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# YEAR'S SUMMARY SHOWS F. BUREAU

From Commercial Standpoint, State Organization is In Big Business

#### ASSEMBLES THOUSANDS

Big Seed Supply Provided to Protect Farmers Who Purchase Early

low pre-war prices while other com- functions. modities purchased by the farmers In some rural sections, a large averaged about 51 percent higher.

purpose of showing what effect co- the failure of non-resident owners to operative selling and buying may pay their taxes when they are due. have on any given commodity, when These persons are frequently holding applied extensively.

enough commercial fertilizer, direct they will be able to turn the properfrom the factory to the farmers of ty before the time at which it can Michigan, in 1928, to make up a be sold for taxes. Many of them are solid trainload six miles long.

ties handled in a co-operative man- investments than is necessary. In ner for thousands of Michigan farm- such cases your township treasurer ers, many of whom are Farm Bureau can collect the tax by levy on the members and some of whom have personal property of the owner, anynot as yet become affiliated with the where with the state. If the sum

sold dairy and poultry feeds and sufficiently large, the treasurer may other feeds, made under its own su- and should go personally and make pervision, in an amount which the levy. long and sold enough northern school district where large amounts (Continued or The personal grown alfalfa and clover seed and other seeds, all of known origin and adaptability for Michigan planting, to make up a train of freight cars a mile and a quarter long.

Big Storage Maintained

To provide this enormous quantity of seed, the Farm Bureau has to maintain a storage of upwards of a million pounds of seed during the winter months and its seed service division reports that at the close of this season it has more seed in readiness for shipment from its Lansing warehouses for planting next spring than at any time before in the 10 years the Farm Bureau has been op- ist's part in solving the "farm re-

A new plan of merchandising was Charles M. A. Stine, industrial chemestablished during 1928. This is a list and internationally known scienplan of turning back to the Farm tist, of Wilmington, Delaware, the Michigan Livestock Exchange the Michigan Livestock Exchange of scientists, the quality of American this winter. This will bring the cotton has been steadily deteriorated. J. J. Jakway. profits on all sales. This plan was Definite accomplishments in de- meeting on the 21st of February. inaugurated with a view to making veloping by-products from farm the first dividend returnable some- wastes on a commercial basis pro- to add to the attendance it is said, time after the first of March, 1929, phesy immense possibilities for in- inasmuch as the Livestock Exchange which puts the premium on the lowafter a year's operation under the creasing farm incomes in the future, meeting usually brings out a larger est quality by buying on the basis Dudley A. Sherwood,

Members Get Recognition

on this basis was decided upon as a the suggestion that inasmuch as means of giving special recognition those problems are nation-wide in a joint affair with that of the Michito the farmers who have become af- their scope, government laboratories gan Livestock Exchange, on Feb. 22. filiated with the organization and should be established in which to are giving their moral and financial prosecute the fundamental research duct an essay contest again this support to it. Although the Farm necessary before the potentialities of winter, as was done a year ago, with Bureau Seed Service and Farm Bu- chemistry's aid to agriculture can be pupils of vocational agricultural reau Supply Service are operated fully comprehended. with the idea of service to the farm- "Those who have thought and ners are to be guests of the associaer rather than profit to the organiza- written about what the chemist may tion at its annual meeting. merchandising is looked upon with new uses for the products of the making the best record during the the problem of obtaining fair and H. H. Barnum, favor by the farmers in the 43 coun- farm," said Dr. Stine, "have opin- coming year, in the ratio of livestock reasonable freight rates, erected A. G. Blanchard, ties where the Farm Bureau is ac- ions ranging all the way from the losses in shipment, is to be rewarded modernly constructed warehouses, at Roy E. Dixon,

surance agencies established, the food, to the opinion of those who Michigan State Farm Bureau, act- look on the economic utilization of Michigan State Farm Bureau, acting as state agent for the State such agricultural wastes as a very INSURANCE MEN TO Farm Mutual Automobile In- limited possibility. surance Company, of Bloomington, "While already there are definite Ill., has issued 17,000 automobile commercial factory outlets for some insurance policies, the major portion of the farm wastes, not much more of which were for farm owned than a beginning has been made to machines, and all of which are new convert straw, oat hulls, corneobs accounts, making a total of some- and such farm by-products into inthing like 23,000 policies issued in come-producing commodities. the first two years of operation in "The chemistry of the utilization

of agricultural products and by-prod-Like the other services of the or- ucts of wastes is still in its infancy. ganization, extending this insurance The economic question of collection service to Michigan farmers is done and transportation of these materials surance company, covering the work on a very limited margin of profit are important ones, and the drying

ers' wool was a drug on the market, lems of the first magnitude. the Farm Bureau established a sys- "It must be recognized that the first, second, third, sixth and ninth tem of turning the farmer's fleeces present factory consumption of agri- places, respectively while four Michiinto woolen fabrics to be made into cultural wastes is really very small gan local agents of the company clothing on a custom tailoring basis compared with the aggregate ton- placed as among the ten best proas a means of getting the most for nage of such products available. We ducers of new business. There are the wool. This system has worked must recognize that not merely about 4,000 local agents writing initself itno a strictly retail, custom chemical research is required to find surance in these various states tailoring service for suits and over- new uses for agricultural waste, but where the concern operates. coats and the retailing of automobile a very complete and careful business robes and blankets and woolen bed analysis in the form of economic ing to make December the biggest blankets and all wool underwear, studies must be made to ascertain month for business in 1928, as i with a full display of high grade present and future conditions before was in 1927, but with a considerably yardages on hand from which suit large sums of money can be safely increased volume of business for the and overcoat sales are made to cus- invested in plans and manufactur- month this year as compared with tomers in all parts of Michigan and ing equipment for converting agri- December, 1927. to customers in practically every cultural wastes into useful articles state. While this department is run of commerce. for service rather than profit, it conducted one of the biggest volumes how chemistry has added a million of business in clothing in Central dollars a year to the income of lem-Michigan during the past year.

Many Assemblages Held (Continued on page two)

# How To Pay Taxes And CO-OPS NOW ENJOY How Not To Pay Them GREAT ADVANTAGE

Presents Many Phases To be Considered

By Farm Bureau Tax Counsellor A tremendous amount of rural eal estate is annually returned as delinquent for taxes. In the neighborhood of 150,000 separate acreage descriptions are so reported to the auditor general each year. These tax delinquencies are seriously crippling township and district activities. You, as a resident, suffer the consequences when your local offi-Commercial fertilizers were sold cers are not provided with suffiduring 1928 at about 7 per cent be- cient funds to carry on their proper

percentage of the real estate tax This comparison is made for the delinquency comes about through lands for speculation. The owners The Farm Bureau has handled do not pay their taxes, believing that amply able to pay but do not want This is only one of many commodi- to tie up any more capital in their that could be collected at any one During the year the organization place from one or more owners is

If you live in a township or

TO BE IMPORTANT

**ON FUTURE FARMS** 

**CHEMISTRY BOUND** 

International Authority

Looking For Benefits

Through Study

A fascinating picture of the chem

lief" problem was painted by Dr.

