

FARMERS GET TAX CUT THROUGH FARM BUREAU'S EFFORTS

PLEDGE PARTIES TO RESTORE FARMERS' BUYING POWER

Platform Makers Assisted by American Farm Bureau Representatives

FARMER GETS HEARING

National Conventions Adopt Important Planks on Rural Problems

It is very significant that both the Republican and Democratic parties at their national conventions gave very careful attention to the agricultural planks submitted to them by the American Farm Bureau. The Republican party pledged itself to even more than was asked of it.

Now that farmers have their Farm Bureau organization, local, state and national, a force that was not in existence in 1920—a force that showed its strength in its development of the powerful Farm Bloc in Congress—the leaders of both parties have seen the wisdom of heeding the voice of organized agriculture.

Desires of Farm Bureau members and other farmers were presented to both conventions by American Farm Bureau officials. Pres. O. E. Bradfute and Gray Silver, A. F. B. F. legislative representative at Washington, represented the Federation at the Democratic convention at New York. One of the planks they presented asked the Democratic party to pledge itself to "Take whatever steps may be necessary to bring the purchasing power of Agriculture back to normal."

At the Republican National Convention at Cleveland the wishes of organized agriculture were presented by S. H. Thompson, president of the Illinois Agricultural Association and member of the A. F. B. F. executive committee, and Edwy B. Reid, assistant Washington representative of the Federation. The success of their efforts is well indicated by the following extracts from the Republican platform as finally adopted:

"We pledge the Party to take whatever steps are necessary to bring back a balanced condition between agriculture, industry and labor."

"The crux of the problem from the standpoint of the farmer is the net profit he received after his outlay. The process of bringing the average prices of what he buys and what he sells closer together can be indirectly expedited by reduction in taxes, steady employment in industry and stability in business."

Endorse Co-op Marketing
"This process can be expedited directly by lower freight rates, by better marketing through co-operative effort and a more scientific organization of the physical and human machinery of distribution of farm products."

"We promise every assistance in the reorganization of the marketing system on sounder and more economic lines, and where diversification is needed, government assistance during the period of transition."

"The Republican Party pledges itself to the development and enactment of measures which will place the agricultural interests of America on a basis of economic equality with other industry, to insure prosperity and success."

"We favor adequate tariff protection to such of our agricultural products as are threatened by foreign competition."

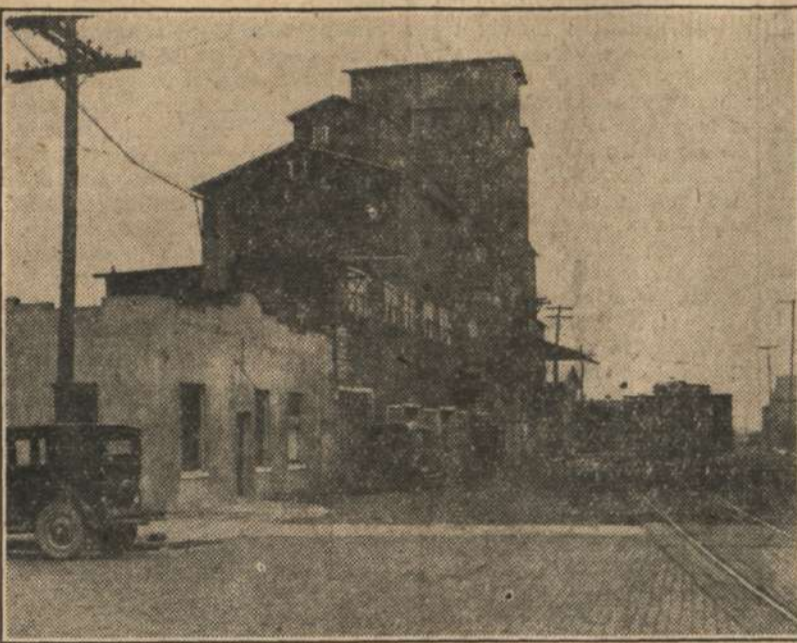
"We favor, without putting the government into business, the establishment of a federal system of organization for co-operative marketing of farm products."

The latter goes somewhat further in the matter of federal assistance in co-operative marketing than the farmers requested, since they confined their request to "the active aid of all of the government departments having to do with agricultural production, particularly the Department of Agriculture which should include a branch devoted to co-operative marketing that is in keeping with the needs and importance of this work."

The farmers were assured of the continuance of federal aid in the building of farm-to-market highways as provided in the "seven per cent system" enacted in 1921. Likewise the party pledged itself on the railroad problem in conformance with the Federation's tentative plank. "We favor a careful and scientific readjustment of railroad rate schedules," says the platform, "with a view to the encouragement of agriculture and basic industries, without impairment of railroad service."

Sour cream does not yield a higher butterfat test than the same cream sweet.

Michelex Bean Picking Plant



Above is the new bean picking plant of the Michelex Storage and Warehouse Company, where Michigan Elevator Exchange beans can be picked, stored and otherwise processed for market. This elevator is a choice property, advantageously situated and completely equipped. The concrete addition to the left of the main elevator is the office. At the right is the plant's rail siding. The other side of the plant faces on the St. Clair river. A 240-foot wharf is part of the Elevator property. The officers of the Michelex Company are: president, H. D. Horton, of the Kinde Co-op Elevator Ass'n; vice-pres. and gen. mgr., C. S. Benton; sec'y-treas., Nell Bass, both of the Michigan Elevator Exchange, Lansing.

STILL TIME FOR SUDAN HAY CROP

Excels Other Emergency Crops For Yield; Gives Good Pasture

"As a short season hay crop, sudan grass on the experimental plots at M. A. C. has given the highest average yields in comparison with soy beans, millet, and a mixture of peas and oats. Sudan grass has about the same feeding value as timothy and is more satisfactory for horses than the millets," says C. F. Barnum, manager of the Farm Bureau Seed Dept. "It is a warm weather plant and should give good results planted up even as late as July 10. In Southern Michigan it produces considerable second growth which affords late pasture, or can be cut for hay. Broadcast sudan at 20 to 25 lbs. per acre."

"Recently sudan grass has been used for summer pasture with excellent results. Ordinarily, six or eight weeks after planting, the growth is sufficient so that stock can be turned in. It is best, as a rule, to allow the sudan to get eight or ten inches high before pasturing. There is not much danger of grazing it too closely as recovery is made even though cropped very closely."

"The Farm Bureau Seed Dept. is in a position to supply members promptly with sudan grass. Your co-op should have a supply of Farm Bureau sudan grass on hand. If you cannot be supplied locally, you can order direct from the Farm Bureau Seed Dept. at Lansing at \$10 per hundred weight, f. o. b. Lansing, shipped in 100 lb. sacks, the sacks extra at 40 cents each. We suggest express shipment for prompt arrival."

Onokama Bureau to Sell Big Berry Crop

Onokama, June 24.—Raspberry growers of the Onokama and River Road regions will sell their largest raspberry crop through the Onokama Farm Bureau Local. It is estimated the crop will exceed 50,000 crates.

Bureau Mash Helps Him Get Nearly \$1 Each for Broilers

Allen G. Cummings Has Chick Feeding System That Works Fine

Battle Creek, Mich., June 25.—By efficient feeding, Allen G. Cummings, a farmer near here is getting nearly a dollar each for Barred Rock broilers hatched March 23. Cummings has his stakes set at a dollar apiece and does not miss it by very far.

On May 3, approximately six weeks after hatching, Cummings sold 50 cockerels weighing 100 pounds and at 40 cents a pound they brought \$40. On June 12, he sold 25 cockerels at 35 cents a pound, these brought \$22.05.

His method of feeding is most interesting in view of these results. The first feed the chicks get is in the proportion of two handfuls of bran, two handfuls of rolled oats

GOOD VOLUME OF WOOL IN POOL

State Closing Date August 1 For Counties South of Saginaw Bay

A much larger volume of wool is coming into the Farm Bureau's 1924 wool pool than was in the 1923 pool at this time. The 1924 pool is in co-operation with the Ohio Wool Growers Ass'n at Columbus, Ohio, as the marketing organization.

