

Civic Leader To Direct Union Group

The appointment of Mrs. Nancy Pratt Vanderbeek of Birmingham as director of a new kind of educational and political labor council in Detroit was announced today by Jerry Wurf, president of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO.

Mrs. Vanderbeek, a civic and community leader in Birmingham and Detroit, and a former official in the AFL-CIO's Research Department in Washington, will head the newly-created Michigan Public Employees Council 88.

Wurf said it is one of a series of technical councils which AFSCME, the 230,000-member public-employees union, has planned in various parts of the country. Their function will be "to provide union members and local union officers education in trade union principles and techniques, and coordinate the legislative activities of the local unions," he said.

THE DETROIT council will have jurisdiction over the 105 AFSCME local unions in the Detroit Metropolitan Area, which encompasses Oakland, Macomb and Wayne counties.

While at the AFL-CIO from 1952-57, Mrs. Vanderbeek wrote a column on consumer economics for its official newspaper and represented the AFL-CIO at conferences dealing with women workers. Between 1961 and 1964 she lectured on consumer economics for the Labor Program Service of Michigan State University.

Her community and civic activities include terms as chairman of the Public Welfare Committee and the United Nations Committee of the Birmingham League of Women Voters, chairman of the Local Government Committee of the Detroit League of Women Voters, and recording secretary of the Area Service Association in Ferndale (a United Fund agency).

Mrs. Vanderbeek, now the mother of two children, was a Fulbright scholar in 1958. She graduated from Antioch College in Yellow Springs, Ohio, in 1952.

Mrs. Vanderbeek resides at 1220 Lakeside, Birmingham.

Cattle Feeders To Open New Center at MSU

Michigan cattle feeders will combine their annual field day with dedication of the new Michigan State University beef cattle research center on Thursday, August 20.

Tours of the \$330,000 facility, located at Beaumont and Bennett roads south of the main MSU campus, will kick off the morning program at 10 a.m. A total of 40 experimental pens with four kinds of environment conditions will house 480 beef cattle in studies of everyday practical problems confronting cattle feeders.

Besides the test feeding lots, the new beef center includes 11 silos, a metabolism room for basic and technical ruminant nutrition work, a modern feed mixing unit, scales, hay storage, cattle handling chutes, offices and a student assistant living quarters.

FOLLOWING THE morning tours and a noon luncheon, visitors will hear William Farr of Greeley, Colo., discuss "How the Cattle Feeding Business Looks to Me."

Dr. T. K. Gowder, dean of MSU's College of Agriculture will speak on "Research at MSU and the Michigan Cattle Feeder" and Dr. H. H. Nelson, chairman of the MSU animal husbandry department, on "In Appreciation — We Accept the Challenge."

H. W. Newland, MSU animal researcher, will also unveil a new concept in service to cattlemen—"The Michigan Cattle Feeder Handbook"—during the afternoon program. He says loose-leaf notebooks will hold reports relating to the cattle feeding industry authored by MSU scientists and extension specialists. Several new reports will be released during the day.

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