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BUREAU EXPLAINS FARM TAX VIEWS TO CONGRESSMEN

Gray Silver of A. F. B. F Urges Lower Tax on Auto Parts and Light Trucks

HITS TAX-FREE BONDS

Pleads for Prompt Action on Tax Bills to Clear Decks For Muscle Shoals

Washington, D. C., Feb. 15 .- Congressmen busily engaged in considering the big national tax reform program were forcefully reminded today of the position of American Farm Bureau Federation members on this issue by a timely and pithy letter from Gray Silver, the Bureau's Washington Representative.

Mr. Silver showed plainly that reduction of surtaxes would prove of little direct benefit to distressed agriculture." On the other hand he urged lower excise and consumption taxes particularly on automobile repair parts and light trucks. He enclosed with his letter statistics to show that American farmers pay an annual federal automotive tax totalling \$45,-864,200. His supplemental statement also stated that, while the average citizen pays 12.5 per cent of his income for taxes, the farmer pays 16.6% of his income for taxes.

The letter follows: "Dear Mr. Congressman:

"In these days of continued and extended agricultural distress reduction in taxes is one of the greatest reliefs that can be given the farmer. The federal government can directly serve the farmer by the removal of excise or consumption taxes. The direct saving to the farmers through lower surtaxes is almost a negligible amount, as only a very small percentage pay any surtaxes whatever. Fur- son. ther, there is no assurance that the reduction in the surtaxes, to those who have to pay them, will reduce the profits being taken by those who are in a position to do so. The normal tax rate is not excessive or burdensome and therefore should not be reduced at all.

The proposal to reduce surtaxes to 25 per cent is contrary to the best information available to us in securing the desired result, namely, adequate revenue, and we earnestly protest that it be fixed not below 40 per cent. We believe that additional ed by the reduction of direct taxes on terms such as automobile parts and light trucks, namely, those not exceeding about one ton capacity. The tax on parts is largely in the nature of a tax on misfortune and losses and cannot well be justified at any time. In so far as the farmer is concerned the light trucks are his horse and wagon in these days of mechanical equipment and they should be freed, certainly in part if not in whole, from this tax. I also suggest that a graduated inheritance tax on tax-free securities might be considered.

"May I say further that I appeal to all friends of agriculture to expedite the consideration and passage ferences which occupied the two day of the tax bill so that we may there- meeting were for the most part of a by at an early date secure the consid- rather technical nature, dealing with eration of Muscle Shoals, which we the problems of securing and holdhave been assured will be the next ing Farm Bureau membership. measure considered, and the other order in which they may be determined as most desirable.

"Sincerely yours, "American Farm Bureau Federation "Gray Silver "Washington Representative."

WHY ORDER YOUR CARS IN WRITING?

Would you sell to any person \$500 worth of your products without any papers. kind of a written agreement as to

shippers take equally long risks on as ideal, in that it appeared in news- conferences between the Governor their goods by ordering railroad cars paper form, carries advertising and and Attorney General Andrew Daughfor shipment in any other way than has an editorial column explaining erty on that subject. With nearly 30 by a written order, of which they the policy of organization to the days having passed since the Su- \$80,000 shall be taxed 8%. should keep a copy for their own membership. protection? The State Farm Bureau finds too often in following up a claim for loss in connection with car that the State Farm Bureaus should Agricultural College case, it looks be taxed 10%. placing that the agent will report, provide a state speaker for at least very much as though the Adminisyou mention," meaning that the ship- year. per "told" what he wanted instead of writing it and protecting everybody against misunderstanding.

den't at Lansing-easy to fill out, tion for co-operative buying and sellconvenient and safe.

science soon cease to trouble him.

Farmers' Week Shows Worth MICHIGAN FARMERS of M. A. C. to Farm Families UNITE TO INITIATE

DO THEY READ THE NEWS?

In the January 25 edition, in an announcement like this, we advised all members who contracted Farm Bureau Milkmaker for winter shipment that if they would have their co-ops order out their Feb. or Feb. & March shipments before Jan. 31, they could save the storage charges for those months. So many took the tip that during the last three days of January the State Farm Bureau moved 40 extra carloads of Milkmaker at the direction of various coops. This item in the News saved the men interested an aggregate of at least \$400.

BUREAU LEADERS FROM FOUR STATES MEET IN LANSING

Discuss Problems of Finance and Organization, Adopt Timely Resolutions

Michigan State Farm Bureau readquarters at Lansing was the scene on Feb. 21 and 22 of an East Central Regional Conference attended by high American Farm Bureau Federation officials and organization and finance men from the Farm Bureaus of Wisconsin, Illinois and Ohio. Among those representing the A. F. B. F. were John W. Coverdale, Secretary and Director of Organization, E. P. Taylor and Arthur Simp-



Secretary J. W. Coverdale

The discussions, speeches and con-One of the most interesting fea-

adopted by the conference.

Endorse Bureau "News" the county and State Farm Bureau the money.

how and when it was to be paid for? publications, the style of the Michi- sent arguments for a re-hearing of Why then, do Michigan farmer gan Farm Bureau News was held up the case. Newspapers have reported

favored and it was recommended stitutional activities in the Michigan We have no record of the matter one meeting in each community each trative Board is searching hard for posed tax shall be turned into the

Favor Local Bureaus

community Farm Bureau unit was sible. The money is expended in est. The State Farm Bureau urges ev- favored as a means of insuring a Michigan Agricultural College exery shipping member to order cars larger and better satisfied member- tension work in the counties, boys in writing and keep a copy of the ship. The report also recommended and girls club work, poultry culling, Bureau Brand Seed In order. This will protect you against a well-balanced Farm Bureau pro- crops, live stock work, county agent losses due to delay in furnishing car, gram, stressing co-operative market- work, etc. furnishing the wrong kind of a car, ing, but also covering a wide variety etc., losses that may range from \$1 of projects to insure the maximum Michigan State Farm Bureau Traffic tinue to act as the service organiza- Dep't at Washington. ing organizations and that the Farm (Continued on page two)

Interest Growing Rapidly in Conferences and Work for Women

By MRS. EDITH M. WAGAR Chairman, Farm Bur. Community Work

we are made to feel more and more that the Farmers' Week mid-winter ricultural conference held within the boundaries of our State.

Besides the general sessions when national leaders discuss economic and agricultural questions, there were held sometime during the week meetings of nineteen Breeders Ass'ns, Crop Improvement, Nurseryman's, Press,

Soils, Potato Producers and Sugar Beets Associations together with a State conference of Y. M. C. A. Secretaries. Any farmer in Michigan could find somewhere on along any special terested in.

Mrs. Wagar Much Help for Women

ferences became so popular. The at- present system. tendance this year was all that we could dare hope for and we know

veling at the great thought and care organization. that had been shown in its planning, (Continued on page 4).

ADMIN. BD. STILL HOLDS UP FUNDS

Belonging to M. A. C., Despite far more than their share. Court Order; May Seek Re-hearing

was the detailed report submitted by to 3 decision decided that the State for state purposes. The balance, if the Organization Committee and Administrative Board, headed by any, would constitute the state tax. port recommended that it should be an effort to force the State Board of afford real, genuine taxation relief to over-burdened real estate. throughout the entire year. It was tion of the College to the Adminisreau items to the public press and the order of the Court to pay over

In the law, the Administrative Speaking of State Farm Bureau Board has 40 days in which to pre- 000 shall be taxed 5%. preme Court soundly spanked the Word-of-mouth publicity was also Administrative Board for its uncon- \$100,000 shall be taxed 9 %. a good reason to re-open the case general fund of the state and shall Editor Michigan Farm Bureau News, and save its face or else would just be used in defraying general expense Every encouragement of the local hold up the money as long as pos- and bonded indebtedness and inter-

Natural and Artificial Brooding of

them down.

STATE INCOME TAX

All Farmers' Organizations in Michigan Get Behind This Proposition

As year after year passes along PETITIONS BEING SIGNED

gathering has become the biggest ag- Proposed Tax is First Step in Farmers' Program to Secure Tax Relief

> All Michigan farm organizations are uniting in an effort to secure the 60,000 signatures necessary to put the proposed state income tax constitutional amendment on the ballot and thus allow the voters of Michigan the chance of taking a real step for taxation reform.

