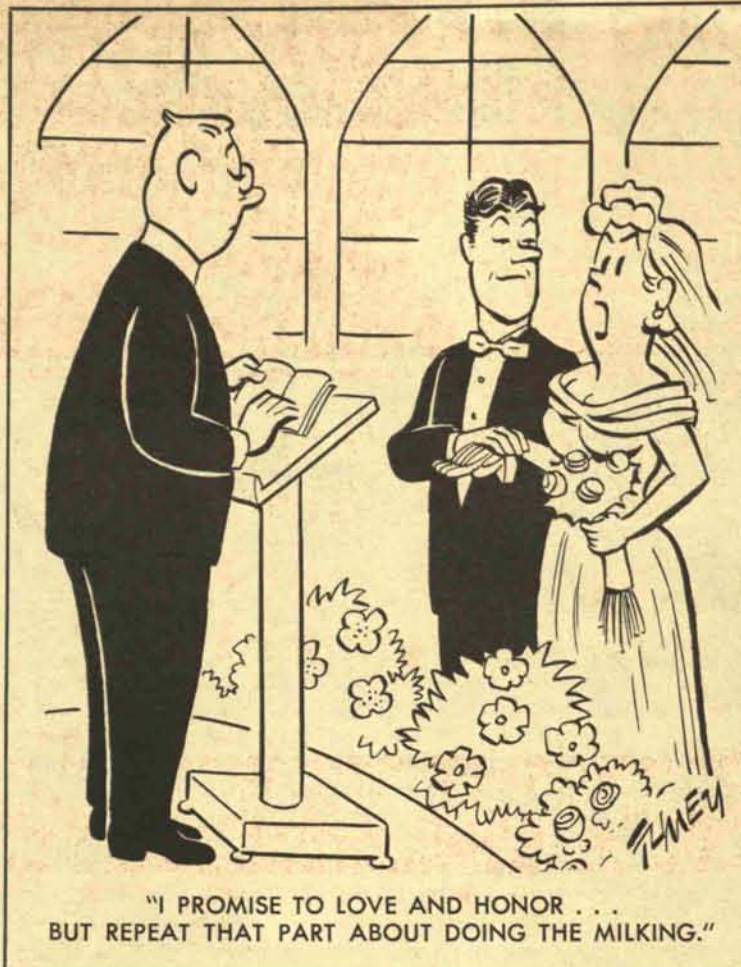
Meanwhile — watch WZZM-TV — Grand Rapids, Channel 13, beginning June 1, with the Farm Bureau film expected to be shown shortly after 7:00 a.m. each Thursday on the Dick Richards "Farm Report".

Watch — WJRT-TV — Flint, Channel 12, beginning June 2, with "Accent — Agriculture" to be aired at 8:30 a.m. Fridays.

Watch — WKNX-TV — Saginaw, Channel 25, beginning June 3, with "Accent — Agriculture" to be aired at 7:45 a.m. Saturdays.

When you see one of these shows, let the station know you appreciate this fine public service to agriculture!

M. W.



"I PROMISE TO LOVE AND HONOR . . .
BUT REPEAT THAT PART ABOUT DOING THE MILKING."

WORKMEN'S COMP. IS HERE TO STAY

By N. L. Vermillion
Executive Vice President
Farm Bureau Insurance Group

On Saturday, April 29th, Governor Romney signed a bill delaying the effective date of Farm Workmen's Compensation. At present, agricultural employers are scheduled to come under the law on July 1st of this year.

At this point, there is little chance that the law will be repealed or even significantly changed. Workmen's Compensation is here to stay.

Unfortunately, many farm businessmen are not aware of the law's implications. Many are not aware that they will be affected. Here are the facts:

1. Every farmer who employs any labor for five or more consecutive weeks will be required to provide either full or partial Workmen's Compensation benefits.
2. The State Insurance Bureau has ruled that Employer's Liability coverages found in most "Farmowners" and "Farm Liability" insurance policies are not adequate — and must be changed July 1st. In essence, this means that every farmer who employs one hired hand for even one hour per year — should obtain a Workmen's Compensation Insurance Policy, for his own protection.

Farm Bureau Insurance has made every effort to comply with the law and will be able to provide the necessary insurance for most farmers. Rates and minimum premiums have been established at levels which will minimize the financial burden to be placed on agriculture.

If you have questions regarding the law or required insurance, contact your local Farm Bureau Insurance Representative.

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President's Column

HONORS EARNED

This issue of the Michigan Farm News is dedicated to the Michigan Farm Bureau Women. *I am all for it.*

The Farm Bureau cannot honor its women more highly than the honor they have generated for themselves by their actions. They have earned broad public recognition and a great place in the Farm Bureau leadership sun.

A quick run through the Farm Bureau archives proves what I have said. From the early years of our organization, the women have made a strong team in Farm Bureau. The first Women's director set the tone for the years to come. Mrs. Edith Wagar pointed out that —

"In no vocation, other than farming, is the wife more closely involved in the total operation. And when farmers organize as they have in Farm Bureau, the women will occupy a prominent place in the drive for a better agriculture. The husband and wife are equal partners in this task of building a better future for the farm family."

Mrs. Wagar was, and is, so right! And, well may we men of Farm Bureau take hats off to the women.

For example, I may offer my congratulations to Mrs. Lou DeMatio, a member of our state Farm Bureau Women's Executive Committee and state chairman of their Safety Committee. Mrs. DeMatio was honored in April with the title of "Mrs. Safety" for the state of Michigan. She has worked hard in advancing the educational and promotional program for the Slow Moving Vehicle emblem, among other things. Her work has helped to bring recognition and honor to Farm Bureau.

Mrs. DeMatio's achievement is one worthy event in a long history of such events performed by our Farm Bureau Women. Not since their program became part of the Farm Bureau system have the Farm Bureau Women been idle.

I believe that one of the most important activities which our Farm Bureau Women have pursued is their work in leadership training.

In 1944, the Farm Bureau Women began a series of statewide and district leadership training camps. These camps have been well-attended and very educational. Members of the Women's Committees from practically all the counties gathered at these camps, got acquainted, discussed programs, had fun and learned a lot. The training programs brought in experts in various agricultural and civic fields to enrich the experience and understanding of our women leaders. *The value of these training activities should never be lost nor the programs discontinued!*

One of the great values of the Women's Program also lay in the fact that for so many years it brought together, not merely leaders of the county organization but Farm Bureau women from the hundreds of neighborhoods over the state and the districts. The Community Groups were tied into the program. This also helped to assure that programs would take effect back home.

Our Farm Bureau Women have been leaders in community, county and state health programs. They have helped to raise funds for Community Hospitals in many cases. They have helped to create conditions which would attract doctors to rural communities. They have provided scholarships for student nurses and have helped to establish cancer detection clinics. Often they were the initiators of county Health Councils.

Their interest has reached into international relations. They have been active in the Associated Country Women of the World. In the 1950's they provided a scholarship at Michigan State University for a Japanese student.

Remember "Pennies for Friendship" in the 1950's? This brought two German "hausfraus" to Michigan as guests. Along with the leadership in the Christian Rural Overseas Program, this made international relations become personal.

All in all, the job done by our women is a "truly great one."

Elton Smith

WHEAT MARKETING SIGN-UP UNDERWAY

Farm Bureau members have only until June 15 to place their wheat in the new Farm Bureau marketing program. To get in on the operation, growers sign an agreement committing all or a portion of their wheat crop to the program.

Sign-up agreements are available at participating cooperative elevators, county Farm Bureau offices and from County Farm Bureau Wheat Committee members. Only growers who sign up by June 15 will have the opportunity to market their wheat under the program.

Farm Bureau's Wheat Marketing Program has much to offer the wheat grower. He has a number of options and choices available to him each year. He can put all or a part of his wheat crop in the program. Once in the program, he can choose whether to participate or not to participate each year simply by returning a sign-up card which will be mailed to him.

He can deliver his wheat to any participating elevator which is handy to him. He is not penalized if he decides not to participate in any given year.

The program will be of interest to any wheat growers who:

Want to increase their dollar returns from wheat sales. Research shows that in 9 out of 12 years, wheat growers are money ahead when participating in this type of marketing program.

Recognize that the odds are not in their favor when they try to guess individually when the time is proper to sell. Growers will be better off in the long run when their wheat is sold by experienced wheat marketers.

Want to participate in orderly marketing instead of dumping their wheat on the market at harvest time.

Want money at harvest time while at the same time they benefit from the normal seasonal increase in price.

Want more Michigan wheat sold to foreign buyers. Export sales of program wheat can be made in advance of harvest.

Want to combine their influence to put pressure on the government for more consideration of the movement of Michigan wheat under government programs, such as Public Law 480.

Money at harvest time? An advanced payment will be made which will net the producer slightly over \$1 per bushel in nearly all parts of the state. Advances will differ according to freight rate areas in the same manner as wheat prices now vary around the state.

Participating elevators will receive a per bushel fee for handling program wheat. This handling charge will be the same as their normal margin on the wheat they buy.

Only cooperating elevators will be eligible to accept the wheat, but these are generally well distributed throughout the wheat growing areas of the state.

The grower should contact the nearest cooperating elevator manager to arrange for delivery either from the farm to the elevator or to a terminal. Temporary farm storage may be used with later delivery date if the grower prefers.

It is understood that such temporary storage will be free of contamination and that clean wheat can be delivered. Delayed delivery could be as late as September 1—if this is agreed between the grower and the elevator manager.

If growers have an investment in their own storage and want to take advantage of it, they should not put that share of the wheat in the program. Put only such wheat in the program as you do not plan to store on the farm.

Final payment to the grower will be made within 30 days after all program wheat has been sold. The wheat will be marketed by the experienced marketing experts, the Michigan Elevator Exchange. All wheat will be sold prior to May 1, 1968. Producers will receive the average price of the wheat sold through the program, less storage, handling and minimum costs of promotion and administration.

The Farm Bureau Wheat Marketing Program is not an attempt to get control of a major share of the Michigan wheat supply so as to command price. The industry-wide price level for Michigan wheat would be affected very little, even if the program controlled all the wheat in the state.

Michigan has only 6.5% of the total U.S. production of soft wheat, 3% of the total U.S. wheat production and a very small percent of the total world production.

The aim of the program is to take advantage of seasonal price rises in the wheat marketing and to cushion the usual price drops at harvest time by helping regulate the flow of wheat to market.

Since the government has less wheat to dump on the market in 1967, there are better prospects for market price rises than when the dumping stalled every price advance in 1965 and 1966.

Community Farm Bureaus in Michigan discussed this program in 1966. Two-thirds of them looked favorably on the idea of a Farm Bureau offering a wheat marketing program. Informational programs have been pursued with the Farm Bureau Women and Young Farmer Committees throughout the state to insure that the program is well understood.

Again, growers are reminded that the sign-up ends June 15th. No wheat can be sold under the program unless it is signed into the operation by that date.

People and Places...

Robert C. Nixon assumes the Regional Representative's responsibilities in the Saginaw Valley region, June 5. Nixon replaces recently-retired Charles Mumford.

Nixon comes to Farm Bureau from his job as Vocational Agriculture teacher at Chesaning, Michigan, a position he has held for five years. He has lived in or near Chesaning in Saginaw County all of his life, and is familiar with the area and the people of his new location.

His interest in agriculture has been continuous since his early youth when his parents owned and operated a farm. He graduated from Michigan State University with a degree in Agricultural Education in 1961. At the University he was a member of the Agricultural Council and served as vice president in '60-61.

In 1965, he attended the American Institute of Cooperation convention as a guest of the Michigan Farm Bureau and Farm Bureau Services.

Nixon, who is single, has been active in the Army Reserve Program and has had six months of active duty.

Ray B. Bohnsack, Director of Finance for Farm Bureau Services, Inc., assumes a new position as secretary-treasurer of the Grain and Feed Dealers National Ass'n., Washington, D.C., July 1.

Bohnsack began his career in Farm Bureau as a member of the "Junior Farm Bureau" in Lapeer County from 1935 to 1940, and was first employed at the Farm Bureau Services branch operation at Lapeer in 1937.

For a number of years, Ray has been in charge of training programs for Services' employee personnel and has been an active advisor to the Elevator and Farm Supply training program at Michigan State University. He was appointed to the position of Director of Planning and Development in 1964, and became Finance Director in 1966.

Bohnsack has been a member of the board of directors of the Michigan Feed and Grain Dealers Association for ten years, and served as president of the association in 1962. He has also served as chairman of the Financial Information Committee of the national association in recent years.

Steve Van Slyke, Director of Broadcast Services for the Michigan Farm Bureau for the past 9 months, has been named to replace Donald Kinsey as Director of Education and Research within the Information Division, according to Melvin Woell, Division Manager.

Kinsey retired June 1 after 20 years of service with the Michigan Farm Bureau in a variety of capacities. (See story, page 17.)

Van Slyke's promotion to the new post makes him directly responsible for preparation of the monthly Community Group Discussion topic and related material and includes newly added duties as Coordinator of Local Affairs.

Until additional personnel can be hired, he will continue to supervise Farm Bureau's weekly radio programming and production of a recently added television series.

Van Slyke came to Michigan from the Oklahoma Farm Bureau where he served as a member of the staff for 11 years.



