

HIGH AUTHORITIES HEARTILY APPROVE STATE INCOME TAX

State Tax Commission Says
Income Levy Offers Real
Estate Relief

FARMERS GETTING BUSY

Proposed Tax Also Move to
Help Keep Down Local
Expenditures

Michigan farmers and farm organizations who are now uniting in an effort to secure a state income tax to raise sufficient revenue to remove the necessity for a general property tax for state purposes do not stand alone in their belief that this is the most logical step toward the solution of our present taxation difficulties.

The Board of State Tax Commissioners in their last printed report came out with a hearty endorsement of this proposal. They said in part: "This Board has been on record for several years as favoring the adoption of an income tax law for the State of Michigan, believing that general property could be relieved of its present burden more equitably and more satisfactorily by an income tax than by any other method."

To Relieve Real Estate
"We believe that the entire tax should be collected and retained by the State, and no effort made to distribute the receipts to the various taxing districts from which it was collected. Our reason for this method is that we believe it will be possible, from the receipts from an income tax and from such specific taxes as are provided by law, to pay the entire expense of state government. If this result can be obtained, the general property of the State will be entirely relieved of all State taxes and every taxpayer will be directly benefited to the extent that he has heretofore been required to contribute for State purposes. The fears of the general public, that the income tax would be considered merely as an additional tax, we believe might be well founded should the proceeds be distributed to local districts."

Would Locate Responsibility
"The elimination of the State tax would have another distinct benefit in that there would then be no occasion for a State equalization, which for many years has been a very hard problem and has caused the greater portion of the expense incurred by this Board. With the State tax entirely eliminated from the general tax rolls, State equalization would be unnecessary and the property owner, when confronted with a large tax bill, would know that the responsibility rested entirely within the limits of the county in which his property is located. Instead of immediately pointing toward the State government as the principal cause for high taxes, he would immediately begin to investigate conditions at home and we believe would awaken to a greater sense of personal responsibility for the amount of his annual tax contribution."

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FRUIT GROWERS IN ANNUAL SESSION

First Session Will be Held
at Benton Harbor
March 19-20

Benton Harbor, March 13.—The first annual meeting of the Michigan Fruit Growers Inc., Michigan's new commodity marketing exchange, is to be held here March 19 and 20. The sessions open the 19th with a dinner. C. L. Brody, secretary and general manager, and E. L. Ewing, traffic counsel for the Michigan State Farm Bureau, and either Walton Petzet or Aaron Sapiro, national co-operative marketing leaders, will be the speakers. The Michigan Fruit Growers includes 23 of the leading Western Michigan fruit associations. They will be represented by their delegates. It was organized last year and is affiliated with the Michigan State Farm Bureau.

"No Guess Work About Milk Maker"—Rowley

March 5, 1924.
Michigan State Farm Bureau,
Lansing, Mich.
Gentlemen:—
I have been using your Milk Maker with splendid success. I use ground oats and Milk Maker, half and half, and my cows have never done as well as they have this winter. I think your public formula is fine; it tells the farmer just what he is feeding, while in other feeds he has to guess at it.

W. L. ROWLEY,
Richmond, Mich.

Making Their Neighbors Members



Above are the Monroe County Farm Bureau members—several from every township in the county—who have taken it upon themselves to call on their neighbors and bring them into the Farm Bureau.

Monroe County Farm Bureau held its second membership campaign in

the early spring of 1923. Difficult roads and bad weather made it impossible to thoroughly canvass the county at that time. Now the Monroe county members are going to finish the job. Similar groups of members in Saginaw, Berrien, Branch, Ionia counties are out these days at the same kind of work. They are get-

ting many new memberships.

Farm Bureau folks will be interested to know that the lady in this picture is Mrs. Edith M. Wagar, Monroe county member, who writes the Farm Bureau Home and Community articles for the Farm Bureau News and is in charge of that work in Michigan.

Michigan Wool Growers Arrange To Co-operate With Ohio in 1924

Report of Committee Which Visited Columbus,
Ohio, Received With Favor; Like Idea of
Fixed Handling Charge and About
75 Per Cent Cash Advance

Michigan wool growers will market their 1924 clip with about 4,000,000 pounds of Ohio wool and a large amount from Indiana, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and Wisconsin to form what will be unquestionably the largest co-operative wool marketing organization in the United States.

This announcement comes as a result of negotiations which have been under way for several weeks and which reached their climax at a meeting of about 25 representatives from leading Michigan wool growing counties held at State Farm Bureau headquarters, Tuesday, March 11th.

At this meeting the proposal was heartily and unanimously endorsed after it had been explained by a committee of wool growers and Farm Bureau officials who visited Columbus, Ohio, last week to personally look into the matter and inspect the systems and facilities of the Ohio Wool Growers Co-operative Association.

It was evident from the reports made that the Michigan delegation returned from Columbus very optimistic and enthusiastic about the prospects for disposing of the Michigan clip through the proposed arrangement. One of these men, Mr. F. C. Tirrell of Charlotte, said, "The Ohio plan looks very strong and it is plain that they have made a success of their previous wool pools. The proposed plan looks feasible to me. I have always been against a wool contract but now I have changed my mind. I am in favor of a contract. I believe too in a definite closing date for accepting contracts. If I had any wool in Michigan and wasn't going to pool I surely would plan to sell before the closing date. One of the big advantages of the proposed pool is that the handling charges will be fixed in advance. It looks to me like a mighty good proposition."

Competition or Co-operation
H. E. Powell, president of the Ionia County Farm Bureau and prominent wool grower, who was another member of the committee that visited Columbus, endorsed the idea from a different standpoint. He declared, "The thing that impressed me at Columbus was that while we, as farmers here in Michigan, have been selling our wool co-operatively and while the same thing has been done by several other states, still we have continued to work against each other as states. For instance, the buyers have been trying to play the wool pools of Indiana, Michigan and Ohio against each other.

The definiteness of the expense under the proposed plan also appealed to Mr. Powell. Persons not Farm Bureau members are charged one-half cent more per pound for marketing service.
Mr. Powell declared that at first he was not very much in favor of the idea because he feared that the freight would be prohibitive but that he had found to his great surprise that in many cases the freight from Michigan points to Columbus and thence to the Eastern markets such as Philadelphia and Boston was actually lower than the freight from these same points to Lansing and from there to the big Eastern markets.

Points Out Advantages
Secretary-Manager Clark L. Brody told the wool growers that the idea of co-operating with Ohio and Indiana looked very good to him. He said that the offer made to the Michigan delegation by the Ohio people was just about what they had been looking for, in that the Michigan farmers would know exactly what the handling charges would be (2 and three-fourths cents a pound for grading, handling, selling), that the freight would be no more and probably less, that Farm Bureau members would get a definite service in that their marketing costs would be a half cent per pound less than those of non-members, and, finally, arrangements had been perfected whereby the organization could advance about 75 per cent of the value
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Men In Charge Of Wool Marketing

Below is the wool growers' advisory committee which will work with Farm Bureau officials in carrying out the plan to market Michigan wool with that from Ohio, Indiana, and several other states. Representatives from other countries may be chosen later to complete the committee. Below are the men and the counties they represent:

- Barry.....Eli Lindsay
- Calhoun.....H. S. Houseman
- Clinton.....Geo. Bateman
- Eaton.....F. C. Tirrell
- Genesee.....M. T. Cooney
- Ionia.....Herbert E. Powell
- Jackson.....Lloyd M. Geo
- Lenawee.....John Hawkins
- Livingston.....F. S. Weis
- Shiawassee.....C. M. Urch
- Washtenaw.....Jay Smith

ALFALFA MAY BECOME A GREAT CASH CROP

Recently the Hay dept of the Elevator Exchange sold to the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau 12 cars of Michigan alfalfa hay at \$24 to \$25 net to the growers. It could sell a great deal more alfalfa hay if it were to be had which brings to mind that alfalfa offers possibilities for one of the best paying cash crops we have. The average production for the state is 2 1/2 tons per acre, good yields run 3 to 4 tons to the acre. The growing cost probably averages around \$10 or \$12 per ton. At the sales prices noted above alfalfa could rank high as a cash crop. The present supply of alfalfa hay is far from meeting the demand.

Mich. Co-ops Among The National Leaders

Washington, Mar. 10.—Of 25 farmer controlled live stock marketing agencies which sold ten million head of live stock in terminal markets in 1923, two Michigan concerns stand high. The Buffalo Producers Co-operative Commission Ass'n stands seventh for volume, having handled 654,348 head of stock; the Buffalo house serves Ohio, Indiana and Michigan Live Stock Exchanges. The Detroit co-op commission house of the Michigan Live Stock Exchange, serving only Michigan, stands tenth with 376,356 head of stock, leading the co-operative houses at such great centers as Sioux City, S. St. Paul, Fort Worth, Tex., and Peoria.

