

FARM BUREAU PUTS LEGISLATIVE QUERY TO ITS MEMBERS

ASKS 78 COUNTY BUREAUS FOR THEIR OPINIONS ON MANY IMPORTANT ISSUES

REPLIES WILL FIX POLICY

County Resolutions to be Presented Law Makers for Their Guidance

The Michigan State Farm Bureau on January 9, submitted a Legislative Questionnaire to each of its 78 County Farm Bureau organizations to determine the opinion of its membership on important issues now before the 1923 legislature. The State Farm Bureau's legislative policy will be, guided by the recommendations of its membership, as brought out by this questionnaire, said Clark L. Brody, secretary-manager of the

Bureau.

ship on important questions now be- meeting to the effect that he would fore the legislature. Following is not be a candidate for the presidency. tary of the A. F. B. F., was re-emthe State Farm Bureau's question-

naire to its county organizations: TO COUNTY FARM BUREAUS:

The Legislature is getting down to work and the farmers should be expressing themselves in no uncertain terms on the important legislation which is pending.

The State Farm Bureau's experionce last session showed conclusively that the law-makers give very respectful heed to the requests of organized agriculture, while the sad experience of countless previous sesions proved that the request of the ndividual farmer rarely got very

Now, of course, we have our own ersonal views on many pending leglative matters, but we should eatly appreciate an expression of finient from the membership your county in this connection. It occurs to us that you will be holding your annual county meeting in the very near future and that would be a splendid opportunity to discuss these questions and pass resolutions regarding them.

should greatly appreciate your opin-ber 4. The pool was opened May 1 ion in regard to them and any others last and the last pound of wool was



Retires

J. R. Howard Served as A. F.

B. F. Chief Three Years

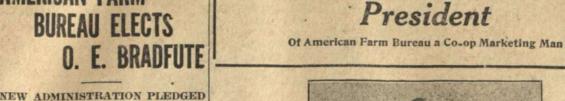
splendid service given American the delegates in favor of a working Most of the Michigan County agriculture by retiring President J. co-operative marketing program. The Farm Bureaus hold their annual R. Howard were adopted by delegates delegates adopted 20 other resolumeetings during January and the to the Fourth Annual American tions dealing with farm finance, State Farm Bureau believes these Farm Bureau convention at Chicago. legislation, transportation and taxmeetings a most opportune time to Mr. Howard held fast to a statement ation matters. They are printed elseget the last word from its member- made several months before the where in this paper.



GRADES 7.64c HIGHER THAN LOCAL OFFERS; SERVICE PLEASES

F. C. Tirrell living near Charlotte, Eaton County Farm Bureau member, was offered 34 cents a pound locally state in the Union today ,and they

gan State Farm Bureau's 1922 pool, he told the County Farm Bureau recently. The first week in December the Farm Bureau pool returned him an average of 38.08 cents a pound net on the 1,564 pounds he pooled. The pool netted Mr. Tirrell 4.08 cents more on every pound than the profit of \$63,81.



LANSING, MICHIGAN, JANUARY 18, 1923

MARKETING PROGRAM MICHIGAN DELEGATES ACTIVE

TO STRONG CO-OPERATIVE

AMERICAN FARM

State Was Second Strongest at Convention; Brody's Report

Outstanding

Oscar E. Bradfute of Xenia, Ohio, was unanimously elected president of the American Farm Bureau Federation at the fourth annual convention held at Chicago, December 11-14. He succeeded J. R. Howard who retired.

Mr. Bradfute heads a national Farm Bureau organization pledged to a strong co-operative marketing program during the coming year. Resolutions of appreciation for the Strong resolutions were adopted by

J. W. Coverdale, executive secre-

ployed by the National executive committee as secretary. He will also serve as treasurer, filling the gap by the resignation of caused Chas. W. Gunnels. President Brad-tute in charge of all the eventury of MILKMAKER SALES fute is in charge of all the executive work at the National headquarters with a strong cooperative marketing program for the year's work. Mr.

Bradfute can be depended upon for sound and wise leadership. FARM BUREAU'S PUBLIC FOR-Michigan Up in Front Michigan delegates represented the second largest Farm Bureau

for his 1922 wool clip about the took an active part in the conven-The Farm Bureau man in Michitime he put the clip into the Michi-tion. Secretary Brody reported to gan who buys dairy feed sure does the convention on Michigan's succes- like to know what he is getting. ses in co-operative marketing, traf- This article tells what happens when fic work, legislation and successful he does.

co-operation with the commodity Last summer the State Farm Bu-Last summer the State Farm Bu-reau purchasing department worked Bureau Helps Fabrics marketing organizations of the state. The Michigan plan of organization out the idea of giving Farm Bureau got close attention from the dele- dairymen a real dairy feed-a 24 gates. Michigan's report of accom- per cent protein, milk producing local dealer offered, or an additional plishments was commented upon as feed which would always be the the outstanding report from any same and which would carry on the Voigt Anti-Filled Milk bill are two service organization. Likewise the

there are some of the pending is-tass in which we are interested. We hould greatly appreciate your opin-



OSCAR E. BRADFUTE

"Service through co-operative mar- the chief work of the entire organizaketing-that is the program of the tion for the next year will be co-Farm Bureau for the next year. Let operative marketing."—President O. E. Bradfute, of the American Farm there be no doubt anywhere but that Bureau Federation.



each of the affiliated marketing organizations sits on the State Farm And Filled Milk Bills Bureau's board of directors and has a

BUREAU RECOVERS \$5.343

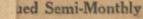
CHECKING UP PAYS

Christ Zeeb, Clinton county Farm

Bureau member who lives near Gun-

FOR MEMBER SHIPPERS

vote and voice in directing the af-The Truth-in-Fabrics bill and the fairs of the Farm Bureau or central tag the list of ingredients in that very important agricultural bills Farm Bureau has representation on





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MICH. BUREAU CALLS

ANNUAL MEETINC AT

COUNTY DELEGATES MEET FIFTH

TIME TO HEAR REPORTS.

FIX POLICIES

MICH. LEADS IN MARKETING

Bureau Calls on Members to Take

Part in Sessions of State

Organization

Every Farm Eureau member is in-

vited to attend the fifth annual

meeting of the Michigan State Farm

Bureau, at the Michigan Agricultur-

al College, February 1-2, during the

County Farm Bureau delegates.

elected by the Farm Bureau mem-

bers of the various townships, will

meet as the Board of Delegates to

hear the reports of the State Farm

Bureau and its several business de-

partments. This Board of Delegates

which numbered 165 men and wom-

en at the Feb. 1922 meeting, will also

determine the policies of the State

Farm Bureau for the coming year.

State Board of Directors. The Di-

rectors will elect a President and

Vice-President from their own num-

ber. Commodity organization repre-

sentatives will place in nomination

Are Working Together

nual meeting was the affiliation

with the State Farm Bureau of the

four great commodity marketing or-

ganizations of Michigan farmers;

the Michigan Potato Growers Ex-

change, the Michigan Milk Produc-

ers Association and the Michigan

Live Stock Exchange and the Michi-

tion was a great step forward in get-

ting Michigan's great farmers' mar-

keting organizations to working to-

gether with a full understanding

of each others' hopes and problems.

Today a commodity director from

This ac-

Last year the feature of the an-

the commodity directors.

gan Elevator Exchange.

They will elect members to the

closing days of Farmer's Week.

M. A. C. FEB. 1-2

s for Year. Farm es More bod

as transportation, organization. The commodity organizaen the opportunity to lpate in the governagement of the Michi-Bureau without oblil or otherwise, leaves suspicion in the mind formed man that the esigns to control, disinto competition with operative commodity

New Services

organization is also closer co-operation commodity organizas, as is evidenced by arrangement existing ichigan Potato Growand the Michigan Ele. The high class f the Elevator Exby made available to the Potato Growers' for the sale of sevars of rye grown in gan, and the speciales machinery at Cade to the Elevator lothers may have a few statoes to sell. ted Service of st Leaders e advice and counsel

dity directors have y valuable and sound, ving to keep the ac-Farm Bureau closely ictual business needs The commodity plan adopted one year ago e a means of bringof the experienced iltural business leadto the service of the ureau, A workable the support of the ized commodity inarm Bureau program f the biggest factors lible the progress of Blamaladg the rast.

ints adopted last year directors' meetings hs instead of monthd the board from 8 each commodity exthe expenses of its ive. This arrangewith other economies enlarged board, lowering the directhe Farm Bureau as it was in 1921, the year just ended. covering the activi-Bureau made by the epartment and the er, have been mailthe close of each director. These infinancial report by partment. and letters have i to the members of rious times. Being med in this manner, directors has been he organization just ng every two months rly the case with So the plan has ical, efficient and

1. WHAT DO YOU RECOMMEND FOR ECONOMY IN STATE EXPENDITURES?

State departmental and administrative expense?

