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1960

Secretary of Organization, G. W. Blanchard, submitted his resignation and Melvin Hayenga was hired to succeed him.

The topic of migrant labor headlined a policy development meeting held in La Grange by the Cook County Farm Bureau.

The University of Illinois reported that a farmer needed \$12,500 of gross income and \$5000 of net income to earn a quality living, up substantially from the previous decade.

The USDA announced a research project to create a fuel additive, ethanol, using surplus corn.

Lake Cook Farm Supply announced it would start selling lawnmowers to members and friends.

Orion Samuelson was named farm director for WGN radio.

Samuelson Named WGN Farm Director

Orion Samuelson, who was born and raised on a 200 acre dairy farm in western Wisconsin, and has been in radio since 1952, has been appointed farm service director of WGN, Inc.

The announcement was made today (Sept. 10) by Ward L. Quaal, vice president and general manager of WGN, Inc. Mr. Samuelson was introduced to the crowd attending the Heart of America Farm Power Show near Gibson City, Illinois, and to listeners on a WGN-Radio broadcast originating from this annual event.

1961

The Board of Directors began meeting at various locations within Cook County including the buildings as the IAA offices moved to Bloomington.

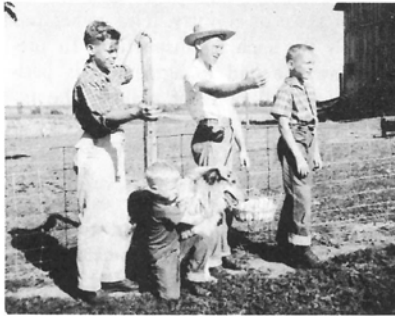
Cook County Farm Bureau farmers and staff met with area legislators on farm issues.

The Farm Bureau sponsored a meat-cutting school.

1962

The Co-Operator ran a guest editorial by Ronald Reagan entitled "Encroaching Government Control".

**Cook County "Farmer
To Farmer" Project
Receives Credits From
Washington, D. C.**



Cook County Extends a Helping Hand

The Illinois Sports Festival (bowling, softball, trapshoot, etc.) gained tremendous popularity amongst Cook County Farm Bureau members. Pictured is a CCFB bowling team that won state!

Womens Team - Young Adult Class



*Left to right - Lavonne Tatgenhorst,
Janet Linnemann, Eileen Bochmann,
Esther Goebbert and Joanne Hoyer.*

The activities of the Women's Committee increased in the area of farm product promotion.

WOMENS COMMITTEE DEMONSTRATES USES OF COTTAGE CHEESE



The Cook County Farm Bureau Womens Committee put on a cottage cheese demonstration at various stores in Cook County.



With each purchase of cottage cheese the ladies gave out cottage cheese recipe booklets. Approximately 600 boxes of cottage cheese were sold during the aft-



noon and evening operations.

The ladies deserve credit for the fine job they did in these demonstrations.

1963

The Farm Bureau held a petition drive to show that vegetable stands were a necessary business to serve the public as the Cook County Zoning Board considered a proposal to amend the zoning ordinance to put vegetable stands out of business.

1964

The Slow-Moving-Vehicle emblem was adopted and began being sold through Lake-Cook Service.

A property appeal and tax assessment meeting was held for members in regards to the rising property taxes for farmers in the county.



It was reported that the Illinois Tollway Authority broke all records for revenue, profit and volume of passenger cars and that the Tollway would begin the retirement of bonds in accordance with Gov. Kerner's directive to return the roads to the public as a freeway as soon as possible.

The Cook County Farm Bureau sponsored a meeting of 180 farm men and women and representatives of food processing and distributing firms to help individuals get acquainted and to learn more about the industry.

1965


Farm Bureau president, Henry Eichholz, announced the resignation of Melvin Hayenga to become manager of the Quality Vegetable Growers Association. Larry Miller was selected as the new Secretary of Organization for the Cook County Farm Bureau, coming over from the DuPage County Farm Bureau.

FB members attended a Senate hearing supporting a bill that would protect members of a producers' co-operative association from discriminatory practices solely because he is a member of such association.

Farm Bureau members donated over \$200 to poverty-stricken Chilean children for Christmas.

1966


Farm Bureau manager, Larry Miller, began writing a column entitled "Looking Up" in *The Co-Operator* to keep members up-to-date.



LOOKING UP

with Larry Miller

THE MOREL MUSHROOM



Very few people in Northeastern Illinois are familiar with a wild delicacy native to our state. It bears the unlikely name of Morel. A Morel is a mushroom. To the right of this column there are two pictures which will give you an idea of the unique appearance of the Morel.

Don't be misled into the common misconception that mushrooms are good only with steak, onions or pizza. Morel Mushrooms (forgive me beef and pork farmers) qualify for the main course of any meal.

The Morel grows from 2 to 5 inches tall and from 1 to 2 inches in diameter. They are very simple to prepare, either for a delicious side dish or unique main course. Simply slice them in half, flour them and pan fry until crisp.

You will find the Morel principally in timbers and wooded areas along a stream. As the accompanying pictures suggest, they are very distinctive in appearance. If you will visualize a small sea sponge sitting on a white stem, you have a Morel Mushroom.

If you ever get a chance, try one.

Though many individuals and organizations, including the University of Illinois, have tried to produce the Morel, it has resisted all efforts of domestication. The only way to enjoy the Morel is to walk the timbers til you find them.

The Farm Bureau lobbied support for Illinois Revenue Reform on the November ballot to amend the state constitution to enact an income tax and force elimination of the personal property tax.

1967

County Farm Bureau leaders were fighting state legislation that would create more financial authority within Cook County including allowing a county to shift funds from motor fuel tax receipts and allowing the county to create a wheel tax (defeated in this go around).

The Cook County Farm Bureau Softball Team led by pitcher Harry Stuenkel finished 3rd in the state!

A column pointed out the concern of imitation milk products, wheat flour replacement, plant-based meat products and soybean oil substitutes.

1968

CCFB Board member, Leonard Schultz, joined other farmers from across the country in Washington, D.C. to advocate for the Farm Bureau's national policy positions.

Larry Miller announced his resignation as Executive Secretary of Organization to become part of the field staff for the American Medical Association. IAA District Fieldman, Gordon Fox, was selected to replace Miller.

1969

The Cook County Farm Bureau Marketing Committee held a Roadside Stand Marketing Conference attended by 127 members.

The Women's Committee planned a Defensive Driving Course through Country Companies and the National Safety Council.



Gov. Ogilvie announced that the State of Illinois was on the brink of bankruptcy.

Cook County Farm Bureau hosted 49 State Representatives and Senators in Springfield at a reception to get better acquainted and to discuss farm issues.

The CCFB sent correspondence to all candidates for the Con Con (Constitutional Convention) and provided information to members, encouraging them to vote.

President Eichholz received a gold vest in recognition of membership acquisition and gain as a part of the AFBF 50-year anniversary.