With patience sour grapes will become sweet.—Boston Transcript.

AGR'L COLLEGE SOON TO GET DELAYED FUNDS

The Michigan Agricultural College should soon receive its \$150,000 legislative appropriation, held up more than eight months by the State Administrative Board in its attempt to infringe on the duties of the State Board of Agriculture in the latter's constitutional direction of the Agricultural College. The Supreme Court Feb. 1, declared the Administrative Board's action illegal and ordered it to turn over the money. The Administrative Board has let the 40 days appeal from decision period by without an appeal. Auditor General Fuller announced March 12 that he is ready to remit the money to the College on order of the Governor and State Attorney General.

FIVE YEAR POTATO CONTRACT FAVORED AT CADILLAC MEET

Growers and Co-op Managers
Protest Tax Enforcement
of Grading Rules

Cadillac, March 12.—Hearty endorsement of a five year contract for potato marketing was given at a meeting held here today attended by about 50 managers of co-operative elevators, leading potato growers and county agents in the potato area.

While the advisability of the contract system and the nature of the contract to be adopted occupied a large portion of the time of the conference, many other phases of potato marketing were also discussed. There was a keen interest shown in many proposals to improve the quality and reputation of Michigan potatoes and to insure their more orderly and efficient marketing.

The delegates united in protest against the lack of enforcement of the compulsory potato grading laws in Michigan. After discussing the proposition, they unanimously adopted the following forceful resolution:

"Whereas, on account of repeated violation of the potato grading rules, therefore

"Be It Resolved, that we request the State Department of Agriculture to enforce these grades in the potato shipping area and bring prosecution when necessary."

Another resolution passed at the meeting was, "Resolved that we ask for federal licensing of produce dealers and shippers." This action is similar to that taken at the recent meeting of the State Farm Bureau Board of Delegates. It is aimed at the detection of unreliable and irresponsible commission men and appears to be a very logical and desirable step for the protection of Michigan potato shippers.

The principal speakers at the meeting were Henry Curtis of Cadillac, President of the Michigan Potato Growers Exchange, Hals Tennant, Gifford Patch, Jr., and Professor Horner of the Markets Department of the Michigan Agricultural College and Clark L. Brody, Secretary and General Manager of the State Farm Bureau.

Hear Market Men

Hals Tennant explained the essentials of sound co-operative marketing. Clark Brody gave a timely and appropriate talk on the importance of good management for successful co-operative marketing ventures. Gifford Patch, Jr., ex-
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GRAND TRAVERSE IS T. B. FREE AREA

Five of 26 Such Counties in
the U. S. Are in
Michigan

Washington, March 11.—Grand Traverse County, Michigan, has joined high dairy society circles by action of the U. S. Dept of Agriculture in today making Grand Traverse County a modified accredited area because it has so nearly cleaned out bovine tuberculosis. Today there are 26 counties in the United States with the privileges and benefits of modified accredited areas and five of them are in Michigan—Hillsdale, Charlevoix, Antrim, Emmett and Grand Traverse. These counties enjoy better prices for their dairy cattle and will receive from packers premiums of ten cents per cwt. on hogs and 25 cents per cwt. on cattle, heretofore deducted by the packers for protection against worthless tubercular carcasses. Hillsdale farmers are now getting this premium on hogs. The first seven months it amounted to \$1,200. Modified accredited area means that the cattle in that area show no more than one-half of one per cent tuberculosis reactors.

BEAMER HEADS LIVE STOCK EXCH.

E. A. Beamer of Blissfield was re-elected President of the Michigan Live Stock Exchange at the first meeting of the new Board of Directors held at Lansing March 8th, following the sixth annual meeting of the Live Stock Exchange. W. J. Perry of Grand Blanc was re-elected vice-president and J. H. O'Mealey of Pittsford was re-elected secretary. Alex Lindsey of Decker was elected treasurer. The next meeting of the Live Stock Exchange Board of Directors will be held March 14, at their Detroit Commission house when business policies for the forthcoming year will be worked out.

Many Women Will Agree With Mrs. Wagar's Article

Cites Need For Community
Hospitals for Mothers
and Children

BY MRS. EDITH M. WAGAR
Chairman Farm Bureau Commu-
nity Work

It is to the leader of wide vision and to the one with the foresight that we turn to when planning improvements, not to the person that only has thought for present conditions and requirements.

We are all enjoying privileges every day just because some one had the foresight to anticipate our needs long before the general public had even a suspicion that time would make them necessary. Some of us can look back not so many years and remember the ridicule and contempt that was expressed everywhere when Horatio Earle first talked "good roads" for Michigan. We know that his genial personality was all that saved him from much embarrassment and disappointment.

Another Surprise
The first concrete road was thought by many to be an extravagant waste of material—there was no need of it being nearly so thick—but even with the future well thought of at the time, we have all too soon realized that the future traffic requirements were not any-
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POTATO GROWERS, WATCH YOUR STEP! CERTAIN OLD LINE INTERESTS TRYING TO BAIT CO-OP MEMBERS INTO TRAP

Through Irregular Practices They Seek to "Buy"
Farmers to Desert Their Co-ops; Plan
to Weaken, Then Wreck Farmers'
Marketing Ass'ns

NOTICE TO MEMBERS!

That the Michigan Produce Exchange at 1809 West Jefferson Ave., Detroit, is not in any way connected with the Michigan State Farm Bureau and that the Farm Bureau is not responsible for the Michigan Produce Exchange.

The Farm Bureau Produce Exchange at 2610-16 Ripelle St., Detroit, is a department of the Michigan State Farm Bureau and the Farm Bureau is solely responsible for it.

To avoid confusion, members shipping to our organization should be careful to address the shipment to the Farm Bureau Produce Exch.

Ship only poultry, eggs or dressed veal to the Farm Bureau Produce Exchange.

PRODUCE EXCHANGE GETS THE RESULTS

Newaygo Members Tell Us
About Returns They
Have Had

Fremont, March 13.—D. W. Gronso, Newaygo county member, of Dayton twp., on Feb. 26 shipped two crates of White Minorca chickens to the Farm Bureau Produce Exchange at Detroit. They weighed 215 pounds. He was returned five cents more per pound than the local price and after allowing for eight pounds shrinkage, he netted \$8.96 better on the shipment through a service that his State Farm Bureau established for him. He had his settlement within four days of date of shipment, time for it to get there and the mail to get back. This is the second time the Produce Exchange has brought Mr. Gronso extra returns. Dec. 26, 1923 the Exchange netted him seven cents per pound over local prices. Needless to say Mr. Gronso is well satisfied with the service and recommends it.

Harry Brower, poultryman of this place, whose White Leghorns are producing 14 to 15 dozen eggs daily, has been shipping all his eggs to the Produce Exchange and reports that his average returns have exceeded the local market by about six cents a dozen.

TUNE IN M. A. C. ON YOUR RADIO

Each Wednesday night at 8:20, Central Standard time, the Michigan Agricultural College's program of music, entertainment features, faculty talks, etc., is broadcasted from WKAR, 280 meter wave length.

Saturday, March 15, 8 p. m., play by play story of M. A. C. Varsity-Alumni basketball game.
Beginning March 17 and through March 23rd, except Saturday and Sunday, from 7 to 7:30 cent. stand. time, each evening a special series of "Spring Farm Pointers", informational matter by college authorities. Two 15 minute talks each evening. Write the college if you like these programs. Popular support will determine the development of the college's radio work.

Onekama F. B. Local Does Big Business

Manistee, March 13.—At the recent annual meeting of the Onekama Farm Bureau Local, the members heard that the year's business had been \$137,000, conducted at a cost of 7 per cent, the lowest cost of operation reported for any association in Michigan. Important actions taken at the meeting were adoption of a credit policy, new business policies, election of officers.

As the Onekama Farm Bureau operates to benefit its members, it was decided that hereafter no credit will be extended to non-members and that credit privileges of members should be limited to 30 days without interest.

The Onekama Local elected its Board of Delegates as follows: Arcadia township, Fred Bradford; Onekama township, William Kline; Bear Lake township, Wm. Greve; Brown township, Walter Dietz; Manistee township, John Gould; Delegates-at-large, O. H. Miller, Jesse Miller, W. F. Wagoner; Secretary-Treasurer, E. J. Baker.
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There appears to be no limit to the tactics which certain old-line dealers will employ in their effort to make co-operative marketing organizations seem to fail in their efforts to secure better prices for farm products. One of the commonest and most obvious methods of undermining the confidence of farmers in their own organizations is the practice of a certain few old-line dealers, whether live stock buyers or fruit or potato men, to offer more than the market justifies.

