## ANNUAL MEETING PROVES BUREAU **BUILT TO STAY**

COMMODITY PLAN GIVES MORE AND BETTER SERVICE TO MEMBERS

#### PHILLIPS IS PRESIDENT

Harmony Features Great Business Sessions; Directors Are Re-elected

Michigan Farm Bureau delegates from 73 counties had a great business session at their fifth annual meeting at the Michigan Agricultural College, February 1-2.

Increased efficiency and more service to more members in marketing. transportation, and organization work during the second year of the commodity plan of organization has made the Michigan Farm Bureau stronger than ever, said Secretary Brody in his report. The report is presented in full in this issue of the News. It is a complete story of the work done and undertaken by your State Farm Bureau in 1922.

#### Delegates Had Floor

Aside from the reading of the bove report, there were no speeches and the 130 delegates and 300 or hore other Farm Bureau members had the floor throughout the sessions They were there for business and had the opportunity to give questions of policy full discussion and arrived at an understanding satisfactory to the whole convention. Resolutions were introduced in part the afternoon of the first day and items which were not unanimously agreed upon were carried over until the next day to permit further study by the delegates.

The resolutions adopted and presented in this edition of the News are in nearly every instance the unanimous opinion of the Board of Dele gates. They represent the Farm Bureau's policy for 1923 as set by the nembership. From a legislative standpoint they represent the opinons of our County Farm Bureaus as xpressed in the State Farm Bureau's cent legislative questionnaire.

#### Bureau Financially Sound

The financial report showed the tate Farm Bureau to be on a sound nancial b. 'a. Two years ago, just fore, the commodity plan was deficit of \$15,215. At the fifth annual meeting the Farm Bureau's net worth, not including outstandpensibility is limited only by the law may loan any one institution.

Elections Made Unanimous Confidence in the work of the State Farm Bureau's Board of Directors was voiced by the delegates by unanimous re-election of every member on the Board for another year. In honor of his splendid services to the State Farm Bureau, President nembers. He succeeds the late A. T. epue of Faithorn Junction, Menom-

The Board of Directors organized evening session. by electing W. E. Phillips of Decatur its representative as well as president of the Elevator Exchange.

Nicol Served Well President Nicol retires from the ime and energy to make the Farm ireau a success. He served as dirman of the National Fruit of Mr. Laing. wers committee of twenty-one ch developed the Federated Fruit Vegetable Growers, Inc. Since organization, Mr. Nicol has been on the month with the

# UNIA FARMERS' DAY

ree Rivers as treasurer.

gaged Clark L. Brody as secretary-

Friday, Feb. 16, Ionia County has Annual Mid-Winter Farmers' Day the Ionia armory. President Frispecialist, and Prof. E. E. Gallup, try. Beans are shipped to Eastern state Superintendent of vocational points from Jacksonville, Florida, to training will speak. There will be Portland, Maine as far west as points band music and a potluck dinner. in Oklahoma and Nebraska and A corn show with cash prizes for south to New Orleans. A good share ownship champions and a silver of the beans goes direct to large canup for county sweep stakes is the ners like Heinz, Campbell and Arting. H. E. Powell and Fred W. markets the Exchange watches every day.

PRESIDENT



W. E. PHILLIPS

W. E. Phillips of Decatur, Mich. Van Buren county Farm Bureau nember, was elected president of the Michigan State Farm Bureau by the State Board of Directors February 2. President Phillips has been a member of the Board of Directors for two years. He is President of the Michigan Elevator Exchange and represents that commodity exchange on the Farm Bureau Board of Didectors. Mr. Phillips is president of the Van Buren County Farm Bureau and the manager of the Decatur Cooperative Association. He is chairman of the committee now engaged in working out the organization of Michigan's muck crop growers.

## MARILLA GROWER SETS A RECORD

WANTS TO KNOW WHO CAN BEAT HIIS 1922 WOOL

POOL RESULTS Marilla, Mich., Feb. 5, 1923. Michigan State Farm Bureau,

Lansing, Michigan.

I note in the Farm Bureau News everal notes of what the Wool Department done for various wool growers and beg to advise that I have seen nothing that equals my experience with my 1922 clip.

My neighbor sold his wool for 22 1-2c. I was offered 25c for mine.

I refused the offer and pooled and the result of the pool was 37 3-4c—15 1-4c over my neighbor's sale and ing membership fees, more than 80 per cent collectable, was recorded as \$174,893.41. With the banks the State Farm Bureau's financial responsibility is limited only by the law. which fixes the amount that a bank may loan any one institution.

it gives us a chance to learn the grades and the prices of each grade, and tends to induce the grower to proand tends to induce and tends to induce duce better wool.

Yours Respectfully,

W. F. Danville.

#### MONROE CO. INSTITUTE AT MILAN FEB. 23-24

Monroe Co. Farmers Eighth Annual Institute for Monroe and Wash-Nicol's name was first presented to tenaw farmers will be at Milan, Feb. the Delegates for re-election. He 23-24, at the Opera House. Friday was returned to the Board of Direc- morning Professor J. F. Cox of the tors for another year by acclamation. M. A. C. Farm Crops Dep't., will The Potato, Milk, Elevator and Live speak. There will be a crops disock commodity marketing ex- play in charge of Robert Duncan of nanges nominated the directors to M. A. C. Dinner will be served by present them on your State Board the ladies. E. C. Foreman, M. A. C. Directors. Verne Gormley of poultry specialist, and Professor ewherry was elected Director-at-Robey, farm sanitation specialist arge to represent Upper Peninsula from M. A. C., and George McCalla, president of the Washtenaw Farm Bureau, will speak. Motion pictures and a good speaker will feature the

Saturday morning R. A. Turner, President. He has represented the State Boys' and Girls' Club leader, Michigan Elevator Exchange on the and E. W. Martin, manager of Wash Board for the past year and is again tenaw County Fair, will speak. M L. Noon, State Farm Bureau vicepresident and Miss Koch, M. A. C. nutrition specialist will speak Saturday afternoon. Miss Koch will presidency of the Farm Bureau after give a dress form demonstration at two years of unselfish service. He Friday morning and afternoon meethas always given unsparingly of his ings of the Woman's section. Agricultural exhibits at the High Schoo have been arranged under direction

### BEANS A CASH CROP

The Michigan bean crop appears le chairman of the Federated to be one crop which the farmer uses ard of Directors. He continues a as a cash crop; one he can always mber of the Board of Directors of market and get his money. This Michigan State Farm Bureau and year's prices have ranged from \$4.50 remain active in Farm Bureau to \$8 with a steady market. There were only two or three dips of short M. L. Noon of Jackson was re- duration and after each drop the ected vice-president. The Board re- price advanced to a higher level. In 1922 the Michigan Elevator Exanager and Fred VanNorsdall of change Bean Dept. sold about 800 cars of beans for members. It helped stabilize our markets.

### COMES FEBRUARY 16 Elevator Exchange Reaches Big Markets

Grain marketed by the Michigan Elevator Exchange for its 108 local v of M. A. C., Clark L. Brody, R. elevators goes principally to New Turner, Michigan's Club Leader, York and Baltimore for export. rof. Foreman, M. A. C., poultry Some goes to millers in this coun ig event. Ionia banks are co-oper- mour. This gives you an idea of the

# Appoint Watkins Head of

in the main the amount of gasolin consumed is in proportion to the us derived from the public highways and is a logical basis for taxation and we therefore favor a tax of two cents a gallon on gasoline in Michigan to raise funds for interest and retirement of the State's highway bonds. State Tax Commission RESOLVED, that we favor the

nsing Feb. 1-2, 1923

present State Tax Commission and State Board of Equalization and oppose reduction in the number of members on the State Tax Commission from three to one. Regulate Bus Lines

RESOLVED, that we favor a reasonable regulation of commercial truck lines and busses, increasing their licenses to provide more funds meeting at M. A. C. February 1-2 show where the Mich. State Farm Bureau stands on questions now before the Michigan Legislature. The Farm Bureau's position on the following questions was developed from the replies to the legislative questionnaire the Bureau sent each of its County Farm Bureaus January 9, 1923.

The Farm Bureau's policy in legislation has been to go back to its membership for local action in the several communities on questions before the legislature. The Bureau maintains no legislative lobby at Lansing. It seeks to present the facts munities.

adopted and the policy of the Michi- of the best known agricultural lead- campaigns are Monroe and Wayne. gan State Farm Bureau on pending legislative questions will be as fol-

THE BUREAU FAVORS

1. Strict governmental economy and a pay as you go policy.

2. Removal of present corporation tax limits. 3. A State Income Tax with \$4,

000 exemption and a progressive rate. 4. A straight tax on gasoline of

ents a gallon. 5. Eastern time as standard for

tate tax commission. 6. State regulation of commercial

bus and truck lines. 7. An adequate reforestation pro-

gram. 8. Repeal of Covert Highway Act 9. Keeping present primary law. have set up a seed exchange for 10. Using state highway reward handling pure seed of known northfunds to pay local road bonds under ern origin and adaption. irrection of Board of Supervisors. 11. State and National laws to vides an excellent outlet at good or county Farm Bureaus heard any-

bolish tax exempt securities. amendment and Volstead Act. THE BUREAU OPPOSES

ng steel prices.

3. Abolishment of primary school insurance. fund law. 4. Creation of county assessors.

5. Eastern time as standard for

# **FARMERS UNITE**

THEIR ORGANIZATIONS AGREE TO INITIATE MEASURE THIS SPRING

In line with the overwhelming sen timent of its membership in favor of a state income tax for the relief of mittee, representing all the farm organizations of the state, have agreed on the details of the proposed tax and have decided on a method of procedure. It is determined to see the fight through to a successful finish. The Farmers' Legislative commit-

tee proposes that incomes less than \$4,000 shall be exempt from state income tax and that for larger inomes a progressive rate be estab-ished as follows: \$4,000 to \$20,000, per cent; up to \$40,000, 6 per cent p to \$60,000, 7 per cent; up to \$80 8 per cent; up to \$100,000, 9 cent; above \$100,000, 10 per cent. The proposed amendment, will definite provide that the law be administer d by the State Tax Commission and that the revenue so raised will be in ieu of all state general property tax.

in foreign countries.

# State Dept. of Agriculture



JAMES NICOL

President of the Michigan State Farm Bureau during the past two rears. He retired from that post February 2, 1923. Mr. Nicol is entering upon his fourth term as a experience of the many local com- tors. He has served Allegan Couners in both state and national Farm Bureau affairs. He owns and aperates a 200 farm in Allegan county and is one of the most successful farmers and business men in the

SEED DEP'T. LINES UP NICE MARKET FOR OUR SEED

A fine example or co-operation between State Farm Bureaus for the benefit of their memberships is under way at Toledo, Ohio, where the Michigan and Ohio Farm Bureaus

The Michigan Bureau thus pro-12. Strict enforcement of the 18th by its members. The Ohio Farm from their visits to farmers. Bureau consumers are getting seed 2. Proposed full train crew bill. that much and the Ohio men get seed

The Ohio people are advertising members than ever before. Michigan Farm Bureau Brand seeds Michigan Farm Bureau is enabling Bureau and how to use it. ON INCOME TAX our Co-operative farmers to cash in on their organization and sell the

### Agricultural Census Repeal Up To House

Monday evening the Senate pass farm and town real estate, the State ed by a unanimous vote Sen. Bernie Farm Bureau is co-operating with all the case's bill to repeal the 1921 other farm organizations of Michigan to initiate an income tax consti- simple crop acreage and live stock gan to initiate an income tax constructional amendment this spring. The census by supervisors. Thus the Farmers' Federated Legislative Convenience of agricultural statistics for Michigan has been passed on to the House of Representatives where sentiment is rather evenly divided over this issue. The Case bill is being considered by the House Agricultural Committee.

