Merry Christmas! MICHIGAN FARM BUREAUNEWS

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ELECT SAM THOMPSON PRESIDENT OF AMERICAN FARM **Coolidge Pledges Co-ops Aid;** He is Opposed to Price Fixing

FIVE THOUSAND FARM BUREAU FOLKS PACK A. F. B. F. CONVENTION HALL TO **OVERFLOWING TO HEAR PRESIDENT**

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Chief Executive Believes Co-operative Marketing And Use of Farm Loan Credits for Orderly Distribution is Best Way to Handle Farm Surpluses Problem

President Calvin Coolidge made four important statements of administration policy toward agriculture in the address he delivered before the 7th annual meeting of the American Farm Bureau Federation at Chicago, December 7.

He pledged his aid to farmers' co-operative marketing enterprises; he said that he would approve any plan that is economically sound for disposing of agricultural surpluses at satisfactory prices, but is rigidly opposed to putting the government into business, directly or indirectly, which he said amounts to price fixing; he believes that present tariff duties benefit the farmer and should not be revised; he believes that the farm loan banks and other government credits are helping farmers solve their marketing problems and should be developed further.

Five thousand Farm Bureau members were in the new ball room of the Sherman Hotel to hear the address. Thousands of other Farm Bureau members throughout the country heard the address as broadcast by several radio stations. In the convention hall many hailed his address as sound, constructive agricultural policy; others were disappointed in that the President's views on disposition of the American agricultural surpluses failed to agree with their views on the subject.

A Notable Occasion The occasion was a notable one in the annals of American agriculture. BAL TABARIN ROOM President of the United States left Washington on the eve of Congress assembling and made a flying trip to Chicago for the sole purpose of addressing the American Farm Bureau, and through it the farmers

AN UNUSUAL PLACE

Mrs. Coolidge Entertained at 101/2 tons. There; Mannikins Were

COOLIDGE OPENS CONVENTION AMID STIRRING SCENES

7,000 Pulses Beat Quicker As Nation's Chief Executive Sounds Keynote

FLAGS, MUSIC FEATURE Speech Broadcasted From 7 Stations, Printed From

Coast to Coast Monday morning, December 7, at xactly eleven o'clock, came one of the crowning moments in the life of the American Farm Bureau Federation. The occasion was the opening of the seventh annual convention. Five thousand farmers, representing 40 or more states, were packed closely together with some 2,000

distinguished visitors. The great NEW PRESIDENT distinguished visitors. The great Hotel was packed. The gallery was packed. The lobbies and rooms opening off the Grand Ball Room, were packed. Two hundred Michigan Farm Bureau members had splendid seats on the main floor. Two hundred newspaper men and

everal motion picture cameramen Started on 80 A. Near Quincy vere crowded around the speaker platform and in the press section. pattery of four microphones was in front of the radio announcer who

was cheerily painting a word picture of the scene to the hundreds of Chicago; WOC, Davenport, Iowa; WCCO, Minneapolis, Minnesota; was the youngest of five children, KDKA, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. three girls and two boys. He grew to

Two telegraph instruments were softly ticking out the stories to thousands of newspapers in all corners of the land. **Applause Greets President**

At the age of 26 he and Miss Lem-Away up in the north end of the mie Dickhut were married. The he B & O station at 3,000; The Chi- large American flag hung suspend- farm at \$75 per acre, going in debt rago Evening Post estimated the to- ed just above the speaker's stand. for the entire amount. On this farm tal weight of "cops" on guard there By its side was another flag pole there were born to the Thompsons with a flag carefully furled around seven children, four boys and three for a farm export corporation "not involving government

SAM H. THOMPSON

OF A. F. B. F. CAME

III.; Helped Build Farm

Bureau

manhood on this farm and received

until he was 21 years old.

UP FROM RANKS



AND STRENGTHENED THE ORGANIZATION Three National Farm Bureau Leaders Before the

Our Program Is One Of Self-Help And Good Will To All

ISSUED SEMI-MONTHLY

Convention in Thrilling Contest, Which is Featured by Fine Spirit of Fair Play; Thompson Wins on 8th Ballot

Sam H. Thompson, president of the Illinois Agricultural Association, which is the Farm Bureau in that State, was elected president of the American Farm Bureau at the Seventh Annual meeting at Chicago, Dec. 7-10, which was attended by about 200 Michigan members.

President Coolidge's address to 5,000 Farm Bureau folks on the first day of the convention and the election of Mr. Thompson to the presidency of the Federation were the two big features of the convention. The last was unduly sensationalized by some of the newspapers as indicating the complete change in the policies of the American Farm Bureau.

Mr. Thompson succeeded O. E. Bradfute of Ohio, who had served three terms as president of the Federation and whose administration during the past year is credited with having brought the American Farm Bureau from a deficit of \$40,000 to a position where it is out of debt and able to report a cash surplus of \$10,000, which is the best position the Federation has been in since 1921.

Candidates Not Far Apart

It was known that Mr. Bradfute would stand for re-election and that Mr. Thompson, a member of the American Farm Sam H. Thompson of Quincy, II- Bureau Board of Directors, would also seek the honor. In thousands of listeners, who were linois, president of the Illinois Ag- this regard, it was said that Mr. Thompson was a strong suptuned in on KYW, Chicago: WLS. ricultural Association, was born Au-Chicago: WGN, Chicago: WMAQ. must 18 1862 on a 40 sore farm in porter of a plan for a federal law to create a farm export corgust 18, 1863, on a 40-acre farm in poration to dispose of American farm surpluses and thus Gilmer township, near Quincy. He increase our domestic prices. It was also said that Mr. Brad-

fute was opposed to any farm export corporation plan. In his annual address to the delegates, Mr. Bradfute pointhis education in the public schools ed out that there was a great deal of discussion on the subject and that he hoped the convention would come to a unanimous opinion on the matter and whatever that opinion was, he room an orchestra was playing. A same year he bought an 80-acre pledged his administration to carry it out. Mr. Bradfute pointed out the dangers of governmental price fixing, as did Mr. Thompson's friends in the resolution which they offered



BUREAU'S GUEST

PRES. CALVIN COOLIDGE



President Coolidge wore the only ilk hat. Pres. Bradfute and the hree other Farm Bureau leaders who greeted the President at the rain stuck to their regular head-

Watchers estimated the crowd at

the pole, and just at eleven o'clock girls. Five are now married and subsidy. there came a whisper, came a cran- living on farms in the neighborhood of the H News has heard from a number of ing of necks, the orchestra burst in-of their father and grandfather. Two olks who heard the President over to "Hail to the Chief," the entire of the children live at home, the son were candidates for president and were offered as such on The luncheon given Mrs. Coolidge the radio. His mother, at Oil City, audience rose as one, applause deaf youngest having graduated from the by the ladies of the Farm Bureau Pa., picked it up from station KDKA eningly rolled through the room Agricultural College at the Univerand Calvin Coolidge, President of sity of Illinois last year. (Continued on page 3) (Continued on page 2) (Continued on page 2)

the time he arrived until he departed six hours later. The cordiality of the Farm Bureau reception delighted him.

throughout the country. His recep-

President Coolidge's address to the Sherman hotel. hand, the President said:

Nearing Pre-War Level

improvement, we cannot that any bit. Some dance together, but appear to converse; a lady fans her-where, and in too many instances self; a gentleman gravely bows, and

Opposes Artificial Aids

the purpose of increasing prices.

this has been sought, though put for- the box and down come the pupward chiefly as an emergency meas- pets. Fine black cords, almost inment would directly or indirectly fix motions. prices or engage in buying and sell-Coolidge and her party during the ing farm produce. This would be a emergency is not so acute, it seems at present to have lost much of its support.

"No matter how it is disguised, the moment the government engages in buying and selling, by that act it is fixing prices.

"Morover, it would apparently destroy co-operative associa-tions and all other marketing machinery, for no one can compete with the government.

dependence which the farmers of stage to carry on his act. this country enjoy as a result of centuries of struggle, and prevent (Continued on page 2)

Amusing

Following is the main body of was in the Bal Tabarin room of the Pittsburgh, very clear.

Farm Bureau, which includes the The Bal Tabarin is a vast room on message that he wished to lay be- the eighth floor, ordinarily a smart fore the farmers. His introduction cabaret. The ceiling is draped from has been omitted. This section of the center to the walls in such a the address starts at the point where fashion as to suggest a great tent; he reached the heart of his subject perhaps that is what Bal Tabarin and continues through to the end. means. The "tent roof" is made of Regarding the present situation in broad stripes of dark blue and tan agriculture and the problems at drapery. The place is peculiarly lighted with amber and yellow lights.

"The tendency appears to be to bring agriculture as a whole back to the Bal Tabarin, perhaps, is the decthe same relative economic position oration by Tony Sarg, the famous that it occupied before the war, creator of the marionettes bearing While general production, prices, and his name. All around the room are living conditions on the farm are little lighted niches or booths in the improving, there is little ground for walls, high enough so that one has fear that agriculture is becoming de- to look up to them. In each of these cadent; yet some areas are still de- niches are two little dolls or mariopressed; debts and taxes still remain, nettes-about 18 inches in height. "Although it is gratifying to know Usually in couples. Some are Colthat farm conditions as a whole are onial squires and their ladies; there encouraging, yet we ought not to are clowns, pirates and others cease our efforts for their constant These little automatons operate mecease our enorts for their constant improvement. We cannot claim that they have reached perfection any

so on. In the center of the room hangs "Various suggestions of artificial a mysterious looking, oddly decorrelief have been made. Production ated box of considerable size. Its has been ample, but prices compared bottom is 15 feet from the floor. with the war era have been very From this box Tony Sarg, ventrilomuch reduced, although they are quist, or his equally gifted assistnow considerably improved. The ants, operate their puppets in the proposals made have, therefore, had the nurpose of increasing prices. tertainment feature of the Bal Ta-"One of the methods by which barin. A table stage is run under

ure as I understand from its pro- visible, enable the operators to ponents, was to have corporations move their puppets about the stage. organized through which the govern- They go through the most life-like

dangerous undertaking, and, as the luncheon. At the opening of the show, one grotesque little doll turned to the other and said:

"You must work very hard today and do your very best.'