They seem especially inclined to make such attractive offers to influential farmers and to men who are on the Board of Directors of local co-operative organizations. Then they like to go out and tell that "so and so is selling to them although he pretends to be a co-op booster".

When they fall to "buy out" the local leaders then they resort to boosting their prices temporarily, even going so far as to pay more than they could sell the product for. Sometimes they make this back through operations at some other buying point where they have no co-operative competition. At other times they plan on making their losses good after they have starved out the co-op.

Now Try New Tricks
However, these time-worn tactics are now becoming rather out of date. New tricks are being tried. For instance, in the heart of the Michigan potato district we find that a certain few dealers are not fighting the local co-op on a price basis, but they are going out to the farmers and offering to take their ungraded potatoes at the same price that the co-op is paying for graded potatoes. We are sorry to report that this offer is fooling a large proportion of the local farmers. Is it not true that in the long run such practices cannot help but result in lower prices for the output of Michigan potato fields?

Michigan farmers' organizations have always stood solidly for grading systems and for every effort to better the quality of Michigan farm products, especially potatoes. They realize that the reason why potatoes from this state have been consistently selling several cents a bushel under potatoes from neighboring states is that our potatoes have come into the big markets in a poorly graded condition and have not been of as high and dependable quality as the product marketed by competing states.

Grading Boosts Prices
With the present high freight rates it is worse than useless to send a poor potato to some distant point. It not only is unfit for human consumption but it creates dissatisfaction with the purchaser and lessens the demand for Michigan potatoes. In the long run we would get more for one bushel of high quality product than for a bushel and a half of inferior and ungraded stock. Be it remembered that inferior stock brings no repeat orders. High quality farm products are really the goose that lays the golden egg for the farmer. They mean better prices and repeat orders.

Facts have proved that this is true. Since the compulsory grading law went into effect in Michigan it has been noticeable that the spread or discrepancy between the average price paid for Michigan potatoes and that paid for potatoes from other states has closed up at the terminal markets. This is a direct benefit to every Michigan potato grower.

When buyers violate the law in order to break down their co-operative competition they are trying to undo all the good which has been done. While by such tactics they might possibly "sink" a local co-op here and there they are at the same time shaking the confidence of wholesale potato buyers in Michigan potatoes and are the direct cause of lower quotations to every Michigan potato grower. These few unscrupulous dealers must be taking a loss on the low quality and off-grade stuff which they are now shipping out, but they probably think that it is worth it if by so doing they can perhaps break down the morale of the co-operative shippers.

Grading Law Violated
The practices now being employed in certain potato districts are not only detrimental to the best interests of the potato raisers, but they are a violation of the compulsory grading law. It is reported that this ungraded stuff, which is being purchased at the same price which the co-ops pay for its graded product, is not being marketed as "ungraded" but is being sent out tagged and
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THE STATE FARM BUREAU'S PROGRAM

TAXATION—Relief for severely burdened farm property by enactment of: (a) Two cent gasoline tax for highway funds. (b) State Income Tax in place of State's general property levy. (c) Law forbidding any more tax exempt securities. TRANSPORTATION—Immediate application of Michigan Zone Rate decision to save farmer shippers in 69 counties \$500,000 annually. MARKETING—Extension of sound co-operative marketing program now well under way in Michigan. LEGISLATION—Congressional adoption of Ford's Muscle Shoals offer; opposition to sales tax, to subsidies of any kind to any industry.

HELPING OURSELVES—NOT SHOUTING FOR HELP

It is pleasant in these times, when it is so fashionable to regard legislation as the only way to deal with social and economic problems, to find a group of farmers who are trying intelligently to cure their own ills by first finding out what causes them. That seems to be exactly what the Hampden County Improvement League of Massachusetts is doing. With a trained market man in charge of the work, it has set about the business of learning what food products the county raises, and how much of them, and what amount it consumes, and how efficiently it markets what it raises. Already it has learned some rather surprising things. Local poultry men complain that the local retail market fails to absorb all their eggs at the height of the spring laying season, at a satisfactory price; yet investigation by the League shows that instead of having a large surplus, as they had supposed, the poultry raisers of Hampden County are producing only half as many eggs as they produced ten years ago, and only one ninth of the eggs consumed in the county. The trouble is that those in the back towns have no direct contact with the most profitable market, and that distribution through the local tradesman or the peddler breaks down when the demand slackens. In consequence a poultry-marketing pool is now in process of organization that will devote itself chiefly to establishing a standard package and label, will candle its own eggs and select the customers who can absorb the spring surplus. An apple-marketing association in the county will handle this year about one third of all the apples grown within the county limits. The members, who at first thought they could supply all the apples the county needed, have discovered that their whole crop is only one sixth of what the city of Springfield alone consumes. The rest of the demand must be supplied by Western or other outside apples, so the task of the Hampden County

orchardists is to raise their standard of grading, packing and marketing to those of their competitors, or above them.

It is the same story with onions and with other garden truck, great quantities of which are produced in the county, yet not nearly enough to supply the demand. The remedy is better organization. There is no other. All the laws that could be put on the statute books would make no difference.

It is a hopeful sign that a county-wide association in the East should be attacking so intelligently and courageously the problem of a farmers' surplus and a consumers' lack. The boy who finds his fish hook caught in the seat of his trousers and cuts it out himself will get to fishing a good deal sooner than the boy who merely sits down and shouts for help.—THE YOUTH'S COMPANION.

Farmers Have Real Reason To Oppose Pittsburg Plus

Farm Bureau is Fighting to Abolish Unearned Freight Totalling Millions

It will be remembered that one of the resolutions adopted by the Michigan State Farm Bureau Board of Delegates—at their recent annual meeting reaffirmed their position taken at the 1923 annual Farm Bureau meeting expressing strenuous opposition to the practice known as "Pittsburg Plus." And this brings us to the question, "Why is the farmer more than anybody else interested in 'Pittsburg Plus'?" No doubt the answer is, briefly, that the farmer is, as a class, the greatest consumer of rolled steel in the country.

Since "Pittsburg Plus"—the adding of an unearned freight to the price of all steel, that is, "freight from Pittsburg" on steel made somewhere else—causes much higher prices for all steel commodities, it is easily seen that the farmer is primarily interested because of his pocket-book. "Pittsburg Plus" makes all the steel he buys cost him more than it should.

James R. Howard, former president of the American Farm Bureau Federation, testified in the case now pending before the Federal Trade Commission, having for its purpose the abolition of "Pittsburg Plus," that the average farmer uses over a ton of steel each year.

According to Mr. Howard's estimate—based upon figures supplied by the statistical department of the

American Farm Bureau Federation the farmers of the country pay between \$25,000,000 and \$30,000,000 each year to the pockets of the steel mills in the form of unearned profits. That's an amount worth saving.

Also, according to figures gathered by the Department of Transportation of the American Farm Bureau Federation, the increased cost of hard roads because of "Pittsburg Plus" for ten states alone, for the four years following 1921, was \$1,912,850. Steel is used for reinforcing bars, bridges and culverts in road building, and is used in enormous quantities. This additional amount is reflected in the farmer's taxes. The increased cost of public buildings is also reflected in the farmer's taxes.

Besides, "Pittsburg Plus," which centers the steel industry in and about Pittsburg, prevents the diffusion of industry and thus prevents farmers throughout the great farming sections from enjoying the advantages of flourishing nearby home markets.

The case is now pending before the Federal Trade Commission to abolish the "Pittsburg Plus" system entirely. Organization of farmers into the Farm Bureau enables them to bring their combined influence to bear in cases of this kind in such a way as to be most effective. Without organization the individual farmer is helpless to protect himself against such unfair and vicious practices.

EDMORE ASS'N FINANCES ITSELF

U. S. Dep't of Agriculture Reveals Work of Mich. Ass'n.

In "Agricultural Co-operation" the marketing publication of the U. S. Dep't of Agriculture, the following comment was made recently on the Edmore Potato Growers Ass'n which is affiliated with the Michigan Potato Growers Exchange:

"Forty-four Michigan farmers joined forces in the fall of 1921 and formed the Edmore Potato Growers' Association, with headquarters at Edmore. They rented an old potato cellar for a storehouse and shipped their crop through the Michigan Potato Growers' Exchange, shipping 86 carloads the first season and 123 cars the second. This season they have already shipped 150 cars and expect to have 100 more.

