

SANILAC COUNTY HELPS 70 GET FEDERAL LOANS

Farmers Borrow \$300,000 From U. S. On Federal Farm Loan Plan

INTEREST COST LOW Sanilac Builds 12 Live Co-ops. Promotes Better Seeds Tile Drainage

Sandusky, June 14 — Largely through the assistance of the Sanilac County Farm Bureau, 70 Sanilac farmers have been able to borrow about \$300,000 from the government through the Federal Farm Loan. Their average loan is about \$4,000. Instead of paying 7 per cent interest, which is the usual local rate, they are paying 5 1/2 per cent, making a total interest savings of about \$4,500 annually, or about \$60 apiece each year.

Not only that, but the loan pays itself off as the interest is paid. This is done by having the borrowing farmer pay 6 1/2 per cent on his loan; 5 1/2 per cent goes for interest and the other one per cent goes against the principal and in 3 1/2 years the loan is paid off.

The Sanilac County Farm Bureau has assisted 176 farmers with their applications for loans totaling \$759,000. About \$300,000 in loans have been granted and \$200,000 more is expected to come through shortly.

A Membership Service This is one of the services given Sanilac County Farm Bureau members by the county Farm Bureau in return for their Farm Bureau membership fee. This service is open to every Farm Bureau member in the county for the asking. Following are other services given by the Sanilac Bureau to its members:

Sanilac is one of Michigan's largest counties. It has 624,000 acres and a large portion of it needs drainage. Many of them are losing money for lack of drainage and many more will lose money if a systematic system of drainage is not adopted. The County Farm Bureau is putting on a number of farm demonstrations which are showing how to drain economically and efficiently by using a regular system for the work.

Drainage demonstrations may be seen on the Wm. Roskey farm, Applegate; the Miller farm; the Thomas Cummings farm; and M. W. Frey farms at Brown City; the Lewis Merriman, Sample, Michael and George Weyeneth farms near Deckerville.

At the drainage meetings, which were attended by 1,100, in early 1922, the County Farm Bureau urged improved varieties of alfalfa, seed oats, beans and other crops. The result has been that 300 farmers are growing high grade, adapted alfalfa and the number is steadily increasing. (Continued on page three)

EL. EXCH. SETS ANNUAL MEETING Delegates, Mgrs., Members to Meet at M. A. C. July 17

Tuesday, July 17, is the date set for the third annual meeting of the Michigan Elevator Exchange. On this date managers, officers and farmer members of the 105 local elevators affiliated with the central exchange will gather at the Michigan Agricultural College at East Lansing to exchange ideas and consider together problems of mutual interest.

Michigan Farm Bureau Leaders

President Phillips is a Strong Co-operative Marketing Leader Who Has Come up From the Ranks

W. E. Phillips, elected president of the Michigan State Farm Bureau, Feb. 2, 1923, is a Van Buren county farmer and Farm Bureau member. He was born in Silver Creek township, Cass County. His father died when he was 11 years of age and he removed to Decatur where he attended school and later rented the farm which he now owns. Mr. Phillips has been a resident of Van Buren County for 26 years.



WALDO E. PHILLIPS President, Mich. State Farm Bureau

The Phillips' farm is in Hamilton township five miles west of Decatur. Mr. Phillips owns 120 acres and operates another 80. He has a

ST. CLAIR BUREAU MEMBERS HOLD GREAT MEETING

Committee of 150 in Charge of Second Membership Campaign

Port Huron, June 11—One hundred and fifty St. Clair County Farm Bureau members and their wives met at the First Congregational Church at Port Huron on Monday, June 11th, at a Farm Bureau boosters' dinner and meeting preparatory to a campaign which is being conducted for the renewal of memberships in the St. Clair and Michigan State Farm Bureaus.

These people were representative farmers who have already signed up for another three years' membership in the Farm Bureau. In addition they pledged themselves to drive for one day in their respective townships to put the new campaign across. Each is accompanied by a State Farm Bureau representative who tells the Farm Bureau story at each farm home.

Every Township Represented These farm folks came as representatives from twenty townships. The meeting was a real boost from beginning to end and was a most enthusiastic meeting.

PURITY OF MICH. SEED PROTECTED BY NEW STATUTE

Requires Labeling of Seed To Show Purity, Origin, Germination

FARM TRADE EXEMPTED Add Mustards and Wild Carrots To Noxious Weed List

Realizing that the future success and prosperity of Michigan as a farm crop and seed producing state is dependent upon the purity, adaptability and viability of the seed sown in the state, the Michigan legislature at its recent session passed a law considerably amending and strengthening the former law on this subject. This act has been signed by Governor Groesbeck and will go into effect August 31.

Local Trade Exempted By a last minute amendment to section 6 of the act "farm to farm movement of home grown seed," or the "local distribution from elevators of locally grown seed" is specifically exempted from the provisions of the act. This amendment was added as a compromise and was an issue which provoked considerable legislative controversy.

Two weeds, mustards and wild carrots, are added to the list of noxious weeds, along with quack grass, Canada thistles and dodders.

What Tag Must Tell The law prescribes in detail the information which must be placed on the tags attached to all agricultural seed sold within the state. This information includes such items as name of seed, percentage of pure seed present, percentage of inert matter, percentage of foreign seeds, the name of each such foreign seed when present in excess of certain amounts, the percentage of germination of the seed, the state, territory or foreign country in which the seed is grown.

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FARM BUREAU SERVICE County Farm Bureaus have saved farmers many dollars by helping them control serious plant diseases and insect pests. They have introduced higher yielding and disease resistant varieties of field crops and fruits, have shown farmers how to organize co-operative marketing associations, etc.

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Bureau Ready With Open Formula Poultry Foods

Like Milkmaid, Tag on Bag Tells Ingredients Pounded for Pound

The tremendous success won by Michigan Milkmaid "open formula" dairy feed has led the Purchasing Department of the Michigan State Farm Bureau to perfect and arrange for the manufacture on a commercial scale of a complete line of poultry feeds, also to be sold on the open formula basis.

The tag on the bag will not only tell what is in the feed and give the chemical analysis of the mixture, but will specify as well the number of pounds of each ingredient, just as is done on the Milkmaid dairy feed tag.

The new line of poultry feeds which has been perfected has been thoroughly tested and its merit demonstrated to the absolute satisfaction of experts. All arrangements for its economical manufacture have been completed and the new products will probably be on the market during the present month.

Junk and Foul Stuff Sold It is common knowledge that the exploitation of poultry mashers, scratch feed mixtures and chick feed mixtures have been a fertile field for unscrupulous dealers who sought to make the greatest profit obtainable. Not only did the poultry and the poultry keeper's profits suffer, but such feeds frequently proved a menacing source of all the foul weeds imaginable. Nearly every farmer who buys commercial poultry feeds has a greater variety of noxious weeds around where he feeds his chickens than on any other spot on the farm.

The new line of poultry feeds will be scientifically correct, will be economical to use and will be clean stuff, free from noxious weeds and useless filler.

Wool Rolling INTO THE POOL Good Volume Comes From Local Assembling Points

Wool continues to come into the 1923 wool pool. Nearly 2,000 pounds arrived June 12 from local pooling points, where wool had been assembled and the regular cash advance of 25 cents per pound made to the poolers. Men within driving and trucking distance of Lansing continue to bring their wool to the warehouse at Lansing. The Farm Bureau is preparing to give return dates to early pooling points where shearing was late and return dates were asked.

Wool Pooling Dates Following are the 1923 local wool pooling dates. Sworn weighmasters will accept wool at these points on the days noted and will give a warehouse receipt to the pooler. That receipt will be good for a flat cash of 25 cents a pound. Final settlement when the pool is sold.

