

## "NO STATE SURPASSES MICHIGAN IN SUCCESSFUL FARMERS' CO-OPERATIVE SERVICES," BRODY TELLS DELEGATES

### Farm Bureau Hears the Great Services Given Members by Their Organization in 1923; Michigan Agriculture is United, Secretary's Report Shows

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Since the last annual meeting the Michigan State Farm Bureau has made substantial progress toward greater usefulness and permanency. In service rendered to the membership and in the mastering of difficult fundamental problems, the past twelve months outranks that of any other year in the history of your organization. The work has concerned practically every phase of the farmers' economic interests, including taxation, legislation, transportation, education, organization and business services.

The accomplishments of the past twelve months are such that their real value will not be fully appreciated on superficial examination. It has been a hardening or maturing process through which your State Farm Bureau has been passing, rather than one of soft, rapid growth. In no other period of its history have so many hazy questions and uncertain



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policies been cleared up, and I thoroughly believe we now have a clearer vision of the course ahead than ever before.

It will be our aim in the pages that follow to describe this experience and give you the true status of your organization.

The activities of the Michigan State Farm Bureau, like those of the preceding year, have been carried on by the following departments: Seed, Purchasing, Wool, Clothing, Produce Exchange, Finance, Publicity, Traffic, Organization and Legislative.

During 1923 we have continued the same business activities reported at the last annual meeting, i. e., Seed, Purchasing, Wool, Clothing and Produce Exchange departments. While some of our business operations show substantial increase in volume, the characteristic feature of the year's work has been a general improvement in efficiency and economy of operation, with the consequent improvement in service to our members. The Farm Bureau business departments have to render a maximum of service and attain ideals such as grading of wool, furnishing seeds of known origin, and open formula feeds, never previously attempted by competing old line business interests. Yet in making our business departments self-supporting they become subject to the same practical business limitations as affect all commercial enterprises, and must operate on the closest possible margin. Added to all this the very nature of their work often prevents them from taking advantage of opportunities to make money on transactions that are available to competing institutions run for profit.

**The Produce Exchange**  
The Farm Bureau Produce Exchange is the youngest Farm Bureau business department and has presented some exceedingly difficult problems in its operation and management. While it was started in response to a rather wide-spread and insistent demand from our members, so far as fruit and vegetables are concerned it served principally as a dumping ground for low grade products that could not be sold f. o. b. or elsewhere. Also, quite frequently the fruit and vegetable division of the Produce Exchange was found to be in direct competition with the marketing activities of the Michigan Fruit Growers, Inc., and the Michigan Potato Growers' Exchange. To avoid this competition and duplication, therefore, the fruit and vegetable division of the Produce Exchange was discontinued in November.

The poultry division of the Produce Exchange, however, has proved to be one of the most successful and best appreciated marketing services yet started by the Farm Bureau. This bids fair to develop an enormous volume and eventually become one of the largest, if not the largest, co-operative business enterprises in the state. Our first quarters soon became altogether inadequate for the large poultry business of the Exchange, and on this account it was not possible at all times to handle the work to the best advantage. However, since January 1st, the Farm Bureau Produce Exchange has moved in its new quarters at 2610-16 Ruelle Street (Detroit), and is now in splendid position to handle the growing business. Dressed veal is an important adjunct of this department and in our new location we have first-class facilities for handling these perishable products. The marketing of eggs will also continue to be one of the important features of the Farm Bureau Produce Exchange.

**Wool Pool**  
The wool pool has been maintained along lines similar to those of last year excepting that grading was all done at the Lansing warehouse. This method effected an appreciable saving in cost of handling as compared with grading at local points throughout the state and was attended by an increase of 125,000 pounds in volume of wool pooled over that of last year. An extreme effort was put forth by the management to handle the pool in the most efficient manner possible and improvements in operating methods have been brought about each year.

However, to accomplish the best results co-operation with other central and eastern states has come to be recognized as desirable. Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky, West Virginia, Pennsylvania and Michigan produce wools that are similar in grade, and the marketing of the wools of these states under one sales organization will result in a much larger pool and be a big factor in stabilizing the market on this type of wool. With this end in view, the Wool Department is looking forward to making arrangements to join its pool next season with that of Ohio, Indiana and some of the other states mentioned. Last year Indiana and Ohio united their wool pools successfully and have invited Michigan to join them for 1924. While at this writing arrangements to this end have not been completed, present indications are that this will be accomplished and a material reduction in cost of handling the wool in the Michigan pool effected.

Wool is a special commodity produced by only a limited number of our members, and the men who produce the wool should be made more directly responsible for the operations of the wool pool. The Farm Bureau administration has been studying the experience of the past four years and plans are now under consideration to identify the wool growers more closely with the pool.

**Seed Department**  
The Seed Department, like most other Farm Bureau ventures, has been developing in a new field. However, it now has nearly four years' work behind it and through this experience material improvements have been brought about in the service, until today it is the outstanding farmers' co-operative seed service in the country. In addition to the business in alfalfa and clover seeds of known origin it has served as sales agent for the certified and registered seeds of the Michigan Crop Improvement Association, handling many cars of seed, corn, oats, wheat, beans and barley.

Statistics show that the alfalfa acreage in Michigan in 1919 was 74,000 acres, and competent and disinterested authorities estimated at the close of 1923 that Michigan had 338,000 acres of alfalfa. This development for the most part is directly due to the educational work of the Michigan Agricultural College, and that this great increase has largely been made possible by the service of the State Farm Bureau Seed Department in supplying alfalfa seed of known northern origin to Michigan farmers cannot be questioned. The full value of this service to Michigan agriculture cannot be estimated or fully appreciated.

**Purchasing Department**  
During the past twelve months the Purchasing Department has done approximately \$1,500,000 of business greatly increasing its volume as compared with last year. This in itself speaks for its efficiency and increased usefulness. Probably its outstanding work has been the development of Farm Bureau Milkmaker; the vol-



Michael L. Noon  
Above is an excellent likeness of M. L. Noon, prominent dairy farmer of Jackson County, who has just been elected President of the Michigan State Farm Bureau for 1924. Mr. Noon is widely known throughout the state as a popular speaker on Farm Bureau subjects. In 1923 he spoke in 47 counties. He has served two terms as vice-president of the State Farm Bureau. He represents the Michigan Milk Producers' Ass'n on the Farm Bureau Board of Directors and for years has been a director and officer of the Milk Producers Ass'n. As president of the State Farm Bureau Mr. Noon has the well wishes and full support of every Farm Bureau member.

### DOES THIS MEAN YOU?

It does if you are a Farm Bureau member and are desirous of looking into a worthwhile proposition. We want a Farm Bureau member in every town where there is no Co-operative Association of dealer already handling our fertilizer during the Spring season. If interested, write us for particulars, naming qualifications and former experience along this line if any.

ume of this feed handled has more than doubled as compared with last year. This open formula food enables the farmer to know exactly what he is buying, and the almost unanimous comment made by those using it shows that the increased efficiency in production resulting from its use is of untold value to the dairy industry in Michigan.

**Appointment of Business Manager**  
Owing to the increasing responsibilities of the secretary-manager's office with the Publicity, Transportation, Organization and Legislative Departments, and the large amount of attention demanded by general policy matters, relationships with other institutions and organizations, and with a view to bringing about closer co-ordination and greater business efficiency, the Seed, Purchasing, Wool, Clothing and Produce Exchange departments were on March 1, 1923, placed under the general supervision of C. H. Runchman, formerly head of the Purchasing Department.



Map showing location by counties of 206 co-operative associations, supplying their members with Michigan Milkmaker, the State Farm Bureau's 24% protein, public formula dairy ration. One co-op each in Dickinson, Delta, Schoolcraft, Gogebic and Chippewa counties in U. P. not shown.