ROBERT C. NIXON



RAYMOND BOHNSACK



STEVEN VAN SLYKE

ELEVATORS COOPERATING IN WHEAT PROGRAM!

In the Farm Bureau Wheat Marketing Program, there are actually four parties involved in the agreement. They are the member grower, the Michigan Farm Bureau, the Michigan Elevator Exchange and the local, participating cooperative elevator.

At the time this paper goes to press, there are 71 elevators in 39 Michigan counties that are included on the participating list. The local coverage is such that no grower should have to haul his program wheat an unreasonable distance to market.

The following is the list of participating elevators as of June 1. Other elevators may be added to the list up to June 15.

ALLEGAN: Allegan Farmers Co-op Ass'n., Hamilton Farm Bureau Co-op, Inc.

ARENAC: Sterling Farm Bureau Services

BARRY: Hastings Farm Bureau Services

BAY: Bay City Farm Bureau Services and Pinconning Farm Bureau Services

BERRIEN: Buchanan Co-op, Inc., and Three Oaks Co-op, Inc.

BRANCH: Union City Farm Bureau Services, Williams Grain Division in Coldwater, Coldwater Farm Bureau Services and Williams Milling Co. in Quincy

CALHOUN: Battle Creek Farm Bureau Ass'n.

CASS: Marcellus Farm Bureau Services

CHARLEVOIX: Charlevoix Co-op Co.

CLINTON: St. Johns Co-op Co.

EATON: Eaton County Farm Bureau Co-op, Inc.

GENESEE: Grand Blanc Co-op Elevator Co.

GRAND TRAVERSE: Traverse City Farm Bureau Services

HILLSDALE: Hillsdale Farm Bureau Services

HURON: Sebewaing Farmers Co-op, Inc., Pigeon Co-op Elevator Co., Elkton Co-op Farm Produce Co., Kinde Farmers Co-op Grain Co. and Ruth Farmers Elevator, Inc.

INGHAM: Lansing Farm Bureau Services, Leslie Co-op Co., and Williamston Producers Co-op Elevator Co.

IONIA: Portland Co-op Co., and Lake Odessa Co-op Ass'n.

ISABELLA: Mt. Pleasant Farm Bureau Services

KALAMAZOO: Kalamazoo Farm Bureau Services, Schoolcraft Farm Bureau Services, and Climax Farm Bureau Services

KENT: Caledonia Farmers Elevator Co-op, and Kent City Farm Bureau

LAPEER: Lapeer County Co-op, Inc., and Lapeer County Co-op, Inc. in Imlay City

LENAWEE: Blissfield Co-op Companies in Blissfield, Jasper and Ogden

LIVINGSTON: Fowlerville Co-op Co. and Howell Co-op Co.

MACOMB: New Haven Farmers Elevator

MASON: Scottville Farm Bureau Services

MECOSTA: Remus Farm Bureau Services, and Stanwood Farm Bureau Services

MONROE: M.E.E. Terminal

at Ottawa Lake and Ida Farmers Co-op Co.

MONTCALM: Greenville Farm Bureau Services

NEWAYGO: Fremont Co-op Produce Co.

OAKLAND: Highland Producers Ass'n.

OGEMAW: West Branch Farmers Co-op, Inc.

OCEANA: Hart Farm Bureau Services

OTTAWA: Zeeland Farmers Co-op, Inc., Holland Co-op Co., and Coopersville Co-op Elevator Co.

SAGINAW: Chesaning Farmers Co-op, Inc. and M.E.E. Terminal, Saginaw

ST. CLAIR: Yale Farm Bureau Services, Jeddo Farm Bureau Services, and M.E.E. terminal, Marysville

ST. JOSEPH: Sturgis Grain Co., Constantine Co-op, Inc., Three Rivers Farm Bureau Services and Mendon Farm Bureau Services

SANILAC: Sandusky Farm Bureau Services

TUSCOLA: Caro Farmers Co-op Elevator Co. in Caro and Akron

WASHTENAW: Dexter Co-op Co. and Ypsilanti Farm Bureau

capitol report



BIRDS—*with a black reputation!*



Blackbirds! Blackbirds! It would do little good to bake four and twenty of them into each of a thousand pies. It would cause scarcely a flutter among the blackbirds' five hundred millions.

Blackbirds have been increasing as a menace to agriculture for ten years. You may love the trill and warble of the red-wing blackbird's song, but his family came to dinner on the farm, millions strong.

The blackbird family loves your fruit and has learned how to open the husks of the ears of corn when the kernel is in the milk.

You will have no love for the screech and clatter of the starling hordes. Some benighted soul imported these birds from Europe as "songbirds" in 1890. May they screech throughout his eternity! And who could love the dry clack of the grackle with the music of two blocks of wood whacked together?

Altogether there are now about five hundred million blackbirds in the United States, according to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. They not only cause between \$50 million and \$100 million in damage to fruits, vegetables, corn

and grain on our farms. They also carry human and livestock diseases.

In many places hordes of these blackbirds swoop down onto the livestock feeding yards. There, they consume vast quantities of feed, and contaminate what is being eaten by the animals with their droppings.

People in our cities also regard these birds as pests and a menace to health. Hordes of them roost in cornices of buildings, leaving an unsightly filth of their droppings to mutilate the buildings. They invade the parks where children play and spread their disease-carrying filth. The farmer is not the only citizen to be disturbed by the exploding pest bird population.

Control of these bird numbers is becoming an absolute "must" to protect our nation's food supplies, our farm incomes and the health of our general public. The damage to Michigan's fruit crop,

alone, ran to two and a quarter million dollars in 1966. Present decoy traps and other control devices have been losing out in the fight to keep down the numbers of the blackbird invaders.

The Michigan Legislature provided \$6,500 in 1966 toward a research program to control destructive birds and animals. This program functioned under the Fish and Wildlife Service of the Michigan Department of Agriculture. These funds were provided jointly with the Fish and Wildlife Service of the U.S. Department of the Interior. The Department of the Interior has included a request for \$815,000 in its 1967 budget for control research on destructive animal and bird life.

Such efforts to increase the effectiveness of control programs have been backed strongly by Michigan Farm Bureau delegates. Their policy for 1967 declares:

"Blackbirds, starlings and other destructive wildlife are still on the increase and do considerable crop damage. We commend the Michigan Legislature for appropriating funds for the development of

a plan of control through the Michigan Department of Agriculture with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

"This action takes advantage of the matching funds available from the federal government. We urge the Legislature to appropriate continuing funds for the support of this vital service. Also, we encourage every producer having problems with blackbirds, starlings and other destructive birds, to build and operate an adequate number of traps to control the population of these ruinous pests."

Some progress has been made with lethal chemicals, fatal only to the blackbirds or causing sterility in the mature birds. Chemical bird repellents or mechanical devices for scaring birds off from crops are only temporary half-measures. Only the reduction of bird numbers will approach a solution to the problem.

This is a public problem. It is a proper function of government to finance and carry on a program of research to reduce these predatory pests to controllable proportions.

Michigan Congressmen Support Marketing Bill

Support by Congressmen for the Agricultural Producers Marketing Rights Bill has been building with new sponsors in the House and Senate lining up in support of the bill. By May 15th there were 39 Representatives and 8 Senators sponsoring Senate Bill 109 and its companion bills in the House.

Among the new sponsors in May were Senator Phil Hart, Representative Elford Cederburg, and Representative James Harvey of Michigan. They, among others, have recognized that this legislation is needed to allow farmers a chance of a fair bargaining position in today's marketing world.

At a meeting on March 8th in Grand Rapids, Senator Hart made public his support for the legislation. He compared the farmers' bargaining position with that of the industrial worker of the 1930's, saying that farmers face the same corporate attitudes today that factory workers faced then.

"The food-processing industry is rapidly becoming concentrated in the hands of fewer and fewer big manufacturers. This means that there is less and less competition for the farmers' produce, making it tougher for him to get a decent price," said Senator Hart.

The vigorous opposition to the bill by the processing industry has been surprising. It would

appear that the processor-contractors want to keep full power to dictate all terms of price and sale. As one processor put it, "We do not consider it desirable for anyone to stand between the grower and us." Apparently this means "not even the organized growers, themselves."

As Farm Bureau sees it, the Agricultural Producers Marketing Rights bill would not hamper any buyer-processor in the operation of his business. But it would give the grower the protection he needs from those processors that do penalize him for acting cooperatively in his bargaining.

The "Marketing Rights" bill would forbid such buyer-contractors from interfering with the rights of farmers to work freely through bargaining associations. This is not a tough nor unreasonable expectation. Buyers could protest it only if they planned such interference.

S. 109 would simply stop any any buyer-contractor from:

Denying any producer the right to join and belong to an association of producers.

Discrimination or threatening to discriminate against a producer because of his membership in or his contract with an association of producers.

Coercing or intimidating a producer into withdrawing from his association.

STATE RESOLUTIONS Committee named

Appointment of the 1967 Michigan Farm Bureau Resolutions Committee has been announced by President Elton Smith. Acting as chairman of the 18-member group will be Mrs. Andrew Jackson, Howell, Livingston county farm wife well-known for her Farm Bureau Women's and Legislative activities. Mrs. Jackson becomes the first woman in Michigan Farm Bureau history to chair this committee.

By district, those who have accepted the Resolutions Committee appointments are: 1-Arthur Bailey, Schoolcraft, Kalamazoo county; 2-Wayland Hart, Clayton, Lenawee; 3-Arthur Gibbs, Ypsilanti, Washtenaw; 4-Russell Sill, South Haven, Allegan; 5-Ralph Letson, Charlotte, Eaton; 6-Alfred Goodall, Cass City, Tuscola; 7-Al VanAelst, Hart, Oceana; 8-Harmon Williams, Au Gres, Arenac; 9-Calvin Lutz, Kaleva, Manistee; 10-Edwin Estelle, Gaylord, Otsego, vice-chairman; 11-Herman Robere, Garden, Delta.

Representing the Farm Bureau Young Farmers are Ray Launstein, Williamston, Ingham county; Michael Satchell, Caro, Tuscola, and Jack Bosgraaf, Hudsonville, Ottawa county.

In addition to her chairmanship, Mrs. Andrew Jackson will represent the Farm Bureau Women, along with Mrs. Richard Wieland, Ellsworth, Antrim county, and Mrs. Robert Burandt, St. Joseph, Berrien.

Directors-at-large serving on the Resolutions Committee will be Dean Pridgeon, Montgomery, Branch county; Eugene Roberts, Lake City, Missaukee, and Robert Zeeb, Bath, Clinton.

Between now and November, when the policy recommendations are presented to the Michigan Farm Bureau annual meeting voting delegates, the committee will have several meetings for hearings, presentation of background materials, and work involved in compiling county resolutions into a "tentative" booklet.



SPECIAL REPORT - FROM:



"Women's Department" Began 23 years ago

The date: November 10, 1944 — the place: Michigan State College, East Lansing, Michigan — the event: the 25th annual meeting of the Michigan State Farm Bureau.

The events which took place at this scene 23 years ago marked the beginning of the Michigan Farm Bureau Women. A few farm women attending this annual meeting, on behalf of Farm Bureau wives throughout the state, asked for an official part of the Farm Bureau program. The voting delegates agreed.

A "Department of Women's Activities" was officially added to the Michigan Farm Bureau on March 1, 1945. In the short time between March 1st and the close of the fiscal year, 39 county Farm Bureaus appointed a Women's Chairman and a State Advisory Council was organized with one woman representing each of the ten districts of the state.

Some of their first projects included group hospitalization and a more complete health program for rural people, expanded Community Farm Bureau activities, the assimilation of new members into Farm Bureau, and adequate fire protection and telephone service for rural areas. County groups were active from the very first — one group purchased a clubmobile for the Army, another established a home demonstration agent, and another created interest in a community hospital.

Two years after the official establishment of a women's program, the organization began to feel its effect and strength. The 1946 annual report states:

"The increase in Farm Bureau membership and community organizations with a current and effective program throughout, has been aided in no small measure by the development of an active women's department known as the Women of the Michigan Farm Bureau. . . . The correlation of this work with the general Farm Bureau program constitutes one of the significant and important developments in the history of the Michigan Farm Bureau."

By 1948, the Farm Bureau Women's program was becoming so well known that many other groups stated their desire to become better acquainted with them, and as a result, the Farm Bureau Women were being represented on various state committees of other organizations. This was the beginning of their very effective public relations work. It was during this year that they became active in rural-urban activities and cancer detection.

The fifth annual meeting of the Michigan Farm Bureau Women was held in 1950. Two thousand women attended and heard an address by Sister Kenny in one of her last public appearances. It was the admirable work done by the Farm Bureau Women for the Sister Kenny Foundation which was responsible for bringing this remarkable and famous woman to Michigan for this event.

In November, 1964, the Michigan Farm Bureau Women celebrated their 20th birthday. In special ceremonies they honored those women whose dedication, inspiration, and ever-steadfast efforts provided Michigan Farm Bureau Women with the opportunity to do with others those things which could not be done alone, to better their economic welfare and to make their communities a better place in which to live.