Carloads of pooled wool are being shipped right along from various localities. Since the last edition of the News carloads have been shipped from DEXTER, Washtenaw county; GAINES, Genesee county; JACKSON, Jackson county; HILLSDALE, Hillsdale county; HASTINGS, Barry county; COLD WATER, Branch county; and two from LANSING, Ingham county, and a third is nearly ready. At the above points it is not unlikely that another car will be shipped, as interest continues to grow in the 1924 marketing plan. Quite a few stations are assembling wool and will ship when they have a carload, among them: Martin, June 25; Kalamazoo, July 1; Union City, July 2; Mt. Pleasant, July 8; Midland, July 10. Some signers of the 1924 wool pool contract are located at places where a carload of wool is unlikely and they are shipping direct to Columbus, in bags furnished by the Farm Bureau wool dept. and on its directions. Only contracted wool is being accepted. The state closing date for all counties south of Saginaw Bay is August 1. After that no wools can be accepted from these counties except those under contract.

As stated before, the guaranteed handling charge this year is 2 1/2 cents a pound, each man standing his own freight; half cent additional handling charge to non-Farm Bureau members; 75¢ cash advance at 5% if you want it. Use the Wool Contract application blank at bottom of page 4.

Read the Michigan Milkman announcement on page 4.

PT. HURON PICKING PLANT TO SERVE ELEVATOR EXCH.

Michelex Elevator & Warehouse Co. to Operate Bean Elevator

IS COMPLETELY EQUIPPED

Picking and Storage Service to Mean Much to Growers

The Michelex Elevator and Warehouse Company of Lansing has almost completed negotiations for purchase from the Port Huron Grain Company at Port Huron of their large bean and grain elevator, to take possession August 1st.

This elevator is ideally located to handle the surplus beans of the members of the Michigan Elevator Exchange. After careful consideration by a committee of the Michigan Elevator Exchange, Port Huron was finally decided upon as the most logical place for the location of a terminal elevator. The elevator will be operated by the Elevator Exchange and will be used for the purpose of picking the surplus picking stock to choice hand picked beans; also for preparing special grades of beans which are desired by various interests. The plant is equipped with centrifugal machinery, a large drier and has a capacity of from 600 to 800 bags of CHP beans per day, as well as two cars of prime or fancy screened beans. It is well situated for railroad and water shipping purposes. It has 240 feet of splendid wharf on the St. Clair river.

The purchasing of this plant will fill a long felt want of the Michigan bean growers. It will afford every facility for picking, storing and handling of Michigan beans. The Elevator Exchange should be congratulated in taking this step to help bean producing farmers, and all farmers who own stock in their local elevators should make it a point to take up with their directors and ascertain if they are lined up in such a way as to avail themselves of this terminal elevator and picking plant. It is the plan of the Michelex Elevator and Warehouse Company to sell preferred stock to farmer owned elevators and large bean growers in the state. It is only with the hearty co-operation of farmer interests that this elevator can be run to its full capacity.

The same elevator and picking plant was operated by the Elevator Exchange for ninety days last year and proved to be a paying proposition. The day the elevator was opened the price of picking stock advanced 25c per hundred, or to equal the basis for the price being paid for CHP. It is conservatively estimated that the opening of this plant at Port Huron in December, 1923, made the farmers of Michigan \$25,000. This is just one of the instances of what the farmers banding together can accomplish.

BUSINESS MEN AID OGE MAW BUREAU

West Branch, June 26.—Ogemaw County business men are helping the Ogemaw Farm Bureau with its second membership campaign. Realizing the benefits of organization work and the need of a strong farmers' organization in Ogemaw county, the business men of West Branch, Rose City and Prescott are taking an active part in the coming membership campaign. When the campaign opens, teams of business men and Farm Bureau members are going out together to line up a strong membership for the Ogemaw Bureau. The business men are serving as volunteers without pay of any kind, in many cases are offering their cars. The campaign organization is about complete. Big evening Farm Bureau meetings, with State Farm Bureau speakers are to be held at West Branch, Monday, July 14; Rose City, Tuesday, July 15; Prescott, Thursday, July 17.

Who Wouldn't Be?

From 1900 to 1912 the wealth of Massachusetts increased 46 per cent while the wealth of Iowa increased 23 per cent. From 1912 to 1922 the wealth of Massachusetts increased 203 per cent while the wealth of Iowa increased only 37 per cent. No wonder the East is satisfied with things as they are.—Prairie Farmer.

Sanitation is the greatest factor in producing wholesome milk and cream. Read the Michigan Milkman announcement on page 4.

FEED MAN



H. G. Putnam, above, has been engaged by the State Farm Bureau Purchasing dept. to handle its feed sales service, including Milkmaid dairy ration, Farm Bureau poultry feeds, etc. Mr. Putnam has made a study of feeds and knows them. Mr. Putnam was formerly agricultural teacher at the Covert and Charlotte high schools.

W. W. BILLINGS MADE ST. FARM BUREAU DIRECTOR

Genesee County Man Succeeds L. Whitney Watkins, Who Retires

W. W. Billings of Daxison, prominent Genesee County Farm Bureau member and a leader in the Farm Bureau movement in Michigan, was appointed to the Board of Directors of the State Farm Bureau June 18 by the Directors, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of L. Whitney Watkins of Manchester, Washtenaw county, who was serving his second term as a director.

Sheep men and live stock men will be pleased to see Mr. Billings go on the Board. He is one of the leading stock and sheep men in the state. Probably no Farm Bureau member is as well acquainted with what the other Farm Bureau members throughout the state are doing and thinking as is Mr. Billings. He was drafted into service at the beginning of the Farm Bureau's second membership campaign in the summer of 1922 as leader for the Farm Bureau solicitors and covered the southern half of the State with them.

Since Mr. Watkins was first elected to the State Farm Bureau Board of Directors he has become State Commissioner of Agriculture and is also a member of the State Board of Agriculture in charge of the M. A. C. In his letter of resignation Mr. Watkins said that the pressure of his official duties and personal responsibilities had become such that he was unable to give the time he felt he should to Farm Bureau work, and therefore preferred to tender his resignation, which was accepted.

Detroit Live Stock

For the week ending June 19, the Michigan Live Stock Exch. Co-op Commission Merchants at Detroit sold 70 cars of stock for their members, nearly half the market's receipts.

What Should Your County Farm Bureau Do for You?

Read What Mrs. Wagar Has to Say About Service and Opportunities

By MRS. EDITH M. WAGAR, Chairman, Farm Bureau Home and Community Work

I have been consulted so many times of late about different matters concerning the County Farm Bureau official board that I have decided to make it my subject this time. When we consider the fact that only seven persons out of every 100 in all organized forces are termed leaders then we face the situation as being somewhat handicapped from the start. Then there are so many qualities that are either essential or undesirable for the right kind of leadership for various kinds of work, so that, all in all, we must be patient and forbearing if mistakes are made and progress is slow.

The first great essential to good leadership is that every part of the

FARM, CITY VALUATION INEQUALITIES, PROVED TO SUPERVISORS OF 5 CO'S, BRINGS EQUALIZATION AIDING FARMS

State and County Bureaus' Investigation Boosts Under-Assessed City Tax Rolls; Farms Cut in Ingham, Calhoun, Washtenaw; Monroe, Kalamazoo Pending

DETROIT ATTORNEY GIVES RELATION OF GOV'T TO FARMER

Hal H. Smith Endorses Farm Bur. and Co-op M'k't'g Before Bankers

BACKS AGR'L EDUCATION

Declares Farmer Has as Good Right to Auto and Radio as City Dweller

Grand Haven, June 17.—"Here our own state the Farm Bureau steadily pushing its organization is accomplishing extraordinary results for all branches of agriculture," declared Hal H. Smith, prominent attorney of Detroit, in speaking on topic "The Farmer and the Government" before the Michigan Bank Association meeting here today. Smith paid a glowing tribute to achievements of co-operative marketing and told what legislation could do and could not do for the farmer.

In view of the fact that Mr. Smith is counsel for the Michigan Manufacturers' Association and the Michigan Bankers' Association, it is extremely interesting to note that declared:

"In spite of all we have done manufacturing and general business farming still remains the most important business of the United States of America. One quarter of wealth is tied up in this business and one quarter of our population at work in it. The capital that employed in it is twice that employed in manufacturing. It is the source of all our food supply, and it is the greatest source of the real wealth of the Nation, its men and women. Machinery may come and go, tractors can plough the fields, concrete roads can connect up the remotest hamlets, automobiles can scurry about the country, but the business of growing food crops and food can will never be unnecessary, and a farm will always be the best place where you can get health and happiness. When that is no longer true we will all be in serious difficulties."

