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# **Business, Music, Dancing Are** To Be Part of Annual Meeting

WATERWAY CONFERENCE TO



## Sparks From the Legislative Anvil

Captured, Confined in Cold Type Sentenced to Serve Our Members

Michigan farmers now have one more thing to worry about for the State Legislature has convened at Lansing in regular biennial session. With the Congressional mill running full blast at Washington, and the State law-meddlers grinding out new statutes at Lansing, it takes a lot of fortitude and faith in Providence

to sleep peacefully these nights. However, through organization the farmers have means of keeping in touch with what is doing in legislative chambers and protecting their interests. This was not possible few years ago. It will be our aim. through the columns of the NEWS to keep our members well posted on the legislative developments of the most interest to them. ......

Not ony will the Michigan State has accepted invitation to address the Farm Bureau keep careful watch on Michigan organization. He has been what is being done under the Capitol chosen because of his keen apprecia-Dome, but scattered all over the state tion and understanding of the presare hundreds of wide-awake Farm ent agricultural situation as it ef-Bureau Legislative Minute Men who fects the farmers of the entire counreceive regular reports and letters try.

from their state headquarters, fur- An effort to have the banquet pronishing them the latest information gram February 3, broadcast by along legislative lines. There are Michigan State College radio station, many times as many Minute Men on is being made. This was done at last the job this year as there ever were year's annual meeting and many re before. These local leaders will keep quests have been made to have the their fellow Farm Bureau members same thing done again at this time. informed on legislative matters and With all the plans being made for will communicate the desires of the the business sessions, the ninth anlocal groups to their Senators and nual meeting is to have enough of Representatives in the Legislature. the entertaining element interspersed throughout its program, during the

NINTH ANNUAL AFFAIR OF BUREAU **IS EXPECTED TO ADD STRENGTH TO** THE AGRICULTURE OF MICHIGAN

Sessions Of The Farm Bureau Program Will Occupy Two Whole Days, Feb. 3 and 4. Speakers Of National Fame Are Sought For Affair

Having for its membership the strongest and stablest body of agriculturists ever banded together in Michigan, the Michigan State Farm Bureau this year has every promise of conducting its most successful annual meeting when its several hundred delegates assemble at Michigan State College, at East Lansing, for a two-day session, Feb. 3 and 4.

As has been the custom in previous years, the big meeting comes as the climax and very important closing chapter of the annual Farmers' week.

The activities throughout the counties this season, in the conducting of Farm Bureau work, makes it apparent that the annual meeting will be attended by one of the biggest delegations in recent years.

County Farm Bureaus have been reporting in their proposed delegations recently and committees have been working on a program of events that should make the meeting one of the most interesting in the history of Farm Bureau.

Among the big speakers for the occasion we have the name of Congressman Charles Brand, of Ohio, who

M. S. C. MAN HONORED



Ohio Congressman Will **Address Annual Meeting** 



Rep. Charles Brand, Congressman ; plus products to price for many year from Chio, will be one of the speak- and has some very definite ideas ers at the annual banquet of the which he presents in a very forceful Michigan State Farm Bureau to be nations have done to solve this probheld on the evening of Thursday, lem and is able to give historical ex- Three Cent Gas Tax And New February 3, at the Union Building at amples and defend the economics of the Michigan State College Congressman Brand will come diect from Washington, where he has presentation of the agricultural situaeen in the thick of the fight over tion oday and a presentationfarm relief legislation. He has been

**AGENCY TO SELL** 

Non-Profit Corporation Is

Established In Seven

**FARMERS SET UP** 

the plan which he proposes. His address will be a rapid-fire what he believes to be one of the big a deep student of the relation of sur gest steps toward their solution.

DON'T FAIL TO FIGHT

**BORER JUST BECAUSE** 

# **LEGISLATIVE MILL STARTS GRINDING ITS LEGAL GRIST**

License Rates Offered By Rep. Ming

**GARDNER MADE SPEAKER** 



State Capitol, Jan. 13 .- With Governor Fred W. Green duly inaugurated as Michigan's Chief Executive

"The corn borer's gwine to get and other preliminaries accomplish yn ef yn don't watch out" is well ci- ed, the 1927 State Legislature is now ted by the agricultural agent of Me- ready to undertake the real business nominee county in a recent bulletin of the session. to the farmers of that county in The lawmak

**BE HELD AT MUSKEGON JAN. 27** 

**THOSE INTERESTED IN ST. LAWRENCE PROJECT WILL GATHER THERE FROM MICHIGAN AND ELEVEN OTHER STATES** 

Hope to Have Herbert Hoover as One of the Great Array of Speakers Being Secured; Julius Barnes Already Promised: Gov. Green Will Preside

"One of the most important meetings ever held in this section of the country," is the way in which the notable Regional Tidewater Conference of the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Tidewater Association; to be held at Muskegon, Thursday, January 27, is described by C. L. Brody, secretarymanager of the Michigan State Farm Bureau.

The purpose of this conference is to receive reports on the present status of the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Waterway project and to crystallize the public sentiment of the Upper Great Lakes and neighboring states toward an early accomplishment of this object.

Speakers of the highest national standing are being secured for this coming conference. A strong effort is being made to secure Herbert Hoover, Secretary of Commerce. Julius Barnes, past president of the United States Chamber of Commerce will be one of the speakers.

#### Green To Preside

The morning session of the convention will be held in the College Auditorium and will begin at 10:80 o'clock, Central Standard Time. The afternoon session will be a luncheon meeting, convening at 12:30 o'clock at College Hall. Gov. Fred W. Green will preside. The evening session will be a banquet convening at 6:50 at the Elks Temple. All those who register for the conference will receive complimentary tickets for the noon luncheon and the evening banquet

This meeting at Muskegon will be n the nature of a celebration of the progress already made and a rededication to the completion of the task of making the St. Lawrence navigable for ocean boats so that the Atlantic may be indeed moved a thousand miles inland. The slogan of the Muskegon conference will be, 'Finish the Job in 1927-It can be Done!

The job that is to be finished this year is that of getting the preliminaries out of the way so that actual construction work can be undertaken without further delay

throughout its program, during the Farm Bureau members in the two days, to attract all the mem-1927 Legislature number three Sen- bers of the family of each Farm Buators and 16 Representatives. Many reau delegate.

of the city members are almost Besides hearing speakers of nationequally interested in the proper dis- al importance, those who are to make position of legislation affecting agri- the meeting the success that it is culture, but they are not as familiar planned it will be, will have an opwith the problems and conditions of portunity to join in an old-fashioned the farmer. These city members are square dance at the close of the banquite frequently inclined to follow quet, on the evening of Feb. 3. This the suggestions of farm organiza- dance and the banquet are to be held in the big ball room of the Union tions. Memorial building at the college. \* \* \* \*

There is every indication that this Seating capacity of this banquet room present Legislature will make a and its annex is only about 700 so Inspection and certification service, corporation organized at a meeting ity it may call on you to furnish part splendid record for itself. There ap- those who contemplate taking part Michigan State College, was elected at Hillsdale on the Detate Association to sorve several so atter of southern of one of your choicest crops for its in about \$6,000,000 more a year, and pears to be a very harmonious and in the banquet and who want to be President of the Potato Association to serve several counties of southern "little family for one or two seafriendly feeling between the Governor assured of having a seat where they of America at its annual meeting Michigan. and the lawmakers. Then, too, an can hear the speakers and the music held December 27th to 30th in Philaunusually large proportion of both to best advantage will do well to delphia, Pennsylvania. Other officers in becoming members of this cor- grown in the corn raising areas is the Senate and the House is com- purchase their tickets immediately elected were F. M. Harrington, Boze- poration the farmers who are to mar- indicated in a recent move by Repposed of experienced men.

