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2,400 FARM BUREAU MEMBERSHIP WORKERS READY TO GO

What's Doing

Big Business What About It?

to be told that our occupation is not only the oldest and noblest human employment, but also the greatest business in our American nation. The most interesting thing about S. CLOVER 33,333 ACRES such talk is that it is true.

There are in the United States today 6,500,000 farms, each one of This Season's Record Shows which might be likened to a small factory. Taken as a group, all these primitive industrial units which comprise the greatest of our national enterprises, engage the services of 22,000,000 men and women ers have planted 85,000 acres to and on them live a number of chil- Farm Bureau alfalfa this season? dren, who might properly be called apprentice farmers, estimated at 20,-

When we begin to take an inven- in 1919 when the total was 79,000 tory of some of the financial aspects acres. of our business it fairly staggers us. For instance, the total value of farms and farm property in the United States, according to a report issued by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, July 24, 1925 was practically \$60,000,000,000, which is said to be more than the invested capital of all industries, railroads, banks and mines, combined. The total investment in buildings on these small factories is \$11,000,000,000 and the total invested in machinery amounts to \$3,600,000,000 per year. The total annual income of all farms as compiled by the National Bureau of Economic Research is in round numbers \$11,000,000,000.

What do the American farmers do with this \$11,000,000,000 of annual income? Here are a few of the items for a recent year: For the purchase of manufactured commodities, \$7, 000,000,000; for freight on outgoing products, \$1,100,000,000; for interest on first and second mortgages and other loans \$1,000,000,000; for taxes, real estate and personal \$700, 000,000; total paid out by the American farmers \$9,800,000,000.

left but \$1,200,00 nificent sum of \$184 per family This isn't much with which to educate children, pay doctor's bills, repair buildings, pay life and fire insurance, support the church and TRY to save something for the future.

However, for the past year the net return was slightly better, being estimated by the U.S. Department of Agriculture at \$2,712,000,000. This return on a total investment of \$59, 154,000,000 means but 4.6 per cent

interest. Even this inadequate so-called ne income did not go entirely to the farmers, as they own only 79 per cent of the total agricultural capital and pay interest on the balance. The return on the farmers' unencumbered capital for the year was estimated at 4.1 per cent, compared with 2.5 per cent the preceding year, although they had to pay an interest rate on borrowed capital of 6.4 per cent last year.

"Thus", the Department concludes, "as a combined return for the use of around two per cent less than was paid solely for the use of other capital, under conditions not requir ing the lenders to take any active part in production."

Getting at the situation from little different point of view, we find that one-third of the population of the United States is made up of farmers. These farmers represent 52 per cent of the total wealth of the entire nation, but they produce only 18 per cent of the annual income of the nation. This can't mean anything else than that the other 48 per cent of the national wealth produce 82 per cent of the income. Do farmers need to stand together? rather looks that way.

The situation revealed by the above figures is of the gravest importance, not only to farmers, but to all business men and citizens. Whether or not our farms are prosperous, they must spend from \$10,-000,000,000 to \$14,000,000,000 each year for up-keep, off-setting depreciation, for the maintenance of their huge personnel and for miscellaneous and personal expenses. These transactions taken singly are small for the most part, but reach a tremendous volume in the aggregate and are therefore, of the utmost importance to all other industries. When agriculture is stagnant and depressed, business must suffer keenly. With prosperity on the farms, the wheels of industry turn fast and general contentment and good times

(Continued on page two)

PLANT 223,333 A. TO FARM BUREAU SEEDS THIS SEASON

It is nothing new for us farmers More Farm Bureau Alfalfa Planted Than Existed in 1919

Great Popularity of Seed Service

Do you know that Michigan farm-That's more alfalfa planted in one season-and all secured from the co-operative Farm Bureau Seed Service-than existed in the whole state



CARL F. BARNUM Mgr. Farm, Bureau Seed Service

The other day the editor of the senting them herewith.

Michigan Farm Bureau members and have included community singing, others planted the following acre- motion pictures, a chart presentation ages to Farm Bureau Brand guar of the Farm Bureau campaign plan adapted seeds:

85,000 A. Alfalfa 30,000 A. Clover 33,333 A. S. Clover 75,000 A. Timothy

223,333 A. F. B. Seeds

Their Real Value

The real value of the 85,000 acres of alfalfa and the 33,333 acres of Parsons And His Aides sweet clover is shown by the fact that these two valuable legumes came through the drought in fine shape this summer, producing both per acre. On the other hand, it was a

(Continued on page two)

An Open Letter from Pres. M. L. Noon To Loyal Workers on the "Firing Line"

Dear Township Team Workers: I want to thank all you boys for the ap-preciation you are expressing for my letters to you. I want also to write this open letter to all Township Team Workers, all Town-

ship Chairmen, and all Coun ty Farm Bureau Officers and tell you that I appreciate your work in this Campaign.

Each day the reports grow more encouraging. Increasing crowds are attending the Campaign Meetings. Township Chairmen are out every day securing promises from their neighbors to serve on Township Teams.

A very famous old wise man said, "The three foundations of learning are Seeing much; Suffering much; Studying much". No truer words could be said about us farmers. We have suffered a plenty; we are seeing the dawn of a better day; and we are studying to do the right thing by each other and the Farm Bureau. At the bottom of this page

the complete announcement of all Team Schools. Boys, I want to ask you to plan your work so you will be absolutely sure to be in your County Team School all day Take it from me, it's going to be one

We often refer to ourselves as a big family, I like that family idea. Members of a family are true to each other. So we are doing a genuine favor to our brother farmers

by asking them to join the Farm Bureau. Here's what we do for them: We are suggesting a splendid investment; we are per-suading them to take out additional safeguarding insurance of home, family, and

future progress; we are inviting them to link them-selves up with true-blue fellow farmers, thereby becom-

shouldn't we farmers be just as wise as they are? Great a great organization to make electricity usable. The telefarmers. But Bell, the inpoverty and with his telephone unknown had it not been for organization. And Ford-well, we use his car and we know that his manufacturing and selling organiany man who declines to work with and for his own organi-

So let's ask our neighbors to join and stay joined. The organized Church exhorts us to gladly do the right thing. The organized Lodge teaches us to practice the Golden Rule. Organized Baseball urges us to stay in the game right up to the last minute of the last inning.

