

6 SHIPS BRING U. S. 1,219,470 LBS. OF FOREIGN SEED IN 1 WK.

LAWMAKERS WORK NIGHT AND DAY AS SESSION NEARS END

Millions Are Appropriated
But Rural Requests Are
Cut Unmercifully

BUREAU BILLS ADVANCE

Solons Take Tasks Seriously;
Kill Move For Shorter
Future Sessions

State Capitol, April 9.—The Legislature has rounded the last turn of the session and is starting down the home stretch like a house afire. With rural members receiving letters from their wives that the neighbors are putting in oats and plowing for corn, the so-called farm bloc appears to be agreeable to the hurry-up program of forenoon, afternoon and evening sessions which seems to be the order of the day.

Practically all of the legislative program laid down by the Board of Delegates of the Michigan State Farm Bureau at their last annual meeting has either already been passed or is embodied in bills now pending in the House or Senate. See the boxed article at the center of the bottom of this page for a summarized

These Bright Young People Are Hillsdale Co's State Boys and Girls Club Champions



Back row, left to right—1, RAYMOND LASER of Waldron, selected as all-around club boy to represent Michigan in Moses leadership contest; was first in judging at Michigan State Fair; third in State swine and herd project; president of Hillsdale County Boys & Girls Ass'n. 2, ROBERT LASER, first in Michigan dairy heifer calf project. 3, COE EMENS, Jr., of Prattville, successful sheep and calf club member in county work; represented Michigan in National Health Contest and won it. 4, JAMES MEEKS, of North Adams, who was second in Michigan potato club project. He raises certified seed potatoes. 5, GERALD WELLS of North Adams, won third place in Michigan dairy heifer production class. 6, PAUL WELLS, North Adams, third place in beef heifer project. 7, DEAN LYON of Wheatland twp. He won first place in lamb and ewe project. In 1923 he won second place for the State. Second row, left to right—8, FREDERICK MACK, of Litchfield, first in first year poultry project. 9, LOIS LASER of Waldron, represented Michigan in National Health Contest and stood very close to girl who won first place. 10, ROBERT CLEMENT of Pittsford, third in yearling dairy heifer project. Front row, left to right—11, FLORABELLE RICHARDSON of Reading, third in fourth year canning club project; was local leader last season. 12, ERWIN RUMSEY of Pittsford, third in pig club project. 13, RUTH CLEMENT, second place in second year canning club project.

Grange Leader Tells His Seed Experiences

"I mean by good alfalfa seed either that produced in Michigan or in the Northwest. I am buying my seed from the Farm Bureau of Michigan because I know this seed has high germinating quality and is adapted to Michigan climate. Three different years I have bought seed of dealers that sold it for seed from the Northwest. It grew all right, went into the winters in fine shape, but nothing was left in the spring. No matter about price, get seed that will stand our climate." C. H. Bramble, former State Grange Overseer, now Executive Committee member, in Evanside Farm Notes, Michigan Patron for April, 1925.

J. S. SUFFERN'S CARGO OF FRENCH RED CLOVER ENOUGH TO PLANT 45,114 A.; MAY COST OUR FARMERS \$1,000,000

168,000 Lbs. of French Clover Seed From March
9th Arrivals at N. Y. Shipped to Chicago;
Kansas Farmers Get Italian Alfalfa;
All Unfitted For Our Climate

The week of March 9 six ocean steamships docking at New York unloaded 1,219,470 lbs. of imported, foreign grown clover and alfalfa for American consumption. Most of their cargoes, if not all of it, was French and Italian stock, utterly unfitted for our climate and almost certainly doomed to winterkill.

Not only that,—but through the national, co-operative Federated Seed Service, of which the Michigan Farm Bureau Seed Service is a part, we are able to present the American destinations of these shipments of foreign clover and alfalfa.

A total of 800 bags or 168,000 lbs. of French grown clover for Chicago. Who's going to plant that this season? 175 bags for Milwaukee, Wis. 300 bags for Crawfordsville, Ind., and 200 bags for Toledo. Buffalo got 1,150 bags. 200 bags of Italian alfalfa were shipped to Atchison, Kansas, for Kansas farmers. The list of vessels, their cargoes and the destinations thereof are given in this article.

A Shipload of Trouble
Note that the ship "Suffern" from Havre, France, carried 541,380 lbs. of French red clover or enough to plant 45,114 acres. In view of the unsatisfactory performance of French seed in Michigan, and other northern and corn belt states, this shipload alone may cause a loss of \$1,000,000 to American farmers as compared to the results that they would have received from plantings of strictly domestic grown seed of northern origin and adaptation.

