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SEC'Y BRODY REPORTS ON FARM BUREAU WORK FOR 1924 **M. L. NOON RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT OF** PRESIDENT **MICHIGAN BUREAU'S** SECRETARY

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Seeds

By PROF. J. F. COX

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Michigan Agr'l College Experiment

Station with clover and alfalfa seed

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ring on extensive areas.

Our Farmers

NEW STANDARDS

FARM BUREAU; 7TH ANNUAL MEETING **IS BEST IN ORGANIZATION'S HISTORY**

Bureau's By-Laws Rewritten to Increase Local Representation in State Affairs; Financial Report is Good; C. L. Brody Retained As Secretary-Manager

The seventh annual meeting of the Michigan State Farm Bureau Board of Delegates, held at the M. A. C. Feb. 5-6, was the best in the organization's history.

Important resolutions on state and national legislation, farming, business, co-operative marketing and other matters of interest were adopted, setting forth the Bureau's policy for the coming year. The 1925 legislature now in session watched the meeting with interest for an expression of farmer opinion on many matters now before the legislature. It was not disappointed, for the Farm Bureau took positive stands on many of these matters.

Increase Local Representation

The by-laws were revised with unanimous consent to permit locals and co-ops designated by the County and State Farm Bureaus to become local Farm Bureau units with direct representation in the State Farm Bureau's annual meeting, one delegate for each 100 Farm Bureau members in the unit. This will greatly increase the number of delegates from the various counties, a condition to be desired.

Secretary and Treasurer Brody's annual report showed the HAY GROWERS ARE State Farm Bureau to be in splendid condition. Every department made its way in 1924 and showed a satisfactory surplus. On the day of the annual meeting the State Farm Bureau had some \$34,000 on deposit in Lansing and a net worth of Freight Rate Discrimination \$109,839.36. The Bureau owns a building and real estate in Lansing worth \$75,000 and seed handling and office equipment worth some \$28,000.

The meeting was well attended, probably 400 delegates and members being seated in the room when President Butterfield ers have a freight rate advantage vestigations of the supplies sold to over Michigan hay growers averag- Michigan farmers showed that much of the M. A. C. made a splendid address on the "College Side of Business Co-operation." All measures brought before the shipping to points in southeastern states the nation's hav growers averag-Michigan farmers showed that much of this imported seed was coming into Michigan. On the other hand, naconvention were thoroughly discussed. Everyone had a center. chance to be heard. The attitude of the meeting was to keep its feet on the ground at all times.

All Actions Considered Thoroughly



Pres. M. L. Noon, who was re- markable development which has lected for a second term by the taken place in Michigan and other State Farm Bureau Board of Direc- states in the distribution of known ors when they organized at the close origin adapted seed of high quality. of the Seventh Annual Meeting. Mr. The farmers of Michigan were find-Noon is the director representing the ing alfalfa a highly desirable crop Michigan Milk Producers Ass'n. He when it succeeded, but failures on

s well known to Farm Bureau folks good ground were unusually frethroughout the State. **FACING DISASTER**

Shuts Southern Markets; **Bureau** Acts

Today New York state hay grow- tory yields and no seed crops. Iners have a freight rate advantage vestigations of the supplies sold to states, the nation's hay consuming tive grown clover seed and north-

That explains why Michigan results.

with a crop of 5,100,000 tons, more The Michigan Crop Improvement than one million tons over last year's Association had brought in some great production, is in one mighty 20,000 pounds of northwestern The Resolutions Committee distributed several hundred tight fix. Less than 15 per cent of Grimm alfalfa seed in 1917-1918. It ppies of its report the day before they were to be acted upon, Michigan's enormous hay crop has gave excellent satisfaction. Imthus giving the delegates plenty of time to study them. The discrimination in favor of New York veloped at the Michigan Agricultural been disposed of, and the freight rate proved varieties of other crops desouthern points and bringing much, were in great demand. It was, therefore, most logical that Mr. J. The only possible relief in sight W. Nicolson, extension specialist in interested in a square deal for hay neer manager of the Farm Bureau producing farmers have taken the Seed Department on its establishmatter up with Michigan members in ment. Under Mr. Nicolson's direc-The Board of directors for 1925 Congress, asking them to take steps tion, the distribution of adapted to provide immediate emergency Grimm and northwestern hardy alfreight rate relief. falfa seed reached a total of 1,200,-The Interstate Commerce Commis- 000 pounds in 1924 and approximatesion has a ruling that no rate can be ly 1,500,000 pounds of Michigan permitted to discriminate against an- grown red clover seed of 1923 crop The new by-laws provide an exeother section of the country, and it is was certified by the Crop Improvecutive committee to meet with Farm this chance for relief that the Farm ment Association for the Michigan Bureau officials the months between port of the secretary-manager. In the regular bi-monthly meetings of Bureau and others are working on. Farm Bureau. The demand for high the next edition of the News the full text of the resolutions will be sists of President Noon and two 2 hay \$7 a ton and less and can be compared by the board of all field compared by the board of birectors. This con-sists of President Noon and two 2 hay \$7 a ton and less and can be be all field by the board of birectors. This con-sists of President Noon and two 2 hay \$7 a ton and less and can be and compared by the bardle seed of all field by the bardle seed of all field by the bardle seed of all field by the bardle seed of the bardle seed of all field by the bardle seed of the bardle seed of all field by the bardle seed of the b



Clark L. Brody, secretary-manag-Seed Service When the far sighted Board of er of the Michigan State Farm Bu-Directors of the Michigan Farm Bu- reau, whose report for the year of reau decided some five years ago to 1924 appears in this edition of the establish a Seed Department, it is News. Mr. Brody was re-engaged by loubtful that even these men of agri- the State Farm Bureau Board of Dicultural vision had in mind the re- rectors for 1925.

BUREAU BY-LAWS AMENDED TO GIVE VOICE TO LOCALS

gan and clover failures were occur- Delegates to Annual Meeting Will Come From Local **Bureau** Units

from numerous sources supplying the One of the most important and Michigan market, showed that alfalfa fundamental changes involved in the seed from the southwest and foreign new set of By-laws adopted at the reregions of mild climate, was not cent meeting of the Board of Dele adapted to Michigan, and that red gates of the Michigan State Farm clover seed from Italy and southern France gave failures or unsatisfac-Bureau was that referring to repre sentation at the future annual meetings of the state organization. In the past this representation has come di rectly from the County Farm Bureaus and has been on the basis of one delegate for each 250 paid-up Farm Bureau members or major western alfalfa seed gave dependable fraction thereof in the county.

Under the new By-laws the repthe Board of Delegates will be from AUTOMOBILE CLUB resentation at the annual meeting of local units, rather than from County Farm Bureaus. The language used

ing upon their type of local organ-

community organizations could be-

come local Farm Bureau units when

approved by the County and State

Farm Bureaus. When so approved,

they would be entitled to one repre-

DELEGATES TO 7TH ANNUAL MEETING FIND THEIR ORGANIZATION IN THE BEST SHAPE IT HAS EVER KNOWN

"Make Farming A Business—As Well As An Occupation."

ISSUED SEMI-MONTHLY

Seed and Supplies Services Have Made Good; Gas Tax and Local Tax Reductions Crown Legislative Work; Sec'y Discusses Future of Farm Bureau

The following report of the Michigan State Farm Bureau's business for 1924 was presented to delegates at the Seventh Annual Meeting of the organization at M. A. C. Feb. 5th by Secretary-Manager Clark L. Brody:

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-MANAGER By Clark L. Brody

Progress toward greater efficiency in work started in previous years rather than the launching of entirely new projects has characterized your Michigan State Farm Bureau administration for 1924.

To a large degree, our efforts have been devoted to improving the internal machinery of your organization and better adapting it to the tasks already under way. Adventures into new and uncharted territory have been few and of small magnitude. Such new work as has been attempted has been the normal outgrowth of old projects and the result of attempts to make them better and more serviceable.

The departments established in previous years are sufficiently comprehensive, I believe, so that their continued normal and safe growth will enable your institution to meet the rational needs of the membership, whatever their nature may be. The experience of foregoing years has unmistakably emphasized the necessity of proceeding carefully with new undertakings that may be large and costly, so the Farm Bureau administration policy for the past twelve months has been rather on the side of conservatism, althought by no means unprogressive or reactionary. To a considerable degree the operations of 1924 have been handicapped by the results of experiences hanging over from 1923. The past year's work by itself, however, has without question been the best, most efficient and serviceable of any year in your organization's history.



Legislative Activities The reports of the departmental managers on succeeding pages review the work in detail, so my report will be confined mainly to the more important phases affecting fundamental policies of the Farm Bureau. Owing to the fact that the Legisature did not meet in 1924, the year has been a rather quiet one as far Local Co-ops and other farmers' Final Effort to Delay Gas Tax as legislative activity is concerned. However, we were active on a number of national measures, the most important of which include: Muscle Shoals. Truth-in-Fabrics. Market Reports for the Eastern Live Stock Markets, including

amendments to the State Farm Bureau by-laws were distribut- and eastern shippers bids fair to pre- College and grown under inspection ed in advance, thoroughly explained and discussed Thursday vent Michigan hay from reaching by the Crop Improvement Association evening. Action was then deferred until Friday morning to if anything to the producers. give the delegates plenty of time to study them with respect to their local situations. Friday morning they had several between the east and west. The Mich-of the Michigan Crop Improvement timely amendments on hand, which were adopted with unanimous consent.

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zoo County Has Its Work-

ing Clothes On

Fulton, Feb. 1.-Kalamazoo Coun-

half of oyster shell.

The Resolutions

Both the resolutions and bylaws were adopted section by sec- organized by re-electing M. L. Noon tion with full discussion. The as president, Mr. McPherson as viceresolutions are presented in brief president and Clark L. Brody as in this edition of the News, owing secretary, treasurer and manager. to lack of space occasioned by publishing in full the annual represented. During the next few members elected from the Board of hardly sell it at that figure. issues of the News, the annual re- Directors - Messrs. McPherson and ports of the Farm Bureau Seed, Billings. Supplies, Traffic, Publicity, Fab-

rics, dep'ts, the Poultry Exchange and others will be presented in FULTON ORGANIZES full.