HAS BEEN ACTIVE Problem of Delinquent Tax of real estate owned by non-residents are annually returned as delinquent it may pay you to urge the treasurer to make greater efforts to Credit Standing of Farmers' collect this tax from the personal property of these owners. There is only a limited time in which this step may be taken. The township treasurer's warrant for collecting estate taxes runs only from Dec. 1 to March 1, and it is only between January 10 and March 1 that he

may proceed with such levies. Speculators are not the only ones who allow their lands to become deinquent for taxes, however. In nany instances farmers fail to pay heir taxes in time to prevent their ands being listed as delinquent. As rule these farmers expect to pay their taxes eventually and they usually do pay long before there is any danger of the land being sold, tenth annual meeting of the Amerihe State and pay the legal penal- cago. ties just as they would pay interest they borrowed the money some-

where else which should be called to your attention. It is the treasurer's duty principles, have succeeded in gaining make this demand either in person managed. or by mail. If you refuse to pay on demand it is his further duty to levy upon your personal property. He is required to levy on personal propery both for personal taxes and for

# LIVESTOCK EXCH.,

Two Associations Prepare to Join Their Forces at Annual Session

ts members recently that the date production. of its annual meeting is to be changed to correspond with that of the opinion of mills and the studies

The proposed change is designed hearers that tremendous problems the meeting of the loss prevention The idea of returning dividends still await solution. He advanced association has in the past two years. The annual banquet is to be made

The organization proposes to conhigh schools participating. The win-

idea that a time will come when the at the end of the season, according strategic points, that save millions of P. H. Savage, During 1928, the first full year of factory will use more of the farm to the plans formulated by the dollars annually in distribution and

# ESTABLISH RECORD

Biggest Month During Current Year

The honor roll of district agents the cotton trade." of the State Farm Mutual Auto Inand processing of these widely scat- the month of October showed five of Several years ago, when the farm- tered materials are engineering prob- the ten best producers were Michigan local agents of the company

The Michigan agency is endeavor-

#### Barry Farmers Seek Better Barley Crop

on raisers by finding use for waste | Twenty farmers of Barry county fruit, and declared that in view of are reported to have made a recent As a factor in bringing farmers such accomplishments it is logical to purchase of about 100 bushels of together at various times during the expect that applied science may de- registered Spartan barley seed to it. year, the State Farm Bureau has velop new products dependent upon sure a better crop for next season. held nearly a dozen special confer- the growth of new crops demanding The purchase was made from seed ences, sales schools and conventions increased acreage for the supply of raised by F. A. Lundy, of Coleman, during 1928 at which it played host raw materials required, thus widen- Mich., who raised the record barley ing the resources of the farmer. | crop in this state this year.

# **GREAT ADVANTAGES** IN FINANCE WORLD

Organizations Envious, Speaker Asserts

#### FUTURE LOOKS BRIGHT

Co-operation Between Growers is Making For Better Quality Products

Co-operatives are able to obtain Co-operatives are able to obtain from big banks, lower interests rates NEARLY HUNDRED on loans than can be obtained by directors of these same institutions, in some instances, it was stated at the They are in effect borrowing from can Farm Bureau Federation at Chi-

Speaking on "The Marketing of president and general manager of the If you have thought of letting American Cotton Growers Exchange, your taxes go unpaid until next unfolded an observing story of how spring, or later, there is one point southern cotton farmers by the application of scientific management

"There is no mysterious virtue or ter way than private handlers."

"In all the essential phases of the cotton industry there is a genuine Trayton Page, interest between the cotton grower F. D. Hilbert, and the spinner, but this is not always true between the private hand- Gilbert Scott, ler and the consumer," Mr. Moser claimed. As an instance he asserted that the speculative system of mar. J. G. Boyle, The Michigan Livestock Loss Pre- that the speculative system of marention Association gave notice to keting cotton discourages quality

> He stated that according to both ing.

"This," he said, "is only the fruit of our speculative marketing system Dr. Stine declared, but cautioned his group of livestock producers than of a community's average quality." R. H. Sherwood, "The co-operatives, contrary to this Wesley Swartz,

method, employ their own expert Mrs. L. A. Williams, classes, assemble the cotton into pools according to its commercial M. E. Echtinaw, .... value and return to each member V. B. Stout, . the full benefit of the consumer ity which each member ships," he A. M. Edmunds, explained.

He related how the farmers in the interest of reducing operation costs E. E. Boyer, ... The local shipping association have established cotton gins, tackled operation after getting its local in- products than will be consumed for board of directors of the association. in addition, by reducing the fire hazard, have lowered insurance costs to a minimum.

"Since we have adopted the policy of concentrating in modern ware- W. W. Billings, houses," he stated, "our fire loss has been negligible, and insurance rates reduced until they also are negligible W. C. Pliter, W. J. Taylor, as compared with the rates paid dur-Plan to Make December Their as compared with the rates paid during the first year of our experience. A. N. Brown, our best warehouses are only about Alfred Bentalt, .....

### Delegates

County Farm Bureaus are entitled to send one delegate to the annual meeting of the Michigan State Farm Bureau for each 100 members or major fraction thereof.

Get your delegation picked as soon as possible and formulate your ideas and submit them to State Farm Bureau headquarters for the resolutions committee to consider.

Get your resolutions material in early so it can be studied and put into shape before the ast minute rush comes at convention time.

## ATTEND ANNUAL MICH. BREAKFAST this country.

Bureaus Represented At Gathering

Twenty-five County Farm Bureaus brilliant. to demand payment of both real and for their co-operative marketing or- breakfast at the Hotel Sherman personal taxes from taxpayers living ganizations the highest commercial the second morning of the America n the township, sometime between ratings, surpassing in many instances Farm Bureau convention. It was January 10 and March 1. He may ratings of older concerns privately very enjoyable event and was attended ed by nearly 100 people.

President Sam Thompson and Sec superiority in co-operative market- retary M. S. Winder of the A. F. B ing as such compared with private F. were guests. They complimented marketing, that renders it a panacea Michigan for the spirit which turnor cure-all for farmers' troubles, "de- ed out such a large delegation and clared Mr. Moser, " but it does offer said that the presence of so many the vehicle by which farmers may ef- interested members from a state wa fectively organize the marketing op- an inspiration to them. Charles W crations of their business on the Holman, sec'y, of the National Milk basis of equality with industry. The Producers Ass'n. and G. J. Mecherle growth or decay, success or failure president of the State Farm Mutual of co-operative marketing is simply Auto Insurance Company spoke, too whether the co-operatives are able Nearly all the Michigan delegation to do the task of marketing in a bet- were at the breakfast. Those pres ent who registered were

ALLEGAN COUNTY BERRIEN Buchanan Benton Harbor Berrien Springs Berrien Center Theo. Katzbach Bridgman ... Watervliet price, obtained according to the qual- Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Ball, ... Albion Mr. and Mrs. Earl W. Johnson,...

Ceresc .Battle Creek .Cassopolis .Marcellus .Wacousta DICKINSON Art Lonsdorf, ...Iron Mountai: GENESEE .Davisor HILLSDALE The difference is that our rates on Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Brody, ....Lansing Lansing . F. Fowler. sirable structures generally used by Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Nash, E. Lansing Lansing L. E. Osmer. Lansin Gladys Patterson. Lansin

JACKSON

Bank deposits in Illinois total Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Ungren, Lansing Earl C. McCarty, ...........Port Huron of district agents in 20 states, during more than those of France, Italy and Germany combined. Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Noon, ....Jackson

## SEVERAL THOUSAND DELEGATES AT TENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE AMERICAN FARM BUREAU FEDERATION

Bureau Urges That Tariff be Made Effective on Surplus Producing Crops; That Checks And Penalties be Provided For Overproduction

About 125 Michigan Farm Bureau members, including the State Farm Bureau board of directors, attended the 10th annual meeting of the American Farm Bureau Federation at Chicago, Dec. 10-12.

Several thousand delegates from all parts of the United States were there. No visitor to that meeting could leave without the feeling that in ten years the Farm Bureau has built a powerful and many sided organization throughout

Ten years is not a long time in the life of a national organ-Cotton," C. O. Moser, Dallas Texas, Twenty-Five County Farm ization, yet it has seen the American Farm Bureau Federation -county, state and national-become a very powerful legislative group at Washington and respected as an organization that is close to the people. It's legislative record has been

The speakers for the National Live Stock Producers Ass'n, which has its branches on all the great terminal markets, said that their annual business is around \$150,000,000,—and that the Farm Bureau had a very important part in launching the Producers. Speakers from the great cotton marketing ass'ns of the South, the tobacco marketing groups, milk marketing groups, transportation and taxation experts all took time to credit the Farm Bureau for important work in those lines, work which is being continued and will always have to be done if farmers' interests are to be safeguarded in our constantly changing business and public life.

For the past several conventions, the American Farm Bureau has supported the proposed McNary-Haugen legislation. This year the resolution on farm relief did not mention the equalization fee of the McNary-Haugen plan but urged that agriculture be placed under the American protective ...Martin system. The resolution urged:

"That legislation be adopted to make the tariff effective on .Hastings surplus producing crops, using co-operative marketing institutions as the instrument for not only marketing the surplus, but all portions of our farm crops; and containing definite checks and penalties on overproduction.'

