

## ANNUAL FARMERS' WEEK AT M. A. C. COMBINES EDUCATION, CONFERENCES, SIGHTSEEING AND ENTERTAINMENT

All Roads Lead to College Where Farmers and Their Families Will Gather to See New Buildings, and Prize Stock and Enjoy Splendid Programs

Michigan farmers and their families from all parts of the state will gather at the Michigan Agricultural College from February 4 to 8, for the annual Farmers Week conference.

That the event will be fully up to the high standard set in recent years is indicated by advance announcements of exhibits, conferences, and general program. All of the features which have won approval in former Farmers Weeks will be retained, while new forms of entertainment and information have been added to increase the effectiveness of the program.

Nearly thirty different agricultural associations and groups, headed by the Michigan State Farm Bureau, will hold special meetings during the week. In many cases these gatherings will take the form of annual business meetings, while in others informal educational programs are scheduled.

Largest in point of numbers represented will be the Farm Bureau, with business meetings listed for Thursday and Friday, February 7 and 8. The Michigan Improved Livestock Breeders and Feeders Association, with its 17 affiliated breed associations, will also represent thousands of farmers.

Other of the larger associations with meetings scheduled include: Michigan Crop Improvement Association, Michigan Potato Producers Association, Michigan Soils Association, Michigan Muck Farmers Association, Michigan Poultry Association, and the Michigan Nurserymen Association.

Exhibits to be Varied  
Exhibits prepared for the Farmers Week visitors will cover a wide variety of subject matter. From material of special interest to the housewife, prepared under direction of the college home economics division, the displays will run through many phases of agriculture and rural life, to engineering and general educational matter.

The best of Michigan's grains will be shown in the annual competitive show of the Michigan Crop Improvement Association. Many of the entries which won high honors for the state at the recent International Hay and Grain Show in Chicago will be included in the 500 samples which have been entered in this contest. As a result, some of America's finest crops will be on display.

Another exhibit of special beauty and interest will be the horticultural show, staged annually under direction of students of the college. Fruit and flowers will transform the M. A. C. armory into a fragrant and beautiful show room.

A round-up poultry show, special showings of potatoes, engineering equipment featuring radio devices, and other interesting and instructive exhibits will be included in the exhibits.

Programs Entertaining  
Music and entertainment features figure largely in the general programs as announced for the week, with authorities on matters pertaining to agricultural and rural life booked for addresses at intervals.

Motion pictures, dramatic productions, various musical numbers, a debate on important economic questions, and even athletic contests find their place on the program.

Prominent among the speakers will be Eugene Davenport, former dean of agriculture at Illinois University and nationally known writer and speaker on agriculture; Dr. Hugh Cabot, dean of the school of medicine at the University of Michigan; L. J. Tabor, of Columbus, Ohio, Master of the National Grange; Verne Branch, director of municipal markets in the city of Detroit; Dr. R. S. Shaw, acting-president of M. A. C.; and H. R. Smith, national livestock commissioner, of Chicago.

Special Woman's Program  
Women will have a special program of their own during the week. Making their headquarters in the new M. A. C. Home Economics Building, which is to be opened formally during the week, the ladies have their own series of exhibits and meetings. Specialists from the college home economics division will lead discussion on various special problems of the home and its management.

The M. A. C. latch string will hang on the outside of the door all through the week, as the college plays host to its farmer friends of the state. The laboratories and class rooms will be open for inspection. The extensive livestock equipment of the institution will be groomed for company, and the instructors and specialists in the various agricultural departments will be ready for personal conference with visitors on any special agricultural problems they

## BUREAU ALFALFA IS USED TO COLD WEATHER IN UTAH

Grown 4,700 Feet Above Sea Level, This Seed Will Stand Our Winters

"Some people think because Utah is located in a latitude south of Michigan that seed from that section may not be adapted to our conditions," says J. W. Nicolson, Manager of the Farm Bureau Seed Dept. "However, the Farm Bureau always carefully examines all factors connected with the section from which their seeds are obtained. While Utah is south of Michigan, the section from which we obtain our seed has so much higher altitude that the climate is very similar in its severity to ours."

"If you were up in the air about four thousand feet above most of our Michigan land, you would probably find it a pretty cool spot right now. Our Farm Bureau Utah Common Alfalfa is grown at an elevation of 4,700 feet. Our own representative, who is now loading out some of our seed which has been purchased from farmers in Utah, reports that since the first of January there have been several days when the temperature has been from ten to nineteen degrees below zero."

When you buy Michigan Farm Bureau Brand seed in sealed branded bags you can be assured that you are getting the benefit of the most scientifically and practically selected seed available.

## M. A. C. on Parade Is Feature of Big Week

The special pageant, known as "M. A. C. On Parade," which has been a feature of Farmers Week for the past three years, will be staged again on Thursday afternoon, February 7. Nearly a mile of the movable equipment and personnel of the college, including horses, cattle, sheep, swine, farm machinery, representatives of various student organizations, and the entire M. A. C. military detachment, headed by the famous college band, will pass in review around the college drives.

## DON'T HOLD YOUR SEED TOO LONG

If You Think the Market Is Going Higher, Send In On Consignment Basis

Nearly every spring, in trying to hit the top of the market, many farmers and dealers hold their seed so late in the winter that when the big seed rush comes in the spring, terminal handlers cannot buy it on account of the lack of time to properly clean and condition it for the market.

Of course there is a lot of difference between most country elevator cleaned seed and that put out under the Farm Bureau Brand. To properly clean seed so that it can be sold under a guarantee and analysis requires time, and those who wish to profit by the prices prevailing between now and the spring seedling season should get their seed on the market soon, or they are likely to find that, while buyers would be only too glad to handle their seed if it was in a cleaned condition to sell to retail trade, the same buyers are not interested in seed in the dirt that requires a lot of cleaning.

For those who think that the market is going higher, the Farm Bureau offers its consignment service, under which the grower can consign his seed, receiving an advance of practically 75 per cent of its value, and can have his seed cleaned and prepared for market and held ready for the spring rush, if the seller so instructs.

Port Huron, Jan. 23.—St. Clair Co. Farm Bureau's annual meeting today endorsed a two cent gasoline tax for highway financing.

may wish to discuss.

Farmers Week has come to be the great agricultural conference of the state each year. More than 5,000 have attended for the past two years, and plans have been made to accommodate as large a crowd again from February 4 to 8.

## STATE FARM BUREAU OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

They Directed the Work of the Organization During 1923



Top row, left to right—E. A. Beamer, Blissfield, Live Stock Exch. director; Sec'y-Mgr. C. L. Brody, Lansing; Mrs. Edith M. Wagar, Carleton; Fred Smith, Elk Rapids, Potato Exch. director; Fred VanNorsdall, Three Rivers, Treasurer; L. Whitney Watkins, Manchester; Pres. W. E. Phillips, Decatur, Elevator Exch. director; James Nicol, South Haven; M. B. McPherson, Lowell.

Bottom row, left to right—E. C. McCarty, Bad Axe; Vice-Pres., M. L. Noon, Jackson, Milk Producers Ass'n director; George Friday, Coloma.

