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BUSINESS GAINS TO BE HEARD AT ANNUAL MEETING

PRESIDENT, SEC'Y-MGR. AND ALL DEPT. MANAGERS REPORT TO DELEGATES

1922 SUCCESSFUL YEAR

Bureau and Commodity Exchanges Are Affiliated and Working Together

Sessions of the Fifth Annual meeting of the Michigan State Farm Bureau's Board of Delegates will start at 10 a. m., Thursday, February 1, at room 402, Agricultural Building at the Michigan Agricultural College at East Lansing. The meeting will continue through February 2. The program of the meeting appears in this paper.

President Nicol will deliver his address and Sec'y-Mgr. Brody will make his report on the past year's work early in the meeting. Short reports will be made by the managers of the State Farm Bureau's business departments. The convention will have these reports as a foundation to lay down the policies which will carry the Michigan Farm Bureau forward to greater successes in co-operative marketing and other services.

Expect Live Meeting
County Farm Bureau have been discussing the State Farm Bureau's recent legislative questionnaire and delegates will come to the meeting primed with live resolution for consideration by the Resolutions Committee.

This will be the close of the first year in which directors from Michigan's four great commodity marketing exchanges have participated in the management of the State Farm Bureau. In February, 1922, the Constitution was amended to permit affiliation with the State Farm Bureau by the four great commodity marketing exchanges. Since then the Farm Bureau and the commodity exchanges have been able to attack their common problems together and the results will be reported at this meeting.

Important developments in Michigan co-operative marketing will be presented to the convention. Last year the delegates had a great meeting. The 1923 convention will also be a business session clear through.

WE'RE GETTING LOTS OF IMPORTED ALFALFA

By Farm Bur. Seed Dept.
Imports of alfalfa seed from Argentina continue heavy although reports now indicate there is not much seed left down there. During December, 1922, over two million pounds of alfalfa seed arrived at New York. About 1,500,000 pounds of this came from Argentina and a half million pounds from Europe. We understand that a considerable portion of the European seed came originally from Turkestan. We have been informed that it came from the Soviet Gov't. of Russia via Great Britain. If age has the same effect on alfalfa seed as it is said to have on wine this ought to be good, for judging from the appearance some of it has had a number of birthdays. We'd much rather rely on Michigan adapted alfalfa seed of known origin, produced in the United States.

Watch Your Alsike
There was a large crop of alsike and despite the strength of other clovers this variety remains rather weak in price. Low grade alsike and that badly mixed with other crops and weed seeds is not going to show much profit for the grower. It is usually the old alsike meadows that produce poor quality seeds. Shorter rotations, clean cultivation and the use of clean seed of known origin should be more carefully practiced by seed producers.

BUREAU GIVING BEST IN FERTILIZER SERVICE

This year the State Farm Bureau Purchasing Department is handling International Brand of fertilizers to the membership. These fertilizers are considered the highest quality goods and are guaranteed by the Bureau as to analysis and mechanical condition. Two co-ops have ordered 15 cars each for their members. Many others are ordering.

BINDER TWINE SALES ALREADY MILLION LBS.

Co-operative associations of Farm Bureau members have already booked more than 1,000,000 pounds of Farm Bureau binder twine for the coming season. The Bureau is getting the best twine on the market for its membership.

Friday For Corporation Tax Boost; Opposes Cut

TELLS GOVERNOR THAT CORPORATE PROPERTY PAYS BUT HALF AVERAGE RATE

Michigan's corporation tax rate, instead of being lowered from three and one half mills, as is being urged by manufacturing interests, should be increased to five mills, declares Dr. David Friday, president of the Michigan Agricultural College in a letter on taxation to Gov. Groesbeck in behalf of Michigan farmers. The letter is to be given the Legislature for its consideration.

Pay Half Average Rate
Dr. Friday shows in his letter, which is a very thorough report on the Michigan tax situation, that corporations in this state are paying only a little more than half the average tax rates placed on all classes of property. Dr. Friday's figures show that this amounts to only \$15.30 per thousand on corporation property as against an average rate of \$28.88 per thousand for all the property in the state in 1921. He declared that any reduction in the corporation tax rate would be inequitable and should not be entertained.

He says that if the present upper limit of \$10,000 were removed in our present corporation tax law and the minimum were reduced to \$25, the corporations would pay slightly over eight and a half million dollars to the state, or three million dollars more than at present. If the tax rate were raised to five mills the amount which corporations would pay to the state would be raised to \$12,000,000.

President Friday's Figures
President Friday said, in part, in his letter:
"An examination of this situation shows that the value of the corporate property in the state, other than the railroads, telephone, telegraph, car loaning, and sleeping car companies, amounts to \$3,500,000,000. This property is assessed at approximately \$1,500,000,000. It pays, in state and local taxes, about \$45,000,000 annually. In addition it has paid a little over \$5,500,000 to the state in corporation taxes. If the upper limit of ten thousand dollars were removed in our present corporation tax law in Michigan, and if the minimum were reduced to \$25, the corporations would pay slightly over \$8,500,000 to the state."
"The significant element in this statement of fact is that which re-

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TAX EXPERT



Dr. David Friday
President of Michigan Agr'l. College

EXCHANGE DOES GREAT BUSINESS

GRAIN, HAY AND BEANS SALES FOR DECEMBER PASS \$500,000

December was the greatest month in the history of the Michigan Elevator Exchange when it sold \$506,000 worth of grain, hay and beans for its 197 member associations and their memberships. Two years ago the Exchange was just starting and averaging around \$84,000 business monthly.

CALLS \$50 GOOD

Concord, Mich.
Dec. 30, 1922
Mich. State Farm Bureau,
Wool Department,
Lansing, Michigan.
Gentlemen:

In regard to the 1922 wool pool will say that I was well pleased with my returns. My wool netted me 39 1-5 cents a pound. The dealers were paying here at the time of pooling 32 cents so I made a gain of 7 1-5 cents per pound or \$50 on my clip.
I still feel that the wool pool is a good thing and if the farmers would all stick to it the handling charges would be much less. I am ready to pool next spring again and think that more will pool around here than did in 1922.
Very truly yours,
G. B. Dann.

MICHIGAN LIVE-STOCK EXCH. CO-OPS WINNING

Producers' Commission Houses Are Gaining On All Markets; Saving Money

The Detroit co-op commission house for seven months has been handling about 30 per cent of all the live stock marketed at the yards. In November it handled 552 cars out of 1,610 sold. Between November 15 and Dec. 15, the Buffalo Co-op commission house handled from 132 to 209 decks a week, or 18 per cent of the total. During that period it marketed \$915,961.05 worth of stock for the producers. Both the Detroit and Buffalo co-ops make a specialty of prompt returns.

Chicago, Fort Worth, Tex., Peoria, Kansas City and other markets now have co-op commission houses. It will be but a short time until all the principal live stock markets have co-operative commission houses to give the live stock producer the same kind of service on the big market that his local association gives him at home.

At Indianapolis, Indiana, the producers banked \$10,000 net surplus as the result of two months of their business. They have had as high as 248 cars of stock in a week. In these cases the producers have been right behind their commission house every minute.

The St. Louis, Mo., co-op commission house, after being in business ten months, had \$40,000 net surplus to turn back to their producers.

The Producers Co-Op Commission house at the Omaha yards turned back 60 cents out of every dollar paid in commissions during its first year.

STATE FARM BUREAU OFFICERS



Above are the Farm Bureau members who have been directing the business of your State organization for the past year. Top row, left to right: E. A. Beamer, Blissfield, Live Stock Exch. director; Sec'y-Mgr. C. L. Brody, Ionia; Mrs. Edith M. Wagar, Carleton, director; Fred Smith, Elk Rapids, Potato Exch. director; Treasurer Fred Van Nordsall, Three Rivers; L. Whitney Watkins, Manchester, director; W. E. Phillips, Decatur, Elevator Exch. director; President James Nicol, South Haven; M. B. McPherson, Lowell, director. Bottom row, left to right: E. C. McCarty, Bad Axe, director; Vice-Pres. M. L. Noon, Jackson, Milk Producers Ass'n. director; Geo. Friday, Coloma, director.