Those who received special honors were "pioneers" Mrs. Edith Wagar, Monroe County; Mrs. Pearl Myus, Lapeer County, and Mrs. Ray Neikirk, Gratiot County. Also honored were past state chairmen: Mrs. Belle Newell (1946-1949), Mrs. Marvel Whittaker (1950-1953), Mrs. Carlton Ball (1954-1957), Mrs. Alex Kennedy (1958-1961), Mrs. Arthur Muir (1962-1963), and present chairman Mrs. Wm. Scramlin.

A special tribute was paid to Marjorie Karker, who served as coordinator of women's activities from 1945-1964, "for untiring efforts throughout the years which have been largely responsible for the success of the Michigan Farm Bureau Women's program."

As they lit the candles of their birthday cake, Mrs. Anton Hoort, then a member of the state women's committee, led the women in a rededication ceremony.

"As we look back over the past years, may it give us inspiration to rededicate ourselves to the work of the future — to increase our participation in Farm Bureau, a good farm organization which can speak with authority and strength for rural people."



THE 20th BIRTHDAY of the Michigan Farm Bureau Women was celebrated at their annual meeting in 1964. Lighting the candles on the cake were (left to right) Miss Ruth Hooper, Gratiot County, representing Mrs. Ray Neikirk, board of directors, 1944; Mrs. Belle Newell, chairman, 1946-49; Mrs. Marvel Whittaker, 1950-53; Mrs. Carlton Ball, 1954-57; Mrs. Arthur Muir, 1962-63; Mrs. Alex Kennedy, 1958-61; Mrs. Wm. Scramlin, present chairman, and Mrs. Florence Thomas, representing the AFBF.



1947 — TWO DECADES AGO, the Northwest Michigan Farm Bureau Women sponsored a camp at Torch Lake, a project they undertook annually for 20 years. Recognize anyone? The gentleman in the front row, who looks a bit out of place in this feminine company, is Wesley Hawley, former staff member, and "watch dog" for the women from his post just outside the camp gate.



1967 — 20 YEARS LATER, Farm Bureau Women still recognize the value of leadership training camps, one of the areas discussed at their "program of work for 1967" meeting in January. Shown are the current district chairmen who represent the Farm Bureau Women in the 13 districts of Michigan, with their coordinator of women's activities, Miss Helen Atwood.

FARM BUREAU WOMEN—

STATE CHAIRMAN



MRS. WM. SCRAMLIN (MAURINE) has been chairman of the Michigan Farm Bureau Women for the past four years. She is shown here speaking at a press conference sponsored by the Women to promote better understanding of agriculture by the non-farm public.

STATE COORDINATOR



MISS HELEN ATWOOD is Coordinator of Women's Activities. One of her first "coordinating" responsibilities when she came here from New Hampshire in 1965 was the "Country Kitchen Cookbook," a Michigan product promotion project. Helen (center) and Mary Edith Anderson (left) show the cookbook to former Michigan Farmer women's editor, Marilyn Horvath.

VICE CHAIRMAN



MRS. CLARE CARPENTER (FLORENCE) — As vice-chairman of the Michigan Farm Bureau Women, she represents the women at such functions as Michigan Week meetings. Here she presents a "Country Kitchen Cookbook" to Mrs. Leland Smith of Keep Michigan Beautiful.

DISTRICT ONE



MRS. EARL MOREHOUSE (VIDA) is chairman of the District 1 Women. She has been an active Roll Call worker and member of her community group. As a grain farmer's wife, her responsibilities include keeping the books and running errands for husband Earl.

DISTRICT TWO



MRS. LAVERN KRAMER (DOROTHY) — chairman of District 2 Women, assists Mrs. Scramlin in answering questions about the Associated Country Women of the World. The ACWW triennial meeting scheduled for M.S.U. in 1968 will be a big event for Farm Bureau Women.

DISTRICT THREE



MRS. CLAYTON ANDERSON (MARY EDITH) — chairman of District 3 Women, has a vital interest in the Christian Rural Overseas Program (CROP). Steve Van Slyke, director of Broadcast Services for the Michigan Farm Bureau, interviews Mary Edith on this subject for a future TV show.

LEADING—NOT LEANING

YOUR STATE COMMITTEE

The women of the Michigan Farm Bureau are divided into 13 districts. One representative elected by each district, plus an elected chairman and vice-chairman, make up the state women's committee, which is assisted by a staff coordinator.

These 16 women meet twice a year as a planning group, recommending program action to county committees. An executive committee, consisting of the chairman, vice-chairman and third member, meet whenever a special need arises.

Working together on the national, state, district, county and local levels, their main goal is to make the rural community a better place in which to live.

DISTRICT FOUR



MRS. FRANCIS CAMPAU (ANN) — chairman of District 4, is a strong believer in the value of public relations for Farm Bureau. Here she chairs a meeting of Farm Bureau leaders and members of the press, radio and TV in the Grand Rapids area.

DISTRICT FIVE



MRS. LEWIS BABBITT (JEANNETTE) is chairman of District 5 Women, contributors to the "Country Kitchen Cookbook." Mrs. Babbitt (third from right) and her district leaders were active in promotion of this project highlighting Michigan agriculture.

DISTRICT SIX



MRS. GEORGE SOUTHWORTH (FLORENCE) — District 6 chairman (right), introduces special guest Helen Atwood to Mrs. Horace Davis (center) at a district "Spring Rally."

DISTRICT SEVEN



MRS. ARTHUR MUIR (MARGARET) — District 7 chairman (right), is a former state chairman (62-63). She is shown here with Mrs. Alex Kennedy, also a former state chairman.

DISTRICT EIGHT



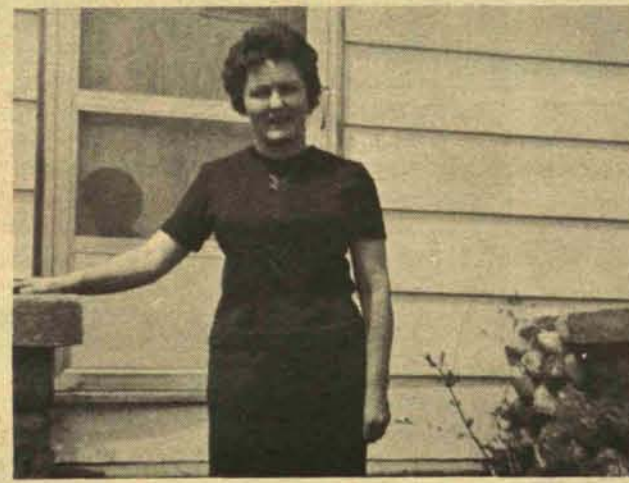
MRS. B. H. BAKER (MARTHA) — District 8 chairman, is well-known for her outstanding culinary abilities and is a frequent contributor to Farm Bureau sponsored dinners.

DISTRICT NINE



MRS. EARL HENDRICKS (DOROTHY) is chairman of District 9 Women. She is shown here as a server for the 20th birthday celebration of Michigan Farm Bureau Women in 1964.

DISTRICT TEN-WEST



MRS. RICHARD WIELAND (DORIS) is chairman of 10-W Women. She and her husband, who serves on the MFB board of directors, are typical of today's young farm leaders.

DISTRICT TEN-EAST



MRS. EUGENE DEMATIO (LOU) — District 10-E chairman also acts as state safety chairman. Shown here with Mrs. Scramlin, Rep. Harry Rohlf, and the slow-moving vehicle emblem.

DISTRICT ELEVEN-WEST



MRS. LAURI HONKALA (ELEANOR) — District 11-W chairman and active Upper Peninsula leader, presents a membership drive award to Iron County Roll-Call worker, Eino Kaski, at a victory dinner.

DISTRICT ELEVEN-EAST



MRS. CLEVE LOCKHART (HATTIE) is chairman of District 11-E Farm Bureau Women and another outstanding U.P. farm leader. Hattie (second from left) served on the state Resolutions Committee in 1965 and 1966, representing the Farm Bureau Women.

WORKING-NOT WATCHING

SAFETY



SLOW-MOVING VEHICLE EMBLEM legislation was signed by Governor Romney in the presence of Farm Bureau safety chairman Mrs. Eugene DeMatio, state women's chairman Mrs. Wm. Scramlin, Helen Atwood, women's activities coordinator, and interested legislators. The Farm Bureau Women were active in promoting passage of the bill, informing the public regarding the new law, and in the actual sale of the emblems. County Women's Committees have sold over 35,000 of the life-saving emblems.

WASHINGTON AIR TOUR



LEGISLATIVE LEADERS — briefed and trained prior to their meetings with Michigan Congressmen in Washington, D.C. — were a feature of this year's annual legislative air tour. The group met with both Republican and Democrat Congressmen to give their views on such issues as farm labor shortages, discussed here with Senator Hart.

FARM BUREAU FUN



THERE'S TIME FOR FUN, TOO — such as this style show with "original" creations modeled by women of District 5. Shown are: Belle of the Ball, Mrs. Richard Garn, Eaton; Tullula Toast, Mrs. Marvin Tiedeman, Genesee; Nattie Nellie, Mrs. Raymond Mayers, Clinton; Fi-Fi, the Can-Can Girl, Mrs. Clarence Mead, Clinton; Sweet Sue, Mrs. Lida Dunning, Eaton, and Tillie Twist, Mrs. Meryl Byington, Shiawassee.

INFORMATION-UNDERSTANDING



"TELLING THE STORY OF AGRICULTURE" — has been an important project of Farm Bureau Women. Helping them tell the facts were such nationally-known farm leaders as Mrs. Haven Smith, chairman of the AFBF Women's Committee, shown here on WXYZ-TV with Richard Arnold on "Rural Newsreel."

LEGISLATION



FARM BUREAU WOMEN have been instrumental in many of the organization's legislative efforts including the Daylight Savings Time issue. Here Livingston County farm leader, Mrs. Andrew Jackson, presents Rep. Thomas Sharpe with stacks of petitions to keep Michigan time unchanged.

COMMODITY PROMOTION



A **"COUNTRY KITCHEN COOKBOOK"** — and a basket of all-Michigan farm products for recipe ingredients were presented to Governor Romney during Michigan Week by Mrs. Maxine Topliff, cookbook editor, and MFB president, Elton Smith.

Women learn — HAPPINESS IS... A SAFE YOU

"Happiness is a safe YOU" was the theme of the 37th annual Michigan Safety Conference Women's Division meeting held at the Lansing Civic Center, April 20.

For the Farm Bureau Women, Happiness is having their state safety chairman crowned "Mrs. Safety — 1967." This honor went to Mrs. Eugene DeMatio, West Branch, chairman of the Farm Bureau Women's state safety committee for the past several years, and third member of the Women's executive committee.

The crowning was a highlight of the Women's Division program. Each year the Mrs. Safety award is presented to the outstanding woman volunteer worker in the area of safety education and accident prevention, nominated by her club or organization. "Lou" was nominated by the Michigan Farm Bureau Women. She was crowned by her predecessor, Mrs. Harry Hazard, Detroit, last year's "Mrs. Safety."

First runner-up was Mrs. Philip McCabe, Dimondale; second runner-up was Mrs. John Richard, Farmington.

Mrs. DeMatio was chosen on the basis of her leadership in promoting the slow-moving vehicle emblem, defensive driver program, safety legislation, driver education, and the training of county Farm Bureau leaders to conduct sound, working safety programs in their own communities.

In addition to her activities in Farm Bureau safety programs, she is also a representative on the board of the Michigan Rural Safety Council and served on the steering committee for the 1965 and 1966 Michigan Women's Conferences on Traffic Safety.

Speakers at the conference included Gerald Woolever, Jr., assistant Civil Defense coordinator and medical self-help instructor from Midland, who discussed "Common Emergencies and What to do" — William Covert, Michigan State University Highway Traffic Safety Center, speaking on "Natural Laws and the Driving Task," and Miss Regina Zinn, Junior Achievement National Safety Director of the Year.



MRS. SAFETY OF 1967 is Mrs. Eugene (Lou) DeMatio, Farm Bureau Women's state safety chairman. She was crowned by her predecessor, Mrs. Harry Hazard, Detroit, at the 37th annual Michigan Safety Conference, held in Lansing, April 19. Runner-up in the annual contest was Mrs. Philip McCabe (left), Dimondale. Lou was selected for this honor as the woman who has contributed most to the cause of safety.

YOUTH ACCENT AT DISTRICT 5

Emphasis was put on understanding the young farmer at the annual spring meeting of District Five Farm Bureau Women.

Melvin Woell, manager of the Information Division of Michigan Farm Bureau, spoke to the group on the subject, "25 and Under." He introduced such new products to his audience as instant bean soup powder, a paper dress, and cereals.

"The things on the mind of the young farmer are not the same things the older farmers worry about," Mr. Woell said. "Today's new breed of farmer watches the demands of organized labor and how the consuming public supports and tolerates demands for 50 cents and \$1 per hour raises, without losing its public image."

He concluded by saying that farmers have hope for the future of agriculture, and are anxious to speak for themselves in preserving their business of farming and the freedoms they enjoy.

Another highlight of the program was presented by a panel made up of four young farm wives — Mrs. Linda Jennings, Genesee County; Mrs. Nonda Webber, Ingham; Mrs. Carolyn Sands, Clinton, and Mrs. Shirley Rowe, Ingham. The young women, who had spent two days in January getting acquainted with the Michigan Farm Bureau and its affiliated companies, were enthusiastic about the valuable services offered to members and expressed particular interest in Farm Bureau activities where both husband and wife could participate.