The building program? Highway construction and maintenance?

What steps should we take to pay the state's bonded indebtedness of \$61.550.000?

TAXATION CHANGES Do you favor a state income tax?

Do you favor doing away with the present exemption from taxation enjoyed by many bonds and other securities?

Do you favor the taxation of all intangible property on the same basis as real property?

ene or two cents a gallon to finance highway development and maintenance without real property tax? Do you favor a tax on busses and

trucks for a similar purpose? Do you favor fixing a maximum

rate limit on real property? 3. What rate do your banks

charge farmers on loans? 4. Is a better system of Rural

Credits needed in your County? If so, what do you recommend?

securing adequate representation for the rural counties in the pending reapportionment of representative districts?

> mendously that it is claiming cured a reduction in rates on peaches that its representation should in car loads from first class to secbe greatly increased. Wayne ond class in Central Freight Associacounty has approximately one- tion Territory last summer. This third of the State's population. territory embraces that part of the Do you think they should have United States east of the Mississippi one-third of the members of the River and north of the Ohio River. Legislature?

6. Do we need a Land Certifica- tinue to save a great many dollars tion law which would enable non- for Michigan peach growers. It will residents of the state to invest with also help them in getting into other greater safety in Michigan's un- markets. developed lands?

7. Should the state encourage re- a freight rate reduction on clover forestation of Michigan's idle lands seed from Southwestern Utah points not suited to agriculture by the re- to lower Michigan. This amounts to 291/2 cents per hundred pounds or duction of taxes thereon?

(Under the present tax rate about \$90 per car. The Farm Bureau in all parts of the state, no one ships in quite a large amount of clocan well afford to hold land for ver seed from Utah to meet Michigan timber to develop and mature.) needs. The rate cut helps.

8. Shall wo use our efforts to pre- The Michigan Farm Bureau has vent the passage of a bill which has secured better side track facilities at been introduced to repeal the law Three Oaks for the Three Oaks Shipproviding for the gathering of agri- ping Association and better livestock cultural statistics by the supervisors facilities at Dowagiao for Bureau live stock shippers. (Continued on page three)

sold during the last week in November. One week later the Farm Bureau had the checks in the mails. The 1922 pool paid the farmer an average net price of 34 1/2 cents a pound for all grades, and an avthe five better grades of wool. The

cents a pound, according to reports

a pound during the early part of the partment, M. A. C. season.

efficient and savings were made. The

pool management has received a number of complimentary letters on the handling of the 1922 pool. Preparations are well under way for the 1923 wool pool.

5. What is your opinion about THINGS LOOK BETTER FOR PEACH GROWERS

The Michigan State Farm Bureau, Detroit has grown so tre- assisted by affiliated associations, se-

American Farm Bureau Federation, is one of America's bestknown and most progressive farmers. He lives on the old home farm near Xenia, Ohio, in Greene County, where his grandfather was one of the

early settlers. Mr. Bradfute has served his second term as vice-president of the American Farm Bureau Federation. He is also president of the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation and one of the trustees of the Ohio State

This reduction saved and will con-University. Mr. Bradfute is a stockman and farmer and has specialized in pure bred beef cattle as senior member of the

firm of D. Bradfute & Son, The Farm Bureau has also secured world-famous breeders of Aberdeen-Angus cattle. When the Farm Bureau

movement came along Mr. Bradfute was one of the first men to see that it was founded on a rock and bound to sweep the country. He was drafted into leadership, and after serving the organization for two years as vice-president, is one of the leading figures in the organization.

O. E. BRADFUTE

ly elected president of the

Oscar Edwin Bradfute, new-

Friday of Coloma, Fred Smith of Elk square deal. They called this feed Rapids, and Mrs. Edith M. Wagar of MICHIGAN FARM BUREAU MILK Farm Bureau that he had voted to operative effort of all the organiza-Carleton as voting delegates. Dele- MAKER. Its 24 per cent protein is report out of committee the Truth- tions has brought about some profitgates at large from Michigan were W. guaranteed. Milkmaker was put out about Oc- passage in the Senate. He promised eral memberships. E. Phillips of Decatur, M. L. Noon, Jackson, E. C. McCarty of Bad Axe. tober 1 with but a month's advance help on the Anti-Filled Milk bill.

All are members of the State Farm advertising. No one had ever heard Senator Norris of Minnesota Bureau's Board of Directors. of a feed which always told pound chairman of the Senate committee Manager Clark L. Brody will make erage of 39.14 cents a pound net for Among other Michigan men who at- for pound what was in it. Some considering the Voigt bill, and a a report to the State Farm Bureau tended the convention were Hale dairy feed manufacturers, who shift friend of the bill, wrote, appreciating average price paid farmers by local Tennant, state leader of county agri- their feed make-up with the market the Michigan Farm Bureau's support wool dealers during 1922 was 311/2 cultural agents, and his assistant, held up their hands and said the and said he was going to bring Roswell G. Carr, R. E. Decker, Farm Bureau idea was a terrible Michigan's position to the attention will also make short reports. made to V. H. Church, U. S. Crops Jackson county agricultural agent, thing. But between October 1, 1922, of his committee. The bill has pass-

PASS 6,000 TONS

MULA DAIRY FEED MAKES

HFT WITH DAIRYMEN

Estimator at Lansing. Much wool I. B. McMurtry, Midland county and January 1, 1923 the Farm Bu- ed the House. was sold locally at less than 30 cents agent, W. E. Cribbs, marketing de- rean sold members more than 6,000

tons of Milkmaker.

The convention heard speakers of Milkmaker is now going stronger The wool market improved stead- national and international promi- than ever. It carries 24 per cent ily during the summer and fall. nence. Georges Clemenceau, war-time protein and has several good protein Farm Bureau wool pool sales were in premier of France, came to Chicago sources instead of one. Too much of accordance with the improvement so from New York to present the cause one concentrate, say cottonseed meal, Do you favor a gasoline tax of that some of the better grades of of France to the farmers. Bernard will burn out a cow. Milkmaker is at Lansing recovered claims against duce exchange departments will be wool were sold from 42 to 46 cents Baruch, noted financier, discussed 24 per cent protein and safe. Dairy- railroads and express companies for discussed. Important things will be agricultural credits; Samuel Adams, men everywhere report that Milk- local co-ops and members amount- heard from the transportation de-

reau control. Pool operation was conditions of agriculture in Europe. and is doing it at less cost. This mistakes and lack of knowledge several good speakers.

Farm Bureau service has been worth about new rulings, also loss and at least \$20,000 to the men who damage claims. bought the feed. You can find out association. \$141.37 for the Cheboygan Farm Bu-

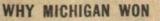
Voters Endorse Work Done by Farm Bloc Hopkins Farm Bureau Co-operative Association, each of these items rep-

resenting the overcharges on but a Commenting on the results of the single car. Fall election, Gray Silver, Washing-

ton representative of the American Farm Bureau Federation, said: "The entire membership of the

Senate and the House agricultural Michigan State Farm Bureau, blocs was returned to Congress by a safe majority. We consider this full vindication of the American

Farm Bureau Federation's legislative program, as well as that of the blocs', and proof that the legislation first to date. The previous work of Bureau produced 50 farmer witnesses was in line with public sentiment.'



Michigan potato growers for the second time were awarded the leading prizes at the International Potato Show at Duluth in December with

Petoskey seed potatoes.

Petoskey potatoes took the first nisonville, says he sold 75 bushels of varieties.

knocker never wins.

Senator Townsend wrote the State avoided during the past year and coin-Fabric bill and would work for its able business services for their sev-

Annual Meeting Business At the annual meeting Secretarymembership of the organization's work during the past year. Heads of the State Farm Bureau departments

Co-operative marketing will be the outstanding subject under discussion at the Farm Bureau meeting. The Michigan Farm Bureau leads all other Farm Bureaus in successful state-wide co-operating marketing services. Work and bene-

During 1922 the Michigan State fits of the Michigan State Farm Bu-Farm Bureau's Traffic Department reau seed, purchasing, wool and pro-The 1922 wool pool and all its a descendant of the Adams' of Rev- maker is giving them better produc- ing to \$5,343.72. These claims in- partment and probably from the funds were strictly under Farm Bu- olutionary fame, discussed recent tion than they have ever had before cluded overcharges resulting from legislative department. There will be

Railroad rates of a fare and a half for the round trip to Lansing have The importance of having freight been granted by the steam and elecabout it through your co-operative bills audited is shown by the fact tric roads to all persons attending that the Farm Bureau recovered Farmers' Week meetings.

reau, \$174.99 for the Gladwin Coun-MICH. FARM BUREAU ty Farm Bureau and \$86.65 for the IN GREAT RATE CASE Hopkins Farm Bureau Co-operative

The Michigan Farm Bureau is fighting for a general cut in Michigan rates. It seeks to kill the zoning system which hurts Michigan farmers. The Bureau fought a two December 30, 1922. months' battle before the Public Utilities Commission in presenting your case. Opposed were the best lawyers the railroads had. They denied that conditions warranted a We enclose herewith our freight rate cut, they denied that the zoning and express bills from about August system is unjust to farmers. The yours on a batch of them resulted in from as many counties who said rate net returns to us of \$15.09 which relief is needed, that the zoning syswas surely nice work. We appreciate tem is unjust and they had evidence to prove it. Without organization farmers couldn't have met railroad arguments or even got a hearing. We will win.

