

ST. JOE BUREAU PROMOTES MANY SIDED PROGRAM

Achieves Big Results For County Since Organized Nine Years Ago

BOOM ALFALFA AND BOYS Production And Marketing Problems Being Tackled Successfully

The St. Joseph County Farm Bureau was organized in 1914, one of the first in the state. At that time the one thing for the improvement of agriculture that was in the minds of the progressive people of the county, was to increase production.

That this work has been worthwhile is evident, when the methods of farm management, the quality of the livestock kept and the status of co-operative marketing in the county is compared today with what it was ten years ago.

There has been no one activity of the Farm Bureau that has contributed to the prosperity of farmers of St. Joseph County as has the encouragement of the growing of alfalfa.

Over 11,000 acres in the county are now seeded to this crop. During 1922, 1901 one-bushel size inoculation cultures were distributed through the County Farm Bureau office, and up to July 1, 1923, 727 more had been distributed.

How Does the Mich. Potato Growers Exch. Help Members? How Potatoes are Handled Under Present Methods Of Distribution

Cadillac, July 12. — Before the towns became so large and important, there was a time when direct marketing of many farm products was the general rule.

Then the consumer went to the farm for his supplies, or the producer hauled his surplus crops to town where he peddled them direct or sold to retail merchants.

Middlemen May Not Be Applied to all the persons who perform a marketing service of any sort, and that word has had more bad things said about it than almost any other.

Michigan Farm Bureau Leaders

Vice-President M. L. Noon Is a Real Farmer Who Believes in Community Betterment and Co-operation.

It is an easy matter to interview Mr. M. L. Noon of Jackson, the vice-president of the Michigan State Farm Bureau. He is a man with plenty of ideas and broad experience and expresses himself readily on the leading agricultural topics of the day.

However, the numerous important offices held by Mr. Noon speak eloquently of his ability and of the interest he takes in every movement which has for its aim the betterment of his home community or of the dairy or agricultural industry of Jackson county or the state at large.

Is A Real Farmer Mr. Noon is a real dirt farmer, operating 209 acres in Leoni township, Jackson county, although just at present a large portion of the active management of his home farm is in charge of his two sons, who are in partnership with him on the old homestead, which he has farmed for 27 years.

Mr. Noon has always been a strong believer in organization and was influential in aiding the establishment of co-operative marketing associations in Jackson county and surrounding territory.

Believes in Better Schools Down in Leoni township, Mr. Noon's home community, he enjoys an enviable reputation as a public spirited citizen who gives unselfishly of his time and energy for the promotion of every activity for community betterment.

Grading for Profit One of the first of the various kinds of work performed in connection with the marketing of farm products is that of grading.

The relatively low cost of handling and selling potatoes, standardized for both variety and quality, has made possible the return to co-operating members of a price for their potatoes considerably above prices which independent buyers have considered justifiable.

In a succeeding article on marketing potatoes we will discuss the interesting question of finding a market and the various steps in dispersal through the numerous retail channels.

Vice-President Michigan State Farm Bureau



M. L. NOON

their local graded school, District No. 6 of Leoni township, which for the past three years has taken many prizes and trophies at the Detroit, Grand Rapids and Jackson county fairs for being the best graded school in the state.

Although Mr. Noon is one of the biggest taxpayers in the district and has no children attending school, he believes in securing the very best teachers available and it is largely to the superior character of the teachers of that district that Mr. Noon attributes the splendid achievements of his school.

It is evident from this little survey that the Board of Directors made no mistake when they selected a man of the type, experience and ability of Mr. Noon to serve as the vice-president of the Michigan State Farm Bureau.

ORGANIZED HURON COUNTY FARMERS GETTING RESULTS Adoption and Promotion of Well-Rounded Program Benefits Many

Organized agriculture in Huron County, working through the Huron County Farm Bureau and with the assistance of County Agricultural Agent, E. E. Twigg, is carrying out an extensive program which is proving beneficial to all types of farming practiced in the county.

The promotion of pure and adapted seeds is one of the outstanding phases of the Huron County Bureau's work. As a result of this program Huron county last year produced more certified Robust bean seed than any other county in the state.

The soils of Huron County are being tested for acidity by a new and simplified process. Sugar beet and muck land fertilization experiments are being promoted. Several drainage projects have been carried out in connection with the M. A. C.

MR. BENDEL TAKES PEN IN HAND AND WRITES DELAND

Gives Administrative Board Member Farmer's View On Several Issues

EXPLAINS CO. AGENT PAY Says Certain Politicians Are Sore Over Bureau Stand For Gasoline Tax

The action of the State Administrative Board in holding up the State's share of funds for county agricultural agent work has stirred up an awful lot of dissatisfaction among farmers of the state.

One of these farmers has evidently done some deep thinking on the various issues involved in this political muddle, for he has written Charles DeLand, Secretary of State and member of the State Administrative Board, a letter in which he deprecates the action of these state officials in discontinuing state aid for county agricultural agents.

Mr. Theodore Bengel, the writer of this letter, is secretary-treasurer of the Westphalia Co-operative Creamery Association. In his letter to Mr. DeLand, which is quoted below in full, Mr. Bengel explains how the Clinton County Farm Agent is paid, frankly states his opinion of Dr. Friday, and expresses a belief that the Farm Bureau's strong stand for the gasoline tax when it was before the Legislature displeased certain state officials, who now seek to cripple the Farm Bureau and discredit it if possible.

