SERIES OF 20 FARM BUREAU LEGISLATIVE RALLIES ANNOUNCED

RECENT CONGRESS FAILED TO ACT ON MANY FARM BILLS

Left Hanging Over at Adjournment

GRAY TO DISCUSS THEM Thompson said.

We're Winning First Rounds; Organization Can Bring Final Victory

The following summary of the final fate of the many important bills of interest to farmers which were left hanging fire when Congress adjourned for its summer recess is of special interest in view of the fact that Chester H. Gray, Washington Representative of the American Farm Bureau Federation, will discuss these matters first-hand as he addresses thousands of Farm Bureau members in the series of 20 legislative rallies beginning August 23 and announced in this issue of the

Washington, D. C., Aug. 12 .- Allough Congress enacted a total of State Farm Bureau President 96 laws and resolutions out of a tal of 13,909 bills introduced at he first session of the Sixty-ninth longress which closed recently many important measures were left ver for the December session. Many zation meets at Lansing, Monday of these measures which were left and Tuesday, August 16 and 17, the insettled are regarded as of prime interests of Michigan farmers will mportance to agriculture and have be defended by M. B. McPherson of

garded in many quarters as the out- compared with city property. anding question which Congress ft unsettled.

The "Truth-in-Fabric" bill did not ach a vote in the last session, but registered important progress, and nator Capper, the sponsor of the easure in the Senate, served notice uring the closing hours of the seson that he would press for its passge at the December session. It made ore progress at the recent session han at any time since it was first inon until the December session.

ttle, if any, objection.

More T. B. Funds Sought Efforts to secure additional funds from the federal government to sup-lement the amounts raised by vaom the federal government to supious states in the fight to eradicate ovine tuberculosis, may be made at he next session. Vigorous efforts vere made by the American Farm Bureau Federation and others to se- Subject Will be Discussed at ure an appropriation of \$6,000,000 nd this amount was agreed to by he Senate, but the House would only gree to \$4.653.000. Several Sentors before agreeing to the conferce report which fixed the amount ck of adequate funds.

Decision of the House Committee County Farm Bureaus of the state. a Agriculture to adjourn its sesas agreed to give this measure pri- October 1. ust as the public stockyards are.

Muscle Shoal Still Puzzles settled and which is likely to pro- McClean, Muscatine, and W. H. Maoke a prolonged and bitter contro- lin, Tama. rsy in the December session, is the sposition of the Muscle Shoals

SAM THOMPSON SAYS WE NEED NEW POLICY

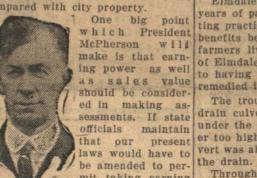
Sam H. Thompson, president of he American Farm Bureau Federaon, addressing the Western Regional Farm Bureau Conference at Nevada recently, described the need Review of Principal Bills for a new agricultural policy in America, and the fight which was made this Spring in Congress to secure legislation necessary as a first step in the adoption of such a policy. Addressing the western group, Mr.

"It seems to me to be self-evident that government policies have in the past, and will in the future, continue to have a profound influence upon the development of a permanent and prosperous agriculture. The radical who proclaims that the farmer's prosperity depends solely upon government action is no more radical than he who maintains that agriculture alone of all industries should not receive aid and encouragement from the government, but should be totally disregarded in the formulation of a general industrial policy.

STATE BOARD OF **EQUALIZATION TO MEET AUG. 16-17**

McPherson to Testify For Farmers

When the State Board of Equalieceived the earnest support of the Lowell, President of the Michigan epresentatives of the farmers at State Farm Bureau, who will offer testimony to show that farm lands The failure of Congress to enact are assessed and equalized at higher dequate farm relief legislation is re- levels than they should be when



on the Senate calendar. It was placed ments, it is expected that the State meeting was arranged between the so on the program of the Steering Farm Bureau Tax Committee will engineer of the P. M. railroad, the ommittee for action before the make this one of the important engineer of the Public Utilities Comose of the recent session, but due planks in the tax reform platform mission and the following members Farm Bureau District Manager Herthe jam incident to the rush to ad- which it will recommend to the State of the Roads and Bridges Committee man Ratering will establish their ourn, the friends of the measure de- Farm Bureau Tax Conference to be of the Kent County Board of Super- headquarters on the Fair grounds so a very responsible one and calle. ided not to press for its considera- held about the middle of this coming visors: Messrs. Weaver, Gruenbau- that they may be available for con-October.

ng standards for baskets and ham- that the first meeting of the State syth. ders for fruits and vegetables, also Farm Bureau Tax Committee will be coes over until the December ses- held at the Farm Bureau headquar- had personally inspected the offend- will be open to everyone and will be of the Legislative committee of three ion. If the bill can be brought to a ters at Lansing, Monday noon, Aug- ing culvert, they were inclined to re- held Wednesday, Thursday and Friote in both Houses next session, it ust 16. At this meeting the prelimexpected that it will pass with but inary plans of the committee will be county at large stand a portion or all clock each day. Cash prizes to memdiscussed and a program of investi- of the expense of lowering the cul- bers will be given, consisting of \$10 gation and research adopted.

DEBATE TAXATION

Fifth Annual Series of Winter Debates

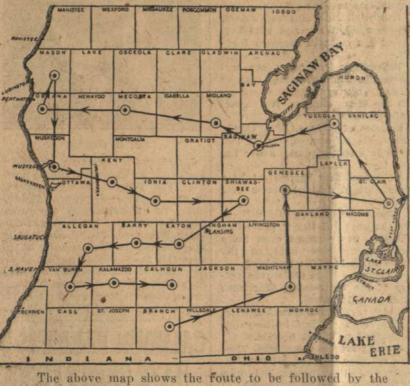
Whether or not incomes rather uthorized at, this figure, served no- than property should be the basis ce that they desired additional ap- of taxation for state revenue will be ropriations during the December the question which Iowa farmers ession, so that the campaign of er- will argue next fall and winter in dication can go on without being the fifth annual state-wide farmers eriously curtailed on account of the debates. This question has just been selected through a vote of the

The exact wording of the question ons until December and conduct is: "Resolved, that the basis of taxaurther hearings at that time on the tion for state revenue should be incoposed amendment to the Packer comes rather than property." Rules nd Stockyards Act probably prevent- for the 1926-27 debates together d this bill from being reported to with a bibliography of reference he House and being placed on the louse calendar before the close of Extension Service of Iowa State Colhe recent session. The Committee lege and will be ready for mailing

rity in its sessions during the De- Rules for the coming debates will mber session, it is understood. The be essentially the same as last winurpose of the bill is to prevent ter. The local intra-county debates ckers from operating large private will be held prior to Jan. 1 and afards near the public stockyards, ter this date the inter-county debates requiring these private yards to will begin leading up to the state me under government supervision championship. The 1926-27 debates are in charge of the state debate council composed of the following Another measure which was left farmers: S. E. Bass, Boone; Gale

-The following figures show the operty now owned by the govern- ever increasing popularity of the ent. The Muscle Shoals Commis-short, economical route to the ocean on appointed by Congress to nego- - the St. Lawrence route. In 1900 ate for bids for the lease of this the cargo tonnage moving through roperty to private interests on terms the St. Lawrence Canals amounted hich were required to be at least as to 1,309,066 tons. There has been a ood as the Ford offer which was steady increase until in 1925 the (Continued on page 3) traffic amounted to 6,206,938 tons.

Where Rallies Will Be Held UNIQUE RECORD IN



State and National Farm Bureau officials who will be the speakers at the big series of 20 legislative rallies announced in this issue of the NEWS.

The circuit starts near Quincy, Branch County, Monday noon, August 23, and ends at Marshall, Calhoun County, Thursday evening, September 2. Afternoon and evening rallies will be held each day.

Study the map, decide which meeting would be most conveniently located for you and then look at the schedule printed elsewhere on this page and see just when and where your rally will be held.

THE NIGHTMARE

NOVEMBER

Elmdale Farmers to Have Drain Benefits

Elmdale, Aug. 12.—After three ears of paying for a drain and getting practically no drainage relief or benefits because of a faulty culvert, farmers living about one mile west make is that earn of Elmdale are now looking forward ing power as well to having this unfortunate situation as sales value remedied in the near future.

sessments. If state drain culvert which was constructed officials maintain under the P. M. tracks was altogethhat our present er too high. The boftom of the cullaws would have to vert was about three feet higher than Flint, not later than August 28.

The Standard Container Bill, fix- President McPherson announces bach, Yeiter, Poritt, Steinman, For- Fair.

gen and organized manner.