## TO DISTRIBUTE REFRIGERATOR CARS MORE EQUITABLY AMONG THE SHIPPERS

Proposed Method and Rules Intended to Reduce Car Detention, Stop Duplication and Inflation of Car Orders

Proposed rules for the distribution of refrigerator cars among competing shippers when the total supply of cars available is not sufficient to fill all orders, will be one of the leading subjects for discussion at the next meeting of the Great Lakes Shippers' Regional Advisory Board at Grand Rapids, February 19th.

The State Farm Bureau is represented on this board, composed of railroad men and shippers' representatives who meet together to devise methods of improving the service methods of improving the service given the public. The need for a method of distributing refrigerator cars whereby unjust, though unintentional, discrimination and preferential treatment among competing shippers and districts may be prevented, the duplication and inflation of orders for cars be eliminated, has long been recognized by railroads and shippers.

The proposed basis for refrigerator car distribution is also intended to reduce the detention of cars at loading points by making the number of cars furnished any shipper dependent upon the quantity he has available for immediate loading, and upon his ability to load promptly. It is also proposed to distribute the railroad cars with recognition of the extent to which any shipper has provided with leased or privately owned cars.

**PRES. COOLIDGE'S ADVICE**  
Asked for a message to young people, Pres. Coolidge said to the National Congregational Church convention at Westfield, Mass., "You tell them to work hard and behave themselves."

## WE LEAVE THE ANSWER TO YOU

Here Are the Facts on the Co-operative Marketing of Livestock

Two years ago there was not a Producers Co-operative Commission Association in existence, such as Michigan, Ohio and Indiana Live Stock Exchange and State Farm Bureau men now have at the East Buffalo stockyards. Today there are 14 Producers Co-op houses at as many principal live stock terminal markets.

The Producers have grown from total business of about \$217,000 for the first month of operation to a business which now runs around \$10,000,000 a month for the 14. Nine months' savings to the Producers in 1923 amounted to \$300,000. The Buffalo co-operative Producers Commission house is returning to its Michigan, Ohio and Indiana member shippers a patronage dividend of \$24,234, about \$10,000 of which will come to Michigan. Before we had the Producers and such co-operative exchanges as the Michigan Live Stock Exchange Co-op Commission House at Detroit, no one ever heard of the old line houses returning to their shippers a savings dividend of \$4 for every car shipped to them during the year. This is what the Producers did on the same commission the old line houses get, and the Producers got better prices for their patrons. Does co-operative marketing pay? We leave it to you.

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## Program

### SIXTH ANNUAL STATE FARM BUREAU MEETING

Feb. 7-8, Ag. Hall at 10 A. M.

- Appointment of Committees. Minutes of Last Annual Meeting.
- Report of Credentials and Rules Committees.
- President Phillips' Address.
- Sec'y-Mgr. Brody's Report.
- Treasurer's Report.
- Reports by Heads of Farm Bureau departments.
- Recommendations from Board of Directors.
- Election of Michigan State Farm Bureau Directors.
- Report of Resolutions Committee.
- New Business.

## Pays to Ship Poultry To F. B. Produce Exch.

One of the advantages of the Michigan State Farm Bureau was recently appreciated by a farmer living in Eckford township, Calhoun county, who shipped two crates of poultry to the Farm Bureau Produce exchange at Detroit.

These two crates of poultry consisted of 40 fowls, 23 hens and 12 cockerels. The hens brought 25 cents per pound and the cockerels 23 cents. The hens weighed 143 pounds and cockerels 61 pounds. The total check for the 40 fowls was \$49.78. The total expense of shipping and selling these fowls through the Farm Bureau Produce exchange was \$5.72, and the shrinkage between the farm and Detroit was 11 pounds on the lot.

Before making this shipment to Detroit, the seller was offered 18 cents for the birds by local parties which would have brought him \$37.02 for his fowls, but by shipping them to Detroit, he was able to net \$44.06. Allowing for a shrinkage of 11 pounds at 18 cents would be \$1.98 plus the offer of \$37.02 would amount to \$39.00, or a net saving of \$5.06 or 14 per cent.

It is through little transactions of this sort that the farmer is appreciating the benefit of his Farm Bureau organization and a few moments expended in hunting up a better market is meaning more dollars and prosperity of the farmers.—Ollivet Optic, Jan. 17, 1924.

## HOW ARE THESE EGG AND POULTRY PRICES?

Following are the prices obtained for members shipping poultry and eggs to the Farm Bureau Produce Exchange at 2610 Riopelle St., Detroit, on January 16-17:

Heavy hens, 5 lbs. and over.....	25-26c
Medium hens.....	22-23c
Fancy Springs.....	23-24c
Medium Springs.....	20-21c
Leghorn Springs.....	17-18c
Small Hens under 4 lbs.....	17-18c
Fat ducks, 5 lbs. and over.....	26-27c
Medium ducks.....	23-24c
Capons will soon begin to move.	
Large fancy stock, 8 lbs. and over will probably run around.....	32c
Fresh eggs, current receipts.....	40-42c
Extra fancy white hennerly eggs.....	44-45c
Live Rabbits.....	22-23c
Prospects are for a steady market.	

## SAVES BORROWERS \$60 IN INTEREST

Sanilac Bureau Helps Build Largest Federal Farm Loan Ass'n

Sandusky, Jan. 24.—The Sandusky National Farm Loan Ass'n, organized largely by the Sanilac County Farm Bureau as a service to members there, has loaned Sanilac farmers more than \$400,000 in government funds, on which they are saving more than \$6,000 annually in interest charges due to the low rate of interest. Furthermore, the loan pays 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 is interest and the remaining one per cent pays the loan off in 24 1/2 years. He may pay the principal off faster if he wishes. The average loan of the Sandusky Ass'n is for \$4,000. Today there are 100 members in the Ass'n and it is figured that they are saving about \$60 each annually in interest through the Federal Farm Loan.

The Sandusky Farm Loan Ass'n is the largest of its kind in Michigan. It has \$175,000 in loans which have been appraised and accepted and will go through this winter. The Ass'n is 18 months old. Its officers, elected recently, are:

President, William G. Lincoln of Melvin; vice president, D. T. Knight of Marlette; secretary and treasurer, John D. Martin of Sandusky; directors, William Roskey of Crosswell, William Malloy of Palms and William Meyers of Carsonville, Headquarters are at the Sanilac County Farm Bureau office, Sandusky, Mich.

## FREIGHT RATE REDUCTION, MARKETING AND MONEY SAVING SERVICES WILL BE HEARD AT ANNUAL MEETING

Delegates to 6th Farm Bureau Convention to Hear Progress Made in 1923; Will Lay Down Policies for Coming Year; Every Member Invited

## \$335 PROFIT FOR 663 HENS IS NEW DECEMBER RECORD

Demonstration Farm Shows Poultry Profitable If Rightly Handled

Caro, Jan. 24.—Does it pay to keep poultry? Ask Harry Burns of Millington and he will tell you that it does and he can back up his statement with a record of \$335 profits from his farm flock for the month of December.

Mr. Burns has a flock of 500 white Leghorn pullets and 163 hens. His pullets were hatched early and he has kept them confined in the poultry house since October, is using artificial lights and is feeding balanced rations. During December these 500 pullets laid 9,315 eggs or 776 dozen. His older hens are kept in a separate coop, are carefully handled but are not artificially lighted nor fed a strong laying ration because they have been selected for breeders and Mr. Burns wishes to use eggs from them for hatching purposes next spring. However, even without any forcing, these 163 hens laid 804 eggs during December. Altogether, Mr. Burns sold \$440.00 worth of eggs and had a feed cost of \$104.69, leaving a balance above feed cost of \$335.31 for the month.