#### HAY SALES SERVICE SUITS THIS MEMBER

Frank H. Dexter, Monroe County Farm Bureau member, reported to his best local bids, which were bid improvement in the market. up as it was known that he was gocuttings.

### DELEGATES RE-ELECT OFFICERS



The Board of Delegates at the State Farm Bureau's Fifth Annual Meeting re-elected the 1922 Board of Directors. The Directors chose W E. Phillips, president; M. L. Noon, vice-president; Clark L. Brody, secre

tary-manager and Fred Van Norsdell, treasurer. From left to right: Top row:—E. A. Beamer, Blissfield, Live Stock Exchange; Clar Brody, Lansing; Mrs. Edith M. Wagar, Carleton; Fred Smith, Elk Ra otato Exch.; Fred Van Norsdall, Three Rivers; L. Whitney Wath Manchester; Pres. W. E. Phillips, Decatur; represents Elevator Exchange; James Nicol, South Haven; M. B. McPherson, Lowell. Ces better th. Bottom row, left to right: -E. C. McCarty, Bad Axe: M.

# **GROWS STRONG**

(Continued from Page Two) farms might now be situated many

miles from shipping facilities. of the Michigan Potato Growers' Exchange also constituted one of the big services of the year.

Better Service at Lower Cost The total cost of the department for the past 12 months is \$6,641.82 as compared with more than \$20,000 for the original department abolished in 1921.

retain Mr. Ewing regularly 10 days per month for the next year, and a portion of this time will be spent at Farm Bureau headquarters. He expects to make an extended study of the farmers' traffic problems and second to none in the country. A to the Fifth annual meeting of

FIRST OF 1923 CAMPAIGNS TO START THERE, MONROE COUNTY NEXT

# DRIVERS AT ANN ARBOR

Washtenaw Farm Bureau Folks Hold Big Pre-Campaign Meeting

State and County Farm Bureau membership renewal campaigns for to the legislature as set down by the member of the State Board of Direc- 1923 start in Washtenaw county. February 12 and will continue there ty Farm Bureau as its president for about two weeks. The next coun-Appropriate resolutions have been since its organization. He is one ties to put on second membership Held Big Meeting

> A big Farm Bureau meeting for Washtenaw local compaign workers was held at Ann Arbor Armory Friday, February 9. About 300 Farm Bureau men and women were expect ed at a noon banquet to hear Secre tary Brody, Mrs. Edith Wagar and W. W. Billings. These men have already renewed their memberships and each will drive a solicitor in his township. Members of the Ann Ar oor Rotary, Kiwanis and Exchange clubs and the Local Bankers Association attended the Ann Arbor meet The campaign is going over

The membership solicitors are Farm Bureau members under the leadership of W. W. Billings, president of the Genesee County Farm Bureau. These men spare no effort to make the campaign a success in each county and in no case have the State prices for high grade seeds produced thing but good reports resulting

Every solicitor is an out and out that they can depend upon at reason- Farm Bureau man and knows what 1. Pittsburg Plus system of mak- able prices for high quality goods. the Farm Bureau is and what it is it has been the purpose of the ad-The Michigan market is stabilized doing. Talks with these men have ministration to make all of its ac enlightened many members and have made them stronger Farm Bureau ness requirements, present and fu-Memberships written in the sec- agriculture as his principal or only

membership campaign carry source of income. The work com anteed by the selling agency. Ohio with them a subscription to the prises the following projects: farmers place their orders with their Michigan Farm Bureau News which co-ops. Ohio farmers are demanding will place in the member's hands upquality seed of known origin and the to-date information on the Farm

#### THIS \$22.70 PROFIT CAME BACK HOME

John Lippers, Jackson County Farm Bureau member of Pulaski township, tells this one about the 1922 wool pool. He pooled: 40 lbs. Delaine

61 lbs. Fine Clothing 67 lbs. 1/2 Blood Staple

13 lbs. 1/4 Blood Clothing 56 lbs. 1/2 Blood Clothing 21 lbs. Buck

258 1bs.

Farm Bureau grading told him just what kind of wool he had. His advance of \$37.96 was one-half the market value of the wool at time of pooling. His final check delivered the first week in December was for \$59.82, giving him a total return of \$97.78.

His average net return was 37.8 cents per pound. By selling through the pool in accordance with the dethe Elevator Exchange recently that mand and an improving market his a sale of 26 1/2 tons of alfalfa hay by final return of \$59.82 was another the Exchange netted him \$1.25 more \$37.96 and \$22.70 extra, representper ton or \$33.12 in all, more than ing full return on each grade and

Mr. Lippers reports that one of tion and by-laws, making the comwool pool next spring.

### Minnesota Acts

A resolution submitting to the States an amendment to the Federal constitution prohibiting the issupeen passed by the Minnesota house of representatives. Opposition to tax-exempt secur-

Bureau's program for three years. The Minnesota house of repreother so-called butter substitutes. Its vote. final passage is sought by farmers.

### Clover Seed Item

George E. Granger, Farm Bureau nember of Argentine township, Jenesee County, brought 50 bushels more than he was offered at home arately incorporated, and controls association at Buffalo. by local dealers.

# FARM BUREAU NEWS

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# The securing of approximately FIFTH STATE FARM BUREAU ANNUAL MEETING SHOWS STRONGER THAN EVER

Arrangements have been made to Secretary Brody Reports Splendid Progress for Year. Farm Bureau Service Improved, Reaches More Members; Bureau Makes Good

port of the Secretary-Manager of build up a department that will be the Michigan State Farm Bureau the Board of Delegates at M. A. C. Feb. 1, 1923.

Following is the complete re-

SECRETARY-MANAGER'S REPORT By Clark L. Brody

During the past 12 months the Michigan State Farm Bureau has ontinued to go forward towards greater efficiency and permanency. he accomplishments of the big organization include not only the immediate or emergency needs of its members, but also substantial progress in the way of organization building, looking ultimately to the

CLARK L. BRODY.

tivities revolve on the actual busi

Michigan and of the nation.

Organization

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GREAT STEP FORWARD IN

ORGANIZATION

Most Important Step

Legislation

Produce Exchange

Finance and Records

ORGANIZATION

Seed

problems, such as transportation, legislation, and organization. The fact that the commodity organizations were given the opportunity to actually participate in the government and management of the Michigan State Farm Bureau without obligation, financial or otherwise, leaves no ground for suspicion in the mind of any well informed man that the Farm Bureau designs to control, displace, or enter into competition with the various co-operative commodity organizations.

#### Gives New Services

This plan of organization is also bringing about closer co-operation between the commodity organizaions themselves, as is evidenced by the reciprocal arrangement existing between the Michigan Potato Growers' Exchange and the Michigan Elevator Exchange. The high class sales service of the Elevator Exchange is thereby made available to the members of the Potato Growers' Exchange locals for the sale of several hundred cars of rye grown in northern Michigan, and the specialzed potato sales machinery at Cadllac is available to the Elevator locals whose members may have a few car loads of potatoes to sell.

#### Has Enlisted Service of Ablest Leaders

Then, too, the advice and counsel of the commodity directors have proven extremely valuable and sound, at all times serving to keep the activities of the Farm Bureau closely related to the actual business needs of the farmer. The commodity plan of organization adopted one year ago proving to be a means of bringng the ability of the experienced and best agricultural business leaders in the state to the service of the State Farm Bureau. A workable olan enlisting the support of the solution of the big, fundamental powerful, organized commodity inproblems confronting the farmers of erests in the Farm Bureau program has been one of the biggest factors The Farm Bureau is primarily an n making possible the progress of sconomic institution, and therefore the Farm Bureau actode the rask.

The amendments adopted last year provided for directors' meetings every two months instead of monthture, of the man dependent upon ly, and enlarged the board from 8 to 11 members, each commodity exchange paying the expenses of its own representative. This arrangement, together with other economies even with the enlarged board, has resulted in lowering the directors' expense to the Farm Bureau from \$12,351.92 as it was in 1921, to \$6,239.11 for the year just ended. Detailed reports covering the activities of the Farm Bureau made by the head of each department and the secretary-manager , have been mail-The principal activities of this deed regularly at the close of each month to every director. These in-First-Development of the clude a complete financial report by commodity plan of Farm Bu- the Finance Department.

reau organization adopted by Special reports and letters have the Board of Delegates one also been mailed to the members of the board at various times. Being Second-Assisting the Michigan kept fully informed in this manner, Live Stock Exchange with your board of directors has been the Producers Co-opera- able to handle the organization just tive Commission Association as well by meeting every two months as was formerly the case with monthly sessions. So the plan has Third-Starting the Farm Bureau Produce Exchange at proven economical, efficient and ractical.

Fourth- Second membership How Live Stock Men Were Helped 2. This policy not only makes it Fifth - Re-organization and passible for the efficient leadership strengthening of local co-opof the various commodity exchanges to strengthen the State Farm Bureau, but in addition enables the big, powerful, central organization to 1. At the annual meeting in Febcome to the aid of the commodity ruary, 1922, the Board of Delegates organizations with their important made amendments to the constitu- projects.

A typical example of this occurred ing to sell through the Exchange. He his neighbors had a better clip which modity plan of organization the defi-Saginaw supplies the graphite for got \$15.50 a ton for the first cutting he sold to a local dealer for an nite and permanent policy of the establishment of the Producers Coeven-eighths of all the pencils made and \$17.00 for the second and third average of 29 cents a pound. Jack- Michigan State Farm Bureau. This operative Commission Association at son county wool growers are look- provided for the affiliation of the Buffalo by the Michigan Live Stock ing forward to a big Farm Bureau Michigan Potato Growers' Exchange Exchange. Even after the Exchange the Michigan Live Stock Exchange, had exhausted its efforts in estabthe Michigan Milk Producers' As- lishing its efficient, co-operative sociation, and the Michigan Elevator commission association at Detroit, a Exchange, with the State Farm Bu- large element of its membership, usreau. Each exchange was authorizing Buffalo as a market, was withed and invited to nominate a candi- out the advantages of a co-operative ance of tax-exempt securities has date for active membership on the live stock sales service. Arrangeboard of directors of the State Farm ments were made by the Michigan Bureau, and in turn, it was recom- Live Stock Exchange for the State mended that the commodity organ- Farm Bureau to furnish an organities has been a part of the Farm izations mentioned allow a represen- zation man to raise the necessary tative of the Michigan State Farm funds for the establishment of the Bureau, satisfactory to the com- Producers Co-operative Commission centatives has passed a bill forbid- modity organization concerned, to Association at Buffalo, in co-operafing the use of butterfat in the meet with their board of directors in tion with the Farm Bureaus and manufacture of oleomargarine or an ex-officio capacity and without Live Stock Associations of Ohio and Indiana. In July, Alexander Mac-Vittie, formerly County Agent of The adoption of this program con- Tuscola County, was secured for this stitutes the most important step ever work, his salary and expenses being made in Michigan to mobilize the paid for the time being by the State power of the greatly diversified Farm Burcau. farming interests of the state in a

As a result of this/co-operation. of June clover seed to the State strong central organization. Under nearly all of the local associations in Farm Bureau Seed Department re- this plan, each of the commodity the State in Buffalo territory have cently and took back with him \$112 exchanges mentioned remains sep- contributed funds for starting the

its own business without interfer- The work also brought to them inence on the part of the Michigan formation about the indispensable Consult with State Department of State Farm Bureau. However, these services rendered by the Michigan Agriculture at Lansing before locat- affiliated exchanges voluntarily Live Stock Exchange and as a result, ing in Michigan. A satisfied settler unite and concentrate their efforts several of the local associations is an asset; a dissatisfied settler is a through the medium of the State were brought back into the fold of Seed

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OUR NEW PRESIDENT

The selection of Waldo E. Phillips of Decatur as President of the Michigan State Farm Bureau insures us the highest type of leadership available for the coming year.