Twenty-six of the thirty-two Sena- the State Farm Bureau. tors have seen previous legislative That Farm Bureau members are experience, either in the Senate or strong for the old time dances has Nichols, New York, and S. G. Pep- try products through this channel ing the federal eradication work aim experience, either in the Senate or strong for the old time dances has been seen in the attendance at the pen, Prince Edward Island, Canads., for a period of three years except that products for breeding purposes of a three or borer, recommending would give the countries 50 per cent members to whom legislative prac- last annual banquet and again, more tices and procedure will be unfami- recently, at the annual banquet of liar. In the House seventy-two mem- the A. F. B. F. at Chicago.

bers have seen service in former as- The state office of the Farm Busemblies, sixty-two of the members reau must have some definite knowlserving in the 1925 session. There is edge of the number who are planning one 7th termer; three 6th termers; to attend this meeting so that arthree 5th termers; ten 4th termers rangements can be made for the dinner and for accommodating the and nineteen 3rd termers. guests. Don't delay in making your \* \* \* \*

It is reported that Chas. S. Pierce, reservations and state how many will veteran Clerk of the House of Repre- be in your party for the banquet. sentatives, spent some time before the session practicing the pronuncia-for Farm Bureau members in Lansing for Farmers Week or for the Farm MARCELLUS FARMER tion of the name of the Representa- Bureau meeting should take the optive from the third Wayne County portunity to visit their State headdistrict. Try it yourself. It is J. A. quarters at 221 N. Cedar street, Lan-Rep. Dziengiel- sing. Visit the Seed Service and its Dziengielewski. ewski sits in seat No. 1.

#### **CASS FARMERS ORDER** MUCH CERTIFIED SEED the Traffic dep't, where members'

Orders for a hundred and twentyfive bushels of certified seed pota-

raise their next year's seed. This now in position to deal direct on spectively. seed.

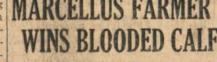


H. C. MOORE

H. C. Moore, Chief of Seed Potato

were elected directors. The Potato Association of Ameri- and for direct consumption may be congress for carrying on this under ca is a national organization devoted sold at retail by the producer. to the interests of the potato indus- An advantage seldom to be afford-

is issued monthly.



seed cleaning and handling divisions, News, the Fabrics dep't and its suitings, overcoats and blankets display;

assuring a large distribution of superior seed when the potato train goes through the County in March. A number of the Saskatchewan grain growers beld by the Saskatchewan distribution of goes through the County in March. A number of growers are buying Co-operative Elevator company at a Cassopolis, were chosen Vice-presi- of 5 cents on each six months' busicertified stocks from which they will million and a half dollars and are dent and Secretary-Treasurer, re-

plan has much to commend it, but world markets with their interests Directors elected were A. P. Willwhile certified potatoes can be grown controlling four terminal elevators, iams, Jones: Ralph Moore, Dowagiac; here, greater freedom from disease totalling 18,000,000 bushels capacity, A. D. Alldredge, Ernest Huyck, Marcan be secured in northern grown 573 country elevators and with con- cellus; and W. J. Miller, Berrien Censolidation of 73,453 wheat growers. ter.

Mich. Counties TO SELL WITH OHIO MEN rious pest.

EGGS, POULTRY

Farmer With Small Flock Will Benefit By Operation Of Concern

What has promise of becoming one ravage other farm crops. of the most important marketing agencies in Michigan, the Wolver- Michigan farmers can well heed. You

ine Poultry and Egg Exchange, has may not be a corn king but if the been perfected as a non-profit stock corn borer settles in your communsons.'

By the terms of their agreement Just how serious the menace has through the office of the secretary of man, Montana. Vice-President, and ket their eggs and their poultry resentative Purnell, of Indiana, in Walter M. Peacock, Washington, D. products through the organization which he submitted to President C., Secretary-Treasurer, Daniel Dean, are to sell all of their eggs and poul- Coolidge tentative plans for further that products for breeding purposes an appropriation of \$10,000,000 by

try of the United States and Canada. ed a new organization is made avail-

Its membership includes growers, able to this concern which will mean Secretary of Agriculture would have shippers and research and extension the saving of a great out-lay of cap- power to require financial and legisworkers of the various states and ital funds at the outset. This is lative aid from the respective states provinces. Its official publication is brought about by action taken by before expending the federal approthe American Potato Journal which the board of the new corporation in priation funds. deciding to market the commodities

for the members through the Ohio

Poultry Producers Co-operative As-sociation, with its big warehouse at sociation, with its big warehouse at Wauseon, Ohio,

Under this arrangement Michigan farmers selling through this poultry organization will not pay a

percentage of their profits for build-John Holliday, Marcellus township ing up a sinking fund, as the Ohio P C Vision the president, constitutional amendment to make the Supply Service, the Farm Bureau farmer, was declared winner in the farmers are doing, and as would have to be done were the proper the prop the concluding feature of the annual de in Michigan territories. Until the the concluding feature of the annual de in Michigan territories. Until the the concluding feature of the annual de in Michigan territories. Until the the concluding feature of the annual de in Michigan territories. Until the the concluding feature of the annual de in Michigan territories. Until the the concluding feature of the annual de in Michigan territories. Until the the concluding feature of the annual de in Michigan territories. Until the the concluding feature of the annual de in Michigan territories. Until the the concluding feature of the annual de in Michigan territories. Until the din Michigan territories din Michigan territories. Until the din Michigan territories din M the Traffic dep't, where members meeting of the Cass County Guernsey volume of business warrants the es-treight bills are audited, and loss and Recting of the Cass County Guernsey hold at Man be engine for Gover- presented above, Charles P. Craig. treight bills are audited, and loss and damage claims are collected. We'll Breeders Association held at Mar-tablishing of a marketing center in the territory served, these Michigan of Ottawa Lake; V. C. Brewer, of Dundee; Edward Havekost, of Mon-Legislature adopts this resolution, it a letter to Mr. Brody, be glad to see you. College cars stop at Cedar street. Walk one block cellus Tuesday. Two hundred farm-ers had registered for the drawing. farmers will pay only a fee of \$3 for farmers will pay only a fee of \$3 for roe and Harold Saltz, of Dundee.

business now being done in four Edith M. Wagar. counties of northern Ohio, the coun-

ties that have established the Ohio Marketing organization, is gained sary to maintain soil fertility economically. (Continued on page two)

which he urges county support in the alar session Wednesday, January 5 nation-wide effort to control this se- but the achievements of the first project and its present status have

Mr. Knaus, the county agent, suggests that Menominee county farmers take more than passing interest in borer eradication work so that, ed at a joint convention in the House three issues of the NEWS. while Menominee county does not chamber Thursday afternoon, Janhave much corn to worry about, uary 6. there won't be a spread of this pest

Companion bills to increase the to that part of the state where it can This is a timely warning that all week of the session by Rep. Fred R. increase the gas tax from 2 cents to

to decrease the weight tax on passenger cars from 55 cents to 45 cents

taking which has assumed a gigantic proportion in the past year.

Under the Purnell plan, the U. S

000,000 **A NEW COMMITTEE** 

The county Farm Bureau in Mon- duced in the House providing for a

A good rotation of crops is neces- fort and business-like lawmaking.

The importance of this great week were largely confined to the or- been presented quite fully to the ganization of the Senate and the Farm Bureau members of Michigan House and the reception of the Gov- in a comprehensive series of educaenor's message, which was present- tional articles appearing in the last

Hoover Reports a Victory

A tremendous stride toward the accomplishment of this goal to which gas tax and readjust the automobile the Farm Bureau is so earnestly comlicense fees were introduced in the mitted was taken on January 3 when House on the first day of the second Herbert Hoover, Secretary of Commerce, submitted his report as chair-Ming, of Cheboygan. He proposes to man of the commission named to ad-3 cents a gallon, which would bring from the Great Lakes to the sea. This vise upon development of a shipway report was a strong endorsement of the St. Lawrence route and sounded

the death knell of the so-called "All per hundred pounds and to lower 'he levy on trucks up to 2500 pounds American" route, which would infrom 65 cents to 55 cents per hun- clude the Lake Ontario-Hudson dred. For heavier trucks his bill River project. In the comprehensive would slightly increase the licen e report of this commission the following recommendations to President rates over those now in effect.