Mr. Burns is one of eight Tuscola county farmers who are conducting poultry demonstration farms in cooperation with the M. A. C. Poultry Dept. and the Tuscola County Farm Bureau. College and Bureau men offer expert advice and help in culling the laying and breeding stock, in planning feed rations, securing desirable breeding males, etc. These Tuscola county poultry demonstration farms not only show neighboring farmers how to handle their poultry at a profit, but also serve as sources for breeding stock of pure breeding and high producing ability.

Other Tuscola county farmers who are conducting similar demonstration farms are: Walter Ayre, Caro; E. S. Cummings and Brandon Little, Millington; W. C. Morse, Gageton; and John Hughes, H. B. Densmore and Arthur Tonkin, Fairgrove.

## HAY SHIPPERS ARE SAVING \$20 A CAR

Bureau Helps Ontonagon Shippers Get Freight Rate Cut

Ewen, Jan. 24.—About a year ago County Agent W. N. Clark of Ontonagon County took action to compel the railroads in his county to reduce unfair freight charges for hauling hay.

It was costing hay producers of the southern part of the county 24 1/2 cents per hundred to move hay from their farms to the logging camps in the northern part of the county, a distance of 75 miles, whereas hay could come from Chicago for 28 cents, a 392 mile distance. Hearings were held before the Michigan Public Utilities Commission in which the Michigan State Farm Bureau Traffic Department gave assistance to the Ontonagon shippers. The Commission decided in favor of the shippers. Beginning January 15, 1924, hay rates between the producing points of Ewen, Linstead, Matchwood and Topaz to the logging camps at Ontonagon, Miners Spur and Tolfree and White Pine were reduced an average of around 8 cents per hundred. The same applies to shipping stations on the C. M. & St. P., between Sidnaw and Ontonagon and on the D. S. S. & A., between Ewen and Sidnaw. These new rates represent a savings of approximately \$20 per carload of hay shipped and opened up a good hay market to southern Ontonagon county producers.

## St. Joseph Officers

Centerville, Jan. 24.—Officers for the St. Joseph County Farm Bureau for 1924 are: President, Fred VanNorsdall of Fabius; Vice-Pres., H. B. Schmidt of White Pigeon; Executive Committee, William Munson of Constantine, A. J. Cass of Burr Oak, C. D. Leland of Mendon.

Foremost in importance among the farm organization meetings to be held at M. A. C. during Farmers' Week will be the sixth annual meeting of the State Farm Bureau, to be attended by voting delegates and others, numbering several hundred in all. They will represent the co-operative business affairs and transportation, legislative, and organization interests of 75,000 Michigan State Farm Bureau members in 83 counties.

The meeting will be held in Room 401 of the Agricultural Bldg., February 7-8, beginning at 10:00 a. m. Thursday, the 7th. Officers of the State Farm Bureau will report on the big program of work carried out this past year. The delegates will lay down the policies for the coming year by adopting resolutions which chart the course of the big organization. The delegates will also elect the State Board of Directors and the directors will choose the President and vice-president for the coming year.

Explain Big Freight Cut  
Outstanding accomplishments of the State Farm Bureau which will be reported at this meeting will be its victory in the Michigan Zone Rate Case, wherein a two years' fight has resulted in a reduction in farmers' freight rates amounting to \$500,000 a year. This reduction is effective

## Resolutions!

According to 1923 resolutions, all 1924 annual meeting resolutions bearing on legislation must be sent the Secretary of the State Farm Bureau at Lansing, in time to be printed and delivered to the delegates on the first day of the annual meeting.

on or soon after March 21, 1924, and affects every county in the Lower Peninsula of Michigan with the exception of those on the Indiana and Ohio line. Rate savings of \$2 to \$10 per car on outgoing and incoming farmers' business will be noted. In the Thumb hay shipments will benefit about \$10 a car.

It is generally agreed that this victory could not have been won for Michigan shippers without the vigorous, determined and persistent action of the State Farm Bureau and its five powerful affiliated commodity exchanges—the Michigan Milk Producers Ass'n, the Michigan Elevator Exchange, the Michigan Potato Growers Exchange, the Michigan Livestock Exchange and the Michigan Fruit Growers Inc.

Other outstanding transportation benefits to be told will be the work of the State Farm Bureau in preventing the abandonment of a principal railroad serving hundreds of prosperous farming enterprises in the Thumb. Also the Farm Bureau's success in bringing 2,000 refrigerator cars to the relief of apple and potato shippers last November at a time of extreme car shortage. These and many other transportation services were accomplished by the Bureau through its Traffic Department.

## To Tell of Feed Service

The State Farm Bureau Purchasing Department will show that Michigan Farm Bureau Milkmaker, the Farm Bureau's truth-in-feeds 24% protein dairy ration, is now handled by 264 co-operative associations for Farm Bureau members. That the 1924 tonnage of Milkmaker is double that of 1923 and in two years it has become one of the most widely sold of all dairy feeds in Michigan. The Purchasing Dept. will also announce truth-in-feeds poultry and chick feeds and other feeds wherein the ingredients of the feed are shown pound for pound on the bag. The Purchasing Dept. will explain the co-operation of the Ohio, Michigan and Indiana Farm Bureaus in taking over the output of a fertilizer plant for their members at favorable terms, also similar arrangements on coal and other supplies.

The Farm Bureau Seed Dept. will have an interesting story to tell on the development of high quality seeds by a farmers' organization, leading up to the point where the State Farm Bureau is now able to send its Farm Bureau brands of guaranteed seed direct to the member in trade-marked sealed bushel bags and sacks of other sizes.

Folks attending the annual meeting will be surprised to learn that twelve other Farm Bureau states depend upon the Michigan Farm Bureau for high class clover seed and other field seeds, and that there we have built for ourselves a good market for whatever surplus we have. They will learn that the State Farm Bureau has a high standing among the

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STILL TIMELY AFTER FIFTY YEARS

"We propose meeting together, talking together, working together, buying together, selling together, and, in general, acting together for our mutual protection and advancement, as occasion may require." From the "Declaration of Purpose of the Patrons of Husbandry" adopted by the National Grange in 1874.

TO REACH THE GOAL WE MUST ALL TRAVEL THE SAME ROAD AND CARRY OUR SHARE OF THE LOAD

During the late war I heard a minister say as part of a patriotic speech, "Whatever you are or whatever you do—do your best. If you are a Protestant, be a good one; if you are a Catholic, be a good one, if you are an American citizen, be a good one." At that time I thought of the man who had hesitated about buying a bond for fear that this country would lose out in the war and he might not be able to get his money back. He failed to see that before this country would surrender, he would be called upon to risk the worth of more than one bond and if such a thing as fail could happen to our nation, his money would not be worth anything, anyway.

And this same advice comes back to me often times when considering any of the problems that confront us. If only we would be good citizens in every sense, good parents, good neighbors, good farmers, good church people and also good Farm Bureau folks, how many of our problems would solve themselves.