Genesee Farm Bureau Members Help Fair

Flint, Aug. 13 - Farm Bureau members are going to help make the Genesee County Fair bigger and bet ter than ever before. County Farm Bureau has secured very desirable space in the Exhibi building and is now soliciting the choicest grains, fruits, and vege The trouble all arose because a tables for display purposes. It is urging its members to bring in their exhibits to the. Farm Bureau headquarters at 225 Patterson Bldg.

per amended to permit taking earning orted from the Senate Committee in Interstate Commerce and placed into consideration in making assessing the Senate calendar. It was placed into consideration in making assessing the Senate calendar. It was placed into consideration in making assessing the senate calendar. It was placed into consideration in making assessing the senate calendar. It was placed into consideration in making assessing the senate calendar. It was placed into consideration in making assessing the senate calendar. It was placed into consideration in making assessing the senate calendar. It was placed into consideration in making assessing the senate calendar. It was placed into consideration in making assessing the senate calendar in the senate calendar. It was placed into consideration in making assessing the senate calendar in the senate calendar

County Agent James Campbell and

The Farm Bureau is also sponsorlieve the situation by having the day of Fair week from 10 to 2 o'vert. This is an example of how for first prize and \$5 for second farmers can secure relief from local prize. A membership will be award troubles by getting together and at- ed to the person not in the Farm Butacking their problems in an intelli- reau throwing highest score in case he defeats a member in the finals.

CHESTER GRAY HAS BUREAU MOVEMENT

Was Early President of First State Farm Bureau; Now National Official

Chester H. Gray, Washington Representative of the American Farm Bureau Federation, who wil be the principal speaker at a series of twenty Farm Bureau meetings to be held in Michigan beginning August 23rd, first began his connection with the Farm Bureau movement Vernon County, Missouri, as Pres dent of the county organization 1917. Soon afterwards he was s lected as President of the Missour Farm Bureau Federation, which has the honor of being the first Stat Farm Bureau to be created in th nation. The state organization as that time was merely a nominal as sociation, having only ten cents pe member as its total annual resource es. Under the administration of Mr Gray and his executive committe the finances of the Missouri Farm Bureau were put on a paying basis and the membership raised until it reached the sixty thousand point.

During this time Mr. Gray was also interested in creating a nation al Farm Bureau organization, and in April 1919 attended, upon the in vitation of the New York State Farm Bureau Federation, the initial conference at Ithaca, New York, for the purpose of ascertaing whether or not enough state Federations were then in existence to justify the setting up of a national group.

At the Ithaca conference Mr. Organization committee, stimulate the already existing state sition to give. Federations and create new ones vember 1919, at which time and legislative program. Mr. Gray is a mation as to the type of representa-Federation was duly organized with Mr. Gray one of the few men chosen as a member of the first executive committee. He served in this national capacity three terms, all the while still being President of the Missouri Farm Bureau Federation, but having retired as President of the Varnon County Farm Bureau, in which county his farm is situated.

Nationally Known Leader The work incident to establishing the American Farm Bureau Federa tion on broad, constructive lines was Mr. Gray into practically all parts o er, Shank, Feringa, Church, Lau- sultation by all those attending the the nation upon legislative, organization or speaking activities. During his service as member of the execuwhich is a sub-committee built up from members of the executive committee. In this capacity he first began his direct touch with legislative policies of the American Farm Bureau Federation.

After having retired as a member of the executive committee of the American Farm Bureau Federation, and after having served four terms as President of the Missouri Farm pose of conveying to the membership him. what the program was at Washing- Study the map on this page and gave him a unique distinction of plan to be there with your family, having a personal acquaintance with friends and neighbors. perhaps more of our county and ranks.

for some time to Mr. E. B. Reid, Director of Legislation at Washington. ture to have a fair deal and is very and on the resignation of Mr. Reid directly interested in such questions from that position in January of this as taxation. ear was advanced to the position of Legislative Director by the Board of vite your non-member neighbor to Directors of the American Farm Bureau Federation.

Send In Resolutions For A. F. B. F. Meeting According to action taken by the

Board of Directors of the American Farm Bureau Federation, all resolu tions for presentation to the next annual meeting of the A. F. B. F. which will be held early in December, must be sent in to the national office one week prior to the opening of the annual meeting. The Michigan State Farm Bureau

suggests that any individuals of township or County Farm Bureau units having resolutions which they desire to present for the consideration of the resolutions committee of the A. F. B. F. should send them in to State Farm Bureau headquarters where they will be assembled and tractions and entertainment features forwarded to the national office.

CHESTER GRAY, WASHINGTON DIRECTOR, AMERICAN FARM BUREAU FEDERATION. BRINGS INSIDE STORY FROM CAPITAL

Southern Michigan to be Blanketed With Score Of Big Farm Bureau Legislative Rallies;

Many Will be in Form of Picnics; See Schedule—Then Attend

The ten days from August 23 to September 2 will indeed be red letter days in the history of the Farm Bureau movement. During this period the organized farmers of Michigan will focus their attention on state and national legislative issues affecting agriculture. Twenty Farm Bureau legislative rallies have been so arranged as to permit the members in at least 46 counties to attend conveniently and listen to informational addresses by state and national Farm Bureau

Although the Michigan State Farm Bureau is in no sense of the term a political organization, it is and always has been actively interested in all legislation, state and national, affecting agriculture. This is the policy upon which this great series of twenty Farm Bureau legislative rallies, beginning August

At these meetings, which will completely blanket southern Michigan, politics or personalities will not be discussed. but state and national legislative issues will be clearly explained and the records of law-making officials on farm legislation will be revealed.

Washington Man to Speak

Chester H. Gray, Washington Repre- ning rallies is scheduled for outsentative of the American Farm Bu- doors. A portion of the street will Gray was selected as one member of sional battles in which farmers were of interested, and he brings a firstwhich committee Mr. Oscar E. Brad- hand message direct from the na- legislative policies. fute was chairman. The purpose of tion's capital which probably no this committee of five was to so other man in the country is in a po- Farm Bureau will place upon legis-

that at the forthcoming meeting the left tells of Mr. Gray's nine years law makers are now running for ofnational organization could be creat- of experience in state and na- fice, and farmers should be informed ed. The next meeting was called to tional Farm Bureau work, and of his regarding important legislative isconvene in Chicago, Illinois, in No-long connection with our national



CHESTER H. GRAY

Bureau Federation, he devoted him- clear and convincing speaker, and self almost exclusively to legislative brings a real message. All members work, visiting among all the State in southern Michigan should plan to Farm Bureaus for the double pur- attend one of these rallies and hear

ton as well as getting from the mem- the schedule of meetings at the end bership its reaction on what the fu- of this article and decide which rally ture program should be. This work is most convenient for you and then

In these days of women suffrage state Farm Bureau officials and and the broadening interests of the members all over the nation than farm women, it is needless to suggest any other man in the Farm Bureau that the housewives will be welcomed and expected at all of these rallies, He served as Associate Director whether picnics or evening meetings. The farm woman wants agricul-

It would be good strategy to income along with you to the rally.

Let him catch a vision of what the great Farm Bureau movement is doing in the big things. Accompanying Mr. Gray will be Stanley M. Powell, assistant secretary of the Michigan State Farm Bureau, who will speak briefly on "The

Taxation Program. Prepare for Big Crowds Never before in the history of

State Farm Bureau's Legislative and

Michigan agriculture has so much emphasis been placed upon legislation as will be the case during the ten days when these twenty rallies will be held. Everywhere preparations are being made for large crowds.

Many of the afternoon rallies are to take the form of County Farm Bureau picnics. All sorts of special atare being arranged for some of the

The principal speaker will be meetings. At least one of the evereau Federation. Mr. Gray has been be roped off and the Farm Bureau in the very thick of all the Congres- speakers will perhaps be mistaken by tourists for Salvation Army exhorters as they expound the Farm Bureau

The special emphasis which the lation during these ten days is very The article in the column to the timely because state and national sues and should be furnished inforin the past.

Study This Schedule The following is the schedule of

Monday, August 23 Noon-Farmers' Picnic, auspices Quincy Co-op, at Stetler's Landing, 2 miles south and 1 mile west of Quincy.

Evening-Ypsilanti High School. Tuesday, August 24

Noon-Picnic, Flint. Evening - Port Huron, probably Library Hall.

Wednesday, August 25 Afternoon-Cass City. Evening-Saginaw, Chamber of Commerce rooms.

Thursday, August 26 Noon-Midland County Farmers' Picnic, Wayne's Grove, on M-18, 6 miles west and 3 miles south of Midland. Evening-Big Rapids at Court

House. Friday, August 27 Noon-Basket Picnic, John Gurney Park, Hart. Evening-Scottville.