Pres. S. H. Thompson was authorized to call a conference of State Farm Bureaus for the purpose of correlating various tax programs. He will also appoint a committee to study the Benton Harbor possibilities of co-operative production of farm products.

Some remarkable addresses were made to the convention, several of which are presented in condensed form in this issue Eau Claire of the News. Later some of them will be published in full.

A feature of the meeting was the tenth annual banquet, at-Buchanan tended by nearly 800 members. Each table had a birthday Eau Claire cake with ten lighted candles in observance of the Farm .Coldwater Bureau's tenth birthday.

This was not an election year in the A. F. B. F. President Thompson will complete his second term of two years in Battle Creek December, 1929.

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	Wm. J. Thomas,Grand Rapids	
	Frank J. Walsh, Cedar Springs	By Michigan Elevator Excl
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3	Robert C. Beattie, Columbiaville	Lansing, Michigan, under dat December 14, 1928.
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4	V. F. Gormerly,Newberry	WHEAT—This market has
	MECOSTA	changed more than 2 cents
1	F. J. Harger,Stanwood	in this rut for perhaps another
	E. H. Gale, Mecosta	bushel for the last sixty days.
1	MACOMB	days. Combined crop of
3	R. G. Potts,Washington	looks as though we would con grown in United States and Ca
	MONROE	was one of the largest on
3	Mrs. Edith M. Wagar, Carleton	ord and it takes quite a little
	SANILAC	to work off the surplus stocks.
3	M. Burkholder,Marlette	CORN — Market holding
× 1	John Goodwine,Marlette	firm. Crop of corn in the I
5	SAGINAW	States was not excessively large
	Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Horton, Saginaw	returns to the farmer will be
3	A. B. Love,Saginaw	satisfactory.
E	COP CITATO	

ST. JOSEPH Mr. and Mrs. M. N. MacGregor, Constantine day season demand for beans unusai-VAN BUREN Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Buskirk; ...Paw Paw of the year, consequently prices WASHTENAW

F. A. Petz, ..

Chas. McCalla, .Ann Arbor Geo. McCalla, ... Ypsilanti Ann Arber son for any material drop in prices. C. A. Thomas, WAYNE Mrs. C. J. Hayball, CHICAGO, ILL. Lucius Wilson

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Charles W. Holman

DON'T CALL IT A BATH Doctor: "Sambo, I can think of gent, of Huron county, that is an electric bath."

#### Four Master Farmers Are Bureau Members

MARKET OPINION

By Michigan Elevator Exchange

ansing, Michigan, under date of

WHEAT-This market has not

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CORN - Market holding very

irm. Crop of corn in the United

States was not excessively large and

eturns to the farmer will be more

OATS-Oats seem to be high

RYE-A very dull market with

BEANS-As we approach the holi-

ly decreases. Wholesale grocers do

not want to buy until after the turn

should hold steady at about prevail-

ing levels. The situation in beans is

healthy and we cannot see any rea-

enough for the time being.

orices holding steady.

... Capac

Four of the eleven Master Farmers of Michigan this year are members of the Michigan State Farm Bureau. These are, Fred W. Johnson, of Montealm county: Bert Thurston, of Tuscola county; W. E. Eckerson, of Jackson county and Howard Nu-

The other Master Farmers for but one thing that will cure you and 1928 are, D. D. Creyts and J. W. Creyts, of Ingham county; C. J. Sat-Sambo: "Now, sur, doctah, yo' ewsky, of Menominee county; C. E. ain't talking' to dis here nigger. I Johnson, of Gogebic county; Orin G. R. J. Fitch, of Mason county.

had a frien' what took one of them Johnson, of Montcalm county; Edthings down in Sing Sing an' it ward Doll, of Chippewa county and drowned him!'

# Coupon books are issued to Farm Bureau members, en-

rather than the cash return realized on the redemption of his coupons that makes the member satisfied. Some members do not use their coupon books but this

# Or-gan-ize!

titling them to share in the small margin of profit on Farm Bureau commodities.

Co-ops react favorably toward the use of these books because it encourages members to trade with them, thereby helping to build up their business. It is the idea that the Farm Bureau member is recognized

merely adds to the value of the coupons of other members. The value, however, depends upon the total volume of business and is determined upon a strictly co-operative basis.

The majority of Farm Bureau members feel that the big value of the Farm Bureau lies in the protection which obtains with the organization maintained to handle the big agricultural problems and they are more interested in this than in any immediate financial gain that might be made on the sale of Farm Bureau commodities.

showed a perference for dairy feeds

sold under public formula, which

permits the feeder to study his feed-

than when secret formula feeds are

Mr. Addy was called to address

meeting of the Exchange club, at

Yale, Michigan, on Dec. 5, where the members of the Dairy Herd Improve-

ment Association, of that community

were guests of the occasion. Follow-

used, they asserted.

ing problems with more definiteness

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#### **Editorials**

To those who are inclined to look with favor upon a special session of Congress, a timely suggestion is forthcoming, accredited to Representative Tilson, of Connecticut. Mr. Tilson's idea is that, with both major parties practically agreed upon the principle of tariff protection, much good work could be accomplished in a comparatively short time if Congress were to devote its entire attention to a readjustment or revision of tariffs during the proposed extra session.

Changing conditions during the past ten years, a post-war period, have left the tariff balance somewhat upset in certain lines. Not alone certain measures of farm relief, but relief in general for various industries could be obtained were tariff matters straightened out next year.

That a whole special session of Congress should be devoted to any attempt at revision of tariffs, is a point well taken by the Congressman from Connecticut. But comparatively few of the many items making up the tariff may require definite changes but the complexity of the tariff structure, the inter-dependence of its many items calls for consideration of the entire question of tariffs, from the point of equitable and proper application and levy.

It seems, with all that has been considered and done in regard to matters bearing almost directly upon the question of tariffs, in the past three or four years, and with all factions practically agreed upon a tariff policy of one sort or another, there would be little necessity of any great amount of time being lost or friction set up in a thorough discussion and consideration of the tariff subject. It is a generally accepted fact that agriculture could be helped immensely by having certain tariff changes made. The farmers have petitioned the President on various occasions during recent months to make specific tariff revisions. Other industries have continuously sought revisions of tariff to improve their respective industrial stata.

The Farm Bureau and farmers, generally, stand for the principle of the protective tariff and they want to share in its advantages along with other groups.

One of the serious inequalities from which the farmer is suffering is in the importation of vegetable oils from Africa, Asia. Europe and South America, which are used as substitutes for pork and dairy products.

Imports of black strap molasses for making industrial alcohol replace a potential production of a million acres of American grown corn which might as well go into the manufacture of al-

In addition to this, corn imports cut in to the extent of replacing and their potential production of a hundred twenty-five thousand acres of American grown corn and replaces fully 25 per cent of the corn consumed in the Atlantic scaboard region and more than one-half the corn consumed in the Pacific seaboard area. Low import duties permit such conditions to exist to the detriment of our industry.

In the case of bean importations, we find a low priced foreign product ready to flood the market just about the time the Michigan growers' market reaches a point where he might realize a fair return on his crop and the same is true for the Michigan potato grower and other agriculturists, especially so in eastern Michigan where Canadian competition on the Detroit market has to be met.

There is no question but that the Michigan beet sugar industry is doomed unless proper protection from imported sugar is provided. To cease sugar beet production means added production of other crops where beet acreages are converted to other

The Michigan egg industry, the onion industry, the flax industry and other agricultural industries suffer when adequate tariff protection is overlooked. At the same time, the slight increase in price that might be realized by the agricultural producer under a well balanced tariff program would be almost negligible in the ultimate cost to the consumer.

So far as agriculture is concerned, a revision of our national tariff should mean a revision upwards in practically every in-

All are united in the thought of making for a generally improved condition for the various industries. All centering their efforts upon the one subject of a complete re-writing of the tariffs undoubtedly could accomplish the most in a short time.