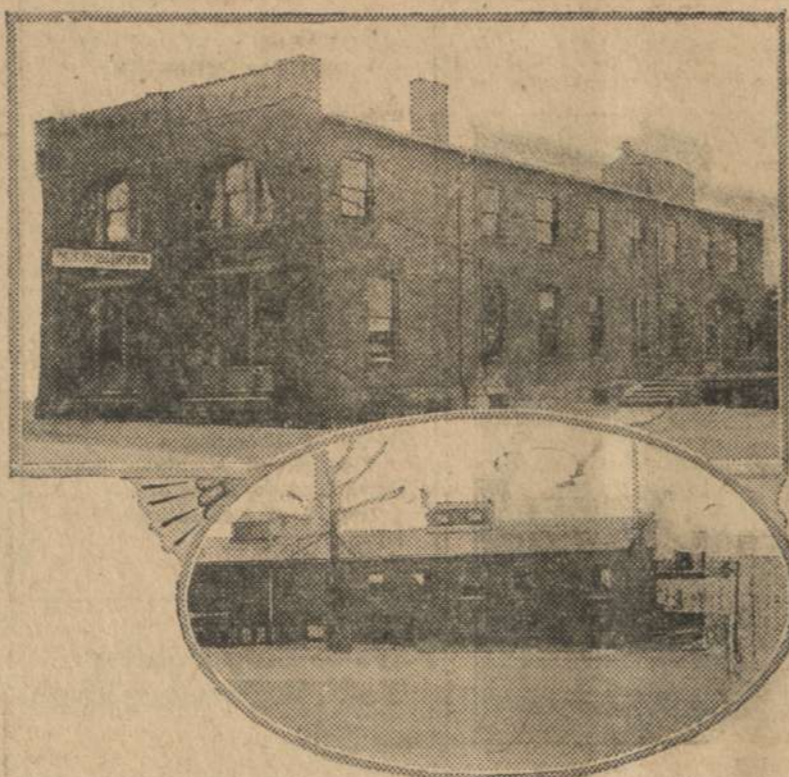
By being good citizens we would only ask for what was good for the nation as a whole and not what we as a fraction desired; as good parents, we would aim to give our children the very best advantages that would be for their good, but we would refuse them, through our kindness, that which they wanted if we could see that it would be harmful to them. As good neighbors, we would practice the Golden Rule and aim to make our own particular community the very best it could be made; as good farmers we would look upon our ownership of our farm as a sacred lease of a small fraction of the Lord's universe and would feel that our obligation was fulfilled only when we kept it in its best state of productiveness. As good Farm Bureau members, we would do all that we would ask others to do if we were trying to put in operation the plans outlined to make such an organization successful.

Did you ever stop and think just how large a volume of business our organization would have to its credit if all that we have a right to expect were its supporters? And that practically the same overhead organization and administrative expense would carry on the business for all of our folks as for a part of them?

And again, as members and officers of the organization, don't you think we might jog along at a little swifter pace, if all the members, and the officers from the minor to the most high,

would perform all of the duties that they assumed when they accepted the responsibility of their position? We are so apt to forget that we are serving ourselves and our fellow farmers and that we have a common cause to work for and that in order to reach that goal we must all travel the same road and carry our share of the load and refuse to take the road that sometimes is made to look more attractive at that particular time.—MRS. EDITH WAGAR, Director Home and Community Work, Michigan State Farm Bureau

FARM BUREAU HEADQUARTERS



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

Above is the work shop of the State Farm Bureau. It is the home of the Michigan Elevator Exchange, the Farm Bureau Seed department offices, main seed warehouse and seed cleaning division; the Farm Bureau Purchasing department, Wool Pool offices and Farm Bureau Clothing and Fabric Dept. (the wing shown below). The Farm Bureau traffic dept Auditing division, Advertising and Information departments are also located in this building. Secretary-Manager Brody and other Farm Bureau officials have their offices here.

If You Can Come to M. A. C. For Farmers' Week--Do It!

Farmers and Their Wives Find The College's Program Fascinating

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

We are approaching the time called Farmers' Week when our Agricultural College caters to those already deep in the activities of farming and home making rather than to its students who are fitting themselves for the future along these lines. Many of our older people could not have this advantage of an agricultural or home economics training and our progress has been made through the school of experience. While experience is a great teacher, yet many of our mistakes and hardships might have been avoided if we had had opportunities of contact with the training that one gets at such an institution.

A Worth While Trip

Any farmer who can leave home for a few days should attend this "term of school," at the Agricultural College. The program is always full, something doing every minute. The mornings are usually arranged so one can visit the several College buildings and study the exhibits that are on display; these exhibits are extensive and instructive. In each, there are usually several suggestions to bring out the real worth of the demonstration—those that are not recommended to follow as well as those that are classed as successful.

The College, barns, pens, etc., that house the live stock are in themselves a lesson worth considering for they are built and equipped with the idea of greater efficiency. And don't get the mistaken idea that those buildings are going to cover a "fat stock show" where there will be pen after pen of stock perfectly finished for the market. The Agricultural College is a state experimental place where all breeds and feeds are practiced upon during the different stages of the animals' growth and usefulness. And the State is making this experiment for our benefit as well as for the students that we may not be required to spend valuable time, energy or money as individuals.

Something For Everyone

And so with the Farm Crops department which has on exhibition the results of their many experiments of bettering the quality and quantity of the various crops grown in the state. And there will be something especially interesting to those that specialize along any one line, such as the apple and potato exhibit, the poultry exhibit and also the dairy products exhibit—not only the exhibit itself but the demonstrations and lectures given by those in charge of those departments are all lessons well worth one's time.

After inspecting all of these exhibits, one has the feeling that Michigan is a real agricultural state and not a state of automobiles and furniture only, as some are inclined to think.

Farm Bureau traffic dept Auditing division, Advertising and Information departments are also located in this building. Secretary-Manager Brody and other Farm Bureau officials have their offices here. The Seed department occupies a one-story continuation of the main building and basement, fully as long as the main building. The Wool dept uses a separate 2,000,000 pound capacity warehouse and the Seed department makes use of several big warehouses in Lansing. The State Farm Bureau building is 55 by 242 feet long with a wing 24 by 74 feet. The Bureau owns valuable adjoining property and its headquarters are located near the heart of the capital's business district. An enormous volume of Farm Bureau business is transacted here annually.

Big Program For Women

And then for the women that can go—and how I wish more farm women might go! There are lectures and exhibits and demonstrations on household conveniences and home equipment that are waiting there with the hope that they can lighten the burden of many farm women. There is the Woman's Building where a welcome awaits you and this year we may inspect the new Home Economics building, through which we have great hopes for the future.

Not only are you able to see and hear for yourself but you meet other farmers and while you rub elbows with each other you cannot help but feel that the result is to broaden and educate.

State Farm Bureau Meeting

On Thursday and Friday of Farmers' Week will come the annual meeting of our State Farm Bureau organization. The reports of the officers and the several departments of our work will be given at this time and also the outline of the work for another year will be considered.

This is no small task if we as an organization do our best, for we must give deep study and earnest thought to the needs of the farmer in relation to the rest of the world. This problem needs the united power of the membership.

I particularly urge our farm women and our women extension workers to attend the State Farm Bureau meeting; keep in touch with the work; listen to the reports; study the resolutions and enter into the discussions, for by so doing you are showing your interest and encouragement. This is a get-together meeting where everyone should feel that they are a part of it and where we are brought face to face with the fact that looking after our own business is no small job. If you can possibly do so, call at the State Farm Bureau office on North Cedar Street in Lansing. This is your property and you will be most welcome there; visit the various departments and get information first hand regarding the methods in practice there and I am sure you will renew your faith in your organization and be better fitted to describe it among your associates.