Mr. Phillips is a young man just coming into the prime of life and his experience as farmer, co-operative manager, County Farm Bureau President and President of the Michigan Elevator Exchange, the greatest farmer-owned co-operative grain selling organization in the country, admirably fits him to take up the responsibilities of the Presidency, so ably handled by President Nicol dur-

In addition to this, the personality of our new President constitutes that rare combination of unselfish service and high class business qualities so scarce and yet so essential to the proper leadership of our big co-operative organizations. A closer acquaintance between Mr. Phillips and the Farm Bureau members of your county will not only result in much help of a practical nature, but will also inspire the greatest confidence in the State Farm Bureau.

BUREAU'S FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING ITS BEST

The fifth annual meeting of the Michigan State Farm Bureau at East Lansing, Feb. 1-2, was one of the greatest farmers' organization meetings ever held in Michigan. Seventy-three counties were represented by voting delegates and the large room in the Agricultural Building was filled to capacity at all sessions by interested farmers from all sections of the state. The determination and loyalty of these men brought the Farm Bureau safely through one of the most serious business depressions ever experienced and they were present to see that their great organization got off on the right foot for the coming year.

Some of the resolutions adopted were debated vigorously, but in almost every instance this served as a forerunner to unanimous decision when the final vote was taken. What little difference of opinion there was constituted a sure indication of loyal interest because the motives of all who took part in the discussion were the same; namely—the improvement of the farmers' condition in state

The delegates were particularly impressed with the high character and ability of the men in charge of the different State Farm Bureau departments and their verbal reports were well received.

FARMERS WOULD PAY FOR "FULL CREW" BILL

The "Full Crew" bill, now pending in the State Senate, would require five men on every train in Michigan and six on freights of more than fifty cars. Railway companies are busily figuring in long numbers how much the passage of this bill would cost them annually. But we all know that in the long run "the farmer pays the freight;" therefore, the State Farm Bureau and Farmers' Federated Legislative Committee have gone on record as strongly opposed to the "Full Crew" proposal.

PITTSBURGH PLUS GOUGES FARMERS

"Pittsburgh Plus" is the trade name for a clever scheme by which the steel mills sell their product at a delivered price, which is the price at Pittsburgh, plus the freight from Pittsburgh to the point of destination, regardless of where the steel is made. The difference between the freight charged and the actual freight paid is the "plus", an extra profit for the steel mills. This shrewd and unfair practice taxes the farmers and other consumers over \$75,000,000 a year for a freight service not rendered. The Farm Bureau opposes the practice and has asked the 1923 Legislature to take action to stop it.

#### DAIRY-ALFALFA DRIVE STARTS IN GENESEE

esee County started February 5 on herds by better breeding, feeding a two weeks dairy alfalfa compaign and handling. The cow testing and in the interests of better farming, the bull associations are given as The campaign work is done under definite means of bringing about the direction of the extension staff greater efficiency in the dairy inof the Michigan Agricultural Col- dustry. lege. Already these campaigns have been carried on in about a dozen CAR SERVICE HELPS counties. Many more are going to

Last fall 3,000 farmers attended dairy alfalfa meetings held at 240 valuable traffic service to its memfarms in Clinton, Kent and Washte- bers. It has been successful in many March 19 to 30.

The value of alfalfa as a soil tinued to haul in grain. builder, as a high producing forage crop and as a means of cheapening milk and beef production on Michi- of the largest in the world.

districts, have 'followed the campaigns already held.

The dairy end of the drives brings out the need of increasing the av-East Lansing, February 8-Gen- erage production of cows in state

# MOVES GRAIN CROPS

The Elevator Exchange has given naw counties. Dairy alfalfa cam- cases in having cars placed for loadpaigns scheduled for this spring in- ing when cars were very scarce. This of strong, functioning, local co-oper- what he is buying and where it clude Gratiot, February 19 to March has meant a great deal when the ative organizations, considerable came from. During the year, Mr. 2; Macomb-Mar 5-16; Livingston local elevators were filled to the work has been done by the Finance Nicolson and his assistants have roof with grain and farmers con- Department in co-operation with the formed excellent connections with

MARKET CONDITIONS

As Reported By State Farm Bureau Marketing Departments

SEED By Farm Bureau Seed Dep't.

RED CLOVER

Markets continue inactive. It is early as yet to form an exact opinion as to the volume of trade which is to come for spring sowing. However, all indications point to a heavy eastern trade which has formerly been supplied to a considerable extent with foreign clover. Exports continue to be reported from Baltimore and New York in a moderate way. There is no big decline in sight although the market may tion exists the wheat market will no show some softness at times until do anything. Michigan wheat is still

The situation on alfalfa, sweein the hands of the farmers. clover, etc., is unchanged since pre Net returns to the grower avervious report in these columns.

GRAIN MARKETS

the past three weeks and even to now. The other half are more the seeding season opens. Offerings selling at a considerable premiu

By Mich. Elevator Exchange WHEAT

## Farm Bureau Stronger Than Ever--

(Continued From Page 1) the organization. A total of \$3,- tion as follows: 995.20 was raised in this way in loans from the local organizations and the balance of \$2,786.95 was loaned by the Michigan State Farm

The association at Buffalo was thus able to start business November 1st and has already performed valuable service for Michigan live stock producers. The Michigan State Farm Bureau has also given the Deroit sales agency of the Michigan Live Stock Exchange its moral support and upheld the organization at various meetings and through publicity. Today. Michigan live stock producers have sales services second to none in the country, at both Detroit and Buffalo.

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commonly considered the

be county alfalfa is the best

alfa grown anywhere, and

for thirty-seven years.

vith poor drainage.

production.

Bureau.

SERVICE FOR PRODUCE GROWERS.

3. The Farm Bureau Produce Exchange was organized last spring at eral lack of information and experi- Farm Bureau. ence made it seem desirable to start the new work as a department of the State Farm Bureau rather than as a separately incorporated commodity organization. This new co-operative department opened for business June 1, 1922, at 2729 Russell street, with Frank A. L. Bloom as manager SECOND MEMBERSHIP CAM-

PAIGN'S VERDICT. paign constituted without question year ago. The renewal of the membership was to determine whether or not the Farm Bureau itself could survive, and I am very glad to report that the farmers in the eight counties canvassed to date have set-

the matter unquestionably in the affirmative. Vice President M. L. Noon was prevailed upon to assume direction of the campaign, and twelve of the best solicitors obtainable were as sembled at State Farm Bureau headquarters and made familiar with the activities of the various departments and the organization policy adopted

by the Board of Delegates last year, The drive opened in Allegan County early in August. By referring to the report of the director of the campaign it will be seen that as was anticipated, there has been some eduction in membership. This was lue mainly to the stringent financial condition of farmers in general, inand a more or less lack of underthe present old membership.

BEFORE

Moreover, in the first campaign, nembers were enrolled that have SEED DEPARTMENT CONTINUES not been actively interested and have contributed little or no

state organization, and for the pur- pay above \$30 in the spring. Fur- has operated it at a saving of over strengthening the County Farm Bureaus financially, your Board of Directors voted to apportion \$6 of each \$10 fee to the County Farm Bureau and \$4 to the State, instead of the equal division prevailing in the past.

Local Co-Operative Associations Strengthened

and usefulness of the State organiza- Montana and the Dakotas, and tion and its affiliated exchanges de- brought to the farmer of Michigan pend largely upon the maintenance by his own organization. He knows Marketing Department of the Mich- the farmers' organizations in the igan Agricultural College in the re- New England states, New York, Vir-The silk factory at Belding is one organization of locals, and raising ginia and Ohio. These constitute a funds necessary to pay off their in- splendid outlet for surplus Michigan gan farms is brought out in the special compaign drives. Increased est waterway gate; it carries more perienced and trained men furnished Purchasing acreage and better handling, with than four times the traffic of the by the Michigan State Farm Bureau have solicited membership or stoc

Watertown Farm Bureau Local. Gladwin Farmers Co-operative

Association. Croswell Farm Bureau Local. Saginaw Co-operative Associa-

Hastings Co-operative Associa-Traverse City Co-operative As-

sociation. Milan Farm Bureau Local. Columbiaville Co-operative As-

sociation. Millington Farm Bureau Local. Marine City Co-operative Asso-

Allegan Farm Bureau Co-operative Association.

The total amount of stock sales made for these associations was \$96,030.00.

Get Auditing Service

Detroit. The unorganized state of agement is just as essential in the ponding increase in the less than nost of the commodities to be hand- local co-operative organizations as carload service. The prospects ed by the new venture, and the gen- in the departments of the State are excellent for a continual inmethods in a local constitute one of Sufficient orders for twine are now the biggest hindrances to Farm Bureau and commodity sales services a half million pounds instead of the reaching its members, and it is one and one-half million of last hoped that in the immediate future year, and other commodities are inincreased attention can be given to assisting the locals where necessary in inaugurating sound systems of business management. A start has been made in this direction by furnishing the local organizations au-The second membership cam-diting service from the Farm Bureau accounting department. This is paid the most crucial responsibility placed for by the local association having upon the Farm Bureau administra- the work done. During the year tion by the Board of Delegates one the books of the following associations have been audited by the Finance Department.

Hillsdale County Farm Bureau. Central Farmers Association. Coleman Farm Bureau Elevator

Association. Gladwin County Co-operative Association.

Allegan Farm Bureau Co-operative Association. Farmers Elevator Company at

Owosso Watertown Farm Bureau Local. Tekonsha Co-operative Associa-

Chippewa County Farm Bureau. Snover Farm Bureau Local. Decker Farm Bureau Local. Three Oaks Shipping Associa-

Junction Co-operative Grand Association. Business Departments Have

Good Year The Farm Bureau business de-

efficiency on the part of some of the partments have made substantial the Potato Exchange and Purchas-Farm Bureau departments during progress both in improvement of ing Department co-operate by keepthe early stages of their existence, service and volume of business. All ing each other informed and purfour departments are now going forstanding of the activities of the ward under efficient and reliable Farm Bureau in general. The new managers, and the bringing of all campaign when completed promises departments to a high state of effio net from 60 to 65 per cent. of ciency has brought about harmony and the closest co-operation between BUREAU STRONGER THAN EVER the departments themselves and also between each department and the affiliated commodity exchanges.