- JUNE 15—Caro, Eau Claire, 16—Cass City, Howell, 18—Bad Axe, 19—Grindstone City, 20—Deckerville, 21—Croswell, 22—Marlette, 23—Pittsford, 25—Coldwater, 26—Bronson, 27—Midland, 28—Coleman,

Watertown Owns Hay Shed, Cream Station

Watertown Farm Bureau Local in Sanilac county owns a hay shed with elevator equipment and owns a cream station. Under management of Edward Schultz this last year the association has marketed 115 cars of products and 35 cars of live stock for members and its business was \$130,140.43. It was organized by the Sanilac County Farm Bureau. It is doing an increasing business in farm supplies for its Farm Bureau members.

Ingham Member Plants 180 Bu. of Potoskeys

Expressing the conviction that he believes certified seed potatoes to be a good investment for any grower who is planning on raising potatoes for market purposes, John Hiller, Ingham County Farm Bureau member recently purchased 90 bushels of Certified Potoskey seed. In a few days he came back and obtained 90 bushels more. Mr. Hiller secured this seed through the Ingham County Farm Bureau. He will plant about 15 acres and believes that the extra two price which he has paid for his seed will be well repaid through the extra yield and better quality of the potatoes which he will produce.

McPherson, on Tour, Has to Pay Gas Tax

A post card recently received from M. B. McPherson of Lowell, member of the Executive Board of the Michigan State Farm Bureau, shows that Michigan auto owners help pay highway costs of other states when they travel although tourists in Michigan make no contribution to the construction or maintenance of our improved highways.

Mr. McPherson's post card is as follows: Washington, D. C. June 4, 1923. Hon. Clark Brody, Michigan State Farm Bureau, Lansing, Michigan. Dear Friend:

Pretty warm here, Passed through one gas tax state, Pennsylvania. They now have a one cent tax, but are going to make it two cents per gallon. With best wishes, M. B. McPherson.

Mail Fabrics Acc't Checks To Growers

Checks in full settlement of the Michigan State Farm Bureau's 1921 wool pool fabrics account of 2 1/2 cents a pound are being mailed to every 1921 wool pooler who had an interest in that account. Every check should be in the hands of the growers by June 22. Any failures to receive checks due should be reported at once to J. Lee Morford, Ass't. Treasurer, at the State Farm Bureau at Lansing, with the number of the account if possible.

RATE REDUCTION BENEFITS MANY

Bureau's Action Will Save Money for Ten Communities

Due to the efforts of the Michigan State Farm Bureau Traffic department, the Pere Marquette railroad has granted freight rate reductions ranging from 3 1/2 to 6 1/2 cents per cwt. on grain by-products from Toledo to a number of Michigan points. The rate is effective July 1 and applies to such products as cottonseed meal, linseed oil meal, linseed oil cake, gluten feed, beet pulp, etc. The rates also apply to intermediate stations and will effect a good savings to Farm Bureau buyers of these products. On the carload minimum weight of 40,000 lbs. for such products, the saving to Farm Bureau buyers at such reductions may range \$14 to \$28 per car. Following is the list of stations where reductions were made and the amount of the reduction per cwt. in each instance:

- Almont and Sandusky—3 1/2 reduction; Beaverton, Elk Rapids and Petoskey—5 1/2; Harrison—6; Barryton, Grindstone City, Port Hope and Weidman—5 1/2.

Two-thirds of the United States tobacco crop is now marketed co-operatively.

SNOVER'S BUSINESS \$141,407 IN 11 MO.



Snover Farm Bureau Ass'n. Snover Farm Bureau Association, organized at Snover in 1921 by the Sanilac County Farm Bureau, during the past 11 months has handled \$141,407.96 for its members. The Association started as a car-dor business. The fall of 1921 the members erected an elevator and it was completed for the business of 1922-23. In this locality the Sanilac Farm Bureau and the State Farm Bureau have been of great assistance to the members. The following summary shows what has been accomplished in spite of stiff old line local competition. Pres. Wm. J. Sefton and Manager Chas. Buchler believe they can meet any kind of competition. Hiram Brooks of Brown City says that Snover has been paying at times 6c more for wheat than Brown City. The Snover elevator belongs to the Michigan Elevator Exchange and also

FARM BUREAU IS STILL SOLID FOR 2-CENT GAS TAX

County and Local Organization Support Stronger Than Ever

OPPOSE COMPROMISES Justice and Popular Demand For Gas Tax Stressed In Letters to Brody

Inasmuch as the legislature adjourned without passing either a gas tax or a weight tax and it is now reported that the Governor is planning to call a special session of the lawmakers to consider highway funding legislation, it is extremely interesting and timely to learn the attitude of the Farm Bureau membership on this important issue, as reflected through county and local Farm Bureau units.

Letters received at the Lansing headquarters of the Michigan State Farm Bureau indicate that farmer sentiment in favor of a two cent gas tax has only been strengthened by the executive veto which prevented the Warner gas tax act, supported by 99 of the 132 legislators, from going into effect in Michigan.

Farmers can scarcely see the justice of the present system under which they pay the main cost of improved highways which are largely used by commercial trucks, traveling men, tourists and city pleasure seekers. They are equally opposed to an automobile weight tax which ignores utterly the mileage driven by the car and falls to derive any revenue from the ever-increasing tourist traffic or the highway-destroying fleets of drive-away cars.

Sentiments expressed in letters received from individual Farm Bureau members and local organizations are plainly and convincingly stated and leave no doubt as to the attitude of the writers. Some of them deal in personalities and are just as well left unprinted, but we quote from some of the more moderate of these interesting expressions of farmer sentiment.

A leading Barry County Farm Bureau member, who is the president of his township organization, writes: "Our members stand solidly for a gas tax and would favor no other measure. We would not favor the weight tax under any condition. It would not catch the out of state tourist or tourist nor the drive-aways. It does not discriminate between the man who uses his auto one day in the week and one who uses it seven days in the week. We do not believe in any compromise but do believe the Farm Bureau can and should put the gas tax through, as it is what the people want."

In harmony with the above forcefully expressed opinion is the attitude of the Mason County Co-op Marketing Ass'n., as indicated by the following resolution which was unanimously adopted at a recent meeting of their membership: "Resolved, that we favor the continuance of the fight for the gas tax, in case a special session of the legislature is called. We do not favor weight tax nor any compromise from the gas tax bill as originally supported by the House of Representatives.

Ottawa County in Line Regarding the sentiment of Farm Bureau members of Ottawa county, Mr. A. J. Knight, the secretary, writes that Farm Bureau members in Ottawa county are practically solid for a two cent gas tax. He expresses his personal conviction that the gas tax is the most just solution of the problem.

Huron, Manistee, Shlawassee and Montcalm County Farm Bureau members also report that they stand solidly for a gas tax and consider the weight tax absolutely wrong. Express your convictions on the gas tax issue to your senator and representative and County and State Farm Bureau officials. This matter is far from being settled yet.

Why Grimm Pays The superior frost resistance of Grimm alfalfa was convincingly demonstrated on a St. Joseph county farm this spring.

A field of Grimm and a field of Common near Moore, were growing side by side, both in excellent condition when the heavy snowfall and freeze of early May hit them. Since that time there has been practically no growth in the common alfalfa,—the leaves turned pale and dropped off and the first cutting will run hardly more than a half ton per acre. The Grimm field was uninjured, has a rich, dark blue-green color with prospects for a first cutting of fully two and a half tons per acre. The extra hay from a one acre cutting of this Grimm would pay for the extra acre seed cost from twenty to forty times.

Michigan's Poultry Is Worth Many Millions

More than 180,000 of Michigan's 196,000 farms maintain poultry flocks. The average number of birds per flock is 62. The Michigan Agricultural College estimates the value of the poultry and equipment at \$20,000,000. Returns on this investment in 1919 were \$23,500,000 worth of eggs and \$11,400,000 in poultry marketed.