"How's that?" "Why, Mrs. Coolidge is with us today. Don't you see her over

there?' "Is that so? Well,-!" And the second little doll turned to Mrs. Coolidge and laid his hand on his neart and bowed very low.

Mrs. Coolidge laughed and waved to the mannikin, who bowed again "Ultimately it would end the in- and scampered to the center of the

Concentration and facilities for the exercise of their own judgment grading to meet the various packer and control in cultivating their land requirements means the top price and a satisfied customer.

Where Farm Bureau Convention Was Held HOTEL SHERMAN, CHICAGO



As had been expected, both Mr. Bradfute and Mr. Thomptheir records of service in the Farm Bureau. Mr. E. O. O'Neal, of Alabama, vice-president of the American Farm. Bureau was also a candidate.

For seven ballots Mr. Thompson and Mr. Bradfute ran about even, with Mr. O'Neal having less than half the votes commanded by his rivals. On the eighth ballot, Mr. O'Neal released his votes and enough of them went to Mr. Thompson to elect him as Farm Bureau President for the next two years. The Bradfute men promptly made the election unanimous and pledged their support to whatever program should be developed later on the adoption of resolutions.

CASS CO. BUREAU **HOLDS A ROUSING ANNUAL MEETING**

County Farm Bureau is a going cor- be seated, as it developed that he cern was demonstrated by the inter- was there in good faith and that est in the annual meeting held here his unfortunate position was due to Dec. 10. The year's activities were his failure as an alternate delegate reviewed, officers and delegates to have himself registered when the elected and future plans discussed. regular delegate had to leave the State Sec'ý C. L. Brody addressed city. This brought a storm of apthe meeting.

auto license plate for the life of the tire meeting. No log rolling or sharp car and a three cent gas tax to make practices were engaged in. up the difference in revenues; a re-form in Cass county roadbuilding so Bradfute appeared on the same platthat not more than 80 per cent of form for the adoption of resolutions. the contract price be paid before the At that time Mr. Bradfute thanked engineer's final estimate is filed. the membership for its support and

for his interest in agriculture and be accorded Mr. Thompson. tor his interest in agriculture and his address to the American Farm Bureau; State and National Farm Bureau officials were commended for their direction of Farm Bureau work. Appreciation of the need of a strongly organized agriculture was federal law creating a farmers' exexpressed; the county agricultural port corporation, which Mr. Thompagent's work, Cass county's partici-pation in the coming volunteer mem-Mr. Bradfute had said that the bership campaign and the State Farm Bureau's legislative work were tion would be glad to carrry out any endorsed.

At the election of officers, J. C Burgener, LaGrange and Paul H Savage, Marcellus, were chosen to succeed themselves as President and Sec'y-Treas, respectively. J. W Phillips of Pokagon was elected Vice-President. Roy D. Ward of Do-wagiac was re-elected director for a term of three years and D. Elbert Harvey of Porter was elected direct tor for a like term to succeed Ray

resent Cass county at the State the convention, the resolutions, meeting in Lansing, Feb. 4 and 5. some of the addresses, and other Delegates-John Finley, Rober Burns, Frank Fitzgerald, R. C while meeting are reported else-

+ The contest was keen between Mr. Bradfute and Mr. Thompson, but without bitterness or any unpleasantness. In fact, on the first ballot, before any strength had been shown, it developed as the ballots were being counted that one voting delegate, almost certainly a Bradfute man, had not been properly seated. The man who nominated Mr.

Cassopolis, Dec. 11-That the Cass Thompson moved that the delegate plause and indicated the spirit of

Resolutions adopted favored one fairness that characterized the en-

Pres. Coolidge was commended asked that the same loyalty and help

policy on the subject that would At the election of officers, J. C. represent the will of the convention.

The following were chosen to rep reception at Chicago, descriptions of Whitenight and D. Elbert Harvey. where in 'his issue of the News,

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Side Lights On Visit Made By President line. (Continued from page 1) Accompanying the President and Mrs. Coolidge were Col. S. A. Che-

Everet Sanders, his secretary, secret service men, and a small army of Washington newspapermen. At the Sherman, Mr. Coolidge turn to Washington without it. placed on a sound and independent

the height of the Washington monu- tended. ment. On a clear night it will be visible for 60 miles.

greet farmers."

cago Herald and Examiner: ~ / ana," boomed Capt. Adolphus, An- tickled the delegates half to death

Coolidge to Aid Co-ops; prices, and result in much lower standards of living on our farms. Some Detailed Assistance

Opposes Price Fixing (Continued from page 1) and marketing their produce.

"Government control can, not be divorced from political control. The overwhelming interest of the consumer, not the smaller interest of the producer, would be sure to dominate in the end.

Assures Overproduction

plete collapse. However attractive and qualities, some of which do not this proposal was at first thought, show the same differences.

farmers.

guarantee success. They are oppos- those of foreign countries. ed to submitting themselves to the control of a great government bu-

reaucracy. They prefer the sound policy of maintaining their freedom and their own initiative as individuals, or to limit them only as they voluntarily form group associations. They do not wish to put the government into the farming business.

farmer. If this should be a fact, it system, national and state.

Honse naval aide who headed the the last year or two, with better commerce, and agriculture can in-

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The President mislaid his over- marketing effected through co-oper- lead industry in future prosperity. coat at the Sherman and had to re- ative action, agriculture could be

pressed a button that illuminated What a furore until it was found basis. While the government ought for the first time the 568 foot tow- and dispatched to Washington! Not not to undertake to control or direct. er of the Methodist temple, a few long ago someone stole one of his it should supplement and assist all doors south 'on Clark street. It' is pet overcoats at a function he at- efforts in this direction.

"The leaders in the co-operative 1 Contration movement, with the advice of the -+--The slippery ballroom floor, thou- department of agriculture, have pre-

sands of small folding chairs and pared what is believed to be an ade-Introducing the President before unfamiliarity with the same brought quate bill embodying these principles his address, Mr. Bradfute ,said, inevitable results. Shift the weight which will be presented to the con Never before in our history has a toward the front of the seat and it gress for enactment. I PROPOSE chief executive made such a trip to was all off. Wham !-- on the floor. ACTIVELY AND ENERGETICAL-During the President's address two LY TO ASSIST THE FARMERS TO Michigan delegates either fell off or PROMOTE THEIR WELFARE

Introduction of the Farm Bureau were knocked off their seats by the THROUGH CO-OPERATIVE women to Mrs. Coolidge went some- President's eloquence. Throughout MARKETING. Would Find Markets thing like this, according to the Chi- the day frequent Thr-r-rumphs! told the downfall of unfortunate riders. "Mrs. McGinnis....Miss Knowles Next day regular chairs were on the of Iowa.....Mrs. Sewall of Indi-job. The above Prince of Wales acts

"It has been thought that pro

assistance, of the government in its inhabitants into an intimate and meeting the problem of surplus pro- true relation to nature, where they duction. Through consultation and can live in harmony with the great conference the best experts of the purpose.

country would be employed as the needs require and methods of stor- and independence, of religious conage, credit, and marketing would be victions and abiding character. In its devised.

AND IN THE ADD. WITH AND THE BOA

tion of the great organizations of the of human progress." departments, of agriculture, com-

merce, and federal banking. Their Coolidge Opens Meeting representatives at home and abroad "I am reliably informed that the secretary of agriculture of a for-eign power has recently fixed the wages of farm tabor in his country wages of farm tabor in his country would be engaged in locating and principle that it is helping the farm- Federation, and E. A. O'Neal, vice er to help himself. Already the co-president of the American Farm Buoperative effort in raisins and other reau Federation, came down the cess by adopting this plan.