A provision of this second bill Coolidge were embodied: "FIRST-THE CONSTRUCTION of the weight tax revenues instead OF THE SHIP-WAY FROM THE of the flat \$6,000,000 specified in the GREAT LAKES TO THE SEA IS present law. It is estimated by Ret. IMPERATIVE, BOTH FOR THE RE-

Ming that 50 per cent of next year's LIEF AND FOR THE FUTURE DEweight tax revenues would be about VELOPMENT OF A VAST AREA IN \$9,000,000 which would mean that THE INTERIOR OF THE CONTIif this bill were passed, the counties NENT.

would get \$3,000,000 more than at "SECOND - THE SHIP-WAY present. A further provision of the SHOULD BE CONSTRUCTED ON bill would increase the appropriation THE ST. LAWRENCE ROUTE for the maintenance of trunk line PROVIDED SUITABLE AGREEhighways from \$2,000,000 to \$4. MENT CAN BE MADE FOR ITS JOINT UNDERTAKING WITH THE

Four Year Term For Governor DOMINION OF CANADA In accordance with the recommendation of Governor Fred W. OF THE POWER RESOURCES OF Green, a resolution has been intro-

R. G. Vivian, to appoint the follow- the term of office of Governor and AGENCIES."

of Ottawa Lake; V. C. Brewer, of than one term in succession. If the Lakes-St. Lawrence Tidewater As-

Membership work in the county is Decidedly at contrast with the toes were given last week at the con-ference of Cass County potato grow-ers with O. B. Price, Agricultural Agent of the N. Y. C. lines. Many additional orders are in view, thus The new officers and board of di- predominates among the members Some idea of the magnitude of the da Raw, Harry Birdine and Mrs. resentatives have had previous legis-

> lative experience, should make for a short session of real constructive ef-

The ability and qualifications of a (Continued on page two)

comments upon the forthcoming con-

"THIRD—THE DEVELOPMENT

THE ST. LAWRENCE SHOULD BE

UNDERTAKEN BY APPROPRIATE

ference at Muskegon as follows: "The investigational stage has passed. We have stood the test of the engineering and economic studies. Both are favorable, unanimously favorableand without qualification. We are now ready to proceed to an agreement with Canada to open

the seaway and place the interior of the continent on a sea base for purposes of rate making.

"The meeting at Muskegon is for the purpose of emphasizing (Continued on page two)

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"A CHAIR by the fireside, a table, a light, God grant there is somewhere they wait you tonight, For fame you may hunger, for fortune may thirst, But working or playing, your home should come first."

and 1918 our automobile casualties were 427,000 while the American casualties for the same period in the World war were 317,387.

To put this in different words, and this is taken from a statement recently broadcast by radio, the annual automobile casualties were two and a half times the annual casualties of the American forces during the war and the annual death total greater than the annual death total in the American forces during the same period.

In Ohio, where the Farm Bureau members have taken on automobile insurance protection earlier than in Michigan, the Farm Bureau organization shows that 45 per cent of its insurance losses there have been for public liability and property damage, indicating that even the drivers on rural highways face considerable danger from traffic accidents and from the Ohio insurance figures, showing that a number of farmer-owners of motor vehicles are now facing heavy damage suits in the courts, we can see a great need; the need of understanding the seriousness of driving a motor vehicle without protection for public liability.

Whether Michigan farmers insure with the Michigan State Farm Bureau's chosen company or with some other company, they cannot afford to run their cars and their trucks upon the highways of this state unprotected.

With practically no limit placed on the amount these suits can take from a man, except his ability to pay, there is nothing to prevent the loss of his entire property holdings, in case a farmer loses out in one of these litigations for damages.

And the sorry part of it all is that the owner of the motor vehicle may be exonerated of all blame in ease of any accident and still have to face one of these heavy suits for damages.

One of the greatest peculiarities connected with the "happening of accidents" is that, from official statistics it is seen that most accidents involve cars in good condition, on straight roads having a dry surface, on clear days, in daylight, and on streets but not at intersections, with drivers of two to three years' experience and to men and not women drivers.

It looks like either the "same driver" needs financial protection while he owns a motor vehicle or the "goofy driver" is very, very lucky in escaping the hazards of driving.

# Joy Flees "Barefoot Boy"

#### Prompter of Whittier Poem, Now Aged Man, Delirious When Found Half Frozen in Old Home

Danvers, Mass .- Frank Marston. Live and laugh as boyhood can! once the carefree, whistling child who prompted the poet Whittier to write Stubble-speared "The Barefoot Boy," lay in the State sward, hospital here recently recovering Every morn shall lead thee through from a delirium.

The elderly man had been found in his century-old home, suffering Shall the cool wind kiss the heat; from exhaustion.

years, was missed about the streets. Lose the freedom of the sod, Neighbors found him huddled on a Like a colt's for work be shod, bed, while a piercing wind rushed in Made to tread the mills of toil, through wide-open windows.

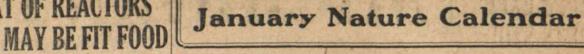
Though the flinty slopes be hard, the new-mown

> Fresh baptism of the dew; Every evening from they feet

All too soon these feet must hide Marston, a town character for In the prison cells of pride,

was elected for the ensuing year: Ashley Berridge, Greenville; George Herman, Edmore; Fred Olsen, Sheri-Up and down in ceaseless moil: Carey, Fenwick; Wm. Jamie. son, Lakeview; Mrs. Glenn Johnson, Butternut and Mrs. T. Musson of Six Lakes

reau.



U. S. Officials Explain Point Which May Have Puzzled

**MEAT OF REACTORS** 

Many Farmers

The question is often asked, "How an carcasses of animals slaughtered High above them as reactors to the tuberculin test be Blinding crystals is the sunlit steep." passed upon post mortem examination as fit for food?" The Tubercuosis Eradication Division of the U. . Bureau of Animal Industry has the

following to say on this subject: "This matter has been given very careful consideration from the stand- shelter and let th snow and ice wall

carcasses slaughtered under the Meat Inspection Act is founded on sound Beavers principles established by world-fa- when it snows and they don't care mous physicians and veterinarians.

post-mortem inspection and disposi-In the course of slaughtering, other leaves and moss half frozen and ragged toboggans. animals which have not been subject- asleep.

ed to the tuberculin test are fredairy cows, calves and hogs, and the wake up hopping and hungry. ame principles are applied in the inspection and disposition of all tuber- of the white-footed mouse who drags culous animals whether they origin- his tail when he jumps. These mice ate on the range or in the areas en- are often seen beneath linden trees gaged in tuberculosis eradication under whose roots stores of linden vork.

"Scientists consider meat as an al-nost negligible factor in the transmission of bovine tuberculosis to hu- squirrels put their fore paws down its transmission is the raw milk of to lunch counters which are often stalks six and seven feet high. Even loes not indicate the extent of the be found. disease. On post-mortem examination many of the reactors consigned called coveys and are wearing their to the shambles show but slight local- winter snow shoes. Under bushes and zed lesions, some no larger than a thickets the snow is often covered pinhead, and to consign entire car- with their toe prints. They are eatasses of such animals to the fertiliz- ing seeds and frozen buds. er tank would be a willful waste of

**MONTCALM HOLDS** 

food.'

Montcalm County Farm Bureau ield its annual meeting Jan. 12, in he Grange Hall at Greenville. Representatives were present from a number of townships and plans were made to continue the Farm Bureau work previously outlined.

The meeting was addressed by Frank Bennett and A. Bentall, both of the Organization department of the Michigan State Farm Bureau, Judging from the interest shown the future of the Montcalm County Farm Bureau is very bright, indeed.

The following board of directors

crowned kinglet. You can tell him Bury the still valleys, drift them by his white wing bars, forked tail and striped head.

The leaves are gone and the red-

in South America, six thousand miles

Low along the mountains lake-blue eyed vireo, "preacher bird," is no shadows Sea-blue shadows in the snow drifts longer needed to clean them. He's busy eating insects from the leaves

Even the most wakeful of the black bears will go to sleep this bushes are green.' The bare shiny month. When she can no longer find scarlet limbs of red osier flash and food she will crawl into some rude

The snow beneath the birch trees point of both public health and econ- her in completely. During the long is dotted with tiny brown seeds falomy, and it should be made thor-oughly plain that the disposition of feed from the layer of fat which she your pocket lens and examine one and behold a tiny bird with out-

Beavers and muskrats don't know spread wings.