Single business transactions during the past year, such as a feed deal approximating \$1,000,000, coal bargains amounting to \$100,000, the purchase of twine to the extent of nearly \$200,000, and \$25,000 of \$100,000 deals in the Wool and Seed Departments, make it imperative that we have the best business ability obtainable. Moreover, this arrangement is resulting in the greatest possible economy as the services of the business manager are available for the large business deals of all departments which makes it possible to reduce the number of high-priced men in each department to the minimum.

Largely as a result of this action, the Farm Bureau has already eliminated salaries in the business departments amounting to \$17,900. This has been accompanied, too, by a corresponding saving in traveling and other expenses.

**Finance Department**  
Since July, 1922, approximately eighty per cent of the general over-

## SUPREME COURT UPHOLDS POWERS OF M. A. C. BOARD

### Decides Governor's Cabinet Exceeded Authority in Withholding Funds

#### CONSTITUTION STANDS Farmers Rejoice in Victory Releasing \$150,000 for Agr'l Extension

The Supreme Court of Michigan has upheld the State Board of Agriculture for refusing to surrender its constitutional responsibilities in the management of the Michigan Agricultural College to the State Administrative Board at the demand of that body. The State Administrative Board is headed by Gov. Grosbeck.

The Supreme Court Feb. 2, in a five to three decision, forever put the administration of the Michigan Agricultural College and the University of Michigan out of the reach of politicians; it censured the State Administrative Board for withholding the legislative appropriation of \$150,000 granted the college for extension work in the counties and ordered that it be paid over without delay. The Administrative Board had been using the \$150,000 as a club to force the Board of Agriculture to its knees.

Thus ends, with a complete victory for the forces upholding the Constitution, a bitter fight to wrench control of the Agricultural College from the hands of the people. The fight started last July when the Administrative Board demanded that the Board of Agriculture adopt a resolution turning over control of the college to persons it named, to the Administrative Board in effect, threatening to withhold the extension funds if the Board of Agriculture did not comply. The Board of Agriculture refused to abandon its duty and finally threw the matter before the highest court in the state, with resulting complete vindication and a clearing of the atmosphere that was welcomed by all friends of education in Michigan.

**Had Farmers' Support**  
Farm organizations united in supporting the Agricultural Board and in opposing the Administrative Board in its effort to force a virtual surrender of the M. A. C. through withholding the agricultural extension funds. Farmers were hostile to these attempts to place the extension work under the control of a political administration at Lansing. They also opposed the efforts then made to prevent farmers from having a voice in controlling their own local county agricultural agent work and to forbid them to raise funds locally for such purposes. With this solid farmer support, the Agricultural Board stood firm and laid the dispute before the Supreme Court with resulting vindication.

**Ag. Board Independent**  
The majority opinion was written by Justice MacDonald and was concurred in by Justices Sharpe, Steere, (Continued on page 2)

## T. B. JOB BOOSTS HOG RETURNS \$1,200

### Hillsdale Shippers Premiums That Much in First Two Months

Hillsdale, Feb. 14—Directly as a result of Hillsdale County Farm Bureau's successful bovine tuberculosis clean-up, shippers of 6,185 hogs from Hillsdale county in the past two months have received a ten cents a hundred premium on each hog, the whole amounting to more than \$1,200 in extra returns, says the Hillsdale County Farm Bureau. Hillsdale was declared a modified accredited area Nov. 15, 1923, by the U. S. Dep't of Agriculture. As such the packers granted hog shippers the 10 cents a hundred that they deduct on most all shipments to protect them against tuberculosis losses. Only one hog got out of the 6,185 was condemned as tubercular. The usual average is 60 out of 6,000. At this rate Hillsdale's T. B. clean-up will return hog shippers about \$7,000 extra annually.

## Roads Block Isabella County Annual Meeting

Mt. Pleasant, Feb. 14—Owing to impassable roads the annual meeting of the Isabella County Farm Bureau, scheduled for Jan. 25, had to be adjourned until such time as the roads get passable. Delegates to the State Farm Bureau's annual meeting were P. J. Schumacher and B. T. Pile. Notice of the Isabella's annual meeting will be given by the County Farm Bureau.

## RETIREES



Waldo E. Phillips  
Under the leadership of Pres. W. E. Phillips of Decatur, the State Farm Bureau in 1923 wrote one of the most stirring chapters in its history. The Michigan Zone Rate case was pushed to a successful conclusion; the Bureau proved its effectiveness in many other transportation problems affecting farmers. Additional services were developed by the Farm Bureau business departments. The second membership campaign proved farmers are with the Farm Bureau. Efforts of the politicians to discredit the Bureau failed and the rebound upset the schemers. Pres. Phillips did not stand for re-election. He continues as an active member of the Board of Directors, representing the Michigan Elevator Exchange.

## PRES. PHILLIPS SHOWS BUREAU'S POWER GROWING

### Declares Authoritative Voice of Agriculture Has Been Recognized

Address of Pres. W. E. Phillips, delivered before Board of Delegates at Sixth Annual Meeting of the Michigan State Farm Bureau at M. A. C., Feb. 7-8.

"It seems to me entirely fitting at this time to very briefly review the short history of this organization.

"Five years ago at a delegate meeting a State Federation of County Farm Bureaus was formed. During the year plans for a membership campaign were worked out and before the end of the year their execution was well under way. At the close of 1920 farmers to the number of approximately 90,000 had enrolled. Enthusiasm ran high. Every one of these thousands had the same end in view, the advancement of the farmers' interest, but the means to be used to that end were of ninety thousand varieties. Every signer had his own opinion as to what should be done. This more or less hazy mass of ideas constituted a nebula of the first magnitude.

**First Objective Reached**  
"The cooling and condensing process has been going on apace and has been accomplished without splitting into separate bodies or throwing off of any detached rings. Very naturally the volume of the mass has increased in proportion as the unanimity of ideas has developed. In like proportion the energy, power and force of this body has increased as its course has been more definitely established.

"Carrying the figure a little farther—it has drawn other bodies into its system, thus increasing its influence. Three years ago the so-called commodity plan of organization was adopted and the great commodity exchanges thus affiliated with the Farm Bureau, together with harmonious relationships with the Grange and Farmers Clubs formed a phalanx for agriculture that has steadily and unitedly pressed toward the same objective.

"Objective number one has been reached. The authoritative voice of agriculture has been recognized. "It is good generalship to fortify each position well as it is attained. We are re-inforced right now by the addition of another commodity exchange, the Michigan Fruit Growers, Incorporated. Addition by membership during the next year will increase our strength. Even closer affiliation with other farm organizations will be beneficial. Such relationship should be mutually cultivated. Expenses must be reduced to the lowest minimum consistent with efficient effort.

**Program for Future**  
"Our activities should be concentrated at a few vital points rather than scattered over too many projects, no matter how worthy they may seem.

"Our great objective is to place agriculture in a position of equality with other groups in American industries. In this ambition we are by no means entirely selfish. It is only (Continued on page 4)

## STATE FARM BUREAU'S SIXTH ANNUAL CONVENTION SHOWS GREAT PROGRESS MADE IN 1923; FUTURE IS BRIGHT

### M. L. Noon of Jackson County Becomes President; Michigan Fruit Growers Affiliated as Fifth Commodity Exchange; Full Report in News

## ZONE RATE CASE IS RE-OPENED BY THE RAILROADS

### Would Evade Reduction Won by Farm Bureau and Other Shippers

Instead of taking effect March 21, the \$500,000 freight rate reduction won for Michigan farmers by the State Farm Bureau and the Michigan Traffic League and others in the Michigan Zone Rate case, the date of the rate reduction has been postponed because the railroads have succeeded in re-opening the case for another hearing.