Face Many Difficulties

underestimate the difficulties under Bradfute. There were also on the which the farmers labor. They are platform, Governor Small of Illinois, entitled to all the sympathy and help Mayor Dever, of Chicago; E. A. which the government can give them. O'Neal, vice-president of the A. I But I feel they are also entitled to B. F.; Everet Sanders, secretary to consider the encouraging features of the President; and military aides of

We are all consumers of food. The President of the United States now more prosperous we become, the swung down side by side with the more we consume of the higher Stars and Stripes.

priced products. In the past, farm As the presidential party arrangprices have always tended to get the ed themselves on the speaker's plat-"If the price fixing and tariff re- better of industrial prices. In the form, the orchestra swung from vision do not seem to be helpful, period from 1820 to 1860 there was "Hail to the Chief" into the strains there are other proposals that do a general rise of all commodities, of the "Star Spangled Banner." As promise improvements. For financ- but farm prices increased about 50 the concluding note of the national ing the farmer we are developing the per cent more than other com- anthem sounded, four great moving

ment into the farming business. "Others have thought that the tariff rates were unfavorable to the farmer. If this should be a fact, it

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drews, the gold-braided White to the hog and potato industries for divisions of industry, transportation, The President, without parley, stepped to the middle of an economwarehouse and storage facilities, and crease by no other method. The ic analysis of the agricultural situa-"Mrs. McGinnis How do you do; a better credit structure, much can percentage of yearly returns upon tion. He made promises. He sounded I am so glad to see you, Miss be done to take care of the ordinary all the property of this country is warnings. What he said was printsee you, Miss be done to take care of the ordinary all the property of this country is warnings. What he said was printlow, but in the aggregate it is a stu- ed in full or in part in practically Mrs. Coolidge were Col. S. A. Che-ney, his military aide; Capt. Adolph-us Andrews, naval aide; Maj. James F. Coupal, personal aide and Everet Sanders, his secretary. every daily newspaper in the land. Significant extracts from this truly remarkable address appear elsewhere in this issue of the News, necessary credit and the orderly ments, agriculture as a whole should

Wealth Not Only Goal

"In all our economic discussions we must remember that we can not stop with the mere acquisition of wealth. The ultimate result to be desired is not the making of money, but the making of people. Industry, thrift, and self-control are not sought because they create wealth, but because they create character, These are the prime product of the farm. We who have seen it, and lived it, we know.

"It is this life that the nation is so solicitous to maintain and improve. It dwells in the open country, among the hills and valleys and "Under the working out of the over the great plains, in the unobprovisions of this bill the farmers structed light of the sun, and under would have the active and energetic the glimmer of the stars. It brings "It has been the life of freedom

past it has made and saved America "The agencies created would have and helped rescue the world. In its at their disposal the active co-opera- future it holds the supreme promise

Amid Stirring Scenes

products has met with marked suc- aisle and took his place in the center of the speaker's platform. Or

the right of the President was Mrs "It would be a great mistake to Coolidge; on the left was President the President and secret service

"Human nature is on their side. men. The great blue flag of , the

farm loan and intermediate credit modifies. banks. These have put out about "After the civil war, from the 70's eramen snapped shutters, motion

Farmers' co-operative organizaions in South Dakota last year marketed about \$32,000,000 worth of farm products.

There are more than 52,000 cooperative societies in Germany, which includes producers', consumers' and credit societies.

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tection does not help agricultural products. Any study of dairy products, flax, wool, and the many other commodities, will demonstrate that it does. Even wheat, where we are exporters, shows its effect. If we take Buffalo, to secure a point of common contact, American No. 1 "I am reliably informed that the dark northern is 25 cents to 35 cents

wheat for future delivery in Chicago has been usually as high as future

"The government price is not al- deliveries in Liverpool, although the ways a high price. Unless we fix difference in freight is about 20 corresponding prices for other com- cents a bushel, which means that our modities, a high fixed price for agri- wheat is now about that much above culture would simply stimulate over- world price levels, The question is production that would end in com- complicated with different grades

careful consideration of it has led to "But the largest benefits accruing

much opposition on the part of the to the farmer come from supplying him with home markets. What the

"They realize that even the United farmer raises must either be sold at their situation. States government is not strong home or sent abroad. Our per capita enough, either directly or indirectly, consumption of butter, sugar, meats, to fix prices which would constantly eggs, milk, and tobacco is far above

Cites Farm Loan Banks

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O. E. BRADFUTE	Bureau Federation President

WE CAN TAKE PRIDE IN THIS RECOGNITION

Thousands of Farm Bureau members attending the convention got a better idea of the high standing and influence of the Farm Bureau than they ever had before by just observing the importance that the present administration, at Washington, the Chicago newspapers and press in general and the business world attached to the Farm Bureau meeting and the decisions made there.

President Coolidge believed it a most opportune time to get his agricultural views before the country and traveled 2,000. miles to speak forty minutes to the American Farm Bureau Federation.

The American press sent more than 150 of its best men to cover the President's address and get the viewpoint of the Farm Bureau Federation. Many of these writers staid throughout the convention.

For five days the Farm Bureau convention proceedings, including the coming of the President and his address, the eleetion of American Farm Bureau officers, the convention speakers and resolutions, occupied leading positions on the first pages of all the Chicago newspapers. Oftentimes the Farm Bureau article was played up as the leading article of the day. A total of hundreds of columns of Farm Bureau convention news and convention pictures were printed in the Chicago papers during the five days. The press throughout the nation was much interested and published quite complete reports of the Farm Bureau proceedings.

The business world was interested. It sent its best men to speak on electricity, transportation, advertising, life insurance, fire prevention, and other subjects. It looked to the Farm Bureau convention to find out what the nation's farmers want along the above lines.

The Farm Bureau member at the Chicago convention had good reason to take pride in the high position that his organization occupies in the public mind. The attention given it by the administration, by the press of Chicago and elsewhere, and by business is the most sincere and expressive appreciation of the power of Farm Bureau organized farmers that we have seen. It is that sort of recognition that makes up and going Farm Bureau members' smile a little broader and strengthens their determination to dig in and make the organization a little better and a little stronger so that we may keep forging ahead.

During the four years of its op Can't everybody hold a public sale privilege of coming in to compete "The most important development eration the Burley Tobacco Growers to get rid of extra stock. But any- with our own farm production. If of late years has been the co-opera-Co-operative Association of Ken-tucky has handled about 33,000,000 what they've got to sell through the they would no doubt greatly increase information furnished by the departpounds of tobacco.

ought to be corrected. Let us examine our imports. Last year their gross value was \$3,610,000,000, but \$2,080,000,000, or 57.6 per cent, came in wholly free of duty. This free list was constructed especially to favor the farmer, and contains more than 50 articles which he pur-chases, like fertilizer, leather harnesses, farm machinery, coffee, binder twine, barbed wire, and gasoline.

These Pay Duty "Of the \$1,530,000,000 of goods paying imports, \$780,000,000 was in agricultural products, levied solely to protect the farmer, including animal and dairy products, grain, flax, wool, ugar, nuts, citrus fruits, and many others. Thus 80 per cent of our imports either come in free or pay a duty to protect the farmer.

Luxuries Bear Burden

"This must be further increased uxuries like diamonds, fine rugs, silks, cut glass, jewelry, and maper cent which are either free, or that they can be spread over a year luxuries, or protected to help the or two without depressing prices. farmer, and leaves only 12 per cent of our imports upon which the agricultural industry pays any part of the tariff.

"But, on the other hand, our industrial and city population pays the tariff on the \$780,000,000 worth of agricultural imports and also participates in the \$500,000,000 worth of imports outside of luxuries. While the farmer pays part of the duties on 12 per cent of our imports which do not benefit them.

Farmers' Burden Lightened "But if we take all that the farmer buys for his household and farm operation and subtract from it articles dutiable to protect the farmer, the free list, and luxuries, we should have left less than 10 per cent of his expenditures. This means that less than 10 per cent of farm purchases are at an increased cost which is adverse to the farmer. Admitting that the price of these purchases is increased by the full amount of the duty, this means that the total adverse cost to the farmer on account of the tariff is only be-

his purchases. How Tariff Works

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cultural produce imported last year almost every farmer in the land. had to pay \$260,000,000 for the "The most important development"

"All of these agencies need to give more informed attention to the bureau of labor statistics, the facilities.

"For a more orderly marketing calculated to secure a better range of prices the co-operative movement promises the greatest success. Already they are handling \$2,500,000,000 of farm produce or nearly one-fifth of the annual production. The disposition of surplus produce has been discussed.

Some Unavoidable Surplus "If by this is meant the constant

needed, it is difficult to conceive of came the terrible world depression by \$250,000,000 more of imported any remedy except reduced production in any such commodity. But there are, of course, accidental surhogany. These items can not affect pluses due to more favorable weaththe prosperity of the farmer. This er conditions, which are unavoidable brings the total of imports up to 88 and which ought to be managed so

> "The initiative of the farmers themselves, with such assistance as can be given them by the government without assuming responsibility for business management, through financing and through the co-operative movement, would appear to be a wise method of solving this problem. Of course, I should be willing to approve any plan that can be devised in accordance with sound economic principles.

"To have agriculture worth anything it must rest on an independent business basis. It can not at the same time be part private business and part government business. I believe the government ought to give it every assistance, but it ought to leave it as the support, the benefit, and the business of the people.

"The interest which the national government takes in agriculture is These must come to the farmmanifest by an appropriation of ers for their food and their raw maabout \$140,000,000 a year, which is terials. While we can produce more, nearly one-fifth of our total ex- the markets for food are increasing tween 2 per cent and 3 per cent of penditure, exclusive of the post- much faster than present farm prooffice, prior to the war. I do not ductivity. The future of agriculneed to recount what is being done ture looks to be exceeding secure.

for education and good roads, for "On the other side, protection is a opening up our waterways, or the great benefit to agriculture as a enormous activities of the depart- manufacturing plants, its far-reachwhole. The \$780,000,000 of agri- ment of agriculture which reach to ing railroad system, its mighty com-

the result of a vast multitude of small increments brought about by long, slow, and laborious toil. Whatever a few individuals may do, the Michigan Farm Bureau News ads. in volume, reduce present farm ment, which was of such great value nation as a whole and its great sub-

"From 1896 to 1913, according to ried out.