Saturday, August 28 Noon-Picnic at Wolf Lake, 7 miles east of Muskegon. Evening-Rockford, street meeting. Inside if weather is inclem-

Monday, August 30 Noon - Picnic, Fair Grounds, Ionia. Sports arranged. Evening---Owosso.

ent.

Tuesday, August 31 Noon-Eaton County Farm Bureau Annual Picnic, Bennett Park, Charlotte.

Evening-Hastings. Wednesday, September 1 Noon-Picnic, Fair Grounds, Alle-

Evening-Lawrence High School Auditorium.

Thursday, September 2 Afternoon-Kalamazoo. Evening-Marshall, Brookes Me-

PLEASE EXCUSE US

We haven't forgotten that in our last issue we promised to publish this week a comprehensive report of the remarkable address on "Religious Co.operation" delivered at the evening session of the Farm Bureau Conference at the College, July

We are featuring our legislative rallies to such an extent in this issue that space does not permit us to print Dr. Dana's speech this week. Please pardon us, be patient and look forward to a real treat in our next

THIS TIME; IT WILL NOT HAPPEN AGAIN!

20, by Dr. Malcomb H. Dana.

By Emerson.

ing insects in your garden.

down in a sort of dance above the

prominent place in nature's wild

Goldenrod now begins to take a

Woodcocks, always difficult to

find because of their protective

coloring, now become even more rarely seen. They hide in the

Although still in velvet, the ant-

Baby turtles are now hatching. The club of jack-in-the-pulpit

Skunks are good mousers. They

also eat grasshoppers, crickets, lo-

custs, and other insects. It is wise

The seeds along the tall spike of the common mullein are a delect-

able item on the menu of gold-

ed or troilus butterfly can be

found feeding on the sassafras or

from the constellation Perseus.

Caterpillars of the green-cloud-

lers of the white-tailed deer have

dense thickets while moulting.

is studded with red berries.

reached full growth.

to befriend them.

their chrysalids.

bright scarlet fruits.

finches.

10 Reasons Why Women Are

1. Because she is her husband's business partner.

mean better homes and community life.

Because it advertises agriculture.

mand that the farm pay the bill."

in the region surrounding Hart. His poem follows:

Old Michigan that saw the sun a million years or more

Before the prairies ceased to be with waters covered o'er

Of anything we know of in this country, east or west.

Gave to us here a place matured for human needs the best

And these peninsulas that now produce their products rare

Need most of all a waterway by which the world may share

The needed things its soil and mines produce in ample way

No portion of this land of ours more needs to find the seas

Then let us have this waterway straight to the salted sca,

Besides, 'twill help to even up the common needs of earth

So in this we with gold must dig along with all the rest

Though we cannot reverse the things that nature holds us to,

Who may have ocean ports with us here in the middle west.

Maybe the great "eanals of Mars" will thus be scandalized.

We'll find her hand in ours as she leads us "across the bar."

That which will-make the world more blest till man at last may find

That what we did remembered as things done "time out of mind."

NATURE'S OWN AT LAST

-L. B. Mitchell.

We get our hints from her for much that comes our way to do.

And all concerned will find in it the elements of worth.

In this rare gem that nature made,—the "inter ocean" state,

Are products that if shipped aright would new demands create.

But held up for the lack of means to get the stuff away.

By means of ocean going ships than these peninsulas.

For it will mean the most in our material destiny,

But what concern is that to us if so be in it lies

As we love Nature and are true to her, by just so far

She gave us life and all its needs and when it all is past,

She'll take us to herself and claim us as her own, at last.

Hart, Mich.

and seeks to prevent unfair practices.

schools and churches.

Interested in the Farm Bureau

2. Because better economic conditions in agriculture

Because every other interest is organized.
 Because the Farm Bureau stands for better rural

5. Because she and her daughters are voters, and the

Farm Bureau leads in securing farm legislation.

Because it is a great National Organization, striv-

ing to develop an agricultural policy for America.

9. Because it watches out for the farmers' interest

10. Because it has for its creed, "We will exact a higher standard of living in the farm home and de-

Pioneer Writes Poem on

hoped-for Great Lakes-to-Ocean Waterway. These lines were sent us

OLD MICHIGAN AND THE WATERWAY

6. Because the Farm Bureau dignifies agriculture.

stalk or limb.

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BARNACLES! ON THE MANCHURIA AND IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Down through all the years of history, the Story, the Fable and the Proverb have been the most telling means of imparting truth so it was that by the use of an effective illustration, Major Thernton Anthony Mills of Chicago was able to drive home an important point to the heart of each person in the vast audience which heard him at St. Johns, August 3, when he spoke on the Farm Organization Day program of the Clinton County Old Home Week. What he said went something like this:

"Some years ago out on the Pacific Coast, I used to go down to the Golden Gate and watch the ships come in from the West laden with jewels and silks and spices and all the other rich and costly products of the Orient. I remember one day watching the Steam Ship Manchuria, as it came sailing into the harbor at San Francisco with flags flying and every officer and man at his post.

"From the captain right on down through to the fireman in the hole, everyone could say that he helped bring this great ship across the ocean, so every man was singing in his heart, 'We did our part, we helped to drive this great ship forward'.

"But as the Manchuria came closer in I saw down close to the water line some objects elinging to the hull of the boat, which seemed more like pieces of inert matter than living things. They were barnacles that had fastened themselves upon the ship. They had been no help on the voyage. In fact their presence there required more steam in the boilers. They were actually a hindrance.

"In the great forward movement of agriculture which is being made through the efforts of the farm organizations there are some few farmers who are like those barnacles, The farmer who refuses to belong to his organization and who insists upon trying to solve agricultural problems alone, not only can accomplish nothing, but he is actually a hindrance to agricultural progress.

"I rejoice that here in Clinton County there are a large number of farmers whom no one can accuse of being barnacles. They have fought for the farmers' movement and the Farm Bureau, not merely for themselves, but for the common good,-not merely from the standpoint of what they can get out of their organization, but rather because of what they can give through it."

August Nature Calendar

(Prepared for Nature Magazine by the Cleveland Museum of Natural History)

"Hot midsummer's petty erone, Sweet to me thy drowsy tone Tells of countless sunny hours Long days, and solid banks of flowers; Of gulfs of sweetness without bound In Indian wildernesses found; Of Syrian peace, immortal leisure, Firmest cheer, and bird-like pleasure." From "The Humble-Bee."

Purple martins begin to gather August is the month of insect in ever increasing numbers, roostmusic. Locusts, grasshoppers, ing in tall trees at night. crickets and other insects seem to take possession of the out-of-Hyla pickeringit are singing

doors with their humming and their buzzing. Many birds are changing to their "going away" feathers. They are quiet and reclusive at this

Fauns are gradually losing the insignia of babyhood as their spots grow dimmer and dimmer. They follow close at their moth-

er's heels. Many flowers droop and close as night comes on, but it is then that the evening primrose opens wide its petals for nocturnal

moths and "millers." Not even the hot August sun can abate the sweet melodies of the pewee.

Fern shooting galleries are now in operation. With a hand lense examine the tiny machine which catapults the spores.

Even this late, tadpoles of the cricket frog are swimming in the

Bears are busy storing fat on their ribs. When winter comes they must have about four inches of fat and four inches of fur to carry them through until next spring.

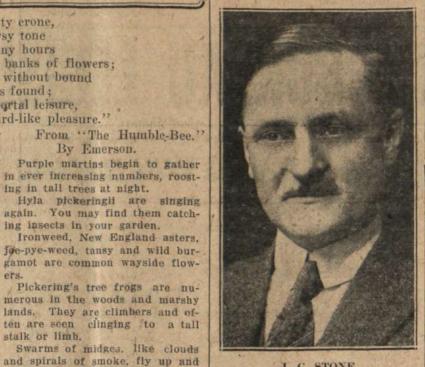
The "kee-you kee-you" song of the red-shouldered hawk attracts the eye to this bird as it hangs high up in the sky, almost lost to sight.

Baby garter snakes are not hatched; they are born. The first meal probably will be earthworms. Ground pine is fruiting. It sheds yellow powdery spores in

Hummingbirds are frequent visitors at the nectar-filled flowers of the jewel-weed.

The tree cricket is a musician par excellence. At night his rhythmic humming fills the air.

CO-OP LEADER



J. C. STONE J. C. Stone of Lexington, Kentucky. whose picture appears above, is president and general manager of the Burley Tobacco Growers' Association. In his address at the recent annual meeting of the Michigan Elevator Exchange, Mr. Stone told of the remarkable development of cooperative marketing as applied to the handling of the tobacco crop and gave sound advice and enthusiastic encouragement to the leaders of the co-operative movement in Michigan.