SPLENDID WORK

The Seed Department has enjoyed a steady and substantial growth. strength to the movement. Quality in membership is of importance as well as members. Considering the ity of service rendered. It was the conditions under which the first first, and is still practically the only campaign was developed, it was in- farmers' general co-operative seed sum. It was found that many times evitable that the organization should service in the United States, the farmer lived twenty miles from go through a settling process. This Through it the Michigan producers the bank to which the money had ripening experience is developing of clover and other seeds have a re-Bureau, and it can be truthfully said est market price consistent with tions of this money due the memthat the Michigan State Farm Bu- quality. This department has had an bers of the 1921 pool returned to reau today is stronger and more influential than it has ever been be- market so that the producing farm- mailed to them direct. On March er is no longer forced to take \$4 1st, the fabric department was Strong, well financed County Farm per bushel for his clover seed in the placed under the management of Bureaus are an essential part of the fall and the purchasing farmer to Assistant Treasurer Morford who thermore, it furnishes the farmers who have to buy, a reliable source of seed of known origin adapted to Michigan conditions, which constitutes a service not only to Michigan, but to farmers in other states as well, that has never been available before.

Alfalfa seed is purchased direct from the farmers or their co-opera-5. Recognizing that the strength tive organizations in Utah, Idaho,

Department cal Service / sing Department has

in the local co-operative organiza-, also made very marked progress. One of the most satisfying accomplishments of the year has been the bringing of this department up to its present high standard of efficient service. During the first six months of the year the Purchasing Depart ment was in charge of George Raviler. At the time of his resignation, June 1, 1922, the service had been improved very materially.

At that time, C. H. Runciman of Lowell, succeeded to the management and the last of the year has shown almost phenomenal growth. By referring to the report of the Purchasing Department, it will be observed that forty-five kinds of farm supplies have been secured for the members and local organizations. In 1921, there were 1,277 full carloads handled and during the year just past, 1,745 carloads, thus showing an increase for the year of Efficient and business-like man- 468 cars. There has been a corres-Unbusiness-like crease in volume the coming year. in sight for a business of three and creasing in like proportions.

Success with Milkmaker Dairy Ration

One of the outstanding accomplishments of the Purchasing Department has been the sale of the Milkmaker. The exact quantity of ped, and every ton is mixed under the feed. With the open formula on the sack, the farmer knows exactly tion.

ory working relationship with the Purchasing Department under the will be well worth while. new arrangement, has the business of the Potato Exchange in fence feeds, twine, coal, cement, and all other supplies except potato sacks, spray materials and auto tires. In the case of spray materials, however, chasing together in large quantities.

> Wool Department Has Made Good.

The Wool Department came under complete Farm Bureau control May 1st, 1922, the fabric department having been taken over two months previous, March 1st. At that time, the second payment on the 1921 pool had not been completed by the old management and the balance of the remittances was made by the Farm Bureau direct to the grower by check instead of continuing to send the money to the banks in a lump liable market netting them the high- quired to get the uncalled for por-

> YOUR CO-OP Handles

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Mich. State Farm Bureau Purchasing Dep't.

\$400 per week in salaries as com- centralized in this department and pared with its previous operation. 1922 Pool Turned Tide

To Growers. The 1922 pool, together with all ning strictly under Farm Bureau control. The department is under the management of Donald Williams on a salary instead of a commission bushel. New York reports exportsbasis. The last wool was sold the partments, making it necessary to week ending January 20th, of 1,63flatter part of November, and December 10th the final returns were

paid by the dealers during the pooling period, as shown by Government reports, and the five highest grades with the 1922 pool have not only Part of the large wheat trader as a whole benefited themselves fihave been very bearish on wheat fo nancially, but have also rendered the cause of co-operative wool markcritical period. This loyal support the development of a wool sales farmer himself.

Poolers Are Pleased.

entage of discount wool having dereased from 22% in 1920, to 11% n 1921 and 6% in 1922. The many letters and reports received from the members of the 1922 wool pool almost without exception comment very favorably on the returns this year and many who were forced to sell their wool last spring at a price much below that received by their neighbors in the 1922 pool, will be back in the fold next season. All indications point to a large pool next year and arrangements are already well under way for taking care of

> Produce Exchange Dept. Opens New Field.

By referring to Mr. Bloom's report, it will be noted that the Exchange has marketed 244 straight carloads and 1,874 less than carload shipments, comprising in all 63 commodities. The report also shows that the new department has develcars of produce to 27 of the principal cities of the United States, ranging from Kansas City on the west to Lexington, Ky., on the south, and Boston on the east. The total volume of business for the first six months was \$186,927.57.

tur by assisting them in assembling their products in car lots and to sea result of the interest in co-operaseparately incorporated organiza- Interstate Commerce Commission.

numerous reports are excellent. The ly determined at this writing. It may olume handled during the present eeding season will reach over 8,000 commodity exchange. Experience Michigan Potato Growers' Exchange, will determine, but whatever the thus avoiding duplication of effort outcome, the effort put into the Proas has been true in the past. The duce Exchange by the Farm Bureau

Auditing Dept. Makes Savings. This department is under the man-Lee Morford. While the nature of Barryton and Weidman brane its activities in some respects, is The Lewiston branch was a less spectacular than that of some other lines of work, nevertheless, the Farm Bureau Traffic I the efficient handling of this depart- ment. The people of the v ment is vital to the success and pro- localities concerned have shown gress of all other departments, and appreciation of this work and in general, to the existence of the nize that if it had not been for Farm Bureau itself.

During the year the bookkeeping ization like the Farm Bureau, the of all business departments has been

one set of books now answers for the whole institution. Formerly, each department kept its own set of rece ords. By this change a saving of nances, has been from the begin- over \$36,000 in clerical hire for the year has been effected. Funds to the amount of \$400,000 are required at certain periods of the year to finance the seed and other deborrow large sums on warehouse receipts. The proper handling of this department determines very largely the amount of credit the aged for all grades 34 1/2c per pound Farm Bureau can secure. This has or 3c more than the average price steadily been built up through prompt attention and good business methods until the only limit on the Michigan State Farm Bureau credit in the pool averaged 39,14c to the at the banks is the amount pregrower. The men who remained scribed by law that the bank can loan to one firm.

Forty Counties Collected

The collection of delinquent menbership dues was continued this eting an indispensable service by year under the direction of the Fitiding this department over its most nance Department, and it has had charge of the collectors working in turned the tide and made possible the various counties. The methods of handling this project have underagency owned and controlled by the gone continued improvement, especially during the past few months. During the season a total of state The general improvement in qual- and county funds of \$383,833 in ty as a result of co-operative wool cash and notes has been collected grading was also noticeable, the per- through personal solicitation at an approximate cost of \$1.30 per \$10 check. Collection work has been carried on in the following counties:

St. Clair, Lapeer, Macomb, Sanilac, Huron, Tuscola, Clare, Isabella, Gratiot, Calhoun.

Hillsdale, Ionia, Kalamazoo, Moncoe, Wayne, Washtenaw, Allegan, Barry, Benzie, Berrien. Cass, Clinton, Eaton, Grand Trav-

erse, Kent, Mason, Mecosta, Montcalm, Oceana, Osceola, Lake, Wexford, Van Buren,

Branch, St. Joseph, Cheboygan, Chippewa, Delta, Menominee, Ot-

As a result of the collection activities of this department, many counties are able to seat their full quota of voting delegates at this annual meeting. Not only is it the purpose of the project to secure the money, but also to remove misunderstanding by giving the members accurate oped connections in and shipped information regarding the activities of the Farm Bureau. This work has also materially benefited the County Farm Bureaus and has been of the utmost value to the organization as a whole.

Transportation Services.

The accomplishments of the Mich-The department has been of val- igan State Farm Bureau along trafuable service particularly to the cel- fic lines include: participation in the ery growers of Kalamazoo and Deca- Michigan Traffic League Rate Case, the saving of a number of branch line railroads, securing of sidecure a wider distribution in other tracks, cars, etc. The work has been mixed dairy ration, Farm Bureau cities than Detroit and Chicago. As in charge of Traffic Counsel Ernest L. Ewing of Grand Rapids. The the various ingredients is printed on the sacks in which the ration is ship-work of this department, the growers of muck crops are now taking ing system in Michigan, and lowerthe inspection of a representative of steps to organize a permanent coming freight rates in the state was the Michigan State Farm Bureau modity sales service which in all held last spring, but final decision and other state organizations using probability will be in the form of a has not yet been rendered by the

Mr. Ewing will participate in an What the future of the Produce oral hearing at Washington, Febained by the dairymen as shown by Exchange will be cannot be definite- ruary 28th, and deliver final arguments in the case. A large number be along the line of poultry and eggs of witnesses, especially from northprincipally, or it may serve only to ern sections of the state were heard point the way to sound methods of and a fund of information showing During the year, too, the depart- organization and eventually be con- the true conditions regarding the ment has developed a very satisfac- verted into a separately incorporated immense agricultural resources of the state, is now before the Interstate Commerce Commission at Washington.

Saved Rail Service.

A number of branch lines of railroad were saved to the farmers during the year. These include the agement of Assistant Treasurer J Freeport, Big Rapids, White Cloud, opened as a result of the w power and influence of a big ora

(Continued on Page Three)

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increased Pennsylvania's average yield from 78 to 120 bushels per acre. If your Local Co-operative Assocation or County

Agent cannot take your order, write to Michigan Potato Growers Exchange, Cadillac, Mich.

Michigan State Farm Bureau

SEED DEPARTMENT
Lansing, Michigan

# TEXT OF RESOLUTION

Adopted by Michigan State Farm Bureau at East Lansing Feb. 1-2, 1923.

derived from the public highways

and is a logical basis for taxation,

and we therefore favor a tax of two

cents a gallon on gasoline in Mich-

igan to raise funds for interest and

retirement of the State's highway

State Tax Commission

RESOLVED, that we favor the

present State Tax Commission and

State Board of Equalization and op-

pose reduction in the number of

members on the State Tax Commis-

Regulate Bus Lines

RESOLVED, that we favor a rea-

onable regulation of commercial

ruck lines and busses, increasing

heir licenses to provide more funds

for highway maintenance, and limit-

ng their loads to decrease highway

Retain Primary School Fund

RESOLVED, that we are opposed

o abolishing the present Primary

Oppose County Assessor

State Dep't of Agriculture

vent duplication of effort and to

entralize responsibility and promote

fficiency, we recommend that part

of the work now done by the State

Department of Agriculture be trans-

Enderse Friday Program

RESOLVED, that we heartily en-

lorse President David Friday's pro-

'taking Michigan off the interna-

Michigan Goods for Michigan

Michigan grown products.

Develop Michigan Markets

Friday and the Michigan Agricul-

tural College to study and determine

Co-operate With Millers

State Board of Agriculture

Oppose Pittsburgh Plus

made elsewhere than in Pittsburgh

for less than it is made at Pitts-

Oppose Full Crew Bill

would impose an added and unneces-

Hands Off Primary Law

action to nullify the Primary Elec-

tion Law and give notice that if any

such action is taken, we will see

Commend Sugar Contract

RESOLVED, that we recommend

he "50-50" basis for sugar beet con-

racts as agreed upon by representa-

tives of all the farm organizations of

the state and the Owosso Sugar Co.

and approve the evident spirit of co

advisable to end it

of the Michigan mills.