These three organizations offer us splendid advice. Let's ask our neighbors to join us (Continued on page three)

Pres. Noon Says the Teams Will Enjoy Programs and Learn Much ing bigger and better men. Our necessity requires us Twenty-four hundred Michigan Farm Bureau members are to organize when labor and business organize. Why going to school again for a day the week of August 3-8. There will be a school in each campaign county. The school is the final step of six weeks self-preparation on as Edison is, he had to have the part of this volunteer campaign organization, which is now practically complete in every county. The next week, phone is a God-send to us August 11, the 2,400 volunteer workers, as 204 township ventor, would have died in teams of 12 men each, will take the field the same day, to

will give their time and best efforts for the Farm Bureau cause, without pay of any kind. zations are a living rebuke to of 126 rousing Farm Bureau rallies which have been held in

day 12 or more communities in as many communities held such meetings, and much interest

TO ATTEND TEAM WORKERS' SCHOOL

IN EVERY COUNTY WEEK OF AUG. 3-8;

Final Preparation is Workers' One Day Schools

Announced in This Edition of the News;

stay on their membership job until that job is complete. They

The week just ending,—that of July 27—marks the close

CAMPAIGN ORGANIZATIONS COMPLETE

White counties show where Farm Bureau Volunteer Membership Cam-paign Team Schools will be held week of August 3-8.

since the central Michigan County Farm Bureaus and the State Farm Bureau decided to put on a simultaneous membership campaign, in which picked membership teams of volunteer workers would build up a

A great deal has been done

was displayed.

as many communities during

the past two weeks. In all,

thousands of folks attended

these meetings and heard both

State and local Farm Bureau

speakers of broad experience on

organization matters. Every

The 204 township team organizations are about complete. Meetings have been held at which the membership and others have learned the details and purposes of the campaign and

Plan of Team Schools

Now comes the week of the County Team workers local "It's \$60 to join and \$4.50 a quar- schools. Each County Team school will be held at a central place in each county, which is announced on page I of this edition of the News. The school will open at 9:00 a. m. "Good night! If it wasn't for the A complimentary dinner will be served at noon and the school

"Yes sir; I do.' to your Union?"

the genial County Agent from Van automobile electrician. I've paid in movements which have been built up Buren county overhauled another \$120 so far. My dues are \$50 a through volunteer membership. The

And that is what County Agent "I'm hitting it from San Francisco couple of young chaps who were hop- time and again in other Farm Bu-

Farm Bureau brand alfalfa is safe

These County Team schools will be as nearly like the widely known "Oh, I'm an electrical man on auto- Campaign Managers Training school held at Lansing as it will be pos-"Do you belong to the Electrical sible to make them. The instructors will be men of broad experience in organization and Farm Bu-"What does it cost you to belong eau matters. They will point out valuable lessons which should be "Well, I'm only an apprentice learned from the history of great team workers will come away from these schools with a carefully or-Johnston learned about organization ganized and clear cut plan of work in other lines of industry from a that has proven itself successful

The Team Workers from the va-Rankin Center, Genesee county, is rious townships will sit in township Creek-and the following conversation weeks, catching rides of one kind planning a real membership show- groups at the respective county schools. They are requested to invite their local ministers, school superintendents and other community eaders. At the school the team workers will organize themselves in groups of two, which is the way they will work during the actual cam-

> President Noon says that a full attendance of team members at the County School is a most important matter. There is a lot of good information to be had at the school. The teams having the largest attendance at the school will be the best equipped for their work, and will therefore get the best results. This statement is borne out by the records of the recent Ohio Farm Bureau Volunteer Membership Campaign, which was carried out in exactly the same lines as the present Michigan campaign. The Ohio campaign was very successful and is to be put on in 35 Ohio countles next spring.

Next week's edition of the Farm Bureau News will have one page devoted to an interesting presentation of Benefits and Services Secured through the Michigan State Farm Bureau, also all final Membership Campaign news. Watch for it.

85 At Rally

Dowling, July 24.—Eighty-five at tended a Farm Bureau rally held at Johnston Grange Hall here this evening. Harry Cheeseman, township campaign manager, presided. Mrs. Arthur Edmonds arranged the program, which included some splendid musical numbers. Sec'y Brody made the address of the evening.

GOOD MEETINGS

Interest is Keen in Farm Bureau Work in That County Great Deal to Two

Muskegon, July 30 .- Some rat-Farm Bureau News got to wonder- tling good rallies have been held here take a very long pencil to figure ing how extensively the members this week in connection with Muskethat for the year for which the above are using their Farm Bureau Seed gon county's part in the Volunteer Service, so he got the figures on Farm Bureau membership cam-000 farm families of America had several of the important forage paign the week of August 10. Meetcrops for the past season, and is pre- ings have been held at White River, Holton, Fruitland, Fruitport, Pillan, For the crop year just closing, Canada Corners. The programs anteed, northern origin, Michigan addresses on State Farm Bureau and County Farm Bureau work by State and local speakers, talks on women's work in the Farm Bureau, and entertainment programs. The county fally is to be held at Muskegon court house Friday. State speakers here this week have been Clark L. Brody, Mrs. Kinch, Mrs. Wagar and Mr. Booth. Mrs. Warren has been speaking on women's part in our organiza-

MUSKEGON HOLDS

Have Genesee Ready

Flint, July 25 .- A fine bunch of pasture and hay plentifully. The Farm Bureau rallies have been held drought was hard on medium clover, the past week at Flint, Argentine, and the majority of cuttings prob- and Montrose. The volunteer memably did not average over % of a ton bership campaign organization in poor field of alfalfa this summer that into shape. County Campaign Mangerial services, farmers received did not produce two tons of hay per ager Ivan Parsons and his township chairmen are doing a good job of it. With this situation in mind, Carl Geo. Gillespie presided at Argentine, John Vrendenburg at Montrose.

Johnston Got An Earful From His 2 Passengers

Finds Little Cards Mean a Travelers

County Agent Wm. F. Johnston of Van Buren county tells this good organization story. Driving from Paw



Genesee county is rapidly rounding picked up a pedestrian near Battle that far in a little less than two

as I earned it, so I'm going to try it somewhere else for a while," replied stronger Farm Bureau membership. the stranger. "What's your line?" "I'm a bricklayer." "Do you belong to the Union?"

"You bet your life I do. Want to the next step in the Farm Bureau program. see my card?'

mer House in Chicago, getting good

wages, but spending my pay as fast

Union we'd be working 14 hours for will adjourn at 4:00 o'clock. "Is better pay and shorter hours ston.

all you fellows join the Union for?" "No, there are many other Union mobiles." benefits, especially for men having families. Take the matter of insur- Workers Union?" ance, sick benefits, improvement of our working conditions, living conditions and so on." At this point in the conversation.

pedestrian, a tall fellow, striding year. along the road, and picked him up. "Where are you beating it from?" asked Johnston.

to Detroit," replied the second pas- ping about the country, Paw to Ann Arbor, Mr. Johnston senger, pointing out that he had come and another. "I have a cousin in ing in the coming campaign, "Well, where are you coming Detroit who has a job lined up for me," he concluded.

"What do you do?" asked John-

WM. F. JOHNSTON

from?" asked Johnston.

"I've been working on the Pal-

Van Buren Co. Agril Agent

County Team Schools for Volunteer Membership Workers

Week of August 3 to 8

DRS

Team schools open promptly at 9:00 Fast Time. Complimentary dinner at 12:00. Adjournment at 4:00.

			THE RESERVE
COUNTY	SCHOOL	DATE	CHIEF
Allegan	Allegan	Mon., Aug. 3	C. S. Hanby C. L. Brody
Barry	Hastings	Tues., Aug. 4	
Calhoun	Marshall	Wed., Aug. 5	Bentall Barbre Powell
Eaton	Charlotte	Thurs., Aug. 6	Bentall Hanby Brody
Genesee	Flink	Tues., Aug. 4	
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Township Team Workers, Township Team Chairmen and County Farm Bureau officers should be present.