Election of Officers

Friday morning the Board of Delegates came to the election of the New Membership in Kalama-State Board of Directors, with the following results:

The affiliated Commodity Exchanges first named their nominees, who were unanimously confirmed by the delegates. They were: Fred Smith of Elk Rapids, representing ty Farm Bureau members of this vi-the Mich, Potato Growers' Exchange: cinity held an all day meeting here STATE DISCUSSES J. H. O'Mealey of Hudson, represent- yesterday to establish a local for

ing the Mich. Live Stock Exchange; handling Farm Bureau brand seeds M. L. Noon of Jackson, representing and other supplies. Fifty members the Michigan Milk Producers Ass'n, and their families met. The ladies served a splendid dinner. Talks on Organization all re-elected.

Geo. McCalla of the Ypsilanti Farm Bureau work and opportunities Farm Bureau Local, succeeded W. E. were made by Arthur M. Edmunds, Phillips of Decatur as the representa- State Farm Bureau worker, Sec'y S tive of the Michigan Elevator Ex- P. Sexton of the Kalamazoo bureau change and was nominated by Mr. and Ray Longman. The Fulton local Phillips, who had completed two organized by electing John Shook terms in that capacity.

M. D. Buskirk of Paw Paw suc- dent, and Roy Frost, sec'y-treas. as director representing the Michigan nancial, social and welfare work will throughout the State. Fruit Growers, Inc. Mr. Gowdy is a member of the State Board of Agritwo positions.

Directors-at-Large

were re-elected by the delegates: M. strong Farm Bureau organization on tion pictures and a campaign to dependent of the world price. B. McPherson of Lowell, Mrs. Edith the map at that place, and it is as- eradicate the suggestive magazines Wagar of Carleton, Earl C. McCarty sured. of Bax Axe, W. W. Billings of Davison, V. F. Gormely of Newberry.

Livestock yards and loading chutes Berrien county nominated J. G. have been completed at Dafter. The the resolution offered by Delegate direction of the above educational issuance of misleading crops reports basis was advocated, with the metro- action to secure their enactment. We Boyle of Buchannan as director-at. State Farm Bureau made application James Nicol of Allegan county, op- work. large. In a close race he defeated for the construction in behalf of Daf- posing any change in the name of the Farm Bureau Home and Commun- weaken the U.S. dep't of agriculture George Wheeler of Mt. Pleasant forter members.

With large supplies of known Sec'y Brody of the State Farm Bu- origin alfalfa seed available from reau has written letters to President the Michigan Farm Bureau and from Coolidge, Senators Ferris and Couz- some of Michigan's most dependable

condidge, senators Ferris and Couz-ens, to Gov. Groesbeck and Commis-sioner of Agriculture L. Whitney Watkins, giving them the plight of the Michigan hay growers and ask-wied companies, the state and county alfalfa campaigns of the Michigan Agricultural College have been carthe Michigan hay growers and ask- ried on during the past four years ing their assistance in getting relief. (Continued on page four) p. m. Tuesday, Feb. 24. Write your revenue from which was to take care convictions to your representative. of an existing deficit. **BUSINESS ASS'N**

their state organization.



BUREAU'S VIEWS next issue, with explanatory com-ment where needed.

Policy on State and National Questions

president; John Martin, vice-presibefore adjournment have already

be appointed by the president. The first co-operative purchase by the culture and preferred not to hold the new organization was a ton and a country against those who would gress enact such legislation as will

The following directors-at-large neighborhood of Fulton to put a favoring a stricter censorship of mo- what is consumed domestically, in- truth-in-fabrics and truth in fruit

Michigan Agricultural College.

Owing to lack of space, the resolu- Wagar was thanked for her contribu- | development of co-operative markettions adopted will be summarized in tions to the success of the work.

Seek Equality For Agr'l Bureau members and farmers to use tuberculosis eradication was en-The delegates declared organiza- Farm Bureau seeds and otherwise dorsed. Licensing of carlot distribu-

dent Coolidge, industry and business with the Ohio Wool Growers Ass'n. are agreed on the matter. They ob-**Gives Views to Congress**

In matters for Congressional ac-Bureau and its business and service tion, the Bureau reaffirmed its na-

the State Farm Bureau delegates just through which Michigan farmers come is the correct basis for assessmay meet other organized forces for ment for support of the national govceeded H. W. Gowdy of Union Pier Three committeemen to handle fi- been the subject of comment the solution of state and national ernment and that the rate should be problems. higher for larger incomes. It urged

Equality for agriculture was in-Congress to give attention to all county, to protect the youth of this sisted upon with a demand that Con- transportation problems looking forward to quicker and cheaper transprofit by the production of sugges- extend the benefits of the protective portation of farm products.

Strict enforcement of the 18th been assisting the best men in the magazines, offered a resolution assure him an American price for amendment was asked, passage of

juices laws, a standard container bill, County Agr'l agent and boys' and completion and operation of Muscle from our newsstands. It was en- girls' club work was endorsed as was Shoals in the interests of power and a county extension council consisting fertilizer production. No increases No less hearty support was given of all organizations in the county for should be laid on parcel post rates;

ity work was endorsed and Mrs. Measures designed to hamper the

providing for this representation s sufficiently broad so that the Farm **ON GASOLINE TAX** Bureau members in any county may have considerable latitude in decid-

> Is Thwarted by Highest State Tribunal

Placing its final stamp of approval sentative for every one- hundred upon the two cent gasoline tax, the Farm Bureau members, or major State Supreme Court on February fraction thereof, to represent the 10th denied the petition of the De-Farm Bureau members in that local troit Automobile Club for a writ of unit at the meeting of the Board of mandamus to prevent the Secretary Delegates. This action will no doubt of State from proceeding with the increase the size of the Board of collecting of the gasoline tax under Delegates and will give the individ- the immediate effective clause.

ual members more direct control in Representatives of the Attorney the management of the affairs of General's Department had little difficulty in demonstrating to the Court that the gas tax bill was immediately necessary to the "public peace, health Open Child Labor Fight and safety" and so could legally be given immediate effect under the Constitution. It was also shown that

ing were condemned. The Bureau

act.

actment of a gasoline tax.

Buffalo. Parcel Post Rates. McNary Haugen Bill. Various measures for Federal regulation of Co-operative

Marketing. Proposed reduction in the Sugar

Tariff. Also, a continued study of state isues was made by the Farm Bureau during the year and important ac-

complishments were attained in ome of the counties in securing a fairer distribution of the tax burden between the farmer and the city property owner. Assistant Secretary Powell's work along this line in Kalamazoo, Calhoun, Monroe, Washtenaw and Ingham countles resulted

in a saving to the farmers of a total of \$67,350 in taxes paid in 1924. This was accomplished by ascertaining from documents in the office of the Register of Deeds the sale prices of city and farm property and then comparing these with the assessed values as recorded in the County Treasurer's office.

Accurate Information

Since the convening of the present session of the Legislature, the Farm press for its support, urged Farm state and federal support of bovine Bureau representative, as in the past, has attended each session and has observed closely the activities of both Announces tion of agriculture essential and ob- use the Bureau business services, and tors of food products was demanded Houses. He is keeping the State served with satisfaction that Presi- endorsed the wool pool arrangement so that the Dep't of Agriculture can Farm Bureau and its members in the reach those scalawags who buy goods various counties accurately and with the intentions of refusing it on promptly informed, so that the peoarrival in order to break the price. ple at home can act effectively in legislative matters. State Issues Hit by Bureau

Throughout the year, through For consideration by the Michigan meetings, publicity and otherwise, legislature the Bureau recommended we have endeavored to develop sentia pay-as-you-go program in public improvements; an economical and ment for legislation as outlined in last year's resolutions. The Farm business-like road building program; Bureau has been particularly active endorsed the use of convict road labor; urged repeal of the Covert road in regard to the gas tax, and at this writing the power shown by the gas tax supporters in the Legislature The legislature and Gov. Groes-

beck were commended for their en- leaves little doubt that this badly needed reform in highway taxation A personal state income tax law will soon be written on the statute books of Michigan, was favored; also, a strong refores-

Legislative Research

tation policy and a bare land and harvest tax in connection therewith; Experience has amply demonstrat-A limited reapportionment of the ed the need of thorough investigation was condemned, as was any effort to politan representation so limited as must understand all their phases to safeguard rural interests. and know the facts, whether favor-(Continued on page two)



served that the Michigan State Farm Two of the resolutions adopted by departments offers the medium tional tax policy, declaring that in-

Delegate Sherwood of Berrien

Mr. Edmunds and Mr. Sexton have tive motion pictures and off-color system to the American farmer and

dorsed with a roar of approval.

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Child Labor, Road Bills Foremost in Legislature

T-B Restrictions; Poll Tax Offered

State Capitol, Lansing, Feb. 14 .-With the highway finance legislation child. passed, the gas tax upheld by the Supreme Court and the institutional visits, or "junkets," nearly completed, the Legislature is turning serious attention to the consideration of the great mass of appropriation bills and general legislative measures which confront it.