A Compliment to Agriculture farm needs. They need more energy index number of farm prices rose in administration. They should be 82 per cent, while that of other equipped to supply not only credit prices rose but 37 per cent. It was but sound business advice, and the this great increase in the price of nounced that the seventh annual farmers to a much better extent food products which brought about reau Federation was in session. Rev. should learn to, use all these the complaint and discussion of the John Timothy Stone, of the Fourth high cost of living, which every one Presbyterian Church of Chicago, will recall became acute about 1911 gave the invocation. And then very and remained a problem of economic briefly President Bradfute introduc adjustment unsolved when the world ed the President of the United States, speaking of the high com-

Impetus of World War

"With the coming of the great conflict an entire transformation took place. The price of all commodities rose and the price of land rose. There was a great temptation to expand. Farmers bought raising of a larger supply than is more land at very high prices. Then which left many involved in great debts and everybody with shrunken land values. Farm produce decreased in price faster than other commodities. These debts and shrunken values still remain as a great burden.

"On top of them are the war taxes which the nation has greatly reduced, but which the local communities still tend to increase.

"It is this burden which is causing distress, but history is again showing signs of repeating itself. In 1921 the price of farm produce reached its low point. According to the department of agriculture, however, the end of this four year period sees the price of farm products substantially increased. Much of the debts and taxes remain, but with the prices now received the present business of farming is very much improved.

the relative trend of prices between farm products and other commodities is of tremendous significance. The surplus lands of the country are exhausted. The industrial population is outstripping the farm population. Manufacturing is expanding. "The real wealth of our country,

> merce, and its agriculture did not Mich. Live Stock Exch. come into being all at once, but is

There came a moment's pause. Then President Bradfute rapped on the stand with his gavel and an-

pliment to American agriculture

when the President of the United

States would journey 2,000 miles

to attend the opening session of the

seventh annual meeting of the farm-

And then for forty minutes that

vast audience attending the conven-

tion, and the still greater unseen au

dience listened as the President o

the United States outlined the posi-

tion of the Federal Government as

it relates to the great agricultural

industry.

President

Denman Said

To the American Farm Bu.

"Live Stock co-ops and their

ers good service, and we are

making it better all the time.

"Through the co-ops farm-

ers are building machinery to

tackle live stock loan problems,

feeder buying service and many

other things. We are getting

accurate live stock market

your next shipment.

at Detroit

Producers' Comm. Ass'n

at East Buffalo

reau at Chicago, Dec. 8:

er's greatest national organization.

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> Chelsea Washtenaw Co .--- Chelsea Ass'n

> > * * * W. R. HARPER & SONS Middleville Kent Co .- South Ass'n

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A great many Michigan dairymen have made outstanding records with Michigan Milkmaker, the 24% protein dairy feed. Its tag tells pound for pound the amounts of the 13 choice milkmaking ingredients in the feed.

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its productive capacity, its great

news and we are telling it to our members in terms they understand."

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DECEMBER, 18, 1925

MICHIGAN FARM BUREAU NEWS

WATER

Favors Lakes to Gulf Plan,

But Balks on Water

Diversion

laws legalizing co-operative market-

Congressional

reforestation during the next ten

Urged enactment of Vestal stand-

package economy for fruit growers

and others; completion and opera-

marine; support and strengthening

Transportation

water power development.

tion to solve them.

should be a trade-marked product tion, which was unanimously adopt-

post rates.

Michigan Men Block O. K. For Lakes to Gulf Water Grab

member.

M. L. Noon



Mississippi Association Wants Water For Proposed Barge Canal

SEEKS A. F. B. F. BACKING Lake Levels Too Low Now: Farm Bureau Protests For Michigan

There is an organization of some 26 middle west and southern states called the Mississippi Valley Ass'n which has among other objects the laudable one of building up a great river transportation system in the central United States through the Mississippi River and its tributaries. At present the Ass'n is off on the wrong foot because its policy has the direct effect of robbing the citizens of one part of the country for the advantage of the citizens in the confines of its river system. It is seeking practically unlimited diversion of water from Lake Michigan through the Chicago' drainage canal for the purpose of supplying enough water to operate its proposed barge canal system to the Gulf of Mexico. Chi- igan: cago is now taking more than 10,000 cubic feet of water per second, twice as much as she is entitled to under War Dep't ruling, with the result that Michigan's harbors are being ruined and that the lowering of the lake levels is causing Michigan prop-

erty owners great loss. To get public support for the legalization of Chicago's theft of water from Lake Michigan and to get at the annual meeting Dec. 7:

"Resolved, That the Lakes to the Gulf Waterway today is nearest completion of all our transcontinental water routes, as regards depth and width of channel. But without water in quantity sufficient to fill the channel, navigation will be perpetually hindered. Therefore, we submit that the use for navigation purposes of adequate diversion of water from Lake Michigan is indispensably necessary.'

When the resolution was read, When the resolution was read, storn intrigeness living near Lake Vice-President M. B. McPherson of to the citizens living near Lake order the annual meeting of the dorsed Great Lakes and St. Lawthe Michigan State Farm Bureau rose and said: "I move that that resolution be which says it represents 26 states.

would protest a resolution approving ident suffered no loss of any kind. further diversion of water from Lake In public affairs, Mr. Thompson has Michigan. The resolution was re- had wide experience, first in his ferred to the national board of di- township and county affairs; second, ectors, of which President Noon is as a public legislator in the Agriculural Ass'n and the A. F. B. F. where

At its session next day, we are he has had direct experience in state BLOCKS dvised by Mr. Noon, the national and national agricultural problems. board of directors decided not to commit the American Farm Bureau

al board



Noon address Benefits Consumer as ed the nation-Well as Producer pointing ou

theseriou damage which has resulted practical demonstration of the value

to Michigan of standardized, trade-marked farm farmers, say products and co-operative marketing ng that our fruit industry is de ever presented anywhere was that pendent upon the lakes for much of staged by the Marketing Department ing, and others. The 1925 resoluts market transportation, and that damage of this sort gets much worse of the American Farm Bureau Fed- tions: as it goes along and is almost ir. eration at the recent national con-

reparable. Mr. Noon said that the vention at Chicago. Michigan Farm Bureau is friendly to When the President of the United live stock markets; asked federal the Lakes to Gulf Waterway itself States came to Chicago to open the law to prevent importation of Italibut not to further diversion of water essions of the American Farm Bu- an and other unadapted clover and

from a co-operative marketing asso- ed.

siation. Mrs. Coolidge, who dined

On the day following the presi-

dential visit, some 300 Farm Bureau

members partook of a banquet at

ed, co-operatively marketed products

were served. It was a meal fit for

a king-and for the President of the

which more of the same standardiz- years.

ON SECURE BASIS

Elevator Exchange and Farm

Bureau Services Lauded

By Manager

que bill of fare.

from Lake Michigan. reau Federation Convention, it was alfalfa seed and authorization for In its annual report, th arranged that he should have lunch- U. S. Dep't of Agriculture to dye Mississippi Valley Ass'n had this to eon with the presidents and secre- all imported seed except the Canadisay about diversion from Lake Michand that every article on the menu a strong backer of this last resolu-

"The Valley Ass'n has supported with all its influence the diversion from Lake Michigan of the 10,000 cubic feet of water per second (twice as much as the law allows-editor) so much needed for navigation and sanitation purposes in the Lakes to Gulf Waterway. The campaign now

being conducted against the city of Chicago by selfish interests which seek to secure this water for private as much more as the Valley Ass'n exploitation and gain must be exneeds to provide a 9 foot draught to posed and its real authors dragged the Gulf, the following resolution into the pitiless light of full public-United States and the First Lady of came before the delegates of the fty. When this is done we predict American Farm Bureau Federation that the Lake states and cities which the Land. have supported this campaign wil **OWOSSO CO-OP IS**

reverse their position.' Here is the Valley Ass'n's resolution on the subject, adopted at its annual meeting:

"Resolved, that this Ass'n advoeates and urges the passage of legislation by Congress that will legal ize the right to divert sufficient water from Lake Michigan for navigation purposes in the Illinois and Mississippi rivers." Observe that no consideration is

given navigation or property rights Owosso, Dec. 16 .- In calling to portant to farmers to the finish; en- set about in an attempt to correct This plan has been modified and



Backs Blow at Imported 1,918,480 lbs." Seeds; Asks Staining Enough French clover seed to sow Measure

310,191 acres to a doubtful future was dumped onto the docks at New York during the period between Nov. GRAB 23 and Dec. 12.

hicago. Nine ocean liners unloaded 14,771 Milwaukee bags of red clover, mostly from The above figures total 9,088 bags Havre, France. Each bag containor mid-west states farmers, or ed an average of 210 Ibs. of seed, 1,918,480 lbs.,-nearly TWO MILor a grand total of 3,101,910 lbs. of LION POUNDS of doubtful clover seed that is ill adapted to the cliseed. Enough to sow 191,848 acres. Resolutions adopted at the 7th mate of the northern United States.

nnual meeting of the American It would plant 310,191 acres solid Farm Bureau at Chicago, Dec. 8-9, with French seed. This is the inforare a very good summary of the mation received by the Michigan farm problems before us and a splen- Farm Bureau Seed Service and other Shown That Co-op Marketing did text on the need for organiza- Farm Bureau states in the co-operative Federated Seed Service.