Mr. Bengel's letter is as follows: Fowler, Mich., June 30, 1923. Mr. Charles DeLand, Member Administrative Board, Lansing, Michigan.

I was certainly much astonished on reading an item in the Detroit News of June 26th concerning the action of your Board in regard to the Michigan Agricultural College extension fund. The author of that interview should certainly get a prize.

This has been done for years, even before Mr. Brody was connected with the Farm Bureau, yes even before there was a State Farm Bureau. The farmers of Clinton and many other counties contributed thousands of dollars towards their County Agents even before that great friend of Walk Street, Dr. Friday, became President of the Michigan Agricultural College.

At Detroit, where the milk producers had been getting less than 6 cents per quart for milk, while the distributor was getting 8 cents for peddling this milk, Dr. Friday threatened to investigate and find out if the farmers could not furnish the milk cheaper. Why did he not try to find out whether the distributor could also cut his profit?

It seems to me that some people are quite sore over the stand the farmers have taken in regard to the gas tax and are trying to inflict some punishment on them for that reason. A State Senator informs me that such a tax is in force in about twenty states and consequently it can not be such a great wrong.

I certainly hope that the Administrative Board will rescind its action of June 26 and let common sense rule. Respectfully, (Signed) Theo Bengel.

Bradfute Speaks at M. A. C. Farmers' Day, July 27th

Sixth Annual Summer Meet To Feature Big Speakers And "Style Show"

BIG PICNIC AT NOON Farmers To Inspect College Experimental Plots And Prize Live Stock

Farmers of the state will gather at the Michigan Agricultural College on July 27 for the sixth annual summer Farmers' Day, plans for which have just been announced by E. B. Hill, assistant dean of agriculture at the college, who is in active charge of the arrangements.

Big Attendance Expected Last year more than 5,000 attended the summer Farmers' Day, and, according to college officials, even more are expected for the meeting this year.

O. E. Bradfute, president of the American Farm Bureau Federation, heads a list of prominent speakers for the big open air meeting to be held in the Forest of Arden on the M. A. C. campus in the afternoon. Mr. Bradfute, one of the nation's most progressive farmers, and in a position to understand the vital problems of the day, is expected to bring a message that will be of great interest to every farmer in Michigan.

During the afternoon's program, a "style show" of the college live stock will be held. Many of the prize winners at the International Live Stock Exposition, the National Dairy Show and the State Fair will be included in the parade. The horses to be shown in the parade will include the famous Belgians, Clydesdales, and Percherons belonging to the college.

To Inspect M. A. C. Stock The morning will be spent in tours of the college experimental plots, and in trips through the barns and stables. Guides will be furnished to point out the chief things of interest to the visitors.

The various departments of the college will be ready at any time during the day to meet in conference with any farmer who has any special problem confronting him. Specialists in every branch of agricultural work will be on hand to answer questions and give advice.

At noon a big basket public dinner will be held at the college picnic grounds on the campus. Music will be furnished by the band of the Reo Motor Car Company. It is planned to make the picnic dinner a general "get acquainted" meeting for the farmers of the state and college workers.

Holstein Tours The dates for the tours arranged by the State Holstein Association co-operating with the Dairy Department of the M. A. C., and the County Agents and local Holstein breeders in the several counties, are as follows:

President Of American Farm Bureau



OSCAR E. BRADFUTE

BRADFUTE AT M. A. C. Above is a picture of Oscar Edwin Bradfute, president of the American Farm Bureau Federation, who will be the chief speaker at the big Farmers' Day meeting to be held at M. A. C., July 27th.

President Bradfute's long experience as a practical farmer and as a man engaged in public affairs, has given him a maturity of insight and a breadth of vision which enables him to speak with clearness and authority on leading agricultural problems of the day.

Mr. Bradfute is one of America's best known 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 served two terms as vice-president of the American Farm Bureau Federation. He is president of the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation and one of the trustees of the Ohio State University.

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 because of proven ability, has been advanced to the national presidency.

We are glad to welcome Mr. Bradfute to Michigan. The dates for the tours arranged by the State Holstein Association co-operating with the Dairy Department of the M. A. C., and the County Agents and local Holstein breeders in the several counties, are as follows:

July 23 — Macomb  
July 24 — Washtenaw  
July 25 — Wayne  
July 26 — Monroe  
July 28 — Ingham  
July 30 — Eaton  
July 31 — Hillsdale  
Aug. 1 — Lenawee  
Aug. 2 — Oakland  
Aug. 3 — Livingston  
July 31 — Jackson  
Aug. 1 — Barry  
Aug. 2 — Calhoun  
Aug. 3 — Allegan  
Aug. 4 — Ottawa  
Aug. 7 — Gratiot  
Aug. 8 — Saginaw  
Aug. 9 — Tuscola  
Aug. 10 — Sanilac  
Aug. 7 — Shiawassee  
Aug. 8 — Clinton  
Aug. 9 — Ionia  
Aug. 10 — Kent  
Aug. 11 — Genesee — Grand Round up at farm of D. D. Aitken, Ex-Pres. National Hol. Ass'n.