TO PLAN FOR FUTURE OF MICH. AGRICULTURE

"What is the future of agriculture?" This general theme will be the keynote of all exhibits and programs at Farmers' Week. The answer to the question which is uppermost in the minds of all people engaged in agricultural pursuits will be sought throughout the speaking program.

Each afternoon at the college gymnasium, in addition to the regular program, heads of the various agricultural departments at M. A. C. will deliver ten minute talks on the special plans their departments are making toward improvement of the "future of agriculture" in the state.

Seek to Secure Fair Refrigerator Supply

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owned cars. A copy of the proposed rules is reproduced below. Comments, criticisms and suggestions are invited, and should be addressed to Farm Bureau's Traffic counsel, E. L. Ewing, 419-420 Murray Building, Grand Rapids, Mich., and should reach him not later than February 15th for consideration at the meeting at Grand Rapids, February 19.

PROPOSED RULES TO GOVERN REFRIGERATOR CAR DISTRIBUTION ON AND AFTER

1. If the available car supply equals, or exceeds, the demand for cars, all orders will be promptly filled. 2. If the available car supply is less than the demand, refrigerator cars available for loading perishable freight will be distributed between stations, and between shippers at stations, on the basis of the following rules:

3. Available refrigerator cars shall be distributed among stations, in proportion to the known requirements at such stations. 4. Available refrigerator cars shall be distributed among shippers at stations: (a) Proportioned to shippers' capacity to load and ship, daily. (b) Proportioned to amount of perishable freight awaiting immediate shipment.

5. Each shipper desiring refrigerator cars will submit to carrier's agent an order in writing, or if by telephone, will send written confirmation giving the following information: (a) Date the order is placed with carrier. (b) Total number of cars desired. (c) Dates cars are wanted for loading and number of cars on each date. (d) Probable destination and routing. (e) Quantity of freight on hand that can be placed into cars and billed forward, each 24 hours.

(f) Quantity of perishable freight on hand ready for immediate shipment. (g) Name of party, or shipper, ordering cars and for whose account. 6. Copies of orders, by a shipper served by more than one carrier, shall be filed with the agent of each carrier and the combined daily car orders must not exceed shipper's daily loading capacity, or the total car requirements to move the perishable freight offered for shipment.

7. No shipper shall be allotted a greater number of cars, for any one day, than can be loaded and billed within 24 hours after such cars are placed for loading. 8. Each shipper will be given a daily car rating, the amount and stated time duration of which should be established by agreement between, and among shippers and carriers. 9. Cars held by shippers more than 24 hours beyond the first 7:00 a. m., after placed for loading, shall be considered as a car supplied on shipper's order on each day so held. 10. Shippers who have held one or more cars in excess of ( ) hours after the first 7:00 a. m., following placement for loading, will be deemed to have had a full car supply during such days as cars so held and will not be entitled to a further proportion of available empty cars on such days.

11. If the number of privately owned or leased refrigerator cars placed for a shipper equals or exceeds his pro rata share of the available refrigerator car supply, he shall not be entitled to any additional cars and such cars shall be eliminated from the total as available for proportionate distribution among other shippers.

12. Cars partly loaded and, under provisions of a transit tariff, are moved to another point to finish loading, will be charged against the shipper as a fraction of a car supplied at each station, the decimal corresponding to the proportion of the load placed into the car at each loading point. 13. In order to maintain correct pro rata distribution of refrigerator cars among shippers at stations, in no case will a shipper appropriate cars for loading, which have not been assigned to him by the carrier's authorized agent.

14. Carrier's agent will keep at the station a complete record showing the daily distribution of refrigerator cars made by him to shippers, in accordance with the foregoing rules. A copy of this record, on prescribed form, must be forwarded each (day or week) to the district car distributor. 15. Carrier's district car distributor will keep a complete record of the distribution of cars between stations in his district, based ratably on the number of cars ordered by each agent. (The agent's order for cars will agree with the requirements indicated by his station record of cars wanted and supplied, mentioned in item 14.)

16. Carrier's district car distributor will keep records and render reports each (period) to designated General Officer, or the general car distributor, which will show the proportion of cars furnished each station, based on the available cars allotted the district, and the proportion of cars allowed shippers at stations, based on the total cars ordered at stations. 17. Connecting line railroads dependent entirely upon another carrier for their car supply, shall be furnished cars on the same percentage basis as shippers receive in the local distribution on the furnishing line.

CASS COUNTY ADDS 121 NEW MEMBERS

In Follow-up Work After Its Regular Membership Campaign

Cassopolis, Jan. 24 — The Cass County Farm Bureau, in following up its regular membership campaign work of last summer, has just added 121 more members to its list, according to an announcement made at the meeting of the annual Cass County Farm Bureau at Cassopolis, January 10. This meeting was attended by Secretary-Manager C. L. Brody of the State Farm Bureau. He spoke on the work of the state organization.

Co-ops in Cass County are doing well. The Central Farmers' Co-operative Ass'n of Cassopolis reported that last year it shipped 105 decks of stock and handled \$19,200 worth of coal for members in addition to other business. Their total business was \$153,249.77. The Marcellus Four-County Co-op reported a live stock business of 53 cars, amounting to \$81,777.77. Its creamery department did a business of \$102,922.98 and the elevator department handled a business of \$66,968.18 for members. Other co-ops in the county are also reported as doing a good business.

Adopt Resolutions Strong resolutions were adopted by the Cass Bureau, as follows: Favoring encouragement of co-operative marketing, enactment of a gasoline tax, strict enforcement of the Prohibition act, the taxing of intangible property to relieve the tax burden on real estate, support for the State Board of Agriculture in its fight to maintain its constitutional authority over the Michigan Agricultural College; favored restriction of immigration, favored Truth-in-fabrics legislation. The Cass Bureau in its resolutions opposed: any kind of a sales tax, Pittsburg Plus practice of fixing steel prices whereby imaginary freight from Pittsburgh is included in the price, opposed government price fixing and repeal of income surtaxes. The County Agent's services to the County and to the Cass Bureau were approved.

J. C. Burgenger, president, John Tichenor, vice-president, and P. C. Hunt, sec'y-treas., were re-elected. E. Earl Bishop was re-elected to the Executive Board for three years. Samuel Thompson was elected to the Board to succeed Lewis Runkle, who is leaving the farm.

Sugar Beet Men Meet At M. A. C. Jan. 23-25

East Lansing, Jan. 24 — About 300 Michigan sugar beet men are meeting at the Michigan Agricultural College January 23 to 25, for the third annual Sugar Beet Institute, held under the auspices of the college.

Problems of production, with emphasis on the cultural end, are being discussed at the conference. Fertilization, disease problems, insect control, and general cultural methods are being considered.

Five men from the U. S. Dept of Agriculture at Washington, D. C., prominent state manufacturers and growers, and specialists from the agricultural college are among the speakers.

Charts and other exhibits prepared by the College Soils, Farm Crops and Botany Departments are among the educational features being offered. It is said that most of the delegates are field agents for the sugar beet factories. The sugar beet growers who are present report that the institute is well worth any beet producer's time to attend.