Some of the resolutions are on The State agricultural colleges matters that have been before the point to their tests of French red Farm Bureau for several years and clover as they tell us that it is of are in various stages of realization. doubtful value, that it will winter Probably the most convincing and Some are new and have taken place kill probably 33%, that it is susin the program formerly held by ceptible to diseases which domestic other porjects which have been real- clovers resist, and that the second ized-such as federal control over cutting of French red clover is usualthe packers and stockyards, national ly negligible.

tic seed as a profitable filler. No should be and what their planters Asked U. S. live stock manket one can tell the difference between paid for. This before the seed is in news for Buffalo and other eastern domestic and French seed, but the the ground. resulting crop tells a story to those

who know how to read it. Are Michigan farmers likely to get ments from Neighbor France are any of this French seed? Let's see powerfully heavy.

taries of the State Farm Bureaus and secret an imported seed except the Canadi-taries of the State Farm Bureaus and The Michigan Farm Bureau was and that every article on the menu a strong backer of this last resolu-Where It Stands Today

He Urges Delegates to Annual Meeting

enough to sow 46,891 acres, the grand total of French seed imported o date through the port of NEW YORK alone for 1926, is 17,004 bags or 3,570,820 lbs., or enough to plant

to directly from the docks at New

York. The following number of sacks

of 210 lbs. each was shipped to these

Crawfordsville, Ind.,..... 800 bags

The FARM BUREAU NEWS has

been keeping track of the imports of

French clover seed at the port of New

York for the 1926 season, which may

or may not be receiving all the seed

mports. With 2,223 bags previously

reported, which is 468,910 lbs.

.3,563 bags

400 bags

200 bags

200 bags

2;125 bags

1,800 bags

points for further distribution:

Toledo

Ft. Wayne, Ind

igonier, Ind.

Richmond, Ind.

357,082 acres to solid trouble. If the above seed is blended half and half with good native seed, more French red clover is not sold as than SEVEN HUNDRED THOUS-French red clover. Not by a jug- AND ACRES of clover seedings will full. It is blended with good domes- be nearly 50% less than what they

> We note that no Italian seed is being shipped as such. But ship-

> > forward from time to time and then defending that position? The biggest and oldest business in the coun-

try might well be more assertive. The Problem of Surplus

suggested within the last few years under their supervision, including Following is a short summary of ard containers bill as a matter of Pres. Bradfute's annual address to for the solution of some of the dif- the Boys' and Girls' Club work and the American Farm Bureau Federaficult problems in agriculture. Un- Home Demonstration activities. I tion, given Dec. 8, at Chicago. Mr. doubtedly one of the most difficult need hardly urge that our hearty tion of Muscle Shoals nitrates and Bradfute's analysis of the Farm of our unsolved problems is that of good will and earnest co-operation power project in interests of farm- Bureau of today and his suggestions the surplusage of many farm com- in all these activities should be coners; passage of truth-in-fabrics leg- for a future program were well reand must, therefore, find a market is a vital and necessary part of Farm . "When I came into the office as of U. S. crop reporting service; strict President three years ago, I found in other countries and is forced in- Bureau work and should be given enforcement of federal nursery the organization confronted with a

to competition where it brings a every encouragement. stock and plant quarantine to keep debt of \$47,418.46. Our assets were price much below the cost of pro-"Let me emphasize the necessity foreign plant diseases and pests out a lot of good will on the part of a duction in America. Plans for a of the greater attention to the soof this country; federal interest in number of the states; several thou- remedy of this situation have been cial side of country life and more suggested from many sources. Many genuine fellowship with our neighsands of dollars of unpaid duesand a financial system in vogue that believe that national legislation may bors. We cannot afford to over-Transportation Pledged American Farm Bureau gave no definite promise of suffici-provide the chief corrective, of look the spiritual phases of country to stay in Hoch-Smith rate case and ent funds to assure payment of any which the so-called McNary-Haugen life. other transportation matters im- definite undertaking. So we early plan has had the most discussion.

would earnestly recommend that the matter be placed in the hands of a special committee which will further study it, and that for the time being this entire matter be referred to that ommittee

THREE

Transportation Problem

"Transportation is one of the nost important things pertaining to both production and marketing of farm products, and it must be both efficient and at the least possible cost. A successful agriculture in the United States requires not only a complete system of highways and railroads, but also a complete system of inland waterways, Agriculture cannot stand any increased transportation charges, but should have reductions. The American Farm Bureau Federation has gone into that fight to stay until we have a successful finish.

Fertilizer Economy

"We should insist that provision e made for the use of some of our great power producing rivers, like the Tennessee at Muscle Shoals, devoting them to the manufacture of fertilizers.

Farm Bureau and Taxes

'Taxation is another subject which should have most earnest conideration. The Farm Bureau is so constructed that it should be especially capable of helping to correct many of the serious evils resulting from unequal and unjust taxation. Few people are willing to concede that they pay too little taxes and each one seems quite willing to pass on all he can to his neighbor; yet I believe it is quite universally believed that the farmer is paying more than his just proportion, but as yet little has been done to correct that situation. Much of the farmer's direct taxation is self-imposed and not only arises, but is spent, in his own community.

Many of the bad adjustments in taxation arise. The Farm Bureau should apply itself to the solution of those problems.

Support Educational Work

The American Farm Bureau Federation and its member states have been most loyal in their support of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the State Agricultural Colleges and Experiment Stations, and the Agri-"A number of plans have been cultural Extension work carried on modities above what is needed for tinued and greatly strengthened. consumption in the United States. The Home and Community service



Asked readjustment of postal with women leaders of the Farm rates to around 1924 hasis with spe-Bureau, was feasted on a similar uni- cial attention to lowering parcel Have Aggressive Program, Endorsed McNary-Woodruff bill to provide \$40,000,000 for national

This Needs an Answer

Be Aggressive!

long boasted of their independence,

stricken out. The Chicago drainage canal is already taking twice as



Mr. McPherson was supported by tabled.

was reconsidered for further discus- sociation in 1917, Although he had plenty of room for growth." sion. Replying to charges that moved in to Quincy in 1916 and was Manager Hagan reported good sentatives to work for the early en- hood. matter of treaty between the two in helping the Illinois Agricultural maker dairy ration and Farm Bureau nations, which have agreements on Association get on its feet. Even poultry feeds which he said were



Here are a few samples: agrimotor soviet abreaction hot pursuit cyper rotogravure Air Council askari capital ship mud gun sippio mystery ship irredente Ruthene sterol paravane shoneen Flag Day megabar Red Star Esthonia S. P. boat overhead Blue Cross



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experienced and declared, "We farmmuch water as the War dep't al- New President Came ers should be proud that we have in (Continued from page one)

ply with the law in 80-acre farm was paid for and ad- fair prices." the matter of di- joining land was acquired which en- Manager Hagan reported that the verting water from larged the old home place to 500 assets of the co-op as of December

Lake Michigan. Di- acres. Two of the sons are now farm- 15, were \$18,949.12, while the sur-

m. B. McPhersonnarbors and damag- affairs of his neighborhood, town- dividends. Mr. Hagan declared, "We ability to pay. industries. We see the government ship and county. He was commis- have sold all our grain and beans abandoning our harbors. The condi- sioner for nine years and supervisor through the Elevator Exchange. The time that somebody put a stop to the 50th General Assembly of factory. At least three-quarters of poration: further steals of this kind."

tor. He became an executive com- getting and paying for.

tience through 55 years of his life me waistcoat?"

ence as president of the Broadway Murphy," he exclaimed, "ut's got it Lakes to Gulf resolution: Bank of Quincy. The deposits of on ye have."

bank of which Mr. Thompson is pres- out ut."

Sunday school work up to the pres-

committee.

ent time.

Owosso Farmers' Co-operative Ele- rence waterway; favored continued by the Mississippi Valley Ass'n, vator Co. held here today, president federal aid in development of na- gratifying announcement that we poration plan. Floyd Reynolds commented on the tional highway system of farm to have a net surplus of more than on the part of some of our members good year which the co-op had just market roads.

\$10,000.00. Co-operative Marketing Pledged the Federation to conthis community a farmers' co-opera- tinue to take an active part in pro-

the organization. be extended.

islation; operation of U. S. merchant ceived. Mr. Bradfute said:

General

M. B. McPhersonharbors and damag- taken an active part in the public to the addition of several stock be levied in accordance with the with the least possible cost to the will absorb-a market system can- \$260,000.

Farm Export Corporation tion is getting worse. It's about for six years. In 1916 he was elected service rendered has been very satis-ed on a proposed farm export cor- er states.