— AND CAMPTIME, TOO!

GLOWING reports from Women's Holiday Camp

"Highest attendance and best spirit in many years" was the report from the Farm Bureau Women's "Holiday Camp," sponsored by Districts 1 and 2 at Wesley Woods, April 5 and 6. Theme of the annual camp, "Go and Grow," had a third word added — "glow" — as leaders described this year's event as a "huge success," with attendance from counties as distant as Macomb and Monroe.

The camp is held annually by the women in Districts 1 and 2, in the southern part of the state, to give all Farm Bureau Women, and their urban friends, an opportunity for a welcome change of scenery, a chance to relax, and at the same time, gain valuable information and inspiration.

An action-packed program ranging from craft instruction, good food and fun to inspirational vespers and speakers on several pertinent subjects, kept the 50 attending women busy for two days and one night at the wooded, lakeside camp site.

Speakers included Larry Ewing, Field Services Division manager, Michigan Farm Bureau, who told campers about the role of Farm Bureau Women today, and Maurice Hunt, field representative for the Attorney General, State of Michigan, on the topic of "Consumer Protection."

The Michigan traffic accident situation was discussed by Mrs. Leota Westfall, specialist from the Highway Traffic Center, Michigan State University. Slow-moving vehicle emblems, an area in which Farm Bureau Women are particularly interested, received much attention. Concern was expressed regarding methods to inform urban drivers of the meaning of the emblem. It was the opinion of the group that if the life-saving emblem is to be effective, the public must be informed.

Steve Van Slyke, director of Broadcast Services for the Michigan Farm Bureau, helped answer this problem as he presented TV filmclips, now being used by all television stations in the state, of the slow-moving vehicle emblem. Campers recognized their state safety chairman, Mrs. Lou DeMatio, as she reminded her husband, Gene, not to go out on the highway without the emblem on his tractor.

"Our New Lakes and Streams Laws" was the topic of Craig B. Smith, Submerged Land Executive for the Department of Conservation. The speaker is the son of one of the long-time camp leaders, Mrs. Jesse Smith, Kalamazoo County.

This year's camp committee included Mrs. Dorothy Kramer, Hillsdale, chairman; Mrs. Nellie Moe, Jackson, secretary; Mrs. Gladys Hard, Branch; Mrs. Gladys Ross, Calhoun; Mrs. Estelle Donihue, Hillsdale; Mrs. Verna Ashfal, Jackson; Mrs. Hope Sawyer, Lenawee, and Mrs. Louise Smith, Kalamazoo.



TRAFFIC LAW TEST — is given to the 50 attending campers at the Farm Bureau Women's Holiday at Wesley Woods, by Michigan State University safety specialist, Mrs. Leota Westfall. Most of the women passed the test with flying colors.



A GIFT FOR MRS. SMITH — A jar of sorghum from "down south" is presented to camp pianist Mrs. Jesse Smith, Kalamazoo County, by Steve Van Slyke, director of broadcast services for the Michigan Farm Bureau. Mrs. Smith's organ music is frequently used on the "Farm Bureau at Work" radio programs.

TUSCOLA GROUPS SEND SOAP

By Mrs. Ford Boyne,
Chairman, Tuscola
Farm Bureau Women

The "Soap for Vietnam" project of the Tuscola County Farm Bureau Women concluded this month was a real success.

Thirty-four five pound packages of soap were airmailed to an Army Captain stationed in Vietnam.



MRS. FORD BOYNE

Community Groups of Tuscola County supplied the 170 pounds of bar soap and the county Farm Bureau Women paid the postage.

The Army Captain will distribute the soap to the children of Vietnam, and in many cases, he will have to show them how to use it, for these children have never seen a bar of soap.

It is the hope of the Tuscola County Farm Bureau Women that the soap will help rid some of the children of the many sores which cover their small bodies.

-ACTIVE, EFFECTIVE



Reaching the Public

Farm Bureau Women, concerned with the lack of understanding of farm economics on the part of the average non-farm consumer and voter, formed a new action group in 1966 called the Understanding and Information Committee—known appropriately as the U and I Committee.

Their title was selected in recognition that if YOU and I know more about each other, this exchange of information will bring about understanding and therefore WE can better work together.

The projects have included successful "Press Relations" tours and visits during which they reached out to the non-farm public through contacts with members of the news media. This has been one of their most effective methods of telling the story of agriculture and Farm Bureau. They have brought national farm leaders, such as Roger Fleming and Mrs. Haven Smith, into Michigan to help them tell this story.

They believe, too, that an effective way to reach a public's heart is through its stomach—and the public has heartily responded to such events as all-Michigan dinners and smorgasbords. This is a "language" they understand and appreciate.

The Women are also concerned about the ability of farm people to speak effectively for themselves, realizing that the best kind of public relations is the "project and report" kind. Beginning at "home"—on their own state women's committee—they set out to learn the best techniques to use in projecting the most effective reports possible to the non-farm public.

At a special conference, they studied various methods of communications and communications aids, and went home better equipped to report in person on radio and television, before city officials and political leaders, visiting with civic and luncheon clubs, church and school groups.

Recognizing that many otherwise qualified farm spokesmen need the kind of encouragement that comes from working with others of similar talent, the Women sponsored "Speakers' Bureaus" for Farm Bureau members, leaders and officers to help them become better agricultural spokesmen. Plans call for another series of Speakers' Bureaus in the fall or early winter.

Equally effective have been information meetings held with the Extension women, Garden Clubs, and other women's clubs, where Farm Bureau Women and women of other organizations sit

down together and informally visit about the things they do, the things in which they believe, and the areas in which they have a common interest.

At the helm of the U and I Committee has been Mrs. George Southworth, Huron county, chairman of District 6 Farm Bureau Women. Her committee consists of Mrs. B. H. Baker, Saginaw; Mrs. Florence Carpenter, Tuscola; Mrs. Francis Campau, Kent, and Mrs. Richard Wieland, Antrim.

WORKSHOP THEME SET

"How to Strengthen our Women's Activities in Farm Bureau" will be the theme of a workshop scheduled for Farm Bureau Women's leaders at Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant, June 20 and 21.

This training meeting is especially planned for state, district and county Farm Bureau Women's Committee officers—chairmen, vice chairmen and secretaries—and such special chairmen as legislative, citizenship, safety and information.

Advance reservations should be made with Helen Atwood, Coordinator of Women's Activities, Michigan Farm Bureau, Lansing 48904, no later than June 12.

Cost per person will be \$15 which includes meals for the two days and overnight lodging.

"The Farm Bureau Women's executive committee is planning an exciting and worthwhile workshop to assist our women in their leadership roles in Farm Bureau," reports Miss Atwood.

"We feel sure that the workshop will be constructive and extremely helpful to the women. We encourage participation of all women's officers and committee chairmen and look forward to representation from every county," she added.

A number of informative and inspirational speakers are scheduled for the two-day meeting.

SAFETY-FARM AND HIGHWAY

By Mrs. Eugene DeMatio
Chairman
State Safety Committee

This year, the Safety Committee held two statewide safety workshops, sent a monthly newsletter to safety chairmen, promoted the use of the slow-moving vehicle emblem (and sold 35,000 of them), promoted the Driver Improvement Program, and supplied counties with resource people, films, brochures, and information on current safety legislation.

As for future plans, we will remain alert to the safety needs of our farm people as well as inform our urban friends on safety issues and needs. Some of our future projects will be participation in Farm Safety Week, July 23-29, driver education, studying the feasibility of flameproof clothing, assisting with the Michigan State University research on Michigan rural accidents, and of course, maintain our active interest in traffic safety.

One of my personal "pet projects" which I hope to have explored is motorcycle safety. There is much to be done to insure the safety of the motorcycle driver and a need to educate the automobile driver on how to cope with this mode of transportation.

The "motorcycle age" is here and it's a challenge which we must try to meet. Many parents are being coaxed and cajoled into allowing their boy or girl to own and operate a motorcycle. It is our duty to know the facts, the rules and laws, and then to help enforce them.

On April 19, it was my privilege and honor to be crowned "Mrs. Safety for 1967." I want all Farm Bureau members to know that I was very proud and happy to accept this title in their behalf. When a person receives an honor such as this, you can be sure there are many people behind the scenes whose efforts and joint cooperation made it possible.

My special thanks go to the membership, to the state Safety Committee members—Mrs. Desie DeGroot, Mrs. Catherine Root, Mrs. Dorothy Hendricks and Mrs. Margaret Welke—and to all the county safety chairmen for making my job such a pleasant and rewarding one.

Women Remember... "There are no Strangers"

By Mrs. Wm. Scramlin, Chairman
Michigan Farm Bureau Women

Rural women in Michigan will have the opportunity to prove the saying, "There are no strangers, only friends we have not met," when the Associated Country Women of the World hold their triennial conference on the campus of Michigan State University, September 3-14, 1968.

The Associated Country Women of the World is the only world organization of country women. It represents six million country women and homemakers of nearly 80 countries on five continents.

Unlike most organizations, no programs are dictated from it. The member organizations exist first in their own right, keeping their own characteristics and pursuing their own activities. By remaining independent they have more to contribute to other countries.

The aims of ACWW are many, including improvement of rural conditions and better homes everywhere in the world, promoting good will, friendship and understanding between countrywomen, and to be a voice for women in international affairs.

It assists in arranging "exchange programs" with groups in other countries; it helps offer hospitality to country women when they visit other countries; it brings news in the bi-monthly magazine, "The Countrywoman."

The ACWW keeps the woman's point of view before the United Nations on such matters as food, nutrition, education and social problems. It provides scholarships through the ACWW Lady Aberdeen Scholarship project, and now there is a new project for Colombia where a school will be built to train Home Economics teachers.

A national or state women's organization may become a member of ACWW by paying yearly dues of \$10. It is supported mainly by "Pennies for Friendship," an idea conceived by an American to give every individual member an opportunity to contribute a penny a year in addition to official dues by organizations. This gives all women of the world, no matter from what background, a chance for personal contribution.

These "Pennies for Friendship" go to pay for finance of the Triennial conferences, to operate the central office in London, England, publish the "Countrywoman," send a representative to the United Nations, and travel expenses of officers.

President of the ACWW is Mrs. Aroti Dutt of India, a charming woman educated in England and very learned in the needs of rural women. She always dresses in

beautiful Indian saris and these are of natural silk in lovely, exciting colors.

This June, the Michigan Farm Bureau Women, Extension Women, and Farm and Garden Women will be host to Mrs. Dutt when she visits Michigan State University and prepares for the coming meeting.

Mrs. Haven Smith, our national Farm Bureau Women's chairman, is one of the two deputy vice presidents. In this position she does much in furthering better understanding between America and other countries.

For the meeting in the fall of 1968 at M.S.U., each member society in the United States will have five voting delegates and 30 accredited visitors. All county Farm Bureau Women's Committees will be asked for nominations of women who would like to attend this two-week conference. These women will have to assume their own expenses and they would be chosen as our accredited visitors.

The state Women's Committee will choose the five voting delegates. Rules will be decided upon for the selection of these women at our meeting in June.

Our Farm Bureau Women have been asking what part they can play in the coming triennial meeting. First is the money that we will contribute to the general fund for entertaining ACWW. We have, as of today, given \$500 which was taken from our International Fund. This year we will add to this amount.

Some women may decide they would like to have a guest in their home for a two or three-day visit after the conference. Families living within a 30 mile radius of Lansing may wish to have a guest for a few hours on Sunday, picking them up for dinner and returning late in the afternoon.

I hope our members will become better acquainted with the purpose and history of ACWW and become concerned that guests to Michigan will find us congenial hosts, showing real dedicated Americanism.

Scholarships Awarded

The Farm Bureau Women's Scholarship Committee was faced with the difficult task of choosing the young people most deserving of those who applied for their Practical Nursing and Michigan State University scholarships this year. Interviews between applicants and members of the scholarship committee, May 4, resulted in the naming of: Joan Jonckheer, Fowlerville, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Peter Jonckheer, for the practical nursing scholarship -- and Nancy Mills, Holly, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Osmum Mills, for the M.S.U. scholarship.

The scholarships are awarded each year by the Michigan Farm Bureau Women, who are now working to raise funds for the Marge Karker Scholarship, to be available to students enrolled at M.S.U. in the field of agriculture or related fields, veterinary medicine, medical technology, teaching, or nursing.

Members of the Scholarship Committee are: Mrs. Ardith Wieland, Mrs. Dorothy Baccus, Mrs. Mary Edith Anderson, Mrs. Maurine Scramlin, ex-officio, with Mrs. Maxine Topliff and Mrs. Bertha Johnson serving on the Marge Karker Scholarship Committee, and President Elton Smith representing the Michigan Farm Bureau Board.



WOMEN PROMOTE — MICH. FOOD PRODUCTS

Farm Bureau Women, proud of their part in Michigan's great agricultural abundance, authored a "Country Kitchen Cookbook," featuring 43 commodities and over 300 family-tested recipes. The unique cookbook contains product promotion for each of the commodities, a salute to Michigan

agriculture, and an explanation of Farm Bureau, in addition to the many unusual recipes contributed by county Farm Bureau women. What other cookbook offers the cook an opportunity to read interesting facts about Michigan rhubarb while she bakes her pie? Where else can she find a recipe

for onion shortcake or carrot cookies?