REAL SEED SERVICE

63,000 members bought guarantefive prizes in the Rural Russet class, clover seed through the Farm Bu- ed Farm Bureau seeds last spring. and second in the certified seed ex- reau seed department last spring and The Farm Bureau sold 500,000 lbs. hibit in competition with all other received for it \$2.50 more per bu- of Michigan clover seed to New York shel than he was offered locally. co-ops for our members this fall. "Anyone who thinks the Farm Bu- That helped steady Michigan mar-A winner never knocks and a reau isn't worth while doesn't use kets and gave the members good it." is the way Mr. Zeeb puts it. cash outlet.

Men Were Helped not only makes it efficient leadership ommodity exchanges he State Farm Buition enables the big. al organization to I of the commodity th their important

uple of this occurred connection with the the Producers Coission Association at Michigan Live Stock after the Exchange ts efforts in estab icient, co-operative ciation at Detroit, a its membership, usmarket, was withtes of a co-operative service. Arrangele by the Michigan lange for the State furnish an organiraise the necessary stablishment of the erative Commission uffalo, in co-opera-'arm Bureaus and iations of Ohio and y, Alexander Mac-County Agent of was secured for this and expenses being being by the State

f this/ co-operation. local associations in ffalo territory have is for starting the brought to them inthe indispensable by the Michigan nge and as a result.

Suffalo

local association: ck into the fold of

Ellsworth, Mich. Traffic Department, Lansing, Michigan. Dear Mr. Eberle:

Banks Township Marketing Ass'n. E. R. Harris, Secretary,

this kind of work. Very truly,

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ANNOUNCING,-"'THE NEWS'

For some time past Michigan Farm Bureau members have

wanted more news of the work of their organization and in more

detail than it has been possible to give them through a heavily burdened state press and farm papers. The Michigan Farm Bureau

News has been founded by the State Farm Bureau to meet that

the membership and keep it informed on the progress of the Farm

Bureau movement in Michigan and nationally. Another purpose

is to provide a. medium for self-expression by County Farm

Bureaus and their members and a resulting wholesome exchange

of ideas. It is to be hoped that the membership will take an ac-

for a direct contact between the State Farm Bureau and its various departments with the individual member. The News will

strive to get and reflect the opinion of the Farm Bureau member-

ship on important questions. Its mission is to present the facts

regarding the Farm Bureau and its works. The Michigan Farm

The State Farm Bureau is properly appreciative of the splendid

The Michigan Farm Bureau News will fill the long felt need

One purpose of the Michigan Farm Bureau News is to inform

constantly growing demand for more and more information.

tive interest in the publication of the paper.

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for them. At East Buffalo, N. Y.

Michigan, Ohio and Indiana live

into the stock yard markets.

A Healthy Youngster

yards. All this in one year!

more than \$10,000.

Dear Sirs:

week.

eration.

Michigan live stock producers have

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... President

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JANUARY 18, 1928

TEXT OF RESOLUTIONS

Adopted by American Farm Bureau Federation at Chicago, Dec. 11-14, 1922

Following is the complete text of tive program to prevent a recurrence the Resolutions adopted by delegates of such car shortages.

Co-operative Marketing

stock men are developing another co-Resolved, (1). That the American op commission house that is coming Farm Bureau Federation shall conto the front. All over this United tinue to give outstanding attention States the Producers Live Stock to the marketing problem and con-Commission Association, a farmers' tinue the policy of strengthening sales agency developed by the American Farm Bureau, is helping modity marketing organizations. and encouraging co-operative comthe farmer put his own sales agency

gress toward the proper marketing ed legislation providing; Co-operative marketing of live of farm products as co-ordinate with stock, in order to be complete, must economic productions in equaliz- Lank Bank Act removing the \$10,be carried down to the stock yards in the form of a co-operative com-American farmers. mission house. That these co-opera-

tive commission houses can and do Bureau Federation maintain a divis- as the Joint Stock Land Banks. effect a savings is proved by the reports made by those already in op- ion of co-operative marketing, to be (b). The amending of the Federal last annual meeting at Atlanta, managed and directed by capable Reserve Act making the system more Georga, relating to Muscle Shoals, keting specialists.

St. Paul, Minn., has the first live (4). That this division shall in a paid-up capital of \$15,000 and giv- lay. stock co-op commission house set up every possible way stimulate and ing five years for building or inby the producers. It has cut compromote the co-operative marketing creasing capital to the needed \$25,missions 25 per cent and still has a movement in the United States and 000. The amending of the Federal Farm Bureau Federation favors the surplus of \$86,053 to be turned shall plan and carry out an extensive Reserve Act extending the redis- immediate and thorough investigaback to the producers who shipped national educational campaign for count period of agricultural paper to tion by the Tariff Commission of there. This house handled 12,938 cars, valued at \$17,548,000 or 30 per co-operative marketing of farm prod- at least nine months. ucts. cent of the receipts of the St Paul

(5). That the American Farm Bu-The Michigan Live Stock Exchange Co-operative Commission house at Detroit shows a net surplus mental principles of true commodity of more than \$4,000 for the month co-operation as exemplified in the history and experience of successful of November. On seven months business it shows a surplus of a little farmers' co-operatives and give the same wide circulation.

The Michigan State Farm Bureau (6). That this division shall tenis much interested in the success of der its services as counselor and advisor to state and district organizalating to type and plans of organization, campaign methods, problems of operation and other related subjects. (7). That this division shall endeavor to unify or co-ordinate all

> in behalf of a comprehensive and united program of co-operative marketing in the United States.

eration, National, State and County, should be active in educating producers of farm and live stock prodhave been and shall be established. stressing the fact that the success of to have an aggregate capital of not essential that, so far as pra

Transportation

freight traffic which makes impos- successors. sible the proper distribution of farm

crops. (2). We demand the further re-

to the Fourth annual meeting of the American Farm Bureau Federation at Chicago, December 11-14: **Finance** Resolutions Resolutions passed on Finance are:

on an amortization basis.

U. S. Senate on the Voight Bill, H. H. 8086, as already passed by the House of Representatives. We would also (1). Long time invested capital urge that the various State Farm By. reaus get behind filled milk legisla. (2). Short time credits such as tion in their several states to sup-

Dairying

We urge immediate action by the

should be provided through ordinary plement the pending national law, banks of deposit. Publicity (3). Intermediary credit to take Rosolved, that we appreciate the

care of marketing and productive educational value of the dissemily-| needs. tion of information by the press of (2). That we urge further pro-the passage at an early date of need- toward the movement to relieve put To meet these ends we insist upon the country, and pledge our support lishers of the handicap of excessive

(a) The amending of the Federal postage on second class matter. ing the present handicap of the 000 loan limit and permitting it to function regarding amount of loan the Truth-in-Fabric bill.

(3). That the American Farm and facility of operation as readily

and experienced co-operative mar- readily accessible for banks of small and ask Congress to give us a vote

reau Federation, acting through this cent above the Federal Reserve ratio lower levels as shall only equal the division, shall formulate the funda- of the district including commissions differences in the cost of production and brokerage on eligible paper. (d). We endorse the principle of

co-operative banking. (e). The establishment of inter- opposition to the transferal of the U. mediary credit institutions for redis- S. Forestry Service, the Bureau of counting paper properly secured, for Agricultural Economics or the Buthe purpose of orderly marketing, reau of Roads from the U. S. Departlivestock and other productive needs ment of Agriculture to any other decovering a period of from six months partment of the government. to three years; to be administered by an intermediary credits board which shall be separate and apart from the exists a continuing shortage of farm Foderal Reserve and Farm Loan and industrial labor which gravely

sociations and farm finance corpora- immediately to authorize the Ser tions of the different states, allowing tary of Labor, upon demonstration them to clear through an interme- such conditions, to admit others diary credits department in the 12 admissable aliens in excess of farm loan banks and with lawful ac- ing quotas to such extent as is cess to the Federal Reserve System, sary to meet the established new will ship again in about a Thanking you for your co-operative marketing agencies that wise; and with the further right of sideration should be given t dealing in bank acceptances, and tained emigration. It is furth?