It is quite generally conceded that much of the present tariff set-up can stand unchanged for some time to come but it too often is dangerous and sometimes disastrous to certain industries to pick out specific items of tariff and say, this one needs fixing and this one doesn't. They must all be considered, because of their inter-relationship, even though many might be permitted to ride through unchanged from their present form or applica-

#### OIL LEASING

With speculators and prospecting companies taking leases on lands in various parts of Michigan with the thought in mind of developing a possible oil industry, it might not be out of place for county Farm Bureaes to lend a guiding hand in the matter of drafting leases and regulating the procedure of letting contracts when the time comes for actual prospecting and drilling within their counties.

The idea has been fostered by the board of supervisors of Barry county and it appears that in this particular instance the entire county is to have an orderly method of going ahead with the exploiting of mineral and oil resources within its own boundaries. This eliminates the haphazard, too often costly methods of development and makes for a more orderly state of affairs for those directly concerned.

It wouldn't be necessary for a County Farm Bureau to invest any money nor engage in any way in the development of any "finds" but the influence which an organization of this type would have in the preparing of leases and alloting territory within the county should prove very beneficial to the farmers of the county in which such action was taken.

The way the matter is being undertaken by the Barry county supervisors aims to give every farmer of the county a fair "break" in event oil or gas can be found. The entire matter is left in the hands of the supervisors who have selected the county clerk to act as trustee. All leases are to be made out to him as trustee but he will not have authority to transfer the leases except upon order from the board of supervisors.

Barry county is not in a present oil producing region. The move to organize the county under the plan outlined is a move for protection in the future. Any County Farm Bureau might do as the board of supervisors of that county is undertaking to do. It would be a good move for the organization and a good thing for the farmers of the county.

The form of lease approved in Barry county is one incorporating the features outlined in an article on oil land leasing carried in these columns in the issue of Nov. 27, a lease form recommended by the state department of conservation.

#### CONFIDENCE

William M. Jardine, secretary of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, in his recent report to President Coolidge, refers to this year's expansion of acreages of agricultural plantings as a mark of confidence in the future of agriculture.

Further than this, the secretary does not look upon acreage expansions, such as took place during the 1927-28 season as a desirable practice.

With agriculture confronted with the increased production from 8,000,000 acres more than was harvested during the previous year and with a concurrent increased acreage production in the major crops, the farmer finds before him an example of what might undergo more rigid regulation if proper and sufficient research work in agriculture could be undertaken.

This means that the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the State Department of Agriculture must not be skimped of funds for earrying on the vast amount of research work which awaits

The greater the amount of information that can be handed out to the agricultural producers of this nation, the better equipped they will be to avoid probable overproduction or underproduction, so far as the human element may be effective in the control of such conditions.

As the nation goes, we find the most prosperous farmers are in the class of best informed farmers. A well informed farmer thinks in terms of tomorrow, rather than in terms of last season, He plans ahead, not jumps at an estimate snatched from the general conditions of a wasted season. It is for this class of producer that research work in agriculture must be carried for-

It is such information as Secretary Jardine brings forth in his report to the President that gives the farmer some idea of what the conditions may be during the next planting season.

To explain to the farmer that our wheat crop this season has exceeded 900,000,000 bushels for the first time since 1919 and this at a time when the world crop is about one twentieth larger than a year ago and to inform him that his overproduction this

season fortunately can be consumed by eastern hemisphere trade. gives the producer a definite picture of conditions as they are. If he knows in advance what the next buying season requires or the probable condition to confront it, he can plan his production the more wisely.

To gather this information and pass it back to the millions of farmers over this land, means that the agriculture departments need moral and financial support all down the line.

Mere confidence in the future will not make for safety in agriculture. Subsidies, tariffs and legislative control measures cannot do the lasting good for this great industry that will result from the proper and efficient disseminating of constructive information from the state and national departments of agricul-

## How To Pay Taxes

neglect to pay their taxes may be side most of the time. ently your household goods, automo- of butterfat a day for each cow and service to the farmers. bile, or even your growing crops are all subject to seizure and sale for delinquent, real or personal taxes.

The point we are making is this: Don't rely too strongly upon your ability to pay real estate taxes at your leisure after the land becomes delinquent. You may be compelled to raise the money on short notice or else have your personal property sold. On the whole it is better to pay your taxes on time, even if you must borrow the money, providing, of course, that you can borrow it.

Failure of the township treasurer o use every available legal means of collecting taxes when they are due is an injustice to those who pay promptly. In discussing this same point the Auditor General's office has reported that if these provisions of the law were fully observed by collecting officers "there would be much less unpaid taxes returned."

#### QUESTIONS ANSWERED Farm Bureau Tax Counsellor:-

"As you no doubt know there have been numerous auction sales of farms in Hillsdale county and farms are selling from \$27.00 to \$55.00 an acre. These same farms are assessed from \$50 to \$80 an acre. Now what I want to know is this, is it not illegal to make one pay a tax on \$80 when he really only has \$55 invested, when our state constitution says we are to pay taxes at 100 percent of valuation.'

Signed,. F. H.

The tax law of Michigan specifially forbids the supervisor to assess on the basis of forced sales or of auction sales. The facts stated in vour letter therefore do not constitute evidence of any illegal action on the part of the supervisors of Hillsdale county .- F. B. T. C. Farm Bureau Tax Counsellor:-

"A drain running across my farm has been plugged by a neighbor, and about one-half acre of my land has been flooded. Can the Farm Bureau help me compel my neighbor to clear this drain?"-Signed, R. L.

It is not the policy of the Farm Bureau Tax Counsellor to interfere in matters which resolve themselves into a dispute between individual farmers and where no question of taxation is at issue. You should explain your difficulty to your county drain commissioner or township road commissioner .- F. B. T. C.

If you have tax problems that are bothering you, write to the Farm Bureau Tax Counsellor. Letters and answers will be a regular feature of this column.

#### Summary Shows Farm Bureau Was Active

(Continued from page one) to an aggregate of several thousand

From the standpoint of organized agriculture, the Farm Bureau placed itself on record early in the year as in favor of a four year medical course for University of Michigan students; favoring the support of county agricultural agents from public funds, entirely; favoring the state administration's plan of providing means for continuing TB testing of cattle; favoring a revision of the state inheritance tax law so that full advantage could be taken by the state of the federal plan of allowing 80 per cent of the total inheritance tax levied to be returned to the state and provided for a special conference of certain members of its own organization and representatives of the Rural Mail Carriers Association to make a study of the question of highway maintenance and expenditures with a view toward improving rural roads in Michigan.

## FEED PROBLEM IS LEADING SUBJECT FOR DAIRY TALKS

Dairymen Commend Ration of High Protein Content, Public Formula

That dairy rations balanced with the use of certain high protein commercial mixtures are beneficial and not injurious to the herd was brought out very emphatically at a series of six meetings in Berries county a week ago, directed by R. H. Addy, feed specialist for Michigan State Farm Bureau, Jim Richards secretary of the Berrien County Farm Bureau and H. J. Lurkins agricultural agent for that county. At each of the meetings, held at Coloma, Eau Claire, Three Oaks,

ing this meeting, the dairymen fell into an open discussion of feeding practices and focused their questions upon Mr. Addy. The following day, the Rotary Club of Marine City was host to the

dairymen of that community with Buchanan, Berrien Springs and Mr. Addy a headliner on the pro-Bridgman, about 30 dairymen took gram and with a question-and-And How Not To Pay part. The programs were arranged answer session immediately followas question-and-answer affairs with ing. At an evening meeting, on the (Continued from page one) as question-and-answer affairs with ing. At an evening meeting, on the property of persons who refuse or the dairymen on the questioning same date, Mr. Addy was called upon to address the Bean Jobbers' eized and sold, regardless of where Farmers told of keeping cows on Association of the Thumb District. it may be found in the state. The 24 and 32 per cent Milkmaker with- He spoke on the subject of keeping statutes state that no personal propout injury with daily production elevator managers informed on feederty is exempt from seizure. Appar-running around two to three pounds ing problems as a matter of added

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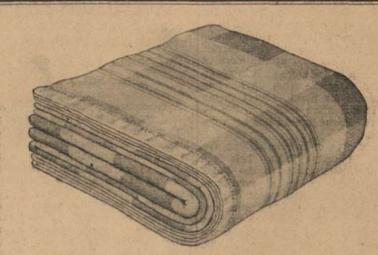
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indicates. With the potato crop on:

of our important commodities, w

lose to 36,000,000 bushels this sea

son. The quality is better than

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s not up to the average but more

eached maturity than in the pre-

Sugar beets don't make such a big

showing on the crop report list this

season. The yield and the acreage

tion being about six tons to the acre

and the state's total for the year be

Alfalfa seems to be increasing in

he state, so far as acreage is con-

erned. Production showed a slight

ncrease this year, the yield being

bout two and a half bushels of seed

yield of about four and a half

bushels, fell off slightly from the

about one hundred thousand bushels

is compared with one hundred and

fifty thousand bushels a year ago.