Taxation conditions have become so bad in this state that Michigan farmers do not need to be reminded that the present system of general property taxes no longer produces any degree of taxation justice. That system might have been all right 50 a group gathering years ago when the main wealth of our state was represented by tangiline of agriculture ble property, but today we all realthat he might be in- ize that it is sadly outgrown.

For years Michigan farmers have been advocating a state income tax Just so could the farm woman get as the most just system to meet our the help she desired along any of present conditions. It has been pointthe distinct lines of home keeping, ed out that such a system would tax as there were meetings devoted ex- every person exactly in proportion clusively for her benefit each morn- to his ability to pay. It would And it is gratifying to the reach the income from intangible ineducators trying so hard to assist the vestments and from salaries which home maker that these women's con- is more than can be said of the

Time To Act Has Come

All of the Michigan farm organithat there was sown the seed for in- zations have gone on record in favor spiration and encouragement to of a state income tax. Recently they those that serve as local leaders have gone a step farther. They have among the thousands back home. | decided that they have talked long On Tuesday evening, the new enough and that the time is ripe for Home Economics building was open- action. Income tax petitions have ed to the public for the first time therefore been drafted and printed and throngs of people were shown and are now being circulated in many through the many departments by parts of the state. The required the home economics staff, assisted by 60,000 signatures must be secured students. This building is one of between now and next July. It is a the finest of its kind and as I was big job and there is plenty of work gress which is being made along the conducted from floor to floor, mar- for everybody and every friendly

The local machinery to put this in-I had that feeling of assurance that come tax petition proposition across homemakers and mothers. The corri- Farm Bureaus, Granges and Farmers' \$42

Under the terms of the proposed tax, the first \$4,000 from every income will be exempt from this form of taxation. This is not because of any desire to secure class legislation, but is prompted by the feeling that the little fellows are already paying

To Give Real Relief

The petition definitely provides that all funds raised by the proposed tax would be deducted from the Notwithstanding the fact that the amount which would otherwise be agricultural relief measures in the tures growing out of the conference Supreme Court of Michigan, by a 5 raised by the general property tax Gov. Groesbeck, was doing an illegal This gives definite assurance that thing in holding up \$150,000 in leg- this will not be merely a new means Regarding publicity or the getting islative appropriations belonging to of providing added revenue for state information to the members, the re- the Michigan Agricultural College in officials to spend, but that it will

suggested as desirable that each com- trative Board, a matter that the ed, the proposed amendment will be munity or township should select a Court also declared illegal, the Govpublic agent to supply Farm Bu- ernor and his Board have not obeyed fall election in 1924. In brief, its 1. \$4,000 of all incomes shall be

> exempt. 2. Incomes from \$4,000 to \$20,-

3. Incomes from \$20,000 \$40,000 shall be taxed 6%. 4. Incomes from \$40,000 \$60,000 shall be taxed 7%. 5. Incomes from \$60,000

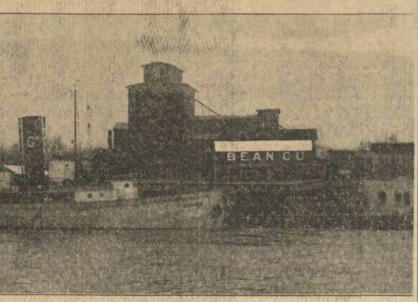
6. Incomes from \$80,000 7. Incomes above \$100,000 shall

All funds derived from this pro-

to \$100 or more. It pays to take the service to the membership, including Chickens is U. S. Dep't of Agricul- you are going to ship all Farm Bu- feeding Milkmaker, but did not in- keting period for the new erop where- on the subject "Home Markets." An time to write it. You can secure the entire farm family. It was urged ture Farmers Bulletin No. 1376. It reau Brand Seeds in sealed bushel crease the flow of milk as the Milk- by the Elevator Exchange will oper- interesting program is assured. Efregular car order forms from the that the Farm Bureau should con- may be had free by writing the bags," writes William Bottomley of maker does. My cows are in better ate a picking plant next year and forts are being made to interest the It is half-made bargains that make Bureau Seed Dep't. Bill isn't alone in nearly double to what they have been they are harvested. Beyond a doubt meetings. Bureau community group should be trouble. Make your agreements com- that matter; the Farm Bureau has from the same cows. An alarm clock and a man's con- the local meeting clutter for all com- plete in every point and then write had many letters complimenting it on the new seed service.

THE REAL PROPERTY AND ASSESSED AND ASSESSED.

Gives Real Help To Thumb Bean Men In Past 90 Days



Warehouse Company's Bean Picking the past 60 days. at Port Huron, which has

TRI-STATE CO-OPS TOTAL \$422,172.56

Get Butter Premium, Dividend on Stock and 20c Extra on Hillsdale Hogs

Montgomery, Feb. 27 - General Tri-State Co-operative Association held here today. Well over a hundred members gathered to review the work of the past season, elect officers and hear an address on the prolines of co-operative marketing and other activities of organized farm-

\$459.49.

ing to \$295.19. This is the premium district. of 10 cents per pound paid by the packers for hogs coming from a ited area plan.

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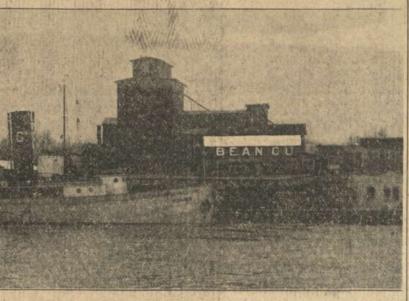
Y. FARMERS TO

says Enos B. Lee, president of the ize that plant. handed upkeep of the roads through ing this same period, 250 to 300 tural College and the State Farm roads would help a lot.

Says Milkmaker Nearly

Nashville, Mich. Feb. 15, 1924, direct. Lansing, Michigan.

FRED J. BASS, the bean growers of Michigan.



Port Huron, Feb. 28.-Above is a excess picking stock during the rush picture of the Michelex Elevator and which has been experienced during

The operation of this plant has been in operation for the past proved to be of great help to the ninety days. This plant was leased local co-operative elevators located in by the Michigan Elevator Exchange, the Thumb district. It has enabled one of the powerful commodity mar- these elevators at all times to hanketing organizations affiliated with die all the beans of the Farm Buthe Michigan State Farm Bureau, on reau members and other customers December 1st to assist the members and to meet the competition of the of the Exchange in handling their other dealers. In previous years operative elevators in such volume growing every month and it receives beans have been rushed on the cothey have been forced to sell at times to a disadvantage. Unless they sold at the buyer's price they would have been forced to close their doors BUSINESS IN 1923 through their madnity to mandle the beans as fast as they were offered by through their inability to handle the

Picking Stock Docked

usually 25 or 30 cents under that is 16 months old and has handled of choice hand picked beans. Daily \$11,270,000 worth of business for market quotations illustrate this fact. its patrons. They have secured the For instance, on Nov. 20 choice beans best prices for their shippers. Both were quoted \$5.15 and picking stock houses have made refunds of com-\$4.85, a difference of 30c per hun- missions to their members. Last year vailed at the annual meeting of the story of \$5.00 and \$4.70 and on Nov. 30, Checks have just been drawn by the \$4.80 and \$4.55. These are fair Buffalo house for \$24,000 in savings examples of the way the market had which are to be pro-rated back to the been running.

pened to the daily bean market a refund of \$600, another \$400, sevson the "spread" between picking based on the volume of business stock and choice beans suddenly dis- done. The financial report submitted by appeared. The gap closed up. Was the future held much in the way of in successful shape is already being Manager O. K. Coolman showed that it merely a remarkable coincidence interesting and harmonious session. the Association did a business of that on this date, the price on pick-\$422,172.56 during 1923 and made a instack advanced 25c per hundred? dors and halls are finished in marble Clubs are co-operating and forming net profit of \$2,625.96 on its total Why did the prices on picking stock Baker of the Buffalo commission and oak and inside furnishings and local committees to do the necessary operations at Montgomery and at its and choice, which, before the plant house were there to explain their furniture are the same wood, while work. An attempt is now being branch station at Ray, Indiana. Dur- was opened showed a differential of work. the floors are covered with a special made to secure such an effective and ing the past year 314,668 pounds of 25c, become the same, over night as linoleum. The entire second floor is complete organization that at the butter were manufactured and 130 it were? Today picking stock can The Board of Directors was redevoted to the study of food, with wonderful laboratory equipment. Spring election April 7th there will decks of stock were shipped for members be two representatives at each pollibers. The Association has just rechoice. What is the answer? Was it man of Lowell was not a candidate 17, 1923 and Feb. 2, 1924 amount- sistance to the farmer in the Thumb C. V. Tracy, Ithaca.