Analyzes Farm Problems
"Take it by and large, there is great disparity between the price what the farmer sells and the price of what he buys, if you compare those prices with the prices of similar articles before the War. I am not going to here try to talk about the reason for that disparity—I am only pointing it out. And the next thing is that the farmer wants to buy these articles. It is all very well to talk about the standard of living being increased, and that the farmer is better off with his radio and his automobile, than he used to be. He has as much right to these things as the city dweller. His wants are just as active. He does want the automobile and the radio. They are of more value."

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Tax assessment reductions on farm property and increases on city property which will save farmers many thousands of dollars on their taxes this year were made by three county boards of supervisors this week; two more are considering similar action.

This action was taken as a result of investigations regarding the relative assessment rates of farm and city property made by five County Farm Bureaus which took advantage of the State Farm Bureau's plan of securing such information from official sources. The general method employed in making these investigations has been explained in detail in previous issues of the News.

As this article is written the equalization has been completed in Washtenaw, Ingham and Calhoun and is pending in Monroe and Kalamazoo counties. The following is the situation by counties:

CALHOUN COUNTY
In Calhoun county the Farm Bureau found that there was a gross inequality between rural and urban assessments. While rural property was assessed at 85% of its cash value, Battle Creek city property averaged 51%, Albion 50%, Marshall 49%, Battle Creek suburbs 44% and villages 79% of their average respective cash sales values as checked by actual sales over a period of months. These findings were presented to the supervisors by Mr. Harry Sherrard, chairman of the Cal-



S. M. POWELL, Ass't Sec'y of the State Farm Bureau, who has been directing State and County Farm Bureau tax investigation work, with splendid results.

assistant secretary of the Michigan State Farm Bureau.

Despite the fact that the investigations showed clearly that the farms were being assessed considerably higher than city property, still there was a disposition on the part of the city supervisors to make no adequate equalization.

The debate waxed hot and the fate of the farmers hung in the balance. Just as a motion to make a flat 10 per cent cut in rural assessments was finally about to be put to a vote, Mr. Powell arrived.

"Here's our man from Lansing," cried a Farm Bureau member.

"We don't want to hear him; we want to eat," shouted some of the city supervisors.

However, when a motion was put to allow Mr. Powell to speak, it carried without a dissenting vote. After Mr. Powell's half hour argument the matter was brought immediately to a vote and the 10 per cent farm cut passed by a narrow margin. Two of the city supervisors voted with the farmers.

The mayor of Battle Creek was quite angered at the turn affairs had taken and left promptly in his high-powered car, declaring that he would bring in the State Tax Commission for an assessment of all Calhoun county property. Of course, no one takes any such remark seriously, not while Battle Creek has been assessed at only 51 per cent of its actual cash value.

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THE STATE FARM BUREAU'S PROGRAM

TAXATION—Relief for sorely burdened farm property by reduction of: (a) Two cent gasoline tax for highway funds.

A SUCCESSFUL LEADER COMES TO US

When the editor of the Detroit Free Press wished to give the people of Michigan a closer acquaintanceship with President-elect Kenyon L. Butterfield of the Michigan Agricultural College, he called upon Ray Stannard Baker, author, assistant to President Wilson at the Peace Conference at Paris, and one of the Agricultural College's most noted graduates, to write such an article for the June 1 edition of the Free Press.

Mr. Butterfield and Mr. Baker were fellow students at the Michigan Agricultural College and have known each other 37 years. Both have always been interested in the improvement of rural life conditions.

In securing Mr. Butterfield, said Mr. Baker, the State Board of Agriculture has found a man who is "profoundly concerned with the welfare of the man on the farm, the farm community, the country church" and a strong believer in farm organization to improve rural conditions; that Mr. Butterfield "will work with every man and every movement that is headed right; and that in what are called 'college politics' he will have no part."

Mr. Butterfield is one of the three or four most widely known agricultural authorities in America. At the invitation of President Roosevelt and President Wilson he served upon the four most important national and international agricultural commissions of the past twenty years.

Commenting upon the thoroughness with which the Michigan State Board of Agriculture went about its selection of a president for the Michigan Agricultural College, Mr. Baker said in concluding his article:

"To every real friend of the college one of the most satisfactory things connected with the whole situation is the admirable diligence with which the State Board of Agriculture has sought a new president. Not in my memory has any board been so careful and thorough. The entire membership, Mr. Watkins, Mrs. Stockman, Mr. McColl, Mr. Brody, Mr. McPherson and Mr. Gowdy, personally visited several institutions before they chose a president and investigated the records of Butterfield on the ground before electing him. And their choice was unanimous and enthusiastic. Butterfield will, therefore, start his great work with the strong support of his trustees behind him.

"It is altogether a situation full of promise; and with the proper support of the people of the state and of the personnel of the college, the future is certainly bright. Every true friend of the institution looks forward with confidence."

HOW CALHOUN BUREAU SAVES MEMBERS \$50,000

It's Easily Figured Through 17 Big Marl Piles It Has Produced

Marshall, Mich., June 24.—The Calhoun County Farm Bureau has proved to be a vital factor in the agriculture of this county. One does not have to drive far without seeing one of the immense piles of marl which the Farm Bureau has been instrumental in retrieving from the many lakes in the county. There are now 17 big marl piles averaging more than a thousand yards of marl in each pile.

No marl is reclaimed that tests less than 60 per cent calcium carbonate. Demonstrations here indicate that a yard of marl which can be purchased for a dollar is equivalent in alfalfa producing ability to a ton of ground limestone which is

costing \$3.50 at the very least. Leaving out of the calculation the fact that marl is spread with a manure spreader, a tool already on most farms, and that with marl there is no demurrage possibility, each thousand yard pile of marl means a \$2,500 saving to the farmers of Calhoun County. The 20,000 yards of marl therefore mean a saving of \$50,000 to Calhoun county farmers.

The Farm Bureau does the development work and makes sure that the marl is pumped out. The directors appreciate that better communities are the goal of all good Farm Bureau work and so to each man who will use marl the Farm Bureau advances fifty cents a yard for a year without interest. In reality the Bureau has a revolving fund that benefits the various communities at every turn without diminishing the fund.

The marl is largely retrieved by pumping machinery which delivers the marl to dry land and in regular shaped piles in which it can easily be measured.

Farmers Get Tax Cut Through Farm Bureau

(Continued from page one) village property, 78%. Copies of these findings were sent to each member of the Ingham county board of supervisors by the Farm Bureau, and the matter presented to the equalization committee by an active Farm Bureau member who was a member of that committee.

When the tax rolls came in they showed that the rural supervisors in Ingham county had made a 10% reduction in their assessments, while the supervisors for Lansing and East Lansing had increased their rolls 10%. The supervisors' committee on equalization approved the 10% increase for Lansing, added a second 10% increase to East Lansing property, and not only accepted the original 10% cut on farm valuations but made an additional 6% reduction on Ingham county farm valuations. Ingham valuations now stand: Lansing 95.6%; East Lansing, 85%; farm property 85.2%. County Farm Bureau Secretary S. A. Bement, who had charge of this work, has computed that this equalization will mean a saving to Ingham county farmers of more than \$6,500 this year.

WASHTENAW COUNTY

The Washtenaw County Farm Bureau after a full investigation found that rural property was assessed at 76% of its actual sale value; small town and village property at 77%; Ann Arbor city property at 65%; Ypsilanti city property at only 47% of the sales value. These findings were presented to the committee on equalization and the board of supervisors by Mr. W. B. Rorabacher. After full debate it was voted to raise the assessment of Ypsilanti 10% and of Ann Arbor 5%. These increases will automatically effect a considerable reduction in the tax rate on rural property.

MONROE COUNTY

From the standpoint of inequality in tax assessments, probably nowhere were worse conditions disclosed than in Monroe county. Here the County Farm Bureau investigations revealed that farm property was being assessed 72%; village property 59%; Monroe city property 47%; small acreage property 38%, lake and suburban property only 34%. The small acreage property consists of tracts of from one to twenty acres lying adjacent to the lake, and suburban property held for plotting purposes.