This is just one week's arrivals at one port! Large shipments of red clover and alfalfa seed are arriving at all seaboard points from Italy and France. This imported seed will be offered at lower prices—not as foreign grown seed, of course. It is cheap seed and will be blended with domestic seed and the mixture offered at a lower price than good domestic seed. Note further on in this article the wide distribution of these hundreds of thousands of pounds of unadapted seed in this one week's arrivals.

How Imported Seed Is Moved
Do we have evidence of the presence of plenty of foreign seed at other points in the middle west?

From reliable seed trade sources comes information that a carload of French red clover was bought by a Pine River, Minnesota, dealer, who mixed it with domestic seed and sold it as domestic seed.

A country dealer in Indiana offered the week of March 16, 500 bushels of screenings carrying French carrot seed and other weed seeds typical of French clover seed. Apparently a big business is going on in cleaning up imported French seed and selling it from this area as domestic seed, if we are to judge by the large quantities of screenings accumulated.

The carload of Italian seed recently sent to Toledo and stored in a public warehouse there has been reshipped to Frederick, Maryland, according to best advices. The announcement of the receipt of this car at Toledo—made by radio from Station WLS, Chicago, Sears-Roebuck station, caused quite a furor. The Toledo Produce Exchange made immediate investigation and announced to the public that this transaction was independent of the Toledo Produce Exchange, which has ruled Italian seed off the market. However, it is but natural to raise the question as to how many cars of Italian seed may have come into Toledo and have been distributed without the fact having been found out.

Protection Needed
Apparently there is more need than ever for methods of seed distribution which will protect the grower who wants adapted seed. The safe thing for him to do is to demand adapted seed every time, and demand guarantees that it is adapted seed.

Following are the arrivals of French and Italian red clover and alfalfa at the port of New York for the week of March 9 and the destinations of the various cargoes:

SS "SUFFERN", From Havre, France	Red Clover	150 bags, Philadelphia
		200 " Chicago
		200 " Crawfordsville, Ind.
		175 " Milwaukee, Wis.
		200 " Buffalo
		200 " New York
		200 " New York
		200 " Chicago
		200 " Toronto
		185 " Baltimore
		200 " New York
		68 " New York
		200 " Toledo
		200 " On order
2,578 bags, weighing 210 lbs. per bag, or 541,380 lbs.		
SS "PIPESTONE COUNTY", Havre	Red Clover	200 bags, American Express
		100 " Crawfordsville, Ind.
		200 " Buffalo
		150 " New York
		242 " Baltimore
		200 " Chicago
		150 " Toronto
		200 " Baltimore
1,442 bags, or 302,820 lbs.		
SS "WESPHALIN", Hamburg, Germany, Red Clover		150 bags, New York
		200 " New York
		50 " New York
400 bags, or 84,000 lbs.		
SS "OSSO", Genoa, Italy		200 bags alfalfa to Atchison, Kansas, or 42,000 lbs.
SS "DEGRASSE", Havre, France	Red Clover	100 bags, Jersey City
		200 " American Express
		200 " Buffalo
		200 " Buffalo
		87 " On order
		200 " Baltimore
		200 " Chicago
1,187 bags, or 249,270 lbs.		
SS "MANHATTAN", Antwerp, Belgium		200 bags Red Clover for New York, or 42,000 lbs.
TOTAL IMPORTED RED CLOVER AND ALFALFA ARRIVALS IN ONE WEEK AT NEW YORK, 1,219,470 LBS.		
WINNING LONG FIGHT		
After 18 years of uninterrupted warfare against the cattle tick, 700 counties out of 975 originally infested have been freed from federal quarantine. Of this number, 529 are absolutely tick free.		
SAVE YOURSELF		
Try planning means a day ahead to save steps and extra trips down cellar. One woman found that one difficult trip down cellar does now, where three or four were common before.		

Potato Grades Bill Passed by House

Senator Leland's bill to make the Federal potato grades compulsory in Michigan except in direct sales from the growers to consumers or grocers, passed the House today noon, 78 to 13, after several amendments not favored by the Michigan State Farm Bureau had been defeated.

statement of the Farm Bureau's platform of state legislation. After studying that summary and the balance of this up-to-the-minute legislative report every member should write his Senator and Representative at Lansing, giving his views on the many important farm bills still hanging in the balance.

Among the many important bills of particular interest to farmers are several agricultural appropriation measures. Certainly no Farm Bureau member would wish his state organization to get the reputation of talking economy and then urging extravagant legislative appropriations, but in view of the millions which are being granted for other purposes and considering the big share of the taxes which the farmers pay, it hardly appears fair that every rural appropriation request should be mutilated and cut down to a figure which will hamper these projects for Michigan farmers.