Worth \$100 Per Car

county which has been declared to be to the bean growers, has continued, what delayed. officially T. B. free under the accred- with no difference in the quotations between picking stock and choice Manager Coolman informed the a benefit of 25 or 30 cents a hundred to every farmer selling beans during the last 90 days. This is worth \$100 per car. It means a considerable amount to farmers of bean raising communities.

farm organizations are going into ing stock wiped out, meant a benefit Michigan grown seed. their legislature after a gasoline tax of \$1,400, which benefit was also For several straight years after for highway maintenance purposes, derived by the farmers who patron- the war Mr. Arner always had a nice

N. Y. State Farm Bureau. New York This is just one of the many ex-spring came around no clover was farmers are finding almost single amples which might be cited. Dur- there. From the Michigan Agricultaxes on their property more than cars of picking stock have been ship- Bureau he found out about imported they can bear. They believe a gas ped out of the Thumb territory, seed and why those stands falled. For tax and help from the users of the which, at \$100 per car, means that the past two years he has relied on Thumb bean growers, no matter Farm Bureau Brand seed, secured should thank the Port Huron Plant operative Association, a staunch to the extent of at least \$25,000. Farm Bureau organziation. He has Doubled Cream Checks Again we are reminded that the bene- had fine cuttings of clover ever since. fits of farmers' co-operative enter- He credits it directly to Farm Bureau prises are often both direct and in- seed.

closed March 1st. This is being done only after a careful survey of the Michigan Milkmaker has increased situation in the Thumb district, the the flow of milk nearly double with results of which indicate conclusivemy cows. I also find that it keeps ly that from now until the new crop, Ottawa County will hear Mrs. Edith the cows in fine condition. I haven't the local co-operative elevators will Wagar, chairman of Home and Comtried any other feed but what I made be able to pick all the beans which munity work for the Michigan State Sealed Bags Pleases up myself,-corn and oats ground to- they take in from the farmers. No Farm Bureau, at its meeting March gether about half and half. I fed doubt some plan will be worked out 21, at the Grange Hall. County Agr'l "We are very much pleased that this feed the same amount as I am prior to the beginning of the mar- Agent C. P. Milham will also speak the Armada Farm Bureau Local condition than ever before and with this plant will be opened in time to ladies in becoming regular atten-(Macomb county) to the State Farm Milkmaker our cream checks are take care of the beans from the time dants at the Township Farm Bureau the opening of such a plant will again prove of great assistance to

LIVE STOCK EXCH. SHOWS FRUITS OF SIX YEARS' WORK

Reports 223 Active Ass'ns and Two Stock Yards Sales Agencies

70 NEW ASS'NS IN '23

Good Service Given Members; Savings Made; Directors Are Re-Elected

The fruits of six years' live stock marketing organization work were apparent at the sixth annual meeting of the Michigan Live Stock Exchange, held at Lansing, Thursday, Feb. 21. The Exchange reported 223 active local associations shipping to its own co-operative stock yards commission houses at Buffalo and Detroit. One year ago the Exchange membership was 146 local shipping associations; the growth in 1923 was 77 new as-

The Michigan Live Stock Exchange Commission Merchants at Detroit was stockyards marketing agency founded by Michigan co-operative live stock men. It was started in November, 1921, and up to April, 1923, had handled \$7,220,000 worth of business. Its business has been more than 100 cars weekly as an average-33% of the Detroit re-

Producers At Buffalo

The Producers Co-operative Commission at the East Buffalo stockyards was established in co-operation with the Live Stock Exchanges of Ohio, Indiana and Michigan, and Ohio The price of picking stock was and Indiana State Farm Bureaus. It shippers. Michigan's share of this Then on Dec. 1 the Port Huron amount is \$10,653.70. One Michigan plant was opened and something hap- co-operative association will receive quotations. For some strange rea- eral others over \$300, and so on,

ing stock advanced 25c per hundred? troit commission house and J. F.

ceived a patronage refund from the necessary for old-line jobbers to put for re-election and he was succeeded one from the Farm Bureau, to secure Producers Co-operative Commission men on the road to purchase picking by Frank Oberts of Breckenridge. Ass'n at Buffalo which amounted to stock after the plant was opened, and The old directors returned for anwhat caused this differential to be other year were: E. A. Beamer, Another interesting feature re- wiped out? These two points should Blissfield; W. J. Perry, Grand vealed in the manager's report was be considered by our readers and it is Blanc; J. H. O'Mealey, Pittsford; the fact that members living in Hills- for them to decide whether the Mich- Alex Lindsey, Decker; Edward dale county had received premiums igan Elevator Exchange, as a part Dippey of Perry; Chas. Woodruff, on their hogs shipped between Nov. of the Farm Bureau, has been of as- Hastings; L. E. Willett, Laingsburg;

Owing to the illness of E. A. Beamer who was President in 1923, or-And this situation, so beneficial ganization of the Board will be some-

SEED AFTER WAR

SEEK GAS TAX One elevator in Huron County Benzie County Farm But Shipped 14 cars of picking stock of Joyfield township, knows something about the use of clover seed of Beulah, Feb. 27. - Fred Arner. Ithaca, N. Y., Feb. 27.—New York which, with the differential on pick- unknown origin as against known

stand of clover in the fall but when where they shipped their beans, through the Benzie Farmers Co-

The Port Huron plant will be OTTAWA COUNTY TO HEAR MRS. WAGAR

Georgetown Farm Bureau Unit of

Economy is the foundation upon which all large fortunes are built.

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THE REWARDS OF FAITH, WORK AND CO-OPERATION

"When we look back six years to the organization of the Michigan Live Stock Exchange and see our organization then,with only a handful of members, not enough funds to enable your directors to meet four times a year, and no particular plans or policies that would appeal to local shipping associations to become members of such a State organization-we had a right to feel discouraged at the time," wrote Pres. Elmer A. Beamer to delegates at the Sixth annual meeting of the Michigan Live Stock Exchange at Lansing, Feb. 21, from his home at Blissfield, where he lay ill.

"But now we should feel elated over our progress, especially when we recall that during the last year alone we affiliated 77 local shipping ass'ns or approximately 10,000 more individual farmer shippers with our State organization. We now serve 223 local associations in Michigan. We have started and maintained a sales agency at Detroit, where we have sold our members' stock at the high dollar and last May returned to them \$7,000 in profits, liquidated our association's indebtedness, and have prospects that we will be able to refund perhaps a large amount May 1, 1924.

"With Ohio and Indiana we have established another cooperative live stock sales agency at the East Buffalo market, which is now pro-rating its first year's savings, of which Michigan shippers will receive about \$10,000.

"How have these things been accomplished? Partly by good organization, partly by good business management, partly by good sales service and good field work, but I say to you that the real reason for our success has been a loyal spirit of co-operation between the members.

"I also want to say that the success or failure of our organization or any other farm organization hinges upon how much of that genuine spirit of co-operation the members have.

"If we all show the same loyal co-operative spirit this coming year that we have in the past, if we all work together in harmony and do not allow any petty jealousies among ourselves -the thing that has wrecked so many farm organizations-I predict a bigger, better and more profitable business in the wonderful future that lies before us."

President Beamer's message to the Live Stock Exchange annual meeting is a living testimonial, crowded into the short space of some six years, of what can be done in cooperative marketing when farmers will see the need and give their support, be loval, work hard for their organization by shipping through it and boosting it to others, thereby increasing its strength. Six years ago the live stock farmers of Michigan had nothing in the way of a marketing organization. Look at them today, handling

the largest volume of any firm on either the Detroit or Buffalo

FOREIGN CLOVER SEED GOES BEGGING, WHY?

