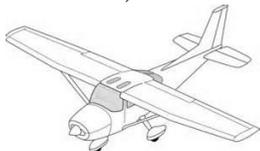


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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DECEMBER 8, 2018: MFF DINNER MEETING, 12 Noon at the Flap Jack Restaurant, 6927 S. Cedar St., Lansing, MI, exit 104 off I-96, Turn left (South) on Pennsylvania, then left onto Cedar St., restaurant is .4 mile on the left.

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Duane Dysinger - MFF Secretary-Treasurer

I guess it is time for another newsletter article and also the last of October. Where does the time go:

Back in September we attended the Region 3 annual meeting in VanWert, Ohio. There were over 30 in attendance with eight of us from Michigan. We had interesting tours and a lot of fellowship. In attendance was our IFF Duchess Rhonda Bohrer with her husband Dale, and the new IFF Secretary/Treasurer Diana Billheimer who installed all the officers. Our meetings were held at the Black Angus restaurant down town. Stepping into the restaurant, you were first greeted by a massive Black Angus Bull in the lobby. (He was definitely not a steer).

Sunday morning we left early so as to make a 10:00 a.m. church service back at our old stomping grounds near Ypsilanti. The Stony Creek United Methodist Church was celebrating 175 years of church service in that area. We met some of the old members that were there when Loyola and I moved to Perry 58 years ago.

Harvest is finally under way with the soybeans 50% out and 70% of the corn still to harvest. Our first sign of snow was October 13.

Our latest medical situation was Monday October 22nd when Loyola had a tooth pulled. The extraction went OK at 10:00 a.m. but we had quite a time and couldn't get the bleeding stopped. We ended up in ER at 10:00 pm. and 4 hours later, we were able to leave and got home at 2:30 a.m. Everything is under control now. Her face is swollen and nearly black - so bruised.

We celebrated our 69th wedding anniversary on October 15. Again, how time flies!

Wishing you a Thankful Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas 'til our next newsletter time.

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### A Farmer's "Grace"

A visiting Pastor was attending a men's breakfast in Farm Country. He asked one of the impressive older farmers in attendance to say grace that morning. After all were seated, the old farmer began...

"Lord, I hate buttermilk."

The Pastor opened one eye and wondered to himself where this was going. Then the farmer loudly proclaimed, "And Lord, I hate lard."

Now the Pastor was worried. However, without missing a beat, the farmer prayed on, "And Lord, you know I don't care much for raw white flour, either."

Just as the Pastor was ready to stand up and stop everything, the farmer continued, "But Lord, when you mix 'em all together and bake 'em up, I do love fresh biscuits. So Lord, when things come up that we don't like, when life gets hard, when we just don't understand what you are sayin' to us, we just need to relax and wait 'til You are done mixin', and it will probably be somethin' even better than biscuits...Amen."

## Gary's Gleanings

At our annual meeting in September, the group reelected the same Michigan officers for another year. We're kind of like the energizer bunny...we just keep going, and going, and going! The officers were installed by IFF Secretary/Treasurer Diana with her signature installation process. IFF Duchess Rhonda and her husband were also in attendance at our Region III convention. Thanks to Don Leis and the Ohio Chapter for hosting a good convention.

Harvest started early but then came to a screeching halt. We started to get rain the last of September. It rained 14 out of the next 16 days. We had sunshine and then rain the next minute. It was just enough to keep the soybeans wet. During that time some in our neighborhood changed to corn, I didn't because the weatherman predicted dry weather in 3 or 4 days. So since I plant wheat after taking off some soybeans and the earlier you get the wheat planted increases the possibility of better yields, I wanted to harvest soybeans first. We did finally finish planting wheat about a week ago. The soybean yields are down this year in our area. The corn yields are also down. And the prices for corn and soybeans are also down. I guess that's farming! Not everything is down though. The interest rates on my loans are going up.

For those who don't go south for the winter, we are planning a get together for a meal at the Flap Jack restaurant in south Lansing. That will be on Saturday, December 8 at noon. Just to get out of the house and fellowship with Flying Farmer friends.

In the hustle and bustle of the holidays ahead, we want to remember to take time to be thankful for our many blessings and rejoice in God's greatest blessing of hope we find in the real reason for the Christmas season.

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## Region III Convention - Van Wert Historical Museum



Duchess Report  
at Region III  
Convention  
Business Meeting



## We Pause



Serenely golden are the hills and fields.  
The fruits are gathered and the grains are stored.  
Now autumn sunlight on the tranquil earth  
Is like a benediction of the Lord.



The rush of planting and harvest done,  
We pause to look across the peaceful land  
With gratitude for all the blessings poured  
In rich abundance from God's gracious hand.

Gail Brook Burket



Picture from Ed VanderKolk's Archives



How many of the faces in this picture from days gone by can you recognize?