CALHOUN FARMERS HAVE GREAT PICNIC

Cook, Powell Chief Speakers; Sackrider, Boyer Run The Sports

spice-bush. Soon they will make Marshall, August 10.-Several rundred Calhoun County farmers The hawthorn is covered with gathered here today at the Fair grounds for the annual Farm Burean August is an excellent month to and Grange picnic. The forenoon look for meteors. Four of them was devoted to horse-shoe throwing. are due. The Perseides look like Harry Ellerby of Albion took first yellow streaks of light radiating honors and Frank B. Garratt of Battle, Creek, President of the County Farm Bureau, won second place. At noon a basket picnic dinner was serv-

At two o'clock a very interesting program of stunts and races was held in front of the grandstand, in charge of County Club Leader, E. C. Sackrider, and E. E. Boyer of Bedford. Speakers for the afternoon included A. B. Cook of Owosso, Master of the Michigan State Grange; Harry Sherrard of Marshall, President of the local Fair; and S. M. Powell, Assistant Secretary of the Michigan State Farm Bureau.

Cook Urges Farm Relief Worthy Master Cook traced the long career of the Grange and defended farm organizations in gener-He ridiculed the statement that the farmer can not be helped by legislation and said even powerful groups like the bankers and railroads have been glad to secure special privileges through Congressional action. He told how organized labor has strengthened its position through securing immigration laws, and how manufacturers are protected by a high industrial tariff. He drew applause when he urged that agriculture be given legislative assistance comparable with that ac-

corded other classes. After tracing the services and achievements of the Farm Bureau. St. Lawrence Waterway Mr. Powell declared, "However, any farm organization will fall far short of its real purpose if it confines its We are very pleased to print herewith an original poem on the attention entirely to business enterprises. I urge keeping the human viewpoint foremost. Our ultimate by the author, L. B. Mitchell of Hart, Michigan, who states that he goal is happier lives and better citibegan the work of making a home in the solid woods in 1868 and that | zenship. The great challenge which for more than 30 years he has promoted the growing of canning crops I would bring to you this afternoon is not so much in connection with the farm business as in regard to the rural home. We must remember that the farm home is the seed-plot and safeguard of our national life. Ours is the obligation of properly training our youth and maintaining high standards in our rural homes. But, of course, this is both a community and individual problem. It is too big for any one person or any one family to solve alone, and yet it wil not be done unless each individual does his part.

Farmers Are Slandered "Is this spirit of community service abroad in the land? I call you to witness that it is. For years members of Chambers of Commerce and commercial clubs have been giving of their time and ability freely to building their own organizations for community betterment. Today farmers are doing the same thing. Within the last few weeks in thirty Michigan counties thousands of farmers have gone out to renew and increase the Farm Bureau membership in their counties. They have proved emphatically that those who said that farmers would not stick together and that they would not build and maintain their own organizations, were uttering the basest and most unfounded slander. It is well that this is so, for high standards of rural life are absolutely essential for a safe and permanent democracy.

The crowd was entertained by saxophone solos by Freddie Hall, a vocal solo by Harlan Annis, and readings by Miss Ellen Farley of Albion.

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Milkmaker Fed Cows Win Kalamazoo Bureau Trophy



Kalamazoo, Aug. 12.-Above is shown a pieture of the herd of nine Registered Holstein cows belonging to J. Roy Buckham of Kalamazoo, R. 9. This herd holds the unique distinction of winning the silver loving cup presented by the Kalamazoo County Farm Bureau to the herd in cow testing work in the county showing the greatest net profit during the past twelve months. The average production of these cows during the past year was 12,924 pounds of milk and 431.7 pounds of fat. They produced an average net profit over cost of feed of \$191.09. This is the third time that this herd has won this honor, and the trophy cup now becomes the permanent property of Mr. Buckham,

The ration on which Mr. Buckham won the contest consisted of alfalfa hay, corn silage and a grain mixture of onehalf corn and oats and one-half Michigan Milkmaker, the Farm Bureau's open formula dairy ration. Mrs. Eva B. Travis, with her herd of Jersey cows, ran a

close second. The average production of her herd was 431.4 pounds of butter fat and the net profit per cow was \$185.82. Mr. H. B. McMurray, with Holstein cows, came in third with 412,5 pounds of butterfat and \$176,97 profit per cow. As far as we know this is the first contest conducted in Michigan in which the question of net profit is the main feature. A contest of this kind answers the criticism often made that high production does not necessarily mean profit. It certainly does if the right kind of cows are properly fed. Advertisement.

A LITTLE Story about a

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Timely Hint For Alfalfa Seeding

Many of Michigan's most successful growers of alfalfa have obtained their best results with August seedings. Others will find this a good practice to follow.

Then by planting Farm Bureau Brand knownorigin, guaranteed seed, (sold only in sealed, trade-marked sacks) success will be doubly insured. Get it at your Co-op.

You can't cheat Mother Nature with something "just as good."

MICHIGAN FARM BUREAU SEED SERVICE Lansing, Michigan.

Michigan State Farm Bureau's Legislative Program Fared Well in 1925

Gasoline Tax, Marketing Measures Head the List

By STANLEY M. POWELL

Ass't Sec'y of the Michigan State Farm Bureau Annual Report of the State Farm Bureau's Legislative Work, made to delegates to the Eighth Annual Meeting of the Michigan State Farm Bureau at Michigan State College, February 4, 1926.

Proceeding on the basis of policies and methods which past experience has proved wise and effective, extending well-established types of activity and supplementing them by new and improved services, the Michigan State Farm Bureau's legislative record during 1925 excells that of any previous year.

Through the Farm Bureau the rural interests have been fostered and protected in legislative committee rooms and chambers both at Lansing and at Washington. Never before has the farmer ossessed so much influence in the halls of legislation. This is due o several reasons, three of which are as follows:

First, the farmer is better informed regarding legislative issues and developments than ever before.

Second, the farmer has a growing realization of the direct and mportant part which state and national legislative enactments play n determining farm profits or losses.

Third, through the Farm Bureau, farmers are organized not only to obtain the timely and vital information referred to above, but also o express their views collectively and convincingly to the state and

LEGISLATION IN 1925-THE GASOLINE TAX

At our annual meeting early in February, 1925, our Board of Delegates adopted a comprehensive set of resolutions which charted our legislative policy for the ensuing year. Your officials in the State Farm Bureau office have regarded these resolutions as the voice of the Farm Bureau membership, crystallized into definite and articulate form through our representative system of Farm Bureau

It is very gratifying to officials and members alike that at the onclusion of another year of activity we can point to very definite and satisfactory results in carrying out the program embodied in he resolutions adopted by our Board of Delegates a year ago.

Reviewing in brief the 1925 session of the Michigan legislature, we can observe many fruits of Farm Bureau organization. From the standpoint of popular interest and significance, the enactment of the state two-cent gasoline tax law commands particular attention. For nearly three years the Farm Bureau had been the outstanding spokesman of this sadly-needed and most equitable reform n the matter of highway finance. Powerful opposition of a most formidable nature delayed the enactment of the gas tax in Michigan, but early in the 1925 session the just cause championed so aggressively by the Farm Bureau, triumphed.

It is a pleasure to report that the gas tax is bringing in even more revenue than was anticipated and that it is proving to be a tax that is collected cheaply and is simple to administer. It is amusing Farm Bureau members to see people and groups who formerly opposed the gas tax now loud in its praises. The gas tax is not confiscating any man's home or other property; it is fair to all. It is providing revenue to pay interest and principal of the state's \$50,000,000 highway bonds, to liquidate delinquent highway rewards due the countles and townships, and for new highway construction, improvement and betterment. The amount of highway funds provided by the gas tax means a corresponding decrease in the burden of the general property tax which would otherwise have to foot the

FARM BUREAU HELPED ENACT THESE LAWS

In this brief summary, it is impossible to discuss the many legislative measures which the Farm Bureau's vigorous support helped

to enact into law, or even to mention all of them by name A few of the reforms advocated by the Farm Bureau and enacted by the 1925 legislature were: the Bohn bill providing for a more equitable distribution of the primary school fund on the basis of need; the Pearson bill allowing for the establishment of commercial forest reserves which would pay a small annual tax and then a harvest tax when the mature timber is cut; the Thomas bill exempting farmers' co-operative marketing associations from certain incongruous provisions of the Michigan Anti-Trust Laws; important amendments to the apple and grape grades; legislation making the Federal potato grades compulsory for Michigan; putting quail on ird list and giving them permanent protection; and the Evans-Baxter bill designed to curb extravagance in municipal improvements through regulating municipal bond issues. Provisions of this bill require that municipalities must provide ample funds for the retirement of bonds and that the bonds must either be issued serially or a sinking fund be built up periodically and consistently. No municipal bonds could be issued without the approval of the State Treasurer and six per cent would be the maximum rate of interest. This legislation is substantially in harmony with the Farm Bureau's established insistence upon a "pay-as-you-go" policy.