"It is claimed that the success of this local association is due to three things: loyal potato-growing members, sufficient capital for ordinary needs, and businesslike management. Each member upon joining the association signs a note for \$100 which is used as collateral. He also signs a crop contract with a penalty clause of 5c per cwt. in case of breach of contract. The contracts are rigidly enforced. No great amount of capital is required as the association owns no property except potato graders and trucks. It has never been necessary to borrow money from the local bank as the members themselves lend the association two or three thousand dollars each fall to start the business. Seven per cent interest is paid on these loans which run only a short time but are repaid as soon as possible after shipping begins. Only \$2,000 was borrowed last fall and this has been repaid and a fund of \$4,000 has accumulated from undivided excess handling charges.

"The plan of handling the business is interesting. Payment is made upon delivery of potatoes of about 75% of the daily pool price as reported from the central office of the Michigan Potato Growers' Exchange. The balance is retained by the association until all expenses are paid, when any excess is pro-rated to the members. This season the advances have practically equalled the cash buyers' prices and a surplus fund of about \$4,000 has accumulated. All profits are divided at the end of the season and the next year the association begins with a clean slate.

"A small supply, business is conducted, amounting to not more than \$3,000 annually. Coal, flour, feed, seed, and auto tires are handled, entirely on a cash basis. No potatoes are shipped for non-members and sales of supplies are limited to the membership except sometimes coal. Shipping stations are operated also at Wyman and Cedar Lake and warehouses are maintained at both points.

Cheats never starve in an avaricious country.—Boston Transcript.

CORRECTION

In our edition of January 11, 1924, through misunderstanding of fact a statement was made that is unfair to the Detroit United Railway Company. In an article concerning collection by the State Farm Bureau Traffic Dept' for W. N. Clarkson of Inlay City, Lapeer county member, of \$110.28 freight claim for loss of a shipment of alfalfa, it was erroneously stated in this article that this claim had been refused by the railroad. The statement was made through a misunderstanding, and the NEWS is pleased to make this correction. Mr. Clarkson's claim was filed by the Bureau in June, its validity was acknowledged by the Detroit Railway Company and payment was made in December, 1923.

Potato Growers, Watch Your Step!

(Continued from page one) labeled as U. S. Grade No. 1, and that friends of the grading system have taken the numbers of cars loaded with such unlawfully labeled potatoes.

We have a compulsory potato grading law in Michigan and it is high time that it was being enforced. As several of Michigan's leading potato growers have recently said, "We want strict and impartial inspectors!"

It seems strange that almost every time an inspector from the State Dept' of Agriculture visits certain loading stations he finds that certain warehouses are closed up and pad-locked. It is reported that he is no sooner safely out of the station than everything is opened up and business is thriving again.

Why They Fight Us

The whole situation is not without its moral for members of co-operative marketing organizations, whether potato growers or not. When you throw a club into a pack of dogs and one of them yelps you can be sure that he was hit. So when certain dealers are leaving no stones unturned to defeat their co-operative competition by fair means or foul, we may be assured that the co-ops are really doing something.

Sportsmen say that a duck that squawks the loudest makes the best decoy. Some of these fellows who go around preaching so loudly against farmers' co-operation must have their own ax to grind. They unwittingly are often about the cheapest kind of advertising that the co-op can get. If they fear our organizations and even go so far as to resort to open violation of law in their attempts to embarrass us, surely we must be getting somewhere in our efforts to secure more orderly and efficient marketing of farm products in Michigan.

"Control of Potato-Tuber Diseases" is the subject of a new farmers' bulletin No. 1367 U. S. Dep't of Agriculture, Washington. It is free for the asking.

Many Women Agree With Edith Wagar

(Continued from page one) can route through the State of New York?

Nature's Gifts for All We are demanding greater conservation of our forests and mining interests and a halt to individual acquisition of water power so that these natural blessings may be reserved for the common good of all.

Our state has a long list of public parks for the pleasure and comfort of all that care to make use of them, and with a view of the near future that just such places are day by day growing more necessary for a recreation spot for the city dweller.

A Question for Farmers

And then when we come a little closer home to our own business of farming, we see the future idea working in every progressive movement. We all know that to keep our herds free from tuberculosis, our flocks rid of the boarders, our crops free from pests, our equipment up-to-date and our buildings well repaired and painted will all tend to make future farming easier and more profitable.

But with all these epoch making state wide and even home improvements for the future have we not been found guilty of completely ignoring the crying need of assistance to mothers of future citizens?

I heard a comment a few days ago made by an attendant at an asylum that has given me much concern. She said that a large percentage of insanity among women was caused partly by lack of proper care during confinement, and I personally know of many homes just now where mothers about to give birth do not know which way to turn for help at the time that she cannot care for the little ones that she already has, much less go down all too close to heaven's gate to bring us another one. This condition seems to be more serious in the country districts than in the cities where there are so often maternity hospitals supplied with doctors and nurses to care for the mother and babe and there are relief aid societies where care can be found for the other little ones, and restaurants and bake shops accessible to the adults of the home.

But in the country we find doctors few and far between, busy and overworked; we fail to find nurses or help of any description that can be had, and in the many, many cases we find no money to pay for the service when it could be found.

During the struggle in the 1923 legislature to bring our state under the requirements of participation in the Sheppard-Towner Act, we learned of at least one county in Northern Michigan, without even one doctor, and yet from that place there was great opposition to the idea of spending just a pittance toward defraying the expense of sending printed information to those mothers-to-be, whereby they might give themselves some pre-natal assistance. The law was passed.

Community Hospitals Needed

Now don't you think that with all of our views to the future, with all of our appropriations for wider and more attractive boulevards and larger and more beautiful state parks, for quicker and heavier transportation, facilities and for the thousand and one other ways and means we demand for a better and greater state and nation, that we have most shamefully neglected our greatest asset—the mothers of our future statesmen and defenders of our country?

Cannot we devise some way whereby our mothers may have better care at that most difficult and sensitive time in her life? Cannot we have more community maternity hospitals? Cannot we spare a little of our road money or our re-forestation money—or our fish hatchery money—or fish protection money, or even a dip out of the fund for penal institutions and render a little assistance to this most worthy and deserving cause? Let's think about it.

Sheppard-Towner Act Helps Expectant mothers may secure the following help provisions of under the Sheppard-Towner Act by writing the Bureau of Child Hygiene and Public Health Nursing, State Dept' of Health, Lansing, Mich.:

Information and booklets on Infant Care and Child Care and Care of Expectant Mothers. The Bureau will also send a series of ten letters to expectant mothers on pre-natal care of themselves and their babies.

Pre-natal care of mothers is most important if we are to save the babies. The State Dept' of Health says that 52 per cent of all the babies that die under one year of age die in the first month and that their deaths are due largely to pre-natal causes.

Menominee Farmers Improving Poultry

Menominee, March 10. — Five Menominee county farmers and the Agr'l School are working with the County Farm Bureau and the Agricultural College in keeping track of six farm poultry flocks of different breeds this year for cost of feeding and the sales returns from eggs and live poultry. The college will help with culling this summer and with breeding selections in the winter. Out of it Menominee will get some sources of breeding stock for high producers. The co-operating farmers are: Mrs. Theo Hansen, Wilson; Mrs. Dan Spencer, Daggett; Herman Kroska, Stephenson; R. P. Sleeper, Bagley; Wm. Kimpel and the Agr'l School at Menominee.

Ind. Farmer Pleased With Buffalo Returns

Kendalville, Ind., March 5, 1924.

Producers Association Company, East Buffalo, New York.

I received my bill and check from you for my lambs and will say I am highly pleased with the sale of those lambs. I wish to thank Mr. Roberts for the sale and the yard men for the care they gave as the shrinkage was very light. I am sure happy to recommend you to my neighbors

SWEET CLOVER?

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

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

Our Sweet Clover is SCARIFIED so that the hard seed coats are scratched through, permitting moisture to enter quickly after sowing so the plants can get an early start. This seed gives results.

Order now from your co-op. If you have no co-op, write us.

MICHIGAN STATE FARM BUREAU Seed Dept., Lansing, Mich.

Pickett's Yellow Dent

Sorted and tested seed corn from Washtenaw County.

Several of our members are offering for sale some of this early maturing corn. This seed has been tested by us for germination and will be carefully selected before it is shelled.

We offer corn with a germination of 94% or better at \$2.50, f. o. b. Ypsilanti, Mich. Supply not large. Order now.

YPSILANTI FARM BUREAU Ypsilanti, Mich.