Under the direction of Mrs. Jerold Topliff, former state women's committee vice-chairman, counties selected a particular commodity grown on their farms and submitted recipes using this crop. Clinton County, for example, contributed recipes using peppermint and spearmint.

Michigan dairy products, Michigan cherries, Michigan apples, Michigan flour, Michigan beans — these and many more of the

state's farm products are promoted within the pages of the "Country Kitchen Cookbook" and the Farm Bureau Women are especially pleased with out-of-state sales. They believe that few "outsiders" realize that Michigan grows such a great variety of foods and comes closer to completely setting the family table than any other state.

Over 9,000 "Country Kitchen Cookbooks" have been sold by the Farm Bureau Women. A limited number remain and may be ordered through county wo-

men's chairman or from Miss Helen Atwood, Michigan Farm Bureau, 4000 N. Grand River Ave., Lansing 48904, for \$1.50.

June is Dairy Month. It's also the month of brides. Each new homemaker who starts her "career" with a Country Kitchen Cookbook has a double advantage: recipes from the world's best cooks and an appreciation of agriculture, the important industry that allows her to feed her family better and more economically than anywhere else in the world.

DREAMS TURNED INTO REALITY BY FARM BUREAU WOMEN

By Mrs. Hope Spencer
Cass County Reporter

Over 15 years ago, the Cass County Farm Bureau Women's Committee wished to have a vital part assisting with a community project which they considered worthwhile. This project was the Cass County Center Building.

After some deliberation, we decided to set up a barbecue stand at the county fair. We rented a small building near the grandstand and on the first day of the fair, we were open for business. These barbecues have become a by-word among the fairgoers.

As the years went by, our business grew—but it was not always smooth sailing. As usual there was the weather which was sometimes most uncooperative. Once we were nearly flooded out of business.

Then came the year we had to find a different building. One of our Farm Bureau families donated the use of a brooder house. How we worked to get it moved, cleaned and painted before fair time! It looked very inviting that first morning of the fair, as it sat near the midway proudly displaying its new coat of yellow. We had room back of the building for a few tables and chairs where our customers could relax their tired feet and enjoy our good food.

As the Cass County Fair expanded, there was a growing need for eating places on the grounds. We moved to a concession booth underneath the grandstand, enlarging our menu to include breakfasts and short orders.

Some of our food was solicited. Until last year all of our pies were donated by the Cass County Farm Bureau women. Each local group sent four workers along with the

pies. These workers came at a certain shift designated to them before the fair dates.

Each year the major portion of our profits from the food booth have been presented to the County Center Building fund. We are represented on their board by one of our committee women.

Our gratitude is extended to the various chairmen who have served so faithfully, to the Cass County Board of Directors who have given us full support and assisted in so many ways, to the women of the county Farm Bureau who have been so gracious with their time and to the Farm Bureau youth who waited on tables, ran errands and helped in so many ways. Without the cooperation of these people throughout the years, we could not have accomplished the degree of success we now enjoy.

The Cass County Center Building is now erected. The finishing touches are being added. A dream has become a reality—and the Cass County Women's Committee is proud to have a part in this outstanding project.

By Mrs. Ray Postma, Chairman
Chippewa County Farm Bureau Women

"That could never happen here" is the oft-repeated phrase heard in the Upper Peninsula. But Mrs. Helen Marshall, wife of the local Civil Defense director and herself past director of the Genesee county Civil Defense, told the Chippewa County Farm Bureau Women that *it could happen here.*

She told the women that the "tornado watch" was issued five times last year for this area, and that the "tornado belt" was moving northward.

We were convinced that this information should be presented to all residents of our area, and Mrs. Marshall agreed to teach a class in "Emergency Preparedness in a Natural Disaster."

From this meeting in April at least three community programs have been planned. Near the Soo, two groups are planning a joint information meeting and in the Ruyard area, Farm Bureau Women belong to the ambulance corp which is also active in this type of program.

A joint effort is being made to make this a community-wide project. *We are happy that we can do this for the community because it strengthens Farm Bureau's image as well as educates the public. In other words we are serving a double purpose, and for this we are justly proud.*

TRIBUTE TO PAST CHAIRMAN

One of the outstanding members of the Chippewa County Women's Committee is former chairman Mrs. Bob Sims, known to us as "Kitty." Under her leadership in 1965-66, our county accomplished many things, includ-

ing an exchange day with Charlevoix county, a "Christmas in July" booth at the Soo sidewalk days, sponsorship of a Miss Chippewa County, participation in the "Share-A-Loaf" program, and sending two delegates to the Freedom Conference.

We also presented gifts to the patients of an old people's home and to the long term care patients at the Soo, as well as many other interesting and informative monthly programs.

We pay tribute to her not only as an outstanding Farm Bureau worker, but also as the "special" kind of person she is in her home and community.

Besides being a devoted mother to her own three children, she is also a "substitute mother" to a neighbor girl, doing her weekly laundry as well as that for an elderly man in the community. She has canned and frozen over 600 quarts of garden produce for the needy.

In her spare time she has served as a Cancer Fund representative. These are some of the reasons we are proud of Kitty, a real asset to our Women's Committee and to our community.

By Mrs. Elizabeth Ritchie,
Secretary, Alcona County
Farm Bureau Women

Early in our existence, in 1950, the Alcona Farm Bureau Women recognized the need for a convalescent home in their county. They proceeded to work by committee, by inquiry of the various ways to secure one. Farm Bureau members Mr. and Mrs. Herman Knight built one known as Lincoln Haven, and the Women presented the Home with a walker, and later with money to be used for cosmetics for the patients.

In 1954, attention was called to the need for a bookmobile for our schools. We asked townships to help with contributions, and the response was tremendous. Today Alcona County is proud of its library—among the first in its class in our state.

Other projects include contributions to the Pearl Henderson Memorial Nursing Fund, the Mickey Campbell Leukemia Fund for Research, purchase of "America, Its People and Their Homes" for exchange students, and the book, "The Naked Communist" for our county high school.

From the beginning, the Alcona Women have served on the Cancer Fund, helping stock its loan closet, furnishing pillow cases and a mattress, made bandages, etc. We also helped with Red Cross and the Sister Kenny Foundation.

We have participated in the sale of the County Kitchen Cookbooks, and have given clothing for the Galilean Orphan's Home



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Like Mother—Like Daughter!

November 10, 1944, Michigan State College: At the 25th annual meeting of the Michigan State Farm Bureau, a motion has been made from the floor to have a Farm Bureau women's organization. The motion carries.

Ten years later, the woman who made that history-molding motion commented: "I did not visualize the great organization it would become." Who was she and what prompted her to make this motion?

She was Mrs. Claude Burkhart of Livingston County, well known in her Howell community as a vital and enthusiastic woman who exemplified her Christian principles in many positions of leadership. She was a strong believer of stewardship of the soil and felt a responsibility toward agriculture.

Her drive and dedicated efforts were extended to urban as well as rural activities as she served in various offices for King's Daughters, Garden Club, the Howell Women's Club, Women's Christian Temperance Union, and as a Sunday School teacher. She and her husband were active members of one of the original community Farm Bureau groups, and Mrs. Burkhart was the first chairman of the Livingston County Farm Bureau Women.

In early 1944 she attended a Farm Bureau regional conference in Indiana with a group of Farm Bureau women and Jack Yaeger, at that time director of the Membership Division of the Michigan Farm Bureau, and later to become Executive Secretary.

She was impressed with the dynamic leadership shown at this meeting and learned what an important part women can play in making the organization effective,

especially in the area of legislation. She came home determined that the women of the Michigan Farm Bureau should have this opportunity.

This "pioneer," who made the motion at the 1944 meeting, died in 1959, but she left behind a heritage which is now proudly and effectively carried on by her daughter to whom she once told, "Always be proud that you are a farmer's daughter."

Mrs. Andrew Jackson, current chairman of the Livingston County Farm Bureau Women, followed her advice, because, you see, Mrs. Burkhart was her mother. "I was proud to be a farmer's daughter and now I am proud to be a farmer's wife," she says.

The Jacksons live on the same farm as her parents and her grandparents before them. Mrs. Jackson inherited her mother's drive and dedication. Her efforts on the petition drive to exempt Michigan from Daylight Savings Time, and her recent performance as a member of the important state Resolutions Committee, are just two examples.

As Mrs. Burkhart was a pioneer of the Michigan Farm Bureau Women yesterday, so is her daughter, Mrs. Jackson, a pioneer of tomorrow.



FIRST WOMEN'S CAMP held in Barry County at Algonquin Lake in 1948 attracted a good attendance as evidenced in this 20 year old photograph. Mrs. Leon Dunning was county women's chairman then; Mrs. Belle Newell, state chairman, was one of the speakers.

SMALL IN NUMBERS —LARGE IN ACTION

By Mrs. Clifford McNally
Chairman
Marquette-Alger
Farm Bureau Women

Since Marquette-Alger takes in a lot of territory and has fewer members per square mile than most other counties in the state, our Farm Bureau Women's Committee tries to educate this part of the Upper Peninsula to the fact that farmers and Farm Bureau are a working combination to make farming a going business.

One method we use to do this was a Michigan Week display of the Farm Bureau Women's "Country Kitchen Cookbook" and a poster telling of the many food crops raised in our state, with the percentages of the gross national product.

This year we plan to incorporate the slow-moving vehicle emblem along with other ideas for a Michigan Week project.

\$2,000 WORTH OF EMBLEMS

By Mrs. Wesley Huyser
Chairman
Kent County
Farm Bureau Women

Promotion of the slow-moving vehicle emblem has proven to be an interesting project for the Kent County Farm Bureau Women.

Sales were rather slow when we began introducing them. But about mid-March, sales zoomed faster than we could fill the orders. To date, Kent County alone has sold well over \$2,000 worth.

A few days of "spot" announcements on our local radio stations seemed to be helpful in informing the public.

Again, Farm Bureau was able to save dollars for farmers. It was obvious that most farmers compared prices with their implement dealers and found Farm Bureau's prices were cut almost in half.

Next time Mr. Farmer asks, "What has Farm Bureau done for me this past year?" — he can add the slow-moving vehicle emblem to the already lengthy list of savings in dollars — and in lives.

"Know Your Farm Bureau" Is Barry County Project

In 1944 the Barry County Farm Bureau had two directors on their board who saw the need for a women's committee in their county. These two women — Mrs. Walter Hobbs and Mrs. Leon Dunning — accepted the challenge and started their organization work. Their first meetings were held in the homes of various members and before long Barry had one of the most active committees in the state.

They held their first women's camp in 1948. This became an annual event and is still held at the original location — Y.M.C.A. Camp, Algonquin Lake. A look at the first camp program indicates that problems and interests remain much the same, with "Farm and Home Safety," "Health is Everybody's Business," and a discussion on rural-urban affairs as part of the 1948 program.

The spotlight was on Barry County Farm Bureau Women in 1948 when Mrs. Lewis Spieldener won the state public speaking contest on "A Farm Women Looks at Her Problems." The following year another Barry County woman took second place in the state contest when Mrs. Maurice Craig spoke on "What Farm Bureau Means to My Family."

In 1958, attention was again focused on Barry County as the women began their "braided rug" project. It took 18 months of hard work to make the huge rug which was sold to a Detroit woman. The money from this sale, plus that of many small braided rugs, serving Michigan breakfasts, and countless other projects, went toward

financing the remodeling of a basement conference room in the Farm Bureau office building, the room where the women now meet each month.

The past few years, their program emphasis has been on "knowing Farm Bureau." They have sponsored young people to the Citizenship Seminar, taken tours to learn more about the raising, processing and marketing of farm products, and had speakers on all the various areas of Farm Bureau.

Their current project is learning more about the Associated Country Women of the World in preparation of the triennial conference to be held at Michigan State University in 1968.

Mrs. Gerald Smith, current chairman, points with pride to the scrapbook kept by Mrs. Dunning through their years of progress and to the women who made their program a success. Mrs. Smith explains, "As we go through the scrapbook, we see the names of so many women who have worked hard and long for the organization without recognition. Those in office could not have done the job without their help."

Champion Saleslady!

The Oakland County Farm Bureau Women nominate as their "aren't we lucky to have her on our team" candidate — Mrs. Grant Beardslee, better known as Blanche to her many friends.

Mrs. Edward Bourns, county Women's chairman, reports that Mrs. Beardslee was the "champion saleslady" in their area for selling the Farm Bureau Women's "Country Kitchen Cookbook" — 225 at last count and still going strong.

"Blanche contacted young urban homemakers and her city friends, showing them how fortunate we are in Michigan with its over 50 food crops, all illustrated by recipes in the cookbook," said Mrs. Bourns. "Whenever she goes to a meeting of the D.A.R., the Michigan Pioneer Historical Society, or church activities, she carries along a Country Kitchen Cookbook which can be produced at a moment's notice."

Mrs. Beardslee was recently honored at the Oakland County Farm Bureau Women's "Husband's Night" for her outstanding work and presented with a copy of the cookbook autographed by the state women's chairman, Mrs. Wm. Scramlin, also from Oakland County.