COUNTY	SCHOOL	DATE	CHIEF INSTRUCTOR
Kalamazoo.	Kalamazoo.	Thurs., Aug. 6	Barbre Bentall
Macomb	Davis	Fri., Aug. 7	
Muskegon	Muskegon	Mon., Aug. 3	THE RESERVE OF THE PERSON NAMED IN COLUMN TWO IS NOT THE PERSON NAMED IN COLUMN TWO IS NAMED IN COLUMN TW
Shiawassee	Owosso	Wed., Aug. 5	
VanBuren	Lawrence	Fri., Aug. 7	Hanby Brody

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THE STATE FARM BUREAU'S PUBLIC SERVICE PROGRAM

TAXATION-

MARKETING-

LEGISLATION-

Relief for sorely burdened farm property by enaction of: (a) Two cent gasoline tax for highway (ENACTED, Jan. 29, 1924)

(b) State Income Tax in place of State's general property levy.

(c) Law forbidding any more tax exempt

(d) Equalization of assessment of farm and

city property in accordance with sales values of same. (Farm Bureau investigations brought

equalization in Calhoun, Ingham, Washtenaw, Monroe and Kalamazoo counties, saving farmer taxpayers \$67,350 excess taxes annually.) TRANSPORTATION-Immediate application of Michigan Zone

Rate decision to save farmer shippers in 69 counties \$500,000 annually. (TO BE EFFECTIVE Sept. 10, 1925,

by I. C. C. order of June 19, 1925). Extension of sound co-operative mar-

keting program now well under way in Passage of the Capper-French Truth-in-Fabric bill, completion and operation of

the U. S. Muscle Shoals Nitrates plant and manufacture of fertilizer; opposition to any form of sales tax or of consumption tax, retention of federal income tax.

SINGULARLY PERSISTENT "BRAIN STORM"

Clarence Darrow said in a debate in Boston that the human race is not worth working for, that men are altruistic only by way of brain storms, and that every fluctuation in the direction of generosity is followed by a retreat to selfish, cold blooded, brutishness. "The brain storms don't last," said Darrow. "Is it as natural to work for others as for ourselves? If you can prove that, you win.'

We are not inclined to argue with Mr. Darrow. It is not worth while. But an incident which took place at Johns Hopkins university, Baltimore, just before the Chicago attorney made his speech may be worth the consideration of those inclined to be impressed by what he said. The incident was the amputation of a finger on the left hand of Dr. Frederick H. Baetjer, the veteran roentgenologist. The amputation was the 71st operation Dr. Baetjer had endured in 20 years of dangerous experimental work with X-rays. The doctor's work has cost him, so far, eight fingers and the sight of one eye. In a few weeks he will have to submit to the knife again for a skin grafting operation which, it is hoped, will stop an infection now slowly creeping up his arm.

Dr. Baetjer is consciously working to further a science which already has shed many blessings on his fellow men. He is determined, after all his mutilations and the danger ahead, to carry on. He is facing a slow, painful death.

If, as Darrow puts it, Dr. Baetjer is a "physical machine governed by rules that drive him away from pain toward pleasure," but subject to altruistic "brain storm," at least his brain storm is singularly permanent.—DETROIT FREE PRESS.

THE FARM BUREAU'S GREAT RECORD OF ACHIEVEMENT AND PROGRAM OF PROGRESSIVE SERVICE FOR MEMBERS

Many Matters Have Been Completed; Others Are Under Way; Departments Have Been Established to Give Regular Seed; Supplies, Marketing Service

Looking back over the past six years it is seen that great strides have been taken by Michigan farmers organized as the Michigan State Farm Bureau. Many problems have been solved. Work is being done on those remaining to be taken care of. Below is a statement of what the Farm Bureau movement has established in Michigan:

I. The opportunity to solve perplexing problems of production, grading and marketing.

II. The opportunity for fostering, encouragement and support of entire agricultural extension program, including the work of the county agricultural agents, home demonstration agents and boys' and girls' club

III. A farmer-controlled Seed Service providing-

A. A reliable source of agricultural seed which is true to name, guaranteed as to purity, as to the reedom from noxious weed seed, and as to percentage of germination and, furthermore, guaranteed as to origin and adaptability to Michigan conditions.

B. A profitable market for Michigan-grown certified

C. The best machinery for custom cleaning of seed.

IV. A State Farm Bureau Supply Service which allows farmers through their local co-ops and car door agents to take advantage of the principle of collective bargaining by a continuous system of pooling their feed and supply requirements. Through volume purchasing the Farm Bureau Supply Service secures better quality, more reasonable prices and prompt delivery and can put into successful operation such sound and progressive ideas as the Open Formula feeds with the tag on every bag telling pound for pound what is in the feed.

V. Promotion of co-operative marketing-

Formation and fostering of local co-ops.
Supporting established state-wide commodity exchanges, such as Mich. Milk Producers Ass'n, Mich. Potato Growers' Exch., and Mich. Elevator Exch. Organized Michigan Elevator Exchange

Assisted in organization of Michigan Fruit Growers' Incorporated and Buffalo Producers' Commission As-

D. Establishment of Farm Bureau business services other than those discussed above. 1. Wool pool.

2. Poultry exchange.

3. Fabrics department. VI. Every Farm Bureau and co-operative business has both a direct and an indirect return. The indirect benefit may be as great or greater than direct benefit. Some indirect benefits are:

A. Farmers are charged less for supplies by local dealers than they would be if there were no farmers' coop agencies

B. Because of existence of co-ops farmers get more from

old-line dealers than they otherwise would. 1. Locally.

2. At terminal markets.

VII. Through organization farmers get recognition in the appointment of farmer-minded men on various boards and commissions of extreme importance to agriculture.

2. Federal Reserve Banks, N. P. HULL C. United States Shipping Board W. S. HILL VIII. Farmer is given friendly, reliable and uncen-

sored source of publicity which supplies absolutely essential information relative to his interest in transportation, legislation, taxation, marketing and other community and craft problems.

IX. Organization gives the farmers power in transportation matters and permits them to be properly represented.

> being settled. 1. Public Utilities Commission.

Interstate Commerce Commission. B. When following cases are pending

1. Freight rate case

A. Before various tribunals where traffic matters are

Branch line abandonment cases. C. Other traffic services

1. Rate Quotations

2. Collection of claims a. Loss

b. Damage c. Overcharge

3. Car supply (especially refrigerator cars) 4. Local railroad facilities

a. Stock yards b. Water supply

c. Loading docks d. Right of way fences e. Cattle Guards

X. Organization gives farmers offensive and defensive power in legislation.

A. Farmers have definite, well thought-out legislative

B. Farmers know what progress their program is mak-

1. At Lansing

2. At Washington C. Farmers know what type of representation they are getting.

D. Farmers get prompt, accurate, friendly legislative

E. Farmers are properly represented at hearings

F. Desired legislation is promoted G. Unfavorable legislation is opposed

H. Methods employed are legitimate devices which have been employed for years by other organized groups and classes to secure their desires.