TO BOYS' AND GIRLS' DUROC CLUBS OF MICHIGAN

I have a very wonderful boar pig that some club should own. Talk to your club leader about this and, if as a club you are interested, write me.

S. L. Wing, KOPE-KON FARMS, Coldwater, Mich.

GUARANTEED RURAL CHICKS

TO OUR FELLOW FARM BUREAU MEMBERS: We offer you this year, direct, our Certified 200-250 Egg Pedigreed Hollywood and Barron English White Leghorns, Rural S. G. Brown Leghorns, Anconas and Barred Rocks. Our flocks are all thoroughly culled and certified by the Michigan Baby Chick Association and are recognized as exceptionally high layers. Our large illustrated catalog showing pictures of our birds, breeding establishment, etc., will gladly be sent you FREE upon request. Write for a copy.

RURAL POULTRY FARM, Dept. 111, R. 1, ZEEBLAND, MICH. J. Janssen, Prop., Member Mich. State Farm Bureau

Why Is the Produce Exch. Your Best Poultry Market?

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

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

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

TIMELY MARKET NEWS

POULTRY—Prospects are a steady market on poultry and eggs.

VEAL— The veal market is steady.

How To Ship To Us

Write us today for shipping tags. Tell what you want to send. Send the best for best returns. Everything is graded carefully and you get the benefit of the quality you send.

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A. F. B. F. SOUNDS MARKETING POLICY

Michigan Has In Operation Plan Suggested by Nat'l Body

Chicago, March 12.—At the recent meeting of the executive committee of the American Farm Bureau Federation a sub-committee on co-operative marketing, consisting of President O. E. Bradford, A. C. Harrison of California, George M. Putnam of Vermont and C. E. Hearst of Iowa, drew up a declaration of the Federation's marketing policy.

The statement of policy favors the creation of efficient local co-operative units and their gradual association and combination into larger units to such an extent as may be necessary.

This is the Michigan plan of operation as shown by the development of the Michigan Elevator Exchange of 150 locals, the Potato Growers Exchange of 112 locals, the Live Stock Exchange of 223 locals, the Milk Producers Ass'n of 120 locals and the Michigan Fruit Growers, with 28 ass'ns. All are working together through their affiliation with the State Farm Bureau and are enjoying general services given by the Farm Bureau.

As to the relationship of the Farm Bureau to the marketing work the statement says:

"We regard it as the business of the American Farm Bureau, in co-operation with the several state organizations, to render direct service to their constituents whenever called upon, in connection with the creating and fostering of all co-operative groups so far as is consistent with the resources of the Bureau; but we do not regard it as good policy for the bureau to assume any direct financial obligations whatsoever for or in behalf of any such organizations."

MENOMINEE LIKES ALFALFA

Menominee County expects a great increase in alfalfa acreage this year. The County Farm Bureau urges the use of the best Grimm alfalfa, warning that all alfalfa seed should be inoculated if the field has not previously grown alfalfa.

OHIO LIKES IT

Mr. A. E. Anderson, manager of the Ohio Farm Bureau seed dept. says that their members report Michigan State Farm Bureau seeds have given splendid results.

WHY MY DAD BELONGS TO THE FARM BUREAU

Eighth Grade Ohio School Girl Writes Prize Winning Essay

(Following is the first prize essay in the Fulton County (Ohio) Farm Bureau essay contest for the school children on why their fathers were Farm Bureau members.)

Most of the farmers' problems can be solved right in their own communities, if they all co-operate together and belong to the Farm Bureau. If the producer expects to get the best price for his products he must make an effort himself to do those things that help make the market good. He cannot leave it to his neighbor to keep market conditions right and then do just as he pleases himself.

This attitude is probably one of the greatest faults the farmer has had. Other industries spend time and money to find out how best to adjust themselves to market conditions. The farmer is no exception to the rule. But let all co-operate and keep the market where it ought to be. The aim of co-operative marketing is to stop the dumping of crops and to substitute for dumping the merchandising of crops.

Shirk Their Duty

Some of the farmers are just like the cuckoo bird, it does not build its own nest, or hatch its own eggs. Instead it takes the eggs in its bill and sneaks them into some smaller bird's nest to hatch and rear.

Farmers all over the country have their nests in which they are trying to hatch out a just wage in the shape of fair prices for their products. The accepted procedure is along the lines of co-operative marketing organizations. The farmers comprising these organizations are the same men who have borne the brunt of the battle for better laws affecting agriculture and better marketing conditions. Now comes the cuckoo farmer. He does not join a farmers' organization. He is a non-co-operator. He takes no part in the battles for rights. His market is made soft for him by others. He receives a better price for his products, the result of the sweat of other men's brows. He assumes no responsibility. Like the cuckoo, he has deposited his eggs in his neighbor's nest. He allows him to hatch them and rear his young while he goes his way, whistling and singing.

All farmers can soon learn how to be a good Farm Bureau or Grange

member, if they know something about the organization to which they belong, what it stands for, its history, its relationships with other organizations, and its relation to the big economic, educational and social changes which are taking place in the world all the time. The farmer today who is not convinced of the benefits of co-operative marketing is hopelessly behind the time.

Program Is Broad

When the farmers in California started in on co-operative marketing, they thought their aim was price, but with ironclad contracts and thorough organization they went straight from the dollar to a better standard of living which meant better roads, schools, churches and the facilities for a better community life. Now, after all, it is not these things we are aiming for primarily.

In order that the farmer can bring enough of the price home, so that their families may enjoy a better standard of living, we must have a marketing system that does not let all the prices leak out. California co-operative marketing has done just that for the producers. The closer we stick to the fundamental principles of co-operative marketing the more it will fulfill the same mission here in the middle western co-operative sales area. Every farmer wants a better price for his products and he should have all that the market can afford, but he cannot get it alone. He can only get it through his producers' organization.

The real aim then is to stay by your organization first, last and all the time. Price is one of the details that will adjust itself after you are in a position to talk price. The individual farmer cannot get in that position as an individual, he can only get there in co-operation with his fellow producers.

Right now is the one time in the history of farm progress and organization work that the individual farmer should learn to think for himself and to act in co-operation with his neighbor.

There is no longer any excuse for anyone to be ignorant on the subject of co-operative marketing. There is no longer any doubt as to the success of this method. Co-operative marketing is not an experiment.

The Farm Bureau is a fine organization and a great help to the farmer, and should help make it a better organization. — Rachel Schaechter, Jr., Eighth Grade, Elton School, Fulton County, Ohio.

KALKASKA BUREAU BLOCKS SALE OF DANGEROUS SEED

Analysis Shows Condemned Stuff Loaded With Trouble

Kalkaska, Mich., March 10.—The Kalkaska County Farm Bureau has just stopped distribution of 1,245 pounds of seed mixtures of low vitality and containing large quantities of noxious weeds. These seeds were of unknown origin and history and when you look over the state seed analyst's report below you will agree that the Kalkaska County Farm Bureau has given a great service to the county's agriculture by being on the job to stop distribution of this low grade seed. Note that it runs from 48 to 30% trash.

Samples of the several mixtures came to the attention of County Agent E. S. Bird who, because of their suspicious character, sent them to the State Dept. of Agriculture Seed Laboratory at Lansing. The report was an iron-clad argument for buying only seed of known origin, adapted to Michigan conditions and of guaranteed high purity and germination. Charles A. Stahl, State seed analyst, reported on the Kalkaska samples as follows:

Sample No. 728
TIMOTHY AND RED CLOVER—
69.93% pure seed.
14.90% inert matter.
16.02% foreign seed.
The pure seed contained 39.18% timothy with a germination of 32%, and 29.90% red clover with a germination of 36.5%.

This mixture had in it 26 kinds of foreign seed with Canada thistle 1 in 3,500 seeds and wild carrot 1 in 90 seeds.

Sample No. 729
TIMOTHY, ALFALFA, RED CLOVER—
74.32% pure seed.
13.38% inert matter.
12.30% foreign seed.
The pure seed consisted of 31.51% timothy with a germination of 40%, and 32.54% red clover with a germination of 40% and 10.27% alfalfa with germination 5.5%.

This mixture had in it 29 kinds of foreign seed with wild carrot 1 in 69 seeds and Canada thistle 1 in 3,500 seeds.

Sample No. 730
TIMOTHY, RED CLOVER, ALFALFA—
72.49% pure seed.
14.13% inert matter.
13.38% foreign seed.
The pure seed contained 26.17% timothy with a germination of 31%, and 49.94% red clover with germination 36%, and 5.38% alfalfa with germination 1%.

This mixture had in it 30 kinds of foreign seed with dodder 1 in 3,500 seeds and wild carrot 1 in 61 seeds.