T-B Found Cut in Half

Both the House and the Senate have finally passed the bill providing \$250,000 for each of the next two years for paying state awards on condemned tubercular cattle. This was just half the amount which was requested by the Farm Bureau and the livestock breeders' organizations. The House has up for final passage the Espie bill which provides \$100,000 emergency appropriation to carry on the eradication campaign during the rest of the present fiscal year. Unless this bill is passed, the clean-up work will not only be at a stand-still for several months, but many thousands of federal money will have to be returned to Washington unused because the state funds will not be available to match this federal aid.

Another very serious situation regarding a farm appropriation bill is in connection with the suppression and control of the European Corn Borer, a most dangerous insect which is already at work in ten counties in the southeastern portion of the state and which is spreading to new territory and increasing in intensity of infestation each year. Rep. Warner's bill setting aside \$25,000 of state money to combat this menacing pest, has been slashed to \$12,000 by the House Ways and Means Committee and is passed by the House at this lower level by a 96 to 0 vote. If the full \$25,000 had been granted, the federal government would have contributed between \$35,000 and \$50,000 to aid in the fight. Perhaps the Senate may restore the bill to its original proportions. Write your Senator.

Grading Work in Danger

The appropriation bill for financing the enforcement of grades and standards of fruits, vegetables and potatoes in Michigan, which originally provided for \$85,000, was reduced by the Agricultural Committee of the House to \$50,000 and later the Ways and Means Committee cut it still further to \$25,000. In this dwarfed

Farm Bureau Members

What do you think of having a Farm Bureau Direct to You paint service?
A complete line of house and barn paints, inside and outside,—varnishes, stains, enamels, etc.
Do you need paint? Will you buy a high grade paint at a reasonable price, quality considered? Please write us your painting plans. No obligation on your part. We must know at once how great is the need of such a paint service. The number of replies will determine whether or not we shall handle paint.

This is the paint announcement mentioned in Farm Bureau News of March 27.
MICHIGAN FARM BUREAU SUPPLY SERVICE
Lansing, Michigan

COME TO LANSING TO DISCUSS THE U. S. BEAN GRADES

Right Decision In This Matter
Is Important To The
Industry

A meeting to discuss the proposed federal grades for beans will be held at the Hotel Kerns, Lansing, Thursday, April 24, starting at 10 a. m., fast time. Growers and all other interested parties are invited to attend.

The meeting is called by representatives of the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture for the purpose of having growers and others come in and study the plan, give their opinions and suggestions.

This proposal may mean a great deal to Michigan bean growers. They should take advantage of this opportunity to learn all about it first hand and to have a part in the decision.

A Worth While Honor

Any club member may feel proud



LOUIS J. MATTHIAS
if he has earned one of these places, considering the number of club members and their parents.

This article and the accompanying photograph is a description of some of the work in Michigan, how it is encouraged by our state educational system from the Michigan Agricultural College down, and how the work is regarded by national authorities, with a short description of the National 4-H Club Membership Contest and the rewards offered competing Boy & Girl Club members.

College Scholarships

Any Michigan boy or girl who wins a State Club Championship in any project is granted a scholarship by the Michigan Agricultural College for one year, all tuition expenses free. If the club member on entering college makes good the first year, he or she is allowed free tuition the second year. This shows the attitude of the college and the importance it places on club work. The achievements of these Hillsdale county boys and girls and those elsewhere not only means much to them, but to Hillsdale or any other county as a whole. Their efforts are an example of what others can do if they will apply themselves in the particular problems they set out to complete.

If all club members in Hillsdale county will each secure one new club member this coming year, Hillsdale county, with the present record and support of its people, can make a real name for itself in Boys' and Girls' club work. The same is true in (Continued on page two)

150 WOOL BUYERS TALK OVER WHAT THEY SHOULD PAY

Annual Meeting of Michigan
Wool Buyers Ass'n Held
At Lansing

The Michigan Wool Buyers Association held its annual meeting at Lansing, Thursday, April 2, to discuss the general 1925 wool situation and to arrive at some conclusion as to what local buyers should pay for wool this season. About 150 were at the meeting.

"Is 40 cent wool going to the Farm Bureau wool pool this year?" was one of the leading questions raised at the meeting. The way it was put gives us some idea of the respect with which the wool buying trade views wool this year.

Several dealers expressed the opinion that farmers would pool if local dealers couldn't safely bid that much for fleeces, and pointed out that little wool can be bought from growers at 35 cents, the price being offered in some sections.