EL. EXCH. ANNUAL MEETING JULY 17

Delegates, Mgrs., Members To Gather At M. A. C. For Session

BIG SPEAKERS SECURED Report Of Successful Year To Be Presented And Ideas Exchanged

Plans are completed for the big annual meeting of the Michigan Elevator Exchange to be held in the Agricultural building of the Agricultural College, July 17. General sessions will be held at 10 a. m. and 2 p. m. The Elevator Exchange will serve a complimentary dinner at noon.

An interesting program has been prepared with speakers who can talk authoritatively on matters of interest to elevator men. The President of the Toledo Exchange and a prominent Baltimore exporter are scheduled to speak. Just as we go to press, the assurance has reached that Mr. William Clendemen of Conover and Mooney of Chicago will also be present as a headline attraction.

Managers, producers and farmer members of the 105 local elevators affiliated with the central exchange are cordially invited to attend the meeting. Managers of any locals that are not members at present but who are interested in the Michigan Elevator Exchange will find this meeting very much worth while. Open forum discussions of problems of mutual interest to elevator managers will be a helpful feature of the program.

The Michigan Elevator Exchange is typical of the strong marketing associations affiliated with the Michigan State Farm Bureau under the commodity control type of organization. During the past 12 months ending July 1, 1923, the Elevator Exchange handled 1,000 cars of beans, 1,300 cars of hay and 2,600 cars of grain for its member elevators. It recently declared an \$8,000 patronage dividend.

Have you observed how the Co-operative Live Stock Commission Companies are growing at the different live stock markets of the country? There is a reason for this strong growth, namely, a square deal to every stockman and shipments handled at cost.

Senator's Statements Don't Agree With Gas Tax Facts

Fight Still Rages Over Gas Tax Despite Ignorance Beclouding Issue

There seems to be no indication that the farmers of Michigan have changed their minds in the least regarding the desirability of a gas tax or have given up their efforts to secure it.

A county-wide questionnaire which is being conducted by Mr. F. W. Emerson, Secretary of the Berrien County Farm Bureau, indicates that the farmers of that district are unanimous in their support of a two cent gasoline tax to raise revenue for highway construction and maintenance and the retirement of outstanding highway bonds.

Several senators and representatives who voted against the gas tax have been hearing from their County Farm Bureaus lately and have been making noble attempts to explain their votes.

He then went on to say, "Under the gas tax bill none of the moneys received were to be returned to the counties to pay county rewards now outstanding or for the maintenance and improvement of existing county and cover roads." And then to cap the climax he declared, "The statements I have made in this long-winded epistle are all susceptible of proof." But are they? Let us see.

Section 5 of House Enrolled Act No. 35 (The Warner Gas Tax) provided, "The sum of four million dollars of the moneys so received during the year 1924 and a like sum so received each and every year thereafter is hereby set apart and appropriated for the payment of the interest on the highway bonds and for the purpose of creating a sinking fund for the payment of said highway bonds when they become due. Twenty percentum of the remainder of said moneys so received shall be returned annually to the treasurers of the several counties of this state, so that each of said counties shall receive the same portion or percentage of such twenty percentum of the remainder of said moneys so received, as said county received the preceding year of the total amount collected by virtue of the provisions of act number 302 of the Public Acts of 1915, as amended, (the present auto license law) to be used by the local authorities to maintain the highways of said counties."

When Ignorance Is Bliss It is thus apparent that the senator from Kalamazoo is picking insignificant flaws with the gas tax measure and in so doing is displaying surprising lack of familiarity with the actual provisions of the document which (Continued on page three)

Lenawee Gas Taxers Commend Rep. Evans

Adrian, Mich., July 5, 1923 Mr. C. L. Brody, Sec'y., State Farm Bureau, Lansing, Michigan. Dear Mr. Brody: The sentiment here in Lenawee County regarding the "Gasoline Tax," still remains the same. Mass meeting was held at Tipton, the home of Representative Charles Evans, which it was very evident that his fight in favor of the gas tax, and in fact, his legislative efforts in general, were very much appreciated.



# ROSEN RYE AND RED ROCK WHEAT GAIN IN FAVOR

## These Improved Strains Get Better and Better Say Field Inspectors

### HEAD SELECTION HELPS

Bureau Seed Dep't. to Handle Certified Wheat and Rye For Members

Michigan Crop Improvement Association inspectors have started out for the annual field inspection of rye and wheat and early reports indicate that there will be a large quantity of certified rye and red rock wheat seed available this fall. The Rosen Rye first made its name to Michigan farmers back in 1912. The present generation of this seed has in no way lost the characteristics of quality and productivity which have won this variety international fame. In fact, Certified Rosen Rye today is on a high plane that has never before. Each year the Farm Crops Department of the Michigan Agricultural College makes selections which are increased to the perfect isolation of South Manistee Island. Conditions on the island tend to bring out a rye of extraordinary quality and yield. Manitowish has twice won highest honors at the International Grain and Hay Show at Chicago. Such seed is the best stock for the Certified seed produced in isolated fields on the island.

