SHIAWASSEE, GENESEE, LAPEER IN FARM BUREAU

Big Program, Square Dance at Eighth Annual Meeting, Feb. 4-5

PRES. SAM THOMPSON OF AMERICAN FARM BUREAU, LUCIUS E. WILSON AND MRS. SEWELL OF INDIANA TO SPEAK

Meeting at State College During Farmers Week Members Urged to Attend, Get Picture Of National and State Work and Help Build 1926 Program

The 8th annual meeting of the Michigan State Farm Bureau at State College, Thursday and Friday, Feb. 4-5, is going to be a great event in the history of the organization.

Business will predominate, but pleasure in the form of a Farm Bureau banquet and square dance with good old country fiddlers will hold the delegates' and visitors' attention in the ball room of the Union building Thursday evening.

Farm Bureau members will have the opportunity to hear three remarkable speakers on the Farm Bureau movement and its program and what it means to the man who owns or operates a farm.

Opportunity to Hear Sam Thompson

Sam H. Thompson of Quincy, Ill., who has come up from an 80 acre farm to be the owner and operator of 500 acres,-from a worker seeking members for the Farm Bureau movement in his community to the presidency of the Illinois Agricultural Ass'n, the Farm Bureau in that state, and later to be elected to the presidency of the American Farm Bureau Federation at its recent annual meeting in Chicago, will speak Thursday afternoon. Mr. Thompson is the most prominent farmer in the public mind today. What he will have to say will be interesting, indeed.

Lucius E. Wilson of Chicago is very well known to thousands of Michigan Farm Bureau members for his talks on community organization and its aims, and for his part in the Farm Bureau volunteer membership workers' campaign in 11 counties last summer. He will help 30 Michigan counties with their campaigns the coming summer. He speaks Thursday evening at the banquet.

Another speaker at the Farm Bureau banquet will be Mrs. Charles H. Sewell of Indiana, chairman of the home and community work for the Indiana Farm Bureau. Mrs. Sewell is a farmer's wife, has become a splendid speaker on woman's part in the Farm Bureau, and is in demand at Farm Bureau son, Hillsdale, and Wayne have been meetings throughout the country.

FEED SPECIALIST

Carl M. Kidman, for 8 years

in county agricultural agent

work, the last four of which

were in St. Clair county, has

joined the staff of the Michi-

gan Farm Bureau Supply service

as its feeds specialist. Mr.

Kidman will promote the sale of

Milkmaker and Farm Bureau

poultry feeds. He will study

those feeds in their relation to

various types of farming oper-

ations with the idea of develop-

ing additional profitable ideas

in feeding Milkmaker and Farm

Bureau Poultry feeds. Farm

Bureau members are invited to

Writes About Pool

Montmorency county, wrote th

Nov. 25 regarding his 1925 returns

The wrong man occasionally get

arrested, murdered or hanged, but

that he gets married.

Service, Lansing, Mich.

Send Resolutions Early Resolutions adopted by the delegates at the annual meeting fix the policy of the Michigan Farm Bureau for the ensuing year. As at the last two sessions, printed copies of the resolutions will be distributed to the delegates the afternoon of the opening day so that they may be read and digested and adopted in a deliberate manner. Two years ago the delegates adopted a resolution saying that all resolutions must be given the delegates the first day of the annual meeting. As much action as possible will be taken on the resolutions the first day, and the job will be cleaned up Friday morning. Resolutions intended for the annual meeting should be sent to Secretary Brody at State Farm Bureau headquarters at Lansing at once.

Going to Banquet? Reservations for the Farm Bureau banquet and square dance Tuesday evening may be made now by letter to Sec'y Brody. The banquet tickets will be \$1 per person. This ticket will admit the holder to the Farm Bureau dance, which is restricted to holders of banquet tickets. The editor of the News suggests that you take in the banquet and dance. The American Farm Bureau Federation tried it out at its recent meeting at Chicago, and it was great stuff. Some 600 delegates and their wives attended. Some members of our Michigan delegation stepped out and showed folks what they hadn't forgotten in the matter of square dancing, and they were still showing them at 3:00 o'clock the next morning. It was a great time. These same folks will be on the job Thursday evening, Feb. 4. Advise us if you plan to go so that we may have some idea of the size of the crowd and prepare ac-

Larger Delegations Coming County Farm Bureaus will send larger delegations to the 8th annual meeting. Formerly, each county Farm Bureau has been entitled to one voting delegate and one for each 250 members or major fraction there- Michigan Farm Bureau wool poo of after the first 250. At the last annual meeting this was changed so that the Board of Delegates at the wool pool prices this year. Had ed. annual meeting "shall consist of one about 100 pounds of wool in poo representative from each of the af- this year. Expect to have more nex filiated Farm Bureau units in good standing and an additional delegate from each local unit for every 100 paid up Farm Bureau members or (Continued on page 2)

To Radio Square Dance,-Program

Through the courtesy of the State College radio station, WKAR, the Thursday evening program of the Michigan State Farm Bureau's 8th annual meeting is to be broadcast from the M. S. C. Union building, where the banquet and square dance will be held.