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A STAB IN THE BACK

A sample of the misleading statements being circulated through the daily press regarding the Michigan State Farm Bureau is an article appearing in the papers of June 12, in which it was stated, "that 39 of the 64 county agricultural agents receive money either in the shape of salaries or expenses from the Michigan State Farm Bureau. The rest comes from the college and from the federal government. The amounts paid by the Farm Bureau range from \$500 to \$2,000 per agent a year."

As a matter of fact, the State Farm Bureau pays not one cent to any county agricultural agent. The funds referred to above come direct from the County Farm Bureaus, which are separately incorporated organizations.

The affairs of any one County Farm Bureau are distinct and separate from those of any other County Farm Bureau. The County Farm Bureaus are organizations which enable farmers of a county to co-operate with state and federal agencies and to contribute toward the maintenance of county agricultural extension service in a systematic manner, and in accordance with state and federal laws. The County Farm Bureaus in most cases do so contribute.

The county agricultural agent is responsible to the Michigan Agricultural College and his County Farm Bureau, but in no case does the county agricultural agent receive money from the State Farm Bureau nor is he in any way responsible to the State Farm Bureau. Neither does the State Farm Bureau exercise any control over the County Farm Bureaus.

There is a movement by interests hostile to farm organization to discredit the Farm Bureau. Facts will be twisted to serve their ends. The foregoing misrepresentation is an effort to undermine a merited public confidence in the State Farm Bureau.

Still Time To Plant Cert. Petoskey Potatoes

Potato men with the Michigan Agricultural College and the Michigan State Farm Bureau Seed Department advise that there is still time to plant certified Petoskey seed potatoes, at least in the southern portion of the state.

They point out that in favorable seasons there are certain advantages from late plantings. Late planted potatoes escape "bugs" and leaf hoppers to a greater extent than earlier planted fields, although treatment with Bordeaux spray is recommended. To insure a good yield of potatoes they must "set" during favorable weather and moisture conditions, and the later planted crop does not set until after the usual mid-summer drought.

Get Certified Petoskeys through your local co-op., or the Michigan State Farm Bureau Seed Department at Lansing.

More Horse Selling

A report from the Horse Association of America, Wayne Dinsmore, secretary, Chicago, indicates that the demand for all classes of horses and mules is steadily increasing. This applies apparently to all sections of the United States.

Bureau Give Markets To Local Elevators

Through co-operation of the Huron, Macomb and Branch county Farm Bureaus, every co-operative elevator in those counties gets the market close daily from the Michigan Elevator Exchange and the Exchange's bids for the next day's business. The Elevators get this information immediately after the market closes. The market news is wired to the three County Farm Bureaus, which relay it to their local elevators by telephone. Seven Huron County elevators say that if they were to get this news separately their wire tolls would be \$20 or more monthly or \$140 in all. As it is the information costs them about \$4 per month or a total of \$28. They are sure of an accurate unbiased report from their own sales organization.

Last fall the Huron County Farm Bureau bought \$1,500 worth of high grade automobile tires which it has been selling to its members for around \$11.80 each. The present price of the same tires is \$18.90.

Alfalfa promises to be one of the major crops of Michigan in a short time for two reasons. First, it is an excellent soil builder and second, it is an excellent direct or indirect cash crop.

BRADFUTE TELLS WHY FARM BUREAU ASKS RATE CUTS

Cost of Freight Affects Returns From Farmer's Whole Crop.

"When I sell a fat Aberdeen Angus bullock to be killed by the local butcher in Xenia, Ohio, he pays me the price ruling at Pittsburgh, or Buffalo, or Baltimore, or New York City minus the freight rates from those cities to my home town. Why is the farmer so anxious for reduction in freight rates? Because the transportation bill affects the returns from his whole crop."

Interesting Articles from the Press

Dr. Friday Out at Michigan 250 Farm Houses are Unoccupied this Year in Lenawee County

Lansing, Mich.—Dr. David Friday officially severed his connection with the Michigan Agricultural College Tuesday. Following a special meeting of the state board of agriculture, Dean R. S. Shaw, head of the agricultural department, became acting president.

Dr. Friday will move to Washington, where he will do research and editorial work.

They're "Alarmed" Again!

Over in Lansing it seems to be a dangerous proceeding to be "agin the government" in anything. Take the case of Dr. David Friday, for example.

Dr. Friday resigned, following what appears to have been an attack on the part of the Michigan State Farm Bureau.

We don't know what was "back" of it all. Perhaps Dr. Friday was justified in the course he pursued.

Perhaps the Farm Bureau officials were wrong and are open to criticism. As we have stated, we are not in a position to judge, because we are not in possession of the facts.

What we refer to particularly is the development of what appears to be a vengeful attitude on the part of high state officials.

It is well illustrated in a dispatch from Lansing, published in The Times-Herald yesterday.

"The state administrative board," says the dispatch, "today adopted a resolution offered by Secretary of State Charles J. DeLand, demanding from the secretary of the Michigan Agricultural College complete information as to the manner in which funds are dispensed for the support of county agents."

The resolution was regarded as a throwback from the resignation of Dr. David Friday as president of the M. A. C. last week. The meeting of the state board of agriculture, which accepted his resignation, was preceded by rumors that county agents had been instrumental in spreading dissatisfaction with Dr. Friday's administration.

In other words, it begins to look as though somebody is going to be punished, because of the Dr. Friday episode.

There is a sudden "discovery" that the state is paying a share of the expense of maintaining the farm bureau.

Officials are "alarmed" at this condition of affairs.

There is about to be an investigation, we are told, because the "governor is worried" and all that sort of thing.

Great stuff, isn't it? The State Highway department recently got a similar dose, when the administration weight tax bill went down to defeat.

BEAN SHIPPERS GET LOWER RATE

Railroads Decrease Inspection Stopover Charge, Granting Shippers' Request

Team work won a big victory for the bean shippers of Michigan when on June 5th the Central Freight Association, representing 20 railroads that serve the great central portion of the United States, granted the request of the Traffic Committee of the Michigan Bean Jobbers' Association that the stop-over charge for carloads of beans for inspection be reduced from \$6.30 per car to \$2.70, the rate for stopping carloads of hay for inspection.

Pro-rates \$3,723 to 60 Members

The Carsonville Farm Bureau Local was organized by the Sanilac County Farm Bureau in 1920 with 60 members at \$10 per member. Did a car door business for the first year when the above building was rented and Archie Thomson was hired to handle the cream.

The Local has handled \$86,222.63 worth of products and pro-rated back on this volume \$3,723.20. Some farmers' pro-rates have totalled \$50.00. Organizing and perfecting such organizations is one way the Farm Bureau uses its membership funds.

Mr. Thomson has been ably assisted by John Christie and James Trisler in the handling of livestock, coal, fertilizer and other commodities. They now have orders for 18,000 lbs. of twine. Carsonville Local belongs to the Michigan Livestock Exchange. It uses the Exchange's co-op. commission house at Detroit.

TWO YEAR'S FARM BUREAU BUSINESS AT CARSONVILLE.

First year— Value of butterfat... \$3,337.95 Value of eggs... 6,156.98 Pro-Rated to farmers... 1,767.73

Second year and to date— Value of butterfat... \$98,920.63 Value of eggs... 6,808.07 Pro-Rated to farmers... \$45,728.70 1,969.47

The State Farm Bureau Seed Department supplies members with reliable, northern grown seeds. It provides a great cooperative market for members' seed.

The Brown City Co-operative Store handled about 120 cars of live stock for Sanilac County Farm Bureau members in its territory this last year besides a big business in cream, eggs and poultry. It helps the Brown City Farm Bureau Local.

Higher wages. Higher prices. Higher cost of plain living. Added cost of high living. Everybody having a high old time. Nobody satisfied.—Boston Transcript.

M. A. C. Presidency David Friday has resigned as president of Michigan Agricultural College. This came about from the fact that the State Board of Agriculture were not satisfied with the service Mr. Friday was rendering the state.