Sample No. 731
TIMOTHY AND ALSIKE CLOVER—
81.43% pure seed.
8.04% inert matter.
10.53% foreign seed.

22 kinds of foreign seed in this mixture. Timothy shows 71% germination. Consider what one wild carrot seed in 61 means. There are about 250,000 clover seeds to the pound. At the 1 to 61 rate that means 4,100 wild carrot seeds to the pound. If such seed were sown eight pounds to the acre, 32,800 wild carrot seeds would go into the ground. Anyone who would get the above kind of seed would lose money if he had been paid for taking it. He would get not only failure, but trouble. Nothing can beat Michigan grown, genuine red clover or alsike, 99% or better pure, high germination test and guaranteed in all these respects. That is the kind of seed your State Farm Bureau puts out. It is the Farm Bureau's answer to the kind of seed what Kalkaska County Farm Bureau found was being offered its farmers. While you're at it, just look over the statements made in this paper about Farm Bureau Brand seeds and Farm Bureau Brand Crop Mixtures and note what a high standard of service has been set for Farm Bureau members.

Portland Bureau Adds Second Cream Station

Portland, March 3.—At a meeting of the Portland Farm Bureau Cream Station directors, held recently, H. L. Laing, of Detroit, representing the Beatrice Creamery Co., conferred with that board and arrangements were made for a merger of their Portland business with that of the Farm Bureau.

The Beatrice Creamery Co. will close its station in Portland, and in the future all their Portland business will be handled through the Farm Bureau. Mr. Beebe, formerly manager of the Beatrice station, will be the new manager of the combined stations. He will be assisted by Herbert Shafer, who will also act in the capacity of bookkeeper. Both concern feel that by this arrangement the best interests of Portland community at large will be served.

Manistee Plans Dairy Improvement Work

Manistee, March 10.—Manistee farmers and business men are working on a dairy improvement campaign for 1924, to start with the purchase of several head of registered cattle this spring. Bankers have endorsed the plan and have promised financial aid. The County and local Farm Bureaus are behind it. Better feeding methods, growing of more leguminous roughage and more use of manure will be advised as desirable farm practices.

Mathews Plays Safe

Michigan State Farm Bureau, Lansing, Michigan.

Dear Sirs: Would like to have you quote me a price on about 150 lbs. of Grimm Alfalfa seed also your price on Red Cob silo corn.

We have no co-op here to handle these seeds and as I have used Farm Bureau seeds before I don't wish to take chances on any "just as good" kind.

(Signed) Clarence Mathews, Manton, Michigan.

Bleaching a crow won't change its caw.—Boston Transcript.

You will never get me to support a measure which I believe to be wrong, although by doing so I may accomplish that which I believe to be right.—A. Lincoln.

This Alsike Safe—No Weed Seeds

FARM BUREAU BRAND NO. 1 Is carefully cleaned high quality alsike, distributed by Farm Bureau in sealed, trademarked bushel, half bushel or peck sacks.

Little alsike shows the freedom from weeds, high quality, appearance and purity of our Farm Bureau Brand Alsike.

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

Order from your co-op, if you have no co-op, write us.

MICHIGAN STATE FARM BUREAU Seed Dept., Lansing, Mich.

Ease Predominates IN OUR NEW SPRING STYLES

There never has been a time when men's clothes were more sensible than they are for Spring 1924. The new styles fit easily.

These Facts are worth telling and worth reading

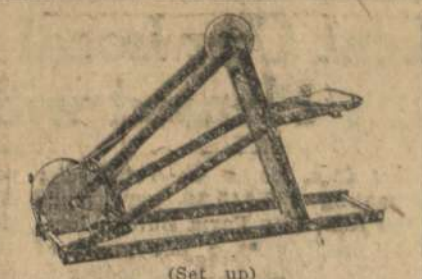
The whole idea is relaxation; the coat looks relaxed, not stiff nor snug. It feels relaxed. The trousers are wider and more comfortable.

Men look better in such clothes because they are completely at ease. The clothes wear better because there isn't so much strain on them.

Visit our display room and see the new shades and patterns in Merchandise of Merit for Less Money, made to your individual measure and a perfect fit guaranteed.

If it is not convenient for you to call a postal card addressed to us will bring samples to you.

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



A New Tool Grinder

FOR FARMERS, CARPENTERS AND MECHANICS

It gets its power by pulley friction with rear wheel auto tire. With your foot on pedal you start and stop it at will. Runs fast and smooth, grinds easy. No jobs too big or too small. It folds up and is portable. USE IT ANYWHERE ON THE FARM, where and when you need it.

GUARANTEED, will last a life time. Nothing to go wrong. Just the thing for plow points, plow cutters, cultivator teeth, etc. High grade 1 1/2 carbide grinding wheel. YOU'LL FIND NO VALUE LIKE THIS ANYWHERE. If this grinder is not known in your locality, get in now on special introduction price of \$15. FREIGHT PREPAID. If interested as distributor, advise us. We can please you and your customers.

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40 pct. of all tubercular children under 5 years contracted the disease from milk from tuberculous cows.

Genuine Mammoth Clover Scarce

FARM BUREAU BRAND NO. 1 Is carefully cleaned, highest quality, genuine Michigan grown Mammoth Clover. There's none better. We ship it in sealed sacks, bushels, half-bushels or pecks.

NOTE THIS: The 1923 crop of genuine Mammoth Clover seed did not exceed 10% of normal. Unless you use what you know is genuine Michigan grown Mammoth this year, we believe you run grave danger of getting Medium or a mixture of Medium and Mammoth. You cannot distinguish these varieties by the appearance of the seed.

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

MICHIGAN STATE FARM BUREAU Seed Dept., Lansing, Mich.

FRUIT TREES Plant Dependable, Home Grown Stock. This means big profits for the Fruit Grower. Increase your income. Improve the appearance and value of your property. Plant trees backed by 77 years of growing experience. Write for FREE Catalog today.

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This is What Dairymen Say,—



Shipped in 100 lb. Sacks

"I GET MORE MILK from one dollar's worth of Milkmaid than I do from any other feed. The cows like it and never get off their feed. They are sleek and healthy. Fed with alfalfa hay, and corn silage it makes the best ration I have ever fed," says Alger Chapman of Mt. Clemens, Route 2, Macomb County, in a Milkmaid letter to the State Farm Bureau.

"I fed Milkmaid one year mixed with home-grown grains, cottonseed meal, oil meal and bran in different proportions. Last Fall I tried Milkmaid alone and find it to be cheaper than any other mixture I have ever used, considering the results I have obtained," said Mr. Chapman.

"LAST FALL I BOUGHT 30 tons of Milkmaid for my herd of 36 cows," writes William Cook of Atkins (St. Clair County). "My standard is 1 lb. of Milkmaid to every 4 lbs. of milk each cow is producing. My new milk cows give from 40 lbs. to 60 lbs. per day and those that have been milking since last spring are doing well. In fact, I have never had them do better. My cows are all in healthy condition, no udder trouble and everything going fine. I think the feed is rightly named Milkmaid."

These are two of scores of good letters Farm Bureau members have sent us about Milkmaid dairy ration. Milkmaid is the Farm Bureau's 24% protein public formula dairy ration. The twelve choice milk making ingredients are listed on the tag, pound for pound. You know exactly what you are feeding. It's always the same—fresh, clean, very palatable, and all Milkmaid—no filler.

206 Michigan co-op ass'ns handle Milkmaid, also Farm Bureau public formula poultry feeds, including scratch feeds and chick mash—a full line of them. Ask your co-op for Farm Bureau Milkmaid and poultry feeds. If you can't get them, write us.

Michigan State Farm Bureau PURCHASING DEPT., LANSING, MICHIGAN

High Authorities Give Income Tax Approval

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"The claim made by some that the income tax is proposed solely to benefit the owners of farms is exploded by the fact that under our proposal the benefit would apply to the owner of city property and to the manufacturer as well as to the farmer, because all would be relieved of any contribution toward the State expense through general property taxes. There are so many people who are now enjoying large incomes, but who own no taxable property, who would under the proposed law be required to contribute toward the expense of State government that there would be genuine relief to all owners of property now subject to taxation."

Petitions Being Circulated

Endorsement of this kind coming from such a high authority as the Board of State Tax Commissioners is indeed encouraging. Michigan farmers, it will be remembered, are now united in an effort to secure 60,000 or more signatures to initiatory petition to place a constitutional amendment on the ballot at the coming fall election. The proposed amendment provides for a graduated personal income tax, with an exemption of \$4,000 from all incomes, and definitely specifies that the revenue so secured will be deducted from the amount appropriated by the Legislature to be raised through the general property tax. Such an income tax will thus afford real relief in the reduction in the present load on overburdened real estate in Michigan.