Bare trees make an interesting either. Down in their snug lodges skyline. The elm trees wear tilted "The greatest care is exercised in and submarine channels they live caps, red maples wear oval crowns arrying out these principles in the and eat undisturbed by the weather. and sugar maples have broad flatten-In the woods, down under the ed tops. Beech tree hats are soft as tion of the affected animals, and no snow over which you are walking, feathers. There are dunce's caps on bad beef' is passed for human food. spring peepers lie nestled in the the lombardy poplars. Old oaks wear

Narrow and tapering as church

In shallow burrows in the earth spires, the fir trees stand half burquently found tuberculous among toads lie cold and brittle. They still ied in the mountain drifts. Were the very best steers, bulls, beef cows, live, however, and in the spring will their branches longer, they would break under their burden of snow. On top of the snow are the tracks Trees grow by stretching their fingers and toes and adding to their waists. It is easy now to measure how long their fingers grew last summer.

nuts and other fruits are hoarded Those dry, rattling weeds did all their growing in one season. In only Like rabbits, squirrels jump. But about twelve weeks, ironweed, Joepye weed and others must make and man beings. The principal means of side by side. Their tracks often lead assimilate enough food to send their

tuberculous cows. When an animal the tops of tree stumps where bits now beneath the snow at the foot reacts to tuberculin, the reaction of nut shells are almost certain to of the dried stems, green rosettes are ready, waiting for spring to start Bob-whites are living in flocks their swift metabolism.

Orion and his dog make a striking picture in the winter sky. Beneath the hunter's feet Lepus, the hare, is crouching. The four faint stars in his rhomboid ear lie five degrees be-Overhead the barbed tongue of the low Rigel which marks Orion's left downy woodpecker keeps busy piercfoot

ing the insects and larvae which he West of Rigel, the River Po bepersistently "drums" out of the tree gins. It rambles to the west until runks. almost to the whale. There it curves

That tiny bird, who with the like a horseshoe to the south and chickadee feeds on the insect larvae east, then dips below the horizon. like a horseshoe to the south and

#### **Tidewater Men To Market Organization** Meet At Muskegon **Formed By Farmers** (Continued from page one)

(Continued from page one) from the report covering the first this important milestone and arousing the enthusiasm and 16 months of their business. This laying the ground-work for exshows that they sold \$902,000 worth of eggs in that period. This is a busipediting the next move. We can have this agreement writness representing a total of about 300,600 hens in the territory served ten with Canada in six months by the Ohio organization. With apor in ten years, just as we proximately two and one-half milchoose. The order of prelion hens in the counties active in cedence of legislation and organizing the Wolverine Poultry & Governmental action does not Egg Exchange, it is easy to picture depend very directly upon the a very bright future for the Michiimportance of the project, but gan organization with good prosit does depend directly upon the pects for an individual marketing breadth and insistence of the center for this territory in the near demand on the part of those who future.

# **ANNUAL MEETING**





from the uplands. deep.

sleep

away. How many insects must he eat

-Sarah Cleghorn, to produce calories enough to carry him that great distance twice a year? The twigs of Japanese Kerria

glitter in the sun.

Refort Natziger, 2 V. Fres	W. J. SCHUICZ
Millburg	L. A. Hawley
F. L. Bradford, SecTreas	C. I. Chreste
Benton Harbor	H. W. Gowdy
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#### **STATE FARM BUREAU'S PUBLIC** SERVICE PROGRAM

#### LEGISLATION

Passage of the Capper-French Truth-In-Fabric bill; completion and operation of the U. S. Muscle Shouls Nitrates plant and manufacture of fertilizer; opposition to any form of sales tax or of consump-tion tax; retention of federal income tax; Passage of Gooding-Ketcham Seed Stain-

ENACTED APR. 26, 1926

TAXATION

Relief for sorely burdened farm property by enactment of:

ENACTED JAN. 29, 1925 (a) Two cent gasoline tax for highway funds.

(b State Income Tax in place of State's general property levy, (c) Law forbidding any more tax exempt

curities. (d) Equalization of assessment of farm and city property in accordance with sales values of same.

TAXES REDUCED \$67,350 ANNUALLY SINCE 1924

(Farm Bureau Investigations brought equalization in Calhoun, Ingham, Wash-tenaw, Monroe and Kalamazoo counties, saving farmer taxpayers \$67,350 excess taxes annually.)

#### TRANSPORTATION

EFFECTIVE SEPT. 10, Immediate application of Michigan Zone Rate decision to save farmer ship-pers in 69 counties \$500,000 annually.

> MARKETING Extension of sound co-operative mar-keting program now well under way in Michigan.

EFFECTIVE OCT. 20,

#### AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE Adequate protection for farmers against loss by fire, theft, collision, property dam-age and public liability furnished at reasonable rates.

#### INSURANCE FOR THE FARMER

The death and accident toll from automobile traffic in this country has reached the point where even those living on the most inaccessible by-ways should have reason to sit up and take notice.

Why the farmers of this state, through the Farm Bureau, have gone into the matter of providing protection for themselves in the way of automobile insurance of their own financing can well be deduced from a recent statement made by Judge Alva Corlett, of Cleveland in which he said, "The automobile has been more destructive of life and limb than all the instruments of war."

This is a pretty big statement and covers a lot of territory but the judge, in support of this statement, cites the fact that in 1917

He was delirious and half frozen. Happy if their track be found As a boy of 14. Frank had worked Never on forbidden ground; about the home of Whittier. Proud- Happy if they sink not in ly he exhibited books and other gifts Quick and treacherous sands of sin. that had been given him, and he had Ah, that thou couldst know thy joy, made a passionate study of the Ere it passes, barefoot boy! writer's works.

It was then that his manner and A new process for the recovery of cheery whistling caused the poet to an efficient sulphur compound from immortalize him as "The Barefoot manufactured gas which is said to Boy." One verse from the famous give to the agriculturist a superior poem is particularly adaptable to his insecticide and fertilizer, was anpresent condition. It goes: nounced recently at the convention of Cherrily, then, my little man, the American Gas association.

Bad Brakes and Lack of Chains

A directors' meeting will be held during the coming week when the officers will be selected, new by-laws arranged, and a full program of work outlined for this county Farm Bu-

**DETROIT CREAMERY** HAS TESTING ASS'N

The Detroit Creamery company's erd of almost 600 purebred and and other associations interested in grade Holsteins at Mt. Clemens, waterway development. have been placed under test in a ow testing association.

A unique feature of this cow testing association is that only one herd January 27, because this Great Lakesof nearly 600 cows forms the organzation.

This is the largest number of ows under test in any Michigan Cow Festing association. L. H., Barney, graduate from Michigan State Colege in 1926, started testing the Detroit Creamery Co. herd January 1, 1927.

#### HOLSTEIN MEN PLAN TO SET UP NEW UNIT

A meeting of the Holstein breeders for the purpose of discussing current breed affairs and to consider the advisability of forming a county organization has been called for 2 tion is in session. P. M. January 18, to meet in the Supervisors' Room of the Court that you make your hotel reservahouse at Cassopolis.

address by J. G. Hays, Sec'y of the Michigan Holstein-Friesian Associathe Holstein men of Berrien County afford to miss from his own indi-

at Emmanuel College, Berrien vidual standpoint alone. Springs.

Results of public and private sales of Muskegon, we suggest that you all over the country indicate a strong fill your car with interested Farm revival of interest in this breed of Bureau members and avail yourself cattle. Whether or not a county or- of the privilege of having a part in over and the open season for duck ganization is effected, dairymen will this great conference which seems find it profitable to hear Mr. Hays' destined to play such an important the best of decoys, and they sell them discussion of present conditions and part in speeding the completion of for that purpose. prospects of dairying in general and this waterway project which will Holsteins in particular.

The Nebraska wheat pool for the cultural and industrial interests. 1925-26 season totaled 662,421 bush-

Bart

els, final settlement for which was an average of \$1.57 a bushel.

need it. In this case that means the mid-continental areas now laboring under the tragedy of transportation handicaps."