RESOLVED, that we oppose the

ion from three to one.

epreciation

chool Fund

ional market.'

ing is recognized as the greatest aid tuberculosis eradication now being to the solution of the farmer's econ- carried on by the Bureau of Animal omic problems, and

WHEREAS, Michigan foremost among the states at the posed by the Live Stock Breeders' present time as having the most conference held at Lansing, Decemcomprehensive and practical plan for ber 21, 1922, and that we comclose affiliation of all co-operative mend highly the action of the Govmarketing interests, a plan that is ernor and Administrative Board in now operating successfully in spite of providing emergency funds in order the great diversity of production in that this work could be continued this state, and

WHEREAS, this close association of the various commodity exchanges that copies of this resolution be forwith the Michigan State Farm Bureau was developed by the Markets Department of the Michigan Agr' College, under the direction of Mr.

Hale Tennant, It is fitting at this time that the Board of Delegates of the Michigan State Farm Bureau publicly recognize the great service rendered to Michigan agriculture and to the cooperative marketing movement of the country by Mr. Hale Tennant, Director of Marketing of the M. A. C. Markets Department.

Cars for Potato Growers RESOLVED, that the Michigan State Farm Bureau Traffic Department be instructed to address to the Interstate Commerce Commission a formal petition for special consideration of the existing conditions in lack of cars for potato shipments, Milk" bill; and the proposed constiand the inability of the Michigan tutional amendment to prohibit the railroads to seasonably move the issuance of all tax-exempt securities Michigan 1922 potato crop, such in the United States, now being con petition to request the Commission sidered in Congress, and commend to make an emergency order for the the American Farm Bureau Federaimmediate relief of Michigan potate tion for the vigorous support it has shippers if such relief cannot be given to these measures. otherwise accomplished. Boys' and Girls' Clubs

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Michigan State Farm Bureau, believing that Boys' and Girls' Club Work is Eighteenth Amendment to the Fedan agency through which not only eral Constitution and strongly urge good farm and farm home practices that the Volstead Act be rigidly enare taught and demonstrated, but forced. that it is also a means of demonstrating the practical and educational value of co-operative group activity, does hereby endorse that work national, state, county and local and recommend it to the several County Farm Bureaus for their con- issues should be discouraged and

Oppose Eastern Time RESOLVED, that this convention and municipal governments. go on record as opposing the proposed statute that Eastern Standard time he made the uniform time for the

State of Michigan,
Feeding in Transit Rates
RESOLVED, that the State Farm transit rates east of Chicago.

For T. B. Eradication Program the extent of \$175,000 to co-operate with the State and Federal Bureaus demands for this work are constantly increasing, and

past completely exhausted, and WHEREAS, we recognize the im-

apidly as possible as a matter of bonds in Michigan. ltimate economy not only to the live stock owners who bear a large eral tax payers of the State, and

one of the most important measures large corporations and we therefore, before us at this time as dealing di- favor a decrease of the minimum tax rectly with human health and par- from \$50 to \$25, and a sufficient inthe children of the State.

by the Michigan State Farm Bureau basis as the medium-sized corporain annual meeting assembled, that we tions. go on record as favoring enactment Two Cent Gasoline Tax by the present session of the Legisla- RESOLVED, that we believe that

Aid Co-operative Marketing | ture of adequate measures for the, in the main the amount of gasolin WHEREAS, co-operative market- expansion of the work of bovine consumed is in proportion to the us Industry of the State and the adopstands tion of the five-year program produring the past year, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED. warded to:

Governor Groesbeck. House Committee on Agricul-

Senate Committee on Agriculture.

House Ways & Means Commit-

Senate Finance Committee. Commend Farm Bureau's Administration

RESOLVED, that the Michigan State Farm Bureau commend Secreand request President Friday and tary-Manager Clark L. Brody and the State Board of Agriculture to the heads of the several departments provide every facility possible for the for their successful, economical, efcontinuation and development of the ficient and constructive management of the affairs of the Bureau during the past year and for the friendly spirit which has been shown to other farmers' organizations.

National Legislation RESOLVED, that we heartily endorse the Great Lakes-to-Ocean Waterway project; the Capper "Truth in Michigan with respect of the great Fabrics" bill; the Voigt "Filled

Enforce Prohibition Act RESOLVED, that we strenuously oppose anything that tends to be little or render less effective the

For Gov't Economies RESOLVED, that economy and efficiency should characterize our governments, that further bond the "pay as you go" policy should be adopted by the national, state For State Income Tax

RESOLVED, that we reaffirm our belief that a State Income Tax with suitable exemptions and a progressive rate is the most just tax that can be established in that it reaches Bureau through its Traffic Depart- each citizen in proportion to his abilment work to establish feeding in ity to pay, and we announce our pur pose to assist in the initiation of a State Income Tax Constitutional WHEREAS, the Boards of Super- Amendment, with \$4,000 exemption visors of 33 counties in Michigan and a progressive rate, at the com-

Oppose Tax-Free Bonds RESOLVED, that we condemn the of Animal Industry in the control practice of issuing tax-exempt state and eradication of bovine tuber- and municipal bonds, and maintain culosis within those counties, and that this practice has not only created a class of people who receive protection from Government without WHEREAS, the funds provided for contributing to its support, but has the Bureau of Animal Industry of diverted much capital from producthe State for carrying on this work tive industry and has resulted in are now and have been for some time wide spread governmental extravagance, and we therefore, pledge our support to the Towne Bill now pendportance of testing all cattle in the ing in the State Legislature to pretate and eradicating this disease as vent the issuance of such tax-exempt

Just Corporation Tax RESOLVED, that we believe that part of the loss, but also to the gen- the present Corporation Tax Law is discriminatory against the small cor-WHEREAS, we believe that this is porations and greatly in favor of the ticularly the health and welfare of crease of the maximum limit to place it high enough so that the largest THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, corporations will pay on the same

### Appoint Watkins Head of State Dept. of Agriculture

FARM BUREAU

miles from shipping facilities.

big services of the year.

ed in 1921.

The securing of approximately

1,000 refrigerator cars for the locals

of the Michigan Potato Growers' Ex-

change also constituted one of the

Better Service at Lower Cost

The total cost of the department for the past 12-months is \$6,641.82

as compared with more than \$20,000

for the original department abolish-

Arrangements have been made to

retain Mr. Ewing regularly 10 days

per month for the next year, and a

portion of this time will be spent

at Farm Bureau headquarters. He

expects to make an extended study of

the farmers' traffic problems and

build up a department that will be

second to none in the country. A

year to remedy these conditions.

ensable results, it is believed

Publicity Department Helps

Membership Campaign

Farm Bureau's work. This depart-

nent is under the direction of Einar

ment as their basis. Without the

ground for argument against the

activities so as to reduce the adver-

ment has built up with the press and

where and see something about the

Start State Farm Bureau Paper

paper in your hands at this meet

to find out anything about the inner

all books and records of your organ-

paper, there will always be informa-

tion about a business institution like

the Michigan State Farm Bureau that

Kindly bear in mind always that

workings of the Farm Bureau?

Considerable criticism has

The Farm Bureau has, however



L. Whitney Watkins,

The appointment of L. Whitney in the northern sections are loaded Watkins of Manchester, as Commissioner of Agriculture is highly stead of being returned for reloadpleasing to the farmers of the state. ing at Michigan points, they are reation of the office of County Mr. Watkins has attained this high shunted all over the United States recognition while living on and oper-RESOLVED, that in order to pre-

The work of the State Department of Agriculture deals directly with the farmers' interests and the candidacy farmers' interests and the candid of Mr. Watkins was favored by of the agricultural organizations terred to the Michigan Agricultural State Board of Agriculture, and of the Board of Directors of the Michigan igan State Farm Bureau, and has been president of the Michigan Crop Improvement and the Michigan Live Stock Breeders and Feeders Associagram for promoting the efficiency of tions

Whitney Watkins is an outstanding Michigan agriculture in the developexample of the eminent leadership which the farm and farm organiza-tions are capable of developing, and nent of our home markets, and for is appointment insures the greatest Michigan Goods for Michigan possible co-operation between the State Department of Agriculture, the action of Governor Groesbeck and Michigan Agricultural College and the State Administrative Board in the farm organizations.

The Farm Burean wishes you the

the purchase of Michigan flour and best of success, Whitney, in your new Michigan canned goods for State in-work.

#### stitutions and recommend that the policy be continued and extended to SAYS EXCHANGE factured articles used by the State institutions which can be made from

RESOLVED, that we commend the MASON ELEVATOR MGR. POINTS eclared purpose of President David TO SALES MADE FOR HIS MEMBERS

what products Michigan farmers can Michigan Elevator Exchange, best raise for state markets, and fur- Lansing, Michigan.

ther, that if the Michigan Agricul- L. E. Osmer, Manager tural College decides to inaugurate Dear Sir: plans for a Michigan Flour Week, The writer is today in receipt of

we will co-operate with the College, your circular letter of January 26th, the farm journals and Michigan mill- and am indeed pleased to note the ers to make this movement a success. showing made during the past year. Our relations with the Elevator tising costs in each county canvassed RESOLVED, that we further Exchange the past few years have from \$900 to \$350. Through the

recommend that efforts be made to been very agreeable and we have not co-operation the Publicity Departecure more co-operation by Mich- at any time had occasion igan State Farm Bureau through its any grain through other channels. farm papers of the State, this de-Purchasing Department and the Ele- The Elevator Exchange is perform- partment now reaches a possible one vator Exchange with the Michigan ing a real service to the farmers of and one-half million Michigan peo Millers' Association in order to Michigan and is saving them more ple. It is becoming a common thing secure a better and larger market money on their grain than is gen- to pick up a newspaper almost any or Michigan grain and the products erally realized.

Your quotations are reliable at Farm Bureau. all times which is more than can RESOLVED, that we heartfly ap- be said of some other dealers we prove of the apointment by Governor could mention. That enables us to been without a medium to reach the Alexander Groesbeck of Clark L. practically guarantee selling price members direct. The Michigan Farm Brody to a position on the State to our growers. It is also evident to Bureau News was started to fill this Board of Agriculture, and we en- the writer that the Exchange enjoys crying demand for direct informa dorse Mr. Brody as the logical candi- the full confidence and respect of the tion and we are very glad to be able date to succeed himself as a member very small percentage of complaints to place the second issue of the new of this board at the coming election. on shipments.