Foreign clover seed is a drug on the market. The publicity given to experimental results showing its lack of value is causing farmers to refuse to buy it. Some of the importers, in an endeavor to avoid loss on their large importations, are trying to discount the evidence against this seed. One statement that is being passed around is that the foreign seed germinates as well as the home-grown seed. That is true. It germinates better and looks better. That doesn't mean anything, however. It will germinate, but it will not produce a profitable crop. Usually it will not produce a crop at all.

Another statement is that most of the foreign seed comes from Germany and England, and that this seed is all right. It may be better than French and Italian seed, but it is not as good as home-grown seed. Only one-twentieth of the clover seed imported so far has come from Germany and England. Even some of that is French and Italian seed shipped by way of Hamburg.

If you cannot be sure that you are getting home-grown red clover seed, do not buy any at all. Sow sweet clover, alsike, soybeans or cowpeas instead .- THE PRAIRIE FARMER, Feb. 16, 1924.

A TRIBUTE TO THE A. F. B. F.

Alva Agee, in the National Stockman and Farmer, has the following to say about the American Farm Bureau Federation:

"It is greatly to the credit of the American Farm Bureau Federation that is has not tried to abolish economic law. It has been representative, in the main, of the straight thinking, property-loving farmers of this country. Some people have expected this organization to cure what only time, hard work and hard economy can cure, and some have expected more from its leaders than was reasonable. The people in its membership needed to be together, and their influence has been wholesome. Co-operation has been advanced as fast as human nature permitted. The substantial headway we have made is worth many times the entire cost to the farmers. The organization can afford to let the impossible go unattempted, and to accept economic ups-and-downs among groups in its membership just as bankers and manufacturers and others have to face poor as well as good times. We need to exert a continuing influence on legislation. We need to bring influence to bear on administration. We need to be held together in state and county organizations where much of the good is done. All this the national organization gives us, and a good four-miles-an-hour gait can take us far in time. It may not be a showy pace, but there is a chance to read the sign-boards."

The Farmers Win

There's a good deal more in that victory of the state board of agriculture over the state administrative board than appears on

When the supreme court of Michigan granted a writ of mandamus to compel the state administrative board to release the \$150,-000 legislative appropriation for extension work of the Michigan Agricultural College, and decided that the constitution of Michigan placed control of the college and all its monies in the hands of the constitutional state board of agriculture, it was not only a victory for the farmers' state board in a question of disputed authority, but it was also a victory for the Michigan Farm Bureau, which has been the bone of contention all through this

It's an open secret that the governor and the state administra-tive board started out to destroy the power and influence of the Michigan Farm Bureau because it could not be coaxed into line with the administration program with a little official sop, nor whipped into line by threats of the official axe. Under the lead-ership of Clark L. Brody, it has consistently worked for what the farmers of Michigan wanted, whether or not that corresponded to the expectations or desires of the political leaders of the

The Michigan Farm Bureau, the best organized and the most successful business organization of farmers in the United States, was getting altogether too powerful and influential in getting things done for the farmers, to suit the politicians, unless it would play horse according to the rules when the politicians cracked the whip. This the Farm Bureau consistently refused to

Neither the governor nor the members of the state administrative board seemed to be able to understand that it was possible for any man to be working for a big organization of farmers like the Michigan Farm Bureau without having his eye mainly on some political office. But when they discovered that the Michigan Farm Bureau was absolutely uncontrollable by any outside influence, they set out to destroy its power and influence, And so the \$150,000 appropriation for extension work was

held up as a sort of club over the Michigan Farm Bureau, to break its power by destroying the County Farm Bureaus, through the crippling of the work of the county agricultural agents to compel a divorce of the county agents from the County Farm

It was the the belief of the governor and his supporters that the State Farm Bureau controlled the County Farm Bureaus and the county agents—and the farmers. The politically minded gentlemen at Lansing could see no other really good reason for

the State Farm Bureau. The extension work of the college is carried on to a considerable extent through the county agricultural agents who for the most part are working through the County Farm Bureaus. These county agents are paid partly by the United States department of agriculture, partly by the counties in which they work, partly by the state and partly by the Farm Bureaus through which they

But there's a lot of things the politicians did not understand. They didn't understand—or wouldn't—that the Michigan Farm Bureau was created and controlled from the bottom up; that instead of controlling the County Farm Bureaus and the county agents—and the farmers—it was controlled by them. That was an entirely new idea in farmers' organizations—new to the politicians. They didn't understand—or wouldn't—that the men elected and appointed to manage the Michigan Farm Bureau were not looking for political office or opportunity, and that they couldn't

be controlled by a little honor in the shape of a public office.

They didn't understand—or wouldn't—that the County Farm Bureaus were organizations suggested and promoted and approved by the United States department of agriculture, through which the county agent should work and to which he should be directly responsible; and through which also there should be raised enough money to pay him a salary such as a capable man would be willing to work for .- PORT HURON TIMES-HERALD, Feb. 7, 1924.

Wexford Bur. Shows Both Sides of Picture everything.

Cadillac, Feb. 28-In urging Wexford County Farm Bureau members our alfalfa and sweet clever, which ensilage when the first frost came. to take advantage of local factory in turn will form a basis for profit- It is the best ensilage corn I have and marl bed sources of lime and to able potato raising, profitable dairy ever used and expect to soon place an certainly take steps to lime what. ing and profitable farming in gen- order with my local co-operative asever sour soils they have, the Wex- eral."

ford Bureau said: "If you are trying to farm a sour moves to that mysterious realm' depreciation, etc.

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ging in and spending all he can make and the stand was excellent. on high priced rents and high priced

It costs an average of \$400 a year soil, you are playing a losing game -\$7.70 a week-to own and run an and sooner or later you will join auto. This includes interest on that 'innumerable caravan that original investment, gasoline, repairs,

known as the Industrial Center, The \$400 is estimated by A. R. where certain popular impression Hirst, Wisconson state highway en- is money well invested. pictures the workman wearing silk gineer. He figures Americans have shirts, driving to work in his limou- nearly as much money tied up in sine and smoking fat perfectos; but autos-over 10 billions-as the allies poultry, eggs and dessed veal which is in reality 90 per cent of the owe Uncle Sam. The national auto to the Farm Burcau Produce Exch. time commuting 15 miles for an bill this year will be three times as at its new address, 2610-16 Riopelle hour morning and night, raising much as will be spent building new St., Detroit, for best and prompt rechildren on a fourth floor flat, peg- dwellings.

LIVINGSTON SHIPS 107 CARS OF COWS

Hundreds Come There Seeking T. B. Free Holstein Cattle

Howell, Feb. 28. - Livingston County, practically free of bovine tuberculosis, largely due to the County Farm Bureau, is a mecca for farmers looking for T. B. free dairy cattle, and they are paying good prices for Livingston stock. Last year Livingston county shipped 107 carloads of pure bred and grade Holsteins to eight other states and Canada. Averaging 25 head to a car and selling at an average price of \$150, the shipments brought Livingston farmers about \$401,250. In addition a large number of cattle were trucked out of the county.

Livingston county for years has been a Holstein center, but since the T. B. clean-up, it is more so than ever. The County Farm Bureau not only started the T. B. campaign, but paid the transportation of the veterinarians. Later when the supervisors dropped the T. B. support, the Farm Bureau went out and lined up so many influential farmers for the clean-up that next time the supervisors met they voted a blanket appropriation to cover the whole job.

During the past year Livingston County Farm Bureau has helped add 5,000 acres of alfalfa to the county's acreage, 29 per cent of it Grimm.

GRAND HAVEN BUREAU ADOPTS RESOLUTIONS

Grand Haven, Feb. 13 .- The following resolution was adopted at the annual meeting of the Grand Haven Farm Bureau here today:

"Resolved, That we express our faith in farmers' organizations, believing that through organization we may express our views, our needs,

"Resolved, That we appreciate the services of the Michigan State Farm Bureau in legislation, transportation, purchasing, marketing and in furnishing Michigan farmers with feeds of guaranteed analysis and seeds of known origin.'

The Grand Haven Farm Bureau is an Ottawa county co-operative organization dealing in flour, feeds, hay, grain, fertilizers, farm machinery. etc., for its members.