I. Farm Bureau Legislative Accomplishments:

1. State:

a. State Legislation successfully secured 1. Two cent gas tax

Bohn primary school fund bill Deferred tax on commercial forest reserves 4. Anti-filled milk law Michigan seed law

Apple standards Potato grades

8. Appropriations for enforcing grades and stand-

9. Appropriations for corn borer eradication
10. Appropriation for bovine T-B eradication
11. Appropriations for M. S. C. and extension work
12. Placing quail on song bird list

Anti-Pittsburgh Plus resolution 14. Anti-discrimination in purchase of potatoes, grain and beans

15. Grasshopper control 16. Railroad leases

17. Bovine T-B control

18. Ban on importation of diseased sheep 19. Ban on misrepresentation of purebred livestock 20. Embargo on horticultural pests

b. State Legislation defeated

National Legislation secured

"Full crew" bill
 Ratification of federal child labor amendment
c. State Legislation for which we are still working

1. State income tax 2. Abolition of tax-exempt securities

2. National:

National co-op marketing law Packer and stockyards control Regulation of grain futures and boards of

4. Intermediate credits Federal warehousing law 6. General agricultural freight rate reduction

7. Hock-Smith freight rate investigation resolu-8. Farm-to-market federal road program

9. Voight filled milk bill prohibiting interstate commerce in filled milk b. National Legislation defeated

1. Nolan land tax 2. Heavy sales tax c. National Legislation for which we are still working

1. Truth-in-fabrics Great Lakes-St. Lawrence deepwaterways

3. Proper utilization of Muscle Shoals.

Come On In, Brother!



movement as expressed by the Farm Bureau, there always are some men who won't come in. Such men miss some of life's biggest and best things. There is no finer thing than neighborly co-operation Mrs. Kinch Speaks and the mutual give and take of pulling together for home and community.

What's Doing?

(Continued from page one) With a prosperous agriculture, an almost limitless outlet looms up be-fore our industrial concerns. Only F. Barnum, manager of the State 10 per cent of our farm homes have Farm Bureau Seed Service, says: running water and but 7 per cent have gas or electricity, although probably all the women in the 6,-500,000 farm homes would like run- weather and fit up a piece of ground ning water and either gas or electric-right now and plant it to Farm Buity and will have them when the reau alfalfa or sweet clover. Make Farm Bureau Program price for, crops permits. But 2 per cent of America's farmers have motor trucks and but 3 per cent have of those always unexpected dry tractors, or 5 per cent in all who spells hits us next summer. This all the remaining 95 per cent will ning. ever have them, but millions of them will, ultimately.

this particular time some challenging questions. If our business is the greatest in the nation, what are we going to do to protect it and keep it on a high plane? If agriculture is shape, despite the dry weather, but gram.

mer. Both the Farm Bureau all tion WGY, Schenectady, recently in this spring came through in good the monthly Farm Bureau radio prosperous as other business. es, what are we doing to better it many clover seedings were killed and put ourselves on a plane of out. equality with other classes? If industry and labor have improved their conditions through organization, why should we not do likewise? If men with no capital investment at otherwise the pasture is not so good. all or very little at stake will pay This is an important point. initial and annual dues running up into big figures, why should \$10 a breaking plantings of sweet clover year stand in the way of our having and alfalfa. The Farm Bureau Seed a strong, helpful organization? Service is shipping large quantities Study the following table of dues of to all parts of the state every day a few typical organizations. Trade

t Trade
Bricklayers
Painters
Metal Workers
R. R. Brakemen
Barbers
St. Ry. Workers
Teamsters
Hod ca riers

Church Is Packed To Hear President Noon

Rice Creek, July 23 .- Pres. M. L. 20 township teams of 12 men each, of August 10 to 15 toward building up a strong Farm Bureau membership in the county.

Plant 223,000 Acres To Farm ur. Seeds (Continued from page one)

Watch Sweet Clover "The farmer who plants sweet enough stock on it to keep it down,

"This summer is showing record-The state acreage of alfalfa is now Yearly 429,000 acres, according to the new figures just compiled. In 1919 it was 79,000 acres."

Eaton County Reports Set-Up About Complete

Eaton Rapids, July 23 .- There is teen interest here in the approachng Volunteer Membership Campaign to be put on August 11 to 15 by members of the Eaton Co. Bureau. co-operating with the State Farm Noon of the State Farm Bureau Bureau. At the rally here today it was reported about complete today, ship workers' organization was re- State, thousands of farmers are giv-

AM. FARM BUREAU **OPPOSES FREIGHT** RATE INCREASE

Bureau Membership Enables Farmers in 22 States To Protest

Chicago, July 27 .- When Western railroads recently proposed an 11 per cent increase in freight rates for 22 western states, the Farm Bureaus of those states, representing some 500,000 families, objected and proposed to show cause why the rates should not be advanced. They appealed to the American Farm Bureau Federation for help and the national Farm Bureau is now helping them build organized opposition to the proposed rate increase.

"Seventy-three railroads of the west have joined in a petition to their respective state railroad commissions asking them to co-operate with the Interstate Commerce Commission to the end of securing this increase.

"Farmers of the West and Midwest are now finding present high rates a real obstacle in the way of their economic recovery. The twenty-two states that would

be affected by this increase are: Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska, South Dakota, North Dakota, Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Colorado, Wyoming, Idaho, Utah, Oregon, Washington, California, New Mexico, Arizona, Texas, Arkansas and Montana. Some five hundred thousand farm families in these states are members of the Farm Bu-

O. W/ Sandberg, transportation director of the American Farm Bureau Federation, estimates that "this proposed increase would add some one hundred and eighty million dollars to the annual freight bill paid by these states. Of this amount between eighty-five and ninety-five million would be paid directly by farmers in shipping their produce to market. And another large portion of it would be paid by farmers in the price they pay for various 'shipped in' commodities."

Open Letter From Pres. Noon to Team Workers

in doing the right thing for Agriculture; practicing the Golden Rule oward our neighbors, whether on the farm or in town; and loyally sticking to the Farm Bureau through thick and thin.

Once more reminding you of the good time you will have in your County Team School, and wishing you great success in signing up new members in all townships in your

Very sincerely, M. L. NOON, President Michigan State Farm Bureau.

At Otisville Meeting

Otisville, July 20 .- "We are denanding an equal opportunity for our boys and girls," said Mrs. Isabel Kinch, well known Huron county farm woman, at a Farm Bureau rally here today. "We'll get it only as we organize our abilities and resources. The Farm Bureau movement offers us a real opportunity in this direc-

Aids New York Farmers "Seventy-five thousand New York have motors of the utility type. Not has happened several seasons run- State farmers are doing new things on their farms today because of an The past season demonstrated idea born in the hill country of fully the value of both alfalfa and Broome County 14 years ago." This sweet clover for furnishing hay crop was the summary of Farm Bureau But to us as farmers there come at and pasturage through the dry work in New York heard by thousweather and for making full pasture ands of radio listeners when L. A. when other stuff is dry in late sum- Muckle, president of the New York mer. Both the Farm Bureau al- "Sod Busters," broadcast from Sta-

> Mr. Muckle's subject was "Fourteen Years of Farm Bureaus." . He said, in part: "The history of the whole Farm Bureau movement in clover wants to be careful and keep New York State is a history of unselfish service by county agents and by hundreds, yes, thousands, of Farm Bureau committeemen and individual farmers who have worked without thought of personal reward that Farm Bureau ideals of better farming and better rural communities might advance. It is a satisfying tribute to all who have had part in this work to know that 82 per cent of all farmers in New York State have changed their farm practices as a result of this type of work. Their eward is the knowledge that purebred sires head an increasing numper of herds, that improved seeds have averted many a crop failure, that they are conquering the hordes of insect pests and withering plant diseases which lurk to rob the fertile field and the spreading orchard of its harvest.

