

the ensuing year. The Bureau decided to hold meet- date, before the seed staining law a offective

roads and in his letter to this paper. visable to close the business.

concerning application of greater tions brought about by the motor and approve a marketing agreement economy in the cost of township truck transportation has made it ad- and arrange for organization assist-Extension work of the U. S. departance from the Ohio Poultry Produc- ment of agriculture, appeared before Gaines; Mrs. R. Averill, Mrs. M. The State Farmr Bureau, howers association and other sources. The county representatives at the neeting on Dec. 17, agreed to call their own county meetings according to the following schedule: Calhoun county, at Marshall, on Jan. 3 Branch county, at Quincy, Jan. 4; with a view to grading eggs on a Jackson county, at Jackson, on Jan. Washtenaw county, at Ann Arbor, Jan. 6, and Lenawee and Hillsdale counties on dates to be set sometime troit, which is a distinct advantage before Jan. 7 It was decided to invite representatives of the Ohio Poultry Producers Co-operative Association in to each of these county meetings in order that the poultry interest in each county of the district might have the benefit of all the information the Ohio organization has to give along the lines of poultry marketing on a big scale. By-laws under which the Ohio organization is operating have been turned over to Alfred Hannah, secre tary of the Michigan Poultry Improvement Association. He, with Gifford Patch, of the Michigan State College, Department of Economics and with the assistance of the Michigan State Farm Bureau attorney will adapt them to meet conditions in Michigan and have them ready for consideration by the directors at ters and methods of publicity in contheir meeting, Jan. 7 The meeting on Dec. 17 was at tended by A. G. Bettenridge, of Sen- the newspaper and gave them the eca; Alex Lindsay, of Blissfield; A Torrant of, Parma; A. J. Ernst, of Saline; G. S. Coffman, of Coldway ter; Roy E. Decker, (county agent of Jackson; H. S. Osler, (county agent) of Ann Arbor; C. W. Andrews, (county agent) of Coldwate: (Continued on page two)

Michigan State College.

W. D. Graham from the office of

Cummiford, North Gaines; Miss M.

A. Hennessey, Mrs. George Fero, Vergennes; Mrs. Leon Denison,

**IN FIVE DISTRICTS** 

Of The State Bureau

To Be Hosts

hers of the advisory committee for the near future than might have been the case up to a comparatively recent

Mr. Moross referred to the road munity.

Mr. Moross forwarded the following letter to the Michigan Farm Bureau News:

Michigan Farm Bureau News, Lansing, Michigan. Gentlemen:

Can I, as a member of the Michigan Farm Bureau, ask that you give

sing attention? Publicity alone will alter the deplorable and wasteful road expenditures s of Michigan, and publicity members. alone will give Michigan the one thing necessary to make it a prosperous agricultural state; the arteries and highways for the develop-

ment of its natural resources. I have before me as I write you. your Michigan Farm Bureau News of the date of Nov. 12, 1926. Your important article, Farm Bureau Urges Economy, Fixed Township Road Program; Michigan State College Trying to Check Wasteful Expenditures." Etc., etc.

The above article has made great impression here where road conditions are so deplorable.

The loss of any industrial institution is a calamity, but the loss of a business industry which serves paticularly the farming community, is a particular loss to farmers and that is what your Bureau News is trying to help, or protect from loss.

A mill, and particularly the Mosherville Lake Mills, served the farming community in the following capacity. With its grain elevator, it bought and used farm grains, for home consumption and for shipment. With its flour mill it ground grain into flour and feed for the farmers in the surrounding community. also disposed to the farmer at the minimum cost and haul, its by-products. Also supplied the local farmers with their prepared feeds and concentrates, dairy rations, etc. With its buckwheat flour mill, one of the finest in Michigan, it encouraged the planting and growth of buckwheat grain on soil particularly adapted for its production, and disposed of its buckwheat middlings. With its hydro-electric plant it supplied power and light to the surrounding community, at a much lower rate than it could be furnished by metered service, in fact, we have had a flat rate of \$1.50 per month for all the light the individual wishes to use, (Continued on page two)

story, urging that such specific inci- ever, is continuing its efforts to asdents indicating mismanagement or sist its members in a profitable marmisapplication of authority in high- keting of their poultry products and way construction be published as a has started organizing a poultry means of creating immediate action marketing district comprising the for better road service in each com- southeastern counties of the state large scale and being able to-ship poultry products to any of the markets of the country as well as to De-

at, times.

There are three groups of people with whom a co-operative must keep this communication more than pas- faith if it is to succeed. These groups are the purchasers of the products handled by the co-operative, the creditors of the enterprise, and its own

**MOVING AGAIN!** 

1,412,200 POUNDS OF UN-ADAPTED CLOVER SEED were imported into the New York port during the week ending Dec. 18. This seed CAME FROM FRANCE.

Watch your purchases of clover and alfalfa seed and demand UNSTAINED SEED.

During the week of Dec. 24, another third of a million pounds of this unadapted clover seed came into the New York port from France. The bulk of these importa-

tions were booked for the Toledo, Chicago and other north central markets.

In the issue of the NEWS on Dec. 17 we said, "Watch your purchases for stained seed, none of which is adapted for Michigan conditions." It should be stated, however, that Canadian seed is stained violet (one per cent) and this seed is adapted for Michigan planting.

By demanding unstained seed, you will at least have the advantage of knowing whether or not your dealer carries domestic or foreign grown seed.

DON'T BE CONFUSED by the ONE PER CENT STAIN clause: it means that one seed out of every hundred is stained to comply with a federal law to designate its foreign origin. THERE IS ENOUGH DO-MESTIC SEED FOR ALL. DEMAND IT and know what they sell you.

State Supreme Court Upholds Fisherman NEWS, and that it was furnished in

the high court as a test case.

While protecting riparian owners the editor's mechanical processes in and will have an opportunity to disagainst trespass by fishermen in rul- keeping down his costs of publish- cuss some of the things of major im ing that the owner's property cannot ing. The agents undoubtedly will be crossed without his consent, in profit and will probably present their respective districts. gaining access to a body of public stuff to the editors in better shape waters, the Michigan Supreme court, hereafter.

The heads of the different departin a recent decision, in the famous Collins-Gearhart trespass case, ruled ments of the college presented to the that streams which have been usd county agricultural agents the varifor navigation (floating logs) are our lines along which they were preopen for fishing, either by wading or pared to offer special extension servboating. Entry thereto must be made lices during the coming year, so that without trespassing on the lands of the agents might be able to know along what lines of extension work the riparian owner.

This was a case where a fisherman they can be assured of specialists was brought to court for wading a help. This, to a great degree, will innorthern trout stream where a prop- fluence the recommendations of erty owner held possession of the agents for their program of work. land on either side, of the stream.

Ser Ser Same

The owner charged the fisherman A little neglect of farm machinery with trespass, and the case went to this winter may breed great mischief next spring.