The so-called child labor amendment to the federal constitution sprang into the lime light this past week when the certified message officially transmitting this amendment solved. 'Honse and Senate leaders for ratification or rejection by the have held a conference with Gover-Michigan Legislature was received from Washington. Immediately upon receipt of this been reached and harmonious action

message, Senator Vincent A. Martin will result of Fruitport introduced a resolution for the ratification of the proposed after Jan. 1, 1926, all trunk line conamendment.

was as follows:

was as follows: "Whereas, The Congress of the United States has, under the fifth article of the Constitution of the United States, proposed an amend-ment to said Constitution in the words following, to wit: "Section 1. The Cogress shall have power to limit, regulate and prohibit the labor of persons under eighteen years of age.

the Constitution of the United States mileage have already been intro- two agricultural papers, and some of improvement for increased efficiency be, and the same is hereby, not rati- duced, but it is doubtful if any of the larger newspapers of Michigan and stability. fied, but is rejected, because said them ever get out of committee. It is also highly prized. proposed amendment would destroy now appears that a general bill sponparental authority and responsibility sored by Sen. O. E. Atwood of throughout America, would give ir-revocable support to a rebellion of miles of additional truth line with

It has been tentatively agreed that

childhood which menaces our civilization, would give Congress, not only age, will receive favorable consideraparental authority, but all State au- tion.

cerate the States and change our of their stock resulting from the implan of government from a federal portation of untested cattle is sought critical pretense at an effort to pro- be examined for contagious diseases,

tect childhood from slavery, and is really intended to enslave the child-hood of this republic. "The State of Michigan has neith-er the right nor the power to give to Congress the power to limit, regulate

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> (Continued from page one) able or unfavorable. In order to get oral hearing was held at Washington This necessitated a scale of opera-

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Propose Tightening of Bovine or prohibit the labor of children un-der eighteen years of age, or of any ty at all times, it is necessary to ing was made by the shippers and ritory constituted an enormous risk age, because such power re-establish- hire and develop ability trained there is considerable ground for for the Michigan State Farm Bureau

es in America a system of slavery, along governmental lines and which hope of a favorable outcome. with public ownership, substituted for private ownership, and would place Copgress in control in every home in the land, between parent and able help can be derived from the as heretofore practiced, was discon-

"Be it further resolved, That a work of public institutions, in the tinued. This was brought about by certified copy of the foregoing pre-amble and resolutions be forwarded be developed, financed and control-be diveloped, financed and control-be diveloped for the greatest possible ested was evolved. This has now de-economy and by the fact that so veloped into the Federated Seed Serby His Excellency, the Governor, to led by the Farm Bureau itself. With many of the large transportation vice, Inc. the Secretary of the State of the the cold facts in hand, the directors, problems are of equal concern to United States, to the presiding offi-delegates and members of the or-business men in general and the excer of the United States Senate, and ganization can formulate policies to the Speaker of the House of Rep-to the Speaker of the House of Rep-that later will not be found defective, pers interested. It has been the poli-trolled co-operative institution. Its More Highway Problems Despite the passage of the gas and ed.

Publicity Department

weight taxes, there remain many pernor Groesheck and it now appears

Organization Department and Seed Departments. It is extend- transferred to Carl Barnum.

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ers. However, the railroads secured has been supplying twelve to four-Bureau Work for 1924 a reopening of the case, which ne- teen of the northern and eastern cessitated another hearing. Final states with alfalfa and clover seed. this foundation of facts we must car- last November, and while at this tions much larger than that required ry on real research work in legisla- writing no decision has yet been ren- for Michigan farmers alone. The tive issues. To be insured of its dered by the Interstate Commerce carrying of the larger inventory reduring the fall and winter months idea of establishing a co-operative seed association of the states inter-

Federated Seed Service, Inc.

The Federated Seed Service, Inc., and real results will be accomplish- cy of the Farm Bureau to continue members are the farmers co-operato watch closely all cases of concern tive seed organizations of the various to the farmer and to employ such states, such as the Indiana Farm Bu-The Publicity Department, under counsel as the needs of each parti- reau Federation, Ohio Farm Bureau plexing highway problems yet to be the direction of E. E. Ungren, has cular case warrant. By giving due Service Corporation, Virginia Seed reached a high state of efficiency and consideration to the activities and Service, Grange League Federation has amply demonstrated that it is in- interests of other shippers, we have of New York, Eastern States Farmdispensable to the life and growth learned that many times little or no ers' Exchange of the New England that a definite understanding has of your Farm Bureau institution. expense on the part of the Farm Bu- states, Michigan State Farm Bureau, Through the medium of the Mich- reau is necessary. Our former traf- etc. Its central office is at the ofigan Farm Bureau News, the Farm fic counsel, Mr. Ewing, has continued fices of the American Farm Bureau Bureau member in Menominee, Mar- to co-operate with the Farm Bureau Federation at Chicago, and a full quette and other distant counties is in a very admirable manner, particu- time secretary-manager is employed. struction and maintenance expenses informed equally and at approxi- larly in the way of calling attention The Federated Seed Service, Inc., Bill For Rejection On the following day, Senator and H Butler of Fostoria intro-burden. In cases where the counties David H. Butler of Fostoria intro-burden. In cases where the counties other sections of the state. Through In this connection, too, the traf-the different states from Safeseed, in this connection, too, the trafduced a resolution providing for its have suitable engineers and equip-the News, all of our members are fic office at Farm Bureau headquar-fic office at Farm Bureau headquar-newsd ased firm located at Chicago. given the same reliable and accurate ters in Lansing, now under the di-

ments of state rewards on county eighteen years of age. "Section 2. The power of the sev-eral States is unimpaired by this arti-laws shall be suspended to the ex-tent necessary to give effect to legis-lation by the Congress." "Therefore, be it resolved by the Senate, That the said amendment to the Constitution of the United States

All seeds are shipped under the brands of the various states so that the reputation already built up for The Seed Department has been Michigan Farm Bureau Brand Seeds The Organization Department, in rather in a state of reorganization and the exclusive control of its tradeaddition to the promotion of the the greater portion of the year. mark or brand is permanently retainmembership work, has devoted con- When the former manager, Mr. Nic- ed by the Michigan State Farm Busiderable effort to improving the re- olson, resigned June 1, 1924, to go reau. Michigan farmers are doubly thority over education, would destroy local self-government, would evis-credited areas from contamination ments, particularly the Purchasing management of the department was made with the full knowledge and co-operation of representatives of our union to a consolidated republic and create a centralized government far in a bill sponsored by Rep. Charles create a centralized government far removed from the power of the peo-ple. Said proposed amendment is of this proposal the boards of super-ple. Said proposed amendment is of this proposal the boards of super-by establishing local car-door ren-transplaced car-door rentransplaced car-door rent further rejected because it would visors by majority vote could proplace in the hands of Congress a pow- vide that all cattle coming into their resentatives for handling supplies reau seed work. The creditable man- Bureau Seed Department as before.

er to destroy agriculture and manu-facturing at will, is merely a hypo-critical pretense at an effort to pro-mer in which he has handled the de-partment in continuous trans-cal co-operative association. This department, under the direc- that he was well qualified for this both locally and interstate, the Mich-

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American Farm Bureau Federation

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LEGISLATIVE HEADQUARTERS	.Munsey Bidg., Washington, D. C.

A SEASONED ORGANIZATION

"Your State Farm Bureau during the past four years has weathered one of the greatest agricultural depressions and the most extraordinary changes in rural life conditions we have ever experienced, and it has been a difficult time even for old organizations that have been well established for years to survive and progress. The Michigan State Farm Bureau is not quite so spectacular to behold as it was four or five years ago in the flush of its youthful optimism, but it has become trained down to a good, hard muscled, serviceable condition."

That was what Secretary-Manager Clark L. Brody told the delegates to the seventh annual meeting of the Michigan State Farm Bureau Feb. 5-6 near the conclusion of a remarkably inspiring report on the Bureau's work for 1924. It was with that statement that he turned the eyes of many a seasoned Farm Bureau member to a future that seems bright and hopeful indeed.

No Farm Bureau member who heard that report delivered, or who reads it in this edition of the News, where it is published in full, can be censured for taking a reasonable pride in the organization he has helped build. It's getting pretty close to being a finished product. Any man in that annual meeting could be excused for feeling a little proud of the class of men who were representing the organization. Furthermore, it is a source of satisfaction to know that each of those men was but one of an organized group of that type back home. This edition of the News tells what they did. This and succeeding editions of the News will inform the membership at large the program they laid down for us for 1925

His Poultry Exchange **Shipment Profitable**

Michigan Farm Bureau Poultry Exch. Detroit, Michigan. Gentlemen:

I figure my profit on the eleven Lansing, Michigan. coops of poultry shipped the Ex-Dear Sirs: change at Christmas at \$3 per coop or hundred weight, over old line shipping experience I got all the do all the business through the Farm much impressed with the way the coops back.

Yours truly, Quondaga, Mich.

Sixty thousand dairy herds in the the wool pool. U. S. are officially accredited as free from tuberculosis.

PRODUCERS HOLD ANNUAL MEETING

East Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 10 .-1924 was a good year for the Prolucers Co-operative Commission Ass'n. Delegates representing the Michigan, Indiana and Ohio Live Stook Exchange shippers at their. second annual meeting here today leaned that the Producers sales office had sold \$10,000,000 worth of open season on cock pheasants. livestock for them in 1924. This as against a 10%, decrease in volume the method of taking the school of sales for the whole market. the co-op to decrease outstanding the townships.

bonds of \$28,844.44 by \$5,000 and to put \$9,000 into the surplus. Af- primary school fund is urged, with we are now experiencing in the Farm ter paying all expenses and allowing the proviso that no regularly organ- Bureau membership. for depreciation there remains a ized school districts, hiring a regupatronage dividend fund which will larly qualified school teacher for 9 allow a 20% refund on commissions months of the year shall receive less o all member co-op shippers. With the overhead for 1924 about the same as 1923, the Producers demonstrated efficiency of operation by increasing the 1924 net savings

on sales commissions to \$5.75 per car as against \$4.26 for 1923. Sec'y Ketner said that all operaand that any co-op or farmer is welcome to inspect these records at any Working in strict harmony time. with the U. S. Packer and Stockyards Control representatives, the Producers is well regarded by the govern-

ment. were discussed, whose solution 15 each year.

ions for the live stock producers. Pres. E. A. Beamer of Michigan the delegates to all political convenpresided and made a very encourag- tions shall be elected at the regular the Michigan Potato Growers' and ing report. Michigan was represent- biennial election in April; the deleed by Clare Bordner, Sturgis; C. J. gates to hold County, district and claim and rate work is paid for by Martin, Coldwater; Peter Kunz, Has-tings; C. C. Donough, Hudson. Mich-nominating candidates for all elective ments or exchanges getting the ser-Jenuary 6, 1925 Garages of Cherlette and I. It ins the model and and the two candidates receiv- vices, while the time spent on mat-Granger of Charlotte and J. H. ing the greatest number of votes in ters of general service have to be O'Mealey of Hudson. Directors and delegates from the names go on the ballot for the Sep-

three states arrived the day before tember primary. This is an effort Last shearing time the local buyers to see how the Producers organiza- to get at the work of some of the

methods. For the first time in my were paying around 36c. I always tion handles its sales. They were political machines.