PROGRAM

Fifth Annual Meeting
Michigan State Farm Bureau
Agricultural Building
Fourth Floor, Room 402
February 1 and 2 at 10 A. M.

Appointment of Committees
Reading of Minutes of last Annual Meeting
Report of Credentials and Rules Committees
President's Address
Sec'y-Mgr.'s Report
Treasurer's Report
Ten Minute Reports—Heads of Farm Bureau Departments
Recommendations from Board of Directors
Election of Michigan State Farm Bureau Directors
Resolutions Committee Report
New Business

Tax Committee Aided By Bureau's Findings

Our Suggestions Are Part of Recommendations Made to Legislature

The Michigan State Farm Bureau came in for special recognition when, in acknowledging those who had been helpful in offering suggestions and attending public hearings, the Michigan Committee of Taxation Inquiry in its sixty page report just from the press, places the Bureau at the top of the list of those to whom it expresses indebtedness.

Last June the State Farm Bureau submitted the taxation questions under investigation by the Committee to its county Farm Bureaus and got a positive expression on each question. These were presented to the Committee of Inquiry and Farm Bureau representatives attended several sessions of the Committee.

The Farm Bureau stood out for a State Income Tax to relieve the onerous burden carried by farm and town real estate, for taxation of all bonds, stocks and other intangible property, for a law making tax exempt securities illegal and for a program of economy which will result in a lower tax burden.

Farm Bureau assistance to this Committee promises to be of great service to the membership. Several Farm Bureau recommendations are included in the Committee's report and it is believed that the Legislature will lean heavily on the Taxation Committee's suggestions.

BEET GROWERS HOLD CONFERENCE

East Lansing, Jan. 25.—Three hundred state sugar beet men, representing both growers and manufacturers, gathered at the Michigan Agricultural College January 16, 17 and 18 for a conference on problems of the sugar beet industry. Cultural, soils, diseases and general questions each came in for special consideration at one of the sessions of the conference. It was decided to make the sugar beet meeting an annual affair.

OTTAWA BUREAU FOR TAX-MAKING CHANGES

Acting on the State Farm Bureau's Legislative questionnaire the Ottawa County Farm Bureau, Jan. 16, adopted resolutions favoring a State Income Tax, a gasoline tax and repeal of the Covert Road act.

Other resolutions opposed further issuance of tax exempt securities; any change in handling the primary school funds. The work of the State Farm Bureau was endorsed.

FARMERS WANT JUST TAX PLAN

FARM BUREAU'S QUESTIONNAIRE BRINGS BACK POSITIVE STATEMENTS

Early replies to the State Farm Bureau's legislative questionnaire from Ottawa, Cass, Eaton and Huron County Farm Bureaus indicate farmers will insist that the 1923 legislature revise the State's taxation system to provide a more just distribution of the tax burden.

The farmers are recommending a state income tax and prohibition of tax exempt securities as steps to relieve farm and town real estate of its heavy burden.

The proposed gasoline tax to help maintain and construct our highways finds strong support.

Farmers are behind Michigan farm organizations' drive on "Filled Milk."

THINGS ARE HAPPENING

Already these things have happened in the legislature: A bill to tax domestic tax free bonds three mills has been introduced; another would tax such securities from other states five mills. Rep. Warner of Ypsilanti has offered bill to tax gasoline two cents a gallon. The Farmers Federated Legislative Committee is working on the details of a State Income Tax. It is also behind the Anti-Filled Milk bill.

The Farm Bureau is building its legislative program on the recommendations of its membership. The Bureau has always opposed tax exempt state and municipal bonds. With other farm organizations it has favored and worked for a State Income Tax. It has favored a gasoline tax to help maintain our highways.

IONIA UNITS MEET

Three Ionia county Farm Bureau business units held big annual meetings the week of Jan. 8. The Muir-Lyons and the Pewamo Live Stock Shipping Ass'n. each put on an oyster supper, a bang-up business meeting and topped off the evening with a dance. Attendance at Muir-Lyons was 250 and at Pewamo it was 125. They fed the boys well. Portland Farm Bureau local had 300 at an afternoon meeting. All associations heard good financial reports, inspiring talks by Dr. Eben Mumford of M. A. C., and elected delegates to Ionia Co. Farm Bureau's annual meeting.

Macomb Has Federal Farm Loan Service

Macomb County has an active Federal Farm Loan Association. It meets at the Farm Bureau office. Harry J. Green of Washington is president; Fred Hobblerwhite of Armada, vice-president. They are directors and so are Otto C. Hagans of Armada, Jack C. Harvey of Utica and Fred J. Hawn of Washington. Macomb farmers see these men about Federal Farm loans. The bureau helped organize the association.

MACOMB FARMERS' INSTITUTE

Macomb County Farmers' Institute meets at Washington, Feb. 7. Speakers are Prof. O. E. Reed of the M. A. C. Dairy dept., W. P. Hartman, State Dept. of Agriculture, Claire Deavers of Portland Cement Ass'n. A fine registered Holstein male calf will be given away at 11 a. m. Dinner will be served at noon by the ladies.

CASS ELECTS OFFICERS

Cass County Farm Bureau members at their annual meeting this month elected J. C. Byrner of Cassopolis, President; John B. Tichenor of Dowagiac, Vice-Pres., and P. C. Hunt, of Cassopolis, Treasurer. The County Farm Bureau took a strong stand on the State Farm Bureau's Legislative questionnaire.

MUCK CROP MEN ARE WORKING UP SELLING SERVICE

GROWERS FROM ELEVEN COUNTIES LAY FOUNDATION AT KALAMAZOO

ARE NOW ORGANIZING

Farm Bureau Men At Session Which Studies Sales Needs Of \$2,000,000 Crop

Muck crop growers from 11 counties met at Kalamazoo, January 12 at the call of the Michigan Agricultural College Markets Department to discuss a central sales and distribution agency for their crops. These counties produce from four to five thousand cars of celery and onions annually.

The growers' marketing problems were discussed by representatives of their co-operative marketing associations, also by Mr. Hale Tennant, head of the M. A. C. Markets Department, Clark L. Brody, sec'y-Mgr. of the State Farm Bureau, Frank L. Bloom, Mgr. of the Farm Bureau's Produce Exchange at Detroit, and W. E. Phillips, Mgr. of the Decatur Co-operative Association. R. L. Olds, Kalamazoo County Agent, was chairman of the meeting.

Need Sales Agency
It was generally agreed that the muck crops producers need a central sales and distribution agency for their products if they are to receive the full return from their crops. Also to increase that return through standardization of varieties, better packs, better marketing, methods and an orderly, systematic distribution of their crop to the best markets of the country, in addition to Chicago and Detroit. Such a sales and distribution plan would also provide the opportunity for increasing sales and returns through a growers' co-operative association brand or trade mark and the proper advertising thereof.

The meeting adopted a resolution calling for a committee representing growers of muck crop to draft an organization plan. This plan will be presented for amendment and ratification at a later meeting of the muck crop growers. The following committee has been named: W. E. Phillips of Decatur, chairman; Tom VanderWilde, Jenison; John Huber, Manchester; Henry Erberkmos, Grand Haven; Jacob Moren, Zeeland; Seth Coburn, Hudsonville; C. E. Decker, Muskegon; Wm. Koenig, Byron Center; Henry Vlieg, Kalamazoo; John Slager, Comstock; Frank Cooper, Portage.

Crop Worth \$2,000,000
Counties represented were: Muskegon, Ottawa, Kent, Allegan, Cass, Van Buren, Barry, Jackson, Washburn, Kalamazoo, St. Joseph. The celery and onion crops produced annually by these counties are valued about \$2,000,000. The proposed sales agency would also be interested in other muck crops.

The Farm Produce Exchange at Detroit has been giving muck crops men who produce celery at Kalamazoo and Decatur some excellent service and has pointed out what can be done for muck crops. At Kalamazoo the Farm Bureau gave real service and improved returns by finding markets for refrigerator carloads of celery instead of the express shipments local dealers have specialized in. It gave the celery growers a standard pack and the best market. At Decatur the same service on rough crates of celery returned the growers 20 to 25 cents more per crate than they had been getting.