Houseman, Ada;, Mrs. E. Snyder, the extension workers daily in a se Central Gaines; Mrs. Jessie Wright ries of lectures constituting really Bennett, Mrs. Leona Mallery, Lowa training for their work. One of the salient points made by Mr. ell; Mrs. Maynard Dutcher, Miss Mil-Graham was the utter futility of un- dred Miller, East Caledonia; Mrs. R. dertaking to do work for people un- Sherrington, Whitneyville; Mrs. Geo. til there first had been created a want Dinkel, Mrs. Albert Hammond, West or desire on the part of those people Sparta, Mrs. Adele Brown, Mrs. for that work. Too many extension Mary Chase, Alpine Center.

workers have wasted a great deal of their time merely giving information along lines in which the people re-ceiving it were not at all interested CO-OP HEADS MEET or prepared or had no real desire of

want for such information. Grace Frysinger, of the office of extension work, U. S. department of

years to the Michigan conference gave a very interesting address o her experiences last summer, visiting rural homes in Europe, which showed in a startling manner the fact that the wants and desires and

Co-op managers from all parts of Michigan are being invited to take interests of the people in the country of Europe and United States are part in a series of five district meetfundamentally the same. ings during the week of January 10,

Professor Bristow Adams, of Cor- as part of a general Farm Bureau Bucknell, of Centreville, to serve as Report of Seed Marketing Committee nell University, whose speciality is program for effecting closer relationjournalism, put the extension workships between those engaged in the ers, especially county agricultural same lines of agricultural services. agents, through their paces on mat-The first of these meetings is slated for a district around Saginaw and is nection with their work. He showed to be held at that city on January

them the tremendous influence of 10. Stanley Wellman, the "long diseditor's viewpoint in such a mantance salesman" from the state headner that undoubtedly hereafter there quarters of the Michigan Farm Bu will be better co-operation between editors and county agricultural Barnum, the State Farm Bureau seed agents. He showed very clearly that specialist, and possibly one or two the editor was under obligation to others connected with the Supplies the Agricultural Agent for furnish-Service and the Seed Service of the ing good live news, but that the ag-

tion to the editor and to the people take a feading part in the series of prevailed, the Farm Bureau Festival conferences. in his county to see that it was

tractively placed. The outstanding winner in the portance to their business in their won first place in the ten ear, fifty The schedule includes a day with the managers in each of the follow. ing cities: Ann Arbor, Jan. 11; Kata

13. and Traverse City on Jan. 14. Howard Rather, crops specialist

Voyles, chemist, of the Tennessee Copper and Chemical company, are also slated for attending these meet- by the ladies. As no judge could be secured for ings. The Copper company makes the agricultural displays, the agricul-

Farm Bureau fertilizer.

farmers in the United States are engaged in co-operative marketing, fed- local women members of the non- leguminous seeds as to origin of procompeting groups. eral statistics show.

ings to to be held in three months at the Definitely arranging the program

Mintdale Community House. will require some little time so that, Calvin Garber, of Constantine, and even with the trade generally in-Fred Van Nordsdale, of Fabius, were clined to accept the new plan, it canchosen as delegates to attend the an- not be put into operation until connual meeting of the Michigan State siderably more work has been put Farm Bureau at East Lansing, in into it and a sufficient number of February. R. G. Hibbard, of Stur- individuals give voluntary support to gis, was named alternate,

At the annual election, Calvin Gar. The conference at Chicago, at ber was re-elected president and J. which the proposed program was Case, of Sturgis, was elected vice adopted, was the second of its kind president. C. V. Huff, of Mendon, to be held and in this conference two Ernest York, of Fabius, and A. C. committees, appointed at the first Hibbard, of Sturgis, were elected di- conference, made their recommendarectors. Irving Fairchild, of Lock- tions which were approved. These agriculture, who has come for many Seed And Supply Services port, was elected director for one committees were, a committee on certification and a committee on mar-

year to fill an unexpired term. The Mintdale Community House, keting and their recommendations the Fabius' Grange, the Sturgis were ratified by the conference after Grange and the Centreville Grange considerable discussion and debate extended invitations to hold the quar- in which a certain few seedsmen still terly meetings at their respective indicated an inclination to continue dealing out imported, unadapted seed places during the coming year.

Following the meeting, the new to northern farmers as long as they board convened and chose Howard "could get away with it."

secretary-treasurer for the ensuing The seed marketing committee made the following recommendation

1.º That all distributors of field seed be urged to keep full and complete stock records as to origin. We **BUREAU FESTIVAL** commend the studies already made by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, in devising the preliminary forms which have been submitted to the Committee for consideration. We recommend that these studies be continued and that complete forms be made available to the

seed trade as soon as possible. 2. Using these complete stock recat Coopersville was well attended ords as a basis, we recommend that ics, in co-operation with the interested seed associations, devise a comcorn class was Hiram Yntema, who plete system of inspection and verification of the stock records of such seed handlers as shall voluntarily off the sweepstakes Schreuder cup comply with the regulations finally promulgated by that Bureau. We suggest that such seed as shall comply with the regulations as to origin shall be designated by the term The Progressive Home Group at "Verified Origin." We suggest that regulations be authorized by the De-A very bountiful dinner was served partment of Agriculture to issue tag certificates in the form which it may prescribe.

3. We suggest that the Bureau of tural agent, C. P. Milham, awarded Agricultural Economics in co-opera-Two million of the six million the prizes. In the Home Economics tion with state agencies or otherwise, exhibits the judging was done by devise a system of verification of (Continued on page 2)

Successful Show at Coopersville Athough unseasonable weather

**GOOD EXHIBIT AT** 

reau Supplies Service, and Carl F. Ottawa County Members Held

year.

ricultural agent was under obliga- Michigan State Farm Bureau, are to

The Co-op managers will be given and exhibits were very good and at- the Bureau of Agricultural Economsuch a manner as to adapt itself to a dinner at each of these meetings

mazoo, Jan. 12; Grand Rapids, Jan.

ear and single ear classes and carried

for the second successive season. Collar Bros. at Conklin were outstanding winners in the potato class-

rom Michigan State College and Otto Coopersville carried off the most hon- all concerns qualifying under these ors in the Home Economics Exhibits.

**DECEMBER 31, 1926** 

"This is a good example why

farmers should be Farm Bureau

members and stick to their organiza

"We sell a man exactly what he

buys. We don't sell him Ohio coal.

"The coal we handled at Ubly this

who formerly sold Ohio coal are now

"We must all join hands and stand

"Sometime ago, when I was order.

ing coal for the farmers, a local busi-

ness man called me into his office

and told me he would give me 25

will not be complete.

and tell him it is from Kentucky.

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" A CHAIR by the fireside, a table, a light, God grant there is somewhere they wait you tonight, For fame you may hunger, for fortune may thirst, But working or playing, your home should come first."

handling township road construction is laid down by learned men who have devoted their time to a thorough study of the question.

This study has been made and the first steps were taken in Michigan last summer to present these principles to the officers and others interested in all the road problems of some 50 counties of the state. Only 50 counties were visited because time would not permit calling on the others during one season.

In practically every instance and almost to the individual, these two factors-reticence and skepticism-were at least partly or entirely absorbed, revealing that the time is right for a definite program of better and more economical development of the byroads of the state.

The figures representing the cost of construction and maintenance of these by-roads during the past year-nearly \$14,000,000 -are enough in themselves to provide food for serious thought. Let the cry go out, "Reduce this cost?" Absolutely not, for who among us has ever thought that the township road tax was high beyond reason? Surely those who may have entertained such thoughts have been exceedingly reticent about expressing them.

Certainly not; we can't afford to cut down the allowance for these feeder roads that serve agriculture at its source unless, by more thorough study and closer observance it is evident that more and better road mileage can be had for the expenditure of fewer dollars.

The world over, the demand is for better roads; transportation demands it, the trend of the times creates it and the attitude of the present day individual makes it essential. Wherein lies the value of highly improved trunkline roads if the highways and by-ways connecting them to the source of agricultural production are not traversable or, at best, traversable but a comparatively small portion of the year?