HELPED SAVE AGRICULTURAL APPROPRIATIONS The Farm Bureau's fight to do away with tax-exempt bonds in Michigan and to place small annual taxes on foreign and domestic bonds won wide attention and received a certain amount of serious consideration, but never came to a final vote. Despite the failure of all major tax reform legislation, the lawmakers at one time during the session evidenced a disposition to slash unmercifully those appropriations which directly benefit agriculture, the industry that pays so heavily under the prevailing general property tax system. The Bureau made vigorous and repeated protest to this contemplated action and the result was that somewhat near adequate appropriations were made for various agricultural purposes, such as the enforcement of grades and standards of farm products, combating the European Corn Borer and bovine tuberculosis, funds for the Michigan State College for operating expenses, new buildings and particularly for agricultural extension work.

The Farm Bureau's action was undoubtedly at least partially responsible for the rejection of the proposed amendment to the Federal Constitution which would have conferred upon Congress unlimited authority to control, regulate or prohibit the employment

of all persons up to eighteen years of age. Subsequent to our annual meeting a year ago many important measures of interest to farmers came up in the 1925 Legislature regarding which our delegates had not gone on record. The Bureau studied all these bills carefully and kept its members informed as to what was going on at Lansing. The Bureau was represented at several important hearings before legislative committees and did everything possible to protect the interests of its members and the

welfare of Michigan agriculture in general. BUREAU REPORTS LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES

Undoubtedly the most effective phase of the Farm Bureau's legislative work is its program of wide-spread and timely publicity. Throughout the legislative session the Bureau's legislative observer attended each daily meeting of the Senate and the House and prepared news articles, summaries and editorials on the progress of general and agricultural legislation which were printed in the Farm Bureau News, most of the Michigan home-town weeklies and in both of the farm papers published in this state. The farmers thus knew at all times what was going on and could intelligently com-

municate their desires to their Senators and Representatives. Then, too, preceding the 1925 session of the Legislature the Farm Bureau organized a force of legislative Minute-Men who were supplied regularly with the very latest news from the State House. These Minute-Men represented their County Farm Bureaus and local units in sending telegrams and other official communications to their lawmakers. In emergencies the State Farm Bureau could get in touch with all or any part of these Minute Men by night telegrams or telephone and prompt expressions of rural sentiment could thus be rushed forward from "the folks back home" to reach

the legislative chambers before it was too late. The above system only parallels on a modest scale the plans and policies which have been extensively employed and diligently pursued by practically every other organized group and class for many years, with considerable effect. It seems logical that all of our previous plans and policies of legislative procedure should be continued and extended to make our service even more effective. The development of the Farm Bureau District plan should make it possible for the Farm Bureau to increase the number and activity of our Minute Men and to develop them into a most effective arm of our legislative service.

OUR NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES

The Michigan State Farm Bureau has co-operated actively with the Washington office of the American Farm Bureau Federation in national legislation. Many letters and telegrams have been sent to the members of the Michigan delegation in Congress. Our Washington office has been kept constantly informed as to communications received from and sent to our Senators and Congressmen.

Shortly preceding the convening of the present session of Congress the board of directors of the State Farm Bureau took careful action upon the more important measures of interest to farmers which were to come before this session of Congress. A detailed statement as to the Farm Bureau's conslusions was forwarded to the Michigan Senators and Congressmen to assist them in interpreting agricultural sentiment.

Our State Farm Bureau has been' quate truth-in-fabrics legislation, a most effective power. standard container law, Federal licle Shoals, friendly governmental assistance in the unhampered development of co-operatives, and the staining of imported clover and alfalfa as a warning and protection to American farmers against unadapted and worthless seed.

Must Study Legislative Issues Worth-while and adequate Farm Bureau legislative service must not merely supply a more intimate and



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understanding contact between the farmer and his duly elected lawmaker at Lansing or Washington, but well. Many of our biggest and most perplexing legislative problems can offer." be solved only on the basis of careful these offers have been introduced in research. The Farm Bureau is con- Congress and it is around these two inuing its study of Michigan taxation conditions as they affect the ed in the next session. farmer. Data already secured and compiled is too voluminous to be prelocal groups.

days there has been an alarming increase both in taxes and public indebtedness. There have been sustained high rural valuations despite decreases in the actual value of farm lands and improvements and the equally significant decrease in the

property which composes a large portion of urban wealth, can, and largely does, legally or fllegally elude the tax collector.

Michigan's wealth and tax-paying agricultural, but rather urban and industrial. It is high time that our tax systems recognized and reflect ed these present conditions.

The public is gradually waking up to the danger of asking the government to do more and more and more for us and to assume an ever more paternalistic attitude. It is high time that we realize that public service costs money, that bond issues must be paid back with interest, and tion of this evil of too much governmental activity, but as long as the ers alone, the other classes will be in reau Federation appear favorable. no great haste to come to our help in

We Must Do It Ourselves From the above facts it is evident that farmers can no longer safely trust to luck, the weather or the altruism of other classes for the solution of their taxation problems and the settlement as to their share of the cost of government. Other inerests, not so trusting by nature or habit, have been exceedingly alert and hence have been able to shift Bureau Fabric Department. - adv.

active in favor of securing govern- much of the burden of taxation onto ment live stock market reports for the shoulders of the unsuspecting Detroit and Buffalo, abolition of the farmers and home owners. It is up sales tax on automobiles, trucks and to us farmers to help ourselves if reaccessories, prompt development of lief is to be secured. Individually, the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Water- we are virtually helpless. Organway, sound means of dealing with the tzed through our Farm Bureau we aroused a large amount of interest surplus agricultural production, ade- can and do possess remarkable and

As we look back over the past censing of commission men and with year we realize our growing legislareference to Federal taxation, the tive influence. Our large, toyal, inpostal service, the utilization of Mus-telligent, well-informed and efficiently organized membership, coupled with our reputation for thinking and investigating before we speak or act, has made us a power to be reckoned with.

Other influential organized groups have repeatedly sought to secure our endorsement and approval of their pet projects. However, we have supported only those things which could stand on their merits and we have carefully avoided all entangling alliances. While we recognize that understanding and friendly working relationships are essential to progress, we are resolved to be a party to no "vote swappers' league." It is our purpose to continue to reflect the desires of the membership as expressed in the legislative platforms adopted at these annual meetings. Down that straight and narrow, but righteous road lies our path of greatest usefulness and serva ce to our members and to those substantial citizens who live in other farm homes of Michigan.

Congress Neglected Action on Farm Bills

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made a few years ago, received a number of bids and recommended that Congress accept the offer of the power companies headed by the Alabama Power Company. A vigorous denunciation of this offer and a protest against its acceptance was is sued in a minority report filed by Representative James of Michigan. The work done during the recent session of Congress resulted in narmust be constructively educational as rowing the bids down to two-the "power offer" and the "Cyanamid stated. Bills embodying both of

Provoked Storm The Rivers and Harbor bill which sented here, but it will appear from provoked a storm of opposition from time to time in the Michigan Farm many of the Congressmen coming Bureau News and Bureau speakers from the states in the Great Lakes can present these facts to interested region, is also scheduled to come up in the Senate next session. It has It is a fact which we as farmers already passed the House. Among realize ever more keenly that taxes the projects in this bill which are o on farm property are becoming al- special interest to the farmers are most unbearable and that the present those authorizing the development of distressing situation must be the Illinois River which is to be the remedied in the very near future if connecting link opening up a standagriculture is to endure on anywhere and depth waterway from Chicago near its former levels. Since pre-war to the Gulf of Mexico, and the Missouri River from the mouth to Sious

proposals that the battle will be wag-

City, Iowa. Other measures of interest to the farmers which were left over for the December session include: the Board of Trade Bill, prohibiting Boards o Trade on other than "Contract Mar kets" from excluding co-operative purchasing power of the farmer's marketing associations from mem bership; the Maternity Bill, extend-Our Taxation System Needs Reform ing the provision of the Maternity Our system of taxation puts an al- Act for two years; the Liability of together disproportionate share of Common Carriers Bill, enforcing li the burden onto the owners of real ability of common carriers for grain property. Farm property, being ex- lost or damaged in shipment and tremely tangible, cannot be hid or limiting the "tolerance" to one-tenth escape paying taxes, while intangible of 1 per cent of weight; the Agricultural Attache Bill, giving to agricul tural commissioners representing th United States Department of Agri culture in foreign countries the titl and status of "Agricultural Attaches ability is no longer preponderantly and authorizing the acquiring of agricultural information abroad; the bill authorizing the mailing of insec ticides and fungicides; and the bil reducing the rates on library books

mailed to and from public libraries. The American Farm Bureau Federation has taken a definite position either for or against practically all of these measures. If no further bills affecting agriculture are intro duced at the December session, these alone will constitute a rather large program of activities in carrying out that taxes are the basis of govern- the legislative policies of the organimental revenue. When taxes are zation. Some of the bills are so near equally and fairly distributed, as was enactment that little effort will be certainly intended by the framers of needed to get them through whereour Constitution (even though they as others face strong opposition, it is could not foresee 1925 and 1926 con- thought. With a fairly definite ditions), then the hardships of too schedule already in view for the comhigh taxation tend toward the correc- ing session, and with the work already accomplished, the chances for securing action in accord with the burden bears too heavily on the farm- policies of the American Farm Bu-