The full details have not been given out by the Board for reasons that appear good to them. That there are reasons, good and sufficient, a very casual inspection of the personnel of the Board demonstrates. Any thinking farmer will discount about 100% the vaporizing of uninformed, but presumably well meaning, individuals. I believe that we have the best board of agriculture the college ever had, the most truly responsive to agriculture and that it has acted in the best interests of the college and the state.

In spite of newspaper criticisms and prediction, there is a "Greater M. A. C." straight ahead.—A. B. Cook, master of Michigan State Grange. From June issue of the Michigan Patron.

CULLING RAISES PROFITS The percentage of hens classed as culls—that is, not capable of producing enough eggs to pay for their feed—has been reduced in Idaho flocks from 55 per cent in 1919 to not exceeding 24 per cent in 1922, according to reports to the United States Department of Agriculture. This has been accomplished by culling campaigns carried on by agricultural extension workers, through which as much as possible of the unprofitable stock was eliminated from the flock each year.

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Notice to Wool Poolers

The following co-operative association will accept wool for the 1923 wool pool at any time and will make the regular cash advance of 25 cents per pound: Midland Co-operative Association.

Coleman Co-operative Association. Isabella Co. Farm Bureau, Mt. Pleasant. Petoskey Producers Company. Merrill Co-operative Shipping Association.

The Square Deal Co-operative Association, Charlotte. Farmers Co-op. Elev. Ass'n, West Branch. Harrison Elevator Co. Hart Co-op. Marketing Association. Paul Hayward, South Boardman. Adrian Community Market. Millersburg Co-op. Ass'n. Lakeview Farm Bureau Co-operative Ass'n. Vestaburg, Co-op. Marketing Association. Tustin Co-op. Shipping Association.

Barryton Co-op. Potato Association, Barryton, will accept wool on June 30. Beaverton Co-op. Association, Beaverton, June 11, 12, 25, 26, and every two weeks following on Monday and Tuesday. Chuboyan at Michigan Central Freight House, June 20.

ALL WANT PETOSKEYS Certified Petoskey Rural Russets are in demand everywhere as a superior potato. From the LaGrange County, Ind., Farm Bureau, the Michigan Farm Bureau Seed department gets this request:

"We need 20 to 25 bushels of Petoskey Rural Russets to finish out club work. Could you supply them in small lots and what will the freight and price be?"

The carload of Michigan Farm Bureau Petoskeys (ordered previously) was distributed in good shape; there was not enough to go around.

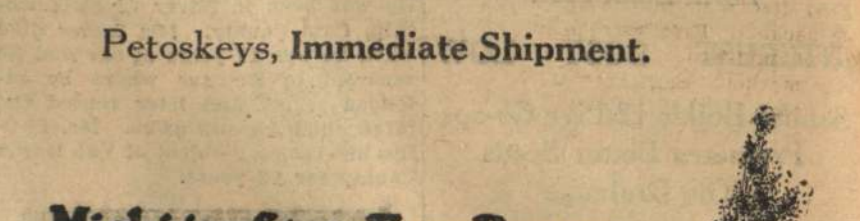
The men were very much pleased with them and Mr. Ulmer said it was a pleasure to unload them."

CROSWELL CO-OP. ACTIVE The Croswell Co-operative Company is a Farm Bureau organization in Sanilac county which last year sold 67 cars of oats, wheat, rye, beans and livestock and bought 59 cars of supplies for its members, doing a business of \$127,120.37. The association markets through the Michigan Elevator Exchange and the Michigan Livestock Exchange. It is doing well.



"Rural Russets" King of the Late Potatoes! Resists heat, drought and disease.

In stock for last minute orders. There is yet time to plant. Have your Co-op wire for Certified Petoskeys, Immediate Shipment.



GIVE BOYS AND GIRLS PLACE AT THE FAIR

"On the shoulders of the farm boys and girls of today rests, in considerable measure, the future of American agriculture. Their success or failure financially and their satisfaction or dissatisfaction with their environment is of direct importance to the whole country. I have always been much interested in what boys and girls clubs are doing to help them, and I believe this important and far-reaching branch of extension work should be encouraged in every feasible way."

"One of the needs of the clubs is more adequate housing on the State and district fair grounds for the club members and their exhibits. At most of the fairs, tents are now used for this purpose. These have proved to be very inadequate, especially when the weather is bad. A movement is now under way, which I am very glad to endorse, to provide a permanent camp and a permanent exhibit building for the junior farmers on every large fair ground. This would emphasize the importance of the work these young people are doing and make them feel that their aid in promoting the interests of agriculture through exhibits at fairs is being properly appreciated."—E. T. Meredith, former Secretary of Agriculture.

Book Joe McGuire for your next County Farm Bureau's Live Stock Ass'n. Grange program. Write HOMESTEAD FILMS, INC., 7510 N. Ashland Ave., Chicago, Ill.

WE ENJOYED Joe McGuire Writes the Clinton County (Mich.) Farm Bureau.

"Six hundred members saw this big story on the co-operative shipping of Live Stock. It has facts and romance that make it both entertaining and instructive. It drives home a great lesson in co-operation."

More Milk with Michigan Farm Bureau Milk Maker Sold by your co-op. under an open and public formula.

The tag on the bag tells you pound for pound what you feed and pay for.

Guaranteed Analysis Protein 24% (min.) Carbohydrates 45% (min.) Fat 5% (min.) Fibre 9% (max.)

INGREDIENTS (As shown on tag) 500 lbs. Gluten Feed 260 " Cottonseed Meal—43% 240 " O. P. Linseed Oil Meal 200 " Corn Distillers' Grains 200 " Stand. Wheat Bran 160 " Yellow Hominy 100 " Ground Oats 100 " Stand. Wheat Mid. 3X 100 " Cane Molasses 100 " Peanut Meal—40% 20 " Salt 20 " Calcium Carbonate 2,000 lbs. of honest feed.

Write to the Purchasing Dept., Michigan State Farm Bureau, Lansing, Mich., for descriptive Milk Maker booklet, with feeding suggestions.

Ask your co-op. for the following Farm Bureau feeds in mixed cars with Milk Maker Dairy Feed. You can get a variety of feeds and still get carlot prices and freight rates. It pays.

Michigan Scratch Feed Michigan Chick Feed Michigan Buttermilk Egg Mash Michigan Buttermilk Chick Mash Michigan Calf Meal Michigan Stock Feed Michigan Horse Feed "Insist on Farm Bureau Feeds" Michigan State Farm Bureau Purchasing Dept. Lansing, Mich.

GIVE ATTENTION TO EGG SALES

Other States Want Service Like Farm Bureau's Produce Exch.

Chicago, June 13 — Speaking before a national conference of farm women at American Farm Bureau headquarters at Chicago recently on the subject of co-operative marketing of eggs, Aaron Sapiro, marketing counsel for the American Farm Bureau, said:

"The farm egg producers must stop dumping their eggs and substitute merchandising, which means intelligent control of routing. The marketing situation is today controlled by five men in Chicago, the big packers. They use the great surplus of mid-west eggs to force down the market. Eggs are sold for bare delivery, just as wheat is and the packers take a market position which makes their egg departments one of the most profitable divisions of the packing industry.

In California the producers organized their own cooperative selling agency, and broke the hold of the dealer. The producers themselves now produce, pack, store and merchandise their own carefully graded and guaranteed product. They own the finest egg packing plant in the world at Petaluma. Their eggs out-sell mid-west eggs constantly on the New York market, where they move at the rate of 800 carloads per year."

In Michigan the State Farm Bureau has in successful operation a co-operative egg marketing machine through the Farm Bureau Produce Exchange at Detroit. Farm Bureau members may arrange through their local co-operative associations for shipping eggs to Detroit. A number of local associations are doing this thing. The returns have been very satisfactory and prompt.

Mr. Frank L. Bloom, manager of the Michigan Farm Bureau Produce Exchange at Detroit, was active in the Chicago conference.