You Are Invited Ingham and Hillsdale counties. From The Muskegon conference will be each of these counties a director was a great rally of those interested in picked to assist in perfecting the or-

the St. Lawrence Waterway from the ganization. The Michigan State Farm Bureau, following twelve states: Michigan, Michigan State College and the Mich-Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, igan Poultry Improvement Associa-Minnesota, Iowa, North Dakota, So. tion endorse the undertaking as a Dakota, Kansas, Nebraska and Montana. Delegates are being chosen by move that should benefit hundreds of farmers. Governors of states, Mayors of

Organization of the

Poultry & Egg Exchange followed a

series of meetings in Calhoun, Jack-

son, Branch, Washtenaw, Lenawee,

Wolverine

Those who are to direct the afmunicipalities, village presidents, fairs of the Wolverine Poultry & chambers of commerce, city lunch. Egg Exchange for the coming year eon clubs, State Farm Bureaus, and are, A. W. Torrant, of Parma, presicivic, commercial, trade, agricultural, dent; H. S. Osler, Ann Arbor, vicepresident; A. G. Betteridge, of Seneca, secretary-treasurer and five di-

The Michigan State Farm Bureau rectors: S. S. Teeters of Calhoun has been actively promoting this County; Mrs. Mary N. Reynolds of conference to be held at Muskegon. Branch County; K. A. Zimmerman of Ingham County and Leo V. Card St. Lawrence Waterway development of Hillsdale County.

is one of the outstanding projects to A direct campaign is to be conwhich our organization is commitducted in the several counties interted and has been for several years. ested, to afford every farmer who All communications and inquiries feeds a flock of chickens an opporregarding the Muskegon Conference tunity to join the organization. M should be addressed to J. C. Beuke-Howell, manager of the Ohio ma, Secretary-Manager of the Greater Poultry Producers Co-operative As-Muskegon Chamber of Commerce, sociation, has been picked to head Muskegon, Michigan. the campaign in each county. He

The registration desk will be stawas picked because of the efficient tioned in the lobby of the Occidental manner in which he conducted the Hotel. The registration fee, covering campaign for members in the four cost of luncheon ticket and banquet Ohio counties for the successful operation of the Ohio marketing organticket will be \$6.00. Delegates and visitors are request- ization.

The plan of operation provides for ed to wear badges while the convena truck service for picking up the farmer's eggs and poultry productal

Those in charge of convention urge at given points in the territory. The products are to be pooled with tions at once if you plan to stay over the Ohio producers' products and settlement made with the farmer twice

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each month. All his products will be The importance of the subject to graded and sold as graded stock. tion, who also appears that day be- be considered and the exceptional This makes it possible for each memfore the Central Farmers' Associa- calibre of the speakers are ample as- ber to sell on the best market and oftion at their annual banquet. The surance that this conference will be fers an incentive for higher grade following day Mr. Hays will meet one that no one who is able to go can production on the farm.

> The dual purpose duck now is be-If you live within driving distance. ing brought forward. In Kansas, two parties who are raising Mallard ducks say they outlay the domestic ducks and when the laying season is shooting begins, the Mallards make

stand for all time as one of the most beneficial achievements to our agri-

A 40-bed tuberculosis hospital is proposed to be built to serve Allegan and Ottawa counties probably at Hol-

A good way to store seed corn so land although further consideration made to the growers on July 1, re- it will dry well, is to nail woven wire is to be given the matter by the turning \$1,041,220 to them. This was fencing on the studding in the barn boards of supervisors of the two and the the corn by the husks to it. | countles.



Skidding days are here. Slippery ralls, icy streets and wet pave-ments are causing automobile accidents. If you are one of the

thousands of motorists who use their cars during the winter, be sure

to take the necessary precautions to avoid the seasonal hazards, urges to take the necessary precautions to avoid the seasonal hazards, urges Charles E. Hill, vice-president of the National Safety Council, which is endeavoring to have fewer accidents this year than took place in 1926. See to fit that your brakes are functioning and remember to put on chains, if you want to lessen the possibilities of a bad spill. "Cross constitutions could work to the season of the area bad spill.

crossings cautiously" is still a good slogan! Always approach ratiroad

tracks slowly.

Invite Crashes When It Rains

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acre yet to be paid.

or 38 per cent of net rents.

Taxes Exceed Rents

from 1920 to 1923, inclusive.

The most unfavorable years were

these years the farms reporting did

not yield sufficient rent to pay the

taxes. In 1922, thirty-three farms

were taxed an average of 87 cents

per acre, while the net return from

operations was only 57 cents, leav-

ng a deficit of 30 cents per acre

which had to be made up from other

In 1925, the last year covered by

the study, average gross rents from

44 farms were \$2.42 per acre, while

net rents before the payment of tax-

es were 93 cents per acre. Taxes in

1925 amounted to 88 cents per acre

Fifteen farms which reported for

each of the three years, 1919, 1922

and 1925 showed approximately the

same results as did the entire group

Taxes on the 15 farms were 26 per

cent of rents in 1919. In 1922 taxes

were 28 per cents greater than the

rental returns and the deficit had to

be made up from the owner's pock-

ets. Rents were just enough to pay

A total of 52 farms were covered

in the study, distributed as follows:

Leelanan, 4: Grand Traverse, 11

Benzie, 10; Antrim, 8; and Manistee,

that in 1924 there were 715 rented

farms in the counties covered in the

United States census figures show

Figures for other sections of the

state are being tabulated at the State

College and will be released in the Lverv

the taxes on these farms in 1925.

Emmet county, 4; Charlevoix,

or 95 per cent of net rents.

sources outside the farm business.

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MICHIGAN. FARM BUREAU NEWS

Unbiased Report Shows That Farmer Is Not Only **Big** Taxpayer

**CORPORATION TAX** 

LEVY PLAN UNECONOMIC

Earnings Need Consideration For The Protection Of Business

The property tax is becoming more nd more a tax on real estate only he figures show that those classe concerns which have heavy invest ents in real property pay the high st taxes in relation to their earn ngs, according to R. Wayne New on, tax research associate of Michian State College.

The property tax is the chief ource of State and local tax revnues in Michigan as in every other merican State, and no workable ubstitute has as yet been found that can replace it as the major tax ider present conditions. However e suggestion frequently has been ade that the earning capacity of operty should be taken into coneration when assessment values being fixed and it seems probable at such a plan would offer some lief in the quarters where it is t needed. In addition, the states Connecticut, Massachusetts, Monna, New York, North Dakota, Tenssee, and Wisconsin now levy gen- of preventing fires.

al corporation franchise taxes on fires. e basis of net income and it is be

easure for Michigan's corporation ey in 1924. anchise tax would give some relief inion.

The statement is based upon fig- ies, real estate corporations,, 15.8 proceedings before they become legal es recently obtained by Secretary per cent; wholesale and retail trade, made dummies of the other mem-State DeLand, from the United 12.8 per cent; hotels, professional pers of the Board.' ates Bureau of Internal Revenue and amusement companies, 10.6 per d upon reports of the Federal Bu- cent; manufacturing, 8.6 per cent; and construction companies, 5.8 per

The continued reliance of Michi- cent. upon the general property tax d other taxes based on capital valis largely responsible both for large amount of tax paid by corations showing a deficit, and for unequal tax on the earnings of se companies which made a prof-Mr. Newton states.

#### Consider Earnings

rprises and of businesses that

state's economic resources. corporations calling Michigan nor Green delivered his inaugural of our economic system.



"Sam and the Mrs." were "shot" by the camera man before the crowd had chance to gather at the fire prevention booth of the Fire Waste Council at Agriculture. the American Farm Bureau Federation's agricultural exposition at Hotel Sherman, in Chicago, December 6.

The picture shows president Sam Thompson, of the A. F. B. F., and Mrs hompson, intensely interested in a demonstration of lightning causes and effect and measures of protection that have been found practicable for the verage farm.

The booth of the agricultural committee of the National Fire Waste Council was designed to emphasize the need and importance of fire prevention on the farm, where the fire waste amounts to approximately \$150,000,000 annually, a very large percentage of which is easily preventable through the exercise of care.