Bureau Leaders of 4 States at Lansing (Continued from page one)

modity marketing groups within the county.

Visiting delegates were very interested students of the Farm Bureau plant at Lansing. They studied the work of the various departments and observed the close relationship which exists between the Michigan commodity exchanges and the central business and service departments of the State Farm Bureau. All of the delegates went away from the conference with an increased respect and a higher estimation of the progress which has been made by organized agriculture in Michigan.

The Michigan men also found much of value in the methods and activities of the Farm Bureaus in the other states. Many suggestions were received which can be used with great profit by us here in Michigan, in helping to build a bigger and stronger State Farm Bureau organ-

Huron County Member Gives His Experience

Michigan State Farm Bureau. Lansing, Michigan. Dear Sirs:

Please send me your price list on all seed grains and potatoes as I expect to order some clover seed and potatoes. Bought oat seed of you last year

and had fine results,-fifty bushels to the acre without fertilizer, on good ground, so will not hesitate in buying seed from you again. Am one of the many Farm Bureau

ALEXANDER BURKHARD, Harbor Beach, Mich.

Finds F. B. Ensilage Corn Exactly Right

Michigan State Farm Bureau, Lansing, Michigan. Gentlemen:

Last year I planted a field of Farm Bureau No. 1 Yellow Ensilage corn with very gratifying results. The seed was exceptionally well graded

This corn made a heavy growth of stalks and it was just nicely dented "Let us lime our sour soils, get and in just the proper condition for

sociation covering my requirements for 1924.

WILLARD HALL, Otsego, Mich., R. 1.

This is the month to get new blood into the poultry flock. An extra dollar or two for a good cockerel

It is good business to ship your turns.

"Milkmaker Is The Best Producer I've Ever Fed"

Writes Albert Teunis of Spring Lake, Jackson Co. Herman J. Bath of Saginaw agrees, "Milkmaker has nearly doubled our milk flow and cream checks," says Fred J. Bass of Nashville, R-1, Barry Co., in one of the many Milkmaker users' letters to be printed in the News.

"I know what I am feeding," says J. E. Crandall of , Laingsburg, "and you don't have to educate the cows to eat it," adds Wm. Dunn of Blaine, St. Clair Co. That brings up Milkmaker's public formula tag, which tells the world what's in Milkmaker, pound for pound. Now we're going to tell WHY each of the 12 ingredients are

500 lbs. Gluten Feed because it is a highly digestible combination milk and fat producing feed.

260 lbs. 43% Cottonseed Meal because it is a very high protein milk producing feed which is easily digestible.

240 lbs. Old Process Linseed Meal because in addition to being a high protein milk producing feed, it keeps the cow in good physical condition. It acts as a laxative, tones the Shipped in 100 lb. digestive system and gives the cow a sleek coat of hair.

200 lbs. Corn Distillers Grains because it is the most easily digested, palatable, high protein milk producing grain obtainable. It is rich in vitamines which are necesary to the growth and development of the cow.

Sacks

200 lbs. Standard Wheat Bran because in addition to being a good source of protein, it adds bulk to the ration and helps to keep the cow in good physical

160 lbs. Yellow Hominy because it is an appetizing, fattening feed and keeps the cow in good flesh. It stores animal fat in the cow's system which will be converted into butter fat.

100 lbs. Standard Wheat Midds because it is an economical source of protein and has advantages similar to those of bran. 100 lbs. Cane Molasses because it helps make

Milkmaker palatable, stimulates the flow of digestive juices and is a milk making ingredient as well. 100 lbs. Ground Oats because it is dependable and economical feed which adds bulk to the ration and

gives vigor to the cow. 100 lbs. 40% Peanut Meal because it contains necessary proteins lacking in any other ingredient, also

for its very pleasant taste and high digestibility. 20 lbs. Salt because it seasons the ration, aids in building up strong bones, is an appetizer and promotes

and assists the action of the digestive fluids. 20 lbs. Lime (Calcium Carbonate) because it is positively needed in milk. Without it in the feed the cow must draw on her own skeleton. Calcium carbonate builds up the frame work, and enables her to produce a strong healthy ealf. This is of extreme importance.

The above makes one ton of the best feed on earth at a reasonable cost.

Just ask some of these people who "mix by guess" WHY they put in what they do. Remember that this feed has had the combined experience of Agricultural College experts and that it has been on the market over two years and that YOU GET THE SAME THING EVERY TIME YOU BUY IT.

Buy MILKMAKER with the tag on every bag telling you pound for pound just what is in your feed.

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Answer-We have the best poultry, dressed veal and egg trade in Detroit, the folks who want the best. They prefer choice Michigan poultry. We handle nothing else. They pay the highest market

Poultry that comes to Detroit from far away, states is often roupy.

Because of superior returns and service to our shippers our business is double that of one year ago. Our shipments arrive in good shape. Our customers are satisfied. Shippers write us that they get more through the Farm Bureau Produce Exchange than anywhere else. We remit their money and send their crates back promptly.

TIMELY MARKET NEWS POULTRY-Prospects are good for a continued strong and steady market. Ship your Springers now before they get too heavy and staggy. The dressed veal business is good. We are able to get you the highest market

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BEAN INDUSTRY HAS ORGANIZED **CLEANING HOUSE**

Growers, Jobbers, Elevators Are Working on Problems

taken to organize an association of market conditions maintained.

Michigan Bean Producers Committee, program. with representatives appointed therelems and to help work them out. Its management of dairy herds. officers are A. B. Cook of Owosso, president and F. B. Drees, Lansing,

At the first meeting several forare planted until the time the crop is cleaned up. The M. A. C. Extension Dep't is helping on this job.

The committee is opposed to short sales of future beans at prices less than the current market. The committee hopes and recommends that

ed some plan to provide funds for recitations by members of Hillsdale advertising choice Michigan beans. County Boys' and Girls' clubs, in No doubt some plan will be put into operation before the movement of this year's crop whereby such a camdress by Nevells Pierson of Lansing paign of advertising will be under- on "The Advantages of Interesting taken. It is believed such advertising More Boys and Girls in Club Work." would be beneficial in handling this Mr. Wells of the Dairy Dep't of the

The success of the Michigan Bean on "The How and Why of More Producers Association depends on Pure Bred Jerseys." matters may be cleared up.

dent, to consider problems which estate. arise. Following is the personnel of

of the committee as member-at-

If a man is unable to blush there is little hope of reforming him.

SWEET CLOVER?

FARM BUREAU BRAND NO. 1 Our scaled sacks of Sweet Clover are carefully scarified and recleaned White Blossom Sweet Clover from Michigan, Utah, Canada or North Dakota, as stated on the analysis tag.

Farm Bureau Brand No. 1 Sweet Clover is produced in mustard-free sections or has been specially cleaned for removal of mustard. We believe it to be free of this weed.

Our Sweet Clover is SCARI-FIED so that the hard seed coats are scratched through, permitting moisture to enter quickly after sowing so the plants can get an early start. This seed gives results. Order now from your co-op.

If you have no co-op, write-us. MICHIGAN STATE FARM

BUREAU Lansing, Mich.