Support the Gas Tax, Says Manistee County

Manistee, Mich., May 21, 1923. Mr. C. L. Brody, Sec'y-Mgr., Michigan State Farm Bureau, Lansing, Michigan.

The members of the Michigan State Farm Bureau, have always and will continue to support the gas tax measure as a means of raising the necessary revenue for the highway department. We are not in favor of the weight tax as a means of solving the problem satisfactorily and know of no compromise that would bring relief to the farmers to such an extent as would the gas tax and it would place the burden of taxation on users of the roads, where it rightfully belongs. We believe that the home consumption of gas would be negligible.

We heartily commend the action of the State Farm Bureau in supporting this and other measures for the benefit of their membership and believe that this is one of the best ways in which the Farm Bureau can be of service.

Trusting that you will continue our support to further legislative action, we are

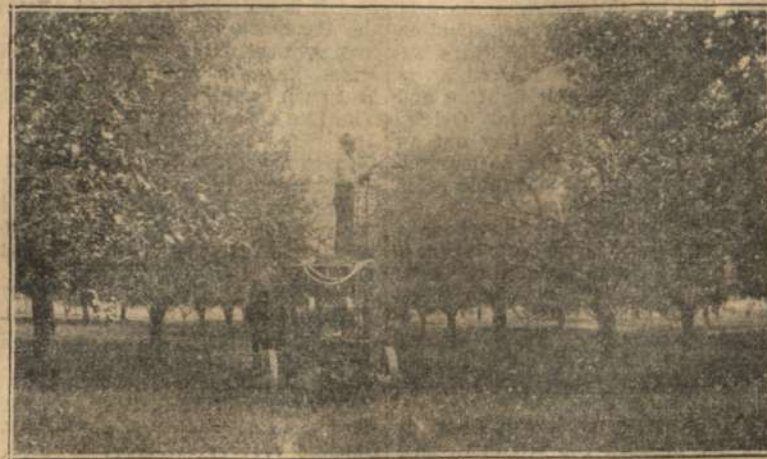
Very truly yours,

The Manistee County Farm Bureau,
Loren W. Read, Sec'y-Treas.

HURON CO. FARM BUREAU ORCHARD



A view of Huron County members demonstration orchard



Spraying the orchard with lime-sulphur solution



Huron County Farm Bureau's Executive Committee

Top row, left to right—E. E. Twing, County Agent; Theodore Premier, Ruth; Donald Gordon, Ubley; H. D. Horton, Kinde.
Bottom row, left to right—Fred Oehmke, Sebewaung; Earl C. McCarty, Bad Axe; James Davidson, Fillon.

Huron County Farm Bureau has a fruit demonstration orchard near Bad Axe with splendid possibilities. The Bureau has taken over the old Ludington orchard of 12 acres, planted in 1878. The trees are Spies, Baldwins, and Greenings. For ten years the orchard has had no attention and last year under private management it brought in only \$60. The Bureau is pruning it, and is carrying on fertilizing and spraying demonstrations for the benefit of Huron fruit men. This fall the Bureau will give a grading and marketing demonstration with the fruit. The M. A. C. horticultural department is co-operating

46 Testing Ass'ns.

With 14 cow testing associations in May, 1922, Michigan now has 46 associations in operation and 9 other associations awaiting testers. Each association includes some 25 herds in a district. Each is a powerful influence for better and more profitable dairy methods.

Deckerville Farm Bureau Local in Sanilac county buys coal, fertilizer and Farm Bureau seeds for its members and markets 40 cars of livestock annually for members.

MICHIGAN IS SET FOR MARKETING

Has Co-operative Exchanges To Sell Main Crops Direct

Michigan is fortunate in farmers' marketing organizations. We have the Michigan State Farm Bureau with county and local organizations in every agricultural county. Affiliated with the State Farm Bureau are four great commodity marketing organizations: The Michigan Potato Growers Exchange, The Michigan Milk Producers Association, The Michigan Elevator Exchange, and The Michigan Live Stock Exchange.

These exchanges are strong. The Potato Exchange has 120 locals and 19,000 members and markets 2,500 cars of potatoes annually; The Milk Producers have 120 locals and 19,000 members and cover the Detroit milk producing area; The Live Stock Exchange has 112 locals and 18,000 members. Its co-op. commission house at Detroit has handled up to 122 cars weekly. The Elevator Exchange has 104 local elevators and does an average monthly business of \$354,000.

The State Farm Bureau at Lansing is a general service department for the above exchanges and all Farm Bureau members. To get the full benefit of the Michigan State Farm Bureau, every Farm Bureau member should also be a member of a Farm Bureau co-operative association. Much of the service is given through local associations as most of the selling and buying done by the Farm Bureau and the above exchanges is on a car lot basis for the account of several to many farmers.

Sanilac County Helps Seventy Get Loans

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ing; around 200 started off with Robust seed beans and it is going to be the big bean for Sanilac. William Frye of Brown City last year had 22 acres acres of alfalfa and had 90 loads of good hay. Three-fourths of Sanilac's farms could do well with alfalfa. William Myers of Carsonville has 70 acres in Robust beans this year for certification. The Farm Bureau has also introduced certified oats, corn and barley. Most of the members are getting their seed from the Farm Bureau.

The Sanilac Farm Bureau is developing interest in breed associations. Geo. Black of Sandusky is president of the Holstein-Friesian Breeders Ass'n., and D. T. Knight of Marlette is president of the Shorthorn Breeders Ass'n., both organized by the County Farm Bureau. The Farm Bureau is strong for a county tuberculosis eradication campaign, and twice has secured more than 1,000 signers to a petition for that work. If Sanilac gets into it early, it will share the benefits before backward counties do.

OHIO FINDS BUFFALO CO-OP. IS WIDE AWAKE

Lemoyne, Ohio, May 3, 1923. Producers Co-operative Commission Ass'n., East Buffalo, N. Y.

Your kind favor of May 7th received this evening, calling my attention to an error I made on car No. 22427, New York Central. I discovered after my letter was mailed that I had failed to list two cattle with tails clipped. I would have made a correction by telegraph, but I was well aware that Mr. Hicks would straighten out my mistake.

I wish to congratulate you all in the manner you have handled the live stock I have shipped to you. I wonder that you can handle the volume of business you do with so few errors. I certainly do appreciate the manner in which you handled this shipment (as well as all others). With all the different markings, on the sheep especially, not the slightest mistake. The list you have rendered any two-year-old could understand.

Mr. Prentiss made a right good sale on the cattle, which more than pleases me, for every one of the owners were loyal to our work and they have received as much or more than they were offered at home, and the shrunks were light, which makes a whole lot of difference in the outcome.

Quinn made a right good sale on the lambs, and certainly did make good in keeping them separate. The sale on the clipped lambs certainly was good.

Thanking you for all your efforts in my behalf,

Very truly yours,
J. L. Herman.

To Better Car Service

Appointment by the American Railway Association of a car service manager at Toledo may be of great benefit to Michigan shippers in future car shipments. Heretofore, it has been necessary to reach clear to Washington to get aid in relieving shortages for shippers. Now with a man at Toledo, well posted on Michigan's needs, Michigan may fare better, says E. L. Ewing, Farm Bureau traffic counsel.

William Bettis is manager of McGregor Farm Bureau Local in Sanilac county, which handles a good volume of coal, fertilizer, flour, seeds, twine and 40 cars of livestock annually for members.

CLASSIFIED ADS PAY

MAIL TO MICHIGAN FARM BUREAU NEWS 221 N. CEDAR ST. LANSING, MICH.