The center section of the booth, where a static machine had been installed by the Underwriters' Laboratories, was presided over by W. H. McCullough of the Laboratories, who was kept busy during the entire three days of the meeting demonstrating the origin of lightning and explaining the most effective means of protection againts it. Another section repre-sented the interior of a farm dwelling, in which was displayed a number of fire hazards usually found in a farm residence, together with valuable suggstions for their elimination. A third section represented the interior of a farm barn, where the need for more than ordinary care in preventing fires was driven home by means of several striking placards, one of which listed the principal causes of fires in barns; while others pointed out the difference between defective and proper construction as an effective means

aved that a substitution of income the net profits of the mining and (collectively, I'll make it in person. or capital stock and surplus as the quarrying concerns which made mon-Referring to the Administrative Board act, Governor Green urged an

Legislative Mill

The per cents for other corporaamendment to give the members the the large number of corporations tions showing a favorable balance at power to override the gubernatorial hich fall into financial difficulties the end of 1924 were as follows: Fi- veto. He declared, "The provision of om year to year, in Mr. Newton's nance companies, including banks, the present law that makes it neces trust companies, insurance compan- sary for the Governor to sign all

> Recognizing the farmer's plight and his tax problem, Governor Green said, "One of the great issues in the

United States today is the situation in which the farmer, the produce of the necessities of life, finds himself. For a state administration to promise relief for all that harasses

**Begins Grinding** (Continued from page one) and perplexes the farmer would be rural member were recognized when folly, but in every department of and perplexes the farmer would b Rep. Lynn C. Gardner of Stockstate government the needs, the rights and the hardships of this secbridge, a Livingston county farmer, was elected Speaker of the House of tion of our population must be kept Earnings are the measure of the Representatives. To give him an op- actively in mind. Those in charge of cess of business enterprises and portunity to place his ninety-nine our finances, of our institutions of es which disregard the amount of colleagues on the sixty-one standing science and learning, of our lawmak mings and consider only invest- committees of the House, the Legis- ing, and of every other branch of nt values, are likely to eat up an lature recessed from Thursday, Jan- state administration, must do every portant part of the capital of new uary 6 until Wednesday, Jan. 12. thing, at all times, to safeguard and The most spectacular feature of promote the farmer's interests, and in temporary difficulties, thus the first week's session was the joint to co-operate with the national agen ening bankruptcy and a loss to convention of the Senate and House cies in the improvement of condi Thursday afternoon at which Gover-Itions'that are at the very foundation

ir home, paid out less of their address to the lawmakers, justices "The tax problem is bound up with Eliminate That Backache LOad profits for taxes in 1924 than did of the Supreme Court, other state of the whole unfortunate condition of ations in the rest of the coun-ficials and a large crowd of citizens the state's finances. Lightening the who packed the galleries and side burden of the direct property tax lines to capacity. must be the first purpose of every Preceding the delivery of Governor change in our system of taxation, and Green's message, Dennis E. Alward, we must not create any new sources 2,778 corporations which reported Secretary of the Senate, read the that U. S. Bureau of Internal Re-farewell address of former Goverof revenue unless this money is to be used to reduce the property tax. nue from Michigan for 1924, as nor Alex J. Groesbeck, This message We must exhaust every method of regainst an average of 30 per cent for declared that state business was "in ducing expenditures. Michigan has an unusually healthy condition. Neither deficit, depleted treasury nor not kept her faith with the farmer on one hand, nor with business in d profits, the chief taxes paid by the necessity of devising new meth- terests on the other, in the matter ods of taxation face the new Legisof taxation. Capital Punishment Figut Looms on privilege fees and general prop-lature," he said. Groesbeck praised One of the first measures introy taxes. When the federal taxes the present highway system and the re excluded from the figures, it conduct of road building affairs. He duced was the capital punishment bill introduced by Sen. Vincent A



It is important that, where cattle Taxes on surveyed rented farms in are to be marketed early from paseven northwestern counties of the ower peninsula averaged 92 per cent ture, they be fed to gain more weight of higher rates for rural service was of the net returns to owners during during the winter than if they are to held before the Michigan Public Utilbe sold late the following fall. he seven years, 1919-1925, R. This fact has been brought out Wayne Newton, Research Associate through experimenting under direc- the farm interests were the followin n Economics at Michigan State Colege has discovered. The statement tion of the U.S. Department of Ag-

riculture. s based on returns from question-In feeding tests, steers which naires sent to owners of rented farms Grand Traverse, Leelanau, Benzie tions, put on greater weight during retary S. M. Powell. n Emmet, Charlevoix, Antrim, the following pasture season than and Manistee counties by the State those making the larger gains dur-College acting in co-operation with ing the winter. the United States Department of

The experiments were begun with 90 good to choice Hereford steer Owners of the farms reported in calves of weaning age and continued

hese counties realized an average until the animals were marketed as gross rent of \$2.42 per acre during the seven years covered by the study, vided into three lots of 30 each, each 3-year-old steers. The calves were di out repairs, depreciation, and operatlot as nearly uniform as possible in ng expenses reduced the yield to \$1 quality, size and condition. The three per acre, with a tax of 92 cents per lots were each given the same amount of space in an open barn and Taxes were lightest and rents highkept under cover all winter. The st in 1919. In that year 24 farm steers were fed twice a day, and the owners reported gross rents of \$3.63 feed, both concentrates and roughper acre, and a net return of \$2.00 age, 'was carefully weighed at each per acre before paying taxes. Taxes feeding. Water and salt were availin 1919 averaged 75 cents per acre, able in the barn at all times. During the period of the experiments, chang-

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made only light gains on winter ra- Manager C. L. Brody, Assistant Set President McPherson made strong statement in opposition to the higher rates recently permited by the Utilities Commission, and after some discussion, Chairman Sherman T Trire

ities Commission, Friday, Decembe

31. Those in attendance representin

officials of the State Farm Bureau:

President M. B. McPherson, Vice

President M. L. Noon, Secretary

calves, and several different rations conference be held during the latter part of January between officials of the Bell Telephone Company and the

Michigan State Farm Bureau, to try to reach an agreement regarding a new schedule of rates for rural service. This suggestion was mutually **ON FARM TELEPHONES** agreeable and it is expected that the conference will be held in the very The matter of rural telephone near future rates is still being followed closely

by the Michigan State Farm Bureau. It is desirable to thoroughly reno-A brief hearing on the new schedule vate and disinfect the laying pens in the fall before pullets are transferred to then





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according to information gatherby Mr. Newton.

Taxes absorbed an average of 25 cent of the net profits from the

country at large. Outside of federal taxes on income higan corporations were corporais found that other taxes in 1924 urged strengthening of the Adminisnounted to 13.6 per cent of net trative Board act.

rnings of Michigan corporations. comparison, taxes other than fed- State affairs in very different colors. al income and profits taxes absorbcorporations in the United States. The figures given do not represent exact statement of the relation beeen taxes and earnings on corporbusiness conducted within Michim's borders, it is pointed out, hower. Federal tax returns are made om the principal office of corporans, as a rule, and reports filed in lichigan frequently include stateents of earnings realized and taxes aid outside of this state. Also, many rporations filing reports outside of lichigan, do business within the tate and pay considerable amounts

taxes here. The figures are considered reasonbly accurate for most classes of Michigan corporations, since most ompanies which do the bulk of their usiness in Michigan are likely to ular reports of receipts and expendi- in the death of a person, the driver naintain their main office here also.

12,000 Concerns Report While average figures indicate tion a statute punishing the juggling alty for this crime would be not more hat taxes were somewhat less on of funds in public reports might well than five years and a fine of not every kitchen. Michigan corporations than on others be adopted." Digressing from his throughout the country, it cannot be written message, Governor Green in axed here, Mr. Newton says. The figures show that 4,311 companies, hand since he took office January 1 37 per cent of all active corporaions reporting from Michigan, lost noney in 1924, and so did not have pay a federal income tax. Howver those losing companies paid other taxes which aggregated 12,200,360 in 1924, an amount which represented 23 per cent of the cational institutions, prisons, agrital losses sustained by them.

uccessful corporations in Michigan, he figures show. Taxes other than

ts of successful corporations operating transportation lines and other said, "There will be no Representapublic utilities in 1924; 19.3 per cent of the net profits of companies prof- er chamber authorized to speak for

tably engaged in agriculture and me. If I have any communication to kindred lines; and 18.4 per cent of make to you, either individually or YOU WILL GET IT!

Governor Green's message painted He expressed grave apprehension re-19.7 per cent of the earnings of garding the condition of the state tutes lethal gas for the electric chair treasury and finances. He said, "I am having an audit made of the vote on capital punishment has albooks and an inventory of the prop- ways been a close one and in this

> partment has pledged its revenues in affirmative. Another capital punishment mea advance; that the state is not paying its bills; that Jackson prison owes sure also providing for death by le the general fund nearly a million and thal gas, is Rep. Milton R. Palmer's a half dollars; that taxes have been proposal introduced in the House levied and more raised for specific His bill makes capital punishmen

> operations and then spent for other compulsory unless the jury should purposes. There are many disturbing specify life imprisonment. Twenty rumors in regard to the state's fi- years in prison would be the mininancial condition which will only be quieted by an independent audit such before a pardon or parole might be permitted. as is under way.