JOHN W. HEMANS. pay in full in a short time, and 43c shippers. The Producers now ranks Bureau and on their administration original hearing of the Michigan at that. So you go ahead and plan as the largest organization on the for the past year. Heads of the Farm Zone Rate case in June, 1922, and viounal

than \$500.0

the year.

A Continuous Membership The Farm Bureau membership Summary of the Farm work has now developed into a prac-Bureau Resolutions tically continuous proposition, rather than a short, strenuous campaign (Continued from page one) The Bureau favors an education in every county once every three qualification for citizenship, continu- years. This change in conditions has ance of the manufacture of binder enabled the Organization Department twine by the State Prison, bounties to better adjust its work and take on the other lines mentioned. on wolves instead of employing state

In general, the Organization Detrappers, to get them, opposed any overlapping of the ruffed grouse and partment is charged with the responsibility of maintaining the many condeer season in the Upper Peninsula tacts between the membership and and recommended placing quail on local organizations and the State the songbird list and declaring an Farm Bureau headquarters. A large Ratification of the child labor quired to prevent misunderstandings represents 4,296 cars of stock, an amendment by the Michigan legisla- in situations almost continually ocincrease of 3% in volume over 1923 ture is opposed; as is any change in curring. The work of the Farm Bureau Organization Department the census, it was urged that the county past year has done much to bring On the above business the Pro- school commissioner be elected by about a better understanding and apducers made a net savings on the the Board of Supervisors instead of preciation between your State Farm regular commissions which enabled the county at large as he represents Bureau administration and local activities, and is responsible in no More equitable distribution of the small degree for the splendid morale

Traffic Department

Traffic matters, as in previous years, have continued to have active attention. The Traffic Department

Urge Potato Grades has assisted the members and local

A federal potato grades bill was organizations continually in such endorsed^Aas was a \$500,000 state matters as the changing of live stock fund for bovine tuberculosis imdem- runs, securing proper fencing along nities for each of the next two years. railroad right-of-ways, securing im-A poll tax resolution was tabled. It provement in stock shipping facilities was urged that school children be at local points, auditing of freight tions are a matter of written record made familiar with the mechanics of bills, collection of railroad claims, voting at the regular election times. quotation of rates for the Farm Bu-The Bureau favors a plan whereby reau business departments and the each congressional district will have Michigan Elevator Exchange, etc. By referring to the report of the one member on the State Board of Traffic Department, it will be noted tax equalization instead of five men that during the past twelve months as at present; also, that the time for The delegates were in full charge paying taxes without penalty be ex- a total of 5,297 freight bills were of the meeting. Live stock problems, tended from January 9 to February audited, and 237 railroad claims aggregating \$8,463.27 were collected for individual farmers and for comeans a betterment of local condi- The Bureau also favors a change. operative organizations. The departin the Primary election law whereby ment is now handling all of the

Michigan Live Stock Exchanges. The the convention would have their paid as a part of the general overhead expense of the State Farm Bureau.

It will be recalled that the Michigan State Farm Bureau was the lead-President Noon and Secretary ing participant representing the ship-Bureau that I can, so shipped what stock was handled and sold to get Brody were complimented on the pers, and contributed the major porlittle I had to the wool pool, received the best price for the co-operative splendid condition of the State Farm tion of the finances required in the Bureau business and service depart- that later the decision rendered by ments were likewise commended for the Interstate Commerce Commission Read the 1925 wool pool an- the good work they had done during lowered the freight rates to the extent of a saving of approximately

If Your Cows Are Losing Weight

Have you ever noticed how hard it is to keep your cows from losing weight at this time of the year?

If the cows are healthy there is just one thing that can be the cause of loss of weight. It's in the feed. Not necessarily the amount of feed, but the kind of feed. The thing that usually causes cows to lose weight is a lack of a proper balance of protein and carbohydrates in the feed.

A good average cow, say a 1,200 pound cow giving $7\frac{1}{2}$ quarts of 31/2% milk twice daily, needs 2.49 lbs. of digestible protein every day. If she doesn't get it in her feed, she will take it from herself and her milk flow will diminish as her weight goes down.

The hay or roughage she eats furnishes part of this protein, the silage a part, and the grain she gets furnishes the rest. The following figures show the amount of digestible protein a cow gets from the various ingredients in her feed, —on basis of a day's feed.

 2 lbs. good Clover hay, 8.1% digestible protein, gives her
TOTAL digestible protein in the roughage 1.32 lbs.
mount of digestible protein needed by the cow 2.49 lbs. mount she gets in roughage
mount grain must furnish
Oats carry 9.7% digestible protein Corn (this year) carries 6.8% digestible protein Bran carries 12.5% digestible protein Milkmaker carries 21.0% digestible protein
RAIN SOURCES OF PROTEIN AND THE AMOUNT OF EACH NECESSARY TO FEED TO GET 1.17 LBS. OF PROTEIN
ROUND OATS, 1.17 divided by 9.7%
ORN, 1.17 divided by 6.8%
BRAN, 1.17 divided by 12.5%
ORN & OATS CHOP, 1.17 divided by 8.25% 10.4 lbs.

If you feed less than the above amounts the cow must necessarily lose weight. At present prices for feedstuffs any of the first four rations are more expensive to feed than the Milkmaker and ground oats combination; furthermore, they will not give as good results because they lack balance in the desirable milkmaking proteins, palatability and other factors

1/2 MILKMAKER and 1/2 OATS,

1.17 divided by 15.4.

Michigan Milkmaker is the most economical milk producing dairy ration to be had. It makes a splendid combination with home grown grains. Some 260 co-operative associations stock it the year around. Let your herd prove its value.

Michigan Farm Bureau Supply Service Lansing, Michigan

"Of Course We Want The Wool Pool" Kendall, Michigan

as seems wise-of course we want Buffalo market.

H. L. Root. nouncement on page 3.

Yours truly,

Michigan State Farm Bureau

EBRUARY 13, 1925

INFLUENCE OF STATE FARM BUREAU IS FELT BY METROPOLITAN PRESS; IT ALL DEPENDS ON POINT OF VIEW

Leading Detroit Dailies Launch Bitter Attack on Resolutions Passed by Board of Delegates; Seem to Resent Any Interference With Wayne's Domination

Acknowledging the power of organized agriculture as time the efforts of the Seed Depart- manent success is assured. epresented by the Michigan State Farm Bureau, the editorial alent of the metropolitan dailies of Michigan has been turned ity loose on the resolutions adopted by the Michigan State Farm and other seeds, and disposing of Kelner, likewise has completed the Bureau Board of Delegates in an attempt to picture them as surplus seeds which they may have unfair, narrow and selfish.

Tax reforms advocated by the Farm Bureau to remedy the present grossly unfair distribution of the oppressive tax burden were held up to ridicule and scorn. These articles make tion in the cost of operation and has it evident that their authors appreciate that under present conditions, Wayne pretty much rules the state, so that virtually The Seed Department was reorganizthe tail is beginning to wag the dog.

In spite of the fact that the poorer school districts of the state are continually educating their youth only to have them enjoyed the more active winter and be returned to Farm Bureau mem depart for the large cities upon completing school, critics of mine results. the Farm Bureau raise frantic objection to the proposal for a more just distribution of the Primary School Fund.

By inference the attempt is made to lead us to believe that and high quality from the low grade, because Wayne county pays about 45 per cent of the state climatically unadapted product, and the price at which impure seed conproperty tax, it should virtually dictate state affairs. We had taining noxious weeds or adulterated supposed that in modern democratic America the political with screenings and other worthless past year has witnessed a very conrights of an individual, class, or community no longer depend- material has been available, together ed on tax receipt totals. Such conditions existed in the dark ties and serious fluctuations in marages, but are hardly in harmony with our modern democratic ket values, it is requiring the highest ideas. type of management to make this department a commercial success. How-

We are presenting the following newspaper extract for the attention of Farm Bureau Members:

FLOUTED

Choke Wayne, Farmers' Cry unit is theoretically entitled to one

More Taxes, Fewer Senators and Representatives, Farm Burean's Slogan

CONSTITUTION IS

By RUSSELL BARNES (Staff Correspondent The Detroit News) LANSING, Mich., Feb. 7-More tax money from Wayne County and less representation in the State government, is the program laid out by ordered by the Constitution. The bu-

the Michigan State Farm Bureau. The bureau, at its annual meeting here yesterday, passed resolutions urging that the tax machinery be reised so as to boost Wayne County's payments, advocated reduction in entitled. the county's share of the primary school fund, took measures to destroy Wayne County's voting superiority in primary elections, and top-ped off the day's work by declaring that it was the desire of the organizaion that Wayne County should never have more than five senators and 16 representatives in the Legislature.

The county now pays 45 per cent of the State property tax, and including corporation, automobile and primary school fund, taxes, considerably than half of all taxes. The bu-

equal distribution of population. of the unit, are awarded one member, but when counties are grouped

to form a district, they must approxi-The Purchasing Department has mate 36,000, the unit. This propos ed amendment of the bureau would permit groups to be formed with 18,- its history, both from the standpoint 000 population.

of surplus earned by its operations The bureau was silent in its resoand efficient service to the local orlutions concerning the failure of the ganizations and membership. It has its increasing volume of business. 1922 Legislature to reapportion as continued as in the past to handle almost all of the various kinds of reau tactily indorsed that action and the postponement of reapportionment until the Constitution can be amended to prevent Wayne County from obtance: Farm Bureau Milkmaker taining representation to which it is fertilizers, coal, twine, etc. The first year or two of the opera-

basis.