Stick For The Pool

Horton, Mich., Dec. 30, 1922
Jackson County Farm Bureau,
Jackson, Mich.
Dear Sirs:
I have pooled each year since it started and will be ready to pool this coming year. I like the principle of selling by grades as it encourages one to improve the quality of his clip.
I keep a flock of Registered Black Top Merinos and am trying to raise all Delaine wool. Last season my clip was all Delaine but four fleeces of fine clothing. My 1922 returns were:
Delaine net43.2c
Fine clothing37.05c
Stick for the Pool!
J. T. Cochran.

Visit Fabrics Division

Farmers' Week visitors should make it a point to visit the Farm Bureau Fabrics Division when they inspect the State headquarters building at Lansing. It is a surprise to many to see the woolen goods business that is being carried on by the Bureau. Blankets, suits and overcoats of the highest quality are being turned out by the Bureau at lowest prices.

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SHIPPING SERVICE FOR CO-OPERATORS

No co-operative association in Michigan and almost no Farm Bureau member has not at one time or another within the past few years suffered inconvenience or financial loss because of a lack of cars for shipments of produce.

This matter of car supply is one of the most serious conditions of Michigan transportation affecting agriculture, and one which the Michigan State Farm Bureau Traffic Department has given much attention and with considerable success.

When we consider that no other state competing with Michigan in the marketing of fruits, potatoes, hay and other agricultural products is constantly at such a great transportation disadvantage because of lack of cars when needed, it is easily understood why Michigan farmers should be represented by strong traffic organization and why the Michigan State Farm Bureau has developed such a department.

Since October 25th, 1922, the Michigan Farm Bureau's traffic attorney by constant and vigorous use of letters, telegrams, telephone and three days work in Washington has secured for Michigan co-operative potato shippers at least 1,000 refrigerator cars that might not have otherwise been secured.

During the 1922 season of heavy grape shipments from Berrien and Van Buren county points the Department prevented cutting off refrigerator car supply after notice had been given the Co-operative shippers that after September 20, no refrigerator cars could be dependably supplied because of great demands from other states!

Farm Bureau appeals to the Interstate Commerce Commission, to railroad authorities, and a Farm Bureau investigation which developed evidence of unfair car distribution saved the cars for the grape growers.

Constantly the Department is giving service to co-operative associations of fruit growers, including the small fruits men in their rush season, in getting refrigerator cars. Often, when their efforts have failed. Similar service is being given live stock shipping associations and other co-operative associations for the movement of farm commodities.

This Farm Bureau service has enabled many co-operative associations to move highly perishable goods and escape loss for their members. It has enabled others to fulfill their shipping agreements and retain their contracts. Farm Bureau membership dues provide this service.

THE FARM BUREAU AND THE TARIFF

There never was a finer illustration of the benefits of Farm Bureau organization than was afforded in the closing days of the fight on the tariff bill when Farm Bureau opposition, as expressed by the Farm Bloc, caused a heavy duty on potash to be stricken out and another removed from arsenate of lead. Both these items were placed on the free list and the duty on sulphate of ammonia fertilizer was reduced from \$12 to \$5 a ton.

The Bureau learned hours in advance the report of the tariff conference on some important items effecting farmers and was thereby enabled to notify farmer representatives from all the states. When the roll was called in the House it showed 177 informed men voting for the farmers' wishes as against 130 opposing.

"Co-operative marketing is the most hopeful movement for American agriculture," says Secretary of Agriculture Henry C. Wallace.

"I pledge myself to give American Agriculture the best efforts of my life, as God will give me strength," said Pres. O. E. Bradfute to the American Farm Bureau Federation delegates who chose him as their leader.

Collection Work Has Covered 40 Counties

Membership dues collection by the State Farm Bureau on Jan. 15, 1923 had been completed in 40 counties for the first membership period of 1920, 1921 and 1922. Financial conditions are improving and in these counties settlement was made in about 80 per cent of the outstanding accounts. Since the first membership was written County Farm Bureau records show that about 12 1/2 per cent of the members who signed have moved away, quit farming, died

or have been subject to other conditions which caused their release to be recommended by their County Farm Bureau. Many of the remaining seven and one half per cent in those counties have not yet been interviewed.

The State Farm Bureau has co-operated fully with county organizations in its collection work. Beginning with a very lenient policy when agricultural conditions were at their worst, the State and County Farm Bureaus have been reasonable in adjusting their membership accounts and with the success noted above.

TAX PROBLEMS STUMP CAPITOL

LAWMAKERS OFFER MANY PLANS FOR RELIEF OF REAL ESTATE

Michigan law-makers at present are stumped, but trying hard to unravel the state's knotty taxation problem. The legislators realize that the present property tax is resulting in anything but economic justice, but are at a loss to know just what remedy to adopt.

A host of specific taxes on mortgages, bank deposits, foreign and domestic bonds, etc., have been proposed for the relief of real estate. Most of the bills embodying these ideas are already before the Legislature. The Farmers' Federated Legislative Committee, representing the organized farmers of Michigan, has endorsed the principle of a State Income Tax to relieve the burden carried by farm and town real estate. The committee is considering the details of an income tax bill which it will introduce. The thought is to provide a straight income tax with \$2,000 annual net income exemption for single persons and \$4,000 exemption for married persons.

Some of the ablest legislators agree that after all this latter proposition is by far the simplest and most just proposal yet advanced.

Farm Bureau's Report: The American Farm Bureau Federation has been studying the matter of state taxation and publishes the following conclusions:

"Roughly speaking we find that there are about 30 states that still cling to the old General Property Tax (among them Michigan), and that the results in all of them are very similar. Most of the property, except real estate, escapes and the result is that the farmer and house owner lugs a double load, while the man with stocks and bonds usually gets off with a fraction of the tax on real estate, and the man with a \$25,000 salary goes scot free or at most, pays a poll tax of two or three dollars.

Two Paths Out: "The two solutions of this problem that have been tried out are the Classified Property Tax and a State Income Tax.

"The theory of the Classified Property Tax is that if the tax on intangibles is reduced to 4 or 5 mills, the owners will declare them and they will get upon the tax roll.

A Sad Experience: "Minnesota has tried this out pretty thoroughly, and Senator Lord, of their State Commission said recently, at Minneapolis, that to the best of his knowledge and belief not over 40 per cent of the intangibles were on the tax rolls; it is a sad commentary on human nature, but this form of tax does not work.

"For most of the states, the answer would seem to be a change from the General Property Tax to a system in which the chief sources of revenue should be three: a tax on real estate, an Income Tax, and a Franchise or Business Tax on Corporations or on all business (Michigan has a corporation tax), with possibly a lower rate on unincorporated business, with an Inheritance Tax, a poll-tax, and some other minor source of revenue. The several states should give this matter more attention."

WHAT BUSES COST IN HIGHWAY UPKEEP

Ingham Roads Damaged \$450 by Line Whose License Is Under \$200

Statistics revealed by the county system of bookkeeping for Ingham county road work show that the motor buses plying between Lansing and Mason cost the county \$450 in road maintenance in 1922 although paying less than \$200 for licenses, says the Lansing State Journal.

The cost of maintenance of the trunk line road between Lansing and Mason for 1922 was \$10,000. An average of 1660 vehicles per mile used the road during the year, this count being made under the plan of the state highway commission and allowing for 200 days of maximum travel.

The maintenance cost per mile for each vehicle was .0028 dollars. Motor buses operated by one bus line between Lansing and Mason covered 162,000 miles, according to the manager's figures. Multiplying this mileage by .0028, the maintenance cost per mile, and the result is \$453.60.

If the state highway commission's system of computation, however, were adopted in arriving at the total, it would be double, since the commission system classes the damage done to roads by motor bus and their loads as double that of the ordinary automobile. In fact the motor passenger bus is classed the same as a motor truck in relation to road maintenance.

The Farm Bureau is a pioneer in the fight against tax free securities—that error in our tax law which allows men of large wealth very largely to escape paying their share toward the support of the Federal Government.