SONS AND DADS TO JUDGE

Two livestock judging contests, in one of which more than 500 students in high schools of the state where agriculture is taught, will compete, will be held during Farmers Week. In the other contest, open only to real farmers, the "practicing" agriculturists of the state will have their first opportunity to show their knowledge of livestock.

The Relation Of Volume To Service

We all realize that with big volume there comes a resulting increase in efficiency and decreased overhead operating expense. We appreciate, also, that such big volume is only secured as a result of superior service rendered, especially when growth is both rapid and continued. Since we all seek such efficient service, we are inclined to look favorably upon such organizations as our co-op livestock commission firms at the Detroit and East Buffalo yards, which in the short period of a few months have far out-distanced all of their old-line competitors.

At Detroit, the Co-ops are handling about 35% of the total livestock receipts. At Buffalo, the Producers do 20% of the total business, despite the fact that there are 13 commission firms on that market. Last week they handled 56 cars more than their nearest competitor and more stock than the lowest ten firms combined. And so we repeat, service must be good to produce such a volume of business.

Mich. Livestock Exch. at Detroit Prod. Co-op. Com. Ass'n at East Buffalo

Prize Apples To Be Shown Farmers Week

East Lansing, Jan. 24 — Prize Michigan apples will be shown at the Michigan Agricultural College Farmers' Week, Feb. 4-8, to compete in the annual fruit and flower show promoted by the M. A. C. Student Horticultural Club.

A bower of fruit and flower, the Horticultural show is always one of the most attractive of the many Farmers Week exhibits.

All Michigan fruit growers are eligible to compete in the competitive events. Early entries indicate that the number of exhibits will be large this year, but committees in charge are still seeking more trays of apples in an effort to establish a record for the show. Entries close at noon, Feb. 4.

Advertisement for The Greening Nursery Co. featuring 'Big Crop On South Haven Peaches Set Spring, 1919'. The ad describes the nursery's products, including various peach varieties, and provides contact information for the nursery in Monroe, Michigan. It also includes a testimonial from Mr. Bredehoff, a fruit grower in Ottawa County, Ohio, who praises the nursery's service and the quality of their peaches.

### CONGRESS TOLD BENEFITS FROM MUSCLE SHOALS

Am. Farm Bureau Asks Relief From Fertilizer Tribute Paid to Chile

### IS 11 MILLIONS YEARLY

Acceptance of Ford Offer Would Stop That and Reduce Prices

Washington, Jan. 14.—The American Farm Bureau Federation in a letter sent yesterday to members of Congress continued its offensive in favor of Henry Ford's offer for Muscle Shoals, declaring that its acceptance would be the first step in obtaining the farmer lower fertilizer costs and distribution costs.

"During the year ending June 30, 1923, there was imported from Chile 896,998 long tons of nitrate of soda," the letter said. "On this importation the consumer in America, whether a farmer using this nitrate of soda as a fertilizer or a commercial or explosive industry using it as raw material, paid a tax to the treasury of the Chilean government of \$11,239,384.94. That is, in one year, this purely artificial addition to the commercial value of nitrate of soda cost the consumer in this country over 10 per cent interest on the war-time expenditure at the Muscle Shoals nitrate plants, including the dam. In other words, Mr. Ford's guarantee to manufacture 40,000 tons of fixed nitrogen yearly at the Muscle Shoals nitrates plant under the Ford proposal is equivalent to an offer of \$200,000,000 for the Muscle Shoals nitrate plants, because the taxpayers today are paying to Chile interest at the rate of 5 1/2 per cent on \$200,000,000.

**Might Split Fertilizer Price**  
"Numerous authorities can be cited that with Muscle Shoals utilized in the manufacture of fertilizer, the price of fertilizer in this country can be reduced one-half. The annual expenditure of the farmers for fertilizer in this country over the past five years has been in round numbers 300 million dollars a year. Cutting this bill in half would have saved the farmers 150 million dollars a year; or to put it another way, the continued idleness of the Muscle Shoals developments since 1918 has cost the farmers of this country 750 million dollars.

**Other Countries Leading**  
"Through the establishment of air fixation industries such as Muscle Shoals, the rest of the world is rapidly relieving itself from dependence upon Chile. As is pointed out in the annual report of the Fixed Nitrogen Research Laboratory, 35 per cent of the world's nitrogen supply is now being secured from the air nitrogen industry, while in the United States only 1 per cent of our nitrogen requirements is being so supplied:

"Germany has relieved itself entirely from dependence upon Chile, and has one plant in continuous operation, producing five times as much nitrogen as the capacity of the U. S. war time, Muscle Shoals nitrate plants at Muscle Shoals, Alabama. The manager of the German plant at Merseburg informed the Farm Bureau committee, which visited Europe this fall that they always sell to the German farmer at 20 per cent below the price of Chilean nitrate of soda. The capacity of this plant is now being increased.

**Bureau Active Three Years**  
"Fortunately the consideration of the Ford proposal has reached a legislative position where it should not take long for Congress to reach a decision on this matter. For three years the American Farm Bureau Federation in national convention and local conventions has passed resolutions asking Congress to accept the Ford proposal for Muscle Shoals. Two Congresses have adjourned without action on this question. Exhaustive and complete hearings have been held before the committees of Congress.

"During this time the farmers throughout the country have studied his offer. We know what Mr. Ford and his company jointly and severally have definitely obligated themselves to do if given the opportunity, and we ask that this Congress give a vote by roll call at this time, for we cannot believe that further delay is necessary or justifiable."

### GENESSEE ESTABLISHES LOCAL SEED AGENCIES

Nine local agencies have been established for Farm Bureau Brand Seeds in Genesee county. Members can now place their orders with the one nearest home. The list of agencies is as follows for the vicinities of the following towns:  
Goodrich—Drew Reis.  
Grand Blanc—Grand Blanc Co-op Elev. Ass'n.  
Davidson—Bert Stimson.  
Flushing—E. J. Gillespie.  
Otterburn—W. J. Taylor.  
Swartz Creek—Wilber Short.  
Montrose—J. W. Vredenberg.  
Fenton—Fenton Co-op Ass'n.  
Mount Morris—R. B. Nixon.

"The club movement has already borne sufficient fruit to show that generally the farmer who was a club boy will have a better managed farm than the one who did not have the advantage of club training."—Secretary of Agriculture Wallace.

## Bean Growers and Dealers Seek to Stabilize Market

Hold Meeting at Owosso to Discuss Ways and Means of Helping Selves

Owosso, Jan. 18.—About 300 farmers, bean growers, jobbers and co-operative elevator managers from all parts of the state attended a meeting here today called by A. B. Cook, Mr. Cook, who presided over the meeting, opened the discussion of the orderly marketing of beans, fair prices and the advisability of advertising. Mrs. Dora Stockman, member of the State Board of Agriculture and Lecturer of the Michigan State Grange, urged eating more beans and less meat from an economy standpoint.

**Tells Why Markets Fall**  
H. D. Horton, director of the Michigan Elevator Exchange and manager of the Kinde Co-operative Elevator, which is the largest individual shipper of beans in the Exchange, explained the disadvantages which a co-operative manager has at the start of the bean harvest. The elevator is forced to take in beans from the farmers faster than they can be prepared for market. The result can only be a glut, which has a tendency to reduce prices on picking stock, which has its effect in forcing the choice market lower.