"Today, New York State can be proud of her agriculture. Today, spoke to a capacity crowd at the was said that quite a number who New York State farmers are 15 per Rice Creek church here this eve. 1g. have not been members heretofore cent more efficient than they were About 150 heard him. The Calhous have let it be known that they are ten years ago. And this condition County Farm Bureau Volunteer coming into the organization. The exists largely because in the 55 Membership workers organization Eaton County Volunteer Member-lagricultural counties of New York ported about complete today,-16 ing their time and supplementing who will give their services the week township teams of 12 volunteer public funds with voluntary conworkers each, who are giving their tributed money in order that New services the sign up week of August York State agriculture may be increasingly prosperous."

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WOULD YOU EVER PLANT A FIELD OF TROPICAL ALFALFA

Argentine Has Mild Climate; Ships Us 7,000,000 lbs. Of Seed Annually

Last year Argentine shipped the Inited States more than 7,000,000 bs. of alfalfa seed, which was sold o American farmers,-and not unfer the name of Argentine seed. This is enough to sow 411,765 acres. This South American country has been shipping us around 7,000,000 lbs. of alfalfa seed annually for the past three years, according to U. S. Dep't of Agriculture figures.

While we recall the long Michigan winters, with plenty of zero and beow zero weather, let's be prepared for a real surprise when the U.S. Dep't of Agriculture tells us that this Argentine alfalfa seed is produced in a climate where the ground seldom freezes hard enough to interfere with plowing, and then for only a few days at a time! It also advises us that it is not reasonable to expect Argentine alfalfa to survive in such a climate as that of our northern states.

More Worthless Seed

It is also a matter of common knowledge that seed importing firms with an eye to profit bring as much as a million pounds of French and Italian grown clover and alfalfa seed into the United States per week during the winter. This seed too, is not adapted to our severe northern climate, but it is sold to American farmers under various decriptions.

These facts about Argentine and Southern European seed warn the man planting alfalfa or clover that he must be sure of the source of his seed. Only alfalfa or clover seed grown in the northern part of the United States and guaranteed to be adapted to Michigan conditions, is safe. Insist on knowing the source of your seed.

At present there is no law to proway that farmers will ever get such protection will be through their own owerfully organized efforts. Previous attempts along this line have not been strong enough to defeat nation has not been fully aroused None of the Good Things in about a rural school system especial-

to the importance of the thing. Proof of the Pudding Farmers in the Michigan State Farm Bureau, by establishing their own seed service, handling only northern grown, domestic seed and Chairman, Farm Bureau Home and guaranteeing it to the purchaser to e such, have by this act attracted a he importance of domestic seed. estimation is the consideration we winter killing with such guaranteed farm homes.

seed have been phenomenal. In five We may talk and plan for more better conditions, don't you think the

working through the State organ- the entire count of rural boys and izations and the American Farm girls.

Bureau Federation, is seeking a lesupport of every farmer who realizes the great importance of being able to buy alfalfa and clover seed and know that he is getting pure, high quality stock that will stand our

Wm. Toan Is Now Ionia Farm Bureau Secretary

Ionia, July 27.-Lester M. Campbell, for 2½ years secretary of the Ionia County Farm Bureau, has resigned because of inability to spare time from his personal affairs to earry on the county duties. He will continue as secretary of his local Farm Bureau unit. Wm. Toan, prominent stock raiser and farmer, has been elected to fill the vacancy.

Prices Up, Agricultural Outlook is Promising

Agriculture looks good for 1925, says the U. S. Dep't of Agr. Hogs are nearly double the price of a year ago, lambs are higher priced, heavy others to be supplied to our young associations or cow testing associations are considered as the contraction of the cont steers are bringing better prices folks. In fact, the Farm Bureau's tions. Everything of any worth ity and no better monument can we here tonight. A six piece orchestra tatoes on a smaller acreage than last ery normal family. year, should do well. Corn looks

Lyons Lake Interested In Calhoun Campaign meet.

Powell At Carleton

Carleton. July 23. - Stanley Powell of the State Farm Bureau spoke at an interesting Farm Bureau rally held here this evening. Jerry Andrus presided. The program was arranged by Mrs. Andrus.

Six Great Problems Now Before Michigan Farmers

They Must Be Answered Only Farmers Can Do It.

What About These Six Problems?

1. The Country School?

The Country Church? Selective Production?

Co-operative Marketing?

5. The Agricultural Fair?

6. Public Improvements?

Who Wants These Questions Answered?

The Farmer's Wife His Boys and Girls His Neighbors His Country

Problems Can't Be Solved This Way

One Man Can't Do It ALONE It Can't Be Done By WAITING It Can't Be Done By HATING It Can't Be Done By PROXY

These Questions Can Be Answered

Organized Farmers Must Think Them Through Organized Farmers Must Work Out the Answers They Must Start at These Things Now They Must Work with Neighborly Spirit They Must Stick to the Job

Yes

No

tect farmers against imported or domestic unadapted seed. The only Easy If We All Help

Life Are Beyond Our Reach

No

Yes

By MRS. EDITH M. WAGAR Community Work

The outstanding possibility of the remendous amount of attention to Farm Bureau in the future in my 'armers' records of success and no may give to the boys and girls of our

elevators, more shipping associations, next generation will be ready to een increased from 79,000 to 429,- more local co-ops, a better under-000 acres. The Michigan Farm Bu-standing of one's own business in evreau idea is growing into a national ery way and still our one dominat- many hangers back? movement, called the Federated ing thought is for the welfare of our Seed Service, with nearly a dozen own children and the children of our whole communities are now prevent-State Farm Bureaus participating. neighborhood which thought soon ed from enjoying many opportuni-This organized farmer strength, broadens to a radius that embraces ties simply because there are those

gal stop on the importation of encourage club work as taught by the college extension workers, but and will not join the effort of secur-Not only do we desire to foster and ed in the last session of Congress. To put this great reform across, the Farm Bureau needs the membership activity in our rural church system; service or any other necessary rural



MRS. EDITH M. WAGAR

than last year. Truck crops are Big Thought is for the coming gen- while effort takes some one's time erect for ourselves. sharing the price recovery and po- eration just the same as it is in ev- and effort and must be financed.

We can never make them install new expone does their bit. All of them ideas by each one of us sitting tight are really luxuries and beyond the and thinking about it and occasion- thoughts of many if a few have to ally grumbling to those whom we carry the burden.