On Monday, June 23, Mr. F. H. Dexter, secretary of the Monroe County Farm Bureau, and Stanley Powell, ass't sec'y of the State Farm Bureau, appeared before the committee on equalization and presented their findings and made a plea for an adequate equalization. The committee appeared very much impressed with the arguments presented and the board of supervisors set Thursday afternoon, June 26, as the date for consideration of the report of the equalization committee and re-

What Should County Bureau Do For You?

(Continued from page one) ent one of ten. Any section of a county would be far better not represented at all than represented by an indifferent or unprogressive member. Too often we select some one who is convenient, or because we want to pass it around, or we let our personal interests predominate and possibly pass by one that would be a booster if the chance was given. So long as the Agricultural Agent

co-operates with the county organizations as at present, it seems to me at least part of the county board should understand the fundamentals of extension service.

Counties Have Opportunities The state organization is considered a business organization and the same with the local co-ops, but the county organization has within its scope many opportunities for county development and improvement. Each county has its own problems; some have much that can be done along drainage matters that

would tend to make those counties richer in many ways; others have much to do along lines of better crops, better livestock, better farm methods, land clearing projects, health problems, community betterment, improved highways, etc.

If your county can grow better celery or better grass seed or the kind of potatoes or melons or berries that the market demands that is the thing that a county board should know and study and help to develop.

Power of Public Opinion If there is an opportunity for sections of your county to acquire electricity for home use or a telephone line, or a better road or a consolidated school or numerous other public improvements, these are some of the things that could be considered and pushed if proven to be all that is desired. I know of many a country road where the folks could secure electricity or a telephone, but are denied these comforts because of one or two unprogressive people in their midst. Nothing will change them unless it is public sentiment put to them strong and often.

Again there might be some section within the county that could establish a co-operative elevator, a creamery, a live stock shipping association, a potato land, a milk land or any other group form of marketing. It is my contention that the county board should know these conditions, the needs and possibilities within its supervision and encourage and assist in the organizing of the same. Many a struggling local could be greatly strengthened if given a little missionary attention at the right time.

Tackle Your Tax Problem Then there is the matter of taxation, so often spoken of these days. No one is better fitted to do the necessary research work required if a proper understanding is to be had of the subject than is this board. Your Board—representing you—should encourage a thorough understanding of the local tax within the county. In the first place your Board should make a survey of the assessed valuation of the many sections within the county. Does each class of property bear its just portion of the tax? The Board should analyze your tax receipts and study for itself as to the proper division of those heavy taxes. Are you getting the improved roads where you want them and are they the kind that you approve? Are you paying too much towards highways and disregarding many other worthy appeals? Then while this home survey is being made and adjustments are being asked for, it seems imperative that the many counties could do the same thing and cause an equal assessed valuation to be placed upon all properties within the state. These are big jobs and require much thought, patience and determination in order to secure proper adjustments. And no one but an organized force such as a County Farm Bureau possessed with facts can bring it about.

Eliminates Jealousies Then there is the co-operation that is necessary between all organizations of like nature. What a force we farm folks have at present if we only would unite our efforts along agricultural lines,—if we would only think of the cause we are working for, rather than through which channel it is to be pushed and to whom the credit will be given. This kind of co-operation all lies with those seven leaders out of ever 100 members, for the crew will usually go where the pilot leads.

These are just a few of the many real problems and opportunities confronting our people today. They need careful attention from such a body as the county board should be—the clear thinkers, the truest co-operators, the most loyal men and women to be found within the membership of the county. I most earnestly beg for the privilege of some worthy woman on every county board of the state. She will appreciate the privilege and there is a possibility that she may be just as well qualified to assist and advise as the men. I am certain she would be interested, and that is not always true in the general run of board members.

From my observation too much valuable time is spent by entire boards at their regular meetings in digesting the County Agent's monthly or quarterly report, as to the amount of mileage he has spent, and whether this heber or that one should be removed from the mailing list, etc. It seems to me that these minor details could be looked after by some small sub-committee and nothing but the big, necessary county-wide problems be considered by the board proper.

BUREAU HAS NEW ACCOUNTING CHIEF

J Lee Morford Retires Because of Health; H. E. Hill Succeeds Him

Among the matters that came before the State Farm Bureau Board of Directors at its meeting June 18, was the acceptance of the resignation of Mr. J Lee Morford as ass't treasurer and auditor of the Farm Bureau, effective July 1, 1924. The resignation was accepted with regret. Mr. Morford had advised the Board as early as last April that his health was making a complete rest imperative.

The Board confirmed the appointment of Mr. H. E. Hill as ass't treasurer and auditor, to succeed Mr. Morford. Mr. Hill has been with the State Farm Bureau nearly three years, serving as ass't auditor, giving local co-operative ass'n expert accounting service, and has served in other financial capacities. At one time he was with the accounting division of the Michigan State Telephone company. He is well qualified for his new duties.

Mr. Morford came with the State Farm Bureau in the fall of 1920 and has directed its accounting work since that time. The State Farm Bureau Directors adopted the following resolution of appreciation of Mr. Morford's services:

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BUREAU HAS NEW ACCOUNTING CHIEF

J Lee Morford Retires Because of Health; H. E. Hill Succeeds Him

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OPEN FORUM

The NEWS welcomes letters from the membership on questions interesting to the membership. Such letters must be signed and be reasonably short because of our limited space—500 words is a good limit; they should be temperate in language and offer a constructive answer to the question in hand. Communications are invited.

Favors Idea of Farm Bureau Minute Men

Michigan State Farm Bureau News, Lansing, Michigan. To the Editor: I was very much interested in the last paragraph of your editorial in this week's Farm Bureau News, "Farm Bureau Minute Men." I believe the men to whom you refer represent one of the most potent factors in our organization and are going to prove a most valuable asset in our future organization activities. These men not only deserve this recognition but should be given credit for a great deal of progress that has been made with our second membership drive.

Yours very truly, H. R. ANDRE, Jenison, Mich. June 15, 1924.

(Editor's Note—The editorial referred to explained plans of the State Farm Bureau for enlisting all local workers, drivers, etc., in the second membership campaign into Farm Bureau Minute Men, six to eight in a township. For helping the State Farm Bureau get local expression quickly on important matters, and bring local problems to the attention of the State organization—in other words, a means of bringing the member and his organization in closer contact with each other.)

Advocates National Law For Standard Time Only

Michigan State Farm Bureau News, Lansing, Michigan. To the Editor: I wish the Farm Bureau would advocate a national law for standard time only. That would be a real aid to the farmers. Very sincerely, R. H. SHERWOOD, Watervliet, Mich. May 26, 1924.

BIG GRAIN MERGER OFFERED BUREAU

Five Big Chicago Firms Would Sell Their Plants to Farmers

Chicago, June 24.—One of the most important developments in co-operative marketing occurred this week when five grain handling firms handling the bulk of shipments into Chicago presented a plan to the American Farm Bureau Federation for consolidating their 40 big elevators and elaborate terminal facilities with the 5,000 farmers co-operative elevators, into an organization to be owned and controlled by the growers themselves. The American Farm Bureau empowered Pres. Bradtke to appoint a suitable committee to study the proposal. The grain firms making the offer are the Armour Grain Co., Rosenbaum Grain Corp., Rosenbaum Bros., J. C. Shafter & Co., and Bartlett, Frazier & Co.

FIVE AMENDMENTS Five Constitutional amendments are before Michigan voters this November: the state income tax; the anti-parochial school amendment; Wayne county offers two amendments on reapportionment, and the wets are seeking beer and light wines.

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TOWNLIN Poultry Farm, Dept. Z, ZEELAND, MICH. J. H. Geerlings, Prop. Member Mich. State Farm Bureau

MUSKEGON BUREAU HAS BIG MEETING

Muskegon, June 17.—Sixty Muskegon County Farm Bureau members and their wives attended a Farm Bureau workers' school and inspirational meeting here tonight. These folks have already signed up 200 others in the second membership in a partial canvass of the county. They expect to bring the total to 500. H. C. Rather of the Mich. Crop Improvement Ass'n, by passing good and worthless seeds among the audience during his talk, convinced everyone that a reliable source of seed is most important. Few guessed the seeds right and most folks admitted they looked alike. S. M. Powell, Ass't Sec'y of the State Farm Bureau, gave a good organization talk. Pres. Blank presided. Refreshments were served and motion pictures were shown.

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There may be other ways of making friends—other ways to make a success—but to our mind—no way is so sure,—so universally approved as the giving of real co-operation, which means an unflinching service combined with a square deal.