Since 1893, said one dealer, quoting receipts of a prominent Michigan wool grower, the average price paid the Michigan wool growers for MERCHANTABLE wool has been between 23 and 24 cents a pound. This, compared with a possible 35 to 40 cents a pound under present conditions, would make such offers seem quite fair, the dealer maintained.

The combined Michigan and Ohio wool pool at Columbus, Ohio, came in for some discussion. One dealer said that two years ago they put the Michigan pool out and that now a most important thing is to keep Michigan wool out of the Ohio pool, which runs around 3,500,000 lbs. annually. The Michigan-Ohio pool of 1924 made a very good record.

BIRDS ARE FRIENDS

Birds generally are friends of the farmers, says the Department of Agriculture. For instance, 25 kinds of birds are known to feed on the clover weevil, 25 on the potato beetle, 36 on the codling moth, 46 on the gypsy moth, 49 on horse flies, 120 on leaf hoppers.

Pennsylvania farmers are setting up an Eastern Tobacco Marketing Ass'n with Farm Bureau help.

Michigan Farm Bureau's Stand on Legislation

The Bureau Favors

1. A "Pay As You Go" policy for public improvements.
2. A personal state income tax.
3. Abolition of tax exempt securities.
4. Bohn primary school fund bill.
5. Economical and business-like road building policy.
6. Repeal or careful safeguarding of the Covert Act.
7. Adequate reforestation program with deferred tax on commercial forest reserves.
8. Senator Leland's potato grading bill.
9. Liberal appropriations for M. A. C. for extension, investigation, research and the study of agricultural marketing problems.
10. Ample appropriation for bovine T. B. eradication.
11. Appropriation of \$25,000 to combat European Corn Borer.
12. Adequate appropriations for enforcing grades and standards of farm products.
13. An educational qualification for citizenship.
14. Instruction of school children in marking election ballots.
15. Election of county school commissioner by supervisors.
16. Extending time for paying taxes without penalty to Feb. 15.
17. State Board of Equalization composed of one member from each congressional district.
18. Restoration of payment of state bounties on wolves.
19. Putting quail on song-bird list and giving permanent protection.
20. Open season on cock pheasants.
21. Pre-primary conventions for nominating candidates for elective offices.
22. Stifter censorship of movie films and reading matter.

The Bureau Opposes

1. Ratification of federal Child Labor Amendment.
2. Any change in name of M. A. C.
3. Any change in the present method of taking the school census.
4. Wasteful cutting of young trees for Christmas purposes.

(This is a very brief summary of the resolutions on state affairs adopted by the Board of Delegates of the Michigan State Farm Bureau. The full text of the above resolutions will be furnished upon request.)

As usual, representatives of several big eastern wool buying concerns were present. As may be expected, (Continued on page 4)

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MORE CO. BUREAUS URGE CURBING OF TAX-FREE BONDS

Through Organization, Desire of Farmers Are Sires of Farmers Are

Many County Farm Bureaus and individual Farm Bureau members have adopted the very helpful and commendable practice of mailing their State Farm Bureau copies of the letters and telegrams which they send to their members in the Legislature.

In our last issue we printed a few of the telegrams of this kind which were sent to senators and representatives urging the passage of the bills to end tax exempt securities in Michigan and to place moderate annual specific taxes on this form of wealth.

Wires Give Farmers' Views Fred Smith, vice-president of the Michigan Potato Growers Exchange, wired Senator W. L. Case as follows: "On behalf of directors and members Michigan Potato Growers Exchange wish to assure you we favor tax on foreign and domestic bonds."

Ira M. Dean, Secretary of the Kent County Farm Bureau, wired Senator H. F. Baxter: "Kent County Farm Bureau in favor of taxes on foreign and domestic bonds."

The Huron County Farm Bureau, through Pres. E. C. McCarty, advised Senator Godfried Gettel as follows: "We favor taxes on foreign and domestic bonds. Kindly give bill your favorable consideration."

W. F. Dean, vice-president of the Berrien County Farm Bureau and a local supervisor, telegraphed Senator H. H. Whiteley: "Berrien County farmers want passage of bills providing annual taxes on foreign and domestic bonds. Rates should be 5 and 3."

The Oceana County Farm Bureau sent the following message to Senator Orville E. Atwood: "We strongly favor taxes on foreign and domestic bonds. Will appreciate your best support of this measure."

Have Backing of Farmers Mr. J. A. Richards, Sec'y of the Berrien County Farm Bureau, brought this important matter to the attention of Senator H. H. Whiteley by the following forceful telegram: "We endorse and urge the passage of bills providing annual taxes on foreign and domestic bonds. Have backing of all farmers. Keep rates up."