### Selection Aids Improvement

In addition to this island work several mainland growers are practicing selection for Rosen Seed, L. A. Clark of Parma, and Farley of Albion, have been exceedingly successful in keeping their selected Rosen Rye up to high standards of productivity with well-filled heads and plump ears even superior to the original stock. Seed certified by the Michigan Crop Improvement Association as only a generation or two removed from such breeding and selection work will be available in quantity for fall seeding and much of it will be sold through the Seed Department of the Michigan State Farm Bureau. Red Rock wheat, according to inspectors of the Michigan Crop Improvement Association, is also continuing to show well in the field. While the winter has been hard on wheat inspected, fields of Red Rock show as little or less injury than any other variety. Herman of Rochester, has a six-acre field of great promise, while J. W. Stenographer of Frankenmuth, C. D. Steiner of Clinton, E. E. Ball of ... and Ralph Arbogast of Union ... are among the many who have fields of high purity.

### Free From Smut

Franklin last fall gave his seed the hot water treatment for smut and has almost eliminated this disease from his stock of wheat. The Red Rock fields are grown and seed treated for the Stinking Smut and none of this disease is reported in this field. The Red Rock variety fits well to the state-wide campaign for a cleaner home use of flour from Michigan wheat since it is of exceptional milling quality and flour from this variety of wheat makes Michigan consumers forget the more expensive brands made from hard wheats the west.

### Plan to get certified Rosen Rye and Red Rock Wheat for seed this fall, either from individual members of the Michigan Crop Improvement Association or through the Seed Department of the Michigan State Farm Bureau, which is already preparing to save your needs.

## MANISTEE BUREAU IS AFTER GRASSHOPPERS

Manistee, July 7. — Grasshoppers have again made their appearance in such large numbers that it is necessary to fight them in order to protect this year's crop. The Manistee County Farm Bureau points out that it is much safer to destroy them early on to wait until the damage is done. They declare that poison bait is the only successful method for control after the hoppers have hatched and recommend the following:

- ### POISON BAIT
- 2 bu. Sawdust or Bran
  - 1 qt. Low Grade Molasses
  - 2 lbs. Salt
  - 2 lbs. Arsenic
- Water to moisten thoroughly. Mix and scatter thinly over infested areas, being careful to prevent possible danger to children and live stock.

## FEET CLOVER MAKES FINE CATTLE PASTURE

Midland, July 11.—The Midland County Farm Bureau and the County Agricultural Agent have been boosting the growing of Sweet clover for the past two years. A most notable example of Sweet clover for pasture use has been developed this year by Fred Sias who owns a large tract just out of Midland. Mr. Sias pastured 57 head of four-year steers on 25 acres of Sweet clover from May 4. All bunch of steers received, in addition to the Sweet clover, a small amount of grain. They were shipped in July to the Detroit market and made remarkable gains. In other pasture available would be carried so many head of cattle and remained 100% efficient. Sias is loud in his praise of Sweet clover as a pasture crop.

## St. Joseph Bureau Gives Varied Service

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chinery for excavating it has furnished a cheap source of lime and encouraged the growing of the crop, as practically all St. Joseph county land requires from 1 to 2 tons of ground limestone per acre for successful alfalfa production.

### Club Work Is Fostered

Much interest has been aroused in swine raising and farm life among the boys by the Pig Clubs, actively supported by the Farm Bureau.

A club has been maintained in the neighborhood of Constantine for several years. Among the boys entering this club three years ago were Eugene Crow and Paul Crow, holding the first prize in the county. They plan to stay with the club. With this start in purebred stock, they increased the number of purebreds until now all the sows kept on the farm are fine purebred Durocs and Mr. Crow and his two sons are in partnership on all the hogs, the boys owning the sows and caring for them and all three sharing equally in the profits. Mr. Crow is not worrying about his boys leaving the farm. They plan to stay there and will make good farmers and good livestock men, and with the knowledge they are gaining, will be able to make a success of farming, both financially and as leaders in their community.

Paul and Kenneth Munson, sons of Wm. Munson in the same community, are following the same plan of partnership with their father in the farm livestock and show both hogs and cattle at the fair each year. Other communities which show the effect of club work in the quality of the swine kept in it are Mendon and Centerville which have specialized on Durocs, White Pigeon with a large number of Poland Chinas, and Moorepark, where because of club activities, Hampshires predominate.

### No Corner on the Stock

The most desirable features of the plant are that only stock holders can use the precooler and that by limiting the member's holding to 5 shares, no single grower, broker or speculator can get control of the management of the plant.

### Senator O. Disagrees With Gas Tax Facts

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he attacks. Senator Osborn says, "One cannot expect to act on any measure of the importance of this one, without displeasing some of their constituents." That seems probable, especially when one does not accurately inform himself on the provisions of this important legislation.

### Co-operative Marketing

There are eight Co-operative Associations of farmers located in St. Joseph county, besides the Four Counties Association at Marcellus which does considerable business here. All but one of these associations were organized through the efforts of the Farm Bureau, one being in operation before the Bureau was organized.

### Other Activities

Besides the main lines of work already mentioned, much time has been devoted to the introduction of better seeds. One reason why the alfalfa campaign has been so successful is because the farmers have had good seed to sow. During 1921 the County Farm Bureau supplied over 15,000 pounds of good northern grown alfalfa seed to its members. This seed business is now cared for by the Co-operative Associations.