Live Stock Firm Saves Big Sum For Patrons

East St. Louis, Mar. 12.—During 1923 the Producers Live Stock Commission Ass'n here saved about \$100,000 for members of 450 shipping ass'ns patronizing it. The largest item was \$80,000 refunded on commissions. The purchase of 598 cars of stockers and feeders without charge for the service saved another \$10,000 to the farmers. Last October commissions were reduced 20%. The St. Louis Producers was the first of the 14 Producers Ass'ns now operating at main terminal markets. Michigan live stock men are getting similar service from the Producers at East Buffalo, one of the last to get under way. Recently it prorated \$10,000 in savings back to Michigan shippers.

Agr'l Agent Pleases

Manistee, March 13.—The Agricultural Committee of the Manistee County Board of Supervisors and the Manistee Farm Bureau County Agent Committee have endorsed the work done by their County Agricultural Agent and have retained Harold Vaughn as county agent for 1924.

M. A. C. TO HAVE 3,000 STUDENTS

East Lansing, March 11.—Definite plans for increasing the enrollment at the Michigan Agricultural College from 1,600 to 3,000 four year students will soon be announced by Dr. R. S. Shaw, Acting President of the College. In addition to very strong Agricultural, Home Economics, Engineering, Forestry, and Veterinary courses now given by the College, there have been established an applied science division, also a liberal art's course, the latter leading to an A. B. degree. These new courses are expected to attract many students. The Agricultural College's technical courses offer students opportunities to specialize in scores of important fields of work.

IONIA COUNTY BOY IS PIG CLUB CHAMPION

Ionia, March 10.—Monie Shafer, 12 years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Shafer of Portland township, has been declared state champion in the first year pig clubs.

Some time ago he won the Ionia county championship and at the recent Farmers' week program at the M. A. C., he was titled the king of all youthful pig breeders in the state. He won his honors on four points: For appearance of pig at the Ionia Free Fair last fall, for total gain in weight, for economy of gain, and for his story and report of last summer's work.

POWER AND FERTILIZER TRUSTS FIGHTING FORD

Washington, March 6.—Congressman W. Frank James, Michigan member of the Military Affairs today, told the House March 5, that the real fight over Henry Ford's offer to lease and operate Muscle Shoals is between the power trust and fertilizer trust on one hand and those believing in cheap fertilizer for the farmer in time of peace and air nitrates for national defense in time of war. He defended the Ford offer as the only offer that guarantees fertilizer production for farmers and to keep the plant in readiness for national defense.

RADIO CARDS

Radio applause cards for acknowledging Farm Bureau programs broadcasted from Westinghouse Station KYW, Chicago, Tuesday nights at 8:20 may be obtained free by writing the Michigan Farm Bureau News.

SECOND BIG ANNUAL FARMERS' DAY IS STAGED AT IONIA

Business Men Co-operate By Giving Banquet and Prizes To Local Farmers

Ionia, Feb. 26.—Showing their typical community co-operation, farmers and business men of Ionia county met here today for a big program of information, inspiration and good fellowship.

The chief speaker of the day was Prof. Perry G. Holden of the International Harvester Co. Prof. O. E. Reed of the M. A. C. Dairy Dept., A. B. Cook of Owosso, master of the State Grange, County Agricultural Agent R. L. Helm and several local speakers completed the program.

One of the interesting features of the day was the annual Farmers' Day County Corn Contest. District and county-wide classes were offered for single ear and 10 and 20 ear samples, with liberal cash prizes given by the banks of the county.

Agriculture is Fundamental The addresses given by Prof. Holden were full of sound sense and solid advice, yet so filled with spice that there was not a dull minute. His topics hinged upon community development and the betterment of the relations between farmers and townspeople.

Prof. O. E. Reed, of the M. A. C. Dairy Dept., talked upon the question of whether or not there would be a slump in the dairy business. He pointed out that while many agricultural pursuits had failed, the dairy cow was more in demand than ever before.

He urged first, co-operation between farmers and urban people; second, by all means the cattle tuberculosis test; third, pure bred sires used in community group.

Outline Local Program County Agent R. L. Helm outlined a program to be carried out during the coming season. Under the head of livestock, he suggested breeders' tours, better sires, tuberculosis eradication, ton litter contests.

Tests Prove It Five hundred tests of certified seed potatoes show that they produce an average of 45 bushels more to the acre than uncertified seed

Herbert Powell, president of the Ionia County Farm Bureau and prominent pure bred sheep breeder, was one of the local speakers. His talk on "Sheep Feeding," treated along the line of a balanced ration, the address clearly demonstrated Mr. Powell's long experience and study which has taught him many lessons that are of value to the public.

Kent City Local is Well Pleased with 1923 Report

Kent City, March 4.—Total sales aggregating \$52,045.99 were made by the Kent City Farm Bureau local (Kent county) at a net profit of \$1,747.74 during 1923, according to reports made today at the annual meeting of the association.

When they heard the auditor's report showing that the total resources now amount to \$25,557.15, with undivided profits totaling \$2,166.76, the 125 farmers who were present realized that they had indeed built up a strong local business organization.

Bureau Products Satisfy An outstanding feature of the policy of the Kent City local is that it handles Farm Bureau products almost entirely and makes a big

Mich. and Ohio Will Market Wool Together

(Continued from page one) of the wool as soon as it was received at Columbus. Five per cent interest will be charged on such advances up until the time of final settlement.

After hearing these and various other reports from the committee that visited Columbus, the wool growers present indulged in a full discussion of wool marketing conditions and the prospects for 1924. They were all very much in favor of accepting the recommendations of the committee and getting in on the proposition at once.

Enlarge Wool Committee Upon recommendation of the wool growers present, the growers' committee of three, which has been acting in an advisory capacity to the Farm Bureau officials in making the 1924 wool marketing arrangements, was enlarged by the addition of one member from each of eight other leading wool growing counties that were represented at the meeting.

Among those present at the meeting were: M. L. Noon, Jackson; M. B. McPherson, Lowell; C. M. Urch, Durand; R. W. Tenny, Charlotte; Lloyd M. Gee, Stockbridge; F. C. Tirrell, Charlotte; R. E. Decker, Jackson; Henry Cash, Brooklyn; W. S. Wood, Rives Junction; H. S. Houseman, Albion; H. V. Kittle, St. Johns; H. P. Doty, Grand Ledge; R. 3 C. F. Openlander, Grand Ledge; R. 3 R. L. Helm, Ionia; R. 1 Herbert E. Powell, Ionia; R. 1 M. T. Cooney, Gaines; Eli Lindsay, Howell; C. L. Bolander, Howell; Carl Martin, Coldwater; W. E. Phillips, Decatur; F. M. Oehmke, Sebawaing; H. S. Osler, Ann Arbor; C. L. Coffeen, Adrian; Jay Smith, Ann Arbor

good market for their fruit, Ionia county, being close to prosperous and populous industrial centers, might well become one of the largest apple producing centers in Michigan. Mr. Hall also stated that land which is used in growing trees and fruit is better soil in 60 years than virgin land.

The enthusiasm and fellow feeling developed by this meeting show well what may be accomplished by a community when the farmers and business men get together for their mutual benefit.

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 Biopelle St., Detroit on March 12-13: Capons, fancy, 2 1/2 lbs. and under, 23-28; Capons, ordinary, 20-25; Broilers, colored, 2 1/2 lbs. and under, 20-25; Broilers, white, 2 1/2 lbs. and under, 20-25; Springers, No. 1, 5 lbs. and up, 27-28; Springers, medium and stags, 25-30; Leghorns, 23-24; Hens, No. 1, fat, 5 lbs. and up, 27-28; Hens, medium, 26-27; Hens, small and Leghorns, 23-24; Turkeys, young, 8 lbs. and up, 30-32; Old Tom, culled, 22-25; CONSUMPTIVE, SICK, ETC., NOT SALABLE

Geese, 21-22; Ducks, 5 lbs. and up, 31-32; Ducks, small, 26-28; Live Rabbits, 20-25; Guinea (a pair), 90-100; Eggs, current receipts, 22-24; Fledgling white, 26-28; Dressed veal, 110 to 140 lbs., 15-16; Medium veals, 13-14; Small and thin, 10-11; Large and coarse, 8-10; Dressed Hogs, NOT WANTED

SEED BEANS DECKER FARM BUREAU, Decker, Mich. We offer "1,200 to One" seed beans—hardy, big producers, early maturing, light pickers, splendid quality at \$3 bushel, f. o. b. Decker, bags free. Bargain. Order quick.