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How Do We Stand After 4 Yrs. of Farm Bureau Organization?

LET'S TAKE STOCK OF THE SITUATION

Bureau Makes Steady Gains in Legislative, Tax and Marketing Work

PUT FARMER UP FRONT Some Gains Come Slow, But Organized, We Can Stick and Win

FOUR years ago we built the Michigan State Farm Bureau. A little later, for national power, we organized 46 Farm Bureau states into the American Farm Bureau Federation. We knew we needed a strong organization to lower shipping costs, to get better railroad service, to improve our seed and feeds, to get laws to protect the farmers' business—an organization that would provide us with sound co-operative marketing machinery where by we might better our returns.

Four years have passed. Let us take stock:

At the opening of the fifth year the Farm Bureau is the outstanding farmers' organization in the United States; in Michigan, the State Farm Bureau is an organization of powerful legislative, seed, supplies, transportation, produce exchange, wool and publication departments, the last publishing the Michigan Farm Bureau News.

Milkmaker Dairy Ration is Popular

The Farm Bureau Purchasing of Supplies Department gave us Milk-maker, our 24 per cent protein dairy ration. It is the first public formula feed which lists the ingredients on the tag pound for pound—an honest feed, always the same, no filler. No wonder it boosts production and is popular. Members contracted 20,000 tons for last winter. You can get Milkmaker at 250 co-ops; Farm Bureau public formula poultry feeds are now available. With Ohio and Indiana we have contracted the output of a modern fertilizer plant at favorable terms. The department handles other farm supplies.

Market for Poultry, Eggs, Veal

The Farm Bureau Produce Exchange at 2610 Riopelle St., Detroit, offers Detroit's best market for poultry, eggs and dressed veal. Hundreds of members have improved their returns there. Service open to all members; best of sales service, returns prompt.

Wool Sales Service

The Wool Pool affords members the opportunity of marketing wool by grade and getting the full return therefrom.

This year the State Farm Bureau wool dept. is co-operating with the Ohio Wool Growers Ass'n at Columbus, O., in the sale of Michigan wool, which is to be shipped there. At the same time we are organizing in Michigan the Michigan Wool Growers Co-operative Marketing Ass'n. Every member pooling in 1924 becomes a member of the Marketing Ass'n. 1924 handling and sales charges are guaranteed not to be more than 2 and three-fourths cents per pound and the freight, made possible by the great volume

of the Ohio pool, already more than 3,000,000 pounds. The Ohio Ass'n has had six big, successful pools. Non-Farm Bureau members are required to pay an extra half cent a pound for service. The 1924 Ohio-Michigan wool pool will make cash advances on wool pooled, and has set closing dates for accepting wool, the latest of these dates running around June 15.

Packers and Stockyards Regulated

Meat packers and stockyards have been placed under regulation of U. S. Secretary of Agriculture, resulting in correction of many unfair practices and putting an end to boycotting co-operative concerns. Co-ops now lead all others in sales at 14 big terminal live stock markets.

The big grain exchanges are now compelled by law to admit to trading privileges the co-operative associations they formerly barred.

Killed Two Vicious Measures

The Farm Bureau in 1920 killed the Ralston-Nolan land tax bill to impose on all farms valued at \$10,000 or more a federal land tax of 1%; this would have added \$100 taxes per year to a 100-acre farm with land valued at \$100 per acre.

The Bureau led in preventing enactment of a federal sales tax, which would have been paid by the farmer on his sales and would have been passed to him in his purchases for a total of \$100 to \$160 yearly, tax experts say.

Got Farmers Long-Term Credits

The Farm Bureau's support aided greatly in the enactment of the Intermediate Farm Credit Law, which offers farmers loans of six months to three years; farmers may secure this service through local banks or may organize their own association for that purpose. The Bureau also helped place a farmer on the Federal Reserve Board, the nation's center of financial policy. He is E. H. Cunningham, former president of the Iowa Farm Bureau.

Railroad Services Very Helpful

The Bureau led the fight in 1920 to cut railroad valuation for rate making purposes \$1,750,000,000, thus saving individual farmer shippers about \$10 annually. Jan. 1, 1922, President Howard of the American Farm Bureau secured a farm products, made permanent July 1, 1922. The Bureau has saved shippers \$8 to \$5 a car by a new ruling secured on mixed cars of live stock.

The American Farm Bureau

secured such favorable tariff laws for American farmers as a 4 cents per pound import duty on clover and alfalfa seed, a strong import duty of about 15 cents a pound on wool; this boomed American markets. The Bureau got a lower import duty on potash and an 8 cents per pound import duty on butter; this last is important as we import more butter than we export.

Legislative Successes

The Bureau's legislative department at the 1923 session caused enactment of the following laws: (1) anti-discrimination law, protecting farmers' co-ops against unfair competition by old-line dealers; (2) bill forbidding manufacture of canned milk wherein vegetable oil is substituted for butterfat, an industry that was growing by leaps and bounds; (3) a legislative resolution to abolish "Pittsburgh Plus," the steel mills' trick of adding the freight from Pittsburgh to the price of all steel, no matter where made. This means the farmer pays \$1.15 extra "freight" on a mowing machine and needless toll on every piece of steel he buys. The Farm Bureau is fighting "Pittsburgh Plus." The Bureau fought for the gas tax and it is still leading that fight.

Finances Handled Right

Farm Bureau funds are handled right, with strict accounting. Regular audits are made by public accountants. The Bureau expends its funds on a business-like budget system. A financial statement of all departments, including inventories, is made to the State Board of Directors monthly. The books are open to any member.

Got 2,000 Refrigerator Cars

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Farm Bureau Seed Service

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Together



we're winning

This is the spirit of Michigan State Farm Bureau members. This article is a summary of the choice fruits of their organization work. Worth while, isn't it?

On Dec. 26, 1923, the State Farm Bureau and its affiliated Michigan Milk, Potato, Live Stock, Elevator and Fruit Exchanges won a two years' fight to compel Michigan railroads to reduce freight charges by getting rid of a "zoning system." Through this "zone system" the railroads were collecting annually \$500,000 extra freight from farmer shippers and \$1,000,000 more from other shippers. The Farm Bureau co-operated with the Michigan Traffic League in this victory.

Shippers Benefit \$2 to \$10 Per Car

This decision wiped out "zone rates" affecting parts or all of 32 counties south of a line from Muskegon and Bay City and lowered rates in counties farther north. These reductions save farmer shippers \$2 to \$10 freight per car of produce and supplies; out-of-state shipments of hay from the Thumb are to be \$1 per ton cheaper. We must maintain an organization to keep what we have won. The railroads are already trying to upset it. Naturally, with so much at stake, the railroads could be expected to fight to the last ditch to hold the Zone Rate advantage. They have succeeded in re-opening the case for a rehearing June 26, at Washington, thereby delaying effectiveness of the rate cut. The Farm Bureau will be represented by the same man who won the case for the shippers. With a strong, permanent organization, we are able to protect our gains after we have won them.

Has Kept Trains Running

The Michigan Farm Bureau by legal means has prevented certain railroads from abandoning a number of branch lines, to the hurt of farmers living thereon. An important recent instance is the Detroit, Bay City and Western Ry., the only road serving thousands of farmers in St. Clair, Sanilac and Tuscola counties. Without it many communities would be stranded miles from a shipping point.

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AMERICAN FARM BUREAU WINS IN CONGRESS

The American Farm Bureau Federation has won more beneficial farm legislation in Congress in four years than the nation has known since its birth, as follows:

The Co-operative Marketing Act legalizes farmers' co-operative associations; groups of co-ops, like the Michigan Live Stock Exchange or

STOP EGG LOSSES

Development of fertile eggs causes tremendous losses and lowers egg prices every summer. Separate your mate birds and have just as many and better eggs.

MILKMAKER FED, HERD HEADS ASS'N BY 5,000 POUNDS

Williams of North Kent Has Herd of 7 Cows Making That Average

By I. J. Mathews

Cedar Springs, Mich., June 24.—The Holstein herd owned by Harry Williams of this place was high herd in the North Kent County Cow Testing Ass'n for the year ending last March. Williams also owned six of the highest ten cows in the ass'n having but seven cows entered, one a two year old. This phenomenal record for the herd of 12,469.4 pounds of milk and 446.5 pounds of butterfat with an average fat test of 3.57 was made using Michigan

Attorney Gives Relation of Gov't to Farmers

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importance to him than to the citizen of the town. He is further away from his fellows, and he needs to travel to them, and hear from them, and there is no reason why he should not have every one of these new luxuries that are fast becoming necessities to every one of us.