Having been personally engaged in ing. RESOLVED, that we condemn the the grain business for a great many been evidenced at times regarding RESOLVED, that we condemn the practice known as the "Pittsburgh Plus", by which all rolled steel is sold at the Pittsburgh mill price, plus freight from Pittsburgh to destination, no matter where such steel is made, despite the fact that steel is wade classic the fact that steel is wade classic the production of the production of the fact that steel is wade classic to a great many been evidenced at times regarding the lack of information, but the member himself has a duty to fulfill along this line that cannot be distributed in the fact that steel is wade classic the fact that steel is the business of the business to a great many been evidenced at times regarding the lack of information, but the member himself has a duty to fulfill along this line that cannot be distributed in the fact that steel is wade classic the steel is the business and that of the old. Line buyers. Wishing to assure you of our full co-operation at all times, we remain, Yours truly,

> Mason County Co-operative Marketing Ass'n. W. W. Boughner, Mgr.

burgh, and we recommend to the State Legislature of Michigan now (The Elevator Exchange publishsession that it adopt resolutions es its letter of January 26 in its ization are open to you for the asklirected against this practice and advertisement in this edition of the ing. Even with the Farm Bureau ake such other steps as may be News.)

tinue the pooling of wool for the RESOLVED, that we believe that year 1923. he proposed "Full Crew" bill now pending in the Michigan Senate

State Reward Monies RESOLVED, that the State Reward for highway construction should headquarters. sary burden on the people of the state be applied in paying the bonds issued of Michigan and we therefore, strenin the several districts and that all nously oppose the passage of this highway funds coming back to the counties should be under the control of the Boards of Supervisors. RESOLVED, that we object to any

War Materials Sale RESOLVED, that we request the Michigan legislature to regulate the that a referendum vote is secured on houses at Charlotte, so it may be sale of war material from the wareavailable to all the people of the state. Further, if the control of realize what they own at 221 North such material is vested in the Federal Government, that our representatives in Congress be requested to assist in carrying out the above.

Stop Forest Wastes operation between the growers and Bureau realize the importance of for-RESOLVED, that the State Farm est conservation in Michigan, and knowing that the cutting of young trees for Christmas and other uses detrimental to such conservation national Voigt Bill and the Michigan lature to enact laws to stop the pracwe hereby petition the State Legistice of cutting young trees on all lands under State control, also for the State Conservation Department to co-operate with corporations, orping this waste.

\$1 Potatoes

Six car loads of certified seed po-

action at this annual meeting. Farm Bureau Backed Laws

In a national way, your state oring measures: (Continued from Page Two) farms might now be situated many

The Agricultural Credits Act. Marketing.

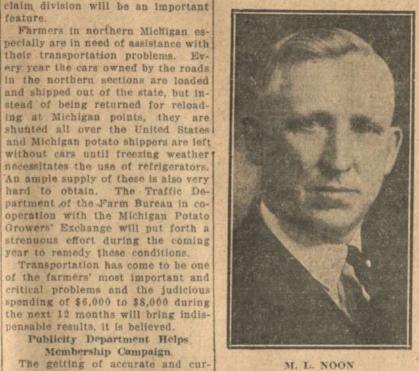
Stock Yards. Program.

Kept Income Tax on Big Inper cent. Tuberculosis Eradication De-

ficiency Appropriation, Board. Appropriation for U. S. Depart-

ment of Agriculture. Voigt Filled Milk Bill Prohibiting Interstate Commerce on Filled Milk. Truth-in-Fabrics Measure.

Bill to Prevent Adulterated Foreign Seed Importation. In most instances, our requests



M. L. NOON Re-Elected Vice President.

ent information out to the members one of the most difficult problems, have been given careful attention by

et is a very essential part of the Michigan Congressmen. Suggestions for the action of this Ingren and has now come to be re- be found in the report of the resolu- compared with all other states. The tions committee.

garded by Farm Bureau publicity auhorities of other states as one of Reports Legislature he best if not the best publicity department of any Farm Bureau in the American Federation. All statements published by this department have ed at all times regarding the ac- saved the Michigan State Farm some real and definite accomplishwork of this department the second membership campaign could not have in the State Farm Bureau News and almost completely organized. succeeded. The campaign articles regular reports will be sent to the Not only do the growers of each and advertising were developed by Mr. Ungren in a manner that left no Farm Bureau. By careful study the department improved its campaign necessary foundation for legislative Bureau to solve their co Upper Peninsula Branch Office

As reported last year, the Upper of the Farm Bureau to take up ex- operative organization lines tension work for the College, and since that time, B. P. Pattison, manentirely in seeds of various kinds.

Relationships to Other Organizations

The relationship of the Farm Bueau to other farmers' state organiis one of the important features of

will be largely determined by your Farm Bureau administration. These include the Grange, Gleaners, Farmers' Clubs, Michigan Agricultural College, Michigan State Fair, and ganization has assisted the Washing- the State Department of Agriculture. on office by supporting the follow- It has been our aim to work in the closest possible cooperation with the farmers' organizations mentioned, Law Legalizing Co-operative and the work of the Federated Legislative Committee consisting of repre-Law Regulating Packers and sentatives of the Grange, Gleaners, Farmers' Clubs and Farm Bureau, Farm to Market Federal Road testifies to the advantage of working together for common ends. Furthermore, it must be recognized that comes from going below 50 the educational and social activities of these older organizations develop leadership in agriculture and are performing a most essential function in Farmer on Federal Reserve creating interest in agricultural organization.

Bureau's Co-operative Policy

We have tried to make the policy of the Michigan State Farm Bureau such that a person can be a good Granger and a good Farm Bureau member at the same time, and the same is true with the other organizations mentioned. All of these organizations occupy more or less distinct fields of their own, dealing with different phases of the same problem. They are all contributing, along with the Farm Bureau, to the same end: -the improvement of agricultural and rural life conditions. The membership of the Farm Bureau and the other farmers' organizations is comprised largely of the same individuals and there is no reason why there should not be the closest co-operation and harmony. The Farm Bureau stands for co-operation between organizations as well as individuals.

Agr'l Col. Relations Helpful Our relationship with the Michigan Agricultural College has been most cordial and mutually helpful. With three direct representatives of the Michigan State Farm Bureau and other agricultural leaders on the State Board of Agriculture, the farmer has attained the measure of control of the Agricultural College for which he has struggled for years. As a result of this farm organization influence it is now recognized that it is not only the function of the College to develop the academic features of agricultural instruction, but also to serve the farmer direct.

The efficient work of the Markets and Extension Departments of the College along organization lines has neeting along legislative lines will placed Michigan in the front rank as College was instrumental in forming all of the commodity exchanges affiliated with the Farm Bureau, and Believing that the Farm Bureau then, two years ago, come forth with should be well and promptly inform- a plan of organization that actually tivities of the legislature, Stanley Bureau itself. With the completion Powell of Ionia, has been secured to of the Michigan Fruit Growers Inc., report on its actions each day. The and the Muck Crops Growers' Exlegislative work will be treated fully change, Michigan agriculture will be

various weeklies of the state. It major commodity or related lines of should always be kept in mind that commodities have and control their the accomplishments of the Farm own co-operative sales service, but Bureau along legislative lines will as a result of the extension and marbe measured directly by the strength keting activities of the College all of of the organization itself. Financial- the various commodity organizations ly sound, well managed, organization have voluntarily pooled their inmachinery will always constitute a fluence and power in the State Farm nomic problems. When the difficulties occasioned by the great diversification of Michigan agriculture are Peninsula Branch Office was started considered, it will at once be recogat Escanaba, August 1st, 1921, in nized that this constitutes one of the charge of E. G. Amos. On August foremost if not the foremost achieve-1st, 1922, Mr. Amos left the employ ment ever accomplished along co-

Work at the State Fair During the past two years, the ager of the Delta County Farm Farm Bureau has had a representa-Bureau, has been in charge of the tive on the board of State Fair manoffice on a commission basis. The agers and has had charge of the business transacted has been almost farm products building. This has rmade it possible through the co-operation of the Farm Crops Department of the Agricultural College and the Seed Department of the Farm Bureau to materially improve the tations and public institutions hav- educational features of the farm ing to do primarily with agriculture, crops exhibit. It is the aim of these (Continued on Page Four.)

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Seed Department MICHIGAN STATE FARM BUREAU

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The Farm Bureau is handling International Brand Fertilizers, the best on the market. These goods have been mixed for several months. This gives them plenty of time to cure and assures first class mechanical condition.

Shipped from Buffalo. Our past experience assures us prompt service.

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Ask your co-op for Farm Bureau fertilizer. Place your order early.

MICHIGAN STATE FARM BUREAU Purchasing Dep't.

Lansing, Mich.

manufacturers. Oppose Filled Milk RESOLVED, that we oppose the manufacture and sale of "Filled Milk" and we heartily endorse the

Towne Bill on this subject. Protect Quail RESOLVED, that we believe that quall are friends of the farmer and deserve protection, and we thereore, urge that they be placed on the ganizations and individuals in stopong-bird list

Repeal Covert Act RESOLVED, that we havor repeal f the Covert Highway Law.

tatoes were sold out of Emmet coun-

the income tax project has continued to receive attention and the Farm Bureau is co-operating with other farm organizations to renew the fight. The State Farm Bureau is also co-operating with the live stock interests to secure continued support in the way of indemnity money for RESOLVED, that the Board of ty the past month, all from the Lev- tuberculosis eradication. Its future pirectors of the Michigan State Farm ering tarritory, at prices better than activities in regard to proving need-

cannot be put in print, so it is hoped the members will not hesitate to make their wants known especially while visiting their organization It is the duty of every County Farm Bureau to send at least two able representatives to spend two or more days at the State Farm Bureau offices every year. A group of southwestern counties have already done this and it has indeed given us great satisfaction to have an opportunity to explain the inside affairs of the organization. Only a compar-

the Farm Bureau for them to find out. Legislative Services The year just past being one in

which the legislature has not been in regular session, accomplishments along state legislative lines are not very numerous. The income tax question was given a large amount of attention and every effort possible made to give the members an understanding of the issue through the publicity department and at all meetings. Since the election last fall

### MARKET CONDITIONS

As Reported By State Farm Bureau Marketing Departments

#### SEED

By Farm Bureau Seed Dep't.

RED CLOVER.

Markets continue inactive. It is more export demand to bring the early as yet to form an exact opinion as to the volume of trade which is to come for springsowing. Howtent with foreign clover. Exports continue to be reported from Baltimore and New York in a moderate way. Shipments from middle west to the east are practically entirely held

ALSIKE.

Last week passed in Toledo without any trade reported, according to report from a reliable source, who further states there does not appear to be any demand, although the price offered at is \$3.00 under red clover. Stocks in the country must be rather large although no terminal market seems to have any great volume. seems to have any great volume. TIMOTHY.

Stock in terminal markets is very much less than in recent years. While some timothy has gone for export, the amount has not reached any great proportion. Holders are expecting the spring demand to be good and prices work higher when the trade comes. However, it is a question of demand. The situation on alfalfa, sweet.clo-ver, etc., is unchanged since previous

GRAIN-MARKETS By Mich. Elevator Exchange

report in these columns.

We still believe oats are too cheap although the demand is dull. They should do better within the next should be the next should thirty or sixty days.
WHEAT.

ave export demand to bring the mar ket up much higher. Michigan wheat selling at a premium over ail other grades.

RYE. Rye sure is a dull article. We need

Market has declined sharply an: up by embargoes laid down because of heavy snow fall in eastern states.

Toledo market closed February 3rd at \$13.30.

Toledo market closed February 3rd at \$13.00.