The Hillsdale County Farm Bureau sent the following telegram signed by President A. Z. Nichols and Secretary B. L. Keller to Senator Burney E. Brower: "Referring to bill for taxing foreign and domestic bonds, we feel this would be a very legitimate tax because it seems some factor for more equal taxes must be worked out. At present the farming population is overburdened with increasing taxes and there are hundreds and thousands of dollars in non-taxable bonds that are not helping to bear their share of the burden of taxation. Therefore, we urge that you use your influence in favor of taxing foreign and domestic bonds."

Farm Taxes Oppressive Louis H. Matthias, Hillsdale County Club Agent, expressed his views to Senator Burney E. Brower in the following telegram: "We find in our county, farmers are heavily burdened with taxes which have really become a menace to the future upbuilding of farming and farm communities and with the heavy increase of taxes it makes a real burden for the farmers. Therefore, it seems legitimate that all foreign and domestic bonds should be taxed. There are hundreds and thousands of dollars that are in non-taxable bonds which have been earned from the soil of these farms and at present are not helping to bear their share of the burden."

One behalf of the Newaygo County Farm Bureau, Sec'y G. R. Warren wired Senator O. E. Atwood: "Newaygo Co. Farm Bureau wishes to go on record favoring taxes on foreign and domestic bonds and urge you to act favorably on same."

Muskegon County Farm Bureau, through its secretary, Milton Van Frank, sent the following wire to Senator Vincent A. Martin: "Demanding you support bill taxing foreign and domestic bonds."

R. W. Dunlap, new ass't sec'y of the U. S. Dep't of Agriculture, from Ohio, is one of the early members of the Farm Bureau.

Farm Bureau Brand No. 1 Red Cob and F. B. No. 1 Yellow Enslage, the real standbys for ensilage. Germination well above 90 per cent.

County Folks Discuss Grange Programs At M. A. C. Meeting

Some Good Things Brought Out; College Offers Assistance

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

Upon call by President Butterfield and Mrs. Stockman, I recently attended a conference of Grange workers and members of the Extension staff of M. A. C.

It developed that this get-together meeting was for the purpose of considering methods of closer co-operation between these two bodies, particularly along program lines. There were some 12 or 14 counties represented, in almost every instance by the Pomona or county lecturer, upon whom falls the duty of preparing and carrying out a varied, interesting and at the same time constructive program to educate, advance and encourage the projects applying to their particular county as well as those of the state and nation.

As a goodly number of these lecturers have been serving in this capacity for periods of two to 20 years, they welcomed this round table discussion and expressed appreciation of any new plans whereby they might find variety and expansion and avoid the habit of falling into that ever waiting rut one is so apt to unconsciously drift into.

M. A. C. Suggestion

Mr. Baldwin, director of M. A. C. Extension Service, presented a plan that he hoped could be introduced among group organizations throughout the state. He outlined a handbook containing subjects and reference matter upon them along the lines of soils, efficient crop production, diseases, pests, farm mechanics, household conveniences, club work, home economics, etc. He also expressed the desire to incorporate in this handbook features from the State Dept. of Agriculture, Dept. of Health, Dept. of Education, etc., which may serve as assisting agencies. He would also include entertainment features as plays, pageants, community singing, etc.

There seems to be no limit to the helps we have within our reach, if we but search them out and apply them to our needs. Many good suggestions were brought out upon roll call of those present. Mrs. Bennett of Kent county said she had invited the classes in home economics and handicraft work of the high schools to attend her meetings and give demonstrations of their work.

Mrs. Chisholm of Muskegon said she had brought before her people the various county officers who explained their duties in full and oftentimes had changed the attitude of the farmer.

Mrs. Curtiss of Eaton told of a chart she had arranged which had been accepted by several of the young folks of her county whereby they keep an accurate account of the manner in which they are spending their time; she hopes in this way to be able to point out moments that might be made available for self-advancement or usefulness to others.

Dr. Butterfield urged a revival in community or group singing, also made a plea for some outlined course of home study. Miss Jennie Buell explained that being denied the privilege of a college education she had followed her high school work by home study until it had become a fixed habit. Those of us who have been privileged to associate and work with Miss Buell can

by an impartial authority, for a 1.08 acre tract, is \$1,757 per acre of 16 quarts without the crate. This covers plowing, cultivating, extra plants and resetting them, pruning labor, spraying, all general labor at 30 cents an hour for man and 15 cents for horse labor, taxes, interest on the land and the first two years' deficit, pinking, etc. The average cost of production and maintenance for the tract for the three years was \$74.36 per year. These figures do not include fertilizer or the tract's share in the overhead of the farm buildings. The land was figured at \$100 an acre.

