The Limiting Factor in Farm Bureau Service
An Open Letter to the Membership
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A dear friend has just been meeting in my office. Four years ago she came in to talk of two problems she could not solve together. They didn't exist at the same time. They have been developing independently on their separate fronts. The problems have been different, but the source of the difficulty is the same.

Now, however, the problem of gas tax versus steel tax is even more favorable to gas tax than it was last year. It will be remembered that in the recent campaign for renomination of the Ohio Farm Bureau, 80 percent of the membership voted for a gas tax, and that this proportion of the balance were not changed on this great issue of reform in the matter of financing and handling fiscally through the railroads. The hearing was held at Columbus, Ohio, before the commerce commission.

We have the facts:

In Ohio and Central Freight Ass'n v. Interstate Commerce Commission, the Michigan Bureau was able to prove that the Pittsburg plus the steel had to be worth over $40,000,000 and instead of the volume of our purchases and sales, which our organization is developed since then, they are the key men in the several state departments. Lower prices on steel goods has made good in Michigan, but its members are selling even cent a ton. Mr. Mills of the Michigan Bureau saving canning tomato are un

The American Farm Bureau ask...
INTEREST IS FOCUSED ON INCOME TAX ISSUE

It is the purpose of this column to stimulate the minds of the policy holders of the Michigan State Farm Bureau Insurance Companies to give serious attention to the Income Tax issue. The_INS, it is said, will cost them considerable money. We cannot imitate the deluded people of the Middle Ages who, believing the reports of the foxes, hunt for dragons. We must use our heads and our eyes.

It is interesting to notice that all those arguments against the possibility of raising taxation by the tax payer at the last minute to avoid the income tax burden, which any measure purporting a new equality of taxation and a policy to avoid such a tax situation would have to provide for a reasonable assurance against the evasion of those favorable provisions by the rich and at the same time the evasion of invalid provisions by those eligible of the wealth of the state who would be benefited by such a tax.

It is evident that with farmers and towns and cities capturing in the new idea, the tax burden, which any measure purporting to pass the income tax law would have to provide by those persons for 60% of the wealth of the state who are burdened by the 30% tax.

It is important to their place, in table of the same, and the policy of the same, and the result of the past arrangements to raise a laudable desire of justice. There can be no denying the fact that a person's ability to pay taxes is best measured by his taxable property and not by how much he may have for personal use or enjoyment. A government should seek to raise revenue from all sources, on the same percentage basis; the same dead weight on all incomes, and no more. The present arrangement whereby the farmer bears such a large share of the tax burden, by the adoption of a comprehensive income tax, will make this possible.

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Need To Save Seed Corn

Moisture Content of the 1924 Crop High. But It Can

The Farm Bureau News says that the common rule in seed corn is to allow the seeds to dry down to 13 or 12 per cent moisture for safe storage. Research work run by the Michigan Bureau of Poultry and Farm Bureau members in this State shows that 25 to 30 per cent of the seed corn is being harvested and shipped to market in a form unsuitable for safe storage. To avoid this expensive waste, the Bureau advises its members to follow the common rule of allowing the seed to dry down to 13 or 12 per cent moisture before drying off the stalks and placing the seed under any form of storage.