Purchasing Department

The irony of the situation is that tion of this department we almost the Michigan Farm Bureau and the despaired of making it a financial other organizations fighting reapsuccess. However, under the manportionment, in their zeal to change agement of L. A. Thomas, it has he Constitution in accordance with their views on reapportionment, reshown steady growth and improveveal that they realize that their pres- ment, and during the past twelve ent positions are floutings of the months has had a net earning of Constitution. They want to change \$22,496 above the cost of operation; the law to make their action legal. \$8,736 of which was returned to the Another resolution adopted favor- local co-operative organizations for in previous years. ed moving picture censorship and the

local needs. censorship of printed matter without

MICHIGAN FARM BUREAU NEWS

Sec'y Brody Reports Bureau Work for 1924 year's pool and the Farm Bureau (Continued from page two) igan grown seeds handled, as well

as large quantities of alfalfa grown clip with those of the other states, very fundamental weaknesses in the the Federal Reserve Bank. It has **Strengthens Our Position**

The new plan of operation has year's pool. safer by greatly lessening the heavy

in western states.

financial risks of the Farm Bureau, The Michigan State Farm Bureau due to market fluctuations which, has spared neither time, effort nor under previous conditions, were al- expense to develop an efficient wool ways a source of more or less dan- marketing service for the farmers of the state, and I believe now its perger. It is now our purpose to con-

ment to serving Michigan farmers, Fabrics Department securing for them reliable, high qual-The Farm Bureau Fabrics Depart northern grown clover, alfalfa ment, under the direction of F.

best year since its establishment. The for sale from time to time. high quality of its work and the ef-

ficient service, rendered its patrons Under the new arrangement the have brought about appreciable inmanagement of the Seed Department rease in business to the department. has brought about a material reduc During the past twelve months the department has been operated on placed it on a plane of efficiency not considerably more than a self-sup-porting basis and it is hoped that attained under previous conditions some time in the not distant future ed on the new basis just after the

close of the active seed business pe- sufficient surplus can be accumulatriod of last year and as yet has not ed so that patronage dividends may spring months which really deter- bers.

This project has not as yet attain- from any misfortunes of the others ed the wide, general service to our Because of the difficulty in dis-

inguishing seed of northern origin membership that could be desired, still remains with the Michigan Farm Bureau board of directors. Through the larger portion of the trade coming from the city of Lansing and this arrangement any losses can be surrounding countries. However, under its present management, the they occur and are prevented from spreading through and jeopardizing siderable increase in the volume of the whole organization. It has been with the high value of the commodi- mail-order business and the indica- the policy of your board of directors trade practices at many terminal tions are that this will continue to to build every possible safeguard grow so that the work will reach around the central Farm Bureau organization itself, for it is the big farmers' live stock sales service. Farm Bureau people and others in every section of the state power standing guard over all the

ever, with the experience of previous Farm Bureau Poultry Exchange years to guide us and the entire per-The Farm Bureau Poultry Ex-

member, but the scheme does not work out that way because of the un-equal distribution **Problems of the Future** change at Detroit, under the direc-The foregoing pages constitute -It and exacting needs of the work, it has handled from \$4,000 to \$15,000 history of the year's operations. Up

bits per week, shipments having with the past. Let us now consider come from nearly every county in the briefly some policies and problems more especially concerned with the state. During the past twelve months enjoyed the most successful year in our Poultry Department has operat- future.

ed on a self-supporting basis and all indications are that it will continue to accumulate the capital needed for tion?" The nature of the business and its competition are such that it is a very farm supplies, its principal commodi- difficult proposition to manage. The ties being, in order of their impor- sales are made to dressers, traders, store and market keepers, and the produce of one week is not paid for until the next. The large majority

of the purchasers not being financially responsible makes the matter of credit a serious problem. However, the management has gradually developed an acquaintance with the trade and a knowledge of the integoffice. rity of the different purchasers so that the losses on account of bad ship funds carry the other half of the debts have been much smaller than general management expense, the re- ter is one of its largest and best ap-

change probably rea For the first four months of this er had gone to the co-operative or- ness coming to it indicates that the arising.

pool possible It was decided at a arduous, trying, and in some cases, Among these is included N. P. Hull, own home of a publication which ecent meeting of the men in last costly experiences of previous years. chairman of the executive committee gives him the desired information on While now all old scores have been of the Michigan State Grange and the progress his organization is makmanagement to continue the pool in cleaned up and the course ahead president of the Michigan Milk Pro- ing in solving the big, vital problems 1925, under the plan as followed seems free from any serious dangers, ducers' Association, recently appoint- connected with his industry.

last year, and market the Michigan this experience has emphasized some ed a member of the Detroit branch of Meaning of Farm Bur. Organizations And perhaps most important of all through the Ohio Wool Growers' As- original plan of the Farm Bureau or- proved highly important when big fi- is that being organized in a big way sociation. The Farm Bureau is as- ganization, and has pointed out need- nancial policies are being determin- makes it possible for us as farmers sisted by an advisory committee of ed changes to provide the greatest ed, to have the needs of agriculture to co-operate with other large organndered our seed operations much wool growers from those , in last possible safety and protection for the represented on the boards of these ized groups, such as union labor and institutions by a man actually experi- business, and to bear our full share ness ventures are attended with more encing them. A former State Farm of the burden of solving the bigger Bureau president has for some time problems affecting the welfare of the the activities of the Farm Bureau in been serving as a member of the Fed- nation in general and of people in all eral Trade Commission. The value walks of life. He sees now more to the farmer of having a representa- plainly than ever before that the

On this account, the Board of Di- tive on this board when dealing with real, lasting benefits derived from matters such as "Pittsburgh Plus" the Farm Bureau will come to him departments separately from, the is obvious. Another State Farm Bu- as a result of his helping his brother reau president is now a member of farmers to solve their problems. He the U. S. Shipping Board. Just this will profit automatically in direct last season he was to a large extent proportion to his degree of activity responsible for additional ships being in serving his organization.

provided to keep, the export wheat These are but a few typical exmoving. No doubt the influence of amples of the hundreds of big results our farmer representative on this accomplished which are benefiting Federal board in preventing terminal the agricultural industry as a whole elevators and export channels from and thereby every individual engaged ecoming clogged has made it possi- in it. In short, our farm organizable to maintain the advancing prices tions have become indispensable in paid the farmer for his grain at his making life on the farm and in the local elevator, and has benefited him nation in general, more serviceable, far beyond the amount the Farm Bu- enjoyable, satisfying and worth while.

enactment of laws like the Federal made good on this basis, and should Co-operative Marketing and Packer be sold to the member on this plan, and Stockyards Acts, which have rather than promising too much in made it possible for the Producers' the way of direct, personal service. Co-operative Commission Associa- He will then be satisfied, for he will ions and other big marketing under- get the results expected at the time

So much for the broad, permanent tary of Agriculture by this latter law, foundation upon which the Farm Bu-

Future Membership Work

We should give careful consideraon the future membership work. In the light of new conditions and ex-In numerous other instances in the perience, these will have to undergo ield of legislation the Farm Bureau, important modifications in some

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ATTENS

Three in one-this tells in a nutshel he unusual merits of Town Line White

Price, Anconas by Sheppard ma mly 18c each; 17c in 500 lots. Other Get our

The question is often asked, When will the Farm Bureau business departments be able to carry the overhead expenses of the organiza-For the past two years or more, the overhead expenses proper ly belonging to the business departments have been charged to them and as already indicated, each is now carrying its fair share of the load. The Farm Bureau business depart-

ments carry all of their own salaries. rent and expenses, the actual cost of time spent on their work by the Finance, Traffic, Publicity and Organization Departments, and one-half the expenses of the Secretary-Manager' The Farm Bureau member maining portions of the finance, traf-

However, only a small proportion

formed by the State Farm Bureau

are of direct benefit to the Farm Bu-

these activities of the Michigan State

The Farm Bureau Poultry Ex- and organization costs, For the first four months of this bers directly than any other business ing expenditures and various other thousands of farmer brothers and fi-live delays before shipment. 31, the price at which the Milkmak- department, and the volume of busi-general demands almost constantly nancing it themselves, is it possible

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reau has cost him. The Farm Bureau has secured the The Farm Bureau can and has

confined to the department in which takings to live and develop. Through he joined. the power conferred upon the Secrehe has broken up boycotts and unfair reau must rest and develop

markets, that would have otherwise resulted in the destruction of the tion also to our methods of carrying

Legislation and Transportation armer's co-operative business activi-

along with other farm organizations, particulars. In the first place, the has enabled the members to pool membership work must be less costbrief, yet, I think, comprehensive their influence and power for the

protection of agriculture. Living ex-Counties having 18,000 or more, half is now operating on a selfsupporting worth of poultry, veal, eggs and rab- to this point we have dealt mainly amples are such measures as the recent proposal of Congress to unduly increase parcels post rates, the defeating of the sales tax bill, and then n our own state, extending over the past two years, the Farm Bureau's fight for a gas tax, and our part in the reapportionment issue. Matters of taxation will always be of primary mportance. The Farm Bureau is tanding guard over the farmers' in-

> erests and is fighting for fair play In matters of transportation, too the Farm Bureau is securing relief TANCRED HOLLYWOOD BARRON or its members, of which the Michigan Zone Rate case and the recent proposal to increase class rates to eastern points, are typical illustra-egg types of the world. The result is a

tions. The service the Farm Bureau is giving the member in keeping him accurately and promptly informed through the Michigan Farm Bureau through the Michigan Farm Bureau News and the A. F. B. F. News Let- ANCONAS B'D ROCKS-BR. LEGHORNS ter is one of its largest and best ap-preciated accomplishments. The live ron males from 250-290 egg hens. fic, publicity, legislative, collection Farm Bureau member takes pride in

The Farm Bureau Seed Service

central organization itself. All busi-

or less financial risk and some of

this field have at times proved to be

ectors has incorporated the busines

Farm Bureau under the following

no exceptions in this regard.

names

The Farm Bureau Supply Service The Farm Bureau Poultry Exchang The stock of the separate corpora ions is held by the members of the Farm Bureau board of directors as trustees. The by-laws of each corporation are so drawn that this stock automatically passes to the members of the new hoard each year. Thi plan protects the central organization from business risks in any of it departments and at the same time ruards each business departmen

yet the administration and control

reau would set up machinery to increase these contributions by replac-ing the present State Board of Tax Equalization, with a board composed of one member from each Congressional district. This board would fix the proportion of tax each county would pay. Wayne County would have two votes out of 13.

Hamstring Primary Law

The Farm Bureau also would supercede the present schemes of dividing the primary school fund accord-ing to the number of school children each county, and would divide the part of our taxation policy: fund according to the "need" of each county

Another resolution would hamstring the present primary election Delegates to conventions would aw. be elected at the biennial April elections. These delegates, in convenions, would then select the candidates whose names would appear on the ballot. There would be no primary elections at which the people could vote.