"Mr. and Mrs. Beardslee are truly Oakland County pioneers as the present farm located in Clarkston has been home for this energetic couple for 54 years. Never an idle moment for these two as gardening in the summer and refinishing furniture in the winter keeps them busy," Mrs. Bourns reports.

"Farm Bureau Women can move forward with willing workers such as Blanche Beardslee," she concluded.



MRS. BEARDSLEE

ANTRIM

For the past eleven years, Antrim County Farm Bureau Women have been making monthly visits to the Traverse City Hospital to take a party to the patients in their "adopted" ward there. The women also have a special Christmas party for these patients each year.

Antrim Women are also proud of their slow-moving vehicle emblem campaign. "Much credit goes to our county chairman, Mrs. Robert Arnold, who personally delivered display boards all over the county, contacted industries that use tractors and implements, and handled advertising, orders and deliveries," says Mrs. Dorothy Conant, county news reporter.

MICHIGAN AND IOWA

Mrs. Wilford Bunyea, Wayne County Women's vice-chairman, reports that their county 4-H recently entertained the Iowa 4-H, and the visitors were presented with "Country Kitchen Cookbooks," featuring home-tested recipes using Michigan-grown food crops.

Each year the Wayne Farm Bureau Women serve the meals for a day at the county 4-H fair. During the winter months, they have two county-wide pot-luck suppers and a "fun night" — which Mrs. Bunyea describes as a huge success — for the entire family.

MONEY FROM SMORGASBORD

The Bay County Farm Bureau Women's Committee held a smorgasbord in January to raise money for their project fund. From this fund, they bought materials to make cancer bandages. Committee secretary, Mrs. Louis Walter, reports that the various groups have now made 550 dozen bandages.

Another project of which they are proud is the truckloads of items taken to the Traverse City State Hospital. At Christmas, they also buy many small gifts for the old people at the county medical center.

FARM WOMEN SPONSOR MANY SIGNIFICANT PROJECTS

By Mrs. Harold Butzin, Historian
Saginaw County Farm Bureau Women

Adventures in citizenship and international understanding have highlighted programs of the Saginaw County Women for several years, with special emphasis on health and safety, tax reform, marketing, rural-urban relations and youth work.

We have sent delegates each year to the Young People's Citizenship Seminar at Camp Kett, fulfilled our building fund pledge of \$1,000 for the Farm Bureau dormitory at Camp Kett, enjoyed working in the promotion of the annual Freedom Conferences, and have had representatives on the Washington Legislative Air Tour since its inception.

We have had the privilege of entertaining visitors from other lands in our homes and at our meetings. Many exchange students from Europe and South America have shared our women's potluck dinners, where we have discussed together family living and school education, and exchanged ideas on fashion and food.

We had two visitors from Santiago, Chile, and many from the countries of Europe, and we learned much from the teachers who came here from West Germany in 1963.

We made a friend from Tanganyika, East Africa, Mrs. Phoebe Mushi, a teacher educated at a Lutheran Mission who had received a grant from her government to study at Columbia University. She visited our state through the efforts of the United Church Women. Her great enthusiasm to learn endlessly new ideas to take back to Africa was reflected in the things she did while she was here.

These people who come to visit us from half a world away reach out to embrace what we have

here — our liberties and personal freedoms, our right to travel from sea to sea without passport or military sanction. They probably notice, too, that many are not as strong with the "responsibilities" as they are with their "freedoms."

More than likely, much of what we women do in Saginaw is a mirror of the state pattern. I'm sure that other women felt as we did when, on our television screens recently, we saw our state safety chairman on her tractor with the slow-moving vehicle emblem and saying, "The life you save may be my husband's" — a rewarding moment in the history of Farm Bureau Women.

CLARE TRIBUTE

By Mrs. E. J. Baumann
Chairman
Clare County
Farm Bureau Women

Edith (Mrs. Winston) Raymond and Clare County Farm Bureau Women are synonymous. Our members salute her as Clare County's candidate for the "pioneer" honor roll.

Edith has devoted many years

as an officerholder of the Women's Committee. She was the original chairman when Clare County organized in 1953 and since that time has held that office intermittently for a total of five years. Since the organization of this county she has held an office of some sort on the Women's Committee all but three years and even then she was always on hand to help.

Edith has not limited her activities to the county as evidenced by the fact that she was just re-elected Secretary of District 8, an office she has held for the past seven years.

As the farmers wife she is, she has taken an active part in the operation of the dairy farm she and her husband own in Clare County. She is active in Church affairs and also is township treasurer.

We are proud to have her for a friend and fortunate to have her for a member.

GENESEE

By Mrs. Edna Tiedeman
Genesee County Reporter

Since the Genesee County Farm Bureau Women were organized in 1946, we have had many interesting programs on education, legislation, citizenship, social work, medical interest and recreation.

Talks on national, state and county affairs of interest have been regularly scheduled to acquaint members with the problems in question. For example, one of our outstanding meetings occurred when Mrs. George Rom-

ney, wife of Michigan's Governor, spoke to us in 1963 regarding "The New Constitution."

Our annual programs include a Men's Day, tour to a place of interest, an auction of baked goods and other donated articles, and dinners to reimburse the project fund. A "birthday box" is passed each month and Christmas donations are given to the Retarded Children's School.

Through the efforts of all the women who have given of their time and work, our county has had successful years and friendships to remember.

For the 20th anniversary celebration of Michigan Farm Bureau Women in 1946, one of our members, Mrs. Gladys Ames, wrote a special song for this event.

In her words, "For in any need, women help or lead; Farm Bureau knows that this is so . . . and whatever the goal, women have a role in the future of our Farm Bureau . . . May we keep an upward pace knowing well that's the way we must go . . ."

MACOMB "PIONEER"

By Mrs. Leonard Eschenburg
Chairman
Macomb County
Farm Bureau Women

The Macomb County Farm Bureau Women select as their "pioneer," Mrs. Celestine Young, who served as our chairman for six years.

Mrs. Young was also District 3 Farm Bureau Women's chairman from 1957-1961. She worked on the Blue Cross program for a number of years and was active

in organizing new Community Groups in our county. She is on the Public Relations Committee of our county board and has been active in the membership drive for many years.

The Youngs have been farmers all their lives, are retired now and still live on their farm home, where they recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Mrs. Young still attends our women's meetings and currently serves as our safety chairman. We think she is worthy of honorable mention on the Farm Bureau Women's "pioneer" list.

KALAMAZOO

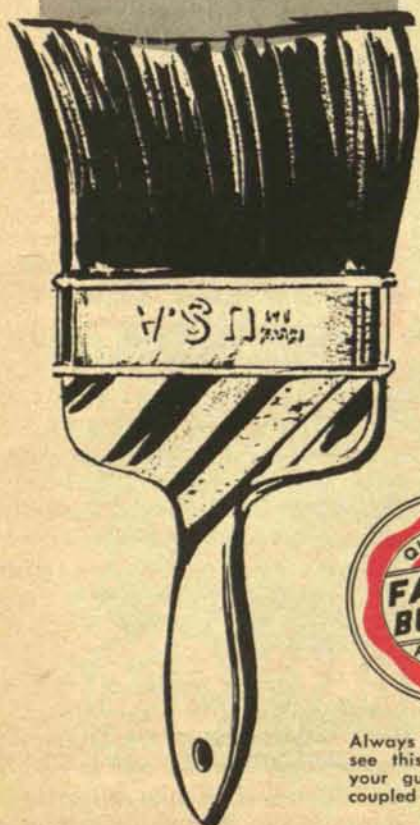
The Kalamazoo County Women's Committee honors Mrs. Roy (Helen) Buckham as one of their outstanding Farm Bureau Women.

According to Mrs. Lawrence Rhoda, committee chairman, Mrs. Buckham joined Farm Bureau in 1920 and has been an active member ever since. In the fall of 1938 she helped organize the first community group in Kalamazoo County, a group which is still meeting today, nearly 30 years later.

Mrs. Buckham served as county Farm Bureau secretary from 1942-1945, was on the Farm Bureau board for many years, and was delegate to the state convention several times. She still regularly attends the community group and women's meetings.

"Mrs. Buckham has helped Farm Bureau grow in our county, and has seen it do many things for farmers," reports Mrs. Rhoda.

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LIVINGSTON WOMEN consider their Christmas workshop one of their most unusual and successful meetings. Christmas ideas and demonstrations are displayed by (left to right) Mrs. Alan Campbell, vice chairman; Mrs. Andrew Jackson, chairman; Mrs. Clifford Van Horn, past chairman; Mrs. Harold Armstrong, treasurer and Mrs. Howard Jenks, secretary.

Cherry "Jewel" Sale

By Mrs. Myron Eggleston,
Chairman, Benzie County
Farm Bureau Women

There are several activities of the Farm Bureau Women's Committee in Benzie County of which we are proud, but two that stand out as being particularly outstanding are the cherry jewelry sale and the "Fun Fair."

In the summer and fall of 1961 the Benzie County Women's Committee undertook the sale of cherry jewelry — bright red plastic cherries in earrings, bracelets and necklaces — for the benefit of the Scholarship Fund. We earned about \$77 from the sales, not a large amount, but it contributed to the new project which has since helped three young people to begin college and is now available for further assistance.

Our "Fun Fair," held for the purpose of exhibiting the women's handiwork, featured a bake sale and a table of antiques. There

was also a White Elephant table and another for plants.

The fair combined money-raising with the fun of showing what arts and crafts there were in this area among the farm women. It was a pleasant surprise to find how many talents were uncovered.

There were some unusual exhibits: handcrafted jewelry of silver, native stones and sea shells; table mats and stationary decorated with pressed flowers or tatted designs; ceramics, paintings, knitted, crocheted and woven articles.

We served coffee, punch, cookies, and tiny decorated sandwiches at a beautifully appointed table. The affair was held in the parish hall of a local church and drew a good crowd.

Benzie County is now looking forward, not backward, to a new surge of interest coming from our newest group of young farmers and their wives. They are already very active and enthusiastic and we expect great things from them.

MONTCALM

By Mrs. Earl Herzog
Montcalm County
Women's Committee

The Montcalm County Farm Bureau Women salute as their pioneer, Mrs. Carl (Bertha) Johnson for her years of service to Farm Bureau and Farm Bureau Women.

The Johnsons joined Farm Bureau in 1945 and have been active members since that time. In early 1949, Mrs. Johnson helped organize the Montcalm County Women's Committee and was appointed chairman, an office she held for three years.

She was also secretary of the county Farm Bureau Board from 1950 to 1957, and served as Women's District chairman for 4½ years. In addition to serving on many county Farm Bureau committees, she has also been on the state Resolutions Committee and is currently serving on the state Marge Karker Scholarship Committee.

We are proud to submit the name of Bertha Johnson as our Farm Bureau Women's "pioneer."



ST. CLAIR WOMEN held a successful rural-urban event in the form of an all-Michigan smorgasbord which was attended by over 300 persons. Women's committee members (from left) Mrs. Wm. Reid, Mrs. Frank Burrows, Mrs. Russell Draves and Mrs. Roy Lindsey, watch as regional representative Duane Suggden, lights the candles on this table of Michigan-grown food.

Religion-Schools-Health

PROJECTS OF
N. W. MICHIGAN

On December 27, 1944, Mrs. William Hoolihan, appointed chairman for the Northwest Michigan Farm Bureau Women, met with a group of women to discuss projects for their newly-organized program. They felt a need for work to be done in the areas of religion, schools and health.

When the county board of directors met for a planning session in January, 1945, Mrs. Hoolihan (Harriet) presented their recommended projects and the directors accepted them. From that day on, the Farm Bureau Women of Northwest Michigan have worked with dedicated efforts to realize their goals.

Mrs. Hoolihan went on to become the first District 9 chairman and helped organize women's committees in all counties of her district. She was founder of the first leadership training camp, which continued annually for 20 years, with Mrs. Hoolihan acting as director for five of the 20 camps.



MR. & MRS. HOOLIHAN

"Her attendance at meetings is something of a marvel," explains current Northwest women's chairman, Mrs. James Call. "She attended all council meetings in Lansing while she was a member for three terms, and has missed only three district and six monthly meetings in the past 23 years."

Mrs. Call points out that the Northwest Michigan Women are proud of their "pioneer" — Mrs. Hoolihan, and recognize her for "her untiring efforts to keep us a strong organization."

**LENAWEE YEARS
SHOW SUCCESS**

The Lenawee County Farm Bureau Women rang up another success in their series of outstanding projects over the years when they held their annual Mother and Daughter Banquet, April 28.

Mrs. Hope Sawyer, county women's chairman, welcomed 170 mothers and daughters, including special guests, Mrs. Lavern Kramer, district chairman, and her daughter Norma of Reading.

The event featured "The Gospel Lanterns" of Cadmus Church, and Miss Ruby Yeutter, who spoke on "Memories of My Mother."

Gifts were presented to Mrs. Hulda Ahlemann, 94 years young, mother of Mrs. Elwyn Marks, and to Andra Jayne, two month old daughter of Mrs. David Heimerdinger.

Madison High School cafeteria was gaily decorated with nylon net baskets and corsages by the Fertile Acres Community Group.