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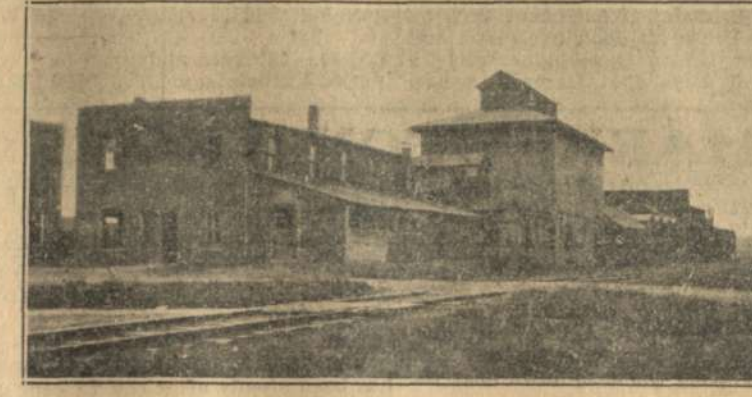
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MINDEN SERVES 400 MEMBERS



Farm Bureau members near Minden City and Palms in Sanilac county have in the Minden City-Palms Farm Bureau Local a marketing organization that in the last year has handled 279 cars and 1,500 bushels of seed for them. This business totaling \$332,996.91, was done in the interest of 400 members. The Local has a neat little reserve. Farm Bureau membership make such organizations possible.

Minden City-Palms Local is a member of the Michigan Livestock Exchange and enjoys its co-operative sales service. It is looking forward to becoming a member of the Michigan Elevator Exchange. Following is its business for the past 11 months:

SOLD.	
6 cars hay	\$3,668.72
22 cars oats	18,905.47
72 cars wheat	103,972.97
32 cars rye	31,253.13
1 car corn	1,902.32
31 cars beans	71,552.43
PURCHASED.	
55 cars coal	24,519.42
26 cars fertilizer	17,860.63
1 car lime	146.49
HANDLED.	
33 cars livestock	46,508.71
1,500 bu. seed	12,707.62
TOTAL—279 cars and 1,500 bu. seed.....	
	\$332,996.91

Send Across U. S. for Mich. Farm Bureau Made Clothes

Arizona, Montana And New York Men Well Pleased With Service

Michigan Farm Bureau-made clothing has a good reputation for giving satisfaction, and it is a widespread reputation. Three purchasers—more than 1,000 miles apart—have written to the Farm Bureau Clothing department about their purchases within the past few weeks. Said R. G. Brown of Hayden, Arizona:

"Received the suit that I ordered from you and am very much pleased with it. Will be in Michigan in July and will have measurements taken for an overcoat."

Arthur Rueber, of the Montana Wheat Growers Ass'n., writing from the Plentywood, Mont., office, said, "The suit I received from you was fine. Would like to have another set of samples."

M. F. M. Werth of 302 W. 22nd St., New York City, wrote, May 28, "Suit received today and fits very well, indeed. Hope to do business with you again. Please send samples to A. G. Murray, Stamford, Conn. He is interested."

Dudley Monroe of Hillsdale, Mich.,

MEADOWBROOK HEREFORDS

Young Cows with calves by side consisting of blood from America's foremost studs at prices that enable them under Earle's Hereford Beef Plan to pay for themselves within a year to 18 months. Bulls including prize winners at the larger shows at practical prices. Herd headed by Straight Edge 118796, one of two sons of Perfection Fairfax out of a daughter of the Famous Disturber. F. F. R. Sotham & Sons (Herefords since 1859), St. Clair, Mich.

BABY CHICKS

Remarkable for SIZE and STRENGTH. Reasonably Priced. LEGHORNS, ANCONAS, ROCKS, REDS, WYANDOTTES, ORPINGTONS, MINORCAS, SPANISH and BRAHMAS. TYRONE POULTRY FARM Penton, Michigan

Saved 70 Sheep

Manchester, Mich., May 20, '23. A year ago 18 of my sheep died of stomach worms, and the 70 ewes I had left were badly infected with worms and also ticks. I began putting TIX-TON-MIX in the salt for them, placing it where they could have it at all times. In seven days the sheep stopped dying and soon became a healthy flock. The spring they produced more than the usual number of lambs and they are all doing well and are free from ticks. My neighbor and I also gave it to our winter feeding lambs with wonderfully good results. I have fed it for a year now and know exactly what TIX-TON-MIX will do. The price of one lamb did it all. The cost is so small for each sheep that it pays well to use it the year-around. Every owner of sheep should be feeding TIX-TON-MIX.

(Signed) GEORGE O. BERKEE.

Order TIX-TON-MIX of drug or general stores or a \$3 package, enough for 20 sheep for six months will be sent by Parcel Post, direct from our sales office.

PARSONS CHEMICAL WORKS, INC., 400 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing, Michigan.

dropped a card to say, "I received my suit all O. K. yesterday. It is very nice and I am well pleased with it." It is astonishing to note the requests that come to the Farm Bureau from far off points for samples of Farm Bureau suitings and information on how it makes up suits. Travelers spread the story over the country, others hear about it or read about it in the newspapers.

Cutting Alfalfa

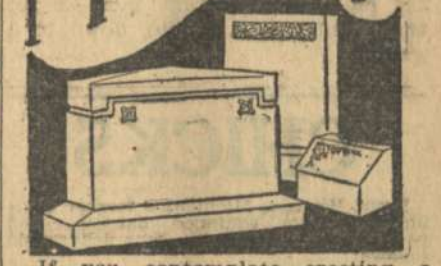
The best time to cut alfalfa is when the new shoots first begin to appear at the crown. This usually is apparent when the alfalfa is one-third to two-thirds in blossom. This year, however, the blossoming period has been delayed by the backward spring and new shoots are appearing before the alfalfa comes in bloom.

Farmers will do well to be on the lookout for these new shoots and cut as soon as they appear. To delay the first cutting will spoil the quality of the hay and decrease the yields from later cuttings.

Henry Ford has \$200,000,000 in cash. Henry's not a counterfeiter, but he certainly knows how to make dollars out of tin.—Nashville Tennessean.

98 lbs Net
MICHIGAN STATE FARM BUREAU FLOUR
HIGHEST QUALITY BREAD FLOUR
Michigan State Farm Bureau

MONUMENTS



If you contemplate erecting a monument or stone to the memory of some departed one, we solicit an opportunity to submit an estimate on the work. The R. W. Carr shops in Charlotte and Battle Creek have as large and complete a stock as you will find in Michigan.

Our prices are very reasonable and all orders are promptly executed. Prices and terms to suit.

We guarantee every stone we place. We ask the privilege of submitting our designs and samples and quoting you our prices.

We have Salesmen in All Parts of Southern Michigan. Will you give us an opportunity to talk the matter over with you? There are many features about our work that we would like to explain to you in person.

Drop us a card.

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A fancy patent spring wheat flour of ideal quality and amazing uniformity. Every sack of FARM BUREAU flour is unconditionally guaranteed.

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Many interesting facts are in the SOLVAY Lime Book—free! Write today.

THE SOLVAY PROCESS CO., Sales Agent, WING & EVANS, Inc., Detroit, Mich.

Why You Should Pool Your Wool

Old line dealers are interested in how little they can pay for your wool and yet get it. The Farm Bureau is interested in making the greatest possible return for the grower.

There is a big demand for wool. There is practically no carry-over from 1922. Foreign countries have no large holdings of wools wanted by American consumers. Authorities in the wool trade believe the entire 1923 clip should find a ready market.

When you pool, you market by grade and get the full returns from every grade you have. The pool is your own sales agency, and it sells direct to mills. The profits are yours and you get them.

The Farm Bureau will pool soon in your community, making a flat advance of 25 cents a pound at time of pooling. Final settlement when pool is sold out. Watch the Michigan Farm Bureau News for your pooling date.

If you want to pool now,—ahead of your date—write for wool bags and ship collect. We return warehouse receipt and regular cash advance.