GROWERS, CANNERS STILL WORKING ON FAIR PRICE PLAN

Lack of Data Makes It Hard; Next Meeting on April 22

Grand Rapids, April 1—At the conference between representatives of Michigan co-operative berry growers and Michigan canners held in Grand Rapids, March 25th, it was agreed that the meeting should adjourn until April 22d to permit canners to secure a better line on market conditions before establishing any values on fresh fruits for the season, and at the same time allow growers to better estimate probable production and production costs on black raspberries and sour cherries.

It is doubtful if the majority of growers have any definite idea as to what it costs them to produce a given crop. The average grower is content to go along guessing at his results and depending upon his bank balance at the end of the year to indicate to him whether he is making money or losing it. The growers co-operative ass'n's committee has made an active effort to secure available figures on costs of production, with the result that probably more general knowledge is now at hand on costs than at any previous date.

A three years estimate on the cost of producing black raspberries, estimated

Less than half of our corn crop reached maturity before the first killing frost last year. Usually about 91 per cent reaches maturity before frost.

W. S. Frost of Eckford, Calhoun county, says the 1924 wool pool made him \$85 more than he was offered last year.

Have You Ordered Your Farm Bureau Fertilizer for your spring crops from your local co-op or Farm Bureau agent?

FRUIT, SPUD MEN SEEK FUNDS FOR GRADING SERVICE

Enforcement of Standards of Mich. Products Depends on Legislature

While Michigan farmers are convinced that sound co-operative marketing offers one of the best hopes for making agriculture profitable, they are also pretty much agreed today that proper grading and standardization of farm products is essential before co-operative marketing can be fully successful.

In view of the above situation the St. Clair County Farm Bureau has sent the following telegram, signed by President C. J. Reid, to Hon. Alex Cowan, St. Clair county representative: "The fruit and vegetable growers of St. Clair county who supply the Detroit market would appreciate your support of the law providing for fruit and vegetable inspection work by the Department of Agriculture."

Perhaps the most significant action which has been taken in regard to this proposition is that contained in the following telegram which was sent by the Michigan Fruit Growers Inc. to Governor Alex J. Groesbeck: "The following resolution adopted by Directors of this organization, representing the majority of the co-operative fruit organizations in this state, is respectfully presented for your attention: "Whereas proper standardization and strict enforcement of grading requirements for fresh fruits and vegetables is vital to the success of our industry and the handling given the efficient direction of W. P. Hartman and W. H. Esslinger during the season of 1925 undoubtedly contributed a very large sum in additional returns to growers, "Therefore, Be It Resolved, that this organization and its affiliated membership petition Governor Groesbeck and the State Legislature to speedily enact the legislation now before the Agricultural Committees of the House or Senate providing for the necessary changes in such grading requirements and that we endorse the appropriation of the \$85,000 fund requested to properly enforce the adopted grades and regulations."

Bad Axe Live Stock Shpg. Ass'n Does Well By Patrons

It Has Added Quite a Bit To The Farmers' Net Returns

Below is a shipping day scene at the Bad Axe Co-operative Live Stock Shipping Ass'n, a Huron county ass'n with quite a record. It is doing very well by its shippers. The ass'n was organized March 19, 1918. It took considerable time and effort to get farmers shipping that way, and the co-op shipped only six



cars the first year. Not a very good start and rather discouraging, but the board of directors wouldn't quit. The next year it almost doubled the first year's business and its membership rose to 56 farmers. Service has been good and returns have been good, so the ass'n has shown a steady growth. Following is the shipping record for the past few years:

Table with 5 columns: Year, Hogs, Cattle, Sheep, Calves. Data for years 1921-1924.

It is interesting to compare prices paid by local buyers with those received by farmers shipping through the ass'n at the same time. This better return is one of the things that has made for the success of the co-op.

MIDWEST RADIO MEETING APRIL 15

Farm Bureau Presidents To Speak from Station WLS

Chicago, April 9—The Midwest Farm Bureau Radio Community meeting for Michigan, Iowa, Illinois and Indiana members, to be broadcast from Station WLS, has been changed from April 24 to Wednesday evening, April 15, starting at 8 o'clock central standard time, wave length 244.6 meters.

Sheep and Lambs on Feed January 1, 1925

There was a decrease of about 163,000 head, or nearly 4 per cent in the number of sheep and lambs on the feed Jan. 1, 1925, from the number Jan. 1, 1924, in the Corn Belt and Western States, according to the estimate of the U. S. Dep't of Agriculture. The estimated numbers were 4,081,000 this year, and 4,245,000 last.