The dinner was served to the ladies by the Lenawee County Farm Bureau men!

CHICKEN BARBEQUE—IN OTTAWA COUNTY

ATTRACTS STATE
WIDE ATTENTION

By Mrs. Edward Langeland
Ottawa County Reporter

During the past several years, Ottawa County Farm Bureau Women have been active in numerous activities, including our annual chicken barbecue which has attracted many well-known political figures from our Michigan Legislature, as well as local dignitaries and Farm Bureau friends and neighbors.

The proceeds from these have been used for Farm Bureau activities and the past three years the Women's Committee has underwritten the cost of sending two delegates each year to the Young People's Citizenship Seminar at Camp Kett.

The Women's Committee in their bi-monthly meetings have had a variety of interesting speakers on such subjects as education,

health, traffic safety, police protection, legal matters, insurance, tornadoes and other disasters, Michigan and its history and Exchange students.

Their annual tours have taken them to the Gerber plant at Fremont, the Wolverine (Hush Puppy) shoe factory at Rockford, the American Laundry and Dry Cleaners in Grand Rapids, the egg marketing plant in Jenison, and the Grand Valley State College in Allendale.

Another big event was the Rural Urban Day in 1965 when city guests were taken on a tour of three farms — a fruit farm, a celery farm and a dairy farm.

The Women's Committee entered a float in the annual Fourth of July celebration in Allendale, and won second prize for their "Let Freedom Ring" entry.

Last, but not least, the Women's Committee always provides all the good food at the Ottawa County Farm Bureau annual meetings.



CHICKEN BAR-B-Q in Ottawa County annually attracts large crowds of both rural and urban people. Enjoying the food and the company are Michigan Farm Bureau President and Mrs. Elton Smith, from neighboring Kent County.

AGRICULTURE IN ACTION

— — PICTORIAL REPORT

TEN THOUSAND HENS



"FRESH FANCY QUALITY" eggs, featuring the poultry operation of the John Cutler farm near Plainwell, was the subject of a recent "Accent on Agriculture" television production of the Michigan Farm Bureau Information Division. Interviewing Mrs. Cutler is broadcaster, Steve Van Slyke.

GLADWIN



YOUTH FOR UNDERSTANDING—Exchange student Pat Walch of Beaverton appeared before Gladwin County Women to tell them about his summer in Denmark. The women contributed to the youth program.

ACWW NEWS



HELEN ATWOOD, Women's Coordinator, tells of the Associated Country Women of the World triennial meeting to be held in Michigan in 1968, for the "Farm Bureau at Work" radio network.

MONEY CORSAGES



PENNIES FOR FRIENDSHIP—in the form of "money corsages"—a money-making project for ACWW, were presented to District 3 chairman, Mrs. Mary Edith Anderson, by Livingston county women Mrs. Virginia Campbell, Mrs. Mary Bullis and Mrs. Claudine Jackson.

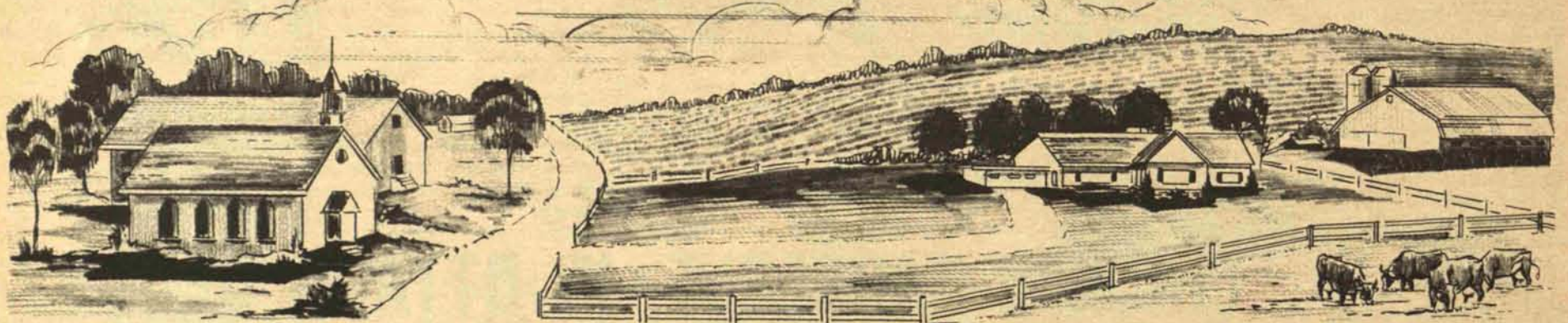
NEW CHAIRMAN



HANDING OVER THE GAVEL—Mrs. Lou DeMatio presents her gavel to the new district chairman of 10E Women, Mrs. Margaret Kartes (center), Ogemaw County, and new district vice chairman, Mrs. Deanna Stevens, Montmorency, following elections at their spring meeting.

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-TO BOTSWANA-

Lyle Murphy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Murphy, Sr. of Portland, has been selected to go to Botswana, Africa as an International Farm Exchange delegate under the sponsorship of the National 4-H Foundation. An active Farm Bureau member from Ionia County, Murphy is a senior at Michigan State University where he will graduate in June with a degree in Vocational Agriculture Education.

Murphy was an active FFA member at Portland High School and participated in 4-H through its Service and Key Club and Junior Leader programs.

In addition to local Farm Bureau activities, Murphy served on the State Farm Bureau Young People's Committee for four years. The Farm Bureau Cafeteria at the Ionia Free Fair is a favorite spot for Lyle. He served as Man-



LYLE MURPHY

ager for the 1966 fair and will act in the same position during the fair on August 5-12, 1967.

Departure time for Botswana will be September, 1967.

BLUE SHIELD REPORTS GAINS

Michigan Blue Shield, a private, pre-payment medical care plan, has an impressive record. It had the largest gain in enrollment in 1966 among the top 14 Blue Shield Plans and protects more than half of Michigan's population—4,191,171 people!

Medical service benefits paid by Blue Shield in 1966 were \$120,819,000—\$13 million more than in 1965. Michigan Blue Shield's operating expenses were 6.7% of subscription income, this economy equalled by none of the eight largest Blue Shield plans in the United States. Without increasing rates, non-group protection was extended from 30 in-hospital medical days to 120 days.

These advances reported by Michigan Blue Shield were accompanied by a warning from Dr. John Wellman, board chairman, who said that such advances can come in private, not government programs.

"Illness and disease cripple without regard to person, place, or time. The cost of quality medical care is beyond the capacity of the average American to pay,"

OCEANA

In 1941, a group of Oceana farm women met for a discussion of the Associated Women of the American Farm Bureau. At this meeting, the group decided to organize. With this action, reports Mrs. Forrest Dunham, New Era, they became the first in the state to organize, and were known as the Associated Women of the Oceana County Farm Bureau.

Their original aims were to "enlist all Farm Bureau women in a program to strengthen the organization, and develop a sense of membership responsibility, to promote all forms of community betterment, and assist in developing a strong program for rural folks."

SANILAC

The Sanilac Farm Bureau Women salute Mrs. Delford (Irene) Henderson as one of their "pioneers." According to Mrs. Howard Mahaffy, Sanilac reporter, Mrs. Henderson was and still is "the kind of person that no matter what you ask her to do, she says 'yes'."

In addition to serving as women's chairman from 1945-47, she also served as Legislative Committee chairman, organist, song leader, and is currently Information Chairman.

"If more women were as active in Farm Bureau as Irene is, there would be no problem in getting leaders to carry on the Farm Bureau Women's program" Mrs. Mahaffy said.

DON KINSEY RETIRES

Completes
20 years

"UNCOMMON" MAN

A familiar figure to Farm Bureau people throughout the state retired June 1. He is Donald D. Kinsey, Director of Education and Research, well-known as the writer of the monthly Community Group discussion topics and Package Reporter, special feature articles for the Michigan Farm News, author of "Farm Bureau History in a Nutshell," and numerous articles promoting the American way of life, for which he won a Gold Medal Award from the Freedom Foundation.

Respectfully and popularly referred to as "Dr. Kinsey," he was the "counselor" at Farm Bureau Center in Lansing to whom everyone came when they needed to know the facts about something—Farm Bureau philosophy, history, agricultural statistics, human behavior problems, economics—whatever the area in question, Don, it seemed, had the answer—or knew where to find it.

Recently Don wrote an article about the "uncommon man," which encompasses his philosophy in life which so distinctly left its mark on the Farm Bureau organization which he served for 20 years.

"I Would Like to Have Been . . ." Should a fellow feel satisfied when he approaches the end of his active service in life? Well, I don't. It disturbs me that I have not been able to be a more uncommon man.

Why should I be unhappy to be just a common man? Frankly, I do not like to get lost in the crowd—to do only what the "crowd" does, and nothing more!

Doing only what the crowd does is to react under the drug of monotony—to lack originality

and ingenuity. Moving only according to the passive push of the crowd prevents the launching of new and different plans and blocks any exploration of new frontiers.

It is far more fascinating to be different than to be regimented in the stiff goose-step march of Main Street regiment, wearing a plume just because "most people do, you know!"

It is perfectly clear that "the uncommon men" of history did most to move mankind along the road to progress. They were men who begged to differ with the world, who did not do things just because to do them was to fulfill the approved way. They recognized that even freedom held something of the art of being different—an individual!

The honor roll of human history bears the names of many uncommon men—Jesus Christ, Copernicus, Galileo, Magellan, James Watt, Abraham Lincoln, Billy Mitchell. Their greatness was not measured by the applause meters.

Often they were unpopular or even persecuted for being different. But they would not sell mankind short simply because more people thought that they were wrong than thought they were right.

I would like to have been one of the more uncommon men.

There are many who knew him, personally or through his writings, including the Farm Bureau Women for whom he was a great "booster"—who believe that, indeed, Don Kinsey was and is an uncommon man.



DON KINSEY worked with Farm Bureau Women in leadership training. Here he briefs the state committee on the effective discussion approach.

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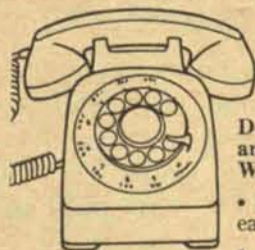
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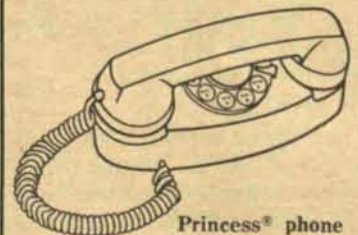
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Terrific Time Tangle Reed Reviews Time-Case Facts

STILL UNRAVELING

What's the time? Who knows? Now or tomorrow—or in 1967? Michigan's time is in a tangle!

Whether the State shall stay on Eastern Standard Time, as the law passed by the Legislature in March provides or shall shift to double daylight saving time as a small delegation of petitioners demand—that's the burning question.

Early in this legislative session, over 200,000 petitions were filed by Farm Bureau and allied groups asking the Legislature to exempt Michigan from the Federal Uniform Time Act of 1966. The Legislature and the Governor responded favorably.

Through late March and early April opponents circulated petitions to call for a referendum vote on the issue and to set aside the act of the Legislature. There were less than two-thirds of valid signatures in this case than in the petitions calling for the passage of the exemption.

If the petitions for a referendum vote are accepted as valid, vast legal disagreements arise as to whether Michigan would keep on Eastern Standard Time or shift to double daylight time before the election in November 1967, when the referendum would be held. Even legal "higher-ups" disagree on this.

The State Board of Canvassers met on May 10th, and decided that the petitions, which would set aside Michigan's exemption law until a referendum is held, needed further examination. They would meet again on May 24th. Factions in the legislature held that the Board of Canvassers did not need to decide on the petitions' validity until shortly before the election of November 1968.

Another faction, along with the Attorney General, held that the Board must make this decision promptly. If the decision were delayed, Michigan would stay on Eastern Standard Time. A decision that the petitions were valid would put the state on double daylight time until the referendum in November 1968.

The Michigan Farm Bureau has entered a case in Michigan's Court of Appeals contending that the petitions calling for a referendum vote on the issue in 1968 do not properly fill the constitutional requirements for a referendum petition.

The people's right to act by referendum on an act of the Legislature can suspend a law, as a rule until the voters have decided. But the normal situation is that the "status quo" of the law remains in force.

In the present case, suspension of the law would change the status quo—throw Michigan onto a new time—contrary not only to the act of the Legislature but also to the time which has been customary. In other words, this petition for a referendum reverses the status quo!

The Court threw out the Farm Bureau's appeal that the referendum petitions were not constitutional since they would change the status quo before the people had had a chance to vote. But the Court did respond to an appeal for another delay until hearings could be held regarding the validity of signatures on the petitions.

On May 23rd the ruling was passed that the State Board of Canvassers could not pass judgment on May 24th on this question until the Court had held

hearings on the matter. This hearing was set for June 9—so Michigan stayed on Central Daylight time for another month.

Now, if you are colossally confused about this issue, talk to almost any legislator, judge, member of the Board of Canvassers, lawyer or broadcast announcer and he will demonstrate that you do not suffer alone.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

A group of 26 members of the House of Representatives have made clear their feelings concerning efforts to stampede the state board of canvassers into hasty action in certifying petitions calling for placing Michigan on double Daylight Savings Time.