Large numbers of farmers have been urged and aided to secure better seed stocks of all grains and potatoes. For the last three years a Grain and Potato Show has been held at Centerville where each year from 200 to 300 exhibits of quality

## Lincoln Fruit Growers Ass'n at Stevensville Makes Success of Michigan's First Precooler



Precooling Plant of the Lincoln Fruit Growers Ass'n., at Stevensville

Above is shown a cut of the first precooling plant in Michigan. It was erected by the Lincoln Fruit Growers Association of Stevensville, a farmer-owned stock company organized by the Lincoln Township Farm Bureau in Berrien County. The Lincoln Fruit Growers Association was organized in November, 1921, for the purpose of erecting a precooling plant to be used particularly in connection with the handling of small fruits. The inability of Berrien County growers in previous years to ship berries into farther markets and a desire to divert part of the bulk from the Chicago market, prompted a number of growers to follow the example set by the fruit growers' associations of the Pacific coast.

The capital stock of the Lincoln Fruit Growers Association is \$20,000 divided into 200 shares at \$100 each, which are in the hands of about 180 stockholders, very few stockholders owning more than one share.

### Save Money on Fourth of July

One instance in connection with these plants is worthy of notice. There was every reason to anticipate a slump in the berry market from Sunday, July 2, to Tuesday, July 4, in the 1922 strawberry season. The price, however, sagged but little during the period. It is easy to discover the main reason. Thirty carloads of berries, which would under previous conditions, have been thrown onto the market, were placed in the three precoolers of the county and taken out as the market was able to absorb them. The fact that the market was kept up resulted in a saving of at least \$100,000 to the Berrien county berry producers. This means that the comparatively few who had invested their money in precooling plants rendered a most valuable service to every berry grower in the county.

### Manistee Co. Bureau Ready To Dig Marl

Manistee, July 9.—After spending some time investigating different machines and methods for extracting marl, for farm use, the Manistee County Farm Bureau Executive Committee has selected a special marl machine, having a capacity of from 50 to 90 cubic yards per day. Manistee County is the first county in the northern part of the state to develop the use of marl, though in the southern and eastern counties, a number of these machines are operating successfully.

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## BUSINESS NEWS

### WANTED—A good Farm Lighting and Power Plant.

El Lindsey, Belton, Mich.

### FARM BUREAU VIRGIN WOOL

Young Cows with calves by side consisting of blood from America's foremost herds at prices that enable them under Earle's Hereford Beef Plan to pay for themselves within a year to 18 months. Full including postage and freight, 60x84 inches and the Collegiate, 60x72 inches. Each \$6 postpaid. A bargain. Mich. Farm Bureau Clothing Dept., 221 N. Cedar St., Lansing, Mich.

### FALL SEED GRAINS

Make plans now to sow Registered or Certified grain seed this fall. The Farm Bureau Seed Dept., is prepared to supply you with the best Rosen Rye, Red Rock Wheat and Winter Barley. STATE FARM BUREAU SEED DEPT., Lansing Michigan.

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Fabrics Dept. Lansing Michigan

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**The Losses and Expenses of this Company for 38 years have been paid with only 13 assessments, or an average of 5 1/3 cents per hundred per year.**



The above is a picture of the home of Mrs. Hayward of Leelanau County, after the visitation of a windstorm. Photo taken by M. F. Andrus, Secretary of Michigan Mutual Windstorm Insurance Co., Hastings, Mich.

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- 1st—79,725 Members (Jan. 1st, 1923).
- 2nd—\$255,000,000 Assessable Assets.
- 3rd—\$307,039 Cash in Bank and drawing interest.
- 4th—All Adjusted Claims and Debts Paid.
- 5th—Conservative Management.
- 6th—An Absolutely Accurate System of Handling All Its Business.
- 7th—Has Regular Auditing of Company's Books and Is Under Jurisdiction of State Insurance Department.
- 8th—Back of It, 38 Years of Success—Adjusting and Paying Its Losses Fully and Promptly.

President, Hon. H. Clay McNitt, Cadillac Vice-Pres., Guy E. Crook, Hastings Sec'y-Treasurer, M. F. Andrus, Hastings

### POULTRY CULLING BEING PUSHED BY WEXFORD BUREAU

Series of Schools Shows Big Demand For This Work. Interest Runs High

Cadillac, July 10.—That Wexford county farmers are becoming increasingly interested in obtaining information regarding poultry culling was convincingly shown by the poultry culling schools recently held on several leading Wexford county poultry farms, under the supervision of County Agent Wm. F. Johnson and the Wexford County Farm Bureau.

Mr. Johnson declares that these schools showed a marked improvement over any heretofore held in the county, not only in point of attendance and interest taken, but from the standpoint of information along poultry lines shown by those in attendance. He declares that the past three years show a marked improvement along the latter line and encourages the Extension workers in the belief that, slowly perhaps, but surely, they are getting the message across.

The first stop was made at the farm of John Guernsey, in Cedar Creek township. The attendance was small, only nine people showing up, but made up in interest and intelligent inquiries for information. The Guernsey flock are white Wyandottes, which is one of the leading breeds in Wexford county.