The railroads charge that members of the Interstate Commerce Commission who decided the case were not properly familiar with Michigan conditions. The Zone rate case was before the Michigan Public Utilities Commission and the Interstate Commerce Commission for nearly two years, during which thousands of pages of testimony were presented by both the railroads and the shippers. The decision recognized the injustice of the railroads' zoning system by entirely abolishing Zone "B," affecting 32 counties wholly or in part south of a line from Muskegon to Bay City. This had the effect of abolishing an extra "zone rate" of one to several cents per hundred pounds of freight that the railroads had been collecting from the shippers. The decision also lowered zone rates considerably in two zones north of Muskegon-Bay City, and considerably simplified Michigan freight rates. It means \$1,500,000 freight savings to Michigan shippers annually and the placing of Michigan shippers on a par with those in Indiana, Ohio and Illinois.

Naturally, the Michigan railroads will make desperate efforts to maintain this advantage over Michigan shippers. Leading newspapers question whether the I. C. C. will find any ground to change its decision and hazard the opinion that the railroads will try every pretext to suspend effectiveness of the decision as long as possible in order to continue to benefit by existing conditions. Without a strong organization Michigan farmers would be helpless in this situation. The State Farm Bureau was a deciding factor in securing this rate relief order and it will fully protect the interests of its members at the rehearing or at any further developments through its traffic counsel, E. L. Ewing of Grand Rapids, who directed the shippers' fight in the Michigan Zone Rate case. The active support of every Michigan Farm Bureau member will be required to hold what we have won in this case. Other farmers benefiting by this case should add to the Bureau's strength by lining up with it. The zone rate victory will save farmer shippers from \$2 to \$10 per carload on shipments and purchases of supplies.

**Resolutions Were Printed**  
By instruction from the 1923 meeting, all resolutions were presented to the Secretary's office in advance and consolidated into a neat printed logical summary of all the resolutions which were presented at the first session of the delegates. This action gave them plenty of opportunity to look the resolutions over before time for action. The resolutions came up for consideration at the close of the afternoon session on the first day. Such resolutions as the gasoline tax, Muscle Shoals, support for the Board of Agriculture, licensing of commission men, etc., brought out much helpful discussion. By request the resolution favoring a gasoline tax was held over to permit the delegates to enjoy full discussion of that matter. It was adopted with a roar of approval. The resolution endorsing the State Board of Agriculture for its courage in its recent successful defense of its responsibilities against the attack of the Administrative Board was adopted with a rising vote and a demonstration of applause. It will be noted by the resolutions that the State Farm Bureau is going to be extremely active in taxation matters which affect the farmers.

**Admit Fruit Growers, Inc.**  
Having complied with the requirements for admission to the State Farm Bureau as a commodity exchange under the commodity plan of Farm Bureau organization, the Michigan Fruit Growers, Inc., was admitted to full membership and becomes the fifth great organization affiliated with the Farm Bureau.

## TUNE IN M. A. C. ON YOUR RADIO

### Hear Visiting Notables, Band, Faculty Members and Students

Since January 23, 1923, Station WKAR of the Michigan Agricultural College, has been broadcasting a series of radio programs on Wednesday evenings at eight o'clock, Central standard time. Wave length, 360.

The idea of broadcasting from the college originated last year. At that time a number of programs were broadcasted.

Apparatus valued at \$20,000 is used in broadcasting these programs. Nearly all of it was built and assembled by the students. This apparatus is equal to any in the U. S. and will probably have as its maximum range 3,000 miles.

With the programs subject to slight change they will be as follows:

Feb. 20—Speech by Wilhjalm Steffansson on "The Friendly Arctic."

Feb. 27—"Co-ed Night": Co-ed work and plans. Humorous debate "Women should present the diamond in Leap Year." Co-ed Debate Team. March 5—"Romeo and Juliet," Pianologue; M. A. C. Radio Orchestra.

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The Michigan State Farm Bureau at its sixth annual meeting at M. A. C., February 7-8 wound up the biggest year in the history of the organization. The hundred and forty delegates, representing 74,000 Farm Bureau members, unanimously adopted a splendid set of resolutions which is the program for the coming year.

A strong Board of Directors was elected. The Directors elevated M. L. Noon, Jackson County Farm Bureau member and twice vice president of the State organization, to be President of the State Farm Bureau for 1924. M. B. McPherson of Lowell was chosen vice president and the Directors re-engaged Clark L. Brody as secretary and General Manager and turned over to him the duties of treasurer.

**Delegates Act as One**  
Features of the meeting were the report of the Secretary Manager and the well grounded set of resolutions adopted, both of which are given in full in this issue of the News. To make their action on resolutions stronger than passage by a majority would indicate, the Delegates amended the constitution so that it requires a two-thirds vote to pass a resolution in the state meeting. Every resolution was adopted unanimously.

In addition to the hundred and forty voting delegates, the sessions were attended by perhaps 300 Farm Bureau members who were attending Farmers' Week. The impression that a visitor to this meeting got was that here was a body of men in complete harmony, a body that had a definite program and knew how to go about getting it. It was a business session from start to finish and the various questions were handled in a business like manner. The atmosphere was one of good feeling and assurance in the strength and future of the organization.

**Story of the Meeting**  
First came the President's address, then the report of the Secretary and Manager, followed by a splendid address by N. P. Hull, President of the Michigan Milk Producers Ass'n, who made a strong plea for local activity in Farm Bureau organization matters. Heads of the Farm Bureau business and service departments made short addresses to the delegates and answered questions.



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eventually make the membership of the commodity exchange and that of the Farm Bureau identical. Also, in this way, it should prove entirely feasible to build the total subscription of the paper to 125,000 or more of the leading farmers in the state. Reaching this number of farmers it will then wield a power for the protection of the farmer and his organizations that will be invincible. Some recognition of the commodity exchanges co-operating to this end in the title or name of the paper would, I believe, be of material assistance.

One of the aims of the News is to keep the members of one commodity exchange informed about the progress of all other exchanges in the Farm Bureau family. This is resulting in a strong mutual appreciation of the importance of working together to solve the big general problems, such as legislation, transportation, etc., which concern all farmers' organizations.

Last year the Farm Bureau News subscriptions and advertising amounted to \$4,444.33 more than the total editorial and mechanical costs of the paper. After being credited with receipts for work done for the various departments and commodity exchanges the operation of the Publicity Department independent of the Farm Bureau News cost the Farm Bureau \$1,632.44. These figures show that one of the most valuable services to the cause of farm organization is one of the least costly.



Map showing location by counties of farmers' co-operative associations giving their members the benefit of the State Farm Bureau Purchasing Department's service in buying farm supplies. One Co-op in Geoghegan county not shown.

Traffic Department The Farm Bureau Traffic Department has been used quite extensively by most of the commodity exchanges, and the service it has rendered has been one of the most potent influences in strengthening the connection of the exchanges with the Farm Bureau. The commodity exchanges have not only looked after the marketing of the products of their members, but they have also used their organized power, through the Farm Bureau Traffic Department, to secure refrigerator cars for the fruit and potato growers, watering facilities in railroad stock-yards, to prevent discrimination against co-operative associations in car service at local stations, to collect claims and audit freight bills, and to perform numerous other services for their local organizations that no local could accomplish for itself.

One of the leading transportation projects of the year has been the prevention of the abandonment of the Detroit, Bay City & Western Railroad, extending from Bay City to Port Huron. It is common knowledge that the Michigan State Farm Bureau has been the dominant factor in saving this line, serving one of the most productive farming and business sections of the state. Through the efforts of the Farm Bureau Traffic Department this matter is now in the hands of the Interstate Commerce Commission. When the inside facts of this case can be made public they will constitute very interesting reading indeed, and present indications are that a service to the farming and business interests of the "Thumb" district, the value of which cannot be estimated, will be rendered by the organized power of the farmer in the Farm Bureau.