> THE QUICK AND THE DEAD "What little boy can tell me the lifference between the 'quick' and the 'dead'?" asked the Sunday School

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FARMERS' DAY IS **BIG ATTRACTION**

8,000 People Are Thrilled by Horse Pulling Contest; . Doelle Speaker

Farmers' Day at the College Friday, July 30, broke all records for aftendance and interest. More than eight thousand farmers and their families gathered on the campus to inspect the M. S. C. experimental plots and livestock, picnic, and enjoy a splendid afternoon program.

A new Farmers' Day feature which tate championship. Teams entered by Allen Haskins of Ionia and A. G. Vanderbeck of Alma both broke the old state record, setting up a new mark of 3,150 pounds.

The principal address of the afternoon was made by John A. Doelle, Executive Secretary of the Michigan Real Estate Association, who made a statesmanlike analysis of present day farm conditions. Mr. Doelle stressed the need of growing quality farm products, relating production to demand, merchandizing farm products and being organized for rural progress. Several times during the cours of his address Mr. Doelle paid high tribute to the Farm Bureau movement and to the benefits which it is bringing to Michigan agriculture and country life.

Mr. Doelle outlined the advantages of developing Michigan's tourist usiness as a means of bringing arge amounts of money into the state each season and placing additional property upon the tax rolls to relieve the burden on farm lands.

A bright future for Michigan agriulture and industry was predicted by L. Whitney Watkins, State Commissioner of Agriculture, in a talk on "Michigan's Agricultural Trio," in which he discussed the College, the State Department of Agriculture, and the State Fair.

Professor O. E. Reed of M. S. C.

told of the National Dairy Show to on their way. e held in Detroit in October. R. S. Shaw, Dean of Agirculture, presided at the speaking program.

CROP AREA DECLINES

Is Loyal To Agriculture



This substantial looking citizen is H. B. Beattie, a Farm Bureau member in Elbridge township who gets his mail at Hart, Michigan.

Vice-President "Mike" Noon of the State Farm Bureau declares that Mr. Beattle is one of the Michigan erage economic loss, caused by tustore keepers who absolutely refuses to self butter substitutes in his store. The team workers who secured Mr.

Beattie's contract in the membership campaign conducted by the Oceana County Farm Bureau recently, say that it took only ten minutes of their time to sign him up and get

McPherson to Speak at Sand Lake Homecoming

Crop land in the United States Farm Bureau, has been secured as encouraging, Federal veterinary ofhad decreased 5 per cent in the past the principal speaker for the big anfive years, the Department of Agri- nual Farmers' Homecoming to be culture has announced. Nineteen held at Sand Lake Thursday, Aug. million acres have been allowed to 19. Sand Lake is located on the line million acres have been allowed to 19. Sand Lake is located on the line guaranteed for the life of the suit. revert to pasture or to lie idle, it is between Kent County and Newaygo Farm Bureau Fabric Department.

FEWER T. B. HOGS FOUND AS CATTLE ARE CLEANED UP

Eradication Campaign Among Cattle Results in More Healthy Pork

With current progress in eradicating tuberculosis from cattle, a noticeable decline of the same disease among swine is taking place. This announcement by the Bureau of Animal Industry, United States Department of Agriculture, is based on field observations and by records of

the Federal meat inspection service. A striking example of the effect of the work has been received by the department from an lowa packing company which has "kept books" on such losses for the last seven years. In 1919 the average loss per hog caused by tuberculosis infection was 5 cents. This figure is the econome loss for hogs slaughtered in the plant. In 1920 the loss declined to 66 cents, in 1921 to 49 cents, and in 1922 to 32 cents. Since 1923 the loss has declined further to 26 cents. "We have actual knowledge, through experience," the company adds, "that the tuberculin test applied to cattle has reduced bovine tuberculosis among cattle and hogs following them, and has cleaned up the hogs from the disease.

Further evidence is given by the packer's report for Hardin County, Iowa, which is an area accredited as free from bovine tuberculosis. During a 9-month's period more than 11,000 hogs were shipped from this county and slaughtered, with an avberculosis, of only 4.7 cents each. This figure is less than a fifth of the general average which in turn is about a third of the loss in 1919 when systematic tuberculosis eradi cation was just begun.

An important development of the work is the discovery that throughout the Central West especially, many poultry flocks are tuberculous, and some infection among swine is traceable to that source. Fowl tuberculosis yields readily, however, to methods of control and eradication. Thus the outlook for the complete suppression of tubercupresident of the Michigan State losis among all kinds of livestock is

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in the Senate and over 13,000 in the House of Representatives during the recent session of the Sixty-ninth

Enactment by Congress of ONE farmers millions of dollars, while the pursuance of a destructive policy by Congress would destroy agriculture as the Nation's basic industry.

That the interests of Agriculture, as an industry, and the Farmer, as an individual, might be properly safeguarded, the American Farm Bureau maintains an office in Washington to further the legislative desires of its members as expressed in the resolutions adopted at the annual meetings and to stand ready to utter the protest of a powerful organization when legislation is proposed which would be injurious to agriculture. Some idea of the vast scope of the work of the Legislative Department of the A. F. B. F. is to be found in the following list of services made available through the Legislative Department of the A. F. B. F.

Services of the Legislative Department of the American Farm Bureau Federation

For State Federations

Report bills affecting farm inerests either adversely or favor-

Report the vote of Congressmen upon legislative matters.

Furnish summaries of bills of especial interest to State Federa-Periodic general reports of leg-

islative developments in Washing-

ton, through the medium of the A. F. B. F. Weekly News Letter and circular letters. Represent the interests of the state organizations in public con-

ferences and in private conferences with government officials in Washington. Scrve as intermediary between government departments and Farm Bureaus in adjusting mis-

understandings, disputes or difficulties arising out of the administration of some law or departmental ruling. Accumulate impartial research material as an aid in assisting State Federations in arriving at

decisions upon legislative proj-Present nominations of "farmer-minded" men, approved by the American Farm Bureau Federa-

tion, for appointment on federal boards and commissions.

Convey to Congressmen and Senators the wishes of the state membership in regard to pending

Arrange conferences in Washington for incoming representa-tives of State Federations.

For County Farm Bureaus

Secure adjustment of inequitable departmental rulings which affect adversely the agricultural interests.

Secure federal appropriations for eradication and control of insect pests, plant diseases and aniculosis.

Secure additional tariff rates on farm products which are inadequately protected.

Present petitions and requests to government bureaus and to Congress in behalf of the Farm

Bureau. Secure promulgation of departmental rulings to properly carry

Special service to counties and members is arranged through the State Bureau. out laws for protection of agriculture, such as quarantine regulations, inspection rules, and the staining of all unadapted imported alfalfa and clover seed.

Secure information upon request as to legislative matters, departmental rulings and procedure.

For Members

Furnish advice as to the drafting of bills and as to the best method of procedure in getting favorable action on the measure. Supply information as to the status of any bill upon request.

Aid in getting measures enacted into law or in changing departmental procedure—subject to the policies of the National, State, and County Farm Bureaus.

Secure information upon request concerning bills introduced in Congress, rulings and procedure of government bureaus, and concerning any legislative Present for the individual, peti-

tions or requests to various governmental officials—subject to the policies of the County, State, and National organizations.

Furnish information concerning legislative matters through the A. F. B. F. Weekly News Letter,

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business of the Michelex Elevator prize was a free trip for the winner and Warehouse Co., which operates and parents to the State Farm a bean conditioning plant at Port Bureau headquarters at Lansing and Huron, Manager John C. Sweet re- the College at East Lansing. ported as follows to the delegates at the Annual Meeting of the Michigan Harriett Hogue of Sodus, 13 year old Elevator Exchange:

house Co. completing its first full Mrs. Harry H. Hogue, prominent year's operation, or twenty-two months of a continuous run. The plant as it is today would not be known as the plant taken over by this company in August, 1925. New modern machinery has been installed throughout, consisting of four new Crippen Bean Pickers, Dundee Cleaner, Ferrell's largest Bean Cleaner, Electric Bag Sewing Machine, besides many other of minor importance.