In taking this up as a Farm Bureau issue, to improve the township road system in Michigan, the organization is not blundering into a field of unknown difficulties but is keeping a jump ahead of political factions and, by making it a sound business issue rather than allowing it to become absorbed by polities, as is quite certain to be the outcome otherwise, save the farmers of Michigan the needless loss of millions of road dollars in the next decade.

This isn't a dream nor even a new idea born in the minds of Michigan men alone. It is a problem recognized nationally as of major importance to the agriculture of America.

Secretary William M. Jardine, of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, stressed the point in a recent address to highway officials assembled in national convention at Washington. He said, "To all alike the problem of the present is to serve as adequately as possible the present needs, keeping in mind at the same time the greater needs of the future, and making suitable provision for their accommodation when the time arrives. This is the policy of stage construction, a sound policy because it recognizes the utter impossibility of building once for all a system of highways which may be regarded as a finished product, and, rather, substitutes for that conception, the principle of progressive improvement.

"The construction of earth roads on the lines and grades and with the drainage provisions that will be required by the pavement of the future is a recognized application of the stage-construction principle. But it has much wider applications than that. The acquisition of rights of way of ample width for the future so that, when the need arises, it will be possible, without heavy expense or the injury of private property, to effect the necessary improvements, is another highly important application.



Helped To Conduct

**Big County Meeting** 

#### ELMER E. BALL. Secretary of Calhoun Farm Bureau

Two hundred members of the Caloun County Farm Bureau and their uests held one of the most enthusistic Farm Bureau meetings ever neld in the state, at Marshall, Dec. 15. The attendance of so many Farm Bureau members on one of the cold. est days of the winter, and the interest displayed, shows that Calhoun County has one of the leading County Farm Bureaus of Michhigan. Arrangements for the meeting were under the direction of F. B. Garratt, president, and Elmer E. Ball, secre tary. Mr. Garratt presided.

Reverend Frank Kingdon, of the Central Methodist Church, Lansing. and M. L. Noon, Vice-President of the Michigan State Farm Bureau, were the speakers.

Mr. Kingdon's address dealt with the four ideals in the development of human character. Mr. Kingdon's reatment of these four qualitiesoyalty to our craft, education, broherhood and freedom, was highly pleasing and inspiring to this representative audience of Farm Bureau people. The common remark made by those who heard him was that it they had ever heard.

The second address of the day, by Mr. Noon, dealt more particularly with the Farm Bureau itself. Mr. Noon's account of the big annual Farm Bureau meeting recently held the audience, many of whom undoubtedly will attend the sessions of their national organization hereafgreat strides being made by the organization and how it had become an 'indispensable factor in agriculture. At the close, a large proportion of those present expressed the highest appreciation of the splendid work Mr. Noon is doing and contribution he had given their meeting.

Calhoun county officers and directors were highly pleased with the Toledo clover seed market in improved road conditions, due to meeting and feel that gatherings of order to determine as soon as possi- wasteful, careless and dishonest road

### Huron County Co-Op Manager Tells From Experience What Farm Bureau Endeavor Does

tion.

Actual Savings to Members This Season Alone Is Big Item

> By JOHN BUKOWSKI Sec. Ubly Farm Bureau

fall must have been a very good grade "My experience as Secretary of the Ubly Farm Bureau Local has taught because I notice some of the dealers me many things.

"One day while unloading a car of advertising Kentucky coal, the same coal for our members, a branch manas we are handling. "This experience has proved one ager of a big corporation came up to me and told me that the farmers had thing to me and that is, it has demon.

no business ordering coal, cotton strated a good reason why all farm. ers should join the Farm Bureau and seed meal, fertilizer, etc. "I believe it is high time that we help push this big load up the hill farmers were waking up and getting When we get it to the top we can all together. This instance showed me get on and coast down. plainly enough that when a man, conshoulder to shoulder in order to get nected with a big business organizaanywhere. Until we do our success tion, will attempt to tell us what we

should do, his interest in us goes only as far as the dollars we give him. "Now, I don't say that all business men are that way, but there are some in every community.

"I feel I have saved the Farm cents a ton if I would turn my orders Bureau members around Ubly con- over to him and quit buying coal. told him that no man's money could siderable money during this past fall. For instance, I have handled 45 tons buy me, and that I was chosen by my of fertilizer at a total saving of \$154 local members to handle this busitogetherr with 250 tons of coal at a ness for them, because they felt I was honest. I further realize that saving of \$500.

"There was this direct saving to we would never get any place unless Farm Bureau members and a like we are loyal to our members and to saving to non-Farm Bureau members our organization. "Again I say, 'Join the Farm Buwho bought of local dealers whose prices had to be correspondingly low reau and help the members of our in order to meet our competition. county and the state of Michigan."

# Seedsmen Favor

(Continued from page one) duction in order that such seeds may enter into interstate commerce with the proper verification as to the state or place of origin or the country, if of foreign origin.

4. Because existing laws for the regulation of the sale of seeds are not being properly enforced to the det-

riment of the agricultural interests, we therefore, urge the United States Department of Agriculture and other was one of the greatest addresses agencies to exert their influence toward the end that adequate funds be appropriated by the several states

to make possible the enforcement of existing reasonable seed laws. 5. Attention is called to the fact that in the present system of merat Chicago was much appreciated by chandising field seeds, future or option trading in such seeds in so-called open markets has ceased to perform any useful function and that the ter. He pictured very clearly the quotations resulting from the limited transactions in such option trading is detrimental to the producer, dealer and consumer of such seeds. Therefore, the Committee recommends that this conference request the Bureau

and expand out into the community with stored farm products. of Agricultural Economics to make ment while its milling plant was esan investigation of the market re- tablished in 1850, has been completeports and option trading of the ly ruined by what should have been

This program of activity, a new industry for some of its develop-

Verifying Origin formity in the nomenclature of the seed certified by existing state certification agencies. Much of the present discord in interstate seed market. ing could be alleviated if such a condition were possible. We would urge the International Crop Improvement Association to durther consider the matter of uniform certification nomenclature.

The Committee feels that effort

should be made to cause more uni-

#### **Poor Road Methods Expense To County**

(Continued from page 1) and on Tuesday mornings, additional power for six hours for washing and ironing. Imagine, if you can, six to ten electric lights for lighting purposes in the home for 5 cents per

day. This is cheaper than two kerosene oil lamps can be operated. With the Lake stores ,the community was served with its necessities and with our storage we were able to store our finished products

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American Farm Bureau Federation

#### STATE FARM BUREAU'S PUBLIC SERVICE PROGRAM

#### LEGISLATION

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 consump-tion tax; retention of federal income tax; Passage of Gooding-Ketcham Seed Stain-ing bill. ENACTED APR. 26, 1926 TAXATION Relief for sorely burdened farm property by enactment of: ENACTED JAN. 29, 1925 (a) Two cent gasoline tax for highway funds. (b State Income Tax in place of State's general property levy, (c) Law forbidding any more tax exempt securities. (d) Equalization of assessment of farm and city property in accordance with sales values of same.

(Farm Bureau Investigations brought equalization in Calhoun, Ingham, Wash-tenaw, Monroe and Kalamazoo countles, saving farmer taxpayers \$67,350 excess taxes annually.)