(The writer is in error here as reference to the summary of the esolutions adopted will cash show. Editor, Farm Bureau News.)

The real blow at Wayne County was struck, however, in the resolutions concerning reapportionment. A general resolution was adopted to effort to plug the hole amend Section 4 of Article 5, of the in the Income Tax Law. State Constitution in accordance with hese principles

Three Changes Asked

(a) That the number of citizens of voting age be used as the basis of egislative apportionment, instead of the total population as at present.

(b) That the representation from any one county should be limited to not more than five senators and not more than 16 per cent of the mem-bers of the House of Representatives. (c) That the molety clause be pre-

erved and applied not only to indi-

Wayne County's avgilable population Calla. barring out all foreign-born no eligible to vote. This was followed up in another resolution in which it was asserted that nobody should be allowed to vote unless they could allowed to vote unless they read and write the Constitution in English.

Out Staters Want Edge

The second section would definitey limit Wayne County's representation. Under the present Constitution, it is entitled to 10 senators and 32 representatives, but the Farm Bu- M. B. McPherson. eau would cut that representation in J. G. Boyle half and forbid the county from ever George McCalla having any more than that limit. This action is advocated in the face of the fact that Wayne County is in-

reasing its population by leaps and Fred Oebmke bounds, while the agricultural sec- John Hoffman tions either are barely holding their D. H. Waggoner own or losing ground.

The third section increases outstate representation. At the present James Nicol time, the unit of representation is L. C. Kline about 36,000, obtained by dividing George Eppler the population of the state by 100, Elmer E. Ball the membership of the House. Each C. J. Reid

turn of the bounty system on wolves was also asked.

A state income tax was indorsed, notwithstanding the measure's recent defeat at the polls. The bureau se down its tax program as follows:

Taxation Program (a)-The measure of ability pay taxes for the support of the gov- bought through the pool was going ernment is net income, and

(b)-The tax should be progres sive; that is, the greater the income, the higher the rate. We also include the following as 1-We heartily indorse the Presi-

dent's program of economy. 2-We recommend the abolition of and their farmers, with every prob-

the Federal estate tax. 3-We are opposed to the continu-ed effort to shift the cost of the war associations and their dairymen at izations. Through it the manage-A ca and the tax burden from income to

consumption taxes. 4-All deductions and exemptions should first be offset against taxfree incomes.

6-We approve the gift tax and recommend that it be retained and strengthened.

effort to plug the holes remaining 8-We are emphatically opposed to the further issuance of tax-exempt

securities.

Oppose Hoover's Move The bureau

ments.

The bureau passed a resolution urging against the transfer of the foreign crops reporting service from of business ability that characterizes the United States Department of Ag- such institutions. These contracts riculture to the Department of Com- are only possible when the farmer is merce as proposed by Secretary Herbert Hoover, and against the transfer edge and ability being accumulated of any function from the Agricultural and developed through the aging and Department to the other depart-

The committee on resolutions was vidual counties, but to districts of small counties, as well. This first section would reduce Warne Counties available nonulation

Here Are The Annual

Bureau Board of Delegates:

Resolutions Committee

Rules Committee

South Haven Charlotte Utica |

ganizations through the pool averag- service it is rendering is well appreed \$2.27 per ton less than the market clated by the farmers throughout the of these more general services per

price during the same period, while state. **Finance** Department on December 31, the feed being The Finance Department, through reau business departments, and

its active co-operation, has contribut- therefore, no greater share will ever to the local co-ops at \$4.30 per ton less than the market price on that ed in no small measure to the prog- properly be chargeable to them. For ress of the business departments and day, with the market showing signs of still further strengthening. These figures show that the Farm Bureau Milkmaker pool will result in a sav-

finance and credit. ing of at least \$23,000 to the co-ops.

the close of the season, that without ment can discover leaks or matters shows that from \$40,000 to \$50,000 the Farm Bureau feed pool would going wrong in their initial stages per year will need to be raised by bought at market prices. This high fore serious danger has developed.

together

7-Congress should make every

results of working through organization. In developing this department it

has been necessary to enter into con-

tractural relationships with some of the largest business concerns of the country and to meet the high class organized in a large way. The knowl-

> experience of the Farm Bureau is now enabling it to deal with other

> > 1924 Wool Pool

Lowell Buchannan Tpsilanti

Sebewaing

Alfred Henrickson Hart **Credentials** Committee

wool Norwalk Middleville vania and marketed through the

.Powers

most Albion

the Farm Bureau as a whole. This Farm Bureau are serving all the department keeps the books and farmers' co-operative business organpasses on all matters pertaining to izations not under Farm Bureau management. Their volume of busi-A good system of records careful- ness aggregates many times that of ability of \$40,000 to \$50,000 being ly kept is one of the most essential the Farm Bureau business depart-A careful study of the matter

have had to be paid out for feed and take steps to counteract them be- methods other than a direct assess ment on the Farm Bureau business 5-Money derived from the sale quality dairy ration, scientifically It has always been the practice of departments. The only available of stock dividends should be taxed as adapted to the needs of the dairy if the dividends had been paid in cow, with every ingredient known cal co-operative associations in Bureau membership funds. While the and printed on the sack and mixed every way possible. During the year membership now enrolled in the under the constant inspection of the solicitors under the direction of the Farm Bureau is sufficient to support farmers' own representative, consti- Finance Department have assisted its activities for some time to come tutes one of the tangible outstanding the following local organizations in we must give careful consideration

reorganizing work and increasing to membership plans for the future so finances will continue to be forthcoming to enable the Farm Bureau to permanently grow and develop great-

er strength and usefulness. **Real Function of Organization**

The proper basis of appeal to the farmer, then, for the continuation of his membership, is of the most importance. Experience has amply demonstrated that it should not be sold to him too strongly on the basis of direct, individual service if disappointment is to be avoided. The pro gressive, wide-awake member now recognizes that while he may get The efficient manner in which this tangible, personal service, the real

epartment has been conducted has function of a big, extensive organizaplaced the Farm Bureau on a very tion like the Farm Bureau is to per-Wool pool operations during the substantial and businesslike basis, form the greater fundamental tasks past season returned the highest net J Lee Morford, the former manager, of agriculture that will lift the whole price to the grower of any year since resigned Uuly 1, on account of illness, industry to a higher plane and there-Meeting Committeemen the wool pool's inception. The re- since which time it has been under by benefit all members and make

Farmers Winning Recognition

The Farm Bureau has been train-

past two years a former State Farm

Bureau official has been a member

turns from last year's pool averaged the management of H. E. Hill. Here each individual's efforts more profit-Following are the Farm Bureau for all grades, 41.2c net to the grow-lagain, the Farm Bureau had another able and worthwhile.

members who served on the standing ers. This price averaged 4.6c higher man in the work trained, ready to The work of the Farm Bureau and committees at the recent annual than the offerings of the local buystep in and fill the gap created by other organizations is constantly inmeeting of the Michigan State Farm ers throughout the state for the same the loss of the head of a department. creasing the number of farmers who It is the policy of the Michigan State have the vision to see these larger

The Michigan State Farm Bureau Farm Bureau so far as possible, to results. These can best be illustrated wool pool of 1924 was combined with have every man throughout the in- by enumerating some of the things the joint pool of the farmers of Ohio, stitution trained to step into the already accomplished by the Farm Indiana, West Virginia and Pennsyl- place next above him in case he is Bureau.

needed there. Only in this way can Ohio Wool Growers' Association, a large institution be insured against more or less frequent disruption of ing leadership from its ranks and The splendid results with last seaits work, resulting from changes in bringing it to the top so that for the Hudson son's pool were due in a large measits personnel ure to the efficient marketing meth-

ods of the Ohio Association, also to the persistent and untiring efforts of Don Williams, who developed the

The present status of the Michigan of the U.S. Federal Reserve Board. State Farm Bureau business depart- Also, largely as a result of this step, work in Michigan last year under ments and the good results attained farmer representatives have been discouraging conditions and during the past twelve months have placed on the boards of six or seven the continuation of the wool without exception come out of very Federal Reserve Branch Banks. made

Incorporation of Departments

ead build- nizes that only by joining with his 5% DISCOUNT placed 30 days be traveling expenses, overhead build- nizes that only by joining with his DISCOUNT on all prepaid 100 % nancing it themselves, is it possible to enjoy the constant visits in his Zeeland, Mich. R. R. 1, Box 17



The Michigan State Farm Bureau Wool Pool will market wool co-operatively in 1925 with the Ohio Wool Growers Ass'n, under the same plan that was so successful in 1924.

1. Wool will be accepted for the pool on contract only.

2. Now is the time write for your contract and make your pooling arrangements.

3. Ohio has had seven successful wool pools.

- 4. For seven years they have averaged more than prices paid by local dealers. Michigan poolers were well satisfied with 1924 results. Prompt settlement were made.
- 5. The handling charge, which includes grading, marketing, insurance and warehousing, is guaranteed not to exceed 234 cents per pound. Freight is extra.
- 6. An additional handling charge of 1/4 cent per pound will be made Farm Bureau members and 1 cent per pound to non-Farm Bureau members to reimburse the State Farm Bureau for expenses incurred in organizing the pool and assembling the wool.
- 7. Liberal cash loans will be made as before on the arrival of wools at the Columbus warehouse to those who apply for it. The pool will charge the same rate of interest it has to pay for money.
- 8. Wool will be loaded at points where it can be assembled most conveniently. Instructions will be furnished from the State office. Sacks will be furnished marketing members. Don't ship any wool without instructions.
- 9. Contract blanks and full information may be obtained by writing the Michigan State Farm Bureau Wool Dep't, Lansing, Mich. USE THE COUPON APPLICATION FOR CONTRACT ELSEWHERE IN THIS EDITION OF THE NEWS.

Michigan State Farm Bureau Wool Dep't Lansing, Michigan

Three Rivers Co-op Ass'n. Saginaw Co-op Ass'n. Dowagiac Co-op Ass'n.