. Much of the 1928 apple crop is o

fewer apples to go into shipmen

commercially than a year ago and

crop moving from the counties where

it was produced. The quality of this

crop is none too good but is some

what improved over the 1927 crop.

disappointing and much of the crop

emained unpicked at freezing time.

Ripening was uneven and the quality

empting to establish and enforce

high standards, the president of the

ederation declared. And he added

hat certain types of distributors who

shop around, buying their milk

where they find it the cheapest, seek

o maintain the lowest standards

possible and are willing to use all

their social, political, financial and

commercial connections to achieve

heir purpose. In their attempt their

work will be strengthened if it can

be truthfully asserted that the United

ot up to expectations.

The grape crop proved somewhat

arly variety production, leaving

partment tells us.

bean growing sections.

vious season.

## STRICT ADHERENCE TO POTATO GRADES **BEST FOR GROWERS**

Shippers and Distributors Draft Tentative Plan To Help Industry

#### REPORTS MISLEADING

Chain Stores Said to "Ride" At Expense of Shippers And Producers

Initial steps, designed to improve general conditions in the potato industry, were taken by a small group the Stevens Hotel, in Chicago, re- from the vats and pass to the fertil- whale outright or inflicts a serious

Stated briefly, the plan of action is based largely on the principles of in great demand and sold on the bas- tribe can be easily captured. teaching the grower how to produc better potatoes, and in educating the housewife how to buy potatoes.

Consumer advertising was discuss ed, but no definite action was taken. It was apparently agreed that the quality of potatoes must be standar 1ized before an elaborate campaign of advertising would prove profit able. Most of those present seemed favorably inclined toward the idea of increasing consumption through advertising, and it is possible that the discussion may lead to publicity, which will eventually benefit the

The adoption of state laws requiring compulsory grading and inspections was favored by the entire as-

Offer Ten Points The tentative suggestions of ac-

tion, are as follows: That the handlers of potatoes in all shipping districts make a study of the situation in their territory with a view of effecting an improvement where possible in the grading of potatoes.

2. That growers and shippers confine their shipments of potatoes to those grading U.S. No. 1 as determined by the federal or state inspections, and that all potatoes should be free from dirt or other elements that detract from appear ance and affect market conditions. 3. That so far as possible federal

inspection of potatoes be secured at shipping point or in the shipping district. 4. That the railroads and the

shippers' regional advisory board be requested to lend their co-operation by acquainting the growers and shippers of potatoes with the record utlined above and urge all to comly therewith

5. That the United States Department of Agriculture also be requested to lend its influence in this campaign of improvement as mentioned above to co-operate in educating the public as to the food value of

6. That the daily press and trade press and other publicity channels, as well as state agricultural colleges and departments, experimental stations, county agricultural bureaus and local commercial clubs, espe cially those in the potato shipping districts, be urged to take an active part in assisting in carrying out the program outlined herein.

6A. That the Potato Division of the American Fruit and Vegetable Shippers' Association be requested to use its facilities to accomplish initial distribution of the above record and solicit co-operation of all interests in making the plan effective.

7. It is the sense of this meeting that steps be taken to organize the potato growers, shippers, dealers and handlers into a national association. For reasons of economy and otherwise, that such organization be affiliated with and under the supervision of the American Fruit and Vegetable Shippers' Association, a national shipping organization already in operation.

8. That a committee of not less than ten be appointed by the chair representing each of the importan potato shipping sections of the coun try, to work out a suitable plan of organization and report back at a future meeting to be announced by the chair. That this committee, in its plan of formation, take into consideration the need of some suitable form of publicity for the potato and the proper financing thereof.

9. That all fruit and vegetable associations or other organizations who are directly or indirectly inter ested in potatoes are urged to co-op erate with the special committee se as to aid in bringing about a consoli dation of all groups and organizations.

10. We recommend the adoption of state laws requiring compulsory grading and inspections.

Hibst Presides F. P. Hibst, general manager of the Michigan Potato Growers' Exchange, Cadillac, presided at the

meeting. He endorsed the idea of working with the farmer in improving quality, and recommended an advertising program and educational public ity. The average per capita con sumption of potatoes during the ast six years has remained around

three and three-fourths bushels, while the population has increased about 7,000,000, Mr. Hibst declared. Censures Government Estimates Charles Hechtman, Osseo, Minn. criticized sharply the crop estimates ssued by the United States Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Agri-

## Fertilizers Are Made From Pacific Whales

hur Bottom and the California Gray, The refuse of the animal, the blood all of which seek their food near the coast, follow the season up and down works to be turned into fertilizer. spring and early summer, they migrate toward cooler northern waters; vail in the usual whaling station, and n the fall, they move southward, average whale will yield approxi-After the whale has been killed, the mately two and a half tons of bone carcass is towed to the whale sta- meal, about two pounds of gillbone road incline that leads from the and approximately 1,750 gallons of tion, where a winch drags it up a standard whale oil. water to the main floor of the sta- For hunting whales, the whaling ion. A winch turns and lifts the steamer carries, mounted on its bow. carcass while great knives cut and a powerful harpoon gun. This harstrip off the blubber and the fiesh. poon is fitted with an explosive cap Conveyors carry the blubber to the which is discharged from the power machines that cut it up and to the gun and the time fuse discharges the of serious-minded shippers and dis- vats where it is rendered for the oil, bomb inside the body of the whale. tributors at a special meeting held at and other conveyors take the refuse A successful shot either kills the

the Humpback, the Finback, the Sul-

Treated by the methods that pre

zer works, where it is cooked and injury. By means of this invention later ground into fertilizer. This is the largest members of the whale

## Reader Comment

Editor, Michigan Farm Bureau News,

ing held in Lansing much has been with general property. Here is room said about assessing lands and build- for improvement.

| Compared to the property of th At the annual supervisors' meetof course, cannot be done, as the first of November Mr. C. H. Bram-buildings do not carry a legal des-ble of the Michigan State Grange By non-payment of taxes, buildings could not be sold for delinquent tax-

I do agree with Mr. Morgan, chairman, State Tax Commission, in regard to assessing buildings separate-those living in rural districts as well. following form, which I adopted in ating a motor driven vehicle upon 1923 for record in determining the the public thoroughfares. total assessed value of each legal escription in Mellen township:

Acres of upper and lower cultivatd and unimproved lands.

Deducting acres for highway and ailway purposes.

All buildings: structures and di-Distance, miles to school and ship-

ing station. Farm lands classified for soil, pro-

luctive and non-productive. Location and regarding improves highway. (Classification A. B. C. D.)

Adding or deducting as the case may warrant, will give an accurate assessment value.

township and found that one unit alone would have to bear an increase of six million. By a systematic assessment the

now over assessed agricultural district would get relief from excess five or ten dollars, I would readily

The sooner the State of Michigan adopts some kind of "sure to value" districts will be relieved of over-as- tion." rate by cutting our tax levies; however the assessments fix our total bill of taxes.