"We endorse the enactment of a expected too much of the work to be tion await your instructions. If it is ing. It was back in 1915 that Mr. their competitors'. Today our credit federal law based on the principle done by the state and national or- possible for you to arrive at a unani-President Noon of Michigan and di- Thompson got active in Farm Bu- is good. Our financial condition is of a farmer's export corporation, ganizations and it is my opinion mous opinion on this matter, I earnrectors representing Wisconsin and New York. The resolution was farmers. He was president of the it is time for us to branch out and purpose of so handling the surplus and their local organizations. The definitely fix the duties of the na-try Exchange, 2610 Riopelle St., De-Later on plea of a director from Adams County Farm Bureau and was handle a larger volume of business. of farm crops that the American individual farmer must understand tional organization during the com-Later on plea of a director from Adams County Farm Bureau and was induced anger total of farm crops that the American indicated in so producer may receive an American that he has a real part and a real ing year. If at this time you cannot Exchange? lightning had struck, the resolution tion of the Illinois Agricultural As- rich an agricultural county there is price in the domestic market, and voice in this organization, and that arrive at a unanimous decision, I we instruct our officers and repre- that begins in his own neighbor-

Canada is diverting large amounts of elected president of the Broadway success with poultry shipped to the actment of such a law founded on water from the Lakes, the Michigan Bank of Quincy, which position he Farm Bureau Poultry Exchange at sound economic policy and not in- "The farmers" of America have delegates replied that if so that is a now holds, he gave considerable time Detroit. He lauded Michigan Milk- volving government subsidy." Lakes to Gulf Waterway

but, as a matter of fact, they have The Lakes to Gulf Waterway reso- allowed themselves to become one the subject. They said Michigan though a bank president, he spent marked with plain labels so that lution was opposed by the Michigan of the most dependent of all the weeks out in the country as a solici- the farmer knows just what he is delegation because it insisted on fur- groups. Manufacturers, bankers.

ther diversion of water from Lake railway men and other great groups, mitteeman of the Illinois Agricul- Mr. Middleton, who has had Michigan through the Chicago drain- do not depend upon the other feltural Association representing the charge of the livestock shipping age canal. Chicago is already tak- low to prepare their plans or solve 22nd Congressional district, serving branch of the co-op, said that since ing twice as much as the War De- their problems.

for three years. He was also chair-man of the finance committee. He ary 18, 1925, 51 carloads of stock been given two years to build an ers should organize for defense. was elected president in 1923, which had been handled. Livestock checks adequate sewage disposal plant or That seems to have been the principosition he is holding for his second issued to the farmers during the the U.S. Dep't will put one in. The pal thought with many heretofore, term. He has also been chairman of season amounted to \$97,569.42. All city has taken its case to the U.S. that the only value of organizing the I. A. A. legislative committee this stock was marketed through the supreme court. The lowering of the was for defense. However valuable from the time it was organized. Mr. Michigan Livestock Exchange at De- lakes to date has seriously damaged that may be-it will not get us any-Thompson also helped organize the 'troit or the Producers' Co-operative Michigan shippers and property own- where. Just defending our rights, American Farm Bureau Federation Commission Ass'n at East Buffalo. ers. On motion of M. B. McPherson, means only tagging along behind and was a member of its executive The principal speaker of the after- voting director. at the convention the other groups. Why not organize noon was Stanley M. Powell, assist- from Michigan, this resolution was for offense-why not set up some He was united with the Methodist ant secretary of the Michigan State tabled. Later it was revived on standards of our own, moving them motion of an Illinois director, which ----

showed where the lightning had be perpetually hindered. Therefore struck. Mr. McPherson then suc- we submit that the use, for naviga-It was knocking-off time in an ceeded in having it referred to the tion purposes, of an adequate diver-Irish shipyard, and one of the men A. F. B. F. board of directors, where sion of water from Lake Michigan Mr. Thompson has farming expe- shouted: "Any av you fellows seen we have Pres. Noon of the Michigan is indispensably necessary."

State Farm Bureau, who will look Michigan is not opposed to the on a farm. He has business experi- Pat looked round. "Why, shure, after Michigan's interests. The Lakes to Gulf idea, which is a harge canal proposition, as against the

"The Lakes to Gulf waterway to- ocean going steamers which will opthat bank have doubled since he be- "Begorra, Pat," said Murphy, sol- day is nearest completion of all our erate in the Lakes and St. Lawrence came president and in the recent fi- emnly, "an' so Oi have. An' ut's astranscontinental water routes, as waterway, but Michigan is opposed nancial depression which has hit good job you was noticing the fact, regards depth and width of chan- to further diversion of water from farming communities so hard, the otherwise Ol'd have gone home with- nel. But without water in quantity Lake Michigan or any more than the to fill the channel, navigation will War Dep't allows.

"While there is great enthusiasm for this plan, who very earnestly be**OF SHELBY CO-OP**

Shelby, Dec. 12 .- Two hundred lieve that it is a practical way of "It has always seemed to me that bringing the farmers under the pro- members of the Shelby-New Era Co-Up From the Ranks the elevator where we can get the moting co-operative marketing the Farm Bureau-county, state and tective system of the United States, operative Ass'n attended the annual tective system of the United States, operative Ass'n attended the annual and will thus size anuality for an moting of thet engentration held full market price for our products among farmers; commended U. S. national-has had to spend too and will thus give equality for ag- meeting of that organization held Mr. Thompson engaged in grain every day and where we can get Dep't of Agriculture for its work much money in the attempt to con-riculture with the industries that here today in the Congregational posal plant within and live stock farming and is well pure, dependable, acclimated seed along those lines and urged that the vince our own membership that they are well taken care of by the Protec- church. At the forenoon session, two years and com- known among livestock people. The and other needed farm supplies at co-operative work of the department should continue to be members of tive Tariff, on the other hand, those which was devoted to reports, elecopposing this plan insist that a gov- tion of officers and directors and to "I believe it would be well worth ernment corporation, no matter how other business, Manager O. E. Haw-Endorsed work of county agr'l while to select eight or ten counties soundly built, can never succeed in ley outlined the present condition agents, home demonstration agents in each of a like number of states, the face of an uneconomic produc- of the co-op and compared it with Lake Michigan. Diversion of water by the Chicago drain-age canal is ruin. He was tax collector at 22 years He was tax collector at 22 years the Michigan Elevator Exchange has men's work in the Farm Bureau's taxation membership to be done almost enage canal is full-ing our Michigan of age. Since then he has always now grown to a total of \$850, due policy, which is that taxes should tirely by the farmers themselves commodity than the normal market led during the past year was about

organization, similar to the plans not be devised which will enable the A splendid dinner was served at which have been adopted by Ohio farmer to escape punishment for the noon. In the afternoon County Agent Following is the resolution adopt- and Michigan and perhaps some oth- economic crime of over-production. Carl Hemstreet and Stanley M. "There, gentlemen, is the situa- Powell, assist secretary of the State "I am sure that members have tion. We in the national organiza- Farm Bureau, addressed the meet-

troit, please get in touch with the



For Christmas!

Wedding or other gift occasions, nothing could be finer nor appreciated more than a pair of Farm Bureau virgin wool bed blankets. These beautiful, soft and fluffy bed blankets are offered at very attractive prices. Above is our ALLEGAN blanket, an 80 per cent virgin wool double blanket, 70 x 80 inches, weight about 5 pounds. It comes in grey and white, or blue and white, tan and white, lavender and white, gold and white, rose and white plaid. The checks are about six inches square. A wonderful value at \$10.00. We offer the same colors in our IONIA, in 100 per cent virgin wool, size 72 x 84 at \$13.50. We have nine different blanket values. Write for descriptive pamphlet on blankets, Farm Bureau underwear and hosiery.

Michigan Farm Bureau Fabric Dep't Lansing, Michigan

Episcopal Church when 12 years old Farm Bureau. and has been active in church and

FOUR

VAST MACHINERY TURNS WHEN THE PRESIDENT COMES

His Safety and Comfort Are Assured in Every Detail

CHICAGO TRIP PICTURED

Hotel and Return Planned

for the comfort and safety of the the President and the First Lady of And it must be adjusted to the fine- and to mingle with them for a few ness of a gnat's eyebrow.

The editor of the Farm Bureau News was at A. F. B. F. headquarthe whole program of arrangements. which covered some five closely typewritten pages. The smallest detail was remembered and must be done just so. Here are some of the main points in bringing the President from the B. & O. station to the Sherman Hotel and back to the station again, en route to Washington.

At The Station

First, at the B. & O. the track that the President's special would arrive on was determined, also the exact time. All other trains were to be moved out of the train shed. No un. unauthorized person was to be allowed in those parts of the station to he traversed by the Presidential party. More than 100 policemen, detectives and plain clothesmen were posted in and about the sta-Outside the concourse was roped off to keep the crowd back to a certain distance.

It was arranged that the Presidential party should be greeted by a agricultural conditions on the Presi delegation of four from the American dent's part, and for loyalty and con-Farm Bureau. President and Mrs. servative co-operation on the part Coolidge, Pres. Bradfute and Mr. of our members that we might work walked outside the station to a place our vocation and our nation. The ulwhere 50 newspaper photographers timate result is yet to be known. and motion picture men were wait-They had two minutes to ing. flashlight and otherwise shoot their

To The Sherman Hotel

the auto ride up town to the Sherman. Secret service men had asked

An Hour With Mrs. Coolidge Mrs. Wagar Says First Lady and about 100 officials of the State and National Farm Bureaus-and Of the Land Easily Won the Bal Tabarin room for Mrs. Coolidge and about 60 women connected Their Hearts

with the organization. These invitations came only to By MRS. EDITH M. WAGAR those occupying stated positions and Chairman Farm Bureau Home and the rule was not broken in any way

Community Work There were five Michigan women I am sure the many farm women who received an invitation, and all of Michigan who did not have the attended-Mrs. Noon, Mrs. McPher-Every Step From Station to privilege of attending the annual son and Mrs. Brody, the wives of the Stronger, More Active Farm

Michigan Farm Women Have

meeting of the American Farm Bu- President, Vice-President and Sec'y reau Federation the past week in of the State organization, Mrs Chicago, will be pleased to hear a Louise Campbell as leader of home conomics at the College and myseli report of some parts of it. It was a rare privilege indeed to as chairman of home and communi Vast and complicated machinery farm folks of this nation, to have ty work of our State Farm Bureau.

We received our invitations some President of the United States is the Land come to them with a mes- time in advance and had accepted made to turn when he comes to visit. sage of cheer and encouragement them, and hence all necessary preparation had been made for our parti ipation in this unusual function.