#### TRANSPORTATION

	EFFECTIVE SEPT. 10, 1925	Immediate application of Michigan Zone Rate decision to save farmer ship- pers in 69 counties \$500,000 annually.
		MARKETING Extension of sound co-operative mar- keting program now well under way in Michigan.
	EFFECTIVE OCT. 20, 1926	AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE Adequate protection for farmers against loss by fire, theft, collision, property dam- age and public liability furnished at rea- sonable rates.
THE TOWNSHIP ROAD		

Skepticism or reticence, it matters little by what term we refer to it, seems to be the only stumbling block in the way of getting Michigan's township roads on a definite, pre-determined program of construction and maintenance.

It may be that there is a feeling of both prejudice and reticence: prejudice against any attempt or organized effort to change old, established enstoms and reticence in cooperating with an influence or agency working to interfere with these established customs and routine.

This is purely a natural situation and, being natural and not pretended, should be the easier overcome when, by a properly arranged sequence of facts, set up through application of sound economic principles, an improved system or general scheme of

"This is sound and business-like administration of highway improvements. It is the reverse of the casual and haphazard procedure which too often has subjected the business of highway improvement to political manipulation, and produced discontinuous, unbalanced, and uneconomical development instead of well articulated systems of improved highways.

"The improvement and upkeep of the roads tributary to the main systems are of the highest importance to agriculture and the county and local funds must be preserved for this purpose."

Thus we find ourselves facing a nationally recognized problem, that of systematizing the township road progress and in our hands has been placed the means of solving it. The findings and the teachings of Michigan State College, as presented in these 50 counties during the past summer; findings and teachings that are unbiased and untainted with polities and based on principles of economy; such are the means with which the Michigan State Farm Bureau is equipped for meeting the issue squarely and openly at this time.

To wipe out the inborn prejudices, to unclothe the less enthusiastic of their reticence, let the Farm Bureau go forward this winter with a program of teaching, with discussions at group and community meetings and with individual endeavor on the part of its membership, to build up a sentiment that will be expressed in the election of proper officials and establishing of the type of township boards that will give the farmer of Michigan the most good roads for the dollars he is called upon to pay out. If there is a way open for giving agriculture a definite, increasing amount of road mileage each year without added expense. who is there to stand in the way of such progress?. Certainly not a member of the organization that has done and is doing more for agriculture than any other agency, the Farm Bureau.

Farm Bureau aims have been variously stated. Sometimes they have been classified under eight points, sometimes in four, and sometimes under still another number.

This is leading to no confusion on the part of the thinking farmer, who sees that the basic aims are the same."

We are reminded of the slogan of a commonly known automobile, "Constantly improved, but no yearly models." ) This automobile comes out in different colors, with different types of windshields, and different styles of lights. But the engine, the propelling force, is fundamentally the same.

The United States of America would never have existed but for the cooperation among the thirteen colonies which caused them to fall in line behind the slogan, "United we stand.

this kind are essential in maintain ing their membership. The secretary Mr. Ball, writes that his board is planning to hold a series of local meetings throughout the county this winter with a view to reaching their entire membership.

#### Give The Dairy Cows Lots Of Fresh Water

This is the time of year when there s a tendency on the part of dairy fy the situation in the mind of the cows to cut down on the amount of public as to the best methods of hanwater which they drink, especially is dling and distributing seed of verithis true if they are watered only once each day and driven outside of mend that the International Crop Imthe barn for that. It is much better if the cows can be watered indoors but if this is not possible they should and the American Seed Trade Asbe given a chance to drink two or even three times during the day. It ing resolution covering the aforeis always well to keep in mind that milk is 87 per cent water and that failure to have an abundant supply of water means a decrease in the milk yield. Many dairymen who have had an opportunity to make comparison are emphatic in their statements that the increased returns in milk or butterfat sales will pay for the cost of installing drinking cups the first year.

#### **Poultrymen Keen For** Marketing District

(Continued from page one) Alfred Hannah, of Michigan State College; Prof. Moore, of Michigan State College; E. M. Fackler, president of the Ohio Poultry Producers Co-operative Association. of Wauseon, O.; C. L. Brody, manager of the Michigan State Farm Bureau and varieties and strains and also in M. L. Howell, of Wauseon, O., manager of the Ohio Poultry Producers Co-operative Association.

The whole proposition. as explained by the Ohio men, is one of grading poultry products on a big scale o that the producers will be in position to trade on the biggest and best markets of the country, including Detroit, Toledo. Cleveland, Buffalo, Chicago or wherever they find it most advantageous to sell their

Besides affording a better market outlet for their products the grading and handling of them under an arrangement such as is operating with great success at Wauseon, will tend to improve the flocks of the producers and to raise the standard of the industry in general throughout the whole district, those who have watched the operation in Ohio with interest, claim.

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nomic service this market renders to Nov. 12th issue, calls attention to. agriculture in the marketing of seed. feels that the active participation of can be investigated, proved and used the Bureau of Agricultural Econom- as a help to ameliorate future condiics, of the United States Depart- tions, it seems that local papers do ment of Agriculture, in the investi- not wish specific cases, but wish gengation of stock records and the veri- eral cases so that no real blame can

suance of authority to qualifying or- plished. ganizations, will do much to stimulate the use of adapted seed and clari-

fied origin. Therefore, we recomprovement Association, the Wholesale Grass Seed Dealers' Association, sociation immediately pass supportmentioned recommendations.

**Certification Committee Report** 1. Seed Certification:

The Certification Committee believes that the country is not yet or for the establishment of Federal mill. The Mosherville disaster proves seed grades.

is now controlled by State Seed commissioners can tamper with and Laws which require complete label. alter at their wish, with their ining as to the description, purity and competent and inefficient methods. similar items which can be determin- these roadways, and impair and ded by examination of the seed itself. stroy without hindrance these Farm Certification as to the life heritage of seed is still in a formative stage and is not yet ready for iron-clad standards. Excellent progress has been made by the various crop improvement associations, extension and other certifying agencies in certifying the genuineness of valuable

verifying geographic origin. We believe this type of certifica-

as uniform as is practicable. We feel that a basis for more ef- cy. ective certification work would be provided by further agronomic in. vestigations.

The Seed Certification Committee feels that Federal control of a uniform system of verifying place of origin might be advisable, yet the Committee wishes to strongly urge that defective chimneys, stoves and fur-Marketing Conference.

lication:

ole for reporting back to the next expenditures. The very thing which seed marketing conference what eco- your article, so well written in the

The one regrettable fact is that 6. In conclusion, the Committee although it is a specific case, which fication of same followed by the is- be attached and no real good accom-

> But it is only by holding up specific cases that we can really educate, and by publicity alter intolerable conditions.

While quite as important as the above, or more so, is this fact, the small water power mill serves each community in which it is located. There is scarcely a single one of them with old and established water rights, which is not reached by some county or even state road, and fully 80 per cent of them have such roads passing their doors, in each case the road being a part of the dam for impounding the water, such as Homer, Concord, Litchfield, Addison and many, many other mills; but I cite ready for Federal certificates of seeds those only within a few miles of this

that at any of the above named mills The mechanical condition of seed and dozens of others, county road serving industries as was done here. Therefore, I am calling this case to your attention hoping that the facts will be published so that these agricultural serving industries will be given the protection and encouragement which they deserve.

An investigation here will show not only careless destruction of property, but also a deliberate effort to magnify same by leaving the road in an impassable condition, because tion should be encouraged and made of daring to publicly call attention to this incompetency and inefficien

> Very respectfully. E. A. Moross.