The contention taken by the State Tax Commission that the valuing system of real and personal property nust be revised, because the average tax rate for the whole state has in-

creased, is misleading. Lower or higher tax rates are in most cases, the result of high or low appropriations (tax levies). The Lower Peninsula has in later years nonies for drains. In 1926 the total levy for drains was \$306,097.19

On January 23, 1928 one county lone paid \$81,000 for drains. State ax levies for 1928 amounted to \$6,700,000 more than a year ago for the same purpose.

\$60,884.84 rejected taxes, being a not work a hardship in any commun- wide plea for support of a one-dere-assessment tax, should not have ity, was frowned upon by John D. partment program of milk regula-

the August estimate. He termed the estimates as "infernal guessing contest", which do no one any particular good. "They guess the crop maximum of requirements. when potatoes are under the ground and not visible to the eye," said Mr. States Department to a program of Hechtman. He recommended that regulation, such as a milk standard, the government issue information with such standard purposely kept covering conditions, together with below established maximums of the the acreage, and then let those in- principal markets, tends to encourage terested make their own guesses.

ne introduced with several large re- pointed out. tailers. "Last year potatoes were heap, but I found these distributors exacted a profit as high as 100 per ent. My profit was 20 to 25c a

ewt," he said. rade, he cited the chain store as a cities, and with Public Health Serv big contributor in the spoke of the ice officials looking with favor upon wheel which tends to depress market standards that must be considered as conditions. Chain store organiza- minimum standards and below the tions can usually buy for less, owing recognized maximum, a most under to their facilities and purchasing sirable situation is sure to arise, he power, and exact an open billing, explained in definite manner. whereas the independent jobber is lucky to even inspect a car before effort, he pointed out, will be avoidthe draft is paid, according to Mr. ed if the department of agriculture Hechtman. He found that in a re- alone is given jurisdiction in the cent shipment of 28 cars that the matter. potatoes were in the hands of a

pefore the drafts were paid. and the producer and the distributor of certain cities, working earnestly

der such plan of selling. cultural Economics, expressing the for this month, aiming to draft some sometimes prevented by milk dising 20c higher today were it not for son's crop movement.

The ordinary whales of the Pacific. is of ammonia contained, and the

#### It is true, that by adding all tax rates of all the units in the state year ago. There are some reports of gives the total average tax rate, which is applied to public utility tatoes in certain sections but, as valuation to determine the amount whole, the crop is good and fully mathat will be collected for the State tured. Primary School fund.

Utility property values (which are ors) need an upward revision in line

At a meeting held at Cadillac the ription. Only lands or lots do so. made the statement, that city auto owners are paying the bulk of the cost under the present weight tax

Mr. Bramble entertains a wrong idea, because city auto owners and for the state. The quality, however, y from lands in no other than the must pay a weight tax, before oper-

> The weight tax so named, because of the charges fixed according +c both are light, the average produc weight is not more nor less a "priv-

> lege tax" City residents have the same privlege to use their auto 365 days in ing about one half the ten-year avthe year. There certainly is no disrimination against any class of resi-

Theodore Wallenslager. Wallace, Menominee Co., Mich.

Dec. 6, 1928. to the acre while sweet clover, with

"I feel that I should send you my 1927 yield. Clover seed productions I have just received my first copy of the Michigan Farm Bu- dropped off considerably because of reau News and the information I winter killing a year ago, leaving a record, compared commercial and gain from it on farmers leasing lands year's output of seed amounting to residence property outside of Mellen for oil operations is worth much to any farm owner.

"If, I had gone to a lawyer for the information contained in the Nov. 28th edition of the News, regarding oil leases and he had charged me have paid it to him so I feel that I with better than one-third of the should write you and express my gratefulness to you and the Farmsystem, the sooner the agricultural Bureau for sending us this informa-

Isaac Trout, R. 1, Box 99, West Branch, Mich.

expended very large amounts of tax Executive Points Out Many Falacies In Proposed Dual Control

Efforts of public health service of States Public Health Service actually ficials to establish definite stand- has made recommendations for ards for milk regulations with an standards that do not come up to a At figuring the average rate for aim at keeping these general stand-recognized, established maximum, the year 1926 the State included ards low enough so that they will he concluded, in making a nation een figured into the average rate. Miller, President of the National Co-tion with control vested in officials operative Milk Producers' Federa- whose training has placed them in tion, in a recent address to that or- position to understand the situation. ganization, as a poor policy, in that it sets up a minimum instead of a

To give sanction of one United opposition to any effort on the part He told some of his success in of those within the milk industry vashing and packing potatoes in 20, seeking to improve conditions for 50, and 100-pound packages, which their respective markets, Mr. Miller

With the United States Depart ment of Agriculture charged by law with the duty of prescribing and enforcing regulations governing imports of milk and cream with stand-As other adverse factors in the ards equal to the highest in our

Duplication, as well as conflict of

Anyone familiar with the long chain store organization nine days struggle of co-operative marketing associations, of the best type of dis Thus he indicated that the shipper tributors and of the beards of health virtually finance the chain store un- together to establish high standards for milk, only to find their joint of Another meeting was scheduled forts retarded and obstructed and opinion that potatoes would be sell- measures that will help the next sea- tributors of another type, realize the difficulties confronting those at-

# ATTRACT BIRDS TO

DURING THE YEAR Insectivorous Birds Like to Have Houses Built For Potatoes Turned Out to be a Their Families

Experiments, seeking to establish methods of increasing the number of insectivorous birds in fruit growing sections, are reported by the U. S Inited States in 1928 amounted to Biological Survey as quite success approximately four times the total ful

On one experimental tract, the av production of potatoes in Michigan in 1927, the monthly report of crop erage number of bird families dur conditions just received from the ing a season was increased from 17 Michigan Department of Agriculture the first season to 65 the third season by setting up bird houses in various places in the orchard.

.The experiment and studies wer get a fair idea of what a bumper conducted in Maryland, in a chest crop, such as we have this season, means. It means about 80,000,000 nut orchard. Attracting the insectivorous birds

bushels of potatoes have been proneans cutting down the insect pest luced in excess this season, the dearmy in the orchard and on the The Michigan potato crop runs farm.

#### Dairy Co-ops Make Big Yearly Record

One fifth of the fluid milk used for household purposes and about Beans have averaged about 11 one-third of all the creamery butter bushels to the acre this year in this and cheese made in this country last placed by the Board of State assess- state with a total production of year was handled by co-operative or about six million bushels. The av- ganizations the federal governmen

ties, where the big crop usually is age, the business of all co-operatives with a heavier pick than in other the dairy industry.

A man should propose to a girl on Michigan corn yielded about 34 bushels to the acre this year. This his knees or she should get off.

Mrs. Nodimes-"Is your husband Hogs, sheep or cattle often may be Mrs. Nickless—"Is he? Say, every ers. time he takes a penny out of his pocket the Indian blinks at the

used at the busy season as harvest-

Alfalfa hay is the key to success

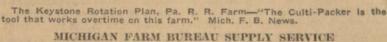
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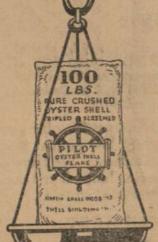
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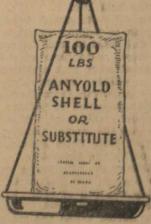
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Outlet Through Big Market Is Source of Added Profit

For Producers

A new Michigan enterprise is the Zeeland, which was organized Octo- upon just such a woman for sugges- the farming game. ber 11, A927, and began operating tions and assistance and sometimes January 1, 1928. Its territory oc- we have material to be distributed cupies parts of Allegan and Ottawa or phases to present along certain counties, with a radius of about lines and we are seriously handicapand the egg and hatchery industries ty itself. have been highly developed.

winter of 1926-27, with the aid of county. representatives of the State College, and a temporary organization was least one woman on the county formed. This was followed by an board, some have a woman as county educational campaign and 35 meet- secretary and several sent a woman ings were held during the spring as a delegate to the last annual meetmonths, after which a membership ing. All of these women seem to be campaign was conducted and 400 giving excellent service and we have members owning about 120,000 no doubt that the organization is all hens, signed the agreement.

ket has been found in Chicago with ty of the state. a large retail delivery organization which caters to a special trade. An tions. We all want something difexpert accountant from the State ferent: we all want some things college helped to plan and install a changed and other things regulated; suitable system of accounts, and the we want new ideas injected into our association seems to have made a living; we want to enlarge the uses good start. Prices are reported to be and cut out the abuses of many of "on the whole, considerably improv- our public services and privileges

During the first few months the association handled only eggs, more recently it has undertaken to handle live poultry.