Litchfield Celebrates For New Co-Op Creamery Plant

Tour of Inspection and Big the engine. Program Are Features of Formal Opening

Litchfield, Feb. 16. - Saturday, February 16th, was a great day for At Lansing City Hall Feb. 19, at Litchfield farmers and townspeople, future practically the entire output step in marketing of livestock for a meeting of bean men, steps were for on that date the splendid, farmers, elevators and jobbers for the purpose of devising plans where- Litchfield Dairy Association was new building over a period of years. modernly equipped new co-operative creased profits from this practice are distance of Pittsburgh, Cleveland by the Michigan crop of beans can opened to the public with a big pubbe handled to advantage and better lic celebration. Nearly 300 patrons and boosters went through the new The meeting was called by A. B. plant, marvelled at its completeness Cook, president of the Michigan and efficiency of equipment and ar-Bean Growers Ass'n. The proposed rangement and stayed for the enorganization is to be known as the tertaining and instructive afternoon

The first event of the day was the on by both the growers and the job-bers. Duties of the committee will testing association at which men be to act as a clearing house for from the M. A. C. discussed the most Michigan's various marketing prob- approved methods of feeding and

Co-op Spirit Again Evident By afternoon, every part of the new building was thronged with interested men and women who took no Ass'n did a business of more than ward steps were taken. It was de- little pride in examining every de- \$333,000. The total amount of butcided to secure statistics on the tail of "their" new creamery, for ter made was 739,540 lbs. The acreage yield and movement of Litchfield people are real co-opera- capacity of the new plant is sufficient Michigan beans from the time they tors. It was at Litchfield, you will so that this annual production will remember, that the first co-operative probably soon be boosted to a million B. Brumley of Findlay and H. S. shipping association ever formed east pounds or more. During 1923 the Ballard of Columbus, complete the of the Mississippi river was establish- average price paid for butterfat was board of directors. Mr. Beamer is It is hoped that reports can be secured from the railroads as to the which operates the co-operative of butter was 3.65 cents, the average Stock Exchange and represents that

kind, having been doing business suc-

cessfully since 1911. After this preliminary period of farmers will stop storing beans with investigation, Mr. Chas. S. Bater, elevators to the point of overload-popular local manager, called the ing and thus glut and depress the provided in the big churning and pasteurizing room, but many of the The bean farmers, co-operative elevators and jobbers meeting favorprogram was opened with music and M. A. C. gave a splendid dairy talk

co-operation and assistance of the Stanley M. Powell of the State Michigan bean grower and his local Farm Bureau gave an address on elevator. It is hoped that farmers farmers' organization and co-operawill freely discuss their problems tive marketing, telling of the work of with their local elevators so that the Farm Bureau in Michigan and emphasizing particularly the need for The committee will meet from tax reform to remove some of the time to time at the call of the presi- burden now borne by Michigan real

A Model Plant While this was the official and The committee appointed is as fol- formal opening, the new plant has lows: Christian Breisch of Lansing; been in use about two months. W. I. Biles of Saginaw; Fred Kinde It is one of the finest of its of Bad Axe; C. S. Benton of Lan- kind in the state, being of brick construction, with old mission brick fac-A. B. Cook of Owosso; James Mc- ing. It measures 60 x 140 feet. All Bride of Burton; E. E. Twing of Bad work rooms are painted white, Axe; Clarence Diehl, Dansville and which, with the large windows, makes the building very light Joseph Fordney of Saginaw is one throughout. Brick and concrete construction makes the building ab-

solutely fire-proof. The completenes of the new plant is one of its most noticeable features. It includes two large offices, a print room, a 16x32 feet refrigerator room FREIGHT BILL AUDIT capable of holding 3 carloads of butter at one time, a main room 40 x 60 feet with two large churns, one of 1,600 pounds capacity, and the other of 1,000 pounds, three pasteurizers with a capacity of 400 gallons each, a receiving room, 18 x 40, a testing room 18 x 20, and a complete power big churn room for another churn

and three more pasteurizers. All the power for the plant is furnished by two large boilers, either or both of which can be used. A 65 horsepower engine furnishes power for the refrigeration and other machines, makes electricity for lighting and drives and operates a centrifugal pump with a capacity of 100 gallons of water per minute. The water is pumped under a pressure of 60 pounds from an eight inch well, 137

feet deep. The efficiency of the new plant is illustrated by the fact that the heating of the building, pasteurizing of cream and heating of feed water for the boilers is taken care of by the neat from the exhaust steam from

LIVESTOCK CO-OPS FORM 3-STATE CO.

Choose E. A. Beamer to Pilot This New Venture in Orderly Marketing

Columbus, Ohio, January 10 .- The Eastern States Company recently organized in Columbus, is another long will be put up in pound prints. In- farmers in territory within shipping and Buffalo.

This co-operative organization will The success of the Litchfield Dairy give the slaughterer direct connection Association is no doubt largely due with the large volume of business to the loyal and capable efforts of now going through the co-operative

One of the main missions for this company is the establishing of closer termaker for the past five years. The working relations among the Proefforts of these men have been sup-ducers' companies at the above plemented in a splendid way by the named points and the next step is to develop a more orderly marketing of livestock in this territory through these channels.

The Eastern States Company was incorporated under the laws of Ohio for \$40,000. The stock is owned by the co-op commission firms at these points and by the state livestock marketing associations.

Its officers are E. A. Beamer, president, of Michigan; Edward Taylor, vice-president, of Ohio; Harry G. Beale, treasurer, also of Ohio. B. number of cars shipped each month. creamery, is one of the oldest and overrun was 23.2% and the average organization on the Michigan State Farm Bureau Board of Directors.

BATAVIA CO-OP DOES \$203,000 BUSINESS

Batavia, Feb. 15 .- The ninth annual meeting of the Batavia Co-operative Association (Branch County) was held on February 4th, and the following officers were elected for the coming year:

Ed. Walker-President. Lee Copeland-Vice-President. Bert Hoban - Manager & Secre-

Directors-H. Joes, W. Jelley and

Langwell. The records showed that there are 170 members, and the total business for the past year equaled \$203,000. The Batavia Co-op shipped 119 decks of stock; also 46 carloads of potatoes which were U.S. graded and received prime. They handled for members 26 carloads of coal, 7 cars of feed, one car of lime, and one car of fence posts.

Tri-State Co-op Does Big Business 1923

(Continued from page one) members present that their entry of butter in the state-wide competition at Kalamazoo on Feb. 11, had won Washington, Feb. 27. — The Ford the first premium. This he declared to be partly due to the care and skill of the Ass are being made to secure its early er, Ray White. However, he added consideration. The Michigan State that no buttermaker, no matter how Farm Bureau has asked all Michigan expert, could make good butter out members of Congress to support the of poor cream and he praised the measure and has had replies from members for the excellent quality of

Wm. Dancer, who represented the Tri-State Co-ops at the recent state meeting of the Michigan Live Stock Exchange, gave an interesting account of that meeting.

Officers for the coming year were elected as follows: President, John Pridgeon; vice-president, Fred Wi-Lake found that it was worth \$46.33 gent; secretary, Chas. Waltz; treasurer, Wm. Dancer; other directors,

Hear Bureau's Achievements The principal address of the afternoon was given by Stanley Powell of In August, 1923, Mr. Cowles or- the Michigan State Farm Bureau. He dered two carloads of steers from showed why co-operative buying and Chicago and received a bill in excess selling is necessary if farmers are to of what he thought it should be. He be on an equal basis with other placed it in the hands of the Farm classes, traced the progress which Bureau Traffic Department. In- has been made by co-operative marvestigation revealed a mishandling keting in America and pointed out and delay at Kalamazoo. Claim was some of the lessons which we are filed for \$46.33 overcharge and that learning in regard to the conduct of our business, stressing particularly the need for adequate capital, competent leadership and state and national organizations to serve the lo cal co-ops. Mr. Powell gave illustrations to show that the commodity marketing organization is not all that is needed, and emphasized the fact that a central organization, as the Farm Bureau is necessary to give general services to help farmers solve such problems as transportation, seeds, central purchasing, pub-

licity, legislation and taxation. Regarding taxation Mr. Powell explained the rapid increase in tax totals in Michigan, the inability of real estate owners to meet these heavy levies and declared that one of the worst features of the present situation was that despite constantly increasing taxes, Michigan and its various subdivisions have been going deeper and deeper into debt at an alarming rate. Remedies suggest-February 11, 1924. ed for this situation were a state income tax, a gasoline tax, abolition of tax-exempt bonds, and a re-adjustment of assessment values. The members present expressed their hearty approval of the program pro-My advertisements for Jer- dently much pleased to know of the

> It is good business to ship your to the Farm Bureau Produce Exch. at its new address, 2610-16 Riopelle

Red Clover Facts

The 1923 crop of domestic, adapted red clover seed is the shortest in the year. What to do for reliable seed? Consider this

That Michigan Farm Bureau
Brand No. 1 genuine, Michigan
grown, disease-resistent Red Clover should produce a crop far sur-passing anything possible from any imported, blended or other 'bargain" seed available.

Most imported seed or seed of unknown origin is very likely to become diseased, resulting in a short first crop and often a com-plete failure of the second cut-

IS THERE A SAVINGS IN BUY-CHEAP SEED?