Chimneys And Stoves **Cause Third Of Fires** 

Available statistics indicate that such a system should not be con- naces, together with hot ashes, and strued to mean Federal varietal cer- sparks from chimneys, were respontification or Federal grades. The sible for almost one-third of the farm subject of Federal verification of fire losses in 1925. Such losses are place of origin is a matter which the easily preventable, by seeing to it Committee feels should be consider- that the heating plants and equiped at the general sessions of the Seed ment are in good order, that the ashes are properly cared for, and that 2. Standard Terms in Seed Certi- chimneys are regularly cleaned and inspected.



It Can Be Done sonable basis. A joint board of United States and "3. Agricultural Canadian engineers, a few years ago, cannot entirely regulate production. Value of his product as determined in 1925 was 650.5, while in 1926 put the cost for the dams and locks They may regulate acreage or num necessary to float a boat drawing 30 ber of breeding animals, but season- the average buyer always interprets terfat production per month for 1925 foot of water, at \$270,000,000. The able conditions entirely beyond their in his favor. If co-operative market- was 26.79 pounds per cow while in engineers at that time figured that control, may determine a decided va- ing has accomplished nothing more 1926 it was 23.39 pounds. of this amount, more than \$100,000,- riance in yield, either above or below than this one thing, it has been 000 would be used to put in turbines market requirements. and machinery for the creation of Marketing Costs

electric power. Of the entire amount "4. Marketing costs cannot

organizations returns to each farmer the actual milk production per cow per month worth all the time and effort ex- much room for thought on the part other business. pended on it.

of production and inferior grade. It in 1926 there were 59. The average on a possible future market which it was only 559.2. The average but-

The foregoing figures afforded being tabled and finally lost among ogy at Sandusky, Ohio, in 179 corn-"6 Through controlling a large of herd owners, as to why there should be a slump in 1926 over

tive to chicken thievery, and the unanimous indorsement of the Bu-

reau in favoring county-wide tuberculosis tests for cattle. A resolution to establish the coun- the corn borer situation can be gainy wide T. B. tests for cattle was ed from the report from the annual brought before the board of super- field survey made by the corn borer visors here in October, the resolution laboratory of the Bureau of Entomol-

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of money they estimated the ship eliminated. Some state that the mid- amount of any given commodity, the 1925. channel would cost only something dieman cannot be dispensed with. If co-operative is in better position to like \$160,000,000 for actual canal by this they mean the cost of put- secure value in its sales, due not only and lock construction. This amount ting the goods on the market, well to the volume it has to offer, but also the cows in the association, upon in turn would be shared by the two and good. If, however, they mean to its ability to keep in close connations on a fair basis. the maintenance of an entirely dis- tact with all phases of the market. The ship channel itself, that is tinct organization, operating inde- an impossibility with the individual feeding, balancing rations, etc., show the canal part, would be only 33 pendently of the commodity organi- producer. It may become such a this kind of a record-what is hapmiles in length, and this added to zation proper and serving its own dominant factor in marketing any the 25-mile canal at the Welland, interests rather than the interests of particular commodity as to have the welland, interests rather than the interests of particular commodity as not total of but 55 miles the methods in the second to a second the second to a second to would make a total of but 58 miles the membership, they are assuming deciding voice in sales prices within tentions? The same ratio spread

of ship canal between Chicago and a wrong position, which has been the reservations before mentioned. Liverpool. Canal distances of this disproved by many successful mar. "7. The combined efforts of a Liverpool. Canal distances of this disproved by many successful marlength have been found practical, es- keting organizations. group of co-operatives may do and pecially where only a few locks are "5. The co-operative cannot enter has done much in furthering the pasrequired. For example, the Kiel Can- into the field of speculation. Neither sage of legislation favorable to their al is 61 miles in length, and the long- can it hope to equal or exceed all growth and development, and stop- given out for the purpose of making est great ship canal, the Suez, a canal speculative prices which may be paid ping adverse legislative measures.

with no locks, is 102 miles long, for limited amounts of the commod- The same may be said concerning Canals of any extreme length, such ity in which it deals. as the 179 mile substitute proposed "The moment such an organizaas the 179 mile substitute proposed by the State of New York, crossing tion enters into the speculative field Co-operatives are borrowing - large that state and connecting with the by refusing to merchandise any of its sums of money, which is advanced Hudson river, have never proved product until such time as prices to the growers on long-time period. practical for the use of large ships. may be highest, that moment it ceas- and at low interest rates, thus allow-The Great Lakes-St. Lawrence es to be a marketing organization ing an orderly movement to market Farm Bureau Boosters Hold not harvested this year. This was 24

Tidewater Association, the official and its period of existence will be -a thing individual producers could representative of a group of twenty- determined by the length of time it never hope to accomplish for themone mid-western states, has found can successfully forecast the mar- selves.

"8. The establishment of co-operathat there is indicated 30,000,000 ket, because whenever it is obliged tons of commerce for such a ship to unload on a down market, it loses tive marketing agencies and their activities has succeeded in changing channel and that the saving on its membership. "Further, an organization which the attitude of the consumer toward freight charges would amount to an average of \$4.00 a ton, indicating a holds out to its membership the idea the farmer. There is today an entirenet saving to the mid-west of over of always beating speculative prices, ly different sentiment toward agri-\$100,000,000 a year. In a word, it and expects to hold them on that culture in consuming centers than will bring us and our home consumer basis, has a rough road ahead of it. prevailed some years ago. The situacloser together. It will bring us and There are always a few overoptimis- tion so far as the farmer is concern- of this committee are Frank Darling- acre. In 1925 there were 87,000 our foreign market closer together. tic men in every business. These men ed has not changed, yet no longer ton, chairman and minuteman, R. W. It will reduce our freight costs, both are reading signs of advanced mar- is he charged with being a profiteer; Robotham, Mrs. Archie Himebaugh, the average acreage yielld was 13.5 at home and abroad, and it will in- kets which may or may not material- neither is the joke that you could Mrs. Robert Jones and William Encrease the net returns to the farm- ize, and are willing to back their tell a farmer from the hogs with derle. judgment with their money. If their whom he associates by looking for

#### U. S. and Canada Planning

Our government is negotiating in business another year. If the its changes as formerly. with Canada at the present time. A market breaks against them badly "The farmer has announced to the mittee in furthering good roads, betto be hoped for and expected. If the others step into their places. it, this opportunity to improve our merit its support or justify its ex- and that he is entitled to the same great highway to the world's mar- istence? kets will be lost, so far as this generation is concerned.

Think the matter through and if the production of a better product by at his valuation of himself. you believe that lowering our trans- informing him on grades, production portation cost to the world's market and preparation for market, and big business. Bankers are asking for would better the farmer, tell your then secure for him the additional his patronage, and his voice speaks United States Senators how you value such a product is worth in the with authority, demanding his rights would like them to vote when a market. It can go far in the stand-treaty providing for the St. Law- ardization of its product, thus assur-mendicant, taking such dole as may rence ship channel comes before the ing its customers a uniform quality be given him. Senate for its approval. There is no and pack, a decided advantage in es- "In conclusion, may we press this politics in that. Just plain horse tablishing desirable sales connec- one point? The success of every cotions sense.

is inevitable! Let's have it in our quantities as may readily be absorb- on the part of the individual memled, and avoid dumping operations, ber."