Pooling Rewards Care in Handling Wool

MICHIGAN STATE FARM BUREAU
Wool Department
Lansing, Michigan

CAREFUL CROSSING CAMPAIGN PLANNED

Seek To Lower High Death Rate At Highway And Railway Crossings

A second Careful Crossing Campaign for the months of June, July, and August has been announced by the American Railway Association. In spite of the millions of placards posted and widest publicity had through the newspapers, movies, and other mediums, emphasizing the necessity of crossing crossings cautiously, there were killed at grade crossings last year during the four months of the campaign, 758 people and 1,902 were injured.

In five years 9,101 people have been killed and 24,208 injured at grade crossings in the United States. It should concern the people of our state to note also that on the Michigan Central Railroad alone in Michigan during the first four months of 1923, 26 people were killed and 52 injured at grade crossings. There were 137 automobiles wrecked and 197 crossing gates broken.

The effort again being put forth by the American Railway Association, assisted by the local Councils of the National Safety Council and other organizations throughout the country is primarily to encourage travelers on highways, particularly those using automobiles to exercise a high degree of care at railway-highway intersections. At the same time motorists should appreciate fully their moral and legal responsibility for the protection of the lives of those in the car with them as well as their own lives and should heed the demand on the part of their passengers, whether guests or paid passengers, that they no longer gamble with their lives.

Million See Movies

During the first year of operation the Motion Picture Division of the American Farm Bureau Federation showed Farm Bureau films to 1,050,000 people at 5,150 meetings in 35 states. This was revealed at the first annual meeting of Homestead Films, Inc. which was recently held in the offices of the American Farm Bureau Federation.

The Farm Bureau motion picture library now contains a total of 38 photoplays.

Drinking More Milk

Consumption of milk for household purposes has increased from 49 gallons per capita in 1921 to 50 gallons in 1922 according to the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Consumption by city folks increased 2 gallons per capita, but lack of an increased consumption in the country pulled the average increase for the country as a whole, down to 1 gallon.

CHICKS

From Western Michigan's largest combined modern equipped hatchery and poultry farm. Prices for June delivery as follows:

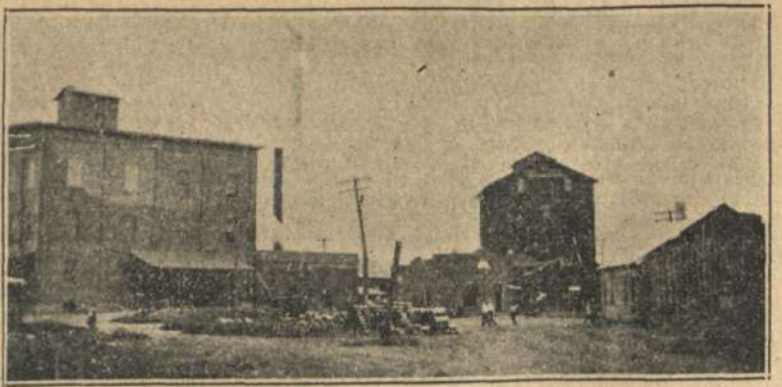
S. C. English White Leghorns...10c each
S. C. Brown Leghorns...10c each
S. C. Mottled Anconas...11c each
Mixed chicks...7c each

For July Delivery deduct 1c per chick from the above prices. On orders of 500 or more chicks deduct 5c. We ship post paid and guarantee 100% live arrival of strong healthy chicks. Order direct from this ad to save time. A deposit of 10% books your order for delivery on any date you desire.

June and July chicks develop into heavy winter layers. All our flocks are culled and approved by experts. Pulletts reported laying at four months of age. Do not miss this opportunity to get some of this high grade stock at these unusual low prices. Pullet prices on request. Beautiful instructive catalog free.

RURAL POULTRY FARM, R. 1, Dept. 99 Zeeland, Mich. J. Janssen, Prop. Member, Mich. State Farm Bureau

MARLETTE HAS 5 SUCCESSFUL YRS.



Marlette Farmers' Co-op. Elevator Co. watchword has been "Loyalty to our Organization." The Marlette Farmers Co-op. Elevator is a member of the Michigan Elevator Exchange and the Michigan Livestock Exchange. It uses all the departments of the Farm Bureau service. Eleven month's business: SOLD. 145 cars hay \$22,493.89 15 cars oats 12,719.25 25 cars wheat 64,728.00 2 cars rye 2,226.27 20 cars beans 58,369.27 PURCHASED. 80 cars coal 40,072.31 7 cars fertilizer 4,883.17 HANDLED. 70 cars livestock 96,615.14 1,000 bu. seed 7,072.48 TOTAL—386 cars and 1,000 bushels seed \$309,179.78

MARKET CONDITIONS

As Reported By State Farm Bureau Marketing Departments

Wheat. Wheat will probably work to somewhat lower level as we near the new crop. Millers and jobbers are reducing the cash premiums on our soft wheat getting the cash down near the July option.
Rye. Rye continues to be the slowest grain with no export or milling demand coming. We see no better prices in sight for this grain. However, rye at these prices is surely on the bargain counter.
Corn. Corn continues to be the strong crop; however, it has weakened since this past week in sympathy with other grains. We feel that this old corn crop is going to bring good prices throughout the season.

Producers Gives Tip To Shipper Patrons

The Buffalo Producers Co-operative Commission Ass'n, says: If shippers sending double deck cars want us to keep the decks separate for ownership and other reasons, they should have their agents write across the way bill at time of filling out these instructions. We have a man at the yards to take care of your instructions by wire and letter and otherwise, but it is best to have such instructions on the way bill, also. It calls attention to the matter when the stock arrives. Sometimes it is necessary to unload stock on the road for feeding or other reasons. Sometimes the stock is not reloaded in the same car. To cover such unforeseen matters, it is advisable to write it on the way bill and be sure.

FARM BUREAU ORGANIZATION

County Farm Bureaus concern themselves with local problems. They are organized as a State Farm Bureau to take care of state-wide matters that effect farmers locally, but which his local organization cannot handle. Similarly, the State Farm Bureaus are organized as a national American Farm Bureau to handle legislative, freight rates, taxation and other matters.

Your Co-op. handles Michigan State Prison Binder Twine. Ask for it.

PURCHASING DEPT. GIVES BIG SERVICE

April-May Business Smashes All Records And Benefits Local Co-ops.

The volume of business handled by the Purchasing Department of the Michigan State Farm Bureau in May, 1923, showed an increase of 200 per cent over May, 1922. Two hundred and forty-eight cars of supplies were purchased during the month for the 400 local co-operative associations using this central buying service. This figure shows an increase of 163 cars over the 85 cars handled during May, 1922.

Included in the 248 cars of supplies purchased for the local co-ops, during the past month were 117 cars of coal, of which 50 cars were anthracite. The balance of the business handled consisted of shipments of feeds, binder twine, cement, posts, salt, lime, fertilizer and flour.

Coal Business Booms
For real records, though, the month of April, 1923, still takes the cake, with a total of 674 cars of supplies purchased, giving an increase of nearly 600 per cent over the corresponding month of the previous year. Of the 674 cars handled during April of this year, 563 were coal shipments. This, by the way, was more than the total coal handled during the entire year of 1922.

The co-operative buying and selling agencies are growing by leaps and bounds in numbers and strength. Stick by your local co-op, and see that it buys and sells through the central organizations affiliated with the Michigan State Farm Bureau. The more business the better the price and the greater the dividends to the membership.

Mrs. Hitchcock Says—

"I intend to renew my Farm Bureau membership for various reasons, principally because I truly believe it is the best thing I can do to support the agriculture of the nation."

"The benefits are of two kinds I think—direct and indirect. The direct consists of valuable information on fertilization, pruning, varieties, etc., of fruit; culling of slackers from the poultry flock; spraying; securing of pure seed, etc., as given by the County Agent, whose office is maintained by the Farm Bureau's co-operation."

"My membership has been well worth while to me even though I cannot count out an exact amount of money to show for it."

Mrs. Alice Hitchcock, Ludington, Mich., R. 3.