How To Do It

attended the Calhoun County Farm and act collectively; we must be of our counties. Our organization paign was gone over and the largest local potato co-op in Michi-Bureau rally held here this evening, willing to co-operate with all of can well feel that it is doing one of work of the Farm Bureau was reone of the many being held at vari- those who may be interested in any the Big Things when it encourages viewed. ous points in this county prior to the particular change we have before us; that work among the boys and girls Farm Bureau membership campaign. we must be willing to practice a of the rural communities. They are There is much interest in the cam- give and take policy. There's no learning early in life to work togethpaign and the Farm Burean pro-gram. Mrs. Kinch spoke here this his or her own way entirely,—not ly, to understand their job well, to even at home, and it will be a wise see something besides labor in their decision for many of us to make job, no matter how homely.

ours, educational publicity could be in growing crops will never drop to Brumm, John Killick, Pres. E. C. encouraged that would help to bring a hit or miss method in after life. Eckert and Milton Townsend.

ly fitted to the needs of farm boys and girls. A good farm business course is far more essential for those who are expecting to choose agriculture as a life work than some of the branches now prescribed. A course in dietetics would do much good to any future housewife or

The Coming Generation Again, if we older ones will just show our willingness to work with push collective progression at every turn, without the hindrance of so

Just pause and think how often around us that will not help support or encourage any change! How many convenience. It seems to me that one of the important possibilities of Two members of the Board, Lucine Scribner and Frank Recess were absent. our organization is the continual stress of co-operation in every form, universal habit. In this way only bring to us the kind of people we want on our farms. Our young folks see others enjoying many connot and if they have once enjoyed of doing this work will be a great July 11. Sixteen counties were repthem, the desire remains with them and quite often if they see no attempt to secure them for home, they the fundamentals of sewing, patch- Texas Farm Bureau Cotton Associago where they have them.

money and time and effort, but many affairs will have a great start toward Federation, was the principal speakof us forget the fact that they cost the education that will fit her for er. somebody something wherever they home building. These things are all are. And the cost is reduced ac- vitally essential to the happiness of Mrs. Wagar Speaks At cording to the number participating, the people living in our places in the whether it be telephone service or near years to come, and we can best rural electricity or good roads or serve those folks,-be they our chilbetter schools or up-to-date churches dren or our neighbors' children-by

elevators or creameries or shipping to progression and contentment. No ed at the rally of the Castleton-None of these things are beyond the Macomb Folks Busy But how are we going about it? dreams of the common people if ev-

Value of Good Training Lyons Lake, July 24-Thirty folks In the first place we must think work that is being carried on in many

> when we can be able to respect other | The boy trained in stock judging opinions and different plans and ad- will always have a certain amount Wednesday July 22, which was in just our idea to the most fearible of pride in his stock and nothing but the nature of an all day picnic at that which can pay out will satisfy Pine lake, Among the speakers were Through such an organization as him. The boy who has had training Mrs. Edith Wagar, Mrs. R. G.

SHIAWASSEE CO. OFFICERS



Above is the Shiawassee County Farm Bureau Board of Directors. They are the men who are directing the Shiawassee Bureau's part in the coming voluntary membership enlistment campaign this August. County Agent J. V. Sheap was photographed with the Board. The men are:
Top row, left to right: WILLIAM GUNDERMAN, PAUL AMOS, J. V. SHEAP, county agr'l agent; FLOYD WALWORTH, sec'y-treas.

TEXAS REGIONAL MEET

Two thousand Texas farmers at-

resented at the meeting. Harry Wil-

Nashville F. B. Rally

Nashville, July 22 .- Mrs. Chester

and several vocal and instrumental

solos were features of the program.

Mrs. Edith Wagar made a splendid

McBain Co-op To Ship

400 Cars of Potatoes

McBain, July 27 .- The McBain

Farmers Potato Shipping Ass'n, the

It will operate a seasonal pool from

November 1 to June 15, 1926, and

through the Michigan Potato Grow-

rs Exchange, of which it is a mem-

Men are like tires-a blowout

PARSONS

IT PAYS TO BUY PURE BRED SHEEP OF

weekly pool during October,

Farm Bureau talk.

leaves them flat.

with the hope that it may become a He will know what to expect and will TWO THOUSAND ATTEND go after it. The boy having become are we going to keep with us and interested in handicraft work will have a great advantage over his less fortunate neighbor in keeping up the premises of a farm home and his tended the regional Farm Bureau veniences that the rural people do training in tools and the accuracy meeting held at Hillsboro, Texas,

asset and pleasure to him.

Likewise, the girl having learned liams, secretary-treasurer of the ing, darning, cooking, home arrange- tion and member of the executive I know these changes all cost ment, canning and other domestic board of the American Farm Bureau or Chautauqua entertainments or doing our very best to bring about Smith, Castleton twp., chairman of community houses or co-operative rural conditions that are favorable Farm Bureau women's work, presid-

Building Campaign

Warren, July 26 .- Forty-nine Farm Bureau members attended the Farm Bureau rally here this evening Then there's the extension club when Macomb county's part in the coming Volunteer membership cam-

Prairieville, Orangeville Members Have Picnic

Orangeville-About 127 men and women attended the Prairieville-Orangeville Farm Bureau rally here

SECTIONS OF POSTAL

Dissatisfaction with the present postal law is registered in a large number of letters received from farmers by the Washington office of the American Farm Bureau Federation. Among the objections to the by the Post Office Department that all packages carrying baby chicks must pay a 25 cent service charge.

Granger Explains Plan Step by Step at Olivet grades of poultry. Today's market

ger, gave a most interesting explanation of the volunteer membership campaign, showing by means of charts each step that the member workers will take. Music and recitations were enjoyed very much. Other speakers were Mrs. Kinch and Co. Agt. Clair Taylor.

Report More Sheep

Washington, July 25-There is a tendency to expand sheep production in the United States, according to the U. S. Dep't of Agriculture. The 1925 lamb crop shows an increase of 51/2 per cent over last Bottom row, left to right: CLAYTON COOK, campaign manager; C. M. year.

CALHOUN FARMERS **PUSHING CAMPAIGN**

Marshall, July 27 .- "I am pleased o report that there are many farmers in Calhoun county who realize that we can't afford to be without the Farm Bureau," said Arthur Edmunds of the Organization Dep't of the State Farm Bureau, speaking at a membership campaign rally held at Convis Grange Hall this evening.

"Only that organization can live whose members put themselves into it." said Mr. Edmunds, "We can't expect to enlist the man who wants to ride on your ticket. In this campaign we are joining not merely for selfish benefits, but for the sake of our children, the coming generation."

Details of the Farm Bureau's membership campaign were explained by County President Frank Garratt. The address of the evening was given by Stanley Powell, assistant secretary of the State Farm Bureau, who said that in a generation and a nation of great progress, farmers must take their place in the procession of advancement or be left behind. He stressed the value of co-operative organization and outlined some of the problems confronting the farmers and rural communities today and showed how the Farm Bureau can aid in their solution,

Township campaign chairman F. O. Davis presided at the rally. Community singing led by Arthur Edmunds, vocal solos by Miss Adah Davis and Miss Doris Schreiber and a talk on boys' and girls' club work by E. E. Sackrider, Calhoun county club leader, were other features of the program.

FORTY ATTEND BATTLE CREEK BUREAU RALLY

Battle Creek, July 24-Forty olks attended an interesting Farm Bureau rally held here this afternoon in connection with the Volunteer Membership campaign for this section of Calhoun county. Mrs. Isabel Kinch was the speaker. Calhoun county expects to show them all something in this campaign.

LAW ARE PROTESTED Detroit Poultry Market

As given by Mich. Farm Bureau Poultry Exch., 2610 Riopelle street, Detroit, July 30, 1925.

present law is the arbitrary ruling Poultry In Poor Demand Poultry supply is large and an easier market is noticed here. Poultry intended for other markets, which are lower has been attracted here by higher prices. This has

brought about a depression for most

Olivet, July 22.—A rousing Farm
Bureau rally was held here today. P.
M. Granger, county campaign managar gave a most interesting explana-

Poultry Shippers

For results and service send our future shipments of Live your future billy poultry to FARM BUREAU POULTRY EXCH 2610 Riopelle St., Detroit, Mich.