At the farm of W. B. Spencer, Meawataka, a 200 flock of white Leghorns furnished the demonstration. Twenty-one interested poultry raisers were in attendance. This is one of the best managed flocks in the county and is very creditable. A demonstration poultry farm is being arranged for at this place which will work in conjunction with the Michigan Agricultural college, properly cull, bred and managed in such a way that the eggs, chicks, cockerels, etc., may be recommended to prospective purchasers. By getting demonstration farms in the county, the County Agricultural Agent feels a want will be filled for people desiring good stock in having it within their own borders.

At the farm of W. H. Harvey in Hanover, the Barred Rock flock of Ellen Galbraith furnished the next demonstration. Mrs. Galbraith expects to change to white Leghorns and probably arrangements will be made here for another demonstration farm. She has built an up-to-date, well lighted, and ventilated poultry house and is making a scientific study of the poultry business, both from production and marketing standpoints. Twenty-seven people were in attendance at this place.

Keep Expert on Tip Toe  
Twenty-eight people attended the school held at the farm of Theo Richmond in Wexford township, and displayed such an intelligent interest as to keep the demonstrator on his tip toes for an hour and a half. A flock of Rhode Island Reds furnished the demonstration which wound up by Mrs. Nels Richmond announcing a cafeteria luncheon for all present. This was both unlooked for and welcome, being something out of the ordinary nature for poultry culling schools.

The second day of school was not as well attended, there being only five present at Neil Martin's in Slagle, five at Sam Swanson's in Cherry Grove, twenty-one at John Rydquist's in Clam Lake and three at O. L. Miller's, Chapin street, making a total of 119 for both days.

R. D. Ure, Extension Specialist in Poultry, Michigan Agricultural College, who conducted the demonstrations, expressed himself as very much pleased at the attendance and interest shown.

County Agricultural Agent, Johnston, in comparing the attendance and information on this subject with that of three years ago, when the first poultry work was undertaken, notes very decided progress.

The work is so much in demand that the County Agricultural Agent has decided to conduct several more schools himself in the county during July. While he does not claim to specialize yet, he is able to bring to people the main points in culling, feeding and breeding, which is, after all, probably about all they could absorb from any one meeting.

### BUSINESS MEN JOIN FARMERS FOR PICNIC

Midland, July 5.—A big community picnic was held at the Fair Grounds yesterday under the joint auspices of the local Chamber of Commerce and the Midland County Farm Bureau.

In the program which followed the picnic dinner Mr. H. H. Dow gave an interesting talk on the agriculture of Japan and Senator A. H. Gansser of Bay City delivered an eloquent and appropriate message of peace-time patriotism.

Amusements in the form of horse-shoe pitching, a base ball game and other sports were provided. The local unit of the national guard gave an exhibition drill. Concessions were handled by the American Legion.

Over 700 automobiles were on the grounds and the attendance was estimated at 3,000 people.

The success of this community picnic furnishes a splendid example of what can be done when city and county folks really get together.

### Grimm Proves Superior In Midland County

Midland, July 11.—Only a few years ago it was practically impossible to buy Grimm alfalfa and be assured that it was genuine Grimm. However, since the organization of the Farm Bureau, we have a Farm Bureau Seed department which guarantees its alfalfa to be true to name and quality. It is now possible for a farmer to be sure that the alfalfa seed he has bought is really Grimm.

Under the direction of County Agent McMurtry and the Midland County Farm Bureau a large acreage of Grimm alfalfa as well as common alfalfa has been sown in Midland County. This spring the superiority of Grimm alfalfa was very noticeable. Fields of Grimm were a solid mass of deep green foliage while most of all the fields of Common showed more or less winter killing. The early cuttings have furnished impressive evidence of the value of Grimm alfalfa and past experience indicates that by the third year there will be a still greater superiority shown by the Grimm.

### BENZIE APPROVES COUNTY T. B. TEST

Supervisors Feel Campaign Would Increase Market For Dairy Products

Beulah, July 7.—Illustrating the strong sentiment in wide-awake counties for the adoption of the State's program for the eradication of bovine tuberculosis on the county area basis the Benzie County Board of Supervisors at a recent meeting voted to co-operate with the United States Department of Agriculture, and the Michigan Department of Agriculture, in putting on a county-wide test of all dairy cattle in the county.

The board was addressed by Dr. Rich, in charge of this work in Michigan, who came here on the invitation of the Board and County Agricultural Agent Kraker. Dr. Rich explained the method by which a county co-operates with the state and federal departments, and explained that to clean a county with the cattle population of Benzie, would cost \$2500 per year for about two years. The state puts in a corps of veterinarians who test every herd, and then one veterinarian is left in the county to clean it up, doing the retesting work and visiting any herds that may have been missed in the original drive.

After Dr. Rich had finished speaking, several of the members of the board expressed their approval of this work, and Dr. Rich was plastered with questions, which he answered in a very satisfactory manner. Then the board took the proper action putting this county on the waiting list for this work. There are now twenty-one counties waiting for testing. It is possible that testing will not be done in Benzie for two years, but it will take place as soon as the counties now on the waiting list are cleaned up.

This is a step that will protect Benzie County children from tuberculosis, and will add immensely to the popularity of Benzie as a summer resort, for many summer people are particular about drinking milk only from herds tested for tuberculosis.