About 7 p. m., Eastern standard time, the banquet program' will go on the air. Mr. Lucius Wilson's address will be broad-

Then station WREO of Lansing has an hour and a half for its evening musical program. About 9:45 p. m., the Farm Bureau program will come on the air again from WKAR. Mrs. Charles Sewell's address to the banquet guests will be broadcast, to be followed immediately by broadcasting of the Farm Bureau square dance from the Union building ballroom. Well known old time fiddlers will be on the job. Radio listeners can get everything of a great evening's entertainment.

Full details of this part of the Farm Bureau meeting will be published in the Farm Bureau News of Jan. 22. Watch

JACKSON, WAYNE AND HILLSDALE IN **30 COUNTY MARCH**

Great Membership' Program Well Under Way For 1926

Three additional counties, Jackadded to the list of those signed to take part in the big volunteer membership campaign next spring. There are now twenty-five counties definitely enrolled, the complete list be-Midland

Monroe

Ottawa

Saginaw

Sanilae

Tuscola

St. Clair

St. Joseph

Washtenaw

Montcalm

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Wayne ureau organizaging conferences unties several of which will join the others in a few days so the full quota of thirty coun-

ties for the campaign is now assured Follow-up membership work is held campaigns last summer. This activity is particularly noticeable in Genesee county which has already increased its membership since the campaign last summer by 35%, and is still working. A few days ago a number of memberships came in from that county and on the agreements we found the following, "by Committee of Ten," which means that ten Farm Bureau boosters had gone about it to calling on their neighbors. This is the sort of spirit that will make any organization go and wherever there is a bunch of folks so well sold to the Farm Bureau to ties. give some of their services, and time to the organization and will continue to talk it among their own neighbors. the future of the Farm Bureau is as-

write or bring their feeding Shippers, Be Careful! problems to Mr. Kidman at the Michigan Farm Bureau Supply

mission Merchants says:

oading sheep and calves, or cattle R. P. Wunderlich of Lewiston and calves, together in the same cars. If this practice is not stopped, to keep a representative on this mar- Hanover and Grass Lake co-ops. "I was well satisfied with the ket, to see that this rule is enforc-

mind our own business

SEN. FERRIS SHOWS **KEEN INTEREST IN BUREAU'S ATTITUDE**

Promises He Will Be Generous to Farmers in Every Step and Word

HE DECRIES EXTREMISTS

Agrees With Bureau's Stand; Shows Need For United Rural Effort

Just previous to the opening of he present session of Congress the Michigan State Farm Bureau wrote each member of the Michigan delegation at Washington a letter en closing a marked copy of the Michigan Farm Bureau News containing the position of the State Farm Bu reau Board of Directors' regarding national legislative issues which wil be coming up for consideration during the present session.

Both of the United States senators from Michigan and most of the Congressmen acknowledged re ceipt of this information with let ters which indicate what significance they attach to the legislative recom mendations of the Michigan State Farm Bureau. For instance, Senator Woodbridge N. Ferris wrote the Farm Bureau as follows:

'On arriving in Washington, I find your letter of November 30, together with the last issue of the 'Michigan Farm Bureau News.' I shall read this marked copy with the utmost care. recognize the agricultural needs of the United States and I shall not hesitate to use my influence for the benefit of all. Other lines of activity have been aided by the Government and certainly the United States Government ought not to stand in the way of agricultural progress. I shall be generous toward agriculture in every step and word I have to say Powell Writes Ferris

from Senator Ferris, Stanley M. was to save funeral expenses. Powell, assistant secretary of the as follows:

"We certainly appreciate ber 5, in regard to the statement which we sent to you as to the position of the board of directors of the Michigan State Farm Bureau on national legislative issues.

"It is gratifying to note that you so well recognize the agricultural needs of the nation and will unhesitatingly use your best efforts for securing sound enactments which will give to farmers equality of opportunity with their fellow citizens who are engaged in other lines of business.