Personally, I was far more interested in the address given by the ters a couple of days in advance of chief executive and its reception by the convention, arranging for Mich- our people than I was with any othigan tickets, and was there when the er factor of their visit, for I knew Mrs. Redford of Missouri, National ous, U. S. secret service men arrived to that upon both hinged the harmony everything ordered previously. The organization. I prayed for correct ineditor observed the working out of formation and clear knowledge of

hours.



When the President Came But there were many other features to this wonderful gathering that will live with some of us for-

ever. We were brought to the reali-Everything was in readiness for zation that it is no common occurrence for a President of our country to make such an effort to be with her girlhood days, about the Presia particular group of his constitu- dent's boyhood home,-about Col. for two high speed cars-capable of ency. Long before their arrival we 70 miles an hour, for themselves. saw crowds gather everywhere along family and showed her interest in so assist in lining up the teams to Two Rolls-Royces were provided for the intended path of travel; we saw nutrition and home conveniences, finish the membership work in the the President, an open car with the hundreds of patrolmen and guards etc. We all regretted the limita- various townships. top down for clear weather and a stationed in their places; we saw tions to her stay with us. closed car for bad weather. Other a great hotel re-arranged to a vast cars were provided for the Presi- meeting place with seats reserved The Menu dent's aides, the Washington news-papermen and others in his party. First, came a car of secret service men. Behind them and abreast came audience in their allotted places in such a short time under such excitseveral automobile loads of detec-the great ballroom and annexes, ing circumstances, but we all found IN BARRY CO tives. Then came the open car with without confusion or delay; we saw President and Mrs. Coolidge, Pres. beautiful, yet simple decorations, Bradfute and Vice-Pres. O'Neal. Sev- and then at last we heard the oreral motorcycle policemen rode on chestra play "Hail to the Chief" and and we enjoyed the delicious meal County Farm Bureau when a defieach side of the President's car. Fol- saw Mr. and Mrs. Coolidge and their of good things provided by co-opera- nite follow-up program will be out each side of the Freshen's tar and and an an and an observe of the Presi-lowing came the rest of the Presi-dential party, Washington newspa-Bureau president, Mr. Bradfute, our nation. The salted nuts were pushed vigorously in the townships The President's trip up town or Dever of Chicago, walk swiftly to we had ever eaten—the breast of Kalamazoo Has (chicken or squab, I am not certain great roar of applause and acclama- I am going to leave the rest of which, could not have been bettertion. The streets were lined with the party at this time and try and the sweet potatoes—the peas—the Bureau boosters' meeting was held. thousands of folks. Other thou- give our women my impression of celery and olives and the salad were attended by representatives from all sands were at the windows of the Mrs. Coolidge and the part she play- simply perfect in quality and in parts of the county. Boys' and Girls great buildings. At one point the air ed while with us. I was particularly preparation-while the ice cream, Club Work was presented by Mr was filled with streamers of ticker interested in the businesslike way shaped and colored like a rose, with A. G. Kettunen, State Club Leader. was filled with streamers of fitted in which she walked up the aisle garnishes of spun syrup, accompani-with the warmth of his reception and how she responded to the cheers that greated them. At the instant that greated them. At the instant that greated them at the orchestre broke into the strains is a something to tempt the most exactly acknowledge the greetings. Mrs. the orchestra broke into the strains ing. A Wonderful Day the music and stood motionless at The secret service men arranged attention until the last note died er to be forgotten. It was filled with tion. Mrs. James Redpath addressed with the Chicago police that the away. Then her smile responded to earnest thought and applied co-op- the gathering in relation to the wo-Presidential party make a left hand the greetings. She listened earnest- eration and with an appreciation of men's part in Farm Bureau work turn at one of the busiest corners of by to the message delivered by the agriculture unknown before, to- Mr. S. P. Sexton, secretary of the the sacred loop district, which was full har president, and once in a while we gether with social privileges never County Farm Bureau, outlined some remarked upon with awe by all the metropolitan newspapers. Hard felt her presence when she allowed dared to be dreamed of, and it all ence. County Farm Bureau, outlined some tended to inspire us to greater en-of the County Farm Bureau. The of-The Michigan ladies connected of- sacrifice to the cause of agricultura! early in the summer, but the mem-At the Sherman, secret service ficially with the Farm Bureau and organization,-towards a closer tie bers present unanimously insisted men arranged that the Randolph Michigan State College were seat-among farm folks for better homes that the next Farm Bureau confered in the front row of the gallery and greater privileges. directly facing the platform. The ad-President's entry. The revolving directly facing the platform. The ad-doors must be taken out. All other directly facing the platform. The ad-vantage of seeing and hearing was just a trifle stronger in his convic-in EATON COUNTY a series

SEVERAL COUNTIES Farm Bureau Members Think the rush of farm work.

Should Also Join

PLAN PROGRAM OF WORK

Bureaus Being Built by Alert Members

It will be recalled that during the Bureau and eleven County Farm Bureaus, the statement was made repeatedly that under the new sysem we not only have a continuous

membership contract, but that there Mrs. Coolidge Mrs. Bradfute, wife of the Ameri- would be a continuous program of an Farm Bureau President, was the Farm Bureau activity and service. official hostess. She was assisted by It was explained that the strenu intensive campaign efforts Farm Bureau Chairman of Home would be followed by still further perfect final details and check up on and peace and future policy of our and Community Committee. As we membership work and that both waited in the lobby of this private State and County Farm Bureau ofdining room, Mrs. Coolidge came in ficials would make an earnest efwith Mrs. Bradfute and Mrs. Red. fort to secure the interest and coford. She was presented to each of operation of the entire membership

the guests, who were then admitted in the development and promotion to the dining room and asked to of a real Farm Bureau program for find their places. A large oval table county and local work in each of had been placed in the center at one these counties.

side, and eight small round tables For those who want to know what is being done about the above promwere arranged in line and on the ises and prophecies, the following opposite side. As we stood at our places, Mrs. Coolidge was escorted brief and very condensed items will to the large table accompanied by prove of interest:

Muskegon Plans 16 Meetings the hostess and other women offi-MUSKEGON COUNTY has lemcially connected with the organizabarked upon a series of sixteen aftion in a national way. The most diffident was made to feel at ease by ternoon meetings. County Agent

Knopf is presenting the extension the winning way of the honored program. County Farm Bureau Sec guest. She won the entire group, retary Van Frank is handling the easily, for we found her very friendmovie outfit and giving suggestions ly, very human and very feminine. along the line of a County Farm Bu-She seemed "just right" at al! times. She arrived from the train in reau program. S. J. Linck, cam-

a long sealskin cloak, which covered paign manager of last summer's an appropriate gown of beige color- drive, is talking organization and ed crepe. She changed her simple helping the various township teams traveling hat to one matching her to make final preparations to clean

gown. We were told she slipped on up uncanvassed territory. Women's a pair of earrings and a gold link work and boys' and girls' work will bracelet before she attended the also have a place on these programs luncheon, which proved to us that Coolidge's military and naval aides together for the common good of she is a real woman with a liking for the things that have always been cherished by the gentler sex. She these gatherings Women's Work will wore a string of amber beads. Her only jewel was a diamond ornament that fastened a drapery of her dress at the left shoulder. She wore a plain yellow gold band wedding ring plans (as in that county this work similar to those worn by many of the ladies present. She talked about Coolidge and his home, about her State organization work, and will al-

MEMBERSHIP WORK be under way in that county as **BEING PUSHED IN** ian be made.

MICHIGAN FARM BUREAU NEWS

That Their Neighbors

1.50. Cash with order. Lawrence, Mich. the matter of the new campaign for the spring of 1926, twenty-two coun-

Do you know there's lots of people Settin' round in every town, Growlin' like a broody chicken Knocking every good thing down? Don't you be that kind of cattle, Cause they ain't no use on earth. You just be a booster rooster, Yow and boost for all you're worth of the Farm Bureau News, are signed and four other counties are parfor these counties are well under way and County Farm Bureau work-If your Bureau needs boostin', boost Don't hold back and wait to see If some other fellow's willin'; Sall right in, the boostin's free. No one's got a mortgage on it. It's just your Bureau, same as his. If your Bureau is shy on boostin', You get in the boostin' biz.

BUSINESS NEWS

LIVE STOCK

WHITTAKER'S RHODE ISLAND RED HITTAKER'S RHODE ISLAND RED tereis will improve your color and uction. Prices range from \$4 for birds from trap-nested Grade A s to \$10 to \$50 for birds pedigreed i our best hers. Remember that In production of your young stock the is half your flock and that a good is cheap, a poor one expensive. Our s are the result of sixteen years care-breeding and are recognized as Michi-s leading strain. Rose and Single bs. Write for price list. Interlakes m. Box B, Lawrence, Mich. 10-15 [791] IN ALLEGAN COUNTY two meet

MAMMOTH FULL BLOODED TOUL ous Geese from the Funks Internation Strain. One and two years old, bo sexes, price \$4.00 each. Mrs. Pearl Hart, East Lansing, Michigan, R. D.

SALESMEN WANTED 'The children won't mind me, mum'

SALESMEN, LOOHING FOR REAL poportunity should write for our proposi-ion. Hustiers make \$50.00 to \$75.00 a week. We furnish outfit and pay cash weekly. Monroe Nursery, T. E. Ilgenfritz Sons Co., Monroe, Michigan. 1-8-26-b6

IF YOU ARE & FARM BUREAU MEM-ber and know how to meet and talk to farmers, you can make \$5.00 or more per day. Write today for my proposi-tion and state previous selling experi-ence. E. S. Cumings, Lock Box 128, Ot-ter Lake, Mich. 2-28-26

MISCELLANEOUS

Dec. 17, 1925: FARMERS, BUSINESS MEN-PRO-ect your personal checks, notes, valuable papers by using Gwin's Acid Proof Ink 'osts less than ordinary ink. Pt. S5c: Ot The Detroit poultry market is firm today, with a good volume of stock coming. Turkeys are scarce, bringing 42c and should go higher. Good roasters are wanted for New Years.