Mill feeds continue to hold strong. With flour at its present low level there does not seem to be much pros-

cottonseed and Oil Meal are hold ing steady. Oil Meal values may work up as the flaxseed supply is practically exhausted. If the export trade on Cottonseed picks up we may look for a stronger market if not an advancing

Advances in the mixed feeds are coked for in the near future. COAL.

The long looked for break seems close at hand. The mild weather durng the latter part of January forced

## Farm Accounts Help Cut Production Cost

County Agent Wm. F. Johnston of Wexford County has the boys and girls thinking on real farm problems. Under his leadership nine consolidated schools have been giving courses in practical farm accounting. The students kept records and submitted reports on the actual operations and problems of their home farms.

We submit herewith the winning report made by Miss Dorothy M. Smith of Manton who kept the accounts on a farm there. Miss Smith's victory entitled her to a free trip to Farmers' Week at M. A. C.

STORY OF MY ACCOUNT BOOK By Dorothy M. Smith

'The benefits to be derived from farm accounting are many. Every business farmer in the United States could testify that his business without a strict method of accounting would be no business.

'I will point out a few facts taken from my book.

Number of hens 50. Monthly averages for each hen

are as follows: Jan.; 1.54 eggs; Feb., 2.19; March. 6.12; April, 14; May, 16; June, 12; July, 12.5; Aug., 11; Sept., 7; Oct.,

4: Nov., 1: Dec., .6 "During the months of Aug., Sept. Oct., Nov., Dec., Jn., Feb., and March the egg production was very low. During the above eight months the 50 hens produced 986 eggs, or an average of 19.7 eggs per hen, or in other words each hen produced one egg every 12.2 days. Eggs during this period are worth about \$0.04. Therefore, each hen at this show a fair profit." low average for the 240 days brings as follows: in about \$0.80. Her cost and upkeep averages approximately \$.60 best returns come from the cherry continue to sow it in grain where

#### egg production. Recommends Culling

ity of the flock was getting a free ride, while a few hens were doing boarder cow. the work. This flock has never been culled and I believe that 50% out rations for the cows," elimination would not affect the egg production and lower the feeding \$23.50 IN BEST SEED cost 50% which would amount to a net prefit of \$0.50 instead of \$0.20 for each hen. This is a period of high prices and I feel that this is

her dairy operations, Miss Smith writes. "The cows show a loss, although a decreased inventory of \$35 gives a misconception regarding the true worth of the cows. This book true worth of the cows. This book brings out the fact that something is radically wrong with the dairy end of this farm. It could be one of many things. It might be well to take a milk test of each cow. This as against 62 cents for common-a should be done before starting busi- spread of \$1.68. As shown above as possible around here and try to ness for another year.

### Better Ration Needed

hay; 100 lbs. of fodder and 229 lbs. seed, of grain (corn). Supposing this was

This would be a first class ra- pays. tion for a two-year-old steer, but



Dorothy M. Smith

be approximately for this particular it was fully 3 feet high at oat cutting tivities extend from the deserts of Rep. Wm. O. Lee of Port Huron. He tion was held on the first day. Sam cow one part of protein to 6.7 parts time. And where the oats had a Utah and Idaho, to Boston on the of carbohydrates and fats. The fol- good stand the Hubam kept well east, and from Montana and the strict supervision of the Public Util- and W. A. McNeil vice president. mending is based practically on the great deal of it was in the bundles the Virginias and Carolinas on the require quarterly statements of gross same feed as the above ration.

Mixed Hay .....12 lbs. Grain (Corn) ...... 6 lbs. Corn Fodder ...... 20 lbs. Cottonseed Meal ..... 1 lbs.

to the feeding I feel these cows will ed under about 10 inches, of it Miss Smith summarizes her report

profit of \$0.20 for each hen during crop. The enterprise returns are because instead of weeds we will \$1.006.21 which is very good, concrop. 'The enterprise returns are other years I did not sow anything; sidering this came from five acres, then have something better to take

"Time should be taken in working when many other things would be state Farm Bureau federation.

# SHOWS \$18.48 PROFIT

Joseph T. Davis of Fairgrove, also the time that egg production Michigan, writes the Seed Depart- one does not desire to seed down black figures indicating a surplus of set at \$65 for a truck from two and should be given a great deal of con- ment that in the spring of 1922 he with other hay crops. In commenting on the report of Oats which yielded 82 bushels per sowed 14 acres to Certified Worthy

Mr. Davis paid \$1.15 per bushel Worthy Oats gave him ten extra make it go for myself again, for I bushels per acre for \$1.68 extra seed think that \$15.00 per bushel is a and permanency. Truly the farmers "For instance in the month of cost. From 14 acres he got 140 ex- very reasonable price. If anybody Jan. 1922, the three cows and one tra bushels of the finest heavy oats wants any information and I can calf received 1200 lbs. of mixed for a \$23.52 investment in better give it, would be pleased to have

The 1922 oats crop has sold for all fed to three cows, the following 30 cents to 46 cents a bushel. At the coming season, I am would be the daily ration for one low of 30 cents at shipping point, the 140 bushel extra yield shows Mr. Davis \$18.48 profit over and above the extra \$23,52 investment in. Worthy Oats seed. He says better seed

for a cow that is supposed to pay her The steel trade of America is de- president. Mrs. Mattie Graham is way it is far from satisfactory. The pendent upon Michigan, which has the new vice president.

## PETOSKEY SEED **BOOSTS YIELD**

Michigan Certified Petoskeys Make Money for Growers In Other States

Farmers in Illinois are getting 65 to come for springsowing. However, all indications point to a heavy eastern trade which has formerly been supplied to a considerable exprices there will be a good movement that they are not needed right here plus to buyers outside the state. Co-

are the heaviest buyers of Michigan ing results. Certified seed and have found that good seed pays.

In Pennsylvania with Michigan certified seed the average yield of potatoes has been increased from 78 to 120 bushels per acre within the last three or four years.

Results In Michigan

Last year the average yield of potatoes in Michigan was 105 bushels per acre. With Petoskey Golden Russet Certified Potatoes it was 166 bushels. Even at the present price of potatoes the increased yield of sixty bushels per acre is not to be overlooked. It makes no difference whether you are growing potatoes for market or just a little home patch, you need good seed.

Michigan produced last year about 367,000 bushels of Certified Seed the normal Michigan acreage. Mich- pending. igan farmers should think as much of their own home grown seed stock as do farmers in other States. Quality is the big consideration and the resolutions and suggestions of this Petoskey Golden Russets meet this meeting. Our plans, however, include the brokers to sacrifice to a small requirement 100%. They give bet-extent on a few of their rolling cars ter yields and more good, smooth, requirement 100%. They give bet- the following:

Time to Start thirty or sixty days.

WHEAT.

Still in an uncertain position. We have more wheat in the United States than we will consume. Must

The slightly advanced prices do not seem to affect the movement as reports at hand seem to indicate that a larger tonnage will be used in Michigan farmers their crop of Certified Seed Potatoes. It is doubttified Seed Potatoes. It is doubtful if this stock can be bought at so low a price another year. Now is the time to get started cheaply on some fancy, high-quality Certified

> Distribution is being made through Local Co-operative Associations. If your Co-op doesn't handle potatoes, talk to your County Agent. Every county in the State should have at least one carload of Certified Potatoes and most of them need more. Michigan seed is just as valuable to Michigan farmers and costs them less than farmers in neighboring States have to pay.

#### GIVES HIS RESULTS WITH HUBAM CLOVER

J. H. Waibel Likes it for Hay, Late Pasture and for Beckeeping Kawkawlin, Michigan,

Michigan State Farm Bureau, Seed Department,

Dear Mr. Nicolson:

the oats, using the seed attachment 12 months. on the grain drill. The seeding was

owing ration which I am recom- down below the bands, although a Dakotas on the north to Kentucky, and went through the grain thresh- south, After the oats harvest the Hubam had good weather, plenty moisture and grew very fast, and it gave ex-With a little more attention paid cellent pasture. In the fall we plow-

mostly what cattle did not eat. Instead of Weeds Now with my experience with "In closing I wish to mention the Hubam I think that I will always "I would recommend special at their place and we are certain to tention be paid to the poultry situa- have a good crop to plow under in It is quite evident that the major- tion, culling to take place at once. the fall, and the Hubam in the grain "Testing of milk to determine the stubble will make great grazing for can Farm Bureau Federation as one

> dried up. In my locality Sweet Clover comes rapidly to the front. Many farmers are sowing the common and several Bureau's deficit was written in red nually for five-passenger cars and have tried Hubam in grain and they to the amount of \$15,215; today its | \$5 each for each additional passenwould sow it again. I will sow it net worth, not including outstanding ger. Trucks with pneumatic tires again because I feel it pays where membership fees, is recorded in six would be taxed upon a sliding scale

Great For Bees above possibilities of Hubam, be- to \$77,108.76. cause unlike other hay seedings that are sown is grain, Hubam will bloom

I shall try and push it as much them referred to me.

Hoping for best results in your Yours truly,

(Signed) J. H. Waibel.

KEEFE HEADS NEBRASKA At the annual meeting of the Nebraska Farm Bureau Federation H. . Keefe, of Walthill, was elected

### Farm Bureau Stronger Than Ever Before

Continued from Page Three.) lepartments of the two institutions o develop a hay, grain, and potato show each year at Detroit, that will not be second to even the International at Chicago. This work is de-H. C. Moore, secretary of the the high class seeds, grains, and po-Michigan Potato Producers' Associa- tatoes grown by Michigan farmers. tion, says other states buy 78% of It has not only resulted in the im-Michigan's Certified Seed Potatoes. provement of quality of Michigan This demonstrates the popularity of products, but also in appreciable help operation between the State Fair, Pennsylvania, Indiana and Ohio College, and Farm Bureau is bring-

With State Department of Agriculture

endum and resolutions.

the rural districts.

County members who are seeking to

Up-state Counties and rural districts

sentation than at present if these

will fight for just representation for

Capital Punishment

Proposed

Strange as it may seem, the death

sentence is a very live issue in the

Legislature just at present. Two

oills have been introduced providing

for capital punishment. Rep. Clar-

ence G. Pitkin of Muskegon would

stablish the electric chair by direct

egislative enactment. His bill would

not allow the death penalty in cases

where the conviction was wholly up-

on circumstantial evidence and in all

cases would give the judge the alter-

nate power of imposing life impris-

nment. Sen. Arthur E. Wood of

Detroit calls for a referendum on the

question at the 1924 November elec-

Would Bar Coal Exports

he House but later reconsidered and

placed on the table. A resolution

irging Congress to pass an embargo

on exportations of coal until such a

ime as American domestic and in-

dustrial needs are supplied has been

proposed by Rep. Walter Henze of

A \$35,000 appropriation to make

More Gasoline Bills

Highway Laws Numerous

of more state highway bonds is pro-

Motor Truck Control

ities Commission. The bill would

earnings and fixes the license at five

per cent of the earnings for ve-

hicles with pneumatic tires and sev-

tires. In the first quarter of the

year the amount of the regular auto-

Primary School Fund and half into

the Highway Improvement Fund.

Ten tons is specified as the maxi-

mum gross weight of any such ve-

commenting on this bill states, "The

general principles upon which the

bill is founded are beyond dispute."

Two to be Sure

second bill dealing with motor trucks.