Probably the outstanding accomplishment of the Traffic Department has been its participation in the Michigan Traffic League zone rate case. The decision recently released by the Interstate Commerce Commission and the Michigan Public Utilities Commission so lowers Michigan rates that competent authorities estimate that a saving is effected to Michigan shippers of \$1,500,000 annually and to the farmers alone of \$500,000. The approximate saving per car on all commodities for sections of the state affected is from \$2 to \$10, probably averaging \$5 per car. The report of our Traffic Department shows this revision of rates to be particularly valuable to the Thumb district, with an average saving of about \$10 per car on hay. If the Michigan State Farm Bureau had never accomplished anything else this one piece of work would justify many times the entire expense of the organization.

Here again the solidity and efficiency of the Michigan State Farm Bureau plan of organization was demonstrated. Through it, fifty County Farm Bureaus, the Michigan Potato Growers' Exchange, the Michigan Live Stock Exchange, the Michigan Milk Producers' Association and the Michigan Elevator Exchange all united to achieve the big result which would have been impossible with an improperly constructed organization. Furthermore, the strongest kind of an organization will be needed in the future to maintain the advantage we have gained. It is the policy of this department

to furnish nothing but the most reliable information to the Interstate Commerce and Michigan Public Utilities Commissions and this has resulted in placing the Michigan State Farm Bureau in such a position that it is accorded most respectful consideration on any questions brought to these bodies by our Traffic Department. Only through a powerful state-wide organization like the Farm Bureau could these outstanding results be accomplished.

Our work along organization lines includes that with commodity exchanges, local co-operative associations and the membership campaign. The assistance given by the Michigan State Farm Bureau in organizing the Michigan Fruit Growers Inc., was the principal activity along marketing lines. This new commodity exchange is a federation of twenty local fruit shipping associations and bids fair to become one of the largest co-operative commodity sales agencies in the state. It is now organized and doing business and being under the control of strong, functioning local co-operative associations, it has met the requirements for affiliation with the State Farm Bureau under its commodity control plan of organization. When this new exchange is affiliated with the State Farm Bureau it will constitute another commodity corner-stone of power and influence under our big Farm Bureau organization structure.

The Farm Bureau membership campaign has been carried on under the plan outlined last year. To date 39 counties have been partially canvassed. Owing to the haste with which the work has had to be conducted, occasioned by the urgent need of funds in many of the counties, it has only been possible to bring to actual completion a very few counties. In every instance the completed canvass shows a membership of more than fifty per cent of the number of members signed in 1919 and 1920.

The smaller number of members as compared with that of the first campaign does not by any means indicate a decline in strength, as the organization has more actual power and influence today than ever before in its history. When all of the counties will have been canvassed, the members eliminated will, with a few exceptions, be only those who were of little or no account to the Farm Bureau in the first place. The second membership campaign is ridding the State Farm Bureau of its dead timber and really constitutes the true measure of its original status. Furthermore, an encouraging number of men who did not sign before are now being enrolled and these, together with the getting rid of the inactive ones constitute a real increase in strength and reliability.

Legislative Department One year ago the board of delegates passed resolutions embodying a legislative program. Immediately following the annual meeting a complete copy of all resolutions pertaining to legislation was sent to each state senator and representative with a letter emphasizing the importance of these measures to the farmer. Then later, as the time approached for voting on the more important measures, another letter, together with a copy of the resolution in question was mailed to the legislators. Also in the case of the gas tax, income tax and other important bills, local organization leaders were kept informed by letter and wire of the progress of these measures. Knowing the true status of the bills in which they were interested enabled the farmers at home to write or wire their senators and representatives at the most opportune time, reaffirming their position on important issues. This made many new friends and also brought strong support and encouragement to those members who were always loyal to the best interests of the greatest number of people of the state as well as those of the farmer. This service was made possible by having a representative of the State Farm Bureau present in all sessions of the legislature; he kept Farm Bureau officials informed up to the minute on the progress of legislative matters. Meetings were also held with committees of the legislature, information furnished and the farmer's viewpoint presented. No effort was spared to carry out the wishes of the delegates expressed a year ago, but, as is common knowledge, conditions in state circles have not been particularly conducive to progress in legislation.

However, considerable important legislative work was actually accomplished, including the anti-discrimi-

Supreme Ct. Upholds Power of Ag. Board

(Continued from page 1) Clark and Moore. This opinion held that the Administrative Board had no constitutional authority to control the funds or affairs of the Michigan Agricultural College. A minority opinion was presented by Chief Justice West and concurred in by Justices Fellows and Bird; it supported the Administrative Board's action on the grounds "that it is part of the present day legislative policy in carrying out a modern system of state finance."

Justice MacDonald in the majority opinion, commenting upon the minority opinion written by Chief Justice West, declares: "I am in entire disagreement with the conclusions reached by Chief Justice West in reference to the powers and duties of the State Board of Agriculture. If his opinion is to prevail we will have completely overturned the well settled policy of the state relative to the management and control of the university and the ag-

ricultural college. These institutions of learning are very close to the hearts of the people of Michigan. They have made of them the most unique organization known to the law in this, that they are constitutional corporations created for the purpose of independently discharging state functions. The people themselves are the incorporators; the boards that control them are responsible only to the people who elect them; they are independent of every other department of the state government."

Justice MacDonald declares that to delegate the control of college funds to some other state department "would be an invasion of the constitutional rights and powers of the governing board of the college." The Supreme Court approved the Governor and his fellow defendants by declaring, "in this the State Administrative Board is assuming to exercise authority vested by the constitution solely in the Board of Agriculture. It is not a question as to the wisdom of the method proposed by the Administrative Board. The business policy and management of

all of the affairs of the college belong to the State Board of Agriculture." The opinion further holds that the Board of Agriculture may accept funds from Farm Bureaus or other sources, in its own judgment, as it is the sole authority in the administration and control of all college matters.

The State Board of Agriculture, which won this fight to keep the Ag-

ricultural College from becoming political property, was composed of L. Whitney Watkins, Mrs. Dora Stockman, M. B. McPherson, J. R. McCall, Jason Woodman and C. L. Brody.

Scores of Benzie and Monroe County Farm Bureau members are at work, urging their neighbors to join the Farm Bureau.

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NO STATE EXCELS MICH., SAYS BRODY

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head of the Farm Bureau has been charged to the Seed, Wool and Purchasing departments. However, it has proved too much of a burden for these departments, aggregating at the most not over \$3,000,000 of business annually, to bear nearly eighty per cent of the general Farm Bureau overhead, for this compels them to pay for services that are not useful or necessary to their business functions. Only a small portion of the work of the Administrative, Legislative, Traffic, Publicity and Organization departments, as a whole, directly concerns the Farm Bureau business departments, for these services have to do with the agriculture of the state in general, including the commodity exchanges, aggregating from \$30,000,000 to \$40,000,000 of co-operative business annually. Two or three Farm Bureau business departments cannot, therefore, be expected to carry such a high proportion of this overhead expense incurred by services to other interests. It must be charged to the membership account or, as has proved possible in some cases, be secured directly from the commodity organization served. For 1924 it is our plan to charge only such portion of the general Farm Bureau overhead to our business operations as legitimately belongs to them.