What the Legislature Is Doing

As Reported by the State Farm Bureau's Observer

The two outstanding problems confronting the Legislature at this stage of the Session are:

First:—How much money shall we appropriate for the various state institutions, departments, boards and other public purposes?

Second:—What taxation systems shall be devised to raise this revenue?

Practically all the appropriation bills are now in and are being carefully considered by the institutional committees of the House and Senate. In this regard, the law-makers are from two to four weeks farther along than they were at this time two years ago.

GET FLYING START

During the first nine days of the session three times as many bills were introduced as during the corresponding period two years ago.

Eighty-seven bills were introduced in the House, 55 in the Senate, 142 in all as compared to 46 two years ago.

So far most of the real work is being done by individual members and the numerous committees. Little is accomplished in the brief formal sessions except to introduce bills. The solons continue to adjourn from Thursday until Tuesday of each week to allow the institutional committees to investigate the financial needs of the various state institutions and prepare recommendations.

The Ways and Means Committee, to systematize its work, has adopted an iron-clad schedule. It expects to have all the appropriation bills and institutional committee reports by February 4. With these reports in hand it will tackle the task of passing on requests totalling many millions. The members of the Ways and Means Committee certainly have a job before them. They are taking it seriously.

SPEAR TAX-EXEMPT BONDS

Even more perplexing than the matter of how much state money to spend is the problem of how to raise this revenue. Benjamin Franklin's famous saying that, "Nothing is sure except death and taxes" never was truer than today. Four more tax schemes were introduced during the week. The first of these measures provides a three mills tax upon state and municipal bonds. This bill was introduced by Rep. C. Jay Towne of Jackson and aims to prohibit the issuance of tax-exempt securities by the state and municipal governments. It is in accordance with one

of the planks of the Michigan State Farm Bureau's Legislative program. The Bureau's recent state-wide legislative questionnaire is bringing strong County Farm Bureau support for this measure.

TWO CENT GAS TAX

The far-famed gasoline tax bill made its long-expected appearance in the House on Thursday, January 18.

It was introduced by Mr. Joseph Warner of Ypsilanti and provides for a tax of two cents a gallon on all gasoline sold within the state except such as is sold for re-sale. Friends of the measure estimate that this tax would amount to \$7,000,000 annually. This revenue would be turned over to the State Highway Department.

Two-thirds of the money would be used for the payment of the principal and interest of the State Highway bonds, while the balance would apply on current highway costs. Retailers would be required to report their sales and turn in the revenue for each month by the 15th of the following month. Failure to do so promptly would subject them to a fine of an additional ten per cent while any willful violation of the law would be punishable by a fine of \$1,000 or six months in jail. State authorities would have access to the books of oil companies at all times.

A stiff increase in the state inheritance tax and a provision limiting the amount that may be inherited by one person or corporation to \$1,000,000 is proposed in a bill sponsored by Senator Sligh of Grand Rapids. The tax rate is made progressive, depending on the size of the estate. It would vary according to the nearness of the relative to whom the bequest is made.

A poll tax of \$5 a year to be levied on each male citizen of legal age was proposed by Senator Arthur E. Wood of Detroit. The revenue would be divided equally between the county and the township, village or city and be devoted to highway and street maintenance. A fine of \$25 is provided for those who fail to pay this tax.

ATTACK "FILLED-MILK"

From a dairyman's standpoint the most important bill to appear during the week is the so-called "Filled-Milk" bill which would prevent the manufacture and sale of any milk or milk product in which all or part of the butter fat has been removed and replaced by a vegetable oil or fat. This bill is being fathered in

the House by Rep. C. J. Towne of Jackson, chairman of the House Agricultural Committee, to whom the bill was referred. It has the solid backing of the Farmers Federated Legislative Committee representing all the farm organizations of the state and has been unanimously endorsed by the dairy interests.

The Agricultural Statistics law passed last session is still being assailed. The Farmers' Federated Legislative Committee at a recent session reinforced this law and will oppose its repeal.

A constitutional amendment to fix the term of office of Governor and Lieut. Governor at four instead of two years and to limit these officials to one full term instead of the traditional two two-year terms has been proposed in the House by Rep. Milton Palmer of Detroit. This policy is now followed by a dozen states. Rep. Palmer believes this amendment would keep Governors from playing politics in order to secure re-election.

ONE BUCK LAW

Rep. Walter Henze of Iron Mountain, who probably introduces more bills than any of his fellow-members, now has a measure to restore in the state bounty of \$25 on wolves, \$10 on wolf cubs, \$5 on mix and wild cats, and \$1 on fox. He also proposes to change the well-known "one deer" law to allow the killing of "one deer" of either sex during the season. This bill will probably stir up the usual fierce battle if it is reported out.

"Newberryism" would be a thing of the past if Rep. R. W. Freeze of Sand Creek has his way. He introduced a bill in the House to fix responsibility for violation of the state's "corrupt practice" election law upon each individual contributing to an excessive campaign fund. Present financial limits are not changed.

STATE CEMENT PLANT

A state-owned cement factory to provide employment for part of the state's six hundred idle prisoners and to manufacture cement for government building and highway purposes is being considered.

Party lines would be drawn tighter and the purity of primary elections would be further protected by Rep. Corliss of Detroit whose latest bill is intended to prevent voters of one party from attending the primary of the opposite party and nominating a weak candidate.

Requirements in Clothing

will be up for discussion by the women. The exhibits and demonstrations will cover a wide range of household and home life questions.

In addition to their own program, women visitors will attend the Farmers' Week general sessions, at which national leaders in agricultural, political, and business matters are to speak. Moving pictures, music, and other entertainment features will be scattered through the week's program.

Potts Re-Elected

R. G. Potts of Washington was re-elected president of Macomb Co. Farm Bureau at the annual meeting at Mt. Clemens, Jan. 11. L. C. Kamlowski, mgr. of Washington Farm Bureau local, was re-elected vice-president. Delegates to the State Farm Bureau annual meeting are R. G. Potts, George Eppler, mgr. Utica Farm Bureau local, Job Rinck, mgr. Warren Farm Bureau local. Secy.-Mgr. Clark L. Brody of the State organization, addressed the delegates.

WHAT BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS MEAN TO US

There are 11,000,000 boys and girls of club age on American farms. Only 600,000 of these are being reached through Boys and Girls Club membership, which means organized effort by the boys and girls in pig clubs, calf clubs, corn clubs, dairy work of all kinds, girls sewing, canning and recreation clubs. Strong County Farm Bureaus enable us to give every farm boy and girl in every agricultural county in the United States Boys and Girls Club training opportunities. That is one of the things that the Farm Bureau does for the farm family. Bring folks together, gets them to working together. They get a lot of fun out of it besides profits and added neighborliness.

Boys and Girls Clubs produced \$7,000,000 worth of products last year. The youngsters won countless honors at county, state and national fairs and exhibits with prize stock and crops. They licked their dads as exhibitors. Wait till they grow up!

Why Co-ops. Grow

"The co-operative movement is growing like Jack's beanstalk. It is the first encouraging sign we have had that we are making progress in reducing the spread between producer and consumer—the only way we shall ever solve the nation's cost of living problem. It means the relief of the individual farmer from the ruinous competition of farmer with farmer, which has made the farm industry the easy prey of manipulating speculators in fruits and foodstuffs with resultant meager prices to growers and no corresponding lower cost to consumers." Arthur Capper, United States Senator from Kansas.

YOUR CO-OP

Handles Farm Bureau BINDER TWINE

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WOMEN TO HAVE OWN FARM WEEK PROGRAM

Plan Special Meetings and Exhibits For Housewives Congress

East Lansing, January 25.—Women who "come along with Dad" for the annual Farmers' Week and Housewives Congress at M. A. C. January 29 to February 2, will have a complete program of their own all through the big conference.

The College Womens' Building is women's headquarters for the week. Informal conferences and exhibits will be held there. Special home economics meetings are scheduled for the East Lansing People's church auditorium.