NATIONAL WHEAT MEET CHICAGO, JUNE 19-20

A national conference to discuss problems confronting agriculture is to be held in Chicago June 19 and 20. The call, issued last week, is signed by the governors of Illinois, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Arthur Capper, O. E. Bradfute, president of the American Farm Bureau Federation, Aaron Sapiro, nationally known agricultural economist and others.

"The dissatisfied condition of a large proportion of our agricultural population today is very largely due to the price of wheat, which relatively speaking, is lower than it has been for half a century," the call says.

The conference will seek a solution to this situation, which "seriously imperils the structure upon which our prosperity is built." Representatives of organized agriculture commerce, elevators, railroads, millers, bakers, retailers, and educational bodies are asked to attend.

Peck Co-op Ass'n Is Coming Strong

ROBUST BEANS PROVE INCREASINGLY POPULAR

Farmers are strong for planting certified Robust beans this spring. The Farm Bureau Seed Department's first Robust bean pool of 2,000 bushels has been entirely sold out, and the second pool of nearly 1,000 bushels is moving rapidly.

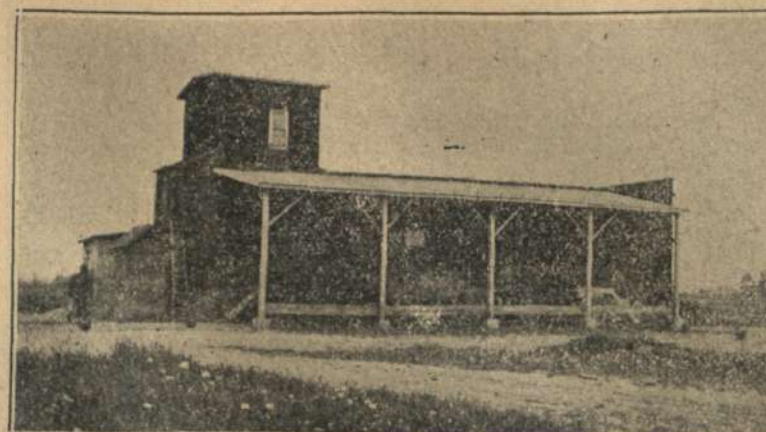
Although there are several indications that the total bean acreage planted this year will be less than in 1922, still far more certified seed is being used than formerly. The demand is very active and seed department fears that their supply of certified Robust bean seed may be exhausted before the demand is entirely satisfied. The department has handled many times more certified Robust seed than seed of uncertified varieties this season.

As in the case of oats and barley the Robust beans have been handled this season on a pool basis. Cash loans have been advanced to the growers on the seed which they have pooled. Final returns to them will be made early in July.

New Greenleaf in Sanilac county has an active Farm Bureau local which ships about 35 cars of livestock each year and handles large quantities of Farm Bureau seed and fertilizer.

Are you feeding your dairy cows for production or for just keeping them alive?

Decker Elevator a Two-Fisted Association.



Decker Farm Bureau Local

The Decker Farm Bureau Local at Decker, Sanilac County, was the first Co-operative Marketing organization built by the Sanilac County Farm Bureau. Its initiation was wrought in a storm and it has been fighting and riding the storm ever since. Originally it was organized to buy out an elevator property, but due to manipulations to exact an unreasonable price this deal fell through.

The Farm Bureau men then bought a 30 x 60 hay shed and equipped it with a mill, bean roll and three bins the whole thing costing less than \$5,000. With this equipment they have come through. This last 11 months they have handled 112 cars valued at \$104,284.79 and have a nice little balance of \$2,657.46.

The Decker Farm Bureau Local is a member of both the Michigan Elevator Exchange and the Michigan Livestock Exchange and secures nearly all its supplies through the State Farm Bureau business depart-

Purity of Mich. Seed Is Protected by Law

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(in the case of red clover, alfalfa, soy beans and field corn), and the name and address of the vendor of the seed.

Exemptions from the provisions of this act are made in section 6 which provides:

"Section 6. Agricultural seeds, or mixtures of same, shall be exempt from the provisions of this act:

(a) When possessed, exposed for sale or sold, for manufacturing, food, or feeding purposes only;

(b) When sold to be re-cleaned before being sold or exposed for sale for seeding purposes, and marked "not cleaned," unless containing more than the percentage of weeds allowed by this act, in which case the seed must be cleaned before being sold;

(c) When in store for the purpose of re-cleaning, or held or sold for shipment outside of the State only, when marked "not cleaned;"

(d) In the case of farm to farm movement of home grown seed, or the local distribution from elevators of locally grown seed."

Method of Enforcement

The duty of enforcing the act is placed in the hands of the Commissioner of Agriculture and his assistants and inspectors. Anyone wishing to have his seed analyzed may send it to the Commissioner of Agriculture who will make such analysis at a low cost. Section 11 of the act provides:

"Section 11. Any resident of this State shall have the privilege of submitting to the Commissioner of Agriculture samples of agricultural seeds for sale, for test and analysis, subject to such rules and regulations as shall be adopted by the Commissioner of Agriculture. For such examination, analysis and tests, said Commissioner of Agriculture shall charge a fee of fifty cents for each sample of agricultural seed mentioned in section one of this act, and one dollar for each sample of mixture mentioned in sections four and five of this act, so examined, which fees shall be payable in advance. All moneys received as such fees shall be turned in to the State Treasury and become a part of the general fund of the State."

The new seed law is aimed to keep impure, dead and ill-adapted seed out of Michigan and to preserve and increase the reputation which Michigan already has for being a splendid seed producing state. The bill was drafted by representatives from the State Department of Agriculture, the Michigan Agricultural College and the State Farm Bureau Seed Department.

Bureau Seed Meets Tests

Its provisions will work no hardships on the Michigan State Farm Bureau Seed Department, as they already have been handling and la-

IONIA BUREAU IS ORGANIZING CLUBS

Liberal Prizes Create Great Interest Among Young People of County

Boys' and girls club work, a new venture in Ionia County, is being developed by R. L. Helm, manager of the Ionia County Farm Bureau. This important activity, long neglected in Ionia County, came until the Farm Bureau was organized and began to do business there was no one in the county to initiate or supervise work of this character.

Plans are on foot now, however, to make up for lost time. The Ionia county farm boys and girls are showing much interest in the club work idea as it has been outlined to them by Mr. Helm. Five pig clubs, five calf clubs, and four or five girls' canning clubs are already in the process of organization.

In the live stock clubs the requirements for each boy or girl in the club are to feed a pig or calf for a period of four months, exhibit an animal at the Ionia fair this fall and then send a report of his or her work and cost of raising the animal to the boys' and girls' club department of the Michigan Agricultural College.

The Ionia County Farm Bureau board and banks in the county sponsoring this work have made arrangements whereby each boy or girl who wishes to borrow money to purchase an animal can get the money for a year without interest on a note carrying his own signature only.

In order to still further encourage the club work, generous prizes have been offered. In each community where a club is organized some adult acts as local club leader to be present at the club meetings.

Mr. Helm is acting as boys' and girls' club leader and has been assisted in the organization and explanation of the work to the boys and girls by Nevel Pearson, assistant state club leader, and by Miss Robb and Miss VanHeulen, of the girls' club division of the extension department, the Michigan Agricultural College.

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We Are In The Market For Alsike and Alsike-Timothy Mixtures

There was an over-supply of off-grade alsike and mixtures, and there has been very little demand for them this past spring. While the market is still low there is an outlet for them.

We do not advocate growing these mixtures, for in fitting them for market they shrink very heavily.

Usually these mixtures contain thistle, catchfly, white clover and other undesirable weeds or mixtures.

We have a machine that will take out thistle and most of the timothy, but we cannot separate white clover from alsike and we cannot take out all the catchfly.

We are past the busiest season in seed cleaning and can handle some of these off-grades, putting them in condition so they will bring something, although it may not be much.

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