Mr. Horton explained that when the elevators reach a point where their storage capacity is filled, the only way to stop the beans from coming in, is to reduce the price to the farmer to a point which prohibits deliveries. This causes great dissatisfaction. He added that by forming the Elevator Exchange, they were endeavoring to centralize the marketing of beans and reduce the cost of selling; also that with the increased volume moving through one sales organization, it would be to the advantage of each individual member and that the Elevator Exchange seems to be filling the needs of the co-operative elevators.

**Urges Orderly Marketing**  
James McBride, who has a large farm near Owosso, explained the laws of some of the western states whereby they have received assistance from the government in marketing their crops and urged that some steps be taken whereby bean growers in Michigan could have the privilege of storing their beans if necessary and securing money on the receipts.

Mr. Stickle of Chatterton & Son suggested that it would be advisable for the local elevator associations to invite the bean growers to their meetings, thus bringing the growers and elevator men into closer harmony.

Prof. Cox of M. A. C. explained how to handle the robust bean for best results. He told the proper method to be used in preparing the ground, time of planting and harvesting.

The afternoon meeting was addressed by Mr. Rose of the Intermediate Credit Bank of St. Paul, who explained the method the government was using in assisting the farmers in financing their crop. Mr. Rose explained that for the co-operative organizations to avail themselves of government assistance, it would be necessary for them to be composed entirely of members who were engaged in producing the commodity on which they borrow the money.

**Gives California Viewpoint**  
Mr. R. L. Churchill, Manager of the California Lima Bean Growers Ass'n, made a very extensive talk on co-operative marketing as now practiced in California. He explained how the big men of the country were interested in co-operative marketing and declared that it should prove the solution to the farmers' trouble at this time. He stated that co-operative marketing is the most important economic question before the public today.

Churchill asserted that the aim of the state-wide co-operative organization would be to stabilize the market by the equal distribution of the crop over the year. He said it was not the purpose to increase prices, but to gain for the producer a greater share of the consumer's dollar.

At the conclusion of Mr. Churchill's talk, Mr. Cook, as chairman, was requested to appoint a committee of ten to draw up a report of the meeting and make any recommendation they might see fit.

**Choose Men to Pilot Manistee Co. Bureau**  
Manistee, Jan. 24.—The following officers have been elected to serve the Manistee County Farm Bureau during 1924: President, Jesse Miller, Norwalk, (re-elected); Vice-President, W. F. Danville, Marilla, (to succeed T. E. Moore); Director, W. F. Wagner, Chief, (re-elected); Director, R. W. Colclesser, Brotherton, (to succeed Ray Ballard); Delegate, Jesse Miller; Alternate, John Gould; Secretary-Treasurer, Loren W. Read, Copenish, (re-elected).

The program of work for the coming year, as outlined at the recent annual meeting, places a Dairy Campaign as one of the principal activities of the Manistee County Farm Bureau during the coming year. Resolutions adopted at the annual meeting, upheld the State Board of Agriculture in their fight for their constitutional rights and commend the State Farm Bureau for publishing the Farm Bureau News for the information of its members.

No man is good enough to govern another man, without that other's consent.—A. Lincoln.

### OLEO INTERESTS SEEK TO BE RID OF TAX

Washington, Jan. 15.—Michigan dairymen again meet an old acquaintance in Congress with the re-appearance of a bill to throw off the oleomargarine tax of ten cents per pound on colored and one-fourth per cent per pound on uncolored. The oleo interests would make it one cent straight, in effect a cut of 9 cents per pound. Such a law would be reflected immediately in a lower price of butterfat. Michigan Congressmen have indicated that the measure will get no support from them. Protests should be lodged with the Senate Finance Committee, against Senate Bill 392, by Mr. Keller.

### FOWLerville STOCK SHIPPERS REJOICE

With Bureau's Help Finally Secure Water Supply at Local Stock Yards

Fowlerville, Jan. 24.—At last live stock shippers from this point have watering facilities at the local P. M. stockyards. This is greatly appreciated, for in the past it has been necessary to carry water about 60 rods for the stock in the local yards. After attempting to get the railroad to install watering facilities for more than four years without success, the Fowlerville Farmers' Co-op Ass'n finally appealed to the State Farm Bureau Traffic Department on August 25th, 1923.

E. L. Ewing, Farm Bureau Traffic Counsel, promptly took the matter up with the proper Pere Marquette officials and on October 9th received assurance from the General Superintendent of the P. M. R. R. that materials had been ordered for the work and forwarded to Fowlerville and that the condition complained of would be corrected without delay.

**Bureau Gets Results**  
On January 15th Mr. Ewing received the following significant letter from Mr. E. B. Millett, Manager, Fowlerville Farmers' Co-operative Ass'n.

"The P. M. R. R. Company have installed facilities for watering stock at stockyards. The work was completed Dec. 29th. In behalf of our members, we wish to thank you for accomplishing something that has been tried without success for years."

The Farm Bureau Traffic Department stands ready to help you solve any local or personal traffic problems. If there is anything wrong about your freight service or shipping conditions let Mr. Ewing know about it. The Bureau also audits freight bills to discover overcharges and offers expert assistance in collecting such overcharges and claims for loss and damage.

### Kent Swine Soon to Get 10 Cent Premium

Grand Rapids, Jan. 16.—Kent County Farm Bureau delegates, at their annual meeting here today passed resolutions favoring a gasoline tax, a state income tax and endorsing the work of County Agricultural Agent Vining.

Mr. Vining reported that as a result of Kent County's eradication of cattle tuberculosis, Kent swine raisers will soon be paid a premium of 10 cents a hundred-weight over present prices by the packers for hogs coming from a tuberculosis clean area. This premium will soon pay for the cost of the tuberculosis campaign and will continue to benefit Kent farmers, who have their County Farm Bureau to thank for this forward step.

Directors elected for two years were: Rudolph Zandt, Walker twp.; J. P. Munson, Grand Rapids twp.; Dwight Richardson, Plainfield twp. Officers elected were Melville B. McPherson of Lowell, pres.; Leo Riggs, Gaines twp., vice-pres.

### RESULTS CONVINCED THESE FARMERS

Montague, Mich. January 2, 1924.  
Michigan State Farm Bureau, Seed-Department, Lansing, Michigan, Gentlemen:

The Montague-Rothbury Shipping Association handles nothing in the way of field seeds except Michigan Farm Bureau Brands. These seeds have given our customers such satisfactory results, and crops so outstandingly superior to those grown from seed from other sources, we do not care to jeopardize our business by offering anything else.

Our farmers are convinced that it pays to sow Farm Bureau seeds even though the price may be a trifle higher; also, that quality is of more consideration than initial price.

The seed business is growing every year and we have no hesitancy in urging our farmers to use only Farm Bureau Brand Seeds.

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MONTAGUE-ROTHBURY F. B. MARKETING ASS'N.  
J. M. Chapman, Mgr.

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### Will Tell of Bureau Services at Meeting

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alfalfa growers and others of the northwest and that our own representatives go out there and pick up the cream of the seed crops for Michigan farmers.

The Produce Exchange at Detroit will report on a farmers' co-operative poultry business that has grown from nothing to a volume of \$9,000 and up to \$12,000 weekly and is still growing. This department has an appeal for nearly every member, and those members who are using it are reporting excellent satisfaction with the returns and service they are getting.