Buttermilk EGG MASH

Make chicks grow and hens lay. See your local co-op or Farm Bureau agent. Write for free poultry feeding booklet.

MICHIGAN FARM BUREAU SUPPLY SERVICE, Lansing, Mich.

Have You Ordered Your

Farm Bureau Fertilizer

for your fall crops from your local co-op or Farm Bureau agent?

Fall Grains

Now is the time to see your co-op and order your Farm Bureau Brand fall grains. We offer the following Michigan Crop Improvement Ass'n varieties:

practically all Michigan records for yield.

ROSEN RYE-Outstanding heavy yielding rye, large plump berries, well filled



RED ROCK-The old reliable bearded red wheat. Holds

BERKLEY ROCK-Bearded, hard red wheat, stiff straw, winter hardy, smut resistant.

AMERICAN BANNER-White Wheat, beardless, stiff, winter hardy, heavy yielder. Best variety for lighter wheat

CALL TO ARMS IS SOUNDED AT BYRON

Farmers Warned to Organize Or March at Tail of Procession

Byron, July 28 .- A call to arms for an organized agriculture to make farming more profitable and rural life more worth while was sounded at a Farm Bureau campaign rally held here tonight at the town hall. President C. M. Urch of the Shiawassee County Farm Bureau voiced the keynote when he said, "We farmers will never get what we deserve until we can oragnize. The Farm Bureau is a splendid and successful organization and has done much for Michigan farmers. However, the individual members must put forth some personal effort to obtain the benefits which it makes possible. We must join hands and work together for the benefit of farming interests."

That the 10 per cent cut in the assessed valuations of Shiawassee County farms was largely the re sult of the Farm Bureau's investiga tions into assessment and equalization conditions in other counties and thus was directly traceable to the Farm Bureau, was one of the interesting facts brought to light at the meeting.

The main address of the evening was given by Stanley M. Powell, assistant secretary of the State Farm Bureau. Mr. Powell made a strong plea for rural organizations to assist farmers to keep pace with the rapid advance being made by organized business and union labor. Outlining the services of the Farm Bureau, Mr. Powell showed in a convincing manner the tremendous di rect and indirect benefits which the Farm Bureau has brought to every Michigan farmer whether he realiz es it or not. Farmers present caught a new vision of the value of their

organization. Short talks on the spirit and method of the campaign were made by County Agent J. V. Sheap and County Campaign Manager Clayton

A very pleasing feature of the program was a ukelele duet by Misses Pearl and Alberta Gittowski of Toledo, Ohio.

PRESIDENT



W. W. Billings of Davison, President of the Genesee County Farm Bureau, has been taking an active part in the Farm Bureau's Volunteer Membership campaign, both in his own county and throughout the other counties engaged in the campaign. Mr. Billings is a splendid tion, and one of the early organizers of the movement. He is a big lamb feeder and pools upwards of 5,000 lbs. of wool in the Farm Bureau

W. W. BILLINGS

Ionia Farm Bur. Meetings

reau meetings will be held at the following points in Ionia county, preceding its part in the Volunteer Membership Campaign. Well known State and Local Farm Bureau speakers will appear on the programs. Musical entertainment and other purities and foreign weed seeds; features are planned. The meeting "Fourth, Native American clov

schedule Week of Aug. 3. SPEAKER PLACE Mon. Ev'g. Belding Mrs. Kinch Tues. Aft. Clarksville Mrs. Kinch

Ev'g, Lake Odessa { Mrs. Kinch Bentall Mrs. Kinch Wed. Aft. Muir-Lyons Billings (Mrs. Kinch Ev'g. Portland

Billings Ev'g. Le Valley Ch. Brody Hanby

Mrs. Kinch Thurs. Aft, Ronald Gr. Montieth

Ev'g. Boston Gr. Mrs. Wagar Chamberlain Fri. Ev'g. Ionia Ct. Hse Mrs. Wagar way.

They Direct State Farm Bureau Work



Members of the Michigan State Farm Bureau Board of Directors and Clark L. Brody, Secretary Manager. Top row, left to right-FRED SMITH, Elk Rapids, Antrim county, director representing Michigan Potato Growers Exch.; CLARK L. BRODY, Lansing, Sec'y-mgr.; VICE-PRES. M. B. McPHERSON, Lowell, Kent county, director at large; V. F. GORMELY, Newberry, Luce county, Upper Peninsula director, GEORGE McCALLA, Ypsilanti, Washtenaw county, Mich. Elevator Exch. director; J. G. BOYLE, Buchanan, Berrien

Bottom row, left to right-M. B. BUSKIRK, Paw Paw, Van Buren county, Mich. Fruit Growers, Inc., director; J. H. O'MEALEY, Hudson, Lenawee county, Mich. Live Stock Exch. director; PRES. M. L. NOON. Jackson, Jackson county, Mich. Milk Producers Ass'n director; MRS. EDITH M. WAGAR, Carleton, Monroe county, director at large; EARL C. McCARTY, Bad Axe, Huron County, director at large. (Inset) W. W. BILLINGS, Davison, Genesee county, director at large.

Reid Shows Foreign Seed Is Cause of Tremendous Losses

BOOTLEG FOREIGN SEED RESULTS IN **COSTLY FAILURES**

Until Protective U. S. Laws Are Passed, Safety Lies In "Known Origin"

Washington Representative of American Farm Bureau

Using as illustrations the bootleggers who seek to evade the prohibi-tion laws and the equally vicious crooks who illegally smuggle ineligible aliens across the border into the United States, Edwy B. Reid, Washington representative of the American Farm Bureau Federation, recently sounded a warning to the farmers of America against the unethical practices of those who import and sell in the United States, seed of foreign origin, which is utterly unfit for growth in our climate. Calling attention to the seriousness of the situation in vigorous terms, Mr. Reid, in a radio address broadcasted from station WRC, said, in part:

classified as "no good" by the Unit-ver seed. And so gradually hullers annually. ed States Department of Agriculture have gone out of use, and the easily and the State Experiment Stations obtainable foreign seed has come to speaker on Farm Bureau organiza- is not adapted to the production of clover in this country.

Tests Show Sad Facts stations in Michigan, Iowa, Minnesopool each year. Two carloads of ta, Wisconsin, Indiana, Ohio, Tenwool came from his neighborhood nessee, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, New York, Idaho, Oregon, Kentucky and Missouri, present a body of information which leads to several important conclusions. These

"First, Italian red clover seed is worthless except in the states of Idaho and Washington where the climate approximates the mild Italian

"Second, Bohemian red clover is not much better;

"Third, Chilian red clover gives excellent results, as compared with native seeds, except that it usually contains a high percentage of im-"Fourth, Native American clover

seed is the best of all to withstand the winter weather and the attack of mildew and anthracnose; "Fifth, Native strains grown near-

est home are better than strains brought in from a distance on account of being thoroughly acclimated and accustomed to the local variety of insects and plant diseases;

"Sixth, Sowing in August is a very important feature of successful clover farming in the southern sections where anthracnose is so bad, because the plants get well rooted through the winter, and can usually produce a fair crop for first cutting before the disease makes full head-

Losses Total Millions "America's total production of red WANTED HIRED MAN, MARRIED, one or two children. For general farm work and some garden work. In Southern Michigan For full particulars, address "M. H." & Michigan Farm Bureau News, Lansing, Mich.