Hits Juggling of Funds "In the future there will be reg-

tures that will reveal the state's trae financial condition. In this connec-

more than \$1,000. aid that all corporations are lightly formed the Legisalture that past-due TOLEDO QUITS SALE highway bills that he has found o "OLD IMPORTED SEED" It is interesting to note that Tola amount to more than \$4,592,000.

Governor Green's message was do is closing out the market in "Old Imported Seed." This is not surpris most comprehensive document, setting forth in firm sentences his ideas ing news since all seed of recent in as to the most important needs of portation has had to be stained, desthe State. He dealt clearly and con- ignating colors, denoting regions o vincingly with such problems as eduorigin of shipments. The "Old Inported Seed" was not stained and

culture, taxation, the state police, was less difficult to sell in compe-Taxes were also unevenly distrib- workmen's compensation, primary tition with the domestic and ted between the different classes of elections, conservation and crime ed seeds in northern areas. tition with the domestic and adaptprevention.

During the past two weeks nearly He advised the Legislature to be two million pounds of seed known : ederal income and profits taxes ab- known for the quality, rather than be unadapted was imported into the porbed 23.6 per cent of the net prof- the multiplicity of their enactments port of New York alone.

and brought great applause when he This means that farmer-buyers must be on the look-out when maktive or Senator on the floor of eithing purchases of seed for this spring as anchors to hold the hig ship. planting.

DEMAND ADAPTED SEED AND

ing posture may apply not only to the way one stands while working at table, sink, cabinet, etc., but also to the placing of fireless cookers, wood boxes and many other things in the kitchen which often cause one to stoop while they might very easily be comfortably placed.' Many of the commercial fireless cookers on the market today are built with a stand-

report.

near future.

ard so it is not necessary to stoop while putting food in the cooker and taking it out. And on some of the new gas and and electric stoves are fireless ovens which do away with

Martin of Fruitport. It is much the the stooping as well as having extra equipment in the kitchen. However same as the capital punishment mea-If one does have a separate or a low sure which aroused great interest two years ago, except that it substicooker, it is best to have a shelf built for it or, put it on a table.

During the past several sessions, the Wood boxes which are essential where wood stoves are used should be placed so they can be reached conerty. When these are completed, I session many of those who have led veniently without having to stoop will give them to you and to the pub. the fight against the measure are too far. They may be built in the lic. I do know that the Highway De- said to have decided to vote in the wall at a suitable height so the box

can be filled from the outside, or they may be put on a platform with casters. This not only brings them up to a better height, but also makes it possible to move the wood box to the door for filling or they can be

moved in cleaning the floor. There are many things that enter into the cleaning process which mum time served for a life sentence might be used to make it easier and to help in eliminating many back

If the speedy or reckless opera-A mop wringer fastened to a pall tion of an automobile should result saves much stooping and is a saving in many ways, or a long handled of the car would be declared guilt scrub brush is a great convenience. A of homicide by the Palmer Bill. Penlong handled dust pan obviates much back bending and should be found in

> Waxed floors can be polished on the hands and knees, but it is much easier to have a weighted brush with handle long enough so work can be one in an erect position.

Remember you have but one back for every process and it is well to plan so it can be saved.

A measure of endurance of rawhide has just been obtained by the falling of the bell from an old mission near San Diego. The bell had hung for 128 years, fastened by the original rawhide thongs, which never had been repaired.

The old army tractor came into play as a means of holding the army non-dirigible, TC5 in mooring at the Boston airport recently. Two tractors, each weighing five tons served

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# Mrs. Wagar Points Out Important Questions

and for any purpose? I fully realize

high school children to drive to and

from school each day. In most case

it must be that way, or a curtailment

of education will result and that

cannot be considered at all. And

again I know how necessary it is to

have this help in the farm work for

out or quit farming-for there's no

other help to be had nor any money

to pay with if help were available.

does not exercise mature or sober

reasoning powers when performing

keep in mind this enormious death

list that we are hoping to lower at

every point. One man prominent in

the state conference paid the Farm

But we must consider that a child

Shows Where Farmer Can the desire parents have for their Turn His Thoughts To Advantage

The enormous loss of life, due to accidents as a result of a lack of carefulness on the part of our cit- it's the women and children to help izens, is appalling. Last year there were over 90,000 people killed and more than 2,500,000 were injured in the United States. In more concrete terms, 240 deaths and 7.000 injured every day of the year was the judgment. He is more apt to use his tell. This was more than twenty times the daily casualty toll to the a given duty than he is when driving American soldiers during the World for pleasure. At any rate, we must War.

Do these figures mean enough to us to give the question of Public Safety more concerted interest than we have shown in the past?

Bureau one of the best compliments Every year the records show a ter I have ever heard from one not dirible increase in the toll, but as yet rectly interested. He said, "The has seen but passing interest by the Michigan Farm Bureau was the best public .- Cannot we help to arouse organized group, of people within the conscience of the American peothe state to secure needed legislation ple that they may be stirred to ac- and to create public sentiment, for tion? Does not it mean something to they have a working machine down us as a nation that more than 21,000 to every unit within a county."

boys and girls under 15 years of age I wish our farm people could only died from the result of accidents last see our possibilities as others see year? And when we analyze the them. It is unbelievable to some peo manner of accidents we find the au- ple connected with other business tomobile by far the greatest offen- that farmers nesitate and quite often refuse to unite with such an oppor

We find that one out of every 30 tunity for self help as the Farm Budrivers of the U. S. last year killed reau offers. We people within the orsomeone; we find that the average ganization need to create public son is increasing every month; that the timent for ourselves along with such auto accident rate increased 23 per vital questions as public safety.

cent last year. We also find that there was \$700,000,000 of property destroyed through careless aut driving. In the first nine months o 1926, 818 people were killed through auto accidents in our own state.

Are we doing anything about it? Can we find any way to lessen the number and make it safer for the people at large?

We will all agree that to bring about a better condition, we must first get the traveling public to sense

The year's work for the Farm Butheir responsibility; to be on their reau in Van Buren county has been guard at all times; to consider the outlined and the schedule was adoptrights of others; to take time to ed at the annual county meeting a think, and first of all we must have Paw Paw, mapping out the 1927 proa uniform code of rules and regulations governing everybody alike at gram with a lot of good work ahead Members of the Grangers, Gleaners all times in all places. Nationally, we have been alert to the situation for co-operative associations, farmers some time. More than a year ago clubs, bankers and ministers, agri-Secretary Hoover called together a cultural teachers, volunteer exten conference from all parts of the na- sion leaders took part in the meet tion to consider this serious prob- ing, indicating the wide-spread inlem. At the very beginning it was terest that the program has created

apparent that each state had its in this county. Eight schools for leaders and 120 own code of traffic regulations and that the first step necessary was a schools for class members are plan- of Thine who have come hither from uniform interstate traffic system ned for study of soils improvement. properly regulated and enforced. A There are to be 30 leaders and 300 national committee was chosen out class mmbers participating in this of this first conference who worked work and the study period will close diligently for about a year to formwith demonstrations treating of five types of soil in the county. ulate a plan feasible for the entire

country. This plan when completed Twelve extension schools for deal ing with the problem of the Euro was presented to the national conference and approved, and is now be- pean corn borer are planned. ing introduced into the several states Considerable efort is to be direct-

with the hope that each state legis. ed toward the promotion of the use of certified seed, especially potatoe lature will enact such regulatory laws that might be made workable. There will be 12 extension schools For the past year there has been on small fruits; four demonstrations in development a desire for more on peach pruning and four on raspuniform traffic rules among the cit- berry pruning; five demonstraies and municipalities of the state tions on bee keeping; nine and such an agreement has been schools for leaders in 27 schools for adopted by over 200 units. It has class members in the study of grape been a source of annoyance to find culture; twelve extension schools or speed limit in one town 10 miles per dairying; ninety schools in poultry hour and in the next one 25, and it husbandry; twelve extension schools faction in their own souls. We ask is also most confusing to find traf- in forestry, and a third years' work fic lights as signals in the center of in Clothing, as part of the Home the intersection at one point, and Economics program, is being organ at the sides in anoher. These differ. ized with 192 schools for class mem-

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in potato growing, 4 in poultry,

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If you have any personal suggestions or ideas that you woud like brought to the attention of the Resolutions Committee, rest assured that your State Farm Bureau will be glad to have them and that they will be given full and careful consideration. Your State Farm Bureau

Resolutions Committee will have a tremendously important and difficult task in preparing a set of resolutions which will voice the desires of the membership fully and accurately and establish the Farm Bureau policy for the coming year. Your ideas will be very helpful in directing the attention of the committee to the matters in which you, as a member, are interested.