Many of the new local co-operative associations started during the past four years were organized without sufficient capital, and the Finance Department of the State Farm Bureau has had four men working as stock solicitors for local organizations. During the year work of this kind has been done for co-operative associations at the following points:

- Milan Owasco
Allegan Quincy
Wayland Marine City
Albion Columbiaville
Patterson Millington
Pillsman Cedar Springs
Gobles Watertown
Mt. Pleasant Gladwin
Saginaw Crosswell
Memphis Hastings
Sand Lake Traverse City
Rockford

The expense of this work is borne

in each case by the co-operative association. Since the last annual meeting a total of \$196,925 for local financing has been raised by solicitors under the supervision of the State Farm Bureau Finance Department. The saving of these local co-operative business institutions is a work, the value of which to the various communities and the state it is impossible to estimate.

The returns from the new membership campaign will afford sufficient funds for financing the operations of the State Farm Bureau in the future, and at the same time gradually build up its surplus funds. A tentative budget covering next year's activities has been submitted to your board of directors, and this will be given final consideration at the next meeting of the board. It is our aim to carefully plan the work of all departments, determine the amounts to be used for the various services in a manner consistent with the best interests of the Farm Bureau program as a whole and keep each line of work within the limits set by the budget.

Service Departments It has been the policy of the general service departments of the Farm Bureau, including our Publicity, Traffic, Organization and Legislative activities, to be of the greatest possible assistance to the affiliated commodity marketing organizations and their work has been a most potent factor in drawing them into closer relationship with the State Farm Bureau. There has hardly been an issue of the Farm Bureau News that has not featured some interest of one or more of the commodity exchanges, and it is hoped that during the coming year the State Farm Bureau may co-operate to an even greater extent by arranging for some of our affiliated exchanges to have space set aside in the Farm Bureau News for the exclusive use of each exchange. Under this plan each commodity exchange would supervise all articles appearing in its space and be responsible for them.

In this connection, too, arrangements have already been made with the Michigan Fruit Growers, Inc., to make its entire membership subscribers to the Farm Bureau News. This will bring new Farm Bureau members and be a strong factor to



# Resolutions Adopted at Sixth Annual Meeting

OF THE MICHIGAN STATE FARM BUREAU AT M. A. C., FEBRUARY 7-8, 1924

**PREAMBLE:** Profoundly impressed with the truth that this Board of Delegates, acting on behalf of the entire Michigan State Farm Bureau membership which we represent, should take a definite and decided stand on the many important issues which so vitally affect agriculture and farm life, we hereby adopt the following resolutions and proclaim that they constitute an expression of our mature and deliberate sentiment, and we therefore publish them as stating our program and policy for the coming year:—

## Resolutions on General and Fundamental Matters

**Credit Where Credit Is Due**  
RESOLVED, that we are greatly gratified at the acknowledged success of the Michigan State Farm Bureau and the several affiliated commodity exchanges. We take pleasure in commending General Manager Clark L. Brody and his associates and those in charge of the commodity exchanges for their capable and efficient discharge of the duties of their respective offices and for the splendid contribution which they are making to the progress of organized agriculture in Michigan.

**Endorsement of Bureau**  
RESOLVED, that we believe that it is self-evident that organized agriculture is necessary to meet organized commerce, industry and labor. Believing as we do, that the Michigan State Farm Bureau offers the medium through which our farmers may meet other organized forces for the solution of local, state and national problems, we respectfully urge all our fellow farmers to identify themselves with this organization, to the end that the largest and most beneficial results may be attained.

**Approval of Michigan Plan**  
RESOLVED, that we approve and recommend the co-operative and commodity marketing system which is now being successfully employed in Michigan for the handling of agricultural production. We feel keenly that in the presence of other producing and service groups in the business and industrial world, it is inevitable that we farmers must form large groups capable of bargaining successfully for maximum compensation and commodity prices if we are ever going to get a fair proportion of the consumer's dollar and secure a just and comparative standard of values for what we have to sell and what we have to buy. We feel that we must give even more attention than in the past to marketing, because the hope of our agriculture depends upon securing larger financial returns.

**Approve Pt. Huron Picking Plant**  
RESOLVED, that we commend the Michigan Elevator Exchange for establishing the bean picking plant at Port Huron.

**Co-operative Bean Marketing**  
RESOLVED, that inasmuch as Michigan is the largest bean producing state in the United States we believe it fit and proper that we formulate and put into effect plans worked out by the State Farm Bureau, co-operating with the Elevator Exchange, to properly finance and orderly distribute Michigan grown beans, our efforts along this line to continue until a national bean marketing organization is created.

**Courses in Co-operation**  
RESOLVED, that we believe that the success of co-operative enterprises depends both upon a full understanding of the proven principles, practices and methods of co-operation and upon able and competent leadership; therefore, we urge American universities, colleges and public schools, and especially state agricultural colleges and high schools, to establish regular and special courses in marketing, and that courses in farm cost accounting be also stressed.

**Quality Production**  
RESOLVED, that we are convinced that production and marketing are not separate problems, but must go hand in hand. Well graded and standardized products to meet market requirements simplifies the sales problem and secures more profitable returns for the producer. We therefore urge a definite program for quality production as an essential requirement for the greatest permanent success of our various commodity marketing organizations and we take pleasure in endorsing the Michigan Crop Improvement Association, Friendly Relations and Co-operation.

**County Agents and Club Work**  
RESOLVED, that we heartily endorse County Agricultural Agent work and Boys' and Girls' clubs.

**Women in Farm Bureau Work**  
RESOLVED, that we note with satisfaction the increased interest being taken by women in Farm Bureau work in many parts of the state. Their greatest activity in the local, county and state work and their fullest representation in the councils of our organization would without doubt prove beneficial. We wish to commend Mrs. Wagar for the splendid articles which she has contributed to the Michigan Farm Bureau News and we trust that they will serve to interest many rural women in Farm Bureau work.

**RESOLVED, that we note with no little satisfaction the decision of the State Supreme Court upholding the State Board of Agriculture in the discharge of their full constitutional duties in the management of the Michigan Agricultural College and its Extension activities. We commend the State Board of Agriculture for the courageous stand which it has taken in regard to this proposition which we believe to be both a matter of principle and an issue directly affecting the welfare of Michigan farmers and the future of American agriculture.**

**Clean Agricultural Fairs**  
RESOLVED, that we commend very highly the efforts being made by the management of Michigan fairs to bring before the people of the state clean and educational exhibitions, free from any undesirable features.

**Oppose "Pittsburgh Plus"**  
RESOLVED, that we reaffirm our position taken last year in opposing the practice known as "Pittsburgh Plus."

**Feeding in Transit and Manure Rates**  
RESOLVED, that we hereby instruct our Farm Bureau Traffic Department to continue its efforts to secure the establishment of a feeding in transit rate east of Chicago and to secure more favorable freight rates on manure from Detroit and other live stock centers.

## Resolutions on Matters For Congressional Action

**National Taxation Policy**  
RESOLVED, that we endorse the stand taken by the American Farm Bureau Federation in insisting that taxation be levied equitably and agree that:

- (a) The measure of the ability to pay taxes for support of the government is net income, and
- (b) The tax should be progressive; that is, the greater the income, the higher the rate.

**U. S. Tax-Exempt Securities**  
RESOLVED, that we favor an amendment to the Constitution of the United States forbidding the issuance of all tax-exempt securities.

**Consumption and Sales Taxes**  
RESOLVED, that we oppose any form of a federal consumption or sales tax.

**Oppose Government Price Fixing**  
RESOLVED, that we agree with the National Grange that the principle of price fixing of farm or other products is utterly unsound, except in times of emergency.