Leaders in the home economics world, including specialists at M. A. C., will speak at the women's meetings. Mrs. Dora H. Stockman, woman Agriculture, and Mrs. Louise H. Campbell, dean of Home Economics at M. A. C., will preside at several of the sessions.

Everything from "Types and Powers of Washing Machines" to "Hy-

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Plant Michigan Certified PETOSKEYS!

You are not responsible for rains, drought or frosts, but good seed is your responsibility.

It costs \$54 to produce an acre of potatoes. Michigan's average yield per acre, using all kinds of seed, is 105 bushels per acre. The average yield with certified PETOSKEY seed is 166 bushels per acre.

The only difference in cost of production is a small extra cost of PETOSKEY certified seed.

Get your PETOSKEY seed from your local Co-operative Association.

We positively guarantee trueness to name, quality, and freedom from disease. Shipped to you in new SEALED bags, carrying the authorized GREEN certification tag. Place your order early. Write

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Box 31, Lansing, Michigan.

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THE MICHIGAN POTATO GROWERS' EXCHANGE Dep't. A., Cadillac, Michigan.

Write to the Michigan Agricultural College for bulletins on potato growing.

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Collection Work Has Covered 40 Counties

Membership dues collection by the State Farm Bureau on Jan. 15, 1923 had been completed in 40 counties for the first membership period of 1920, 1921 and 1922. Financial conditions are improving and in these counties settlement was made in about 80 per cent of the outstanding accounts. Since the first membership was written County Farm Bureau records show that about 12 1/2 per cent of the members who signed have moved away, quit farming, died

or have been subject to other conditions which caused their release to be recommended by their County Farm Bureau. Many of the remaining seven and one half per cent in those counties have not yet been interviewed.

The State Farm Bureau has co-operated fully with county organizations in its collection work. Beginning with a very lenient policy when agricultural conditions were at their worst, the State and County Farm Bureaus have been reasonable in adjusting their membership accounts and with the success noted above.

PETEET, A. F. B. F. MARKETING HEAD

HIS JOB IS TO GIVE MEMBERS CO-OPERATIVE MARKETING SERVICE

President Bradford of the American Farm Bureau has appointed Walton Peteet director of the Federation's Co-operative Marketing Department. His job is to help Farm Bureau members build and perfect the co-operative marketing machinery they need to get the full return from their products.

Mr. Peteet was secretary of the Texas Farm Bureau, a state that has developed the greatest co-operative cotton marketing association in the world. It has given member growers remarkable service in grading and selling cotton. Like our own Michigan wool growers' experiences, many Texans declare that they never knew their product was better than a low medium grade until they had a marketing association of their own.

Prepared for Task
Mr. Peteet is an outstanding figure in the present day co-operative marketing movement. He has had a broad experience in organization and commercial work and is well fitted to carry out the tremendous responsibilities placed upon him. Commenting upon his appointment, Mr. Peteet, President Bradford said:

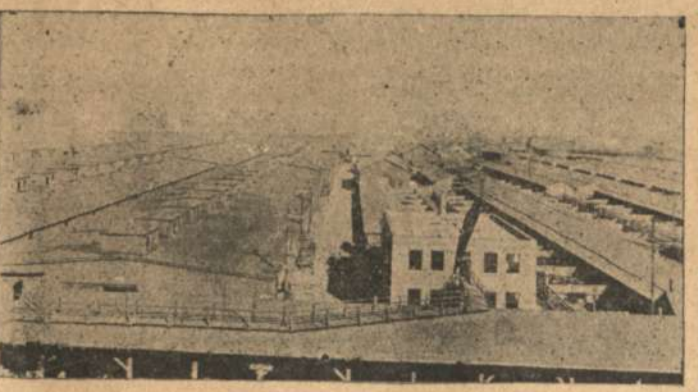
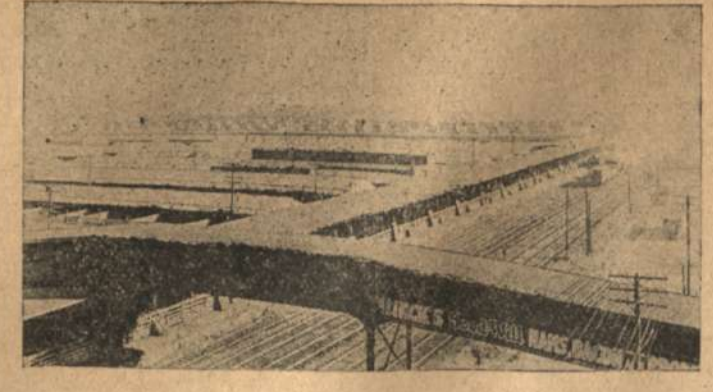
"We sought out the best qualified man in America to head our Co-operative Marketing Department. We believe that we have found the right man for the job in Walton Peteet. His training and his type of mind fit him admirably to lead the Farm Bureau's supreme effort to secure for the American farmer the true exercise of his undisputed right to have something to say about the price of his own products.

The job is so tremendous that it cannot be done in a day, however, for a year. There are already 15,000 local co-operative associations in America. Our farm people must exercise some degree of patience in their quest for market reforms, and they must help. But we are going to improve the distribution of farm products, or know the reason why. I speak for Mr. Peteet the active support of every farmer in America.

SPEAKS AT DAIRY MEET

J. M. Kelley of New York, vice-president of the Holstein-Friesian Association of America, speaks at the afternoon of February 22, at the Michigan Allied Dairy Ass'n. Convention at Kalamazoo, the week of

Michigan's Co-op Live Stock Sales Agency at Buffalo



A new deal in live stock marketing was given Michigan, Ohio and Indiana co-operative live stock producers Nov. 1, 1922, when the live stock exchanges and Farm Bureaus of those states set up a co-operative live stock commission firm at Buffalo.

Bucking stiff competition among seventeen old line firms on the same market the producers rapidly stepped in first place for the volume of business handled each week and have held first place nearly every week. Jan. 11 the Michigan Farm Bureau News printed a letter from the Sturgis Co-op. Shipping Association commenting on the splendid sales service and the quick returns that the Buffalo is giving its shippers. This is what is building the business.

Quarters Are Good
The stockyards company has recognized the volume handled by

HERE are a few views of the East Buffalo Live Stock yards where Michigan, Ohio and Indiana Live Stock Exchanges and State Farm Bureaus are giving their members co-operative live stock marketing service through the Producers Live Stock Commission Association.

In the upper left note the unloading platform along the tracks. The sign between the views is the bright orange sign of the NATIONAL LIVE STOCK PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION. It stands out among all the other firms on Williams Street. At the right a view of the yards. In the lower left is the Manager's office with directors who were present the opening day. Secretary Ketter of Ohio is at the desk. President E. A. Beamer of Blissfield, Michigan, is in the foreground and Director J. H. O'Mealy of Pittsford is in the background.

from left to right is J. B. Quinn, calf and sheep salesman who came from St. Paul where he was buyer for a nationally known packing concern. Next is E. D. Prentiss, well known Buffalo cattle salesman. P. C. Flournoy, hog salesman who was with a leading commission firm at St. Joseph, Mo.

The co-op is getting results. The week of Jan. 15 the Producers were first in Buffalo with 114 cars. This is the place for co-operators to ship their Buffalo bound live stock.

the heart of things, the offices face the yards and are less than two blocks away from the Exchange and on the same street. Michigan Has Three Directors
Affairs of the firm are in charge of a board of directors. Representation on the board was based on the volume of past cooperative shipments on the market. Michigan and Indiana were, therefore, given three

and Ohio, two representatives. Michigan's directors are E. A. Beamer, Blissfield; P. M. Granger, Charlotte; and J. H. O'Mealy, Pittsford. Indiana is represented by George M. Brown, Angola; W. H. Settle, Petrolcum; and W. H. Favinger, Albion. F. G. Ketter of the Ohio Farm Bureau, and F. E. Perry, Leipsic, president of the Ohio Livestock Shippers' Association, are the directors for Ohio.

Just one thing more. The Buffalo agency is another dividend from the portion of the dues that went to the state and national Farm Bureaus. Remember that the National Livestock Producers' Association which supervised the establishment of the agency and is aiding materially in its conduct is an outgrowth of the recommendations of the Committee of Fifteen whose work was sponsored by the American Federation.