> We approve the extension of such either where their passpor credits as will facilitate the financing vised or at the principal

Resolved, (1). That railroad au- of the exportation of surplus agri- embarkation. thorities should provide equipment cultural commodities through the Department of Agriculture sufficient to prevent congestion of War Finance Corporation and its

We reaffirm the resolution of our capital, allowing them to enter with upon this matter without further de-Tariff Resolved, That the American

Truth in Fabric

Muscle Shoals

We reaffirm our stand in favor of

tariff rates on all imports which the (c). To forbid any member bank farmers buy, and an immediate remaking a greater charge than 2 per duction of excessive rates to such here and abroad.

Federal Departments

Resolved, That we reaffirm our

Immigration

Be It Resolved, we believe there Boards and which shall be authoriz- imperils efficient and economica ed to recognize banks of deposit, co- agricultural production; that, in th operative associations, farm loan as- national interest, the Congress ough these agencies depends primarily up-on the loyalty and patronage of the 12 Federal Land Bank Systems.

> Resolved, That we ask for United States Department of culture adequate appropriation the hands of the present Con

Resolutions on Taxation

(b). The tax should be progres-

tion to a General Sales Tax.

the Detroit and Buffalo co-op commission houses and is helping them tions and agencies on questions rein every way that it can. Sturgis, Michigan December 2, 1922. Producers Co-op Live Stock Commission Ass'n., East Buffalo, N. Y. We received your bill and draft of the Friday sale today at 12:00 o'clock. Please accept our thanks.

We surely stepped in on a regular (8).That the Farm Bureau Fedmarket. Please tell all the boys they surely had their selling clothes We will ship again in about a G. D. Sturgis, Mgr.,

Sturgis Co-operative Ass'n. MOST CLUB CHAMPIONS

ARE FARM BUREAU KIDS

80 Per Cent of 700 at International Stock Show Owe Training Partly to Bureau

organizations, agencies and interests

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giving and are continuing to give. The Bureau will continue to give the press an even break on Farm Bureau News of general interest.

friendly support which the state press and farm papers have been

GETTING OUR GROUTING DOWN BELOW THE FROST LINE

The American Farm Bureau Federation constitutes the greatest opportunity that the farmer has ever developed to better his condition. Its accomplishments along the lines of legislation and transportation alone have been of untold value to the farmers of the nation during the crisis through which we are passing. We must recognize, however, that the continuation of this and other good work depends almost entirely upon our building a solid and substantial organization machine under it. In this connection, it is particularly important that a closer relationship of a permanent nature be developed between the A. F. B. F. and the large, powerful, cooperative marketing agencies of the country.

Whether this can be best brought about by providing for a direct working relationship between the large organizations concerned and the American Farm Bureau Federation, or through making the marketing organizations in the various states, an active, participating part of the State Farm Bureaus, as is proving successful in Michigan, cannot be determined, of course, without careful study and investigation. Whatever the plan, however, a much greater measure of participation in the affairs of the Farm Bureau by experienced commodity organization leaders is necessary if the bureau is to realize the position of power and influence it aspires to attain.

In order to continue to voice the sentiment of the farmers of the country it is essential that the Farm Bureau be kept in tune with the farmers' cooperative business organizations.

The State Farm Bureau Federations, based entirely on County Farm Bureaus and townships units, are not closely enough connected with these cooperative business organizations, and hence, alone, do not constitute a sufficiently sound foundation for a big, national organization like the American Farm Bureau Federation.

The locals of the various organized marketing services are automatically kept in close contact with the individual members through a visible marketing service that even the most uninformed man is able to realize. As these marketing organizations continue to reach higher efficiency, it will be a distinct advantage for each individual member to recognize that his local marketing institution is an active and essential part of the Farm Bureau structure itself.

Furthermore, as experience is proving in Michigan, the linking up of the commodity organizations will bring the best, experienced cooperative business leaders to the aid of the Farm Bureau movement.

In the election of O. E. Bradfute the Farm Bureau has secured a leader with sound organization ideas so essential to its administrative policy at this time. With such leadership at the head of our big organization, we can all put our shoulders to the wheel confident that the American Farm Bureau Federation has come to stay and will continue to grow in strength and in usefulness to the farmers of the country.

is the only farmers' sales organiza-DON'T FORGET THAT

The Michigan State Farm Bureau tion selling on the Detroit Eastern Produce Exchange can give your co- and Western Farmers markets. It's operative associations - and that general sales offices are at 2729 are being passed through Congress vice Division of the American Rail- ance to farmers in the building and means you-good marketing service Russell street, Detroit.

tive commission house in Detroit. It and quicker returns.

Eighty per cent of the 700 boy

on in every department.

promptness, and, as ever,

ters of members of the American Farm Bureau Federation. At the final banquet in Chicago Secretary . W. Coverdale called for a showing of hands of those whose parents were Farm Bureau members. Eighty per cent of the hands were up. Farm Bureau members are leaders in this educational work and consider Boys' and Girls' Club Work an

mportant part of the Farm Bureau program.

RAILROADS CUT RATES FOR FARMERS' WEEK

Farm Bureau Holds Annual Meeting During Big Round-Up at M. A. C.

Fare and one-half rates to Farm- sion and to permit them to share in ers' Week meetings at the Michigan periods of prosperity. Agricultural College, Jan. 29-Feb. 2, Jan. 27 and for return up to amended by Esch-Cummins Act, as M. A. C. Feb. 1-2. Thirty other farm rates. organizations, representing all phases the college Farmers' Week. steel.

ALMOST LOST TRAINS

Farm Bureau work saved branch the carriers and the carriers' needs to the railroad taken up the tracks in service.

MARKETS FOR 20,000

reau developed the Michigan Eleva- tion without securing to the public tor Exchange. It assures them the a corresponding benefit. We accordmarket price and full return from ingly approve of a National Transcrops.

county member recently.

duction of freight rates until they the four principles adopted last year farmers of the country and w and girl champions from thirty states duction of freight rates until they as the basis of our tax work. These particular attention to the im who were Chicago's guests during the International are sons and daugh-working relation to the purchasing (a). The measure of ability to pa

> should take all possible steps to de- the bulk of the taxes should be levivelop a well rounded transportation ed and collected on that basis. system by further highway improvement, by improving all commercially sive; that is, the greater the income feasible inland waterways, by proper the higher the rate.

development of American seaports (c). As this is a country of all the and American shipping, by the open- people, all the people should have ing of the Great Lakes-StLawrence some part in supporting the Govern-Waterway, by a realization of the ment; hence, a certain part of the railroad problem as an integral part revenue may justly be raised by of the entire national transportation means of consumption taxes.

(d). While recognizing that the problem, and by placing upon the private initiative of common carriers first consideration in any tax measthe fullest measure of responsibility ure is the raising of revenue, its coland freedom of action consistent lateral effects must not be lost sight with the public interest of and in so far as it is practicable

(4). (a) That section 15-A of the the taxes should be so laid as to tend Transportation Act of 1920 should to the distribution of wealth in the be so amended as to require the rail- hands of the many and not to its conroads to share in periods of depres- centration in the hands of the few. (2). That we reaffirm our objec-

(3). We recommend that the is-(b). That we urge upon Congress have been granted by all steam such amendments of Section 13, of suing of all tax-free securities be and electric lines effective from the Interstate Commerce Act, as stopped. (4). We recommend that all de-

midnight Feb. 3. The State shall clearly limit and define the ductions allowed in figuring income Farm Bureau Board of Delegates power of the Interstate Commerce taxes first be off-set against TAX holds its fifth annual meeting at Commission in regard to intrastate FREE income before any deductions are allowed on taxable income.

(5). We oppose the Pittsburg (5). That steps be taken to stop of Michigan agriculture, will meet at Plus System of making prices on the leaks in the 1921 tax law,including an amendment so that the profit

(6). We urge upon the railroads derived from the sale of stock, rethe establishment of a Public Rela- ceived as stock dividends, shall be tions Service which shall interpret taxable at the regular surtax rates. agricultural and business needs to Ship Subsidy

Inasmuch as it has been the genrailroad lines service for Mecosta, the public and instruct our Trans-Barry, Newaygo, Berrien, Crawford, portation Department to co-operate eral policy of this country to subsi-Montmorency county farmers. Had fully with the railroads in this work. dize railroads by land grants, bonds (7). We approve the work of the and granting special privileges;

the first four counties, farm values Congressional Joint Commission of manufacturers by a protective tariff; on those lines would have dropped Agricultural Inquiry and urge the and it is now proposed by those in about half. Organization saved the continuation and expansion of stud- charge of our general policy to subies of our present transportation sidize our shipping interests by the laws, correlation of our different payment to them of a bonus, for all

transportation services, and elimina- of which the consuming public must tion of wasteful conflicts between foot the bill, we emphatically prostates and between state and nation- test against the continuance' of a 20,000 members market grain, al laws, and other requirements policy that has become confiscatory hay and beans through the Farm Bu- which add to the cost of transporta- instead of protective.