**RESOLVED, that what we do not feel justified in demanding for ourselves, we do not approve granting to others; therefore, we oppose a Government guarantee of earning or profits in any form, to any private industry; and we favor the repeal of any such guarantees which may now be in existence, specifically mentioning in this connection the so-called guarantee clause contained in section 15-A of the National Transportation Act, commonly known as the Esch-Cummings bill.**

**Transportation Systems**  
RESOLVED, that we urge upon Congress the great necessity of establishing a co-ordinated policy of transportation involving farm-to-market roads, the railroads, the construction of the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Waterway, and an American Merchant Marine so that the products of the farm may be moved to the consumer rapidly, cheaply and efficiently.

**Law Enforcement and Prohibition**  
RESOLVED, that we reaffirm our previous action in strenuously opposing any attempt to belittle or render less effective the 18th amendment to the Federal Constitution and strongly urge that the Volstead Act be rigidly enforced.

**Resolved, we oppose taking a Federal farm census oftener than every ten years.**

**National Truth-in-Fabric Bill**  
RESOLVED, that we reaffirm our endorsement of the Capper-French Truth-in-Fabric bill now pending before Congress, and urge that it be reported out of committee and given a roll-call vote without delay.

**RESOLVED, that in line with the foregoing resolution, we also favor national Truth-in-Fruit-Juice legislation, to require the labeling of adulterated or artificial fruit juices, and we favor the rigid enforcement of the pure food laws, especially mentioning the sale of colored and adulterated vinegar.**

**Foreign Seed**  
RESOLVED, that in order to properly safeguard American agriculture and American farmers, we favor continuing the tests to show to what extent seed of foreign origin is valuable under our conditions and we further urge that a law be passed by the U. S. Congress now in session requiring the treatment of all imported alfalfa and red clover seed, except that raised in Canada, with eosin dye at four different points in each bag so that the seed may be colored without injuring the quality or germination of the seed.

**Muscle Shoals**  
RESOLVED, that we repeat our former declaration in favor of the completion of the great power project at Muscle Shoals, Alabama and its immediate and efficient utilization for the benefit of the mapy, rather than its exploitation for the advantage of the few. We do not favor government operation. We agree, in the main, with the position of the National Grange that this tremendous development of natural resources should be leased or sold by the Government to the highest bidder on such terms as will best safeguard and protect the interests of the public.

We favor the prompt acceptance by Congress of some offer which will guarantee, first, that nitrate and fertilizer production to the capacity of the project be continually carried on; second, that the entire project be made available to the Government for military uses in time of war; third, that experimental and research work be established to develop and discover new and approved methods for fixing nitrogen and manufacturing fertilizers; fourth, that sufficient power shall be guaranteed in times of peace to operate the project at its full capacity; fifth, that provision shall be made for reimbursing the Government for the additional money required to complete the project.

**Eradication of Bovine Tuberculosis**  
RESOLVED, that we are gratified at the success which is being made in the eradication of bovine tuberculosis in Michigan. We urge Congress to continue the federal appropriations to assist in paying indemnities on condemned cattle.

**Immigration**  
RESOLVED, that we favor a limitation of the number of immigrants permitted to enter this country to approximately the present total. We would shift the basis upon which the percentage is determined from the census of 1910 to 1890, or an earlier period. We recommend that immigrants be selected after physical, mental and other tests in the land of their nativity by representatives of our Government and that Congress take proper steps to put such a plan into prompt operation.

**Oppose Federal Ship Subsidy**  
RESOLVED, that we go on record as unqualifiedly in opposition to any form of ship subsidy legislation whatsoever.

**Grain Futures and Packer and Stock Yards Control**  
RESOLVED, that we endorse the Grain Futures Act and the Packer and Stock Yards Control Act and instruct our Legislative Department to oppose all efforts to repeal or weaken them by amendments; we do, however, approve the proposed amendment to the Stock Yards Act, known as H. R. 5933, which would allow practices common to co-operative shipping associations, but forbidden under the interpretation of the law as it now stands.

**Licensing Commission Men**  
RESOLVED, that we recommend the adoption of a plan for the licensing of all commercial dealers and shippers of agricultural products engaged in interstate shipments by the U. S. Department of Agriculture under existing laws or such additional laws as may be found necessary.

**Favor Purnell Bill**  
RESOLVED, that we endorse the Purnell bill, now pending before Congress, to provide additional federal aid for State Experiment Stations.

**National Standard Container Bill**  
RESOLVED, that we favor the passage of a national Standard Container Bill.

**Quarantine on Oriental Peach Moth**  
RESOLVED, that we regard the Oriental Peach Moth as a very serious insect that is already doing a great damage to the peaches in New Jersey and may at any time come into our fruit districts unless proper quarantine measures are adopted. We therefore respectfully urge that the U. S. Department of Agriculture investigate this matter thoroughly and restrict by proper quarantine all infected districts.

**Flexible Tariff**  
RESOLVED, that we believe that the Tariff Commission should make more operative the so-called "elastic clause" of the present tariff law so that rates could be changed by executive order as economic conditions change.

**Foreign Marketing**  
RESOLVED, that we commend the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Commerce for the work which they are doing in the foreign marketing fields and we urge that this work be continued and enlarged to afford us an enlarged and increased market for our surplus agricultural production.

**Government Export Corporations**  
RESOLVED, that we are not in favor of any plan to export wheat and charge the loss back against the growers the next year.

**Oppose Lower Oleo Tax**  
RESOLVED, that we oppose a reduction of the present tax on oleo as proposed in Senate Bill No. 392, by Mr. Keller, and we authorize the secretary of the State Farm Bureau to inform the chairman of the Senate Finance Committee of our position.

**Commendation**  
RESOLVED, we are pleased with the splendid progress which has been made by progressive agricultural legislation in recent sessions of Congress, and we wish to commend our National Legislative Department for their effective efforts in our behalf.

able means of placing a reasonable share of the cost of highway maintenance upon the traffic that most years it out; and we therefore reiterate our declaration in favor of a tax of two cents per gallon on gasoline in Michigan, the proceeds to be used to apply on the interest and principal of the State highway bonds, the State highway rewards due the counties and the maintenance and construction of the State trunk-line highways.

**Automobile Licenses**  
RESOLVED, that we believe that automobile license money should be collected by the counties wherein the automobiles are owned and each county's portion retained by the county treasurer and the balance turned over to the state.

**State Income Tax**  
RESOLVED, that in view of the fact that real estate owners are now paying an excessive and unjust portion of the taxes in Michigan, and believing that taxes should be assessed and paid on the basis of one's ability to pay, rather than on one's inability to avoid payment, and believing, further, that one's ability to support the Government is dependent upon his income, we again go on record as favoring a state graduated income tax on net income, that the general property tax may be materially reduced.

**Pending Constitutional Amendment**  
RESOLVED, that we endorse and approve the initiative petitions now being circulated to secure the placing of a state income tax constitutional amendment on the ballot for the general election in the fall of 1924.

**Equalization of Assessments**  
RESOLVED, that the Board of Equalization acting under Article 10 Section 8, of the Constitution shall consist of one member for each congressional district of the state, such members to be chosen by the members of said congressional district and the said Board of Equalization shall meet in the month of August following each regular biennial meeting of the Legislature.

**Legislative Re-Appointment**  
RESOLVED, that section 4, article 5, of the Constitution of the State be amended so as to read as follows: Using the number of citizens of voting age as the basis of legislative apportionment instead of the total population as at present, with the added provision that no county shall be entitled to more than five Senators, and sixteen percent of the House of Representatives, and we further feel that it is important that the moiety clause be preserved and applied not only to individual counties, but to districts of small counties as well.

**Reforestation**  
RESOLVED, that we reaffirm our previous stand recommending that some adequate reforestation program be adopted by the State of Michigan and that immediate steps be taken to conserve the small trees on cut-over areas, to replant unstocked areas located on land that is idle at present or on land that is unprofitable for any other purpose at the present time, and we further recommend that immediate action be taken by our State Legislature and the State Conservation Commission to prevent the cutting of young trees for Christmas and other uses on all lands under State control and that every possible effort be made to stop this gross waste of our future timber supply.