EATON CO. ANNUAL MEETING LIVE ONE

Acts on Legislative Questions; Hears Reports; Elects Officers
Eaton county had a rousing annual meeting Jan. 17. Two hundred and six Farm Bureau men and women, representing 176 memberships, attended the all-day meeting and potluck dinner at Farm Bureau headquarters at Charlotte. Every one of 33 township delegates from 16 townships was there.

Vice-President John B. Strange of Grand Ledge was elected president; Henry Burrows of Mulliken was elected vice-president, George Gurnee of Bellevue, Frank Hay of Vermontville, Andrew Niles of Grand Ledge, L. A. Parr and Mrs. Will Huber of Charlotte were elected directors. Albert Towse of Charlotte, recent county membership campaign chairman, is Eaton county's delegate to the State Farm Bureau's annual meeting at M. A. C. Feb. 1-2.

Dr. Eben Mumford of M. A. C. was the speaker of the day and discussed Farm Bureau work. Ralph Tenny, county agricultural agent, made his annual report to the Bureau. Last year the Eaton County had 514 boys and girls complete their Boys and Girls club work projects. Many of them won championships, entitling them to free trips to state and national farm exhibits and several won M. A. C. scholarship. The Bureau is helping put on a county wide tuberculosis eradication campaign, to which the supervisors voted \$8,000.

Last spring the Eaton Bureau put on a county-wide "Better Dairy Sires—And More Alfalfa Campaign" which is giving great results. The Eaton Farm Bureau got behind these jobs and put them over big. The Eaton county membership took vigorous action on the State Farm Bureau's legislative questionnaire, urging utmost economy in state expenditures, a state income tax, prohibition of tax-exempt securities, a gasoline tax to aid in highway upkeep, a law prohibiting "filled milk" manufacture, and opposed repeal of the agricultural statistics law.

Study Poultry Rates To Improve Returns

The Michigan Farm Bureau Traffic office is investigating freight rates on eggs and live poultry and the general cost of assembling and shipping them in carlots as compared to less than carlots freight and express shipments now being made. Results of the investigation may enable our Co-operative Associations to increase their members' returns on this class of shipments. The Bureau is also investigating live stock rates and live stock shipping facilities and service in behalf of its membership.

He Made \$30.09

Brooklyn, Michigan, January 8, 1923.
Mich. State Farm Bureau, Wool Department, Lansing, Michigan.
Gentlemen:
I had 338 pounds of Delaine, 83 pounds fine clothing, 10 pounds half blood staple, 19 pounds half blood clothing, 13 pounds buck, in the 1922 wool pool or a total of 463 pounds. My return was an average net price 41 1/2 cents per pound and best offer I had was 35 cents straight. As far as I know that is about what my neighbors received.

If it were so I could, I would like to talk to you about the wool. I have pooled wool for three years and have been pleased with results and intend to pool again this year providing they pool.

Your very truly,
J. W. Pierce.

M. A. C. FINDS CAUSE OF MOSAIC DISEASE

Young Professor Discovers Microbe Which Causes Great Crop Losses
East Lansing January 25—The cause of mosaic disease, responsible for crop losses running into millions of dollars annually, has been discovered by Ray Nelson, young botanist at the Michigan Agricultural College.

The discovery is being hailed by plant disease men as the greatest discovery of the century in the field of plant diseases. Control measures for the mosaic disease, which can probably be developed readily, now that the cause is known, will be of tremendous economic importance to American agriculture.

Losses from the mosaic disease are particularly great on beans and potatoes. The microbes that Professor Nelson discovered are also found on tomatoes and clover. Photographs of the microbe have been made. The mosaic disease microbes are said to be less than a hundred thousandth of an inch thick, and some ten or twenty times as long. They attack the cell in its most vital part, the nucleus. Some of them were shown by Mr. Nelson's photographs to be actually coiled about the nucleus.

That the discovery may be the beginning of a new era in the cure of plant disease is considered probable. Scientists in many other laboratories in the country have been working for years to find the secret of the mosaic disease.

Certified Seed Ends Scrub Potato Crops

Which do you prefer—bad-shaped, small, diseased, soggy potatoes for your table or good sized, smooth, healthy good-flavored potatoes?
If you like the former pick out from the bottom of the bin the small potatoes which your wife has refused to pare or buy what you can. If you want the real potatoes, start this year with some Michigan-grown Certified Potoksey Golden Russet seed potatoes.

Potoksey Golden Russets are grown by members of the Michigan Potato Producers' Association who know how to grow best quality seed stock.

In Michigan the certification really means something. It means that the growing crop has been inspected twice and the potatoes inspected twice after digging. In buying such stock the grower is sure of seed as free from disease as is possible to obtain. The majority of the stock is produced in Northern Michigan on ideal potato soil and under weather conditions which produce hardy, vigorous strains.

Professor F. C. Gaylord, potato extension specialist of Purdue University, insists that the first requirement for a successful potato patch is certified seed, whether the patch is a quarter of an acre or forty acres. He is right.

Talk to your County Agent or write the Michigan Agricultural College for information on cultural methods.

Without question Michigan-grown Potoksey Golden Russet certified seed will be available at your local co-op. Tell your manager well in advance how many you want. If he doesn't have them for you they may be purchased through the Potato Growers' Exchange of Cadillac or the Michigan State Farm Bureau Seed Department.

CO-OP MANAGER

Young married man, age 36, desires connection as manager with a co-operative association.
Twelve years' experience in manufacturing and merchandizing. Two years' commission house experience and one year with a fruit and produce co-operative association.
Fully understand ORGANIZING, ACCOUNTING, and SALES, and have complete knowledge of the best markets.
Prefer good shipping locality in either fruit, vegetable or dairy products. Can furnish high grade reference as to my honesty and ability.
Address Michigan State Farm Bureau News, Lansing, Michigan.

He Found Out

Ed. Dunn of Perry, Shiawassee county, says that in order to make a comparison in the returns from the 1922 Wool Pool and the price paid by local dealers, he divided his 1922 clip of wool and sold part of same to a local dealer in the latter part of the year, for which he received 35 cents per pound. The remainder of his wool he pooled with the Farm Bureau Wool Department and it netted him 38.84 cents per pound.

OPPOSE HAY RATE BOOST

The railroads are proposing to increase carload minimum weights on hay from 20,000 to 22,000 pounds for cars 36 feet long regardless of height. Corresponding increases for longer cars will be sought. The Michigan Farm Bureau Traffic Department will oppose this increase.

ANNUAL DAIRY SHOW TO BE HELD FEB. 19

The Annual Dairy show of the Michigan Allied Dairy Association is to be held at the Kalamazoo Armory during the week of February 19. Dairy leaders of state and national prominence are on the program of Michigan's greatest dairy show. Among the speakers are President David Friday of M. A. C., Jake Kindeberger of Kalamazoo, a great inspirational speaker and Mr. John M. Kelley of New York. Several State Farm Bureau speakers will be there.

The Michigan Dairy association includes dairy equipment and supply dealers, butter manufacturers, ice cream manufacturers, Michigan Milk Producers Association, State Farm Bureau, condensed milk and milk powder manufacturers, market milk distributors and cheese manufacturers.

Deerfield Co-op Pays Dividend; Returns Notes

The Deerfield Co-operative Association, serving Lenawee and Monroe county farmers, held a very successful annual meeting Jan. 16th, attended by 300 real co-operative farmers.

The financial report showed good financial gains for the year. They paid for an addition built on the elevator and each member received a 6 per cent dividend on his stock. Having built up a surplus and established credit, the collateral notes given by the members at the time of organization were returned. Thirty farmers joined on the announcement of the President that they would be glad to receive new members.

The meeting was addressed by Farm Bureau and Agricultural College representatives.
Any farmer who repeats destructive stories about co-operative marketing without getting the facts is an enemy to himself.