Is it in breeding, or feeding, or which there is such close bookkeepover the dairy cows of the country would run into a large amount of

money. This does not afford a satisfactory record and these figures are dairymen think.

**TOWNSHIP SHOWS PROGRESS SPIRIT** 

> Meeting at Newfield Farmer's Home

able beans were saved from the sea-Eighteen members of the Newfield ownship Farm Bureau, in Oceana son's total crop and the "pickage" ran approximately 18 per cent, leav county, met at the home of Archie ing only 4,350,000 bushels for the Himebaugh on Dec. 9, and elected a trade as compared with last year's township committee to look after crop of 6,471,000 bushels. The avacres of beans left unharvested, and bushels.

Carl Hemstreet, County Agriculexpectations are realized they stay the one with the hat rung in through tural Agent, talked on the possibility of a Farm Bureau township com-

treaty either this winter or next is enough they are lost sight of, and world that he is a business man, ca- ter schools, tax discussions and ex-Old mother earth's annual bathing pable of managing his own affairs; tension work. Fred Bunnell, chairbill costs the farmers of the United Senate approves this treaty, the "The foregoing are some of the that his business is of such a char- man of the meeting, said he thought States more than \$200,000,000 every work can immediately be started, but things which co-operate marketing acter that he must combine with his such a local gathering could do great year. Rain water scouring the count if the Senate should refuse to ratify cannot do. What then, can it do to fellow farmer successfully to do so; good by meeting regularly, talking tryside, rushing down hillsides over mutual problems, deciding on a gouging out gullies and sweeping respect and business courtesy given course of action and then acting in a over gentle slopes of cultivated fields

27 Co-ops Fail In Year twenty times the amount permanent

JERSEY CLUB ANNUAL Annual meeting of the Kent Counin 1925 failed, figures covering the ty Jersey Cattle Club is slated for entire country's co-operative business show. The business of \$00 of these December 31, to be held in the Y. M.

C. A. building at Grand Rapids as an cap from our shoulders and from the atic marketing it can regulate prices manship, but the final success or gain from 1913 to 1925 while those all day affair, beginning at 10:30 shoulders of our children. It can be to a degree and stabilize the mar- failure comes back to the support associations operating in the north o'clock. H. E. Dennison, field man done. The St. Lawrence Ship Channel kets, It can feed the market such and co-operation, or the lack of it, central states, including Michigan, for the American Jersey Cattle club, in business in the past decade. the Jersey breeders' problems.

The membership of the Bureau al- fields showed an average increase of to passed a resolution approving of infestation slightly exceeding 400 the appropriation granted by the su- per cent, as compared with a similar pervisors for county extension work to the county agent. At the last ses-

Some idea of the seriousness of

fields representing the older portion

of the infested area of Ohio. These





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## SHIAWASSEE VOTES **TO MAKE CHANGE IN ITS CONSTITUTION**

Provides For Two Women On Directorate, Allows Women to Vote

#### **CLUB SERVES LUNCHEON** Membership Work Is Pushed. Officers Elected For The Year

Shiawassee County Farm Bureau held its annual meeting in the City Hall, at Owosso, on Dec. 9. The meet ing was called to order at 11 o'clock by President C. M. Urch. The morning session was taken up with question box and round table discussion of various Farm Bureau mat-The discussion was led by Alfred Bentall of the Michigan State Farm Bureau Organization Department.

At noon all those present enjoyed a real get-together dinner served by one of the county Farmers' Clubs which is famous for its hospitality and having the pleasant custom of serving on lap-board tables so that each four people must of necessity be close together. The idea conveyed is, that as they support their corner of the table, it is suggestive of the ele nent of success in all co-operative work, namely, close co-operation The one hundred or more Farm Bu reau hoosters who gathered at this meeting surely enjoyed this noon huncheon and after the round table discussion and eating together in this pleasant way, everyone felt ready for the more serious business of the afternoon

The County Farm Bureau constitution was revised to bring it more completely in line with those used in many other counties and to allow each member a vote at the annual meeting. At this particular meeting the men present gallantly voted to have the ladies vote also, an example which other counties might well follow.

Another change in the constitution was to the effect that the memhers present would elect the directors with the president and vicepresident to be elected by the directors from among themselves. Also that two women should be on the board of directors.

In the opening of the afternoon session Frank Bennett, one of the State Farm Bureau organization field men, gave a splendid talk on the benefits of extending our Farm Brreau work. This address was exceedingly helpful and Mr. Bennett will return to the county to assist them in furthering their membership work.

The election of directors resulted as follows: Floyd Walworth, C. B. Cook, Jfl F. Beardslee, C. M. Uroh, Ed. Seib, Mrs. C. B. Cook and Mrs. R. Beardslee. At a subsequent meet-ing of the directors, on Tuesday, December 14, Ed. Seib was elected president; Mrs. C.B. Cook, vice-presi-

Irvine, Ky., Dec. 31-(Special) With an explosion of nitroglycerin within the body of a dog a short season of fright in a section of the Lee county oil fields near here came to an end. The dog drank about a pint of the explosive and oil men tried to capture it, but the

SOME DOG!

dog ran away. The workers cleared out and the owner of the dog moved his wife and ten children from their

MEETING AT PAW PAW home. Later the dog chased a rabbit Many Other Organizations over a 50 foot precipice, fell, and exploded.

#### **MILK PRODUCERS HOLD** LOCAL MEETINGS FOR **MAKING YEAR'S PLANS**

Delegates of the Michigan Milk devoted to listening to officer's reroducers association, from the vari- ports and the election of officers for ous counties that ship milk into the the ensuing year. Every member of detroit area, have been holding the Farm Bureau is urged to be presmeetings by counties to elect their sales committee men for 1927, and to decide other matters pertaining to work in their locals especially be present also. during the winter.

A year ago it was decided at these county meetings to put on a certain Agricultural agent's recommended type of meeting in each of the locals. This meeting was to be one in which some educational marketing material would be presented by a representative of the Agricultural Economics Department of the Michigan State men's Clubs, bankers, editors, minis-College. Mr. Gifford Patch, Jr., of East Lansing, ably took care of this ative Marketing Associations, Farmphase of the work in the association er's clubs and other local organizalocals last winter. Coupled with this tions interested in agriculture in the was a discussion led by the associa- county to be represented and take tion representative. His remarks part in this meeting. This is the were along the line of informing the time for the agricultural interests of members of the conditions in the the county to show what their demarket and endeavoring to explain sires and wants along lines of extensome of the things that might be in sion in agriculture and home economthe members' minds.

These meetings were not started them at this time, it is very hard for last year until about the middle of the agricultural agent to carry on winter and consequently all of the lo- any orderly extension work program. cals were not reached before spring's work started, and so at the last few from a county-wide standpoint durmeetings there was a very small at- ing the year, and forms an opinion tendance. It is expected that this as to the things most in need of attencalities that did not have them last opinion he expresses in the form of

is reached, if possible, and if a meet- forth distinctly the various projects, ing is desired in that local before the apportionment of time to each. next spring.

the plan. The association, therefore, ed to be performed. This program is endeavoring to again secure the should be considered, discussed. co-operation from the Michigan State College, and this has been promised. These meetings work in two ways. One is to give our members the benefit of information gained by the association from the marketing standpoint. The other is to get the ideas, day in the year just what he has to suggestions and criticisms from the do and is in a position to lay his members to the association. This plans and organize his work accordclose contact makes a better informingly.

ed membership and it is only in this way that the strong support of the members can be secured.