### PORTLAND LOCAL HOLDS BIG PICNIC FOR MEMBERSHIP

Twilight Meeting In Grove Staged By Live-Wire Local Leaders

### MR. NOON GIVES ADDRESS

Tells of Past and Present of Farm Bureau; Shows Value of Organization

Portland, July 9.—Nature smiled on the twilight picnic of the Portland Unit of the Ionia County Farm Bureau held recently at Dilley's park in Portland. The evening was ideal, the sun coming out brightly after a threatening rain. Every arrangement had been made for the success of the occasion by Lester M. Campbell, Secretary of the Local Unit. Electric lights swung among the trees of the beautiful park illuminated the picnic grounds and the long rows of tables around which the farmers and townspeople gathered for the big community feast. Lemonade flowed like water and food of all kinds was provided in abundance.

There are 300 members of this very live co-op. unit and while nobody called the roll, it was evident from the large attendance that most of them were present. Music throughout the evening was furnished by the Boys' band of Portland. Mr. William Fryer, president of the Portland Farm Bureau Community Unit, presided during the program. He welcomed the farmer members to the picnic and modestly declared that the success of their local was not due to the officers or directors but to the splendid support and co-operation of the farmer members who have brought in their produce and had made their purchases through the co-op. In welcoming the business men and townspeople of the village Mr. Fryer declared that the time had now come when they all realized they could not get along without each other, but must work together for success.

Mr. Ralph L. Helm, the new county agent in Ionia county, was next introduced. He congratulated the Portland Local on their splendid success and expressed his appreciation of the cordial reception which they had afforded him and told something of his plans for increased Farm Bureau activity in Ionia County.

Tax Reform Advocated  
The second speaker on the program was Stanley M. Powell of the Publicity Department of the State Farm Bureau. He explained the legislative activities of the Michigan State Farm Bureau and spoke in favor of the income tax, the gasoline tax, the deferred forest tax, and the Meggison bill providing a new system for distributing the Primary School Interest fund, all of which measures were considered at the recent legislative session but failed of final passage by both houses or were vetoed by the governor. Mr. Powell called on the Farm Bureau members to keep informed on legislative issues and to let their representatives and senators know of their opinions. He paid a high tribute to the present

### CO-OP. SPIRIT OF OFFICERS BRINGS SUCCESS TO UNIT

Portland Board Shows Interest In Work Of Organization And Gets Results

In a state-wide contest to determine the best managed local co-operative association, the Portland Farm Bureau Community Unit could not be overlooked, for this is a live-wire local co-op., whose officers take an active and intelligent interest in the affairs of their associations and apply business methods to its management.

It isn't a case of "Let George Do It" at Portland. The directors know what is going on. They hold regular monthly meetings and special meetings when necessary. In their meetings they talk business and not crops or weather. They sent out quarterly reports to their 330 mem-



LESTER M. CAMPBELL  
bers, giving a full detailed statement of the business handled during the preceding three months and the exact financial standing of their association.

The Portland Farm Bureau Community Unit operates a warehouse which handles the farmers' grains and purchases for them, coal, feeds, fencing, posts, twine, and other supplies. They also have a cream station which has been exceptionally successful. The cream is shipped to the M. A. C. dairy, except on Saturdays when it goes to Ionia. M. A. C. butter is handled for the members. Poultry and farm produce are handled in connection with the creamery station. Mr. R. R. Melvin has charge of this part of the Unit's affairs.

This association also handles live stock co-operatively for its members. Mr. A. Fred Kloz, its vice-president, is in charge of this phase of the activity of the Unit. Farm machinery was formerly handled by the Association but this department has been discontinued as it was found to cause considerable trouble and not be financially profitable under the local conditions.

The Farm Bureau took over these projects in 1921 and at first had severe difficulties and business reverses, but through the efficient management of the present officers and directors the affairs of the Unit are now on a sound basis and the members are satisfied and enthusiastic over the results that are being achieved.

Mr. Allan Hughes, the manager,

### FARMERS INSPECT DAIRIES, ALFALFA ON RECENT TOUR

Midland County Farm Bureau Sponsors Trip To Best Herds And Fields

Midland, July 9.—Acting in accordance with the belief that the best avenue of entrance for a new idea is through the eye rather than the ear, County Agent I. B. McMurtry of Midland County recently conducted a dairy-alfalfa tour through Midland, Bay and Saginaw counties as part of the state and federal campaign for more efficiency in dairies and the use of leguminous fodders to that end.

In conducting the tour, County Agent McMurtry of Midland was assisted by James Hayes of the Dairy Extension Department of the Michigan Agricultural College.

The Gen. Herbold and Frank Trombley herds east of Midland, the Wilder Holstein herd and the Oviatt farm in Bay county were visited in the morning.

Dinner was served in the Marsten farm grove on the Dixie Highway out of Bay City, where Hayes spoke on the use of alfalfa for better results from dairy herds. The Marsten herds were inspected. Geo. J. Hicks and Lawrence Bannan, County Club Agent for Saginaw County, joined the tourists at this point and piloted them to the Geo. J. Hicks farm on the Gratiot road out of Saginaw.

Polled Guernseys Interest  
According to Hayes, the Hicks herd was the best Guernsey herd he had observed as far as he had gone on the tour of the state. The methods of milking on the Hicks farm proved of unusual interest. The Hicks Polled Guernseys attracted considerable attention, as Mr. Hicks has developed the polled Guernseys until he now has both sexes without horns.