(8). We commend the earnest the powers of the County Agents and "Because of the Farm Bloc laws and efficient work of the Car Ser- Extension Workers in lending assistthat I have been hoping for for way Association and of the Bureau maintainance of co-operative and

on shipments of poultry, dressed The Produce Exchange is giving years. Only through such an organi- of Service of the Interstate Com- general farmers' organizations so veal, hogs, eggs, butter, vegetables the members of more than 100 co- zation as the Farm Bureau can a merce Commission during the recent that useful machinery may be proand fruits. The Produce Exchange operative associations produce sales farmer protect his business," said car shortage and direct our Trans- vided which will aid in more ecois the only farmer owned co-opera- service that is bringing them better a Hartford township, Van Buren portation Department to co-operate nomical production and marketing of with both in working out a construc- farm crops.

Resolved, (1). That we reaffirm that it may continue to serve tive needs at the present time of (a). The measure of ability to pay quate appropriations for the co (3). We believe that both the taxes for the support of the National of tuberculosis in livestock, national and state governments Government is NET INCOME, and European corn borer, the rust bea

(Continued on page four)

WARM **BLANKETS**

We will send these Farm Bureau Virgin Wool blankets to you C. O. D., parcel post prepaid.

For warmth, long wear, fast color, softness they cannot be duplicated. Virgin wool wears the longest because you get the first use of the wool. We offer

The Ottawa\$12.00 100% virgin wool. Large checks, gray and white. 72x84 inches. 51/2 lbs.

The Washtenaw\$8.50 100% virgin wool. Large checks, dark blue and white. 72x84 inches. 51/2 lbs.

Small checks, red and black, \$7.50.

- The Michigan \$7.50 75% virgin wool. 25% cotton warp. Brown and tan, small checks. 66x84 inches, single.
- The Otsego Auto Robe. . \$6.50 100% virgin wool. Plaid and fancy checks. Dark red and black, green and gray, fringed ends.
- The Columbia \$5.00 100% virgin wool. Solid dark green, for home or camp use, size 66x84.

The Columbia blanket is a splendid value for a general all-around blanket.

Horse Blankets\$8.00 100% virgin wool in both gray and red.

Wool Batts\$3.00 Quilt size, 2 1bs. each.

MICHIGAN STATE FARM BUREAU Fabrics Division

A. L. Prince, Mgr. Lansing, Mich.

portation Institute.

Co-operative Relations We believe that a more liberal interpretation should be placed upon

JANUARY 18, 1928

MICHIGAN FARM BUREAU NEWS

RADIO

U. S. Weather Report and Elevator Exchange Report on Markets Twice Daily

If you have a wireless telephone receiving station that will pick up Lansing, at 10:30 each morning (Central standard time), you can hear the weather forecast for lower Michigan, shippers' forecast, and a summary of weather indications broadcasted from U. S. Weather Bureau station WKAR at East Lansing by the Michigan Agricultural College. At the same time the Chicago grain market openings are broadasted. They are furnished by the Michigan Elevator Exchange. The weather report is broadcasted again by the same station at 12 o'clock central standard time. Broadcasting is done on a 485 meter wave length.

Other Stations

The Naval Radio Station, Great Lakes, Illinois, (NAJ) broadcasts on 4900 meters the weather forecasts at 10:15 a. m., and 10:30 p. m. They also send out a summary of the weather conditions over the United States and a general forecast for the north-central states.

Station WWJ-The Detroit News, proadcasts daily at 9:15 a. m. and 3:15 p. m. Weather forecasts and warnings; wind forecasts and warnings during navigation. Market reports at 2:30 p. m., 485 meters. Station WCX-Detroit Free Press,

broadcasts daily at 1:00 p. m. snows, 485 meters.

All broadcasting schedules above CAPPER SEES FARM are on central standard time.

NEW MACHINE RIDS

Your Farm Eureau Seed department has in operation a new machine which completely cleans Russian thistle out of alsike, also pigeon grass, rag weed, timothy or any the seed being cleaned.

which operates on the principle of a ator Arthur Capper of Kansas, chair-This method of cleaning thistle out Bloc measure.

of alsike is sure fire. The old blowseed. fested alsike No. 1 stuff.



They Put Eaton County Campaign Across



Above is the Eaton County Farm

Bureau's Committee of One Hundred County Farm Bureau headquarters the campaign, six men to each town- tensively in coming membership first man in the second row on the Farm Bureau members who charged at Charlotte December 6 before the ship. themselves with making the County campaign and there at a rousing Weather forecasts and special warn- Farm Bureau's second membership meeting renewed their Farm Bureau ization has attracted the attention of ton County. Secretary C. L. Brody in the first row.

weather forecasts and special warn-ings, wind, cold wave and heavy campaign a success, and succeeded. membership for another three years other Farm Bureau counties and it is fifth from the right in the first

Ninety-six of these men met at and volunteered to act as drivers for probably will be used quite ex- row. Vice-President M. L. Noon is campaigns. Albert Towe of Carmel left. President Will Huber of Ea-The Eaton County plan of organ- Twp. was campaign chairman for Ea- ton County is first man on the right

> distribution of the burden. Consequently a further substantial de-crease should be made."

THREE

Attacks Tax-Exempt Bonds

In deploring the unjust distribuion of the tax burden in the State, APPRECIATES FARMERS ARE Governor Groesbeck said, "Exemption of government securities from axation has become a serious probem. It is un-American because of its inequality and violates all the ules of economic justice. In princie, those who receive the most beneits from the safeguards of governent and who can best afford to pay eir proportionate share of taxes. a not obligated to contribute sufiently towards such expense. The vs permitting these conditions

Motor Trucks Should Pay

Speaking of the huge cost of highways, the Governor added, "It is quite generally agreed that trucks

ould be repealed and a reasonable

ecific annual tax should be im-

sed. No citizens having a sense of

duty towards the government should

Regarding the unequal and un- and commercial vehicles are not conjust share of the burden of taxation tributing their just share towards now borne by agricultural lands and these costs. Their operations necesother real estate, the Governor said, sitate heavier and more permanent "The policy adopted by your state construction and maintenance harges are considerably augmented officers has been in conformity with

object.'



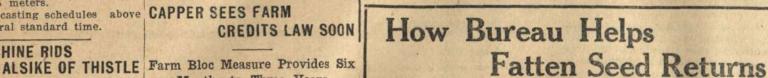
s for Year. Farm es More bod

as transportation, organization. The commodity organizaen the opportunity to lpate in the governagement of the Michia Bureau without oblial or otherwise, leaves suspicion in the mind formed man that the lesigns to control, disinto competition with operative commodity

New Services

f organization is also closer co-operation commodity organizaes, as is evidenced by arrangement existing lichigan Potato Growand the Michigan Elge. The high class of the Elevator Exeby made available to if the Potato Growers' is for the sale of sevcars of rye grown in igan, and the specialles machinery at Cadple to the Elevator lombers may have a few otatoes to sell. sted Service of est Leaders he advice and counsel pdity directors have ily valuable and sound. rving to keep the ac-Farm Bureau closely actual business needs The commodity plan 1 adopted one year ago be a means of bringof the experienced ultural business leade to the service of the Bureau. A workable the support of the inized commodity in-Farm Bureau program of the biggest factors ssible the progress of test allow the rast. / .

ients adopted last year directors' meetings ths instead of monthed the board from 8 s, each commodity exthe expenses of its ative. This arrangewith other economies he enlarged board, n lowering the directo the Farm Bureau 92 as it was in 1921, or the year just ended ts covering the activim Bureau made by the department and the ger , have been mailt the close of each y director. These inte financial report by epartment. rts and letters have ed to the members of various times. Being rmed in this manner, directors has been the organization just ting every two months erly the case with ns. So the plan has mical, efficient and



Months to Three Years Loan Service

cleaned goes into the machine in a Lenroot-Anderson bill is now before ket for Michigan grown seed. New bath of brine of varying densities, the Senate and House committees. It York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indians, according to the seed to be cleaned. is a Farm Bureau supported Farm West Virginia and Virginia co-ops