**Qualifications For Citizenship**  
RESOLVED, that we endorse the action of the Michigan State Grange in favor of an amendment to the State Constitution providing an educational qualification for citizenship, requiring the reading and writing of a portion of the Constitution in English, as is now the law in New York and 17 other states in the Union.

**Prison Manufacture**  
RESOLVED, that we favor the continued manufacture of binder twine by the Michigan State Prison and we would approve a policy whereby the prison would make a wider variety of farm supplies and machinery as is being done successfully by the State Prison in Minnesota.

**Bounty on Wolves**  
RESOLVED, that we favor the restoration of the payment of state bounties on wolves and we are opposed to the present system of paid state trappers, believing that it has proved expensive and ineffective.

**Hunting Ruffed Grouse**  
RESOLVED, that we oppose any overlapping of the hunting season on deer and ruffed grouse in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

**Gratitude for Hospitality**  
RESOLVED, that we desire to thank the people of Lansing and East Lansing and the faculty and students of the Michigan Agricultural College for the many kindnesses and courtesies which they have shown us during our State Meeting.

Bureau and an outstanding leader in the work, one of the pioneer organizers of the Bureau.

Mr. Nicol had difficulty in persuading the delegates not to place him in nomination for another term, stating that he wished to retire. The delegates gave him a demonstration of appreciation for his long and valued leadership.

**Change Representation**  
The delegates amended the state constitution so that delegate representation at State Farm Bureau annual meetings hereafter will be on the basis of one delegate for every 250 paid up memberships or major fraction thereof instead of on the basis of 500. This action will increase the representation of Farm Bureau members at their annual meeting.



James Nicol

Twice president of the Michigan State Farm Bureau and a director in the State organization since its beginning, Mr. Nicol closed a long period of Farm Bureau leadership at the sixth annual meeting February 7-8, when he persuaded the delegates not to place him in nomination for another term as he wished to retire, to become "a high private in the rear rank of the Farm Bureau" for a time. The delegates were loath to accept his decision. Many expressions of appreciation for Mr. Nicol's sound leadership were heard and the delegates paid him tribute with a rising vote of appreciation. Mr. Nicol successfully piloted the Farm Bureau during the most difficult times the country has known in recent years. He was an organizer and first and second president of the successful Michigan Elevator Exchange. He has given generously and unselfishly of his time and effort to Michigan farmers' organization work. His counsel and leadership will be missed.

## THESE QUESTIONS ARE INTERESTING

- Where is the Farm Bureau Produce Exchange located at Detroit?  
A. 2610 Riopelle Street.
- How do I ship live poultry to the Produce Exchange?  
A. Ship in regular poultry crates by express. Print your name carefully on each tag.
- Do you advise me to ship dressed poultry?  
A. No. Not if it is possible for you to ship them alive.
- How much more can I receive for dressed poultry than for live poultry?  
A. If well dressed, thoroughly cooled and plumped before shipping you may be able to get two or three cents per pound more than same grade alive, but if the market is well supplied in Detroit it is impossible to get more than for the same grade alive.
- How would you advise me to pack eggs for shipment to the Produce Exchange?  
A. Pack in thirty dozen cases. See that there is a pad on the bottom and top of the eggs in each case. Put two tags on each case and print your name clearly.
- Do they make a difference in price between small eggs and large ones?  
A. It is impossible to get more

- Do brown eggs bring as much as white eggs?  
A. White eggs bring a premium if they are the same size and quality as the brown.
- How do I dress veal calves for shipment to the Farm Bureau Produce Exchange?  
A. Remove the head and legs at knees and gambrel. Remove lungs. Include liver. Never wash out the interior of the calf with water, but wipe it with a clean cloth. Tie all loose ends up tightly. Put two shipping tags on each calf and print your name clearly.
- Do you advise me to ship dressed hogs to the Farm Bureau Produce Exchange?  
A. We would not advise you to ship dressed hogs by express as they are likely to arrive in a very dirty condition and the price in Detroit generally does not warrant the expense of express and commission over your local market.
- Should I pay the express on shipments to the Produce Exchange?  
A. No. Send all shipments collect.
- What charges do the Farm Bureau Produce Exchange make for selling live, poultry and eggs?  
A. Five per cent.
- How long after I make shipment will I receive my returns?  
A. From three to five days.

**MR. FARMER**  
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## The Things You Should Know About Imported & Domestic Seed

Since farmers are looking with suspicion on imported clover and alfalfa seed and are refusing anything from their dealers but positively domestic grown seed, every effort is being made by the possessors of millions of pounds of imported French and Italian clover seed to make farmers forget that imported clover seed winter kills and encourage them to buy it.

**Try To Befog the Issue**  
Just the other day the Toledo Produce Exchange in a letter to Sec'y Wallace of the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture attempted to make it appear that opponents of imported seed claim it does not germinate and that is their objection to imported seed. The Toledo Exchange submitted a statement from its testing laboratory to the effect that foreign seed germinated better than domestic seed this year, and suggested that the U. S. Dep't of Agriculture counteract "false statements of alleged non-productiveness of foreign seed."

**FOREIGN CLOVER SEED OF POOR QUALITY**  
"Winter-killing of clover sown in 1922 at the University of Minnesota Farm was excessive in fields sown with imported seed furnished by the U. S. Bureau of Plant Industry."  
"Seed from Italy, 4 lots, winter-killed 93.3 per cent; Chile, 4 lots, 80.5 per cent; France, 5 lots, and Wales, 1 lot, 81.4 per cent; Bohemia, Holland, Hungary and Australia, 51.7 per cent; Finland, Poland, Bohemia and North Germany, 24.6 per cent; Ohio, Tennessee and Oregon, 23.4 per cent; and Wisconsin, Michigan, Idaho, Minnesota and Saskatchewan, only 8.3 per cent."

Above is proof of the superiority of northern grown, domestic seed and that imported clover seed winter kills. Some of the holders of imported seed claim that without foreign seed we would be paying bigger prices for clover seed. Why sow a crop failure just because it's cheaper than good seed? One French broker reports that he sold 85,000 bags to America this season.

**Dependable Seed to be Had**  
This spring you will want to plant only positively domestic seed of known northern origin—seed that you can depend upon. The Michigan State Farm Bureau handles only North American grown Michigan adapted clover and alfalfa. We guarantee to the full purchase price its origin, adaption, purity, germination and genuineness to be as represented by the Seed Department. We ship Farm Bureau Brand Seeds to farmers in sealed, trade-marked bushel bags, as shown herewith. Half bushels and pecks may be had.

Go to your co-operative ass'n early and insist on Michigan Farm Bureau Brand seeds in the sealed sacks. If your co-op cannot supply you, write to us at once.  
What all seed houses say about the supply of domestic grown clover seed is true—that the supply is limited and that those who wait too long may be disappointed.



**What Actual Tests Show**  
To prove that foreign clover does winter kill badly we quote from a report from the University of Minnesota Experiment station:

**Farm Bureau Brand Seeds Give the Results You Expect for Your Labor**

**Michigan State Farm Bureau**  
Lansing Seed Department Michigan.

**Resolutions To Go Before The Mich. Legislature**  
**"Pay-As-You-Go" Policy**  
RESOLVED, that we deplore the tendency of our various government units, including the State of Michigan, to issue excessive bond issues for the construction of present improvements.

**State Gasoline Tax**  
RESOLVED, that we heartily reaffirm our well established position that in the main the amount of gasoline consumed is in proportion to the use derived from the public highways and is therefore a logical and equitable

**Farm Bureau's Annual Meet Shows Progress**  
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In all cases was unanimous.