Belleville Co-op Ass'n. Plymouth Agr'l Ass'n. Lake Odessa Co-op Ass'n. Memphis Elevator Co. Armada Co-op Ass'n. Benzie Fruit Exchange.

their stock: Trufant Co-op Ass'n. North Branch Producers Ass'n. Central Farmers Ass'n of Cassop Chippewa County Co-op Ass'n.

FOUR

LANSING DAIRY CO. **BUREAU OPPOSES PROPOSED BOOST** IN FREIGHT RATES Ranks as One of Leading

Farm Bodies and Others Feel Class Rates Increase is Unwarranted

On February 4th the Interstate Ass'n officials, as one of the most Commerce Commission commenced successful co-operative dairies in the its task of recording the hearing of United States, held its annual meet- ization coming in direct contact with lation to our national federation, increase in freight rates, from and of two years of business. to and between points in New Engover the present schedule of class over half a million dollars, that for their reaus as presently constituted and meetings of mid-west Farm their reorganization on a more effibeen able to pay its farmers more

Under class rates come such farm products as: Fruits, beans, potatoes, ing hustrong competitive price and that the co-op's methods of do-The greatest success commodities shipped in less than car lots.

touch with such matters.

to see it in this way is another question.

bined their influence and resources ent officers are Wm. Knaup, presiwith traffic organizations of the dent; J. Keck, vice-pres.; D, D. states of Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Creyts, treasurer. The 1925 board Pennsylvania and New York for the will organize Feb. 14. purpose of opposing these increases. There will be no let-up until the Michigan Bureau Sets proposition is beaten.

DRASTIC DROP IN GRAIN MARKETS

By the Michigan Elevator Exchange

WHEAT-Market has suffered a gave Michigan an acreage of 389,000 when they were bid \$2. Movement much as any of the Corn Belt states was bigger than mills and buyers east of the Mississippi. It is cal- the Farm Bureau membership work could absorb and the market has had culated that this increase of apa terrible break. We do not expect better, if you can

RYE-Same condition broke rye Farm Bureau in taking a lead in the market.

per bushel for his oats.



1.00

Sec'y Brody Reports

less extensive unit, only time and

Agriculture, Michigan Agricultural the form of receivables on the Farm Read the 1925 wool pool an College, etc., are also coming to be Bureau books against which heavier nouncement on page 3. Bureau Work for 1924 practically all that could be desired. reserves have to be set up each year

The search is the second se

HOLDS ITS ANNUAL The maintenance of harmony with for doubtful accounts. Continued from page three) ly. This can be attained only by other farm organizations is one of Moreover, as a result of the Farm The annual meeting of the Michigreater participation on the part of the great essentials to the success of Bureau's maturity and experience gan Live Stock Exchange will be held the members themselves, particular- any farmers' association. It has been and training its own personnel, to- at the City Hall, Lansing, Feb. 20, ly the leaders in the counties, instead the aim of the Farm Bureau admin- day a given sum can be made to ac- at 11 a. m., city time.

> so many outside workers. With prop- portunity. Our efforts have been possible with the same amount a er methods and training, the local more than rewarded by the very few years ago. The member as he people can do the work without se- helpful, assistance continually given pays his dues now or in the future, rious inconvenience and just as ef- the Farm Bureau by our good neigh- can do so with the knowledge that fectively, or more so, than the reg- bor organizations and institutions. his money will be used to a great ular, paid solicitor from some other The close of 1924, too, saw the deal better advantage than was pospart of the state. Michigan State Farm Bureau enjoy- sible in the early formative period of A more active type of local organ- ing a greater recognition in its re- the Farm Bureau

> of the state organization bringing in istration to promote this at every op- complish several times the service

Reason for Optimism the railroads' application for further ing Feb. 10, at Lansing, at the close local members more frequently than President Noon having been elected We have now reviewed the work has been true of the County Farm to the board of directors of the of the Farm Bureau departments for

Secretary and Manager H. Chris Bureau in the past must be develop- American Farm Bureau Federation the past year, described its relationland, Trunk Line and the Central Hansen reported to the 400 farmer ed. Whether this can be best ac- in December. Michigan has also ships with other organizations, and Freight Association territory, which stockholders, all residing within a complished through a better program taken an active part in other national outlined some of the important probincludes Michigan. This action means an increase of from 15 to 35 per cent volume of business for 1924 was well over the few miles radius of Lansing, that the of work for the County Farm Bu-reaus as presently constituted and meetings of mid-west Farm Bureau but express a feeling of optimism and encouragement. Every department of the State Farm Bureau has

Our National Standing Then, in the broader field of re- just completed a most successful

lationships, we as farmers are fast year, and never before have they The greatest success of a large, taking our position in national and been on the serviceable and efficient products as: Fruits, beans, potatoes, seeds, grains, wool, fertilizer, feeds, hay, farm machinery and all other bay, farm bay, f The Lansing Dairy Company has a possible contact with its member- labor and business. In this larger ments succeeding in each of their fine plant near State Farm Bureau ship and the active participation of sense a balancing power is needed particular lines of work by them-That the roads are justified in pro-posing this increase is beyond the be-posing this increase is beyond the beposing this increase is beyond the be-lief of those who are in constant Lansing with milk. It manufactures This can only be attained and main-point and counsel are needed to sta- with each other to make the Michibutter, condensed milk, ice cream tained through the medium of bilize existing conditions and to in- gan State Farm Bureau a harmonious From the viewpoint of the general mix, sweet cream, cottage cheese and strong, active local units that coin- sure the greatest national progress. working whole,

public, this proposition is wholly un-Time has been necessary for your warranted and uncalled for, but products are sold locally, but a farmers' community center as deterwhether the Commission will be able strong outside market is opening up. mined by present day conditions. as has been done for the kind of men necessary for the Directors re-elected were J. Keck, This is not an arbitrarily determined years past by the other two groups. exacting duties of its many depart-Sam Young and M. H. Converse, all residing near Lansing. Other mem-longer the old farm neighborhood as sociation, supported by the Michigan Live D. D. Creyts, Jas. Hulett, Carl Scha-State Farm Bureau, Michigan Live D. D. Creyts, Jas. Hulett, Carl Schalarged greatly by modern means of operation between labor, capital and This along with the high class of lo-State Farm Bureau, Michigan Live ibly, Wm. Knaup, all of Lansing, and travel and communication brought agriculture so necessary to our gen-Stock Exchange and various other Michigan organizations have comradio, telephone, etc. Our organiza- and influence of the organized farm- vidual members that the Farm Bution plans for the future must meet er is lending much hope to the situa- reau has developed has constituted a these new and changing conditions in tion. Care must always be exercised, most interesting and pleasing experiorder to be permanently successful. though, in these relationships to ence indeed.

Local Co-operative Associations safeguard our own organization so The careful deliberation and sym-A closer relationship with local co- that full control of it is always re- pathetic co-operation of President

Noon and your board of directors operative organizations should be de- tained by the farmer. Our farm organizations have a big have made possible this progress in veloped, particularly in view of the fact that they are the organizations task ahead to develop and maintain your organization. There is evidence that make the success of the Farm leaders in full sympathy with agri- all over the state that the morale of with unusual interest and effective- Bureau business departments possi- culture and who are capable of meet- Farm Bureau members and leaders is

ness. Michigan's alfalfa acreage ining and competing at equal advant- improving and a renewed spirit is at ble. creased from 74,000 to 348,000 The interest of the farm woman in age with the biggest, cleverest and work. An organization consciousacres cut for hay in a five year the Farm Bureau must be developed shrewdest men of the country. Not ness and power has been built up by period, 1919 to 1923. In 1924 the to a much greater extent than has only must we have men of the high- the Farm Bureau that nothing can U. S. Department of Agr. statisticians been our practice in the past. Her est courage and ability, but they destroy.

more active participation and sup- must possess integrity of equal magdecline of 35 cents per bushel in two acres of alfalfa cut for hay, twice as port of Farm Bureau work will be nitude and have the stamina to stand tive resolutions heretofore recorded weeks, due primarily to tremendous much as Wisconsin, the nearest east- the most potent force we can muster true under the severest pressure and by this Board of Delegates—the real movement of wheat from the farmers ern competitor, and three times as in achieving a greater Farm Bureau, temptation.

Whatever the permanent solution marketing, including collective bar-

Then again, conditions affecting Equality for Agriculture over the state as a whole, are not recognition of the farmer's power are nity recognized and respected by all proximately 300,000 acres of alfalfa as uniform now as was true five are coming attempts to place more classes of people. to see wheat go back to \$2.00 to the farmer again on this crop, and be-lieve that \$1.75 to the farmer is a years ago, and unquestionably more or less governmental control over his These things, with the internal very fair price for wheat and recom- alfalfa is yielding about one ton ture plans in order to meet the varimend your selling on this basis or more on the average than red clover, able conditions in the different coun- marketing. Legislation that will per- ments, and the whole organiza-

For example, some counties are give the farmer an equal chance with an encouraging outlook for the Micbdistribution of known origin adapted well supplied with co-operative or- other interests is what is needed. igan State Farm Bureau. OATS—Supply of oats in elevators seed on a co-operative basis, has paid ganizations dealing with our Farm Laws providing protection against is four times as much as last year. for the entire cost of the Michigan Bureau business departments, while filled milk, oleo, imitation fruit bev-

of co-operative organization and

A Seasoned Organization

to be able to give the farmer 55 cents Farm Bureau many times over. The others have few or none at all. Then erages, vinegar substitutes, shoddy in success of the Michigan Seed Depart- too, a number of County Farm Bu- clothing, impure and adulterated reaus have severed their relations feeds, and seeds of unknown origin,

Why gamble with equipment of questionable merit? Use has proved our Agitator, coupled with a pump, to be the cheapest, most positive way to move mari. Investigate. J. F. CARNES & SON Ceresco, Calhoun Co., Mich

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FEBRUARY 13, 1925

SEED POTATOES

Our state certified seed potatoes are northern grown on sundy land. They give big yields of smooth, bright stock when used in southern Mich-igan. Genuine Irish Cobblers for the early crop. White Rurals, Russet Rurals (Petoskey Russets) and Green Mountains for the late crop. Prices lower than ever before. Order early, the supply is limited.