**Satisfaction Forecasted**  
All other Farm Bureau departments will report. There will be some very interesting information along legislative lines, some interesting information on what the Farm Bureau is planning to do in this state along taxation lines—something perhaps in the nature of the Michigan Zone Rate Case as far as general results are concerned. Satisfaction will be prevalent at the growing strength of the great Michigan Milk, Livestock, Fruit Growers, Inc., Elevator, and Potato commodity exchanges and their closely cemented union with the State Farm Bureau in working out matters of common interests, such as organization, transportation, legislative, and marketing problems for their members. Michigan organized agriculture seems to have turned the corner during the past year and is gaining speed in the right direction.

Every Farm Bureau family that can, should attend Farmers' Week at the College and should take in the annual meeting of his state organization. Every member is more than welcome.

### MACOMB HEARS BUREAU'S STORY

W. W. Billings Gives Splendid Talk to County Delegates

Mount Clemens, Jan. 24.—R. G. Potts of Washington was again re-elected president and I. C. Kamloske of Washington was re-elected vice-president of the Macomb County Farm Bureau at its annual meeting at Mount Clemens January 10. The following were elected to the Executive Committee:

Louis Basch of Warren; George Eppler, Utica; Albert Luchtman, Washington; Will Ebeling, Romeo; Russell Cryderman, Armada; E. W. Fenton, Richmond; Hal Gilbert, Memphis; Max Gronow, Mt. Clemens; Robert Axtell, New Baltimore. Macomb County Farm Bureau men felt good after hearing W. W. Billings of Davison, Genesee County Farm Bureau member, and a man well acquainted with Farm Bureau work in Michigan, discuss what the organization has accomplished. Mr. Billings' description of the success of the Farm Bureau in the great Michigan Zone Rate Case was followed a couple of days later by these same Farm Bureau men reading the details of the Farm Bureau's victory in the Farm Bureau News. Mr. Billings brought home the opportunities of the organized farmer in legislation, tax matters, highway matters, and marketing problems by citing what the Farm Bureau has done in getting a gasoline tax through the Legislature and then keeping the issue alive and growing until the Governor reversed himself on his veto and announced that he now stands for a gas tax for highway financing purposes. The gas tax is coming. In co-operative marketing, Mr. Billings cited the Bureau's success in developing the Michigan Elevator Exchange, the Farm Bureau Seed and Purchasing departments, the enormous sale and popularity of Michigan Farm Bureau Milkmaid dairy ration, and the success of the Farm Bureau Produce Exchange at Detroit in profitably marketing poultry, eggs, and dressed veal and hogs for members.

Mr. P. E. Frost of the Farm Bureau Seed Department discussed the great service that the Farm Bureau has rendered in assuring members of genuine, home origin, pure seeds at reasonable prices and showed how the business has grown from nothing to an enormous volume.

The directors of the War Finance Corporation, who, at President Coolidge's request, have been investigating the present conditions of the American wheat growers, have reported to him that in their judgment co-operative marketing is the only sound solution of this situation.

Die when I may, I want it sown of me by those who know me best, that I always plucked a thistle and planted a flower when I thought a flower would grow.—A. Lincoln.

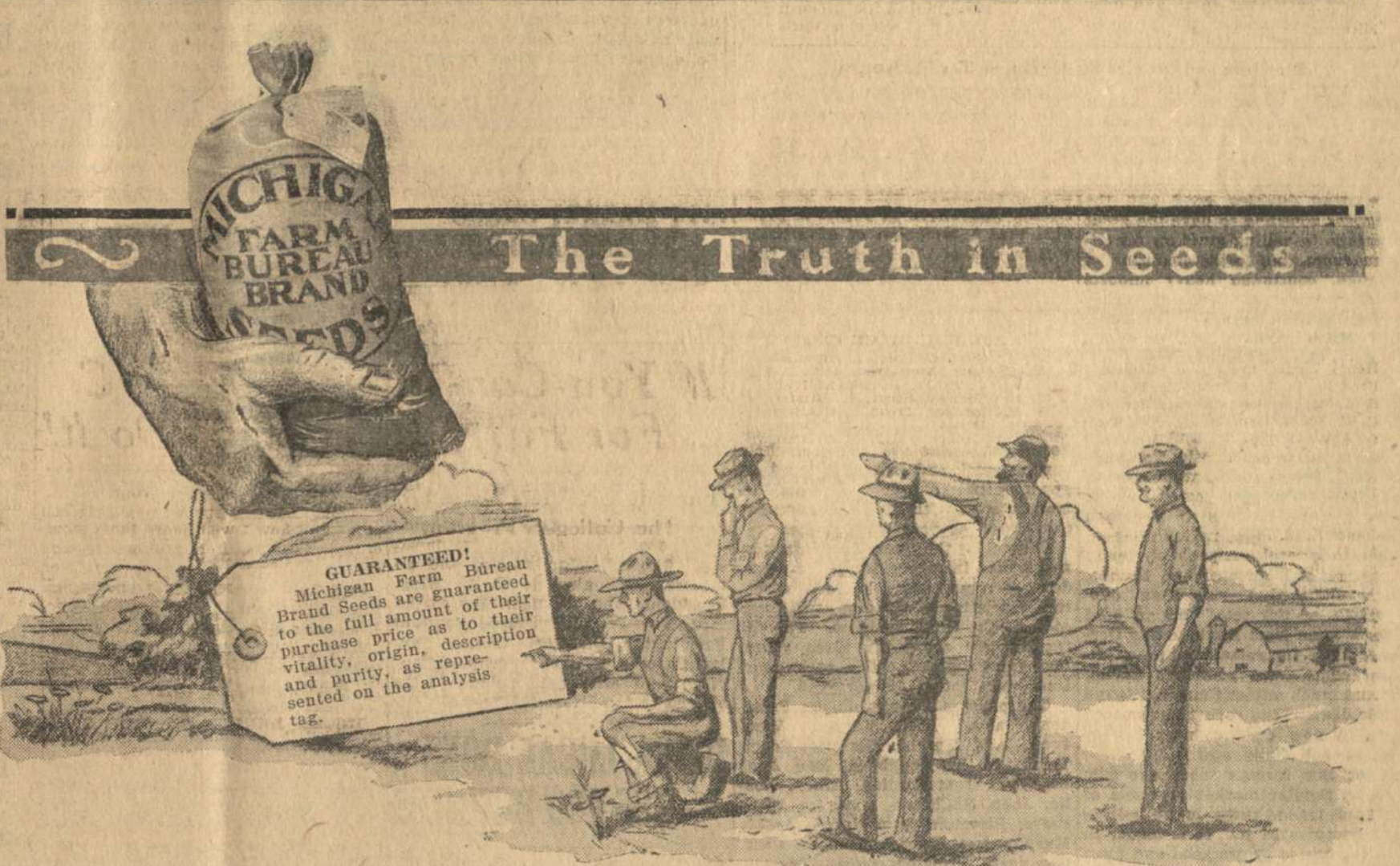
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Play safe and see your Co-op early for your Farm Bureau Brand Seeds in the sealed sacks. With Farm Bureau seeds you have put behind you any risk of getting doubtful seed. Don't put off your purchases of Farm Bureau Seeds; we cannot guarantee our supplies to hold out for the "last minute" folks next spring.

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