#### LEGISLATURE OPENED WITH THIS PRAYER **VAN BUREN ADOPTS**

This will certainly be the best legslative session ever held if the law-**PROGRAM FOR YEAR** nakers live up to the spirit of the ollowing invocation which was offered by Dr. Edwin W. Bishop of the tilizers in a larger aggregate amoun Plymouth Congregational Church of in Michigan. Lansing, at the 'first daily session

> of the House: "Oh Thou Divine Source of wis-

dom, intelligence and life, in Thee phosphoric acid to produce a 3 we live and move and have our being, bushel crop of wheat, with only Not a star courses through the night, enough potash to produce a 10 bush not a flower lifts its nodding head, el crop, Mr. Voyles explained, will not a swelling of the ocean rolls on- result in the minimum and not the ward, except it be under the guid- maximum production. This is a point ance of Thy law. We think our too often overlooked by the farmer thoughts after Thee. We become re- in attempting to produce a good crop sponsible as we obey Thy commands without knowing the fertiliser needs and as one of Thy ways of revelation of his soil. is through government, so one of the ways in which we can co-operate with fertilizers are made plain enough to Thee and be co-workers with Thee is him, the farmer will buy with more

through government. 'We bespeak Thy benediction and he asserted. Thy guidance upon these servants all parts of the State to represent worthily the interests of the great commonwealth of which we all are a part. Deliver these sons of Thine from sectionalism, from local prejudices, and enlarge their vision so they may feel they are working for

monwealth in the galaxy of our beloved land. 'May they



renders to the farmer in the way o increased profit; the availability of certain elements most needed and th FOR SALE — SHORTHORN BULL Calves. Sire's dam a 1600 lb. cow with a 12,000 lb. milk record. Seventy-five to one hundred dollars. Merrihew Bros., Weidman, Mich. 1-14-27 need of application of various fer

Thirteen elements are required t provide plants with their prope food. Enough available nitrogen and

When the theory and practice o confidence and in greater quantities

Very briefly, yet very clearly, Mr Voyles showed that the plant is no the inert, lifeless thing that it would appear that it is, judging from th treatment too often given it on the average farm, The farmer drowns it in undrained fields, freezes it in cold clammy soil, smothers it in untilled acres, starves it for lack of the common interests of a great com-lect, he is dependent upon this same food and yet, in spite of this negplant life both for his food and for

his clothing, Mr. Voyles said.

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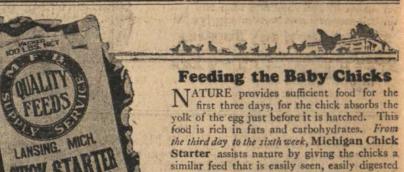
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ences have all tended to confuse the mmbers planned. motorist and also has been the means of making him careless and sometimes willfully negligent.

And, again, are we going to grant a driver's license to everybody physning clubs. ically unfit or mentally incompetent. as well as to those of sound mind and body? Are we going to be easy with intoxicated drivers? Are we go ing to ignore the confusion of glaring lights or the omission of any at all? Are we going to allow a speed of 60 miles on a 25 mile limit? Are we going to let children of 10 or 12 drive when there is a minimum age

law? In fact, what are we going to do about it? We changed our everyday mode of living to do our part and do it well as American citizens

during the late war, in behalf of our boys over there and for the sake of humanity and now are we going to allow this great loss of life and ex treme suffering and tremendous property destruction to go on and on without our disapproval or our co-operation to combat it?

We must all acknowledge that we must have public sentiment with us if we bring about any change or enforce any law, no matter how good it may be for all.

Now how much will the farmer do to help? How far will he go sometimes to help save the boys and girls or even any human being? If it should seem best among the changes required for greatter public safety. to ask that the age limit for a H cense be raised to 16 years, where now it is 14, are our farmers going to insist on the younger age? That question has been before the legislature before and the farm influence has kept it down and the same age that seemed necessary in the rural district has governed the city child. If it is necessary for the country boy or girl of 14 to be given a driver's privilege to attend high school or to deliver the milk to the station o some of those daily routine tasks couldn't we come to some sort of compromise whereby permission could be granted for specific duties rather than for a license usable at any time under any circumstances.

with the dignity of the office they hold, may they win the respect of both their constituents at home and at large because of their loyalty and efficiency, and when the days of the term are over, may they be able to look back and point with reasonable pride to the fact that they have served their State well, have honored their God, and they will have satis-

> it in Thy Divine Name. Amen.' **TRUTH IN FABRIC BILL**

**IS AGAIN IN LIMELIGHT** 

The Michigan State Farm Bureau the United States Senate. Saturday, January 8, the folowling telegram was sent to the two United States

The Garlock-Williams Company a Senators from Michigan, Hon. Wood-2614 Orleans street, Detroit, Michibridge N. Ferris and Hon. James Couzens gan, are carrying on business for

"As vote on truth in fabric legismerly conducted by the Farm Bureau lation approaches we wish to assure you that our membership is unanimously and earnestly insistent upon Silos should be tight enough to enactment of Capper Bill S. 1618 and totally unsatisfied with some substitute so-called truth in fabric meachaser to know of what fabric is

made Mich. State Farm Bureau

Stanley M. Powell, Director of Legislation.' Senator Couzens sent a reply telegram to the Michigan State Farm Bureau, just before the News went to

little possibility of it coming up for vote at this session of Congress.

TWO-DAY POULTRY SCHOOL A project, providing county twoday schools for those interested in poultry raising, has been worked out by the Extension Specialists of the covered: Housing, feeding, disease control and sanitation, brooding, feeding and care of the baby chick. Following is the January schedule for the two-day poultry schools: land county, 20, 21; Wexford county, 20, 21; Oakland county, 25, 26; Barry county, 25, 26, 27 and 28. counties.

Of the six positive factors in cro production, he showed in his talk that the least appreciated and the most neglected is that of plant food, the one factor which the farmer can largely control.

Although the speaker showed that there are 13 plant food elements three of these, as named above ar. the most essential in the farming be cause the supply on the farm is often so limited that it reaches the danger point. In the best commercia! fertilizers these essential elements are provided in a form which makes them readily available to the plant. In preparing soluble foods for

plants thought has to be given to the mechanical condition of the fertiliis watching with great interest the zer, meaning a thorough intermingcall club, 1 sheep club and 14 can- progress being made by the Capper ling of the foods in forms that will truth in fabric bill now pending in make the fertilizer easily transported and easily applied and distributed to the proper place in the soil, Mr. Voyles showed.

On the speaking program at each of these luncheon meetings, the first of which was held at Ann Arbor. Jan. 11, the second at Kalamazoo, Jan. 12 and the third at Grand Rapids, Jan. 13, representatives of the Farm Bureau Supply and Seed Serv. ces took part.

At each meeting there were from 60 to 75 co-operative managers and their Board members present. County sure which would not allow pur- Agents assisted greatly in getting the meetings organized in their r spective districts. The fourth of this series of meetings is scheduled for

Traverse City on Jan. 14 and the fifth and last one is to be held at Saginaw on Jan. 17

State-wide meetings of these managers have been held from time to press, declaring that he is ready to time but this is the first series of vote for the measure whenever it can district meetings ever arranged. They be brought out of committee but that are of a promotional nature, as statthe fight is so keen that there is but ed by Stanley Wellman, sales manager of the Farm Bureau Supply Service, who spoke at these meetings. It is promotion of agricultural

co-operation, he explains.

#### Wet Mash For Poultry

There is a very common idea tha it is quite beneficial to feed the poul-College Poultry Division. In localities try a wet mash during cold weather. selected by the county agricultural Carefully conducted experiments do agent, the following subjects will be not carry out this idea, however, as just as good results so far as egg production is concerned, have been secured through feeding mash in a self-feeder. If the flock is slow to St. Clair county, Jan. 18, 19; Mid- eat dry mash the wet mash may some times be used as a stimulant. When fed in this manner it should be mixted with sour milk or warm water The location of these schools can with barely enough moisture to wet be obtained from the county agri- to a crumbly mass. Do not feed more cultural agents in the respective at one time than the flock will clean up in fifteen minutes.

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