"With this picture before us, we can understand a little better what the farmer wants, and why he wants it. He wants, first of all, better prices for his products. I don't think he wants that directly from the Government. He realizes that legislation cannot change prices much. He has heard about the law of supply and demand ever since his plough first broke the soil. He doesn't think you can pass a law and plant a crop with it, or that a new piece of legislation will fertilize a barren field. There may be some who preach this, but their day has gone by.

Laws and Prices

But what he does feel is that legislation can affect the general prosperity of the country, and it can particularly affect the distribution of his products. He has seen the law in the shape of a Tariff Law, materially change the prices of manufactured articles, and the prices of agricultural products, and the last couple of years, if he has watched, he has seen the tariff on wool stimulate the price of wool so that our sheep have gained a million in number in the past year, and wool has a higher purchasing power than any other agricultural commodity. He has seen Canadian wheat shut out, and knows that the tariff on heat must head off a great quantity of cattle from the Argentine, which otherwise have come into the country. He knows that legislation can do some good, and he wants legislation that will affect prices.

"WHAT I SAW IN EUROPE," BRADFUTE

Chicago, June 27.—"What I Saw in Europe," will be told by Pres. O. E. Bradfute of the American Farm Bureau from radio station KYW, Westinghouse, Chicago, 536 meters, on the evening of July 1 at 7:20 o'clock central standard time. Mr. Bradfute returned just recently from Rome where he represented the United States at the International Institute of Agriculture, a convention where world conditions in agriculture are reviewed at a round table of authorities from the various nations. Mr. Bradfute's radio talk should be very interesting—Europe as seen through the eyes of an experienced farmer observer who knows how to sell it. You hear him, advise the Michigan Farm Bureau News.

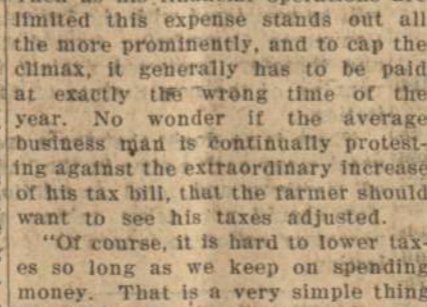
Tells of Tax Load

"Then too, the farmer wants lower taxes. He is not any different than the rest of us in this respect. Of all the unpopular individuals, the tax-gatherer still holds the palm. Taxes have been the cause of most of the wars and difficulties of the world, either directly or indirectly. They may have helped to do some good when they provoked the Revolution and gave birth to the United States of America, but that is probably the only time in the history of the human race, that any real benefit could ever be traced to the assessment roll. They are the blight on all business, and they will always constitute a debt, which while we know we must pay, we never can realize that we ourselves contracted, never can count up what we got with it, and so will always protest against its payment.

College Prints Fine Insect Control Bullt.

"Common Pests of the Field and Garden Crops" is the title of a splendid bulletin on insects and their control, just put out by the Michigan Agricultural College. It is as interestingly told as a story book, well illustrated and mighty handy. Write the Mich. Agr. Col. Bulletin office, East Lansing for a free copy of special Bulletin No. 132, the above title.

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Want, the farmer as well as the city dweller—we should want every dollar of property on the tax rolls. We should try to get the tax-exempt securities abolished as soon as possible. If by abolishing them, we should hinder the municipalities borrowing money for new expenditures, we then have enough reason in that one thing to justify abolishing them, for the ease with which money can be borrowed for extravagance is one of the greatest causes of that very extravagance.

"Then when you remember that all this enormous volume of wealth that is in tax-exempt securities in turn pays no tax for the support of the Government, you realize that there is an injustice there too serious to be longer countenanced. And if there be any among you who will think there is a justification for those investments, somebody should point out to him that the existence of tax-exempt securities furnishes a refuge where those who have great incomes can put their wealth and not only avoid taxes, but withdraw it from productive industry, so that the manufacturer and the farmer have just that much less money with which to operate their business,—to the limitation of industry, and of wages, and of building, and of crop-growing.

"Then there are other things the farmer wants: He wants education—a mean education in somewhat of a new sense. For years he has had here in Michigan almost the perfection of agricultural education, in our great Agricultural College. He wants that developed and spread out. He wants its work carried out to every farm. He wants the Agricultural College extended through its extension work to the boys and girls in every farm in every part of the state. He wants this not only because it puts more intelligence into the farming business, but because as this knowledge is distributed, the farm population is improved, and the whole citizenship is lifted to a higher level. He has always known, and has always insisted that all our assets, education is the greatest."

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STATE INCOME TAX IS DEFENDED BY GRANGE OFFICER

Enemies of Income Tax Are Challenged by Overseer C. H. Bramble

SHOWS WHO WOULD PAY

Shows the Amendment Would Benefit 99 Pct. of the People

A vigorous rebuttal of arguments advanced by foes of a state income tax and a strong defense of the proposed state income tax constitutional amendment are contained in a statement issued by C. H. Bramble, overseer of the State Grange and member of the Farmers' Federated Legislative Committee, composed of representatives of the State Grange and Michigan State Farm Bureau. This is the committee which has already secured well over 60,000 signatures to the initiative petitions and has thereby insured the placing of the income tax amendment on the ballot for the November election this fall.

In refuting arguments and criticism advanced by the interests hostile to the income tax Mr. Bramble says:

"First, I wish to call your attention to the fact that the Grange, the Farm Bureau, Farmers' Clubs, and the State Federation of Labor endorsed the income tax amendment without one dissenting vote. After studying this matter in all its details for more than a year, you must realize that these organizations and their representatives have a reasonable amount of intelligence and will

not knowingly endorse a vicious measure. They have never asked for special privileges, but have always insisted upon a square deal.

It Meets Objections

"They recall distinctly that two years ago we had before the people an income tax amendment which was simply an enabling act, which gave the legislature the right to levy a graded income tax with this limitation: They could not levy more than 4 per cent tax on any income. At that time certain interests opposed this amendment because it was too indefinite. It left too much to the legislature and the legislature could not be trusted to fix the rates or spend the money, and since it was so indefinite it would simply be an inducement for the legislature to make extravagant appropriations.

"This new amendment meets all of those objections. The same papers and people who opposed the former amendment because it was too indefinite now oppose this new amendment and attempt to justify their stand by the excuse that it is too definite. And then, too, they absolutely ignore one provision of this amendment: that it is a substitute tax for taxes levied upon real estate. This provision reads as follows:

"On or before the first day of September of each year, the auditor general shall deduct from the total amount directed by the legislature to be included in the state tax for that year the amount of money received under the provisions of this amendment and credited to the general fund of the state for the current year and the balance, if any, shall be deemed to constitute the state tax to be apportioned among the various counties of the state in accordance with the provisions of the general tax law."

"That is as plain and as strong as the English language can make it. We do not claim that this is a panacea for all the taxation ills in Michigan. The reason for this amend-

ment is as follows:

"First—Real estate, which is only 35 per cent of the property of the state, is paying 80 per cent of all the taxes and 65 per cent of the wealth is paying only 20 per cent of the taxes. This arrangement is exceedingly satisfactory to the owners of the 65 per cent of the wealth, but is heart-breaking and confiscatory for the 35 per cent.

"This amendment will shift some of the burden from the 35 per cent to the 65 per cent of wealth where it belongs. We expect, of course, that the few people in Michigan who own the 65 per cent of the wealth will vigorously oppose this amendment for selfish reasons. We put an exemption of \$4,000 upon all net incomes in order to relieve those with earned incomes from some of the taxes and burdens which they now bear and levy a tax upon the unearned incomes.

Who Will Pay Income Tax

"Second—We happen to know fairly well who will pay the taxes under this income tax amendment. If you will turn to page 93 of the Statistics of Incomes for 1920, which is the last report issued by the treasury department of the United States, you will find that there are only 33,064 people in Michigan who have net incomes above \$4,000.

"These people, who constitute less than 1 per cent of the people in Michigan, pay 87 per cent of the personal income tax in Michigan paid to the federal government. You will also find that only 305,000 people in Michigan made income tax returns. Therefore the 272,000 people only paid the federal government about \$5,000,000. The 33,000 people paid \$35,300,000.