BABY CHICKS Remarkable for SIZE and STRENGTH. Reasonably Priced. LEGHORNS, ANCONAS, REDS, ROCKS, WYANDOTTES, MINORCAS, ORPINGTONS, SPANISH and BIRCHENS. TYRONE POULTRY FARM Fenton, Michigan

IT PAYS TO BUY PURE BRED SHEEP OF PARSONS' of the East. I sell and ship everywhere and my prices are low. Write for club offer and price list. Prof. Parsons, Grand Ledge, Mich. R. 2

HELP WANTED WANTED—EXPERIENCED SINGLE man for farm work. State wages. Mrs. C. Mason, Avoca, Mich. 4-11-24

LIVE STOCK DUAL PURPOSE SHORTHORNS. Good individuals. Good taking orders. Both sexes. All ages. Geo. T. Fuller, R. No. 10, Battle Creek, Mich. 3-28-24

GUERNSEY BULLS. ADVANCE REGISTERED. Priced reasonable. Federally accredited. Herd No. 48,301. Glenn Clark, Eau Claire, Mich. 3-14-24

FOR SALE—PURE BRED DUCRO Jersey Pigs. Pathfinder, at farmer's price. M. L. White, Hermansville, Mich. 8-28-24

POULTRY CHICKS—BARRED ROCKS, WHITE Rocks from trapnest, bred to lay heavy laying stock. The breeding back of a chick is what makes or loses you money. Can handle a few more chick orders. J. V. Shepp, Owosso, Mich. 4-1-24

SINGLE COMB WHITE LEGHORNS. Trap-nested. Pedigree taking orders for May and June hatching eggs and day old chicks. Write for circular and prices. W. C. Eckard, Paw Paw, Mich. 3-28-24

IF YOU WANT BETTER CHICKS BUY C. Em Lay chicks. Bred for winter egg production. Blue ribbon winners. Winning eleven out of a possible fourteen prizes at Muskegon's Show. Flock culled by Michigan Agricultural Experiment Farm under State supervision. 50 chicks, \$8.00; 100, \$15.00; 500, \$70.00. Parcel post delivered. C. Em Lay Egg Farm, Francis M. Kent, R. 4, Muskegon, Mich. 3-28-24

BARRED ROCK COCKERELS of quality, size and best breeding, \$3, \$4 and \$5 each. At Farmers' Week Round-Up Show we won 1st, 2nd and 4th cockerels on three entries. In show of about 75 Barred Rocks. A few equally good pullets at \$2.50. H. E. POWELL & SON, IONIA, Mich. 3-13-24

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FOR SALE—LIMITED SUPPLY of pure bred White Plymouth Rock eggs for hatching (Fisher's Strain), bred for meat and eggs. 10c each, \$9.00 per 100. Order in advance. Phone 2-1. Mary E. Brown, R. 2, Box 194, Dowagiac, Mich. 4-1-24

FARMS TO RENT FINE FARM TO RENT, 2 1/2 MILES from town. 240 acres, 60 is pasture land, good barns and tenant house for general farming, no dairying, mostly sheep and cattle raising. Good set of farm tools. Sold reasonable to applicant, also half interest in 100 good sheep if desired. Applicant must furnish references. John C. Linn, Williamson, Ingham Co., Michigan. Near M. A. C.

SEEDS CHOICE RECLEANED ITO SAN SOY Beans, \$3.00 bu. Order early. E. C. Hart, Allegan, Michigan. 3-13-24

CERTIFIED WORTHY OATS, Certified Duncan and P. Phillips, Stationer, Belevue, Mich. 3-25-24

PLANTS FRUIT TREES—BERRY PLANTS, grape vines, shrubbery, perennials. Catalog free. Land's Nurseries, Dep't. F. E., St. Joseph, Mich. 3-28-24

STRAWBERRY, RASPBERRY, ASPARAGUS plants. These are the Golden Heart Cantaloupe seed. Every plant a good plant, true to name, high quality. Best varieties. Our plants, a sure way to good crops. Write today for prices. Catalogue free. Chas. D. Thayer Co., Three Rivers, Mich. 3-13-24

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GLADIOLA, ONE BLOSSOMING size, bulbs of fifteen different varieties. One Dollar, postpaid. Albert Klages, Romulus, Mich.

MISCELLANEOUS WANTED—FARMERS TO ASK FOR folder describing Little Giant Tractor and free trial offer on your farm. K. J. Turner, Agent, Saranac, Mich. 5-28-24

SILVER FOXES FOR SALE. Proven breeders and 1924 pups at bargain prices. Quality guaranteed. Combs Silver Fox Ranch, Remus, Mich., R. 2. 3-13-24

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HEREFORDS Young Cows with calves by side consisting of blood from America's foremost herds at prices that enable them under Earle's Hereford Beef Plan to pay for themselves within a year to 18 months. Bulls including prize winners at the larger shows at practical prices. Herd headed by Straight Edge 189784, one of two sons of Purification Fairfax out of a daughter of the Famous Disturber. T. F. R. Sotham & Sons (Herefords since 1839) St. Clair, Mich. Meadow Brook Herefords Special price on Disturber yearling heifers. Bulls for sale. Call, write or phone Earl C. McCarty, Bad Axe, Mich., Huron county.

Five Year Contract Favored at Cadillac

(Continued from page one) plained the proposed five year contract and Prof. Horner outlined many of the fundamental factors affecting the marketing of the Michigan potato crop and exploded many visionary ideas afloat regarding the potato marketing situation. Prof. Horner has been doing extensive research work along this line and it was evident that he spoke with real authority. His address was a notable contribution to the success of the meeting.

In accordance with the sentiment expressed at the meeting in favor of adoption of the five-year contract idea, the Board of Directors of the Michigan Potato Growers Exchange met during the evening with the representatives of the M. A. C. Markets Department and considered plans to put the recommendations into effect as soon as possible.

Your Co-op Is Your Friend

Since the co-ops were organized things are different in the livestock marketing game. The old-line buyers weren't so worried until the farmers got together and organized their own commission firms at the Detroit and East Buffalo yards to furnish their own outlet for Michigan livestock.

This is proving the ideal arrangement. Farmer shippers are getting better service. They get all that their stock brings, less the low handling charges. Whatever profits are made by these co-operative commission firms are distributed back to the local shipping associations. Last year the savings returned to Michigan livestock shippers amounted to over \$17,000.

Our old-line friends realize that they are outclassed. In some localities they have gone out of business. In others they are making a desperate effort to survive. Some of them are making attractive offers to the co-operative farmers. What are their motives in doing so at this particular time? How would they be acting if you had no co-op? Consider this and then ship through your local co-op to either one of the following:

Mich. Livestock Exch. at Detroit

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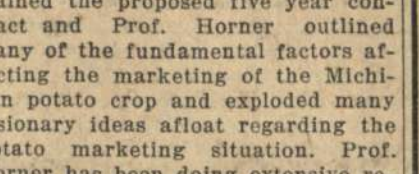
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Fruit Growers Must Consider Hardier Varieties to Make Peach Growing a Safer Industry

The Greening Nursery Co., Monroe, Michigan. South Haven, Mich. February 2nd, 1924.

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

Will make the following report from Elberta trees set 1917 and South Haven from adjoining rows set 1918. A limb was taken from the south side of fine Elberta trees and one from the south side of the South Haven trees next to them and all fruit buds carefully examined with these results. Elbertas had 27 live buds and 174 dead ones with 13.4% of live buds. South Haven had 148 live buds and 135 dead buds with 62.3% of live buds.

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

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

Yours truly, (Signed) ROY GIBSON.

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

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Monroe, Michigan Born 1850—Still Growing

We Want a Few More Farm Bureau Men to Represent Us

One of our member representatives in Southwestern Michigan has sold 18 carloads of fertilizer for car door delivery this spring. Some of it has been delivered. The mechanical requirements were for very fine, perfectly prepared stuff. He advised us that it was "absolutely satisfactory." All our 1924 fertilizer will be absolutely satisfactory. We stand behind it. Our proposition to member representatives is worth while.

We want you to help bring Farm Bureau Fertilizers to neighbor members in communities where there is no Co-operative Ass'n or authorized dealer handling them. Our proposition is a good one. Our fertilizer service merits every member's consideration.

If interested in acting as our representative, write us for particulars, stating your qualifications. Give us your experience in this line if any. Read below our 1924 fertilizer service to the Farm Bureau membership:

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