Transcript.

Eggs are coming in freely with white henneries bringing 46-48 cents.

DECEMBER 18, 1925.

"What's the matter there, Mary?"

Well, why should they? I engaged

you to mind the children."---Roston

Detroit Poultry

Market

As given by Mich. Farm Burean

Poultry Exch., 2610 Riopelle street,

	Turkeys, young, No. 1, 8 lbs. up40-4	
	Turkeys, old toms, No. 1	
57	Springs, red, quality	
ALC: N	Springs, leghorn	ī
1	Hens, 4-5 lbs?	0
E.	Hens, leghorn, small, under 4 lbs18-2 Cox	
1	Geese, young	
1	Ducks, small, colored	
	Rabbits, 5 lbs. up	
V.F	Contraction of the second s	

If things just don't go to suit you And the Bureau seems kinder wrong, What's the matter with a boostin' Just to help the cause along. Cause if things should stop agoin' We'd be in a sorry plight. You just keep that horn a-blowin', Poost 'her un with all your might. **Poultry Shippers**

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As your co-op or local dealer for N-C salt Packed in 280 lb. bbls. and in 140, 100, 70, 50, 25 lb. sacks.

Our BIG FOUR stock salt (medicated) is a wonderful tonic, conditioner and worm expeller. SAGINAW SALT PRODUCTS COMPANY Saginaw, Michigan

Uneasy Lies the Head That Wears the Crown

quickly as necessary arrangements Requests have been made to the

State Farm Bureau for more help in the work in IONIA COUNTY. Their membership efforts had to be emporarily discontinued because of

MACOMB COUNTY also expects to add a considerable membership a

campaign work and this will again

little later on. The above brief paragraphs show

that there is activity - all along the line, both in regard to finishing the campaign effort of last summer and continuing further advance work. In

Be a Farm Bureau Booster ties, as announced in the last issue (From Ohio Farm Bureau News)

big membership campaign carried tially arranged for. Prospect lists on last summer by the State Farm and other preliminary arrangements ers and boosters are co-operating

splendidly in these arrangements.

Se a word per insettion for 3 or more insertions: 3% c a word for each of 2 insertions; 4 cents a word for one insertion. Count each word, abbreviation and figure, in-cluding words in signature, as words. Cash must accompany order. Mich. Farm Bureau News.



FOR SALE-WHITE COLLIES, MA ure dogs and pups. Roy Laberdy, Es Maire, Mich. 12-24-

INGLESIDE FARM IS OFFERING 1 Registered yearling Shropshire ewes of the best breeding, being bred to priz winning rams to begin lambing Marc 15, 1926. Price \$30 each if taken as bunch. H. E. Fowell & Son, Ionia, Mich 10-29-

TWO REGISTERED BROWN SWISS buils, ten months. R. H. Pixley, Jackson, R-3, Mich.

POULTRY

through the financial section was one the platform. Coolidge waved happily to the girls of Star Spangled Banner, she faced at the windows.

bolled officers, these Chicago traffic ence. cops.

street entrance be reserved for the doors must stand open. The pass- extremely in our favor. age way to the elevators was roped off. No tables, palms or any other obstruction must be in the path allotted to the President's party. Police uncheons given in their honor gath- possesses. Truly a man can do his crowded with cheering Farm Bureau er and every one else who had any- built above the 23rd floor-300 feet dent; No. 2 for his staff; No. 3 for on duty.

the Washington newspapermen. moved elsewhere the day before. vention must be 47 inches high-Secret Service men picked the Presi- not a quarter of an inch higher or decorated this suite of many rooms, sistence on this point, the Farm Bunew woodwork, new wallpaper, new reau was told. His stand was 47 carpets, special furniture,-a stu- inches in heighth. pendous job for the time available. The President was with the Amer-

No Detail Overlooked

ican Farm Bureau five hours. Ev-Picked bell boys, a special tele- erything he did was timed to the phone system and numerous other minute. He arrived at 9:20 and left phone system and numerous other minute. He arrived at 9:20 and left ments. "It never has been done others. idential party. Every bell boy, ele-briefly on his arrival. Later he in-dens." White House." vator operator, chauffeur, chef, wait- spected the 20 room "White House,"

quarters and those invited to the encouraging and interested wife he ed.

and firemen lined the 150 feet of ered at their respective rooms—the best with such a companion as a co-country for help in membership worker!

tolks. This was 9:20 a. m. Three thing to do with the President's en- above the street. He spoke to the elevators were reserved for the Presi- tertainment had to have the approval Farm Bureau at 11:15 for 40 mindential party; No. 1 for the Presi- of the secret service before he went utes, dined at 12:15 with the Farm

The Luncheons

In SHIAWASSEE COUNTY, there is an urgent desire to renew the

VAN BUREN COUNTY is also pushing the Farm Bureau and extension program. They have a strong

ings a day will be held for eleven

days, besides two other meetings. At

be stressed by Home Demonstration

Agent Miss Amanda Hill, and oth-

ers, County Agent Gregg will tell of

the Farm Bureau extension work

is financed by the County Farm Bu-

reau). H. R. Andre, representing

the Michigan State Farm Bureau,

will talk about the National and

such good dinner companions and conference is being held this week everybody so much like ourselves, between representatives of the Michthat we were at home in no time, igan State Farm Bureau and the

Kalamazoo Has Great Gathering IN KALAMAZOO COUNTY on December 10, an enthusiastic Farm er problem with an exhibit illustrat-

All in all, that day was a day nev- and outlined plans for its prevenergy and truer thought and loyal ficers suggested another meeting ence be held not later than January,

In EATON COUNTY a series of

tions, just a bit more courageous in group meetings will be held precedhis addresses and a little more de- ing the annual County Farm Bu-After the President's address, his 'termined to serve for the good of reau meeting and plans for future party were escorted to their private all when we have seen the smiling, membership work are being arrang-

> work to start immediately after the holidays.

Genesee Sets Example

From GENESEE COUNTY very encouraging reports are still being Bureau Presidents and Secretaries, quarters. The entire membership in received at State Farm Bureau head-Every detail of the visit was sub- rested again for a short time and several of the townships have or-The entire fifth floor of the Sher- ject to specific directions. Even the left the Hotel at 1:45 for the B. & O. ganized themselves into groups and The entire fifth fider of the back is reading stand to hold the President's station, repeating the procedure just have spent several afternoons and The above arrangements meant an and presenting the Farm Bureau evenings calling on their neighbors immense amount of work for A. R. program to them. Many new memdent's suite two days before his ar- lower. Mr. Coolidge is accustomed Simpson, treasurer of the American berships are being signed through dent's suite two days before his in Chi- to having it just that high and can Farm Bureau, and his assistants. It this work. It means a great deal to meant interviews with the railroad the Farm Bureau movement when officials, railroad police, Chicago twenty or twenty-five Farm Bureau police, hotel arrangements, etc. As boosters in a township go out in the President was leaving Mr. Everet groups of seven or eight and thus Sanders, secretary to the President, proclaim their own faith in the complimented the Farm Bureau on movement, for this is the very best its excellent handling of the arrange- urge that can be used to draw in

Next spring, uneasier still will lie the heads of those farmers who wait until planting time, 1926, to get their June clover, and know what they're up against.

Everywhere you have been this fall you have noted that Michigan clover is still in the field. Very little has been threshed. The same condition prevails throughout the clover seed producing states.

TODAY there is a big volume of French, Italian and other imported unsafe clover seed coming into the country. NEXT SPRING AT PLANI-ING TIME, the country again will have millions of pounds of that stuff served up to it. None of it will be labeled foreign seed, you may be sure.

During the past month enough French clover seed has arrived at the port of New York to sow 357,682 acres. Much of this 3,570,820 lbs. of unsafe seed has been shipped to Toledo and other middle west on points. Somebody is going to buy it, thinking it is domestic seed. That's what it was brought here for.

TODAY it is possible to make sure of MICHIGAN ADAPTED, SAFE JUNE CLOVER SEED by placing your order with your co-op and giving the co-op and the Farm Bureau Seed Service a chance to get it for you. Somebody has to get and store this seed until shipping time. Plenty of folks are seeking it.

Michigan adapted, domestic seed may cost you more now than "CLOVER SEED" will next spring. Foreign seed is cheap and there is a profit in "blending" it with domestic seed. The result is a lower priced mixture of good and doubtful seed. It is almost certain to winter kill heavily and is largely susceptible to the diseases which our domestic clovers successfully resist.

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Michigan Farm Bureau Brand clover seeds are domestic, northern origin seeds, collected by the Farm Bureau Seed Service to provide Farm Bureau members Michigan adapted seed of highest quality.

We guarantee their northern origin, purity, germination and vigor to be exactly as represented on the seed tag. We exercise every care in cleaning Farm Bureau seeds to get out all weed seeds and to take out flat, immature or shrunken seed. Farm Bureau field seeds are the best there is to be had. They come to you in trade-marked, sealed, bushel, half bushel and peck sacks, exactly as they leave our warehouse.

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