"You will also find that these 33,000 people had net incomes—according to their sworn reports—of about \$420,000,000.

"A little comparison will show you what that amount of income means. It is more than the value of all the crops raised on the 198,000 farms in Michigan if all sold at the market value. It is an equivalent to an investment of \$7,000,000,000 at 5 per cent per annum. This vast amount of wealth and prosperity is not reflected in the tax rolls of Michigan. These people are all in the cities and the entire assessed valuation of the cities in Michigan other than corporation property is about \$2,000,000,000. This income tax amendment was drafted in order to place these men on the tax rolls and compel them to contribute to our state government and to that extent relieve the real estate taxpayer.

"This amendment will raise about \$12,000,000 and place it in the general fund of the state and will replace \$12,000,000 of taxes levied on real estate. We are only asking them to pay the state government about one-third of what they are paying to the federal government. We expect they will use unlimited money to defeat this amendment. We do expect, however, that the press will be fair and state the facts to the people and not misrepresent the facts.

"Before criticizing this amendment further, I would ask those who are so loud in voicing their objections to explain to the people why men who enjoy the luxury of large incomes should not pay the state government according to the benefits they receive and according to their ability to pay. Also, explain why men with \$50,000 incomes who own no property, and there are many such, should not be taxed on their income. As it is today, they are not on the tax rolls and the only tax they pay is reflected in the high rents which they pay for the apartments in which they live.

"Third—In 1922, 10 per cent of all the real estate in Michigan could not pay their taxes and at least 20 per cent more borrowed money with which to pay their taxes. Under our present system, nearly the entire net income of the farms in Michigan are absorbed by taxes. The farms today in Michigan are assessed for well up toward their full cash value and a survey in a few counties shows that they are assessed from two to three times more than they sell for.

"Does City or Country Pay Higher? "City property on the average is assessed from 75 to 80 per cent of its selling value. Therefore, farm property, being assessed relatively higher than city property, today pays a higher per cent of taxes than city property.

"The above figures are facts, not propaganda, and it is these facts which induced the farm organizations to initiate this amendment.

"This amendment will benefit to some extent 99 per cent of the people of the state of Michigan and place a proper share of the burden upon the one per cent that, as I have indicated above, are the best able to pay and are now paying but little. I repeat, the only men who oppose this amendment are the few who own the 65 per cent of the wealth of the state and are now paying only 20 per cent of the taxes, and those who do not know these facts."

Charlevoix Gets New County Agr'l Agent

Boyne City, June 26.—Burton C. Mellencamp is just completing his first month's work as Charlevoix County Agricultural Agent. He succeeded B. O. Hagerman who has accepted a position as industrial and agricultural agent of the Pennsylvania Railroad.

Mr. Mellencamp's past experience and training in general agriculture and especially in dairy and potato production fits him well for his new position. Charlevoix county recently put on a dairy and alfalfa campaign and is today noted for its large acreage of alfalfa.

Market Conditions

As Reported by the Michigan Elevator Exchange

WHEAT—Wheat market still continues to advance under the strong "poor crop" and market boosting news that is being circulated at this time. Prospects are for considerable less wheat in the supplies on hand than a year ago as well as the new crop does not show so promising. However, we believe that the Government crop report for July will look a little better, but we look for a good year in wheat.

CORN—Corn markets extremely strong. The new crop prospects are reported the poorest in several years. July corn sold yesterday, 95c, Chicago, and unless we get better growing weather throughout the corn belt, there will be no let-up in the corn market.

FRUIT GROWERS HOLD IMPORTANT SALES MEETING

Adopt Schedule for Service Charges; Working on Master Brand

South Haven, June 13.—Directors of the Michigan Fruit Growers, Inc., the sales organization developed by 18 western Michigan fruit ass'ns, held an important meeting here today. Each ass'n is represented by one director and all were present at the meeting today. They worked out an operating budget for the Fruit Growers, and a schedule of service charges for sales made through the organization and for sales made outside the organization by locals. Last year, their first season, the Fruit Growers handled 2,000 cars, a figure they expect to swell considerably this season.

It was agreed that on sales from the locals through the Michigan Fruit Growers, Inc., the sales rates are to be on as near cost basis as possible. On sales made by locals without the assistance of the central office there will be a general information charge of \$5 per car for market information. On all cars handled the locals will contribute \$2.50 per car to the central organization to carry on such general and important services as organization, adjustment of freight rates, legislation, etc.

The Fruit Growers are still working on a master brand or trade mark for all high class goods marketed through the central organization. Sunkist oranges, the master brand of a number of orange ass'ns marketing through one central co-op sales office, gives the idea of what the Michigan folks have in mind.

E. L. Granger, sales manager for the Fruit Growers, is on the job, and started off with strawberries and early cherries.

Fruit Crop Situation Following is an analysis of the Michigan Fruit situation, picked up at the South Haven meeting:

GRAPES—Nearly a full crop; 6,000 to 6,500 cars expected from the grape belt.

CHERRIES—Crop injured in Hart and Shelby sections, but good elsewhere.

PEACHES—Considerable winter killing south of South Haven, but a good crop north of that. During a bad cold snap last winter it was 14 below at South Haven and only 0 at Hart, farther north. The northern peaches are not damaged.

APPLES—Good crop of early apples; partial crop of late winter varieties, due somewhat to heavy yields last season.

PEARS—Big crop of Keiffers expected; fair crop of Bartletts.

PLUMS—Good crop.

STRAWBERRIES AND RASPBERRIES—Good crop.

IMPORTANT NEWS FOR OUR SHIPPERS

Congress Makes it Possible to Collect Old Freight Overcharges

The State Farm Bureau Traffic dept' wishes to call to the attention of all Farm Bureau members, local Farm Bureaus and Co-operative Ass'ns that by an Act of Congress, claims for overcharges in freight which were previously barred by the Statute of Limitations, can now be collected from the railroads if filed within six months from the date of passage of the Act referred to.

Go through your old files and send all of these claims to the Bureau's Traffic Dept' at Lansing and they will be registered with the Interstate Commerce Commission immediately and therefore protected against the running of the new Statute of Limitation.

There is no doubt that there are a great many such claims in the hands of members and local associations. You should not delay taking the necessary action to insure their collection.

POSTAL RATES BOOST NEAR Financial authorities say the U. S. Postal system is operating at an annual loss of about \$28,000,000 without any postal wage increase. Rates on registry, money orders, special delivery, parcel post must come up sooner or later.

OATS—A good deal the same situation in the oats as prevails in corn, although we feel oats are really selling higher in proportion to corn. Our Michigan crop looks fairly good, but that doesn't mean anything in the oats market.

RYE—Still continues to be a dull market. Export bids are considerably out of line with our idea of price. This commodity will trail along in sympathy with the advance in other grains.

BEANS—Market in a decided slump caused by farmers and elevators selling stock prior to July inventory. Wholesale grocers will buy until after July 1st. Can't see any reason for a better market for some time. Price to farmers, \$4.

Sudan grass, another good substitute crop, may be planted late and produces a hay grading better than timothy.

Daggett Farm Bureau, Menominee Co., sold 2,000 lbs. of Farm Bureau alfalfa seed this spring.

Fennville, Allegan county, fruit growers expect one of the largest fruit crops in years.

Read the Michigan Milkman announcement on page 4.

BUSINESS NEWS

So a word per insertion for 3 or more insertions; 3/4c a word for each of 2 insertions; 4 cents a word for one insertion. Count each word, abbreviation and figure, including words in signature, as words. Cash must accompany order. Mich. Farm Bureau News.

LIVE STOCK

FOR SALE—YOUNG JERSEY BULLS from high producing dams. At farmers' prices. Clare S. Bloss, Swartz Creek. 6-24-24

IF INTERESTED IN BROWN SWISS cattle, write Michigan Brown Swiss Breeders' Ass'n, Sebawaing, Mich., for sales list. 6-26-24

JERSEY BULL FOR SALE CHEAP: 18 months old; fine individual. Sired by silver medal bull. Dam a 235 lb. yearling. D. A. Seeley, East Lansing, Mich. 6-27-24

FARMS FOR SALE

FOR SALE—LARGE SHEEP RANCH tracts in the wild. Easy to clear. Gently rolling, good air drainage for corn. Sub-soil mostly light to medium clay, the very best of alfalfa land. \$10 an acre. \$1 an acre down. For the balance and interest, will, if desired, depend entirely upon alfalfa, sweet clover and vetch seed crop returns harvested yearly, valuing seed payments until 3rd year, which means that legume seed and crop returns from a limited acreage is to represent the payments.