MICHIGAN POTATO GROWERS EXCHANGE, Cadillac, Mich.

A Valuable Discovery for Peach Growers

"The Hale peach has become very popular as a commercial variety, because of its good size, appearance, quality and ability to stand shipment. It has proven very popular in many sections of the country, but in Michigan it had the habit of producing a lot of small fruit which never matured.

"This was a problem, until this year, when Professor Gardner, of M. A. C., tried out some tests, including prun-ing and cross-pollination. The work on cross-pollination is what proved to be the solution of the problem. It is shown very convincingly on the Hale tree on the J. J Barden place near SOUTH HAVEN that that variety is self-sterile. In some cases, clusters of over 150 buds were sacked so they would have to fertilize themselves, and not in one instance did fruit develop. But where the blossoms were pollenized by pollen from the Elberta, Kalamazoo or SOUTH HAVEN, the results were very satisfactory. The pollen from these three varieties gave better results than that from other varieties.

"As the Kalamazoo is not as good a market peach as the Elberta, it need not be included in the list. But this experiment seems to indicate that the ideal combinaion for the commercial peach grower are alternate rows of Elberta, Hale and SOUTH HAVEN peaches. These three varieties ar unexcelled for market purposes, and with Elbertas or SOUTH HAVENS set close to the Hales, good fertilization of that variety is assured,

"The results of this experiment are so evident that if one has had the trouble referred to with the Hale peach, he can feel sure that the interplanting of the other varieties will solve the problem."—From the MICHIGAN FARMER, Issue of August 23, 1924.

Note portions above which are emphasized We are the introducers and sole propagators of the SOUTH HAVEN peach. The genuine can only be secured from us. Drop us a card, for history and valuable information about this hardiest of all commercial sorts.

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Still Growing

The effective, yet highly construcvoice of your organization-have characterized the Michigan State

Then too, along with this growing Farm Bureau with a power and dig-

mit us to work out our problems and tion clean from bottom to top present

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the big break in wheat, but nowhere and Ohio, Indiana, New York and with extension or County Agent work and unfair trade practices are vital BEANS-General bid to the farm-

er \$5.80, which represents a very Recommend selling, parfair price. all grains.

TUNE IN M. A. C.

Monday, Wednesday and Friday established for the purpose of assurnights tune in WKAR, the Michigan ing the distribution of safe adapted Agr'l College station 6 to 7 Central clover, alfalfa and other seed, in-Standard time (7 to 8 Eastern time) for educational, musical and athletic programs. Wave length 285.5 meters.



THE RURAL POULTRY FARM J. Janssen, Prop. Member Mich. State Farm Bureau Zeeland, Michigan, R. 1, Dept. 111

WOOL GROWERS!
Application for 1925 Wool Marketing Contract
Michigan State Farm Bureau Wool Pool LANSING, MICHIGAN.
Gentlemen:
Please send me a 1925 Wool Marketing Contract. Also sac for shipping wool at your direction.
I expect to have aboutlbs. of wool.
NAME
ADDRESS
SHIPPING POINT
Don't delay filling out and returning this application

near in the same proportion. We ex- Virginia secured seed from the Mich- while other County Farm Bureau not only to the very life of agriculpect to see an upward reaction in the igan Farm Bureau and established boards expect to continue the County ture, but also to the best interests of similar seed movements. Lately Agent and County Farm Bureau re- the consumer as well. The legalizing these states and others have incor- lationships as in the past. porated under Michigan's Non-Profit ticularly in view of the big decline in Corporations Act to form the "Fed- of the question may be, it is very gaining and financing is most essen-

Co-op Dairy Ass'ns

In U.S.

The Lansing Dairy Company, late-

ly recognized by National Dairy

erated Seed Service" with headquar- certain that the greatest factor in its tial. ters at the American Farm Bureau determination will be the desires and Too much direct governmental Federation offices in the Garland will of the people in the counties help, however, in doing what we Building, Chicago. This organization themselves. Adapt Bureau to Local Needs The fact that the Farm Bureau operative marketing is indispensable organization in one county differs in to a successful agriculture, yet it is

The part played by the Michigan ties.

New Seed Standards

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cludes the following members:

Virginia Seed Service, Richmond. and it is hoped the State Farm Bu- price for what we have to buy, but Wisconsin Farm Bureau, Madison. reau Board of Directors may be giv- secure an American price for what Agricultural Corporation of Mary- en enough latitude to fit the big or- we have to sell. Then if our methland, Baltimore.

The growing of clover, alfalfa and ment. weet clover in Michigan, Corn Belt, North and Eastern States has been placed on a much more secure basis with farmers' attention directed to-ferred that the County Farm Bureaus only as a result of our own efforts to the Eastern States has been suggested, it should not be in-ferred that the County Farm Bureaus only as a result of our own efforts to the Eastern States has been suggested. It should not be in-the farmer by others. It will come and \$5 each. Farm raised and vigorous. H. E. Powell & Son, Ionia, Mich. North and Eastern States has been county or local organizations have agriculture will never be handed to ward the need of adapted seed and have not done excellent work in the better our conditions. means supplied for furnishing such past. Theirs has been a splendid seed under a system of certification field of service and they have always in large quantities.

will be readily established.

come to the aid of and stood by the the past four years has weathered These high record males are mated to hens of the best Barron English type, or the Michigan Farm Bureau Seed or the Michigan Farm Bureau Seed Service, a member of the Executive Service, a member of the Executive backing and support the County changes in rural life conditions we

As pre-eminent in their class as are the White Leghorns and Anconas. And considering the quality of the stock, the prices for all matings will surprise you. Large Illustrated Catalog Free. benefit to Michigan clover and alfal-fa growers and to clover and alfal-fa seed products in Michigan. In years of excess crop, desirable maryears of excess crop, desirable mar- lege during the past year to meet ago in the flush of its youthful opkets for Michigan red clover, mam- with most of the County Farm Bu- timism, but it has become trained



benefit to Michigan clover and alfal- sible for the stable condition and progress. The Michigan State Farm

moth, alsike and sweet clover seed reau boards, and it has surely been down to a good, hard muscled, seran inspiration to meet these groups viceable condition. It has experienced

of high-class men developed by the a considerable reduction in the num-Farm Bureau movement. They rep-resent a real power indeed and leave the 30,000 to 40,000 members that grove, Mich. 3-26-2 no doubt about the future develop- your organization will be able to

ment of the organization.

today is very fortunate in its rela- shown that the mere signing up or tionship to other farm organizations. the paying of \$10 per year does not The very creditable work being ac- make a member an asset to the or-

complished by the Michigan Milk, ganization. A member in the true poles, lath, vineyard stakes. Schmidt, Hillman, Mich., R-1. Potato, Live Stock, Elevator and sense of the word not only pays his Fruit Exchanges has been a most im- dues, but he is actively participating portant factor in strengthening the and helping in Farm Bureau work, cause of farm organization general- --- a living dynamo developing power

ly and the affiliated relationship along with his thousands of Farm formed between the commodity ex- Bureau brothers to make a greater, changes and the Farm Bureau four more serviceable Farm Bureau. Such

years ago has been of the greatest are the loyal men who joined or remutual benefit and satisfaction. Our newed their membership the second relations with the Grange, State As- three years, and constitute the Farm

sociation of Farmers' Clubs, the Bureau roll today. Furthermore, our Herefords Reg. Cows with Calves by side Michigan Crop Improvement As- present members are paying their Axe, Huron Co. 8-15-25 sociation, the various live stock dues, so that their financial support

associations, State Department of is real and not merely expressed in Gilts. L. O. Klaty, Carsonville, Mich. 5-

POULTRY

THIRTY BARRED ROCK HENS AND ullets closely related to my high con-st pen at \$2.00 each for quick sale. J. Sheap, Owosso, Mich. 2-26-26

ought to do ourselves makes for FOR SALE-SILVER LACED WYAN-lotte eggs. \$1.00 per 15, Gathered eggs. Il winter. Mary Campbell, Three Oaks, weakness rather than strength. Co-

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 Indiana Farm Bureau Pur. Dep't., Indianapolis.
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eau Board of Directors may be giv-en enough latitude to fit the big or-ganization to its changing environ-ment. While some improvements in our While some improvements in our we have to sell. Then if our meth-keting will have an opportunity to be fully effective. Real equality for to the fully effective. Real equality for the fully effective. Real equal equal eqfective. Real equal equal equal equal equ ganization to its changing environ- ods are efficient, co-operative mar-

3-26-25

LIVE STOCK Your State Farm Bureau during FOR SALE-REGISTERED GUERN-sey bull calf. Well bred, old enough for light service. Herd T. B. Tested. A. R. Knowles, Kingston, Mich.

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Full particulars and sample free. H. Welder, Fennville, Mich. 3-12-23

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Unadapted Seed Gives Poor Yields-These Facts Mean Money To You

Experiment station tests made in practically all northern and corn belt and eastern states have shown that seeds of adapted hardly varieties of clover and alfalfa give higher yields of forage and seed, and much more dependable stands than unadapted seed.

Italian Red Clover seed has been shown to be unfit for planting anywhere in the clover growing sections of the United States. Alfalfa seed from regions of mild climate, such as Argentina, South Africa, and Mediterranean countries and the Southwest, gives poor stands and low yields in the Corn Belt, Northern and Eastern states.

Unadapted seed is being largely distributed in the Corn Belt, Northern and Eastern states, blended with home grown seed, or masquerading as adapted stock, thereby causing great loss to growers. During the past five years, 12 million pounds of seed imported. from Italy, enough to plant one million acres, has been distributed in these regions, causing a total loss of \$20,000,000 or a tax of \$4,000,000 per year on farmers who planted it. During the same period 24 million pounds of Argentinean alfalfa seed have been imported to the United States and largely distributed in the northeastern quarter of the United States, causing a loss of over \$30,000,000, or a \$6,000,000 tax per year.

On The Open Market Your Chances Are Less Than 50-50

At present approximately 21,000,000 pounds of adapted northwestern and Canadian alfalfa seed is available for sale in the Corn Belt, Northern and Eastern states.

On the same market 20,000,000 pounds of unadapted imported alfalfa seed from mild regions and of southwestern alfalfa seed is being offered for sale.

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