**OUTLINES YEAR'S** To Tour Europe for Study WORK AT MEETING Sam Thompson, A. F. B. F. Head, To Lead The Annual Convention of County

Is Held on Friday, December 31

Are Asked to Attend the

Bureau Meeting

**VAN BUREN AGENT** 

Party Next Summer Five hundred American farmers are going to tour Europe to study,

Five Hundred Farmers Plan

n their own way, foreign producers production and marketing methods. omplete plans have just been announced of the American Farm Bueau federation's 1927 co-operative pilgrimage which is to be made next summer through England France, Scotland, Belgium, Germany, Holland, Denmark and the Isle o

The annual meeting of the mem-Jersey. S. H. Thompson, the federaers of the VanBuren County Farm ion's president, will head the tour Bureau will be held on Friday, Dewhich he has worked out with Frank ember 31, at the Coterie Hall, Paw Evans, general marketing counsel o Paw. The forenoon session will be the bureau in co-operation with offihals of the United States department of agriculture and its representatives in Europe, American ambassadors in Europe, American ambassadors in the ent and to take part in this event. foreign countries to be visited, and The Farm Bureau is a family memforeign agricultural ministers and bership and the wives are urged to ecretaries.

The trip will cover approximately The afternoon session will be de-10,000 miles by boat, rail and autovoted to consideration of the County mobile-6,700 miles by steamer 2,500 over railroads, and 800 miles program of work for the coming year n automobiles. An entire steamship and the adoption thereof. An invitathe Aurania of the Cunard line, will tion is extended to Granges, Gleanbe taken over by the farmers. er Arbors, Boards of Trade, Business-Mr. Thompson says that this uniters, agricultural teachers, Co-operarmers in their effort to improve their own industry's unsatisfactory condition.

A Unique Occasion

It is the first time such a large group of tourists, made up almost entirely of men actually engaged in farming, ever visited foreign coun tries. They will have an opportunity to hobuob with European farmers ics are, and if they do not epxress The trip, which is to last two months, beginning July 30 and ending Sept. 26, comes at the time of year when conditions will be ideal for the Amer

He gives these matters close study ican farmer tourists to get out into the fields with foreign producers. Unlike any other foreign tour where the usual plan is for an auyear the meetings will start in lo- tion during the coming year which thorized commission to go through the strictly sightseeing sections of year so to make sure that each local a "recommended program" setting Europe and when they return home make a flowery report with little practical information in it, Mr. Thompson and Mr. Evans have planthe amount of specialists's time he The delegates at these county meet-ings are unanimously approving of work that may reasonably be expect- United States has a chance to learn from these first hand observers what they see and hear from day to day amended or substituted by the agrias they chat with farmers and mar cultural interests above mentioned keting experts in the fields and marand finally adopted in a form that a kets of Europe. In addition to pracmajority of them agree to. After tical farmers and technical agriculthis is done the agent knows every turists there will be the best agricultural writers in the country in the touring party. Intimate stories o

what the American farmers learn will be sent back by reporters of metro. politan dailies, special writers, news agencies, and farm magazine writers

who will make the entire trip. The tour, is the outgrowth of great number of requests coming to the federal department of agriculture, Washington, D. C., during the

Liverpool Cotton exchange, cotton mills in England, and the royal here at Ballater, Scotland.

A motor trip will be made over the Isle of Jersey, the original home of the Jersey cow now famous in this

country for her high butterfat per centage. The farmers will be taken on a drive through the Shakespear country, Stratford-on-Avon and Shot tery, to Warwick and Kenilworth They will have a chance to inspec the commerce-crowned Mancheste ship canal. And by train, motor and boat they will go through the roman tic Trossachs region of Scotland.

#### **Purpose Explained**

In explaining the purpose of the trip Mr. Thompson said that many echoes have reached this country o successful agricultural practices in the fields and market places in Europe which may or may not b adaptable to the meeting of serious problems facing American agricul ture.

"We will have an opportunity to study at first hand the long term cul- information to Michigan farmers tivation methods of very old coun-through the Michigan Farm Bureau tries," added Mr. Thompson. "The News, various farm papers and the most efficient co-operative systems in net-work of Farm Bureau legislative most encient co-operative systems in the world, both in production and in marketing, will be included in our studies. We will see the great breed-ing establishments and the historic it construction in the legisla-tive chambers at Lansing. the world, both in production and in Minute Men which has been built up herds of Europe, and the soil buildme tour will be of special value to ing methods that have maintained high degree of soil fertility and land

cultivation for over 2,000 years. Our farmers are thinking seriously about soil fertility, too.

First Hand Information

"They will see what electricity has done for some of the rural communi ties of Europe. We will study irrigation in Denmark, terracing in the Rhineland, reforestation in other parts of Germany, and waste land reclamation in Denmark and Germany

#### "ORIGINAL SHEEPSKIN"

The word "sheepskin" is used to describe a diploma from the fact of its being engraved on parchment Originally parchment was made of the skins of sheep.

#### Great Lingoes "How is your son getting on at col-

lege? "He's doing very well in languages. I just paid for three of his courss-\$10 for Latin, \$10 for Greek and \$50 for Scotch."

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**POWELL AGAIN ON** 

**LEGISLATIVE JOB** 

With the convening of the 1927 ession of the Michigan State Legis lature only a few days away, we take pleasure in announcing the return to State Farm Bureau headquarters of Stanley M. Powell, Assistant Secretary and Director of Legislation. Two and a half months ago Mr. Powell was granted a leave of absence and he has been spending the interven-

ing ten weeks at his farm nome There have been just two regular essions of the Legislature since 1913 that Mr. Powell has not been connected with in some full-time employed capacity. This has given him

a unique background of information regarding legislative procedure and state affairs. He will attend each daily meeting of the Senate and House this coming session and furnish reliable and timely legislative

tive chambers at Lansing.



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dent and Floyd Walworth, secretary and treasurer. Mr. Walworth will also spend part of his time in membership work. Mrs. Beardslee resignboard in her place.

Arrangements are under way to actively push the membership work in Shiawassee County, and all those present at the annual meeting were fessor of landscape architecture. very much in earnest in their planning and pledged their best efforts project in rural landscape instrucin furthering the work of the organ-Ization.

**POTATO TRAIN IS TO RUN IN SPRING STATE COLLEGE WILL** Preliminary Meeting Called By Potato Growers In **Cass** County

for giving college credit for corres-A preliminary meeting of potato pondence school courses to be started men of Cass county has been called early in January under the direction gates and will be the guest of the oc- minister to Holland; the Rt. Hon. for Wednesday evening, January 5 of the new continuing education de-This conference will be held in Counpartment at Michigan State College. ty Agent Barnum's office in the court Dr. John D. Willard, in introduchouse at 7:30 o'clock. The Michigan ing this new plan, explained that it D. Willard, director of continuing the Farmers' Union of England. Central railroad, co-operating with had been approved by the faculty, education at Michigan State College, the Michigan State College, will run with a special committee appointed is to be the principal speaker of the son said the pligrimage had been ara "Potato Special" over its south- to work out details, and when finally meeting. The county agent and the ranged to provide opportunity for western Michigan lines during the month of March, according to an ancollege "continuing education" pro- their annual reports. nouncement by O. B. Price, agricul- gram, soon after the opening of the tural agent of New York Central winter session.

lines, west. The train is to serve potato growers in several ways. Specialists will es which, under the "mail" system. be along to discuss potato problems, their talks being reinforced by charts, pictures, data on experiments, as well

as by some field machinery. There will also be attached to the train a carload or more of certified seed potatoes, both early and late varieties, which will be offered for sale.