"In addition to new machinery, several thousands of dollars have been spent changing heating system, spouting, roofing, enlarging bean room, painting elevator and many other items tending to increase the efficiency and productiveness of your plant. These additions to machinery and plant have enabled us to increase our volume of beans handled for this year, by 250 cars.

'During the past season our bean room has operated to maximum capacity with 97 girls on the pay roll. The balance of the plant has operated 24 hours a day seven days week from the arrival of the first car of wet beans last October Thousands of Dollars Saved

"I believe all member elevators appreciate this plant for its service this year. There is no question that her complimentary trip to Lansing thousands of dollars have been sav- in connection with Farmers' Day at ed for our elevators through the conditioning of wet off-grade beans and ing day the party inspected the State the fact that the differential between Farm Bureau headquarters on Cedar choice beans and picking stock, has averaged less than 10c a cwt. all Street. year, speaks for itself in a saving to the bean producers of Michigan which cannot even be estimated. wrote an article upon her impressions and every suit of clothes (all of dealing with economic problems and There is undoubtedly no question of what she saw at the State Farm which are tailored), underwear or other matters which require a pow-that had this plant not been operatBureau building. This article is printblankets sold are guaranteed to be erful, adequately financed, nationing, the differential would have been ed in another column in this issue. live fiber wool and the best of qual- wide farmers' organization. at least a 25c a cwt. average. In view. Following is the winning essay: of the above is there any good reavators? Think it over.

"During the past year we have op- belong. erated an elevator at Saginaw, under the mannagement of Mr. Buchler, of the farmers in that vicinity. It is our intention to continue spread- the seeds are sold at a fair price, in localities not being served by co- reau has been trying to get a bill Traffic Department, the Organiza- loyalty and concerted action. This operative elevators, as rapidly as passed by Congress known as the tion Department and the Publicity is the only way out for agriculture.' possible. It is hoped that we will "Gooding-Ketcham Bill," and it has Department. have at least one new plant in opera- succeeded. This bill requires that tion this fall in time to take care of all seed from France and Italy and from fire by an automatic watering Clinton County Farm Bureau. Prethe first beans offered.

"We also have spent considerable stained, time working up new co-operative

Quality Builds Business "Our three brands, namely Michelex, Bunker Hill and St. Clair, adopted last year for the selling and packing of beans, have been favorably received by the trade in all parts of ing for the farmers. There is the the United States. We have shipped Legislative Department which repreon repeat orders in a great many sents the farmers. It helped get a cases, which speaks well for the tax reduction, to get the seed stainquality of stock. Great care is exer- ing bill, and to get the tax on gasocised in packing these brands so that line. Some more of the other things nothing poorer than the grade sold that benefits the farmer is the T. B.

parts of the country. elevators as well as the farmers.

"There is just one more suggestion we would like to leave with you fits the farmer by giving him the and that is the Michelex Elevator Farm Bureau News. When the Farm & Warehouse Company is your plant and as such should have your support. The merits of the organization keeps the money safe for the farmhave now been shown and it now re- er. This is called finance. mains to be seen just how large a factor in the Michigan bean industry you wish it to become. You are extended an invitation to visit the can get seed, fertilizer, dairy feed, a second station to be opened at The Farm Bureau messages of these plant any time you are in Port Hu- poultry feed, coal and binder twine. ron and meet the organization of If a man wanted to tie grapes and be opened during the coming year. which the writer is very proud."

FARM BUREAU DISTRICT NO. 1, HEADQUARTERS

at 225 Paterson Bldg., So. Saginaw St., Flint, opposite City Lapeer, Shiawassee, Genesee members address all communications there. Telephone Number 1739.

H. G. RATERING, Dist. Mgr.

"Why the Farm Bureau Is a Benefit to Country Life"

Among Berrien County School Pupils

It is a real pleasure to present ple in the country." herewith the first prize essay in the contest conducted among students in the seventh and eighth grades of the Three Trade-Marked Brands rien County Farm Bureau as an eduschools of Berrien county by the Bercational feature in connection with its membership campaign.

The topic on which the students wrote was, "Why the Farm Bureau Commenting on the past year's Is a Benefit to Country Life." The

The blue ribbon winner was Miss student of the Eau Claire school, who "The close of business June 30th has just completed the 8th grade. finds the Michelex Elevator & Ware- Accompanied by her parents, Mr. and



MISS HARRIET HOGUE

farmers of Sodus, Miss Harriet took

The Winning Essay

"The Farm Bureau is an organiza-

inteed free from noxious other foreign countries must be

"Another department is the Wool elevators and in assisting in differ- Pool which is also a great benefit to ent ways those having difficulties, the farmer. By selling the wool and in this respect we have been suc- through the Farm Bureau, one gets cessful in changing three plants a higher price. Besides the wool defrom losing, disgruntled organiza- partment they have a Fabric Departtions into money making concerns ment. All men can get their clothes with the united support of their at a lower cost for the quality that is received and it is all guaranteed

Always Fighting For Farmers

"The Farm Bureau is always fightis used, and to this care we attribute | Eradication, European Corn Borer the big increase in demand for these control and the Agricultural Approbrands which we have had from all priations.

"The Traffic Department is an-"Storage facilities have been tax- other thing that benefits the farmer. ed to the limit this year, but we have It secures reductions in freight rates always been able to handle any beans and hay rates. It helps us fight to sent to us for this purpose. There is keep our railroad station. If we no question but that during the sea- shipped something and we had too son of heavy receipts this phase of big a freight bill from it, the Farm our business is a great help to the Bureau would look into it for us and

try to reduce the cost. Bureau sells the farmers' goods, it

Supply Service Benefits

"The Supply Service is one of the wanted some binder twine, the first

be the Farm Bureau. department and this is the Poultry Sebewaing; Milton Burkholder, Mar-Exchange. It will market your poultry and eggs. If you have a veal Martin, Coldwater; Vern Deerman, Bureau meetings. In midsummer calf you want to sell, it will sell it Oakley.

First Prize Essay in Contest cal power of co-operation. The greatest movement in Congress today, outside of the debate on the Volstead Act, is the farm movement. "The social program of the Farm Bureau aims to keep the young peo-

MISS HOGUE GIVES HER IMPRESSIONS

Of Her Inspection of Headquarters

signed was, "Why the Farm Bureau St. Johns August 1-6. is a Benefit to Country Life" and the the winner and parents.

ers' Day at the College. On the day inspecting the State Farm Bureau wrote the following interesting account of her impressions while looking over the State Farm Bureau building:

"My final impression of the Michigan State Farm Bureau headquarsing, was very different from that been an old factory.

"Upon entering, I found myself in by offices of the Secretary-Manager, and Auditing Departments. The fur- the benefits." niture and fixtures in these offices were not elaborate or expensive, but to any bank.

Upon her return home, Miss Hogue cloth, blankets and underwear. Each necessity of the Farm Bureau for ity in every way.

the different machines used for eeds. And ly one hundred per cent pure.

"The second floor comprises of-

throughout the entire establishment."

KAMLOWSKE HEADS MICHELEX COMPANY

to be pure wool. You can also get Report of Past Year Shows 1,000 Cars of Beans Were Handled

> 4th, at the offices of the company. tle. A majority of the stockholders were represented at the meeting.

A report of the year's business was made by Mr. J. C. Sweet, local manager, which showed that approximately 1,000 cars of beans were run through the plant during the past 12

The plant during the past year has stalled, which makes one of the best equipped bean picking plants in the

the stockholders present that addi- the Barry County Farm Bureau; tional buying plants adjacent to Port Paul J. Rood, Barry County Agricul Huron should be established. Dur- tural Agent; W. H. Harper of Miding the past year a buying station dleville, Vice-president of the Barry was established at Saginaw which County Farm Bureau; and M. B. has worked out very successfully. McPherson of Lowell, President of greater benefits to the farmer. He Plans are now being completed for the Michigan State Farm Bureau.

Delegates present elected the folyear: L. C. Kamlowske, Washington; "The Farm Bureau has another H. D. Horton, Kinde; F. M. Oehmke,

"Another advantage is the politi- Sweet, Local Manager,

FULLY ORGANIZED FARMERS COULD MOVE WALL ST.

Thrills Clinton Farmers At St. Johns

ers were once organized as you sold in a short time by Lant Sher-convincingly demonstrated on this ought to be organized and as you wood and Norman Cowan. are beginning to be organized, you Essay Winner, Age 13, Writes progress lies in learning to get to- Local further proved its progresfor all and all for each."