Presque Isle county's grass fat lambs can't be beat, nor grown cheaper on the big open range owing to higher average lamb crops and freedom from disease. The type of buyers I am endeavoring to attract for the purpose of placing Presque Isle County's grass fat lambs on the market, as it should be, and will be, for the high quality and quantity yield per acre of its legume seed crops, must possess a dome structure capable of visualizing and expanding market for northern Michigan grown legume seed, and the sure and permanent reward that must come to the established legume seed growers. They must have no wish bone for a back bone. Their systems must be charged with sufficient pep to play the combination of legume seeds, wool and mutton—until the cows come home. Such buyers and their progeny will have no occasion to curse the memory of the undersigned for having led them into the promised land. JOHN G. KRAUTH, owner, Millersburg, Mich.

SEEDS FOR SALE—FOUR BUSHELS HARDY Alfalfa Seed containing 2% medium clover, at Grimm prices, \$29 per bushel f. o. b. Lansing. Sacks free. Michigan State Farm Bureau Seed Dept., Lansing, Mich.

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IF YOU GROW OR SELL BEANS you'll gain many dollars a year by keeping thoroughly posted on crop and market conditions. Get these facts, as well as complete information on the bean industry of the country in the Bean Era & Pea Journal, published monthly, \$2 per year. Sample free for the asking. Address: The Little Publishing Co., Beach Bldg., Lansing, Mich. 6-27-24

NOTICE TO CREAM PRODUCERS—We want more cream producers to ship us cream. Good references furnished and highest market prices paid. Ship us a can now. Check and can returned at once. Montrose Home Creamery, Montrose, Mich. 7-11-24

HURON BOOSTERS MEET AT BAD AXE

Bad Axe, June 26.—Huron county Farm Bureau boosters believe that the real way to get things done is to go after them. June 23rd, eighty enthusiastic members gathered at the court house to form plans for putting on the Huron County Farm Bureau follow-up membership campaign. Nearly all the townships were represented and 65 of these men are now working in their townships to secure other Farm Bureau members.

The State Farm Bureau was represented at this gathering by Carl Barnum of the Seed Dept., Boyd Rainey of the Purchasing Dept., and Alfred Bentall of the Organization Dept., Earl McCarty, president of the Huron Farm Bureau, president, and County Agent Twing rendered valuable assistance.

The Huron county people are to be congratulated on the splendid way their people have taken hold of this work.

Williamston Ass'n Paid \$232.20 in Dividends

In the June 13 edition of the News a list of the Michigan Live Stock Exchange Ass'ns receiving more than \$200 in the patronage dividend of \$10,000 recently paid by the Exchange's co-operative commission house at Detroit, the Williamston Live Stock Shipping Ass'n was omitted. Williamston stood fifth with a refund of \$232.20. The Exchange also paid back to local ass'ns all the capital advanced to the commission house to start the business and still has a substantial surplus on hand for continuing the business. Live Stock Exchange ass'ns pay the regular live stock commissions and the \$10,000 refund they received represents a refund of 12% on all commissions paid in.

Special Sale of Certified White Leghorn CHICKS!

Another Big Price Cut!



Rural White Leghorns.....8 1/2c
Hollywood Mated Wh Legh 11c
Rural Brown Leghorns.....8 1/2c
Rural Ancons.....9c
Barred Rocks.....11c
Mixed Broilers.....7c
1c per chick discount on 1,000 lots
3/4c per chick discount on 500 lots

This is our last price cut for the season. Our season closes the middle of July. These chicks are from thoroughbred Certified Stock and we would suggest placing your order now and arrange for shipment whenever you desire them. June and July chicks are easily raised and develop into great layers. They will give you a handsome profit next winter. TERMS—25% with the order, balance C. O. D. We pay all parcel post charges and guarantee 100% live arrival. Write, wire or phone order to RURAL POULTRY FARM, DEPT 111, R-1, ZEELAND, MICH. J. Janssen, Prop., Member of Michigan State Farm Bureau.

Member Michigan State Farm Bureau

From Texas to Minnesota, from California to New York, but more particularly in the great Middle West where lies the great strength of the Farm Bureau, you see an increasing number of neatly lettered metal signs, proclaiming to the world at large that here is a fellow who believes in Farm Bureau organization and is a member.

The Michigan Farm Bureau has a number of Michigan signs which it would be glad to send to groups of members without charge. They are made of enameled sign metal, white letters on a dark blue background. The signs are 9 1/2 by 13 1/2 inches. They will stand the weather. Always attractive and the sign of a booster. Line up your neighbor members on the subject, then write the Michigan Farm Bureau News about it.

MICHIGAN STATE FARM BUREAU NEWS
221 N. Cedar St. Lansing, Mich.

The Power of Co-operation

Who would ever have believed that the time would come when the five greatest grain handling firms in Chicago would offer their holdings to the 5,000 farmers elevators in the U. S.? That announcement was made last week.

Who would have dreamed a few years ago that in 1924 farmers' live stock co-operatives, through their own commission houses, would be dominating most of the big terminal markets? This has come to pass.

What brought it about? First, dissatisfaction of farmers with the old marketing service; second, satisfaction that with their own they are on the right track. Proof of these statements lies in the fact that the co-ops are giving their farmers better returns, better service and are making refunds to their locals. Do you ship your live stock co-operatively?

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

Don't Buy Hay!

If your clover crop failed for any reason, plant one of these Farm Bureau Brand Short Season Hay Crops and grow your own.

We offer Sudan Grass, Millet and these varieties of Farm Bureau Soy Beans—Manchu, Ito San, Midwest and Black Eyebrow.

These short season hay crops give high yields of nutritious hay and are easy on the land.

Our alfalfa stocks are getting short. Order these seeds now from your co-op. If not obtainable locally, write us.

MICHIGAN STATE FARM BUREAU
Seed Dept
221 N. Cedar St. Lansing, Mich.

The Truth in Feeds



Monday, July 7th

From Monday, July 7th, until Saturday, August 9th, farmers may contract with the Michigan State Farm Bureau through their local agent (co-operative association or farmer representative) for fall and winter supplies of Michigan Milkmaker dairy feed.

For two years past thousands of farmers have, thus contracted for their winter Milkmaker requirements. This plan has proved itself to be the economical way to buy feed. Delivery is made to local agents in six monthly shipments, this year between September 1, 1924 and February 28, 1925, contracting farmers pay for the feed on delivery.

Milkmaker is 24% protein and manufactured under public formula. Every ingredient is listed on the tag, pound for pound. It is the best dairy concentrate to be had for economical milk production. Each ingredient is carefully chosen for its high and easy digestibility, its palatability and its efficiency as a milk producer. With Milkmaker you know what you are feeding.

Milkmaker does exactly what you expect of such a feed—it increases production, lowers feeding costs, keeps the herd in high condition. Cows like it tremendously.

Positively no applications for contracting 1924-25 Milkmaker can be accepted after August 9th.

Purchasing Department
MICHIGAN STATE FARM BUREAU, Lansing, Michigan

MICHIGAN Milk Maker

See your local agent

NOW

about contracting for Milkmaker, he has full information on the plan. Where you have no local Milkmaker agent use the coupon.

Michigan State Farm Bureau, Lansing, Michigan. Date.....
Please send information about contracting Michigan Milkmaker for fall and winter delivery. I expect to milk.....cows this winter.

Name.....
Postoffice.....
R. R. Station.....
Agent or Co-op.....
Returns this coupon at once. It does not obligate you.

WOOL GROWERS

Application for 1924 Wool Marketing Agreement
To Michigan Wool Growers Co-op M'k't'g Ass'n.
Michigan State Farm Bureau
LANSING, MICHIGAN.

Gentlemen: Please send me Wool Marketing Agreement and Organization Agreement of Michigan Wool Growers Co-operative Marketing Ass'n for 1924. Also sacks for shipping wool at your direction.

I expect to have about.....lbs. of wool.

NAME.....

ADDRESS.....R. F. D.....

Don't delay filling out and returning this application.