Opening of Mid-west Farm Bureau Radio Meeting, Pres. Thompson, I. A. A. F. B. songs, Ford & Glenn. Five minute talks by Iowa, Indiana, Michigan Farm Bureau presidents in this order.

Address by Frank O. Lowden on co-operative marketing. 24,000 miles of highways will be built in the U. S. during 1925, enough to circle the earth.

Kalamazoo Local Farm Bureaus Are Active

Texas Corners, April 6—Farm Bureau folks in this part in Kalamazoo county reorganized their local unit April 6, at meeting attended by some 75 men and women. Arthur Edmunds of the State Farm Bureau assisted them. They elected J. E. Dunham president; Wm. Rix, vice-pres.; Earl Rogers, sec-treas.; Claire Gilden, delegate to the county Farm Bureau meeting. Monthly meetings will be held. Much interest was evidenced by the ladies present. This unit intends to start doing things.

At Fulton, nearly across the county, where a township Farm Bureau unit was organized last winter, things are going strong. They have several good boys and girls clubs under way this spring.

In the South most of the States are lined up in the great Farm Bureau Cotton Ass'n. Texas, Alabama and Louisiana have big organizations.

Registration of motor vehicles showed an increase of 16.6 per cent last year. Every 6.4 persons has one. Michigan's increase was 18.7 per cent.

Show Winners At the Zeeland show of 1925 we had best display in production class of Leghorns and Anconas. At International Egg Laying contest of 1924 one Leghorn proved more than 51 of the 100 pens and outlived several pens from world renowned trapnest farms.

ORDER NOW—PRICES 100 500 Spec. Star Mating, Fed., \$15.00 \$50.00 Extra Selected, 14.00 60.00 Selected, 12.00 55.00 Barred Rocks, 11.00 50.00 Broiler chicks, 10.00 45.00 All sturdy Newton hatched chicks from personally supervised flocks. 100 per cent live delivery guaranteed. Large illustrated catalog free.

TOWNLINE POULTRY FARM J. H. Geerlings, Prop. Zeeland, Mich., R. R. 1-Box 15 Member Michigan State Farm Bureau

Downline Poultry Farm advertisement featuring a logo with a rooster and text: 'Downline POULTRY FARM THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICE HATCHERY'.

Advertisement for 'Quality Service' featuring 'Pyramid Brand France Agricultural Limestone Meal'. It includes details about the product's benefits for soil and crop growth, and lists various farm bureaus that use the product.

Advertisement for 'To Be Sure of Safe Adapted Seed'. It emphasizes the importance of using adapted seeds for better crop yields and lists numerous farm bureaus across Michigan that have adopted the Farm Bureau brand adapted seeds.

Advertisement for 'ONEKAMA BUREAU HAS GREAT RECORD'. It highlights the bureau's success in 1924, with a business volume of \$142,629 and the sale of 17,000 cases of raspberries.

Advertisement for 'Adapted Seed Always Gives Dependable Results'. It stresses that seed is the most important factor in crop production and provides a list of Michigan Farm Bureau Seed Service locations across the state.

CALHOUN CO. FARM BUREAU HOLDS ITS ANNUAL MEETING

Elects Two Women Members To Its Executive Committee

Marshall, April 2.—The annual meeting of the delegates of the Calhoun County Farm Bureau was held here today in the Community Room of the Brooks Memorial church. About 100 delegates and members were present.

After reading the minutes of the last meeting, Elmer E. Ball, secretary-treasurer, presented his financial report showing total assets of \$4,075.

President F. B. Garratt and vice president E. D. Bushnell were unanimously re-elected to succeed themselves. Executive committeemen Vern Voorhees of Clarence, G. C. Ballentine of Clarendon and L. J. Decker of Eckford were re-elected by acclamation. The constitution was amended so as to allow two ladies on the executive committee, Mrs. Reed Carty of Marengo and Mrs. Elmer Boyer of Bedford.

W. C. Boman, the retiring leader of girls and boys club work, gave a very good and detailed report of the work done during the past year and Everett C. Sackrider, the new club leader, who succeeds Mr. Boman, was introduced.

An excellent dinner was served in the dining room by the ladies of the Brooks Memorial church. The afternoon meeting convened at 1:30 o'clock with a talk on the coming Calhoun county fair, by Secretary W. A. Crane.

H. P. Sherrard of Homer, member of the Farm Bureau Tax Investigation Committee, told how the committee succeeded in getting the board of supervisors to make a ten per cent reduction on all farm property.