"We have reached a point where of Farm Bureau seed this winter at ing method wasted a lot of good the Government must assist farmers good prices to the producers. They This method is fast and by providing machinery whereby will continue to buy our seed. Fureconomical. A very large percent-agriculture will have access to ample thermore, our general business is grefor alsike has thistle in it and funds for its purposes," continued growing right along. Consignment no one wants it. The Farm Bureau Senator Capper. "We must give enables the farmer to follow his seed is now able to make your thistle in- farm paper the proper rediscounting clear up to the final purchaser and privileges and we must open wider receive all the seed brought less the the door of the Federal Reserve Sys- cost of marketing.

tem to give agriculture at least nine months' credit. at the same time we

The State Farm Bureau Seed de- certain date or leave the seed to be partment receives seed from mem- sold during the spring demand which Washington, Jan. 10-"I believe bers and co-operative associations on comes in February and March. In the Lenroot-Anderson bill, which two plans. One is outright purchase the meantime the seed is lotted, giv- lems of other seed of different weight than provides a new system whereby agri-with payment at time seed is deliver-en a number, the cash advance is necessity for a radical revision of our culture may readily obtain loans ed. The second is a sales service made and the seed is cleaned and taxation system in Michigan were The machine is an Eddy Seed from six months to three years for based on consignment. The second made No. 1 stock, in which shape it outstanding features of Governor The machine is an Eddy Seed use as working capital, will be pass-Cleaner, the only one in the United use as working capital, will be pass-plan has some features well worth brings the best price. When final Groesbeck's inaugural message de-Cleaner, the only one in the United use as working cupural message de-States. It is a centrifugal machine ed without amendments,"- said Sen-the consideration of any farmer. settlement is made it is on the basis livered before the legislature Janu-

which operates on the principle of a ator Arthur Capper of recently. The a great out-of-state co-operative marbought more than 1,000,000 pounds

manager and find out about it. and cleaning consigned seed: Cartage charge (LCL shipments

only), 5 cents per cwt. Cleaning (Usually necessary) 50 Consignment enables the farmer

to carry his seed to the market imcents per cwt. "This involves erecting of new ma- provement we usually have in the Cleaning over Buckhorn mill ate winter and spring months. The (When Buckhorn is present) 85 must make better use of the ma- Farm Bureau meets the need for cents per cwt. chinery we have. The farmer is still some ready cash on the consigned Cleaning over Eddy Mill (When selling at a low price and buying at stock by placing it in a bonded ware- necessary for removal of thistles and a high price compared with 1913. house and using it as collateral for Pigeon Grass) 85 cents per cwt. Using 100 as a basis for comparison a bank loan equal to about 75 per Cleaning, scarifying, and recleanwith 1913 the farmers during Octo- cent of the market value of the seed, ing (Hulled Sweet Clover) 50 cents ber sold at 110 but had to buy at drawing six per cent interest. per cwt. 169. Such a condition is enough to Many farmers have gotten in on Storage free 60 days. Storage bankrupt any set of individuals if it this plan. Some who have consigned and insurance in excess of 60-day is continued for any length of time. this year have already benefited by period, 3 cents per cwt per month And agriculture has been out of market improvements of about \$3 Selling commission, \$1.25 per cwt joint with both industry and labor a bushel. At the time the grower Cleaning charges on all seeds for many, many months. The farm- sends in his seed he may indicate based on uncleaned weights with the er's purchasing power is only about whether he wishes his seed sold by a exception of car corn.

GOVERNOR URGES TAXATION RATES

PAYING TOO HEAVY SHARE OF STATE'S TAX BURDEN

Deep appreciation of the probagriculture and the The Farm Bureau has developed of the sale price, less fixed and public ary 4. Justices of the Supreme Court You can get this consignment ser- a body and the gallery was packed. vice through your local co-op in most Governor Groesbeck may not be a instances, otherwise direct with the farmer, or may never have posed Bureau at Lansing. Your co-op can particularly as a farmer's candidate, answer your questions. If you have but he surely appreciates that farm

clover seed on hand, call up your owners are at present paying too heavy a share of the burden of taxa-Following are the Seed Depart- tion and was not afraid to say so in ment's regular charges for handling no uncerain terms.

For Tax Reduction

To Use the Farm Bureau

MARKETING

1. Have your co-op. elevator sell your grain, hay and boans through the Michigan Elevator Exchange. It deals direct with big buyers and the handling cost is always the same. The saving is yours.

2. Find out from your Co-op. what kind of seed marketing service the Secd Dep't. can give you.

3. Have your association get marketing service on fruit, vegetables, eggs, poultry, veal, etc., from the Farm Bureau Produce Exchange at Detroit.

FARM SUPPLIES

(a) When you want feedstuffs, dairy feed, coal, twine, fence, salt, etc., ask your Coop. for Farm Bureau brands. Note the quality and the price. (b) When you want seed, ask for Farm Bureau Brand. Note the difference in quality, the stand, the yield. Get it early. TRANSPORTATION

1. Have your freight bills audited regularly by the Farm Bureau Traffic office, Lansing. No charge unless there is a claim. Then 15 to 30 per cent to cover cost of work. Freight tariffs are constantly changing. You may have something coming.

2. File your claims with the traffic office, through your Co-op. No charge unless collected, then 5 to 20 per cent, Larger collection percentages apply only on claims of one to several dollars.

These are some State Farm Bureau services your membership dues provide. Your local Co-op. and County Farm Bureau can help you get them. The County Farm Bureau has other local services which you should look up.

MICHIGAN STATE FARM BUREAU LANSING, MICH.

65 per cent, the lowest for many years with the exception of Novem- BUREAU SAYS 10% ber, 1921, when it was 62 per cent.' RATE CUT NOT ENOUGH

Famous Men Coming

For Farmers' Week tion in farm freight rates January 1, other Michigan Elevator Exchange

modities the Farm Bureau has sav- troit by the Michigan State Farm East Lansing, January 10-Nated farmers \$1.00 of every \$10 freight Bureau Produce Exchange departional leaders in the agricultural, paid since January 1, 1922. The ment of Detroit. business and political worlds will ad-Bureau proved to the railroads that The Produce Exchange is in daily dress meetings of the annual Farmfarmers must have relief. ers' Week at the Michigan Agricul-

tural College January 29-February 2. Congressman Sidney Anderson, of Minnesota, chairman of the Joint Congressional Commission of Agri-of the 40 per cont back and the rest should be a very desirable outlet for cultural Inquiry; Eugene Davenport, former Dean of Agriculture at Illinois University and famous writer; Dr. G. F. Warren, nationally knows FARM BUREAU PUTS farm management expert from Cornell University; Signora Agresti, of

Rome, Italy; Chas. E. Snyder, editor of the Drovers Journal, Chicago; and President David Friday of M. A. C., are among the leading speakers who will address one or more of the gen-

eral meetings. Special agricultural exhibits and entertainment features have been planned for Farmers' Week visitors

to the College. More than 5,000 farmers and their families attended Farmers' Week in 1921, and an even larger crowd is expected this year.

FARM BUREAU POWER HELPED FARM BLOC discouraged.)

With the American Farm Bureau the manufacture and sale within this of 1.500,000 members behind the state of "filled milk," milk from Farm Bloc, Congress passed more which the butter fat has been regood farmer laws last session than in moved and replaced with certain oils. State Farm Bureau, 10. Our Wool Department advises all its history. It will pass others if that the "Truth-in-Fabrics" Bill has Dear Sirs: you back up your organization. These Farm Bureau bills are now been reported favorably by the Sennational laws-Act legalizing co- ate Interstate Commerce Committee 1922 Wool Pool and can say I am operative marketing; Act placing and will be considered by the Senate entirely satisfied with the manner Packers and Stockyards under U. S. during the present month. We urge in which it was conducted and with control. It is saving producers \$60,- that you pass resolutions endorsing the returns. 000,000 annually. Farm-to-markets this bill and send copies of them to road program and many others. us and to Senators Townsend and 1923, I remain, Michigan's 1921 legislature passed Couzens. It might also be well for 18 helpful Farm Bureau backed yon to write the Senators urging

it over.

it was enacted two years ago. It was Growers Exchange and the Elevator in effect during 1922 and the results Exchange. It has marketed some 80 justified the wisdom of the legisla- cars of celery for the Decatur Cotion creating it. Figures obtained operative association and more than are not used in any way for tax 100 cars of celery for the Kalamapurposes. Reports of individual zoo celery growers. It is lining up

their support of this measure.

LEGISLATIVE QUERY

By securing a 10 per cent reduc-

farms are kept strictly confidential. a marketing service for Allegan Operation of this law stabilizes prices County Farm Bureau onion growers. because the issuance of false and The Exchange is now handling all misleading reports by speculators is kinds of farm produce and giving

HE'S SATISFIED

Wool Department,

Received statement and check for

Assuring you of my cooperation in

Howard A. Smith, R. F. D. 3, Capac, Michigan. the oft expressed idea that real by their use. An equitable re-adjustestate is paying a disproportionate ment of the fees which they pay will amount of the costs of government. not be open to any serious or well A considerable reduction of the tax grounded objection. levy was made possible in 1921 and

1922, but it has not yet reached the Do not overcrowd poultry coops. point where it can logically be said It causes heavy shrinkage, injuries that there is a just and equitable and dead fowls.