Many Cass county growers are especially glad of the latter feature as the value of certified seed is widely recognized in that county and there has been considerable inquiry as to agricultural and home economics. where it could be obtained. The price of this seed will be so little no one can afford to plant inferior seed.

#### TENNY HEADS U. S. BUREAU

Lloyd S. Tenny, acting chief of the all persons in the community. U. S. Bureau of Agricultural Economics for the past, six months, has Secretary Jardine, of the department to clean, rat proof and durable. of agriculture, at Washington .

**State Extension Job** Appointment of O. I. Gregg, Mich-

igan State college graduate and fored and Mrs. Arnold was put on the mer county agricultural agent in Allegan county to the new position of be mapped out late in the winter. At extension specialist in landscaping, the planting, early in the spring, has just been announced at Michigan State college by C. P. Halligan, pro-

tion, is believed by college specialists Gregg, who has been spending the

paring for his work, will take up his duties January 1.

**OFFER FEW COURSES** 

**BY CORRESPONDENCE** 

Tentative plans have been made

College credit through this ar

rangement, would be given for cours-

correspond closely to the regular col-

correspondence courses would apply

"Ag" Course First

and others built on project needs in

toward a college degree.

Gregg will work with farmers and with district school boards on the

projects. Several home grounds will farmers from the neighboring estates, will be invited to attend and to watch the work in progress. Shrubs, flow-The creation of a new extension er beds, and trees will be set out in the most attractive "lay-outs" possible, and special care will be given the to be a highly significant step. Mr. lawns. In the summer, when the grounds are at their loveliest, a secpast five weeks at State college pre- ond meeting will be called in each of the "demonstration communities," to observe results.

Kent To Hold Annual

planning European trips and asking what particular points of agricultural interest could be viewed in the coun tries which have been included in the farm bureau plan.

ast three years from farm peopl

Advantages Enjoyed

Mr. Evans has made an arrangement with public and private agencies which makes it possible for farmers to see and learn things which are not available to the tourist making the trip alone. The world prestige of the American Farm Bureau federation and its intimate connection with the federal agricultural department through the county agent system in this country has made this timely tour possible.

The trip has been made feasible through the various American ambassadors in the foreign countries to be At G. R. On Jan. 14 visited, including Alanson B. Houghon in England, Myron B. Herrick in

Kent County Farm Bureau is plan- France, and Jacob Gould Schurman ning its annual meeting for January in Germany, and also. H. Percival 14. The Grand Rapids Chamber of Dodge, American minister to Den-Commerce is to be host to the dele- mark; Richard M. Tobin, American casion at the annual dinner. The Walter Guiness, minister of agriculmeeting is scheduled for the Cham- ture of Great Britain, the Hollandber of Commerce assembly hall. John American Chamber of Commerce, and

In announcing the tour, Mr. Thomppassed, will be incorporated into the home demonstration agent are to give viewing the most outstanding practices, both production and marketing.

> IMPROVE APPLE'S LOOKS itinerary. Some of the agricultural AND CUT SPRAYING COST terest and value to American farmers

lege work. The credits received in the ican apple and at the same time re- cultural experiment station at Askov. duce its cost of production, Prof. H. the Royal Agricultural school at Bor-A. Cardinell, extension pomologist at rup, co-operative institution at

He says that a more attractive fruit of spraying could be reduced more last summer in a series of experiments near Ann Arbor.

Dr. Willard declared that the goal for the future is tenough workers so above the price of table stock that that one project can be carried on ers have proteins. Others minerals each year in every county." He sees None is particularly radical. History it the duty of county agents and is dotted with famous fasts, but most nome demonstration agents to "think of us would rather keep out of hisof the work in the county as a big tory and have our "three squares"

init," and to aid in the education of daily. Doggone!

Cement makes a good floor for the been made chief by appointment, by chicken house. It is economical, easy little Hoppy when he grows up?" Second Flea: "Oh, I suppose he'l go to the dogs like his father."

in each of the foreign countries of the features that will be of particular inin their struggle to make their busi-

It is possible to beautify the Amer- ness more profitable include the agri-Odense, the agricultural experiment station at Hillerd (devoted to techcan be produced by modifying the nique in butter and cheese making), spray applications and that the cost the king of England's private farm at Windsor, 51 co-operative slaughter courses will be given-those similar than 50 per cent by employing new houses at Frederikssund, the Seed methods of spraying as discovered Exchange at Roskilde, "Kleinspiegel" estate (noted for the cultivation of

noor and wasteland), German Chamber of Agriculture at Berlin, Schurig Some have vitamins as a fad. Oth- brothers' farm near Berlin (noted for use of machinery), and "Teutschenthal" sugar beet farm near Berlin.

**Points of Interest** The tourist will also be given a chance to see Holland's great irrigation system, the old experiment station at Rothamstead which has given First Flea: "Where will you send American farmers many valuable lessons, the Smithfield meat market at London, the Covent garden farm and vegetable market at London, the

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## Have We Reached The Danger Line in Taxation?

AMERICAN railroad taxes are mounting to new Alpine heights this year, the latest estimate for 1926, being that they will aggregate somewhere between \$400,000,000 and \$420,000,000, which may be expressed in various ways, although meaning the same heavy load:

That they will average from \$1,005,800 to \$1,150,675 a day.

That they will involve a charge per hour between \$45,659 and \$47,945.

That from six cents to six cents and four and a half mills out of every dollar taken in will go towards taxes.

That the railroads in 1926 will have to devote more than the net carnings of one mile out of every four for the payment of taxes.

The national government has cut down the national debt from January 1, 1920, to January 1, 1926, by about \$4,250,000,000-four and a guarter billions.

In the same interval, the debts of state and local governments have increased by about 634 billions-\$6,750,000,000.

During this period of federal debt reduction, the state and local governments have been incurring obligations 20 times as fast as they paid off the old debt. During this same period, debts of state and local governments combined have been incurred 4<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> times as fast as they were before the war.

The total public debt of all forms of government in this country is higher than at the peak of the war debt in 1919.

The national debt is being reduced at the rate of three quarters of a billion dollars a year-\$750,000,000.

State and local debt is being increased at the rate of more than a billion and a quarter dollars a year-\$1,250,000,000.

From January 1st, 1920, to January 1st, 1926, national government expenditures were reduced about two billion dollars-\$2,000,000,000.

During the same period current expenditures by state and local governments increased more than two billion dollars a year-\$2,000,000,000-and they are still increasing.

Rising taxes are one of the initial moving forces of the vicious circle of rising costs, Labor asks for higher wages, Producers and distributors pass along the accumulating burden to swell the family budget of the ultimate consumer. This, too, involves higher rents (or home ownership cost), higher food, fuel and clothing costs, etc.

After all, railroads are like any other industry. The farmer does not look forward to his tax bill with more anxiety than does the railroad. Have we not reached the danger line?

Is it not time to retrench state, county and local expenditures?

# MICHIGAN RAILROAD ASSOCIATION

Michigan State college, contends.

Among the first courses which will be sent out, will be agricultural economics arranged by Prof. J. T. Horner and sociology, under direction of Dr. Eben Mumford. Two types of to academic courses at the college,