You can figure out your situa-tion, based on the cost of Farm Bureau Brand seed, other seed, value of the hay, etc. If Farm Bureau seed should cost you \$2 more per bushel than some other seed available and you sow one bushel on 6 acres, your extra cost is only 33c per acre.

If hay is worth \$12 per ton (it is selling as high as \$20 per ton in Michigan today) and the average yield in your section is 2 tons per acre in 2 cuttings a scarcely noticeable loss of only 10% of the stand, due to the use of unadapted seed, would be a loss of \$2.40 per acre, not figuring any losses chargeable to labor, soil fertility, etc. Think what your losses would be on a 50% stand due to the use of poor seed!

If your farm can be expected to give results with clover, Farm Bureau Brand, Michigan grown, vigorous red clover seed will give it the best chance to make good.

Why take a chance on ordinary seed when your co-op can supply you with genuine Michigan grown seed, direct from the Farm Bureau to you in sealed sacks, bushel, half-bushel or peck lots? See your Co-op today, or write us if you haven't one.

MICHIGAN STATE FARM

Lansing, Mich.

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FARM BUREAU BRAND NO. 1

Is carefully cleaned high quality alsike, distributed by Farm Bureau in sealed, trademarked bushel, half bushel or peck sacks.

Little alsike shows the free-

dom from weeds, high quality, appearance and purity of our Farm Bureau Brand Alsike.

As a rule, we believe more weed seeds are spread in al-sike than in other varieties of seed sown in this section. You play safe in selecting Farm Bu-reau brand No. 1. It's clean and good.

Order from your co-op. If you have no co-op, write us. BUREAU Seed Dep't. Lansing, Mich.

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Average Daily Gain in M. A. C. Hog Feeding Experiments was Barley & Tankage 1.301 lbs. Corn & Tankage 1.472 lbs. Corn, Rye, Barley and Tankage 1.391 lbs.

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Farm Bureau and Co-op Managers will take your orders. Write for free booklet. We pack in 100 lb. bags. DETROIT PACKING COMPANY, Detroit, Michigan.
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An Unusual Value In Traveling Bags

By having the output of a large mill, we can offer you a real bargain in a genuine cowhide travelling bag in black or brown at less than you would pay elsewhere for a bag of much

NOTE THE HIGH QUALITY CONSTRUCTION OF THIS BAG-the choicest leather, double stitched side seams; the bag is closely and carefully stitched throughout for staunch construction; riveted frame, brass lock and lift catches in superior hardware, leather lined with high quality lining; three interior pockets, one long and two short.

These are full sized bags, suitable for men's or women's use. They are built to stand the wear of much travel. As to appearance,-you will be proud to carry one of these bags anywhere. These travelling bags are an unusually good value at the following prices:

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Every year there is produced a certain amount of seed which grows as a natural crop mixture and cannot be separated-mammoth clover with some alsike, sweet clover with a trace of alfalfa, etc.

Our mixtures of this kind, with from 1 to 3% other crop seeds are known as Farm Bureau Brands No. 1-B. Otherwise, they have all the high qualifications of Farm Bureau Brand No. 1, which is the standard for seed production. No. 1-B is fully as good for hay and forage as the Farm Bureau No. 1 and costs less. When you buy natural crop mixtures from your State Farm Bureau

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Ask Your Co-op For These F. B. Brand Natural Crop Mixtures

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No. 1B Sweet Clover, contains trace of alfalfa, sells 40c per bushel less than

No. 1B Alsike, contains trace of timothy and sells 50c per bushel less than No. 1.

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Red Clover 70%, Alsike 30%, quoted \$3 per bushel under F. B. Brand No. 1 Alfalfa and \$1 above No. 1 Sweet Clover.

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All above crop mixtures put up in Farm Bureau branded sealed bushel, half bushel and peck sacks. Ask your co-op for them.

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Lansing,

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MUSCLE SHOALS

most of them to date that they will cream delivered. stand by the measure.

SAVED HIM \$46.33

Does it pay to send your freight bills to the State Farm Bureau for auditing? Carey M. Cowles of Sand to him. The Farm Bureau found that much overcharge on a shipment D. T. Bascom, Henry Haynes. plant. There is ample space in the of cattle, due to mishandling the same, and secured the refund for

Mr. Cowles. amount was refunded Mr. Cowles. This is an example of Farm Bureau service which members shipping live stock should not overlook.

BARRY FARM BUREAU REVIEWS BUSY YEAR

Hastings, Feb. 26 .- Included in Barry County Farm Bureau activities the past year were 28 agricultural schools throughout the county, numerous demonstrations on poultry diseases, two poultry tours, a dairy tour, a dairy alfalfa campaign, and 76 Farm Bureau meetings to promote various Farm Bureau undertakings. This report was made to the recent annual meeting of the organization. Eli Lindsay of Prairieville was reelected president; E. C. Eckard of Freeport, vice-pres.; J. C. Killick of Doster, sec'y-treas.

They Got Results

Lansing, Mich.

May I take this opportunity to state that Business News Ads in the "News" certainly produce re- posed by Mr. Powell and were evisey bulls and Barred Rock cockerels activities of their Farm Bureau orbrought many inquiries and sales. A ganization in their behalf. little later when I wanted to rent my farm I again placed a small adv. in the "News" and I am receiving a poultry, eggs and dressed number of replies.

Very truly yours, (Signed) D. A. Seeley,

St., Detroit, for best and prompt re-East Lansing, Mich. turns.

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DEEP SNOW SLOWS MEMBERSHIP WORK

Members in Six Counties Are Calling on Their Neighbors

Heavy snow and blocked roads have interfered seriously with neighbor to neighbor Farm Bureau membership campaigns being carried on by members in Berrien, Benzie, Monroe, Saginaw counties as clean-up work following the regular campaigns of last summer. In these counties from 50 to 75 Farm Bureau members, representing every township in its county, are calling on all their neighbors with the Farm Bureau program. In spite of almost impassable roads workers in Berrien county who were able to get out have added another 150 members to the county's membership roll. Their campaign is continuing and similar results are expected in the other counties.

Kalamazoo and Muskegon counties are preparing to put on second membership campaigns with a big force of local solicitors, recruited from the ranks of the county membership. The campaign in these counties will be on the same plan that the above counties are conducting their cleanup work. In each instance the counties are assisted by the State Farm Bureau Organization Director, Alfred Bentall, and his assistants. Up to the Kalamazoo and Muskegon campaigns the second membership campaigns were conducted by state solicitors assisted by local drivers. Now the work is becoming entirely local, aided by experienced state leader-

Leelanau Cow Testing Ass'n Man Discovered New Profits

The experience of Robert Lautner. a member of the Leelanau Cow Testing Association shows very definitely the value of the cow testing associa-

The first month that Mr. Lautner was in the association his herd of 30 milking cows made an income above the cost of feed of exactly \$31, which is a little more than \$1.00 per

The next month the same 30 cows and one other, just fresh, made an income of \$190 in the same length of time, more than \$6 per head per

The one cow did not make this great difference. This great increase was obtained through more intelligent feeding. When he knew what each cow was producing he began to feed each individual on the basis of the amount of milk produced. He fed the good cows more and the poor cows less. The price for feed and the price for his milk remained the same. The entire year's cost to Mr. Lautner to be a member of the cow testing association will amount to approximately \$55. His invest- A. D. Ames Is Another | Farmers Week Shows ment for the year made nearly 300 per cent in one month, Ask your County Agricultural Agent how to become a member of an association, or write to the Dairy department, Farm Bureau Produce Exch., Michigan Agricultural College.

There are 76 cow testing assn's in Michigan, with 2,200 farmer members. They are studying their cows of eggs by parcel post. Please refor profits.

Saugatuck Fruit Exch. Has Successful Year

Saugatuck, Feb. 26.-The Saugacarloads of fruit. Thor Schreiber is president, H. W. McIntosh, vice-president, J. W. Prentice, sec'y-treas.; di- Menominee Schools rectors are Messrs. Schreiber and Mc-Intosh, Henry Jager.