C. L. Brody, secretary of the State Farm Bureau at Lansing, gave an excellent talk and outlined the membership campaign to be put on the coming summer.

Mrs. Louise Campbell, home demonstration agent leader, of Lansing, gave an interesting talk along her line of work and told how necessary it was to educate the rural girls as well as the boys in regard to farm industries.

Resolutions were unanimously adopted thanking the officers of the Calhoun County Farm Bureau for their entertainment at this meeting, and congratulating the people of the Brooks Memorial church on their hospitable spirit shown in their efforts to provide an institution of real community service.

GRASS FIRES COSTLY

Grass fires are costly in many ways, but particularly because they destroy many valuable nesting birds and their incubating eggs. In time such fires drive birds away from the region.

EVANS SECRETARY OF AM. FARM BUR.

Chicago, April 2.—The executive board of the Federation in session in Chicago has named Frank Evans, of Salt Lake City, Utah, as general marketing counsel and secretary. Mr. Evans was the attorney for the Utah State Farm Bureau for 3 years, has been a member of the executive board of the A. F. B. F. for the same length of time. Mr. Evans, who is owner of farming interests in Utah and who has actively practiced law in Salt Lake City for the past 23 years, has been closely identified with development of co-operative marketing throughout the West. He has been organizing counsel for a great number of commodity associations in Utah and Idaho and other western states.

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ELEVATOR EXCH. MARKETS REVIEW

WHEAT—Since the middle of January the wheat market has taken the biggest drop in years. Market shot down practically 70 cents from the high mark in January. Wheat was put up to the \$2.00 price mainly by the wildest speculation we have had in years, and there really was nothing in the situation to warrant the \$2.00 price. Consequently when the speculators' money gave out there was nothing to hold the market up. General bid to the farmers in Michigan today \$1.50 and it would be our idea to sell your old wheat on the basis of this price or better within the next thirty days, because the chances are that new wheat at harvest time will probably be selling for 25 cents per bushel under today's market. It was too bad that everybody could not get unloaded at the \$2.00 bid.

RYE—Little prospects of the rye market doing any better on this crop.

CORN—Bad break in corn during March, but we believe that the corn market will hold steady with perhaps a firmer tendency for the next two months.

OATS—Huge supply of last year's crop on hand combined with prospects for another bumper crop of oats makes us believe that the oats market will not advance very far from today's bid.

BEANS—Right now the market is dead dull. We have urged farmers to sell at \$5.50 or better. Believe this a fair price to all.

One-third of all the forest land in the U. S. is in the farm woodlots, showing the need for keeping them up.

BUSINESS NEWS

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POULTRY

EGGS FROM SHEPPARD STRAIN Anconas, Cockerels direct from Sheppard, \$1.50 per 15; \$6 per hundred. C. M. Himebaugh, Lowell, Mich. 4-26-25

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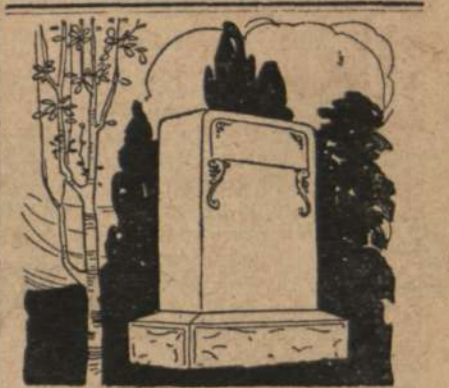
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HIGH YIELDING VARIETIES; CERTIFIED Improved Robust Beans, Wisconsin Pedigree Barley, Fritz Mantey, Fairgrove, Mich. 4-24-25

MISCELLANEOUS

FOR SALE—WHITE COLLIE PUPS. Roy Loberdy, Eau Claire, Mich. R. 3. 4-3-25

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31 x 4	Clincher	13.77	1.95
31 x 4	SS	14.88	1.95

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SIZE	TYPE	CASING	TUBE
34 x 5	SS	\$34.06	\$3.73
32 x 6	SS	48.28	6.28
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31 x 4	SS	14.38	2.34
32	SS	14.38	2.34
33	SS	16.94	2.45
34	SS	17.50	2.56
32 x 4 1/2	SS	21.61	2.78
33	SS	22.17	2.84
34	SS	22.71	2.95
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31 x 4	SS	17.90	2.34
32	SS	19.44	2.40
33	SS	20.39	2.45
34	SS	21.06	2.56
32 x 4 1/2	SS	26.00	2.78
33	SS	26.61	2.84
34	SS	27.23	2.95
30 x 5	SS	30.78	3.40
33	SS	33.23	3.67

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