## **FOWLERVILLE CLUB USES HOME TALENT**

Members Handle Assignments Ably and Lead Open Discussions

cation were made the subject of an need more study to be better underinstructive discussion, Nov. 30, as stood, why not have a standing compart of the program of a meeting mittee of both men and women digof the Conway-Handy Farmers' Club, ging into the records, making comat Fowlerville. The meeting was held parisons, and studying all sides of at the home of C. H. Copeland. The the question who will report and program was made up entirely of explain their findings from time to cal talent and the member played indicated the subjects had been well studied and pre-

Had Them?" brought out some very see a remedy. entertaining remarks by many of the members. Mrs. Fred Bellingham or frolic of some kind this winter? led this discussion and Mr. Copeland led the discussion on farm electrification. He was assisted by Lyle House, Ralph Teeples and Fred Rathburn.

At the business session of the meeting, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Coy Allen, president; Lyle House, vice president; Mrs. Floy Rix, secretary; Mrs. Frank Nicholas, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Fred Rathburn, treasurer; Mrs. George Stowe, organist and Mrs. E. W. Howe,

## **OFFICERS ELECTED** FOR ST. JOSEPH CO.

Local Organization Votes to Continue Quarterly Meeting Plan

was elected president of the St many benefits our organization Joseph County Farm Bureau to suc- brings to the home. ceed Calvin Garber, at the annual meeting held Dec. 3.

The delegates voted to continue the plan of holding quarterly meetings and voted to send the president and secretary-treasurer of the coun-

is to be held in February. er than usual for that county, the seven women are to serve as memmeeting was full of pep, with 28 bers of Congress and we hear from members taking part. President the most reliable sources that the Calvin Garber called the meeting to women of the United States elected

Other officers and directors elect- election. ed at the meeting were: Fred Van-Norsdal of Three Rivers, vice president; Albert C. Hibbard, of Sturgis, follow up their work; that they will Ernest York, of Three Rivers, J. W. insist on the proper persons being McKee, of Constantine, Mrs. M. N. appointed to carry out their desires MacGregor, of Constantine; Mrs. La- in such matters as prohibition and Clyde Dimmick, of Three Rivers, Laverne Schaffer, of Sturgis, Clark Lestantine, were elected directors. Seland of Mendon, L. C. Schrader, of lection of a secretary-treasurer was Colon and E. D. Fairchilds, of Con-postponed indefinitely.

## OTTAWA EGG CO-OP Women Should Take **Parts in Programs**

the job to assist in getting recogni

tion and consideration for our own

It is also to be hoped that

our folks will all study the

problems of farming whether they be

legislative or economic and learn all

that's to be said on all sides of any

question and then back up the prop-

of the story without any attempt on

Let's make some resolutions that

committees and boards whenever ask-

ed, if possible and give of our best

and women, with high aims and hav-

ing for a goal, the strong farm or-

ganization we have always hoped for

one that represents our interests in

What our farm folks could do if

only they worked together as other

The slogan for organized labor is

With one million added to the mil

lions they already have, labor will

howling for consideration and beg-

Let's do as others do and get as

to add another million members to

their organization this year.

will strike home:

every respect

interests do!

By Keeping Community Talent Active

By MRS. EDITH M. WAGAR

Chairman, Home and Community Committee, A. F. B. F. It's coming time for annual meetings for our County Farm Bureaus osition when their leadership needs and I'm wondering if each county of the help. We can all do much to asour state knows the need of having sist and to hasten favorable action some ambitious, loyal Farm Bureau or we can do much to hinder by letwoman as chairman of Home and ting others convert us to their side

Community work there? There are many times during our part to actually know how it's Ottawa Egg and Poultry Association, the year that I would like to call going to effect us or our children in 17 miles from Zeeland. The section ped when we do not know who to is given largely to small farms approach. There's no one so well where considerable poultry is raised fitted to make the choice as the coun-

Quite often also, this woman is As some producers felt that the a member of her county board of diindustry deserved a better market, rectors and by so serving she is realseveral meetings were held in the ly familiar with the needs of her

Many of our counties now have at the better equipped to do real service All shipments are pooled, and the by this participation of the women. farmers receive pay for their eggs I trust the number will grow this three times a month on the basis year and again during next year of the average pool price for the until women have been encouraged be able to do most anything for them, may be the better this year because grade delivered. A desirable mar- to serve in every Farm Bureau coun-

The time is at hand for resoluand it takes thoughtful care to express our desire in such a way that they will be rightly understood.

Are we trying to get our full county membership out to heip us?

Many Opportunities Exist It seems to me there are many more opportunities within the county for contacts with members and for actual benefits to the individual than can possibly come through the state or national organization. And it means much thought and much planning on the part of the county board and officers to keep the membership active and satisfied. Why not have some standing committees for county The prospects of farm electrifi- work? If local taxation matters

If the school question or highway question (the two largest items on our tax receipts) can be better As a matter of amusement, the understood, I'm sure some changes question of "What Would a Farmer will be brought about where enough Do With Money and Leisure, If He of our folks can find the flaw and

Why not plan a county banquet It does one good to mix with one's neighbors in a social way.

If it is your first attempt, don't be discouraged if you do not have a 100 per cent attendance. No matter who comes and no matter how much you may be disappointed. make the best of it and make it extra nice for those who do come and you are pretty likely to get a crowd eventually who really have a common interest with you.

If your county has a training school in mind be ready to help if possible.

Training Schools Help

I feel sure that those men and women who attended the Shiawassee-Clinton training school are better members because of so doing.

It was purely experimental on the state's part to hold a short session for the women, separate from the school, proper, not that we had any idea of setting up a woman's auxiliary or anything like it but just to save time and still give our women a Mr. H. C. Bucknell, of Centreville better opportunity to hear about the

> These women now are better fitted to help plan and put into action some of the many plans for intensive Farm Bureau work.

When they planned a pot luck supty organization and Malcomb Mac-Gregor, county representative, to the drive, they did what all women can annual American Farm Bureau Fed- do: they showed their interest in the eration convention at Chicago. Dele- work the men had undertaken and gates and alternates, also, were they provided a means for social chosen for the annual meeting of the intercourse between the two counties Michigan State Farm Bureau, which which never had existed before and which will have lasting effect.

Although the attendance was low- Women are doing things now: the President at the recent general

Here's hoping that the women will

Should Follow Up Work

THIS WINTER LOOKS **GOOD TO DAIRYMEN** 

Dairy Product Prices Strong, Demand Heavy and Feed Is Plentiful

cialist, Farm Burcau Supply Service. be purchased. All factors seem to point the way o liberal feeding this winter.

First and most important is the fact that dairy products are in a strong position. Prices are holding up well. In spite of a reduction in butter prices recently it looks us if prices will work back up.

Fluid milk prices seem firm. In fact, prices are tending upward in some localities.

Condensaries are in the market for more milk. Their sales are good and supplies rather low. This ten-Let's consider all sides of each dency will help markets in condensary sections.

question before making a decision; let's study home conditions and plan This year's supply of butter in to improve them and let's serve on storage has consistently been under that of last year or last 5 year average. Production has been a little unstintingly, until we have establishlighter and consumption of butter a ed full working units of both men little better than in recent years.

This leaves the situation in the dairyman's hands.

The second reason for a good feeding season is the fact that there is an excellent crop of cereal grains in most sections. This means a reduction in feed costs as only the protein supplement feeds need be bought Even where corn, oats or barley must be bought, the price is such that a fit can be made when properly balanced with good protein feeds like either 24 per cent or the 32 per cent have their hopes by the forelock and protein feeds. The 32 per cent feed more home grown grains can be used Where are the six and a half mil- with each hundred pounds of it-allion farmers? Banded together as so the protein can be bought at one, or priding themselves on their lower cost per pound because of the independence and, at the same time, greater amount contained per ton.