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of genuine Mammoth Clover seed did not exceed 10% of normal. Unless you use what you know is genuine Michigan grown Mammoth this year, we believe you run grave danger of getting Medium or a mixture of Medium and Mammoth. You cannot distinguish these varieties by the appearance of the

Our Mammoth seed is bought at local production points. Witnessed statements are secured from growers and assemblers that the seed is genuine, first cutting Mammoth Clover seed. That and our sealed sack shipments protect you. See your co-op at once for Farm Bureau Brand Mammoth. If you have no co-op, write today to the

MICHIGAN STATE FARM

BUREAU Seed Dep't. Lansing, Mich.

State Champion Washtenaw County Crops Judging Team



who were blue ribbon winners at the third; Raymond Braun, twelfth. 1923 Michigan State Fair. From State Fair last fall. The contest con- at Chicago.

Above is a picture of the Washte-|the boys ranked as follows: Lynn naw County Crops Judging Team Wortley, second; Clair Wortley,

As a result of winning first place eft to right they are: Clair Wortley, at Detroit, they received a fine Raymond Braun and Lynn Worley, trophy presented by the Detroit These three boys, who are all mem- Farmers' club and also had their expers of the Northfield Township Corn penses paid by the Michigan State Club, constituted the Crops Judging Fair to the National Hay and Grain Team which competed with teams Show held in connection with the from five Michigan counties at the International Live Stock Exposition

sisted of judging and writing rea- This is the third consecutive seasons for the awards in the following son that the crops judging team from classes: Yellow dent corn, white Washtenaw county has won the state dent corn, red winter wheat, oats and fair contest. The boys were coached beans. Among the 15 contestants, by County Agent H. S. Osler.

It Is Working

While grain exchange men have been telling us that co-operative marketing cannot possibly affect the price levels of grain, this unsolicited testimonial comes from Charles Michaels, for many years a grain trade reporter. He says:

"Co-operative marketing is having its effect on wheat values, although few traders realize this. They know that the market does not act in accord with the general run of news as in recent years, and those who have analyzed the situation closely are convinced that there is an invisible influence which is attributible to a great extent to the operations of the various cooperative and farmers'

What do you know about that?-Editorial, Feb. 23, 1923, edition, Prairie Farmer, Chicago.

"This is true," says the Michigan Elevator Exchange. "During the past five years the farmers' co-operative grain marketing movement has built up a great volume of grain that moves directly from the producers through local co-operative elevators to millers, exporters and other consumers and goes past the big terminal markets instead of through them. The large operators can no longer sense the crop movement like they did in the past. Furthermore, through co-operation, farmers have learned a lot about marketing. Last fall in Michigan and in the corn belt, when wheat and corn were too low, the farmers had little to sell. Later when those crops began to look up. Mr. Farmer and his co-operative ass'ns. were right there selling on the bulge, feeding the market. The Elevator Exchange has observed that its farmers have learned to keep feeding an advancing market and thus keep away the breaks which come with waiting for the peak. They have learned to sit back and wait in times of low

Prod. Exch. Booster

Honor, Mich., R. 1

Detroit, Mich. Gentlemen:

turn crate by parcel post right away

as we have more eggs to ship in it. ing feature of the week for in a you. We received \$3.30 more on the College. The day was ideal and

returns from the chickens we sent farm machinery that belonged to the tuck Fruit Exchange has closed the crate of chickens we sent you than every section of the parade was at best year in its history, with total we could have gotten here after payits best. sales of \$90,000, representing 158 ing all shipping charges. A. D. D.

had eleven boys and girls in calf we folks of this state to cultivate a clubs and an effort is being made to greater appreciation of home grown increase the number to at least one fruits.

hundred during 1924. bership are not at all stringent. All proud of the farmers' efforts during that is necessary is that a boy or girl between the ages of ten and twentyone secure either a bull or heifer our people had a self-pride in trycalf, care for it during the year, exhibit it at the local club show in the fall and keep a record of the cost of dence of co-operation and organiza-

Gets Dafter Members Two Pen Stockyards alone.

January a State Farm Bureau représentative working here reported to the Farm Bureau Traffic Department a lack of live stock shipping facilities at Datter in Chirococcurrence of the state Sault Ste. Marie, Feb. 28 .- In ties at Dafter in Chippewa County. Action by the State Farm Bureau has resulted in the M. St. P. & S. S. M. railroad ordering the installation of a two pen stockyard at Dafter this

The railroads in 1923 placed in service 197,875 new freight cars and 4,033 new locomotives.

Us Worth of M. A. C.

ror, Mich., R. 1 Feb. 15, 1924 and finished before the casual visitor will fully comprehend the exact meaning of the many rooms, laboratories, lockers, etc., that one en-I am sending you a 12 dozen crate counters within the five story build-

I am sending you a 12 dozen crate of eggs by parcel post. Please repurper crate by parcel post right away is we have more eggs to ship in it.

Respectfully yours, (Signed) Arthur D. Ames.

P. S.—We were well satisfied with live stock of all kinds and the latest live stock of all kinds and t

Students Serve Visitors

The ease in which the students served the visitors in the several temporary cafetarias proved conclu-Promote Calf Clubs sively that they were willing to practice what they were learning. And Mammoth Clover?

Menominee, Feb. 25.—Agricultural teachers in the Hermansville and Stephenson High Schools and the Menominee County Agricultural School are assisting County Agent Karl Knaus in organizing boys' and girls' dairy calf clubs for the coming season. Last year Menominee county had eleven boys and girls in calf Menominee, Feb. 25.—Agricultural no picture could be handsomer than

The agricultural display in the The requirements for club mem- new library building made one feel

the calf and its keep for the period. tion-there was everything to indicate that the day had passed when a farmer could afford to continue to go his own way, unorganized and

> It was also gratifying to attend the meting of our State Farm Buline future plans whereby there might be mutual benefit to our mem-

You can't always judge a man's worth by the size of his bank balance.

The less husbands and wives have to say about jealousy the better.

PARTIES SIN PROPERTY

Farmers Feast at 16c; Restaurant Cost \$1.39

Imbler, Ore., Feb. 27 .- One hunred and fifty farmers sat down here o a banquet that cost them just 16 cents each, the cost per plate being figured at the price the farmer was paid for his products and the labor cost of preparing the food. The same menu computed at Portland restaurant prices figured \$1.39 a

BUSINESS NEWS

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3-28-24

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About Lambs And Cattle

"Hold back all lambs that are not finished; prospects are very good for a much better lamb market later," advises the Producers Co-Operative Commission House of East

"Heavy cattle, around 1,200 lbs., not finished, are selling at very low prices. Prospects are that the May and June cattle market will be much better. The trouble today is due to the fact that many cattle which as a rule have been carried over to the May or June market as finished stuff have been coming to market now as half-finished stuff, due to high-priced feeds. Indications are that the cattle market will be so much better in May and June that it will warrant finishing them up,' says the Buffalo Producers.

These conditions are quite true of most cattle markets in the country. The Buffalo and Detroit Co-op Commission houses are operated by your Michigan Live Stock Exchange. Ship there for the best service and returns.

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Fruit Growers Must Consider Hardier Varities to

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The Greening Nursery Co., Monroe, Michigan.

South Haven, Mich. February 2nd, 1924.

In response to your recent letter, I have visited the orchard of A. G. Spencer and made careful ob-servations as to the comparative damage of peach buds of the Elberta and South Haven varieties, due to the winter freezing.

Will make the following report from Elberta trees set 1917 and South Haven from adjoining rows set 1918. A limb was taken from the south side of fine Elberta trees and one from the south side of the South Haven trees next to them and all fruit buds carefully examined with these results. Elbertas had 27 live buds and 174 dead ones with 13.4% of live buds. South Haven had 148 live buds and 135 dead buds with 52.3% of live buds.

Limbs cut from the original South Haven tree show 48% of live buds and a check tree of Elberta shows only 7.5% of live buds.

I am glad to make this report as it verifies past years' records and furnishes added proof for the hardiness of the South Haven peach. If there is no further loss these South Havens will have to be thinned this year.

Yours truly, (Signed) ROY GIBSON.

Reports we are getting on a survey we are making of several surrounding States show that common varieties either are a total loss or nearly so in the great peach growing districts. In the Lake Erie peach Belt in northern Ohio Elbertas and other common varieties are practically a total loss—South Havens 100% alive.

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