The following representatives stated their position in "House Concurrent Resolution No. 103: Stacey, Weber, Powell, Buth, Ford, Del Rio, Mrs. Elliott, Vaughn Bradley, Kok, Woodman, Strang, Spencer, Cyril H. Root, Sharpe, Tisdale, Engstrom, Groat, Marshall, Hellman, Robert W. Davis, Charles J. Davis, Heinze, Geerlings, Jacobetti, Pears and Allen.

The resolution states, in part, "Whereas the State Board of Canvassers has been chastised by the Attorney General for 'failing to carry out' certain statutory duties relative to the certification of such referendum petitions, and

"Whereas a certain House concurrent resolution has been introduced requesting the State Board of Canvassers to perform its statutory duties and to follow the advice of the Attorney General relative to its narrow function of determining the validity of the referendum petition, and

"Whereas, under the Michigan Election Law it is clearly spelled out that the State Board of Canvassers has certain duties of a judicial nature which go beyond the narrow scope of its administrative duty of determining the validity of petitions, and

"Whereas, the election law clearly states that the State Board of Canvassers may hold hearings upon any petition filed or for any purpose deemed necessary by the board to conduct investigations on the petitions, and that the board may also adjourn from time to time for other necessary purposes; and

"Whereas, in view of the fact that there are several pending court actions relative to the referendum on this matter, the State Board of Canvassers is acting well within its statutory rights in not hastily carrying out its statutory duties, the only legal element being that the board shall complete its canvass at least two months prior to the election at which such proposals are to be submitted, which in this case is not until November 1968. . . ."

At this point, the resolution asked that the membership of the Michigan Legislature respectfully "concur in the performance of the State Board of Canvassers."

Editor, The State Journal:

Recent statements, articles, radio and television newscasts and letters to the editor indicate the need for stating same facts in regard to the retention of our Michigan time:

1. Referendum petitions, signed by about 1.5 per cent of the people of Michigan, are before the Board of Canvassers. The Board must officially declare "the sufficiency or insufficiency" of the petitions and may "hold hearings upon any complaints filed or for any purpose deemed necessary by the Board." The Board has the power to issue subpoenas and administer oaths. That its responsibility is much greater than just a count of names is spelled out in Michigan's Election Law.

2. An official declaration shall be made by the Board at least two months prior to the referendum.

3. This issue has raised a number of new legal questions as well as questions of fact. At least three suits are pending on questions to which answers are needed.

4. Michigan Farm Bureau would welcome the opportunity for the people of Michigan to vote on the time issue, and has frequently said so—although I have not heard this covered in the numerous and extensive radio-television coverages of this subject.

5. As in other situations where a referendum is involved, we should remain as at present until the people vote two years later! Such a situation, created by the signatures of a small 1.5 per cent of the population, would be intolerable rule by minority.

6. When Congress passed the 1966 Act, it specifically provided for "local option" by providing that a State might act to exempt itself. Without this provision, it is safe to say the Act would not have passed. Because Michigan

From Lansing State Journal
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DISCUSS TIME ISSUE—Rep. Lionel Stacey (R) talks over his resolution H.C.R. 103, also signed by 34 others, with Farm Bureau Legislative Counsel Bob Smith. The resolutions sets the record straight on the duties and responsibilities of the State Board of Canvassers.

is and has been on fast time, all year around, for more than 20 years, the Legislature, with bipartisan support, passed and by a two-thirds vote gave the necessary immediate effect to S.B. 1. This had the effect of keeping Michigan on the same time it has had and in the same relationship it has had to New York, Washington and Chicago for the past 20 years. Half of the year we are in tune with New York and half with Chicago, and Michigan does business with both.

The Legislature held hearings in different parts of the State . . . in Detroit, the Upper Peninsula, Southwest Michigan and Lansing. Over 200,000 people (more than signed the referendum petitions) petitioned the Legislature to pass the bill.

7. House Concurrent Resolution No. 103 has been introduced by Rep. Stacey, of Benton Harbor,

and 25 other House members, of both parties concurring in the action of the Board of Canvassers in not panicking under pressure.

Yes, Mr. Editor, it is true that court actions are costly, but farmers are fighting an even costlier possibility of loss of crops. When farmers can find help, the workers want to work the hours prevalent in the community. If the crops aren't dry enough to handle until 10 a.m. or later, and the crew quits at 5 p.m., it makes for a short harvest day and more crops lost.

Michigan farmers have to compete in the marketplace with farmers in other States where "fast time" simply means bringing the clocks to where Michigan is all year around.

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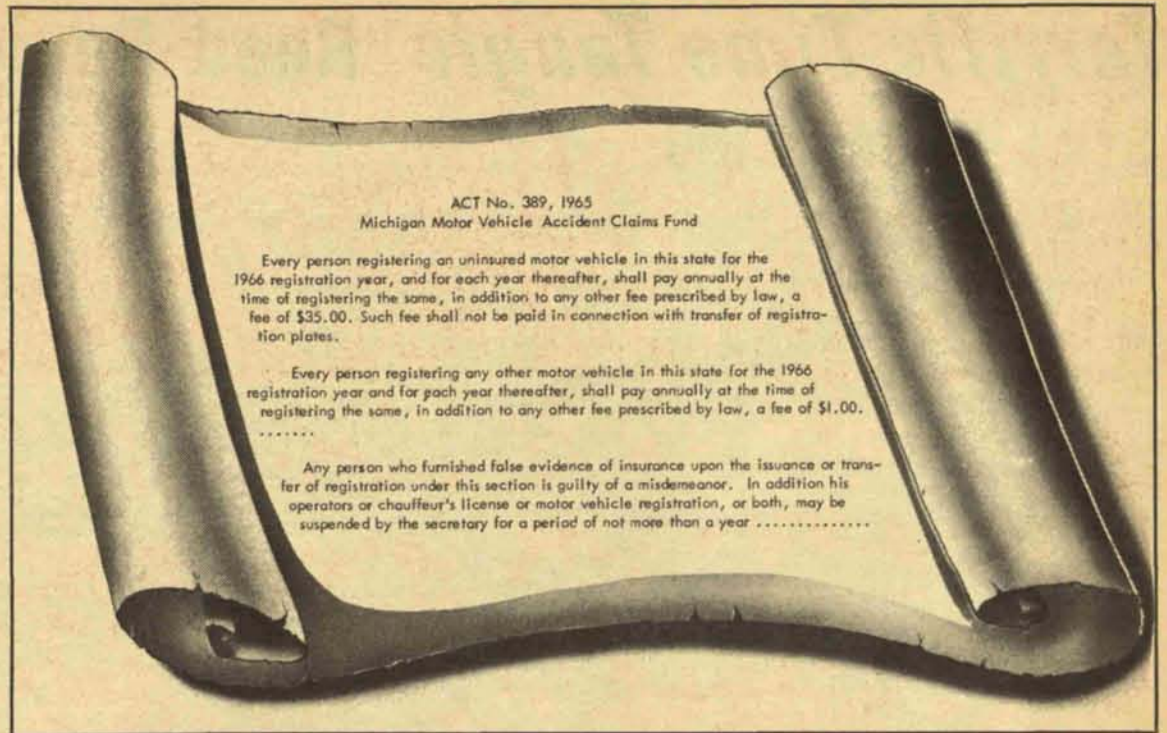
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DISCUSSION TOPIC

ALL ABOUT THE...



UNINSURED MOTORIST FUND



The Act establishing the Uninsured Motorist Fund was passed by the Michigan Legislature on October 25, 1965. It became effective on January 1, 1966.

The passage seemed "rather sudden" to many Michigan motorists. Not much discussion of it had gone on in public circles — and suddenly, there it was!

Citizens found out about it, first hand, when they went to get their 1966 license plates. The owner had to produce a certificate or other proof that he had auto liability insurance in force. If he had satisfactory proof of being insured, he paid a \$1 fee toward The Uninsured Motorist Fund, plus the regular license fee.

If he had no proof of insurance, the penalty was a \$35 fee plus the plate costs.

What does this fund do for motorists in general — and for the person who pays the \$35 fee? Actually, for the still uninsured motorist it does NOTHING beyond permitting him to operate a motor vehicle.

He has no personal protections from the Fund — no benefits that are included in normal insurance coverages. If he becomes liable for an accident, the Fund does not even help to defend him, and his troubles are compounded.

The aim of The Uninsured Motorist Fund is to assure that motorists will carry insurance. The Act did have some effect. Insurance coverages went up 200% immediately after the Act was passed. This gives motorists better financial protection on Michigan highways.

There are two ways in which the Fund may provide payment where a motorist has a damage or injury claim against an uninsured motorist.

1. If the uninsured motorist admits that he was at fault and is liable for the accident, and if he wants to sign an agreement to pay back to the Fund the amount paid in settling the claim, the Fund will make immediate payment to the person making the claim.

Where this happens, the uninsured motorist loses his license plates and his driving privileges until he has repaid the Fund in full — or agrees to repay on a schedule acceptable to the Fund. These requirements do not cause these people to stampee to admit their fault! No, indeed!

Where a citizen enters a claim of liability against an uninsured motorist, the Secretary of State notifies

the accused by certified mail that the claim has been filed. If the uninsured motorist does not protest the claim or the charge of liability within thirty days, the Fund may pay the claim and take similar action against the uninsured motorist to recover the money.

If the uninsured motorist denies his liability, the Fund can only notify the citizen having the claim to proceed with court action, if he sees fit. The law does not deny the uninsured motorist his chance for "a day in court," where proof of responsibility is in question.

2. A person suffering damage may file suit in court directly, without first appealing to the Fund. If a court judgment is obtained against the uninsured motorist, application may be made to the Fund for settlement by the lawyer of the claimant. If the claim is in proper order, payment will be made.

The Uninsured Motorist Fund has a hit-and-run provision and a stolen car provision. A person suffering loss must file a notice of intent to make a claim against the Fund within one year. The hit-and-run provision does not cover property damage. Property damage recovery is possible in general accident cases (with a \$200 deductible) but not in the hit-and-run situation. For one thing — was "the hit-and-runner" an uninsured motorist?

The Uninsured Motorist Act provides that to give false evidence of being insured is a misdemeanor. It is punishable by a fine of \$100 or 90 days in jail — or both. False evidence of being insured also brings the loss of the guilty person's license plates and driver's license for one year. This penalty also becomes effective if the motorist cancels his insurance or is found driving without paying the Uninsured Motorist fee or failing to obtain proper insurance.

The Fund covers everyone that becomes involved in an accident with an uninsured motorist — even pedestrians.

The fees of \$1 and \$35 are the only source of revenue to the Michigan Uninsured Motorist Fund. No other taxes are collected to cover claims and costs. Administrative costs must be covered from monies collected, of course.

The Uninsured Motorist Fund is established in offices in Lansing, employs a full-time administrator and staff. Customary operating costs are to be expected.

In Michigan, a court judgment against the Fund is not necessary to allow for the filing of a claim against the Fund. In states where such judgments are necessary to allow a claim, the Funds go broke fighting such judgments in courts.

People raise the question whether the Fund will just "pile up money" without need or without actual coverages of claims. Such questions must be dealt with without being hasty! The program is not yet in full swing so that the actual cost experience can be fully known.

It is true that only \$310,000 was paid out by the Fund in 1966, while \$10,670,000 was collected by October 30th, 1966. But the \$310,000 paid out is no indicator of the rate of loss the Fund will face in the future. A backlog of unsettled claims is building up in 1967. In some states, where the fees were cut because of low rates of loss in the early stages, the Funds went broke in a hurry. So, Michigan should not be hasty.

Many ask the question, "Well — how can the fund lose, when the law requires that the uninsured motorist who is found liable shall repay the Fund in full for its losses?" But one must remember that, however the law may read, most of the losses are uncollectable. The old expression is that "you can't get blood out of a turnip."

The uninsured motorist is the person who was fundless to begin with — and that is why he is uninsured, for the most part. As such programs in other states have progressed, the Funds have had trouble keeping ahead of their losses. Up to now, the Michigan Fund has set a proper course for itself.

Probably no protest by most motorists would be heard at all — except for the fee of \$1 added to his license fees. But it can be considered that the insured motorist has a new source of protection from uninsured motorists that is worth the extra dollar he contributes to this new Michigan Fund.

With highways becoming crowded with all kinds of drivers, the motorist needs all the forms of protection he can get.

NEXT MONTH

INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND
SOME CURRENT PROBLEMS

What about Workmen's Compensation?

Effective July 1, 1967, nearly all agricultural employers in Michigan will be required to provide Workmen's Compensation benefits for employees:

1. Farmers who employ three or more employees for 13 or more consecutive weeks will be required to provide full Workmen's Compensation benefits.
2. Most farmers who employ *any part-time labor* will be required to provide partial Workmen's Compensation benefits.
3. The State Insurance Bureau has ruled that the necessary insurance can be provided only with a separate Workmen's Compensation policy.

Farm Bureau is ready to provide Workmen's Compensation insurance for most farmers. The program which has been developed includes broad coverages - at minimized rates.

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Ann Arbor	663-3141	Hillsdale	437-2458	Paw Paw	657-3350
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