This bill would tax commercial

trucks operating for profit outside

incorporated municipalities \$35 an-

depending on weight, with \$15 per

Rep. Rowe of Camden would re-

"Ingleside Bluebird" Strain

of Barred Plymouth Rocks

Choice Cockerels for sale

\$3.00, \$4.00, \$5.00

H. E. POWELL & SON

ton for solid tire trailers.

Ingleside Farm

Big Type Poland Chinas Sale

Next day Rep. Lee introduced a

A leading Detroit daily in

State control of motor trucks and

A two-year vacation on issuance

ron Mountain.

inspection.

. Gillette of Rapid City.

The Farm and the State Department of Agriculture have also cooperated to mutual advantage. This new state department deals largely nearly double their representation. with lines of work that intimately concern the farmers' welfare, and generally will receive far less repreclose co-operation between it and the bills are enacted. The Farm Bureau farm organizations of the state is essential. The experience of the last two years has shown clearly the relationship that should exist between the State Department of Agriculture and the College.

The State Farm Bureau has never hesitated to concern itself and voice the wishes of the farmers regarding the policies or appointments of these institutions so intimately connected Potatoes. Yet if every acre of pota- with agricultural welfare. We would oes were planted with Certified be negligent of our duty if we sat seed, it would cover only 10% of idly by when such vital matters were

Program For 1923 The program for next year will, of course, be largely determined by the

1. Continued improvement of Farm Bureau business departments.

2. The development of the Michigan Farm Bureau News and other publicity channels.

3. The construction of a firstclass traffic department. 4. The extension of our local and county organization activities.

5. Promotion of closer relation-

ship of affiliated exchanges. 6. Continuation of second memship drive. 7. Completion of collection work in the remaining 30 coun

ties. 8. The reduction of operating expenses in every possible way consistent with effi

cient service. 9. Securing of legislation of vital interest not only to distributors and dealers of gasoline. season opens. the farmers but to the Another bill would regulate gasoline whole nation as well.

In all of this work it will be our aim to attack the problems at their roots rather than devote any amount of attention to their superficial posed by Rep. Peter Lennon of Gene phases for the temporary relief. A Great Institution

sentiment expressed by the Governor During the past year the secretary- in his inaugural message to the Legmanager has attended 116 meetings islature that the state requires

The Hubam was sown directly with State Farm Bureau during the past this year.

The big organization and its afa little too thin, using only 6 quarts filiated commodity exchanges have per acre. It grew fast and in several become an indispensable part of the places where the oats didn't come up farmers' economic existence. Its ac-

It not only serves the farmers of every important agricultural county in Michigan, but it also reaches and en per cent for vehicles with solid erves those in a large number of our important agricultural states, including Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New mobile license fee would be rebated York, Virginia, and New England to the owner. Half of the revenue states. It is responsible for thousands raised by this law would go into the of cars of products and supplies of

It not only has high class men in harge of the various departments but along with this, the best of cooperation and mutual helpfulness between the departments themselves. It is now recognized by the Americattle right at a time of the year of its foremost if not the foremost

Deficit Changed to Substantial Net Worth

Two years ago the State Farm \$174,893.41. Its increased efficiency one-half to three tons, up to \$165 has been attended by an almost con- for a seven-ton truck and trailers at Personally, I am interested in tinual reduction in overhead ex- \$10 a ton. Solid tire vehicles would beekeeping and would urge all bee- penses of the institution proper from be taxed from \$150 to \$275 yearly keepers to try and talk some of the approximately \$200,000 per annum

> It has been tempered in the fires of business depression, and the un- quire the State Highway Department flinching loyalty of its members and to provide for the construction, local leaders has enabled it to stand maintenance and repair of all trunk the test. The flames of enthusiasm that characterized the big organization in the beginning are now burning down to the coals of real service of Michigan have builded well.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING PURE BRED DUROC JERSEY HOGS Fall boards and sows sired by grands of Pathfinder.—O. E. Harrington, Mart

## What the Legislature Is Doing

As Reported by the State Farm Bureau's Observer

As Reported by the State Farm Bu- line highways and bridges at state license fees for machines used in the reau's Observer expense.

A heavy barrage of bills is still Movie Censorship Again being fired across the reading clerks' Movie censorship, defeated by the veloping an enviable reputation for desks in both Houses. Committees last two Legislatures, has been rehave been holding hearings. One of vived. Sen. George Condon of Dethe most important of which was the troit would create a board of review Senate and House Taxation Committo censor all films and specifically tee's hearing on the Sligh Bill to a- prohibits a long list of scenes which mend the Corporation Tax Law by re- must not be approved by the censors. moving the minimum and maximum

Appropriation of whatever sum of limits. This is urged by the State money is needed to pay the remain-Farm Bureau in its legislative refering soldiers' bonus claims was introduced by Sen. Augustus L. Gansser Reapportionment of state senatoral and representative districts is one proximately \$2,500,000 is yet reof the big issues. Bills calling for quired. such redistricting have been intro-Other Bills Introduced duced in both branches by Wayne

pating 75 per cent of the automobile the Governor.

mail service exclusively. Rep. Floyd Rowe, Camden,-Prohibiting adulterations of vinegar.

Rep. Chester Ferris, Detroit,-Preventing any person from registering at any hotel or lodging house under a false name.

Rep. Wm. P. Strauch, Durand,-Requiring manufacturers of ice cream to be licensed and giving the State Commissioner of Agriculture power to revoke such license for failure to obey his regulations.

of Bay City. It is estimated that apate and come under the supervision of the State Banking Department. This is in accordance with the ad-Rep. A. M. Nevins, Doster,-Re- ministration's policy announced by

# Grand Traverse Cherry Growers' Co-op Winning

Co-operative fruit growers in the\*-Grand Traverse region have in the Grand Traverse Packing Company a BUREAU ADJUSTS co-operative fruit association that is doing things for them.

At their annual meeting recently more than 100 stock holders review ed the work of their company. It was RATES OUT OF LINE COST organized to can and freeze sour cherries and has developed a very ip-to-date plant. The growers have one of the best cold storage plants in Michigan, a fine canning factory Michigan, found that the freight rate and storage warehouse. All the on potatoes from Chatham to Chibuildings are vitrified brick con- cago was 45 1/2 while the rate to

5,000,000 Pounds of Cherries egislative attention. A resolution to tions at Beulah and Benzie county partment at Lansing. equire government operation of an- and at Northport in Leeland county hracite coal mines was defeated in where sour cherries are washed, pitted and put into 50 gallon barrels for trucking to Traverse City. There authorities of the railroads involved they are placed in cold storage and and in a short time the desired rate frozen solid for sale to pie bakers in readjustment and reduction was Chicago and elsewhere.

The company has sold more than three-fourths of its 1922 canned ack and more than half of the frozen pack. It is organized on a coeffective the 1921 law allowing state operative basis and most of the stock mean dollars and cents to many upis owned by cherry growers of the per peninsula potato growers and is Grand Traverse region. Cherries are only one example of the benefits to delivered to the co-op on a very pro- be secured through our Traffic Degressive type of stock holders co-op- partment. As supplementary to his two-cent erative contract. The cherries now casoline tax proposition, Rep. Joseph on hand are moving regularly and Warner introducd a bill to license should be cleaned up before the 1923

Gives Apple Service The company expects to use its and in 1922 packed about 3,000 barrels of apples which are now being

Officers of the Association are see who seems to agree with the William McCool of Traverse City, have been aimed at a recent picture president, George Burkhardt, vice- in which Charley Chaplin imperson-Received your letter to date, telling of the Hubam situation. Last year I seeded 8 acres of oats with Hubam and will give you some of the work of the retary-treasurer. A. J. Rogers of vote on the bill was scope of the work of the Michigan 000,000 worth of additional bonds Benzie county growers.

> ILLINOIS ELECTS THOMPSON city and village limits is proposed by is in session in Chicago. The elecwould place such vehicles under the H. Thompson was elected president

SHIPPERS EXTRA 16c A HUNDRED

When C. P. Johnson, Alger Coun-Agricultural Agent at Chatham, Chicago from Eben, which is only a few miles from Chatham, was only In 1922 the company handled 5,- 291/2c, or 16c less than the rate 000,000 pounds of sour cherries. All from Chatham, he did what a good received at Traverse City were can- Farm Bureau member ought to do. The coal situation is receiving ned. The company has pitting sta- He got in touch with the Traffic De-

E. L. Ewing, traffic counsel of the State Farm Bureau, immediately took the matter up with the proper secured. The Chicago freight rate on potatoes was decreased from 45 1/2 c to 29 1/2 c to apply not only to shipments from Chatham to Chicago, but from Munising, Dixon, Rumley and Lawson. This reduction will

Kill Movie Measure

The first bill to suffer defeat on the floor of the Senate was laid to rest with appropriate ceremonies cold storage facilities for apples also and in 1922 packed about 3 000 barreligious service or to ridicule or caricature a minister or other church dignitary in any theatrical act or motion picture. The bill is said to president and Everett Whitney, sec- ated a minister of the gospel. The

The annual convention of the fowa Farm Bureau Federation was held in Des Moines, January 11-12. The seventh annual convention of C. W. Hunt was re-elected president vehicles operated for profit beyond the Illinois Agricultural Association and E. H. Cunningham was re-elected secretary.

> Michigan stands out in the production of quality seeds of all kinds.

# Looking Into The Michigan **Elevator Exchange**

(A Letter to Local Co-operative Managers)

TO MEMBER ELEVATORS:

The books of the Michigan Elevator Exchange have been audited by Lawrence Scudder Co., certified public accountants, and, according to their report, the business is in first class financial condition.

All bills are paid, and the net worth of the Exchange, including membership fees paid in is slightly over

We have two copies of the accountants' report in this office and when any one from your particular organization is in Lansing and interested in checking over their statement we shall be glad to let you have these audits.

Business for the month of December 1922 was the largest in the history of the Exchange-\$506,000.00.

For 22 months straight we have made our over-head and a slight gain for the surplus fund.

The Elevator Exchange continues to offer sane, reasonable service in selling Michigan grain, beans and hay for Michigan Co-operative Elevators. We do not offer to turn the world upside down or put anyone out of business. The employees in the Lansing office are paid to get higher and better markets. We have no use for declining prices. Will you boost 100%?

Yours very truly,

## MICHIGAN ELEVATOR EXCHANGE

Lansing, Michigan.

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over, at 1:00 P. M. Friday, Feb. 16. One of good offerings Outcross Glantess speeding. Bred to four as good boars as will be found in any herd.—Outcross start, Peter Jones 2nd, Outcross Star and Wrigleys Great Glant Jr. Arrange o attend this sale. Trains will be met at Sturgis on N. i. C. and Nottawa on E. R. & I. Auctioneers—Wm. Waffle, Coldwater; John Hofman, Hudson; Harry Powler, Sturgis. Write for catalog. nutritive ratio of this ration is only deposits of iron are and limestone one part of protein to 9.5 parts of of excellent purify and of great except of the world's large carbohydrates and better handling, with than four times the truffic of the by the Michigan acreage and better handling, with than four times the truffic of the have solicited members added respective for the Suez Canal. Burr Oak, Mich. E. J. MATHEWSON One of the world's largest chemhave solicited membership or stock