The Michigan **Elevator Exchange**

Is a grain, hay and bean marketing service owned by members of 107 affiliated local co-operative elevators. They are the Elevator Exchange. Through co-operation they have at Lansing a central sales office whose business it is to find the best, reliable markets for their products, inform them on those markets and sell the goods.

Since October, 1920, this co-operative sales organization has grown from 23 to 107 directly affiliated elevator associations. It also serves the locals of the Michigan Potato Growers Exchange in return for potato marketing service given Elevator Exchange locals.

1922 BUSINESS 2,400 cars of grain 900 cars of beans 950 cars of hay Business totaled \$4,121,140.00

On the above business, Elevator Exchange members always got the full market price for their products, less a known and fixed sales cost. In many instances the members' net return was a cent to several cents above other bids made to the local elevator or to the farmer himself.

The Exchange has never lost a cent for a local through any business failure of the buyer, has no debts, and shows a satisfactory surplus for business handled after deducting expenses of the Lansing office.

This is the Michigan Elevator Exchange, a farmers' sales service developed by the Michigan State Farm Bureau. Miehigan Elevator Exchange sales service is open to any real co-operative grain elevator association in Michigan.

MICHIGAN ELEVATOR EXCHANGE Lansing, Michigan

ck Men Were Helped cy not only makes it e efficient leadership commodity exchanges the State Farm Budition enables the big, tral organization to uid of the commodity with their important

imple of this occurred a connection with the of the Producers Conission Association at Michigan Live Stock an after the Exchange its efforts in estab fficient, co-operative ociation at Detroit, a of its membership, usa market, was with ages of a co-operative service. Arrangeade by the Michigan change for the State to furnish an organiraise the necessary establishment of the operative Commission Buffalo, in co-opera-Farm Bureaus and ociations of Ohio and uly, Alexander Mac-County Agent of was secured for this y and expenses being ae being by the State

of this co-operation, a local associations in uffalo territory have ads for starting the Euffalo.

brought to them inthe indispensable d by the Michigan ange and as a result, local associations ck into the fold of

quick satisfactory returns. 9. Do you favor the passage of a bill, soon to be introduced to prevent

farm organizations of the state when and the associations of the Potato

December 11, 1922

PRODUCE EXCHANGE GIVING

ELEVATORS NEW SERVICE

Sales service on hay, beans and

contact with many retailers, cream-

ing similar Farm Bureau service to

the organized potato growers of the

Michigan Potato Growers Exchange.

Detroit retailers are getting more

TO ITS MEMBERS Chief Petoskey potatoes than they (Continued from page one) ever did before. at the time of making the annual The Farm Bureau Produce Exassessment of property in the spring? change is serving members of more (This law was supported by all the than 100 co-operative associations

1922, six months ahead of other com- commodities is being given in De-

Your Farm Bureau's policy is eries and feeders who are in the

more economy in railroad operation, market for hay, oats and beans. The

with every economy given to the connections of the Produce Exchange

of the 40 per cent boost granted the Michigan Elevator Exchange pro-

railroads in 1920 is gone. Holp put ducts. The Produce Exchange is giv-

QUALIT

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MICHIGAN FARM BURBAU NEWS

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Genuine Grimm Alfalfa Seed

Farm Bureau Brand Grimm, scarified and recleaned, requires less seed per acre. For purity of strain, germination, hardiness, tonnage, high feeding value and soil improvement it is the best.

Alfalfa hay brings top market prices. It lowers meat and milk production costs.

Grimm Alfalfa stands lots of pasturing. Can't be beat for hogs.

Farm Bureau Grimm is certified in the fields and after threshing.

Reliable, adapted seed of known origin will give the results you expect. Seed of unknown adaptation and origin often fails. Can you afford to take chances with your investment in seed, labor, and land?

Genuine Grimm Alfalfa Seed costs more per pound than common. It's worth the price, if you get genuine Grimm. Buy Farm Bureau Brand and know it's right.

Buy Grimm Alfalfa and all your other seeds from your local COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION, demanding that every bag be Farm Bureau Brand, tagged with our analysis and guarantee, which covers the full amount of the purchase price.

If you can't get this service locally, write to the

Seed Department, Dept. B. Michigan State Farm Bureau Lansing, Michigan

TEXT OF RESOLUTIONS as to actual conditions of agricul-(Continued from page two) ture.

ing barberry, and for the prevention We also urge the strengthening of the introduction and control of and enlarging of the Research De- sued; (c) that the time of repay-Mediterranean fruit fly, the pink partment of Agriculture and the ment of construction charges as proboll worm of cotton and the wild state colleges of agriculture vided for in the Reclamation Extenfire of tobacco. throughout the United States.

Co-operative Egg and Poultry

Home and Community Resolved, That the permanency

Marketing and stability of the American Farm Whereas, Many local Farm Bu-Bureau Federation depends on the reau communities in many states foundation laid in the individual have developed co-operative marketrural homes and communities and ing units for eggs and poultry, and inasmuch as the development and must come from the combined ef- their disadvantage in marketing forts of men and women in these their products, homes and communities, we wish to

Therefore, we recommend that the set forth the family type member- American Farm Bureau Federation, ship as a general policy of member- as soon as practicable, call a conship in the American Farm Bureau ference of State Farm Bureau work-Federation, and we urge that the ers and others interested in the poul-Home and Community Division of try industry to develop plans for policy. the American Farm Bureau Federa- centralized marketing of eggs and tion be placed upon a permanent poultry. basis at once.

Appreciating Services of President

Boys' and Girls' Club Work Howard Resolved, That the American Whereas, At the time the farmers Farm Bureau Federation recommend that Extension Directors and selves into a national organization in Dr. Elwood Mead. State Farm Bureau officials of the this city three years ago, they named We recommend the immediate the alfalfa producers of Utah. states, is co-operation with the coun- that organization the American passage of legislation embodying the ties, provide a comprehensive pro-gram of Boys' and Girls' Club Work called to its chief position of re-Nary bill. adapted to the needs of each com- sponsibility James R. Howard of munity and county with proper com- lowa. mittees in each county which shall During these three years of pio- Farm Bureau Federation of a stand- solutely true to name varieties of representatives, and we favor a larg- der his wise leadership, become the of one member of the American ed federal extension appropriations history.

Be it Resolved, That the delegates Be it Resolved, That the delegates in this Fourth Annual Convention PROTECTS MEMBERS assembled hereby formally express to James R. Howard their gratitude and the gratitude of the farmers of America for the matchless service which he has rendered in their be-

public welfare of this great nation. Resolved, That a vote of appreciation will be given to John W. Coverdale for his very efficient ser-

vices to the American Farm Bureau Federation during his term as Secretary. We wish to pay a testimonial to the high character of his work. in all interests that pertain to the had a very short crop. success of the American Farm Bureau Federation.

Resolved, That we, the American Farm Bureau Federation, in conven-Department, made a seed buying trip tion assembled, endorse the National through the states of Idaho, Mon-Reclamation Service general policy tana, Utah, North and South Dakota hands. in the reclaiming of arid, swamp and stump lands, and the furtherance alfalfa seed for Michigan Farm and completion of such other pro-jects as the Muscle Shoals, Colorado River and like projects.