FARMERS SWAT FILLED MILK

WOULD MAKE IT ILLEGAL TO SUBSTITUTE FOR BUTTERFAT IN MILK

Michigan's "Anti-Filled Milk Bill" has been introduced in the 1923 legislature. It was presented in the House Jan. 17 by Rep. C. Jay Towne of Jackson, chairman of the House Agricultural Committee. The bill has the solid support of every Michigan farm organization.

The Michigan Filled Milk bill prohibits trade in skimmed milk, butter milk, condensed, evaporated or powdered milk to which any fat or oil other than butterfat has been added. Sixty days in prison and \$100 fine are made the maximum penalty for violation.

A Farmers' Bill

Unanimous endorsement of the Filled Milk bill was given by all Michigan milk producers at a meeting in Lansing the day before the bill was offered in the House. The meeting was called by the Michigan Allied Dairy Association and attended by sixty of the most representative dairymen in the state. The Farm Bureau was represented by Clark L. Brody, its Secretary-Manager. The same day the Federated Legislative Committee of Michigan's farm organizations also placed an Anti-Filled Milk plank in its 1923 legislative program.

Michigan dairymen are determined to protect their butterfat market against a vegetable oil substitute of low food value. Filled milk is now being made at two points in the state, it is said. Its manufacture throughout the country is increasing rapidly. It is the target of national legislation at the hands of American dairymen.

The Allied Dairy meeting also approved a proposed ice cream law to permit the Commissioner of Agriculture to establish rules and regulations for the ice cream manufacturing business and to revoke licenses where these rules are violated.

Help for Cheese Industry

It was shown that Michigan is manufacturing less than one half as much cheese as was made ten years ago and that Michigan cheese is being discriminated against because we have no laws to regulate the industry. Dairymen are urging a law to establish maximum moisture content and a fat standard for cheese. Cheese makers are interested in this program.

Michigan Agricultural College is planning some extension work in cheese manufacturing to establish more cheese factories in the state, especially in the region north of Bay City, and to increase the volume of that business. The College agrees that the cheese business should be protected by standardizing laws.

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The farms on which this alfalfa has been grown are mostly heavy clay with poor drainage.

These conditions are commonly considered the most difficult for alfalfa production.

We believe the Monroe county alfalfa is the best strain of Common Alfalfa grown anywhere, and that it is thoroughly adapted to Michigan conditions.

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SEED DEPARTMENT
MICHIGAN STATE FARM BUREAU
LANSING, MICH.

FRIDAY FOR CORPORATION TAX BOOST; OPPOSES CUT

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lates to the under-assessment of corporate property in the state. In view of this under-assessment, the suggestions that the rate of three and one-half mills which the corporations are paying under the present law should be reduced is inequitable. It would be much more in accordance with the dictates of justice if that rate were raised to five mills, and the amount which the corporations contributed raised to \$12,000,000. For the \$45,000,000 which the corporations are now paying to state and local governments, together with the \$8,500,000 which they would pay under a three and one-half mill rate with no upper limit, amounts to only \$15.30 per thousand on their entire property as against an average rate of \$28.88 per thousand for all the property in the state in 1921.

Must Not Lower Rates

"If these facts are correct, or even substantially so, the suggestion that the rate of three and one-half mills be reduced cannot be seriously entertained for a moment."

Dr. Friday gives the source of all his figures and states regarding them, "These figures are absolute and do not involve any estimates."

To check his figures for the corporate value of Michigan property, Dr. Friday used the fair value of their capital stock and their bonded indebtedness. This method yielded almost the same results as those quoted above and prove the accuracy of the calculations.

FEDERAL INCOME DROPS

Dr. Friday gives some significant figures regarding the amount of Federal income tax paid by the Michigan corporations. In 1920, this revenue was \$102,620,785. In 1921 it dropped to \$36,000,000, and in 1922 to \$31,250,000. These figures

fall far below the average for the Federal income tax for the past five years which was approximately \$100,000,000. The decrease is accounted for largely by the removal of the excess profits tax and a marked decrease in the net income of Michigan corporations.

OFFERED 32c; GOT 39 1/2c

Concord, Michigan.
Mich. State Farm Bureau,
Wool Department,
Lansing, Michigan.
Gentlemen:

We received 39 1/2 cents a pound for our wool.

At the time we sheared we could have sold our wool for 32 cents. One of my neighbors received 36 cents by holding it a short time. I feel as if it paid us to pool our wool and shall put our wool in the pool next year.

Leon L. Douglas.

MACOMB FARMERS' INSTITUTE

Macomb county farmers institute meets at Washington. Speakers are Prof. O. E. Reed of the M. A. C. Dairy Dep't., W. P. Hartman, State Dep't. of Agriculture, Claire Deavers of Portland Cement Ass'n. A fine registered Holstein male calf will be given away at 11 a. m. Dinner will be served at noon by the ladies.

"Use your efforts to prevent repeal of law providing for gathering of agricultural statistics by supervisors."—Huron County Farm Bureau on State Farm Bureau's Legislative Questionnaire.

"I think the legislature should re-trench as much as possible this session."—George L. McFadden, Pres. Delta Co. 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.

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Lansing, Mich.

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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 show some softness at times until the seeding season opens. Offerings have been more liberal the past few days and bids generally have been reduced, although reports from the producing section would seem to indicate that the bulk of the crop has moved.

Toledo market closed January 24 at \$13.40. Toledo reports receipts January 20th of 32,853 bags for the season against 26,812 bags a year ago, shipments out covering same period 9,696 bags against 8,482 a year ago.

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. This seems to be the general opinion on alsike.

Receipts in Toledo for the season up to January 20th, 5,800 bags against 6,800 same period a year ago. New York exported 300 bags last week to Germany. Prime alsike closed in Toledo January 24, at \$10.75, averaging qualities from \$6.00 to \$9.00 per bushel.

TIMOTHY

For week ending January 20th, markets have lacked snap. 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.

Season receipts in Toledo 14,500 bags against 19,500 bags a year ago and 50,000 bags three years ago. Season's shipments 7,000 bags. Prime closed the 23rd at \$3.30 per

bushel. New York reports exports week ending January 20th, of 1,635 bags.

The situation on alfalfa, sweet clover, etc., is unchanged since previous report in these columns.

GRAIN MARKETS

By Mich. Elevator Exchange

WHEAT

Part of the large wheat traders have been very bearish on wheat for the past three weeks and even up to now. The other half are more or less bullish. As long as this condition exists the wheat market will not do anything. Michigan wheat is still selling at a considerable premium over other grades. It may be in the middle of February before we see a much better price in wheat.

RYE

Rye still very much cheaper than any other grain. You must remember that the foreign countries have less money to buy with than last year. It takes a lot of their money to buy a cargo. However, we will look for rye to do somewhat better on the long pull.

OATS

Michigan oats are still selling at a premium over Indiana or western oats. We do not look for any lower prices in oats for the rest of the season.

CORN

One year ago May corn was selling at 53 and three-fourths cents. Today May corn is selling at 72 and three-fourths cents, an advance of 19 cents per bushel. With the price of pork 55 cents per hundred less than last year at this time, it does not seem to us corn should sell very much higher.

SUPPLIES

By Purchasing Department

FEEDS

Oil meal—market strong, supply low. Some importations but not enough for demand. Cottonseed meal market steady. All mixed feed markets steady to strong. Prices slightly higher.

COAL

Market on soft coal steady to strong. Railroad situation continues to hold up price of coal. Miners demanding six hour day and five days a week beginning April 1.

FERTILIZER

Prices higher than fall quotations.

FARM BUREAU HEADQUARTERS



When you are in Lansing for Farmers' Week and for the Fifth Annual Meeting of the Michigan State Farm Bureau do not overlook the opportunity to visit the State headquarters of your big business organization at 221 N. Cedar St., Lansing. College street cars cross Cedar St., going to the College and returning. Get off at Cedar and walk one block north.