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intelligent supervision of imported of \$20,000,000 or a tax of \$4,000,-



EDWY REID

"During the last five years ap- and do five times as well financially

Cox of the Michigan Agricultural from regions of mild climate where "Reports coming from experiment ing the last five years, enough red four and one-half millions pounds

seeds. The American farmer, who 000 a year on American farmers. can get into high priced markets But much of the Italian clover seed, with his beef and pork and mutton, like some human emigrants, also seeks a circuitous route into the United States, trying to camouflage ards of living. Italian clover seed comes to this country from many European ports, and it is not designated as Italian seed. An investi ts entry into this land of high standnated as Italian seed. An investigation in 1923 showed that more Italian seed was being shipped here via north European ports, such as Hamburg, Havre and Liverpool, than was coming in direct. In other words, it was masquerading as seed from northern Europe. Similarly, at the same time, when importers and wholesalers had defi-ilarly, at the same time, when importers and wholesalers had defi-ionia, Mich. Toolia, Mich. 7-30-ti nitely committed themselves not to import Italian seed, considerable quantities of it were on the market, as a 'once-over' inspection trip show-

clover seeds. That which comes from France gives very poor results in the northern and corn belt states, but it is not as undesirable as Italian red clover seed. From France we imported during the last five years forty-four and one-half million pounds, an average of 9,900,000 proximately twelve and one-quarter selling his clover as hay instead of as pounds a year. The same authority million pounds of Italian red clover seed, is not going to 'be bothered on seed says that the importation of seed has entered the United States by monkeying around' with a ten this French seed may easily cause a from Italian ports. This seed is or twenty bushel crop of red clo- loss of \$8,000,000 to \$10,000,000

Argentinian Seed a Menace "To complicate matters still furwhich have thoroughly tested it. It displace the home-grown products. ther, we bring in about 7,000,000 "According to Professor J. F. pounds of Argentinian seed coming College there has been imported dur- the ground does not freeze! Also, clover seed from Italy alone to plant per year of European alfalfa seed

An Assurance Of Quality Seed

SEED ANALYSIS TAG Bag to which this is attached must be stenciled with LOT NO. 9666 #1 F.B.B. MEDIUM CLOVER PURITY 99.48% CROP SEEDS .28% INERT .12% WEED SEED .12% NOX. WEED O TOTAL LIVE SEED 94% 5-DAY GERM. 90% HARD SEED 4% APRIL 1924 TEST MICHIGAN GROWN CHIC If you have occasion to refer to this shipment always

GUARANTEE

The Michigan State Farm Bureau Seed Department, Lansing, Michigan, guarantees the vitality, description and purity of its Farm Bureau Brands of Seeds to be as represented on price card and analysis tag to the full amount of purchase price. So many factors, such as cultivation, soil and climatic conditions, effect the germination of the seed when sown and the resultant crop that it is impossible to guarantee the productiveness. Further, we cannot be responsible for seed removed from our bags; but we do guarantee Farm Bureau Brands of seed to be exactly as represented when received by consignee if package is intact. It is recognized that a mistake may be made and it is mutually agreed that in no case shall the Michigan State Farm Bureau be liable for more than the amount actually paid for the seed. Upon receipt of seed if unsatisfactory advise us immediately and we will give disposition. The Michigan State Farm Bureau Seed Department, Lansing.

Here are the face and back of a Michigan Farm Bureau Brand seed tag, showing the complete analysis which characterizes all Farm Bureau Brand seeds. The analysis appears on the trade-mark side of the tag. On the back of the tag is the Farm Bureau's complete guarantee that the seed is exactly as represented in the analysis. The seed is guaranteed to its full purchase price. This kind of seed service has made Michigan Farm Bureau seeds of guaranteed northern origin Michigan adaption and high quality the choice of thousands of Michigan farmers.

from the Mediterranean regions-

changes his name after he crosses the border into this country, so in the past, at least, and I surmise largely at present, these vast importations of worthless Italian seed lose their identity and become common clover seed or alfalfa seed as the case may be. In fact, it would not be difficult to find such seed actually labeled as 'northern grown' or 'native seed,' thus more completely effecting the camouflage which is so desirable for a spurious product.

"Many remedies have been sug-Some believe that a comolex and very expensive system of registration of seed growers and a complete inspection system would be worth while in view of the heavy losses from poor or unadapted seed. "But the Department of Agricul-

ture has officially expressed itselfin view of the federal economy pro gram-as planning merely some amendments to the present Seed Importation Act, which will:

A. Provide wider authority for sampling and controlling imported

B. Secure Congressional authorization for requiring the coloring as a condition of entry of foreign seeds generally found unadapted for eflective agricultural use in this coun-

Origin Most Important "Seed importation to this country s a rapidly growing trade as indicated by huge shipments of seedhulling and seed-cleaning machinery to foreign countries from Little Falls and Saginaw factories. Our laws already provide for stringent inspection to guarantee clean seed and good seed (so far as germination tests will prove it good.) With this proposed addition to the Seed Importation Act, a new policy will e inaugurated which will enable the farmer to get seed that will realy make a crop for him,-seed that is worth buying and planting.

"Such a program can be carried brough very easily and economically and still save enormous sums that are now expended blindly on nonproducing seed.

"I know of no effort which so typifies the expression. 'Love's La-

BUSINESS NEWS

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POULTRY

FOR SALE—FIVE ECKARD BRED one-year-old cockerels. Dam's records 252-251-273-271-289. Inquire J. L. Thomas, Paw Paw, Mich.

WHY NOT GET YOUR SHROPSHIRE

LARGE TYPE POLAND CHINA BOAR pigs. April farrow, Clausman, Orange, Alaska breeding. Grand individuals. C. E. George, Union City, Mich. 7-29-tf

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"Just as there are degrees of desirability in human emigrants, there are degrees of value in imported clover seeds. That which comes

MISCELLANEOUS

SALESMEN LOOKING FOR A REAL opportunity should write for our proposition. Hustlers make \$50 to \$75 a week. We furnish outfit and pay cash weekly. Monroe Nursery. I. E. Ilgenfritz' Sons Co., Monroe, Mich. 8-5-25

BREEDERS' DIRECTORY

Herefords Reg. Cows with Calvas by side for sale. Earl C. McCarty, Bad Aze, Huron Co. 8-16-25

FOR SALE — REGISTERED SILVER Black Foxes. McCombs Silver Fox Ranch, Remus, Mich., R-2. 8-27-25

Load With Care

To avoid loss this hot weather. During this hot spell un-loading docks at both Buffalo and Detroit markets have shown quite an increase in dead stock, due to overcrowding the animals, especially hogs. Sudden changes of tempera-

ture may be expected these days. Cool today, blistering hot tomorrow. Be careful. Don't crowd. Hogs suffer most. Insist on

clean cars. Accumulated manure produces heat. Bed car with sand (or cinders) and wet it down. Many shippers find it profitable to hang several bags of ice in car to drip, which keeps car atmosphere cool and floor beneath hogs cool. liver hogs in time so that they may cool off and rest before loading. Hogs should not be filled before shipment in warm weather. It's better to fill them on the other end. We will give your shipment every help at this end.

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clean, high quality goods which is Until federal legislation of the of definitely known origin and type discussed by Mr. Reid is enact-adapted to our Michigan conditions

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