We recommend the passage of legislation: (a) the purpose of which is to provide additional time for the construction and operation and main- so light. tenance charges on reclamation proj- The Michigan men bought most 1922, at \$13.30. ects; crediting construction charges of their high grade, common alfalfa already paid to delinquent operation in Millard County, Utah. This seed and maintenance charges; reducing was produced at an elevation of determines through investigations is hardy stuff and Michigan farmers and economic conditions of the farm- stocks made available to them ers on said projects, together with through their co-operative seed dethe physical condition of the farm partment.

units and recommends the date on which new public notices shall be ission Act be extended to not less than forty years, that lands be classified as to producing value and that the period of repayment be graduated and based upon said classification. We urge that the Interior Department and the United States Recla-

ing projects well under construction,

in preference to new projects, units, betterments or expenditures of later Department made the trip with Mr. consideration, and that the Reclama- Brody and Mr. Nicolson. Professor tion Funds be made available and Cox personally took samples of all many side tracks for marketing

We recommend, for the benefit of settlers who are giving their lives being conducted by the Michigan provide all this service. pioneering on irrigation projects, Agricultural College to determine the

supervision of settlers, similar to the Brody had a part in all purchases and rlan followed at Durham and Delhi, was very influential in helping esof the United States federated them- California, under the direction of tablish closer relations between the

Seed Buying Troubles

MARKET CONDITIONS As Reported By State Farm Bureau Marketing Departments

half, and for his contribution to the FARM BUREAU OFFICIALS GO WEST AND GET MICHIGAN NEEDS DIRECT FROM GROWERS

ON ALFALFA SEED

sales has resulted in reactions of 30 to 40c per bushel. Receipts have Farmers will soon find it hard to been unusually heavy at Lansing the price as judged by the unusual get high grade Michigan adapted Al-

falfa seed. The northwestern states ment time. alfalfa seed producing regions have There is probably more clover in Clark L. Brody, Secretary-Manager of the State Farm Bureau and W. Nicolson, Manager of the Seed of the se of the crop produced, showing that clover seed is largely out of farmers'

ALSIKE

about November 1. They bought this country the domestic production seed stocks at unusually low price. of clover seed and ten million pounds of imports. With an estimate of farmer producers, subject to inspecabout the same size domestic crop or tion by the Farm Bureau men. less for 1922, we have already ex-

Only Utah Had Crop

ported considerable quantities of They found Utah the only state clover seed to Europe. Markets have repayment of construction and op- with much of an alfalfa seed crop been strong and advancing througheration and maintenance charges to adapted to Michigan. Idaho expect- out the heavy receiving months. With the United States; (b) for the with- ed to produce 3,000,000 pounds of consumer demand just starting we than any other variety and prospects drawing of the public notices an- seed but had nearly a crop failure. look for further advances. Last are for curtailed acreage on coming drawing of the public notices an- seed but had hearly a crop failure. March clover seed was quoted as high crop. St. Louis market \$1.39 for the commencement of repayment of threshing because the seed yield was as \$16.15 per bushel on the Toledo 2 Red which indicated demand in

Has been comparatively cheap all range towards spring. season. In contrast to Red Clover the penalty for delinquent repay- 4,600 feet where the temperatures only half as much Alsike is required ments from twelve to six per cent run about the same as southern per acre in seeding and if Red Clover per annum, providing that no public Michigan. Last winter it was 23 advances many farmers will use notices be reissued until the Secre- below zero there. The region has more alsike and less clover in their tary of the Interior by a commission but little snow cover. Utah alfalfa seeding mixtures. Alsike at present levels represents an economical purheld on the projects, the financial are fortunate in having these seed chase. TIMOTHY

Grimm Crop Short

mean at least a moderate advance in The Grimm crop is shorter than price. last year in spite of increased ALFALFA acreage. Some far west organiza-In spite of the 4c per pound tariff tions carried over some Grimm from considerable quantities of alfalfa are last year, but this will probably be being imported. Supplies of northoffset by the increased use of Grimm ern grown seed adapted to Michigan alfalfa. The Farm Bureau purchased are limited. Alfalfa will likely folsome Grimm on this trip and also low the general trend of clover secured some mustard free sweet prices.

It has been very difficult to locate

gan Agricultural College Farm Crops

consuming farmers of Michigan and

this commodity are very likely to h RED CLOVER By Farm Bureau Seed Dept. higher MILLETS AND SUDAN GRASS Receipts at terminal markets have been fairly liberal which together Are very strong, the crop being with the usual holiday dullness on estimated only about 20% normal

SEED BEANS Are going to command a good

last few days just preceding tax pay- advances in the commercial markets SEED CORN

A good local crop of corn in Mich. farmers' hands in this state than in igan may reduce the demand. There any other and farm holdings here is more good seed of standard va. SEED POTATOES

The unusually large potato crop

has depressed potato markets a In 1921 there was available in this is a good year to get certifi

GRAIN MARKETS

WHEAT

By Mich. Elevator Exchange Winter wheat today selling higher market. It was quoted January 10, the southwest. While advances from this level will probably be slow we expect a steady market with a higher

RYE

At 30c under wheat, rye looks very attractive and Europe is buying rye at our export ports in large volume. Six million sold to Germany las week. We expect to sell rye at \$1.00 Michigan before next May.

OATS

Has been marking time. Stocks The quantity of oats in the coun are not large in terminal markets try today is about two-thirds that of and any heavy demand will likely a year ago and demand much improved. Oats have advanced slowly compared with recent advance in other grains. We look for higher markets.

CORN

Enormous feeding demand means nigher prices. Receipts of corn at Chicago about 1/4 of normal. BEANS

Market for carloads of choice

SWEET CLOVER \$8.00 Michigan which is double the mation Service be directed, in the large quantities of sweet clover ab-during the last 30 days. It is over ket is in debatable ground. See Has shown independent strength price of four months ago. This marinasmuch as the development and Whereas, These local units have disposition of the reclamation funds, solutely mustard free, but the Farm during the last 30 days. It is over ket is in debatable ground. See to the policy of complet- Bureau has some still cheap compared to Red Clover, we look forward to the larges and as the crop is short, prices on acreage of beans ever grown.

> The Farm Bureau has secured | The Farm Bureau Produce E change at Detroit markets \$50,000 worth of produce monthly for memon the farmer's place. These will \$5,000 in claims for members since bers. Purchasing office at Lansing makes savings on farm supruss

> > **TWO WAYS TO MAKE**

clover.

Professor J. F. Cox of the Michi-

used in accordance with the above seed purchased while the men were associations and has recovered over

that there be a careful selection and very best varieties for Michigan. Mr.



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search Department of the American esteem and affection of us all. Farm Bureau Federation and recomstrengthened as much as possible to for American agriculture and has in-the end that we may be better in-terpreted the problems of agricul-submitted to the annual meeting of Apparently there will be as much crop acreage and marketing and that standing of the appeals of the farm- be borne by this Federation. the general public may be informed er.

It is not a simple matter to build We recommend the appointment up reliable connections in several by the President of the American far-removed States to supply ab-

co-operate with the county extension neer effort, the organization has un- ing Irrigation Committee, consisting seed free from noxious weeds. The Michigan State Farm Bureau, er share of present and contemplat- greatest agrarian movement in all Farm Bureau Federation from each because of its buying power and the

state having, within its borders a fact that it represents in an organ-As he today steps from that place United States Reclamation Service ized way thousands of Michigan of leadership at his own request, he Irrigation project, said committee to farmers, has made connections in the We commend the work of the Re- takes with him the admiration, the serve for one year; such committee west that insure buyers of Farm Bureau Brands of seed the choicest, to meet annually immediately prior During this time he has served to the meeting of the American cleanest and best adapted seed on mend that this department be with distinction as the spokesman Farm Bureau Federation and to the market today. Without co-opera-

formed on crop and market condi- ture to all other classes and interests this Federation, said meeting to be southern grown non-adapted seedtions both in this country and a- and to the great masses of our citi- called at the time and place to be such as Argentine and Arizona stock broad and that in conjunction with zenship. He has done more than fixed by the President of this Fed- - offered northern growers this year our publicity department, the farm- any other person during his genera- eration, provided, however, that the as has been offered in the past. It's ers may more intelligently regulate tion to win a sympathetic under- expenses of said committee shall not record is failure. Therefore, it behooves every far-sighted farmer to make sure that he is buying alfalfa

> HOLD FARM SCHOOLS IN BARRY COUNTY that guarantees the stock and is able

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and clover seed from an organization

the communities where held. Soils The Michigan State Farm Bureau are being discussed at all meetings. Other subjects are fruit, poultry, continues to lead them all in cosheep, dairying, insect control and operative marketing departments that are doing things. For the secpotato raising. Representing the College at the ond year Michigan topped all other meetings are G. M. Grantham, of the states at the annucl American Farm soils department, R. D. Ure, poultry Bureau convention at Chicago, Dedepartment, J. H. Harmon, ento- cember 11-14, when the various mology department, V. A. Freeman, states reported what they are doing. animal husbandry department, J. W. Michigan's seed, purchasing, traffic, Weston, extension specialist in pota- wool, produce exchange departments, toes, and men from the Dairy and Elevator Exchange and close relationship with the Potato Growers Ex-Horticultural Departments.

Coming Meetings change, Milk Producers Association, Jan. 17 .- Prairieville - soils and Live Stock Exchanges can't be beat.

in.	18.—Cloverdale — soils and sheep.	IT COULD HAPPEN
n.	19.—Welcome Grange Hall— soils and fruit.	The members of the farmers' c
n.	22.—Middleville — soils, sheep and fruit.	operative shipping association should not be misled in case they a
n.	23.—Carlton Center—soils and poultry.	few cents per hundred more for the
n.		live stock than can be realized if their own organization. It is con- ceivable that some of the profi
		made off the farmers in the past ma bo used at this time in an attemp
n.	26Hastings (Court House)	to defeat the purposes of the farme

co-operative commission association. -soils and dairying.

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