**Directors-at-Large**  
Directors-at-large were elected as follows: L. Whitney Watkins of Manchester, E. C. McCarty, Bad Axe; Mrs. Edith Wagar, Carleton, Farm Bureau Women's representative on the board; M. B. McPherson, Lowell; Verold F. Gornely of Newberry representing the Upper Peninsula, and George Wheeler of Mt. Pleasant, Mr. Wheeler succeeded James Nicol, twice President of the State Farm



BILL TO STOP TAX FREE BONDS LOST

Party Politics Kills Measure to Check Unrestrained Bond Issues

Washington, Feb. 9.—The proposed amendment to the Federal Constitution to put a stop to the issuance of tax exempt securities has been defeated in the House in Congress. That probably means that it can not be considered again this session.

Pres. Phillips Shows Bureau Power Growing

(Continued from page one) by attainment of this ambition that this nation can be saved to civilization—thus we are fighting for the common good.

Let us carefully analyze the situation. The day of individually directed effort has passed in every line of industry except agriculture.

As we look back over the pitfalls and obstacles we have conquered, and review the experiences of others in other states, certain principles for our future guidance are becoming established.

Legislation and Taxation "We must take no uncertain stand on legislation directly affecting our interests. We must present a united front in such matters.

Unequalled and unjust taxation is a handicap no business can endure permanently and a square deal must be obtained thru organized action.

Transportation and Marketing "Of only slightly less importance than legislation or taxation is the matter of transportation. Is it estimated that the farmer pays 55 per cent of the freight bill of this country.

The producers are fundamentally right in demanding the privilege of a voice in the price placed on their products. This must be accomplished thru the united effort of producers and cannot be arbitrarily laid down by any outside agency, governmental or otherwise.

The principles of successful co-operative marketing are steadily being determined. These principles are now being given a test of fire all over this country and false ideas are being rapidly eliminated.

Having thus briefly reviewed the evolution of the Farm Bureau and bearing in mind the lessons experience has taught us, and our brief survey of our present position, we are ready to proceed with the Sixth Annual Convention of the Michigan State Farm Bureau.

NO STATE EXCELS MICH., SAYS BRODY

(Continued from Page 2) The State Association of Farmers' Clubs also invited the State Farm Bureau to participate in its annual program at East Lansing and held one meeting of its state executive committee at Farm Bureau headquarters during the year.

Our office facilities have been kept open to all other farm organizations at all times. These older farm organizations have trained leadership and have carried on valuable educational work that has made the Farm Bureau possible, and the continuation of this in the future will serve to solve many of the important problems of the Farm Bureau.

Likewise the splendid co-operation given the State Farm Bureau by President Shaw, the Farm Crops, Dairy, Poultry, Horticultural, Markets, Extension and other departments of the Michigan Agricultural College merits the highest commendation.

Meetings With the Membership Since the last annual meeting your secretary has attended meetings in forty-three counties and Vice-President Noon has traveled almost continuously, giving Farm Bureau addresses in most of the counties of the state.

Your board of directors has also given attention to enlisting the more active support of farm women in Farm Bureau activities and delegated Mrs. Edith Wagar of the board to act as chairman of the Home and Community Committee.

The Farm Bureau has been materially strengthened in the Upper Peninsula by the work of Director Gormely. Mr. Gormely arranged and attended a series of meetings, resulting in the enrollment of many new members.

We have now had three years' experience with the affiliated commodity control type of Farm Bureau organization, and it has given the State Farm Bureau a power and influence that it could not have attained under any other plan.

The more orderly flow of farm products to market in accordance with the consumptive demand is unquestionably the goal toward which we must strive, but with the perishable products of Michigan, most of which are grown extensively by several other states shipping to the same markets, it does not appear best at this stage of our development for the commodity exchanges of Michigan to assume to great a responsibility in this respect.

Our experience during the past three years has shown conclusively that it is the wrong policy to start major co-operative marketing services without having the individuals actually using it and benefiting shoulder the responsibilities for its continuation and management.

The County Farm Bureaus Moreover, the 76 County Farm Bureaus which together have ultimate control of the Michigan State Farm Bureau through the board of delegates, constitute a most substantial foundation for the commodity exchanges as well as the Michigan State Farm Bureau.

Time is surely revealing that the activities of the State Farm Bureau along the lines of publicity, organization, transportation, legislative and other general services are as much needed and appreciated by co-operative marketing organizations and our membership in general as the direct business services rendered by the Farm Bureau.

operative marketing organizations, while one of the main functions of the Farm Bureau, is only one of many services necessary to holding our membership and fulfilling our purpose.

In formulating the policies of the State Farm Bureau it is of highest importance that we keep close to the man actually tilling the land, and in this connection our membership solicitors report that while the farmers are much concerned about co-operative marketing they regard with equal importance relief from unjust taxation, excessive freight rates, car supply, and information on public questions concerning agriculture.

The Michigan Record of Achievement The farmers of Michigan are unexcelled by those of any other state in the development of their co-operative commodity services.

The Michigan Milk Producers' Association equals or excels any other organization of its kind in the country.

The Michigan Elevator Exchange is one of the most, if not the most successful co-operative marketing agencies for elevator products.

The Michigan Live Stock Exchange has developed one of the most successful co-operative live stock commission associations at Detroit, and in co-operation with adjoining states has organized and is operating a similar association at Buffalo that is doing outstanding work for Michigan live stock producers.

The Michigan Potato Growers' Exchange has rendered a corresponding service to its members that has not been available to potato growers in other states.

The new Michigan Fruit Growers, Inc., will no doubt develop into one of the most useful organizations of its kind the coming year when it establishes its own sales service.

Michigan commodity exchanges are all controlled by their local co-operative associations and are of the type and character and following the methods they are today, largely as a result of actual experience under conditions peculiar to Michigan.

We should learn from others and improve our methods and stabilize our markets in every way possible, but let us also not undervalue or treat lightly the progress that the farmers of Michigan have made at home. There is no type of marketing organization that will serve as a panacea for all our ills, and farmers in other states too have their troubles and difficulties.

The commodity marketing exchanges are pillars of strength for the State Farm Bureau and, on the other hand, the commodity exchanges to fortify themselves along grading, legislative, publicity, transportation and general service lines, need a powerful central service organization, combining all the farmers organized economic power, such as the State Farm Bureau.

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pensible to the farmer but is promoting the general welfare of all the citizens of Michigan.

During the rapid development of farm organization work in the past four years, the task has naturally been attended by mistakes and uncertainties, but with this experience behind us the course ahead is getting clearer. In assembling thousands of individuals into an organization like the Farm Bureau we not only mobilize their good qualities but their prejudices and selfishness and other short-comings as well.

The things really worth while in the world do not come easily but are the product of years and years of hard work, struggle and sacrifice, so it is not surprising and should not be discouraging that the development of the Farm Bureau has been a battle testing the metal and demanding high courage and perseverance in the membership as well as in your officers and leaders.

BEAMER IS RECOVERING The many friends of Elmer A. Beamer, president of the Michigan Live Stock Exchange and formerly representing that Exchange on the State Farm Bureau Board of Directors, will be glad to learn that he is recovering from a very serious attack of appendicitis.

Who Sells Your Stock?

The Michigan Live Stock Exchange is making it possible for Michigan live stock producers to control the selling end of their business instead of having it controlled by others.

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Barry Likes F. W. Bennett Hastings, Feb. 14.—F. W. Bennett of Barry County has been returned County Agricultural Agent for the fifth time by the unanimous action of the Barry County Farm Bureau and the Barry County Board of Supervisors.

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