The tour was continued from there back on Ingersoll township in Midland with inspection of Hardigan alfalfa fields along the route. Midland county has one third of the total acreage of Hardigan alfalfa. Midland Farm Bureau men expect to develop and hold the center of the Hardigan seed industry. The tour of the three counties ended with inspection of the Hardigan alfalfa on the H. Vincent farm. Several fields of Grimm alfalfa were also inspected.

### U. P. FARMERS TO JOIN BUREAU

Northern Michigan Boosters Hold Series of Meetings. Plan Campaigns

Upper Peninsula farmers are thoroughly convinced as to the value of organization and co-operation and are becoming increasingly favorable to the co-operative stock plan of organizing their local associations. Many new locals are being promoted and existing locals are desirous of re-organizing so that they may be in a better position to take advantage of the services of the various Farm Bureau departments and commodity exchanges.

They have recently been holding a series of very enthusiastic Farm Bureau meetings and picnics and are now laying plans for Farm Bureau membership campaigns in several counties. Luce, Schoolcraft and Chippewa have already signed up for membership campaigns and Houghton will probably soon be added to this list.

Hold Picnics and Lay Plans  
On June 26th a bunch of progressive dairy farmers gathered at Sault township Town Hall and made preliminary arrangements for the organization of a Milk Producers Ass'n., taking in the territory around Sault Ste. Marie. M. L. Noon, vice-president of the State Farm Bureau, and Alex MacVittie of the organization department of the State Farm Bureau addressed the meeting.

Two days later a very enthusiastic and largely attended Farm Bureau picnic was held at McLean's Grove, in Donaldson, under the auspices of the Chippewa County Farm Bureau. On the following day a similar picnic of the Luce County Farm Bureau was held at Manistique Lake near Newberry.

One of the most enthusiastic meetings of this series was the Houghton picnic where an interested and responsive audience gathered to learn more of the State Farm Bureau and what the various County Farm Bureaus were accomplishing in the Lower Peninsula.

A big picnic of a similar nature is being arranged for Schoolcraft County by Miss Hazel Wickwire, Sec'y-Treas. of the Schoolcraft Co. Farm Bureau and County Agent T. R. Shane. The picnic will be held at Gulliver Lake as soon as a favorable date can be selected.

Mr. Noon and Mr. MacVittie reported that enthusiasm ran high among these progressive Upper Michigan farmers and were loud in their praise of the cordial hospitality which was shown them throughout their travels in northern Michigan. They declared they found lots of Scotch and Irish agriculturists and that Mr. Noon being Irish, and Mr. MacVittie being Scotch, they got along fine. Their talks were varied from place to place but in general, Mr. Noon discussed "What Organization Has Accomplished" while Mr. MacVittie took as his topic "Why We Should be Organized." Lower Michigan County Farm Bureaus may well keep an eye on the progress to be made by the wide-awake Upper Peninsula counties.

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### MARKET CONDITIONS

As Reported By State Farm Bureau Marketing Departments

#### GRAIN

There is but very little in the present situation to encourage anyone holding wheat or rye, and we are very much afraid farmers will be disappointed in the price they will get for new wheat, especially during the harvest months. We do not get a single export bid except at very low figures. General prices for the first half of August shipment around 94 cents Lansing rate, but that would mean less than 90 cents to the farmers. Millers will soon be filled up and then our only outlet will be for export. The situation looks discouraging for anyone interested in seeing the farmer get a fair return for his new crop of wheat.

#### HAY

There is a fair demand for hay that will run No. 2 Timothy or better, also for good grades of mixed clover. It is almost impossible, however, to sell grades lower than No. 2 Timothy. It looks like strong mar-

kets at least till new crop is ready to move and we believe, in the face of the short crop in Michigan and other states as well, that we have seen the bottom of the market for a long time.

#### BEANS

Despite a continued decline in the bean market the past two weeks beans continue to move from the state and it looks as though surplus on hand is about cleaned up. Although buying is light, we cannot help but feel that if the market can be stabilized around present prices, sufficient buying will develop to clean up all the old crop beans before the new crop beans are ready for market.

#### We Often Wonder

Why do thistles and quack grass thrive so much better than decent crops?



Elevator and Purchasing Dept., warehouse of the Portland Farm Bureau Community Unit. The cream and produce station are not shown.

officers, Board of Directors and department heads of the Michigan State Farm Bureau, declaring that they had brought order out of chaos and placed the organization on a sound and constructive business basis.

The chief address of the evening was given by Mr. M. L. Noon, vice-president of the Michigan State Farm Bureau. Mr. Noon traced in a masterly way the history of the Michigan State Farm Bureau from its almost spontaneous organization down to the present time, endorsing and supplementing the sentiments expressed by Mr. Powell in regard to the stable condition of the state organization which now exists.

Speaking of the development of stability of the finances of the State Farm Bureau, Mr. Noon declared that a tremendous reduction in overhead expenses had been effected and efficiency secured. He expressed the conviction that the Michigan State Farm Bureau is on its way to greater development and achievements. He said that while organization is the watchword of the hour, and may be of tremendous benefit, that it also has its dangers and that the only permanent success which can be achieved must be secured through playing fair, being square with all and following the Golden Rule with a firm desire to secure the greatest good for the greatest number.