Such in brief was the essence of during the past spring. remarkable and elequent address delivered here today by Major lime were sold and nearly a car of As explained in another article in Thornton Anthony Mills, prominent wool was assembled for pooling. An lates the following interesting exthis issue of the News, the Berrien business man and lecturer of Chica- audit of the books completed up to County Farm Bureau recently spon- go, who was the principal speaker June 30, 1926, showed an annual sored an essay contest among the on the Farm Organization Day pro- business of over \$90,000 for the past 648 lbs. of wool at Oxford. All but seventh and eighth grade pupils gram of the Clinton County Old two years. throughout the county. The topic as- Home Week which is being held at

The audience, estimated at severprize was a free trip to Lansing for al thousand, which crowded the Court House Square and vicinity. Miss Harriet Hogue of Sodus, who vigorously applauded Mr. Mills wrote the winning essay, took her when he declared, "There is no sane trip to Lansing at the time of Farm- business man in the city who would not belong to his Chamber of Comfollowing, she spent several hours merce, the organization which is sponsoring this Old Home Week. headquarters on Cedar street. Af- There shouldn't be one single farmter returning home Miss Hogue er so narrow and selfish and shortsighted that he would refuse to become a member of the Farm Bureau. Surely Are Those back-numbers who believe they can stay outside an organization and live unto themselves alone are not only not accomplishing anyters, located on Cedar street, Landrance to progress. When some thing, but they are actually a hinprogress is made through an organifirst obtained from the general ap- zation, some freight rate adjustment pearance of premises and outside of secured, some favorable legislation the building, which evidently had enacted, some progress made in cooperative marketing, some advance achieved in connection with seeds or a large reception room, surrounded other farm supplies, those who are not a part of this farmers' move-Assistant Secretary, and Purchasing ment have no right to claim any of

Lauds Value of Grange Major Mills evidenced his broad very business-like in appearance with understanding of farm conditions modern bookkeeping appliances equal and rural needs when he stressed the advantages of the Grange for so-"I was first conducted through the cial and educational purposes and of Clothing Department, which consists the Farmers' Clubs for fraternal of many bolts and patterns of woolen purposes, but also emphasized the

"The only real insanity is the fail-"I was next taken through the ure of people to get together," deson why we should not have 100 per tion of farmers helping to solve Seed Department which consumes a clared Mr. Mills who went on to cent support from our member eleproblems for the farmers. Any lot of floor space in the building, setting together but of building. Michigan farmer and his family can both for machinery and storage. Of getting together, but of building together and acting together. "You "The Farm Bureau has several de- cleaning and grading seed I was sur- time by doing it alone," said Mr. may gain this time and even next partments. One of these is the Seed prised to learn they were so large Mills, "but in the long run better which has been very successful, not only in getting a large volume of beans, but in filling an urgent need beans, but in filling an urgent need free from novious words. And vesting your life in your organizaing out along this line, placing plants quality considered. The Farm Bu- fices for the Elevator Exchange, the tion and then going forward with

Mr. Mills was introduced by "The whole building is protected George Bateman, president of the system which is significant of the ceding Mr. Mills' address, a long and business principles maintained very carefully prepared parade showing the progress of agriculture and transportation was held. Many

attractive floats had been prepared by various Clinton County farmers' organizations. A log cabin float built by Fred Ottmar of Riley won first prize, second place went to Olive Grange and third place to the Looking Glass Valley Farmers' Club.

The Old Home Week at St. Johns was a six day affair, crowded with splendid attractions and special features, one of the most important of which was a mammoth historical pageant with a cast of 500 local peo-The second annual meeting of the ple depicting the history of Clinton stockholders of the Michelex Eleva- County. Arrangements for the enor & Warehouse Company was held tire week were in charge of County at Port Huron on Wednesday, Aug. Agricultural Agent, Howard V. Kit-

Prairieville-Orangeville Picnic Was Big Success

The annual picnic of the Prairie ville-Orangeville Township Farm Bureaus was held at Pine Lake, Friday, August 6. The large crowd and been repaired and new machinery inwonderful weather made an ideal setgram which had been arranged. The speakers included Mrs. Roy

Brumm of Nashville, who has been It was the consensus of opinion of prominent in the woman's work of Brown City and other stations will speakers were well received by the large and enthusiastic gathering of

place he would think to get it would lowing directors for the ensuing Orangeville might well be imitated by other township Farm Bureaus. For the past six or seven years they have consistently followed the policy lette; C. S. Benton, Lansing; Carl of having monthly township Farm one of these monthly meetings is The directors then met and the fol- held in the form of a joint picnic of "It gives the farmer the official lowing officers were elected: L. C. the members from the two townorgan of the Bureau which for the Kamlowske, President; H. D. Hor-ships. Perhaps because of this polifirst time in the history of the Amer- ton, Vice President; F. M. Oehmke, cy, these two townships have always ican farmer gives him a voice that Secretary and Treasurer; C. S. Ben- maintained a large and active memton, General Manager and J. C. bership, although they are not particularly rich agriculturally.

SELECTS NEW NAME

Oxford. August 12-After six rears of successful operation, the Ox-Major T. A. Mills of Chicago erative Elevator Company. Realizers, college men and representatives sis, this local has been re-organized tration Farm at Howard City, Friwith a capitalization of \$25,000 with day, August 27. St. Johns, Aug. 3.—"If you farm- \$10,000 paid in. The new stock was

Company, as it will now be called, is are used. Seeing is believing, so if to Main Street tomorrow. You are but one of the many successful local you are interested in problems rethe most powerful group in America co-operative elevators in Michigan lated to the management of sandy OF F. B. BUILDING the most powerful group in America co-operative elevators in Michigan to the Michigan belonging to the Michigan Elevator solling and the most powerful group in America to operative elevators in Michigan to the Management at Howard solling and the most powerful group in America to operative elevators in Michigan to the Michigan to try is absolutely dependent upon ag- Exchange. In addition to being a riculture. The secret of success and member of the Exchange, the Oxford Pennsy vania Railroad has been able gether and to work together, each sive spirit by purchasing more than tions. \$8,500 worth of seed, known origin, During this season 330 tons of

At the first meeting of the new or-

ganization the following directors were elected: M. G. Dunlap, Glenn Sherwood, Lant Sherwood, J. Haines, Earl W. DeLano, Stark and Ray E. Allen.

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POULTRY

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MISCELLANEOUS

WRITE FOR PRICE AND DESCRIP-tion of Pyramid poultry shipping coops. Farm Bureau Poultry Exchange, 2610 Riopelle street, Detroit. 3-12-tf

FOR SALE—CERTIFIED BERKELEY Rock Wheat winners at Aurora, Ill., De-troit, Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo, Marshall, Lansing and Charlotte last fall. G. P. Phillips, Auctioneer, Bellevue, Mich. 8-27-28

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PRODUCERS CO-OP COMMIS-SION ASSOCIATION 906 Williams St., E. Buffalo.

OXFORD CO-OP GROWS; Pennsylvania R. R. Farm Demonstration Aug. 27

Of great interest to all those concerned with farming the lighter ford Farm Bureau has become an incorporated institution and will here, the fourth annual meeting of county after be known as the Oxford Co-op- agricultural agents, extension working the need of adequate capital and of farm, organizations to be held at being organized on a permanent bathe Peninsylvania Railroad Demonstration

The Pennsylvania Railroad has farm that light soil can be farmed The Oxford Co-operative Elevator successfully if the proper methods City on August 27 and see what the to accomplish under average condi-

MADE \$162 EASILY

Wm. Blackman of Imlay City reperiences which he has had in pooling his wool. In 1925 he pooled 2,-98 lbs. was Delaine wool. The local buyer had offered 40 cents a lb. Through the pool he netted better than 46 cents a lb. This made him a profit of \$162.

As a result of this experience, who can blame Mr. Blackman for pooling his 2,880 lbs. of wool this season?

Plan to attend one of the legisla-

Bachelors should be taxed what they miss at houseclean

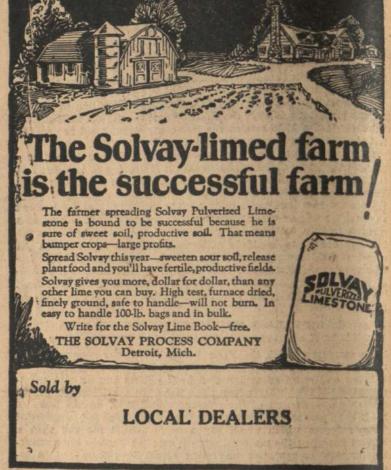


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