> He: Couldn't you love me a little? She: Maybe Thursdays; I'm dated for the rest of the week.

ging for assistance?

others get.

State Mutual Rodded Fire Insurance Co., of Mich.

Poverty is staring you in the face if you are carrying your own Many a farmer has lost his farm or labored under a mortgage the remainder of his life by neglecting to buy a good fire insurance policy.

Let us protect you. We have more insurance in force and more cash assets than any Farm Mutual Fire Insurance Co, in Michigan. W. T. Lewis, Sec'y, 710 F. P. Smith Bldg., Flint, Mich.

### FREIGHT RATES On Farm Commodities

Sometimes have overcharge errors. Do you have your bills audited?

THE TRAFFIC SERVICE DEPARTMENT Of the Michigan State Farm Bureau will check up the charges on your freight bills; file overcharge claims; file loss and damage claims; watch all freight rates on your farm products and supplies and be your personal representative to the railroads. Claims collected free for paid-up Farm Bureau members.

Farm Bureau Traffic Department



## Suppose You Collide With a Post

or any other stationary object, such as the road bed, a ditch bank, a bridge, the curbstone, or have an upset, and damage your car?

Against such a probability, which certainly is as high as colliding with some other car, wouldn't it be a good idea to ask our agent to explain to you our

### **Stationary Object Collision** Policy

Such accidents are expensive, as is shown by several stationary object collisions just paid: Claim 2428 at Croswell, Mich., for \$810.33 for repairs; Claim 3518 at Benton Harbor for \$72.57; Claim 3503 at Rockford for \$69.20; Claim 3050 at Clio for \$268.04.

The State Farm Mutual Auto Insurance Co. offers you stationary object protection at very low annual rates. We are a strong, legal reserve company. We have an agent near you. Don't delay in seeing him. If you don't know him, or want further information, write us.

Be protected before you start on a trip.

Michigan State Farm Bureau Lansing, Michigan MICHIGAN AGENT

STATE FARM MUTUAL AUTO INS. CO. OF BLOOMINGTON, ILL.

Navy In Market As A

Uncle Sam's navy department will equire more than four million shore)-"In four weeks I have repounds of beans, according to announcement of the opening of bids shall I stay?" for purchase of this quantity of stocks on October 23. Of this total about two and a half million pounds of white beans and a million and a By Robert Addy, Dairy Feed Spe- half pounds of dry lima beans will

#### Michigan Leads In Forest Fire Work

The federal government has approved Michigan's budget for forest fire control for the next fiscal year and it is believed that the Michigan share in the federal aid funds will be as large if not the largest of any state in the Union.

Life is a one way street; you traverse it but once.

## The Things You Want

When you've put in a lot of time and money in preparing stock for market, you want to be sure that you're going to get the best price that it will bring and all that's coming to you. You want it to be sold by men who have your interests at heart and want to see you get all that you can get out of your stock.

That's the policy of the Producers Co-operative Commission Ass'n at East Buffalo and the Michigan Live Stock Exchange Commission Merchants at Detroit-both co-operative marketing offices of the Michigan Live Stock Exchange.

Somewhere near you is a lo cal shipping ass'n of the Michigan Live Stock Exchange. Ship through it for better service and better returns. If you have no local shipping ass'n write us for information.

Michigan Livestock Exchange Detroit, Mich.

Producers Co-Op Com. Ass'n East Buffalo, N. Y.

Hot beets may be peeled very asily if put under the cold water Big Bean Purchaser faucet for just a second, and the kins squeezed off with the hands. Wife (in a telegram from sea-

duced my weight by half. How long

Husband (wiring back)-"Another four weeks."-Cleveland Press.

How to Slow Him Down We sometimes think that the way o make the motorist stop for the grade crossing would be to plant vild flowers along the right of way.

A hen never finds things where

-St Louis Post-Dispatch.

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Garlock-Williams Co. 2614 Orleans St. Detroit

Your shipments of poultry, eggs and veal are solicited. Tags and market information sent on request.

## The Best Cow In Michigan

Fred Bunnell of Hesperia claims she is and Fred knows his cows (and his feeds) mighty well.

We'll give you her record for the year and you let us know if you are aware of a better cow under similar condi-

She was milked but twice a day-she ran with the herd and got herd care. She was bred to freshen during the year

and did. A fine heifer calf is proof of her desire to aid the dairy business.

She was dry a short time. Lbs. Fat 702.4 Product \$382.33

Cost of Total Cost Returns Over Grain of Feed Feed Cost \$86.23 \$113.93 \$268.40 Her grain (3853 lbs.) was equal parts corn, oats and Milkmaker. Did it

help her? It sure did! Bess is a grade. Her sire is a pure-bred Guernsey and her dam was sired by a pure-bred Jersey. She sure is a fine reason for the use of good pure-The Open Formula 24% Dairy Feed bred bulls.

Mr. Bunnell is secretary of his testing association. He has been a member for years. His herd average on a herd of nearly all grade Jerseys is crowding 400 lbs. butterfat a year. He consistently uses Milkmaker because it means Moneymaker.

Bess was bought for \$77.50 from a man who didn't test his cows. She paid her cost three times over in one year, besides buying all her feed; and look at the feed cost. If she had been fed only \$40.00 worth of a poor quality ration she would never have made the profit she did. Let's make our good cows better with Milkmaker.

> Ask your Co-op Ass'n or Farm Bureau Agent for Milkmaker

# Milkmaker means Moneymaker

The Feed With the Performance Record



The Case of the Day-Coach Passenger versus the Elimination of the Pullman Surcharge

ABOLITION of the Pullman Surcharge is once more being urged for passage by the Congress of the United States.

ADOPTION of the Robinson (Senate) Bill involves direct losses to the railroads in revenues aggregating \$40,000,000 per annum and this loss of necessity will have to be made up in some manner. There are three expedients only:

(1) Increased passenger rates for all passengers whether in the day coach or in the Pullman or Parlor Cars.

(2) Restricting passenger service on certain lines.

(3) Charging this expense to the shippers of freight.

ANY one of these three expedients is undesirable, unfair from the community standpoint, and not in the best interests of society as a whole.

AFTER all the Pullman service—for passengers traveling in sleeping or parlor cars,—is a high class hotel service on wheels, that a great part of the traveling public does not demand nor expect.

THE surcharge—the 50 per cent, additional—tacked of the Pullman charge—is the special revenue derived by the railroads for the performing of special service to the passengers who want to travel in extra HE surcharge—the 50 per cent. additional—tacked on to the regular comfort and luxury. Such passengers require:

A heavier capital investment in cars per capita.

Two and one half times the space that is allotted to the passenger in the day coach.

An average of twelve thousand two hundred and sixty pounds of car as against 8,800 pounds per passenger riding in day coaches. Parking of Pullman cars before train departure from and after arrival at the terminals involving considerable extra work and heavier terminal costs and requiring the holding, for that purpose only, of the railroads' highest-priced lands in the larger cities.

Pullman cars being often moved one way empty—as for instance, in the California and Florida service, which means a double road haul for one fare and in many cases to take care of these movements,

cars have to be hauled extra distances. Railroads having to guarantee earnings on every line of Pullman cars operated and contracting for their use over a period of years.

ALL of these obligations are extra expenses upon the railroads which are not involved in the handling of day coach passengers.

TT IS a principle of good business and good government to make the L user of a service pay for that special service. That is followed in the higher charge for air mail as against the ordinary service.

THE Interstate Commerce Commission has twice refused to abolish the surcharge as being contrary to the basic principle of the greatest good to the greatest number, the guiding standard of all of that body's decisions. The Interstate Commerce Commission is a properly constituted court that represents the interests of all the people. Why should its decisions be upset for the benefit of the few to the prejudice of the interests of the many.

Write your senator or congressman to-day protesting against this unfair and uneconomic legislation MICHIGAN RAILROADS ASSOCIATION