Above is the work shop of the State Farm Bureau. It is the home of the Michigan Elevator Exchange, the Farm Bureau Seed department offices, main seed warehouse and seed cleaning division; the Farm Bureau Purchasing department, Wool Pool offices and Wool Pool Fabrics Division store (the wing shown below). The Farm Bureau Traffic department,

Auditing division, Advertising and Information departments are also located in this building. President Nicol and Secretary-Manager Brody have their offices here. The Seed department occupies a one-story continuation of the main building and basement, fully as long as the main building. The Wool dep't. uses a separate 2,000,000 pound capacity warehouse and the Seed department makes use of several big warehouses in Lansing. The State Farm Bureau building is 55 by 242 feet long with a wing 24 by 74 feet. The Bureau owns valuable adjoining property and its headquarters are located near the heart of the capital's business district. An enormous volume of Farm Bureau business is transacted here annually.

Farm Bureau Men Forging Ahead

Perry C. Griggs, Macomb county Farm Bureau member, is manager of the Mountain View orchard at Romeo.

The orchard consists of 185 acres of apple trees with peach tree fillers. The apple trees are planted 36 feet apart, leaving the peach trees 18 feet apart. The soil for the most part is heavy clay loam. Mr. Griggs says the location is ideal in that it has perfect air and water drainage. He intercropped and practiced clean cultivation the first two years. After that he used tractors and disc harrows and still cultivates clean with

the exception of a space about five feet square around each tree.

Mountain View orchard cultivation is started early in the spring and is continued until about the middle of July, depending upon weather conditions. Any time after July 1, when moisture conditions are ideal, the entire orchard is broadcasted to buckwheat. It is allowed to stay on all winter as a cover crop and is disced into the ground the following spring.

The orchard has been fertilized with ammonium sulphate for the past three years. Mr. Griggs has it down to a system. He uses about 12 ounces to a tree and fertilizes the whole thing in a day and a half.

FARMERS BLOC HOLDS CONGRESS TO FARM NEEDS

MUCH HELPFUL LEGISLATION IS PASSED—FARM BUREAU STARTED IT

"Farmers are going to hold their congressional representatives to strict accountability," said Gray Silver, Washington representative of the American Farm Bureau Federation recently.

Mr. Silver said that many of the measures which have been passed since the Agricultural Bloc was formed in the Washington office of the Federation, had been before Congress for five, ten or fifteen years.

Farm Bloc's Work

"Before the Agricultural Bloc was formed, for many years not a single agricultural measure had been passed. It is very frequently the custom for two men in the House or three men in the Senate to determine whether a bill is even to be heard on the floor," continued Mr. Silver. "The co-operative marketing bill, one of the earliest to be passed by the Bloc, saved the farmers eighty times the membership dues of the American Farm Bureau Federation in 1921. The passage of the Act regulating future trading on the grain exchanges has saved farmers from the repetition of the manipulation of the spread in prices between here and abroad which took place during the period between the time when the grain control bill was declared to be unconstitutional and when it was re-enacted. During this time the market was so manipulated that there was an increase in the spread in grain prices between this country and abroad of fifty-six cents per bushel. The farmer suffered.

"An adequate credit system is just as necessary for proper co-operative marketing as is an adequate warehouse system," continued Mr. Silver. "We now have two kinds of credit, short and long, and what is lacking is an intermediate credit running from six months to three years. When we have adequate credit and sufficient warehouse facilities, combined with proper functioning marketing organizations, the farmers will be in a position to market their twelve months' supply of

Filled Milk is a menace to American dairymen. Filled milk manufacturers remove butter fat from milk and substitute cocoanut oil or some other cheap imported vegetable oil in its place. The deception is a fraud upon the public and is harmful to the American dairyman's market for butter fat because it forces his wholesome product to compete with a substitute made from cheap vegetable oil. A large and increasing quantity of filled milk is being manufactured.

food as the consumptive demands require. They will have the opportunity to say upon what basis the commodities will move out of the warehouses and also the price for which they will sell. We must get a fair exchange but we are not asking the Government to fix prices.

Mr. Silver pointed out that the legislation which has been passed has been in the interest of all people. "The last census showed that 28 per cent of our population was on the farms," stated Mr. Silver, "and when you consider the urban population found in towns of 2,500 inhabitants more than one-half of the entire population of the United States are directly interested in agriculture. You cannot do a special favor for a majority of people. You cannot expect a small minority group to fight for you."

Mr. Silver then referred to a number of the bills pending in which the American Farm Bureau Federation is interested, such as the "Truth-in-Fabric" bill which makes it compulsory for the manufacturers to make woolen garments to show the amount of virgin wool, re-worked wool, and other fibers which it contains; such as the "Filled Milk" bill which prohibits manufacture of "imitation" condensed milk which is made by removing the butterfat, substituting cocoanut oil, mixing it with skimmed milk, and condensing the emulsification.

The Farm Bureau also favors acceptance of Henry Ford's proposal to take over and develop the chemical power and fertilizer possibilities. Muscle Shoals Nitrate plant, and backing several Farm credits bills.

Truth-in-Fabrics legislation would protect the American wool producing industry from misrepresentation by requiring that fabrics be labeled as to the actual amount of new wool, re-worked wool, cotton or other materials they contain. The public prefers a good article and Michigan wool growers produce it.

Farmers' Week Program

At M. A. C., Jan. 29—Feb. 2

GENERAL SESSIONS

College Gymnasium

Monday, January 29

- 6:30 P. M.—Motion Pictures.
- 7:30 P. M.—Address—"College and Experiment Station Work"—Robert S. Shaw, Dean and Director, Michigan Agricultural College.
- 8:15 P. M.—Address—"A Policy for the Agriculture of State and Nation"—David Friday, President, Michigan Agricultural College.

Tuesday, January 30

- 1:30 P. M.—Band Concert.
- 2:00 P. M.—Address—"Some Economic Phases of the Livestock Industry"—Charles Snyder, Editor Chicago Daily Drivers Journal, Chicago, Ill.
- 2:45 P. M.—Address—"The Livestock Situation"—W. A. Cochel, Western Representative American Shorthorn Breeders' Ass'n, Kansas City, Mo.

- 3:30 P. M.—Music.
- 3:45 P. M.—Address—"Dr. W. J. Klernen, Bureau of Animal Industry, Washington, D. C."
- 6:30 P. M.—Athletic Entertainment. Boxing, Wrestling, etc. Basketball, M. A. C. vs. Chicago "Y" College.

Wednesday, January 31

- 2:00 P. M.—Band Concert.
- 2:30 P. M.—Address—"Prices of Farm Products and Probable Future Prices"—Dr. G. F. Warren, Professor of Agricultural Economics, Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y.

- 3:30 P. M.—Music.
- 3:45 P. M.—Address—"Transportation Problems"—Donald Conn, Transportation Expert, Committee of Agricultural Inquiry, Washington, D. C.

- 6:30 P. M.—Motion Pictures.
- 7:30 P. M.—Address—"Mrs. W. R. Alvord, Ex-President State Federation of Women's Clubs, Detroit, Mich."
- 8:15 P. M.—Address—"The Necessary Conditions for a Permanent Agriculture"—Dr. Eugene Davenport, Woodland, Mich. (formerly Dean of Agriculture, University of Illinois.)

Thursday, February 1

- 1:00 P. M.—Michigan Agricultural College Parade.
- 2:00 P. M.—Band Concert.
- 2:30 P. M.—Address—"The International Institute of Agriculture"—Signora Olivia Agresti, Rome, Italy.
- 3:30 P. M.—Music.
- 3:45 P. M.—Address—"A Culture for the Rural Community"—David Friday, President Michigan Agricultural College.

- 6:30 P. M.—Motion Pictures.
- 7:30 P. M.—Address—"Sydney Anderson, Congressman from Minnesota, Washington, D. C."

Friday, February 2

- 9:30 A. M.—Band Concert.
- 10:00 A. M.—Address—"Eugene Davenport, Woodland, Mich."
- 10:45 A. M.—Address—"James Schermerhorn, Detroit, Mich."
- 11:15 A. M.—Address—"James L. Felsner, Manager of American Red Cross, Washington, D. C."
- 1:00 P. M.—Auction Sale of Pedigreed Shorthorn Cattle.

Thirty Michigan farmers breeders, soils, crops, beekeepers and other farm associations will hold meetings at M. A. C. Farmers' Week.

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