"We trust that after studying the position of the Michigan State Farm Bureau, you will regard it as sound and expedi-(Continued on page two)

DISTRICT MANAGER



HERMAN G. RATERING

DISTRICT MANAGER MADE RECORD AS CO-OP ASS'N MAN

Story of Ratering's Work at Holland Shows What Can be Done

In February of 1920, the manage of the Holland Co-operative Ass'n Holland in Ottawa county severe his connections with the Ass'n. A investigation into the condition of the business revealed a deficit more than \$20,000, probably due market deflation of that time or ov er buying. This condition was immediately followed by financial dis putes, law suits and a general de cline of the membership morale and business support. The business was practically dead, and the only ap-Acknowledging the above letter parent reason for continued effor

However, the Ass'n had employed tering, as bookkeeper. His work was such that he was suggested as manone year. He handled the work of cleaning the stocks, installing a bet ter accounting system and generally shaping the policies of the Ass'n to meet post-war conditions in such a way that the membership was in spired to carry on. He was made manager. He developed close rela- all members of each County Farm Bureau Board of Directions between the Ass'n and the tors and to the State Farm Bureau. State Farm Bureau, bringing Farm Bureau business services and infor mation to the Holland Ass'n. He re established the Ass'n's much demor alized coal business and instituted city delivery. He encouraged loca pooling of carlot shipments of poul try. He carried on many helpful ser vice programs for the membership. During the past year the Hollan Ass'n under Mr. Ratering, did (Continued on page 4)

Can Any Bureau Equal Jackson's '25 Record?

still going on in the counties which held campaigns last summer. This Good Commercial Service

> Along with holiday greetings sent Farm Bureau in a letter called at tention to the things that the Bureau members to do for themselves. Can the Farm Bureau in your county equal or better this list of Jackson county services? Write the NEWS about it, and let's show these boys what's going on in the other coun-

Jackson County Farm Bureau folks pack quite a wallop, and more than Witness this record for 1925

Commercial Activities Those ordering wholesale lots of Michigan Milkmaker for distribution to other members: George Loomis. R-5 (150 tons); George Hutchins, Detroit, Jan. 4-The Michigan Concord; J. K. Trefry, Rives Junc-Ave Stock Exchange Co-op Com- tion; Parma Co-operative Elevator; Grass Lake Farmers Elevator: Mun-"Shippers are again warned about ith Shipping Ass'n, A. G. Moeckel, ty agricultural agent work, home mgr.; George Merriman, Napoleon.

reau binder twine distributed by the the Humane Society has threatened Parma, Rives Junction, Brooklyn, Three parties in the county order

Farm Bureau coal in car lots. All co-ops in the county handle When some people drop a hint, it Farm Bureau seeds; Fay Butler does ounds like a ton of coal going down the same at his general store at

> Other State Farm Bureau supplies bership are salt, chicken feeds, lime- son County Farm Bureau.

Jackson county members have

written to or gone to Lansing State Farm Bureau headquarters and have bought virgin wool suits, overcoats and blankets from the Fabrics Dep't to its members, the Jackson County Others who have seen them are do-

ing likewise. Through the State Farm Bureau organization is enabling Jackson Seed Service, the Michigan Elevator Exchange, the Farm Bureau Poultry Exchange at Detroit, the Farm Burean wool pool and their local coops. Jackson members are marketing a large and increasing volume of seeds, grain, poultry and wool.

The Jackson County Farm Bureau and county agent co-operated this year in distributing 40,000 lbs. of pyrotol, war explosive for blasting, to farmers in Jackson and surrounding counties.

Educational Work

The Jackson Bureau has co-operated with the Jackson Board of Supervisors and the State College in financing and carrying on the couneconomics work in 22 communities, Twenty-four TONS of Farm Bu- and boys and girls club work.

culture, all of which are covered in campaign this spring and summer. the Michigan Farm Bureau News, If we didn't stop to give so much handled by above co-ops and services to get in touch with his local trict Plan will not in any way intermajor portion thereof in excess of what happens to him most often is advice, we might have more time to brought to the attention of the mem-

NEW PLAN PROVIDES THE MEANS FOR CONNECTING MEMBERS WITH STATE FARM BUREAU'S BUSINESS SERVICES

District Manager Plan to Provide Farm Bureau Services Members Want; County Bureaus Endorse It: H. G. Ratering is Mgr. of Dist. No. 1; Offices at Flint

A new development of the Michigan State Farm Bureau which is one of the greatest and most far-reaching moves the organization has ever made was inaugurated January 1. 1926, in Shiawassee, Genesee and Lapeer counties when a new method for getting Farm Bureau service to the members and enabling them to take a strong part in their organization's work was put into operation.

This method is known as the Michigan Farm Bureau District Plan. It has been under careful consideration for months by the State and County Farm Bureaus. It has been endorsed strongly by all County Farm Bureaus which have considered it. November 10, 1925, the State Farm Bureau Board of Directors authorized putting the plan in operation.

How District Is Organized

The plan provides that Farm Bureau Districts shall be formed by three or more counties acting with the State Farm Bureau, with office headquarters to be at the most conveniently located point in the District and branch offices in each of the other counties in the District.

The District Manager is engaged co-pperatively by the counties in the District and the State Farm Bureau. For example, if there are three County Farm Bureaus in the District, they share alike with the State Farm Bureau the salary and expenses of the Manager, office help and office rent. In the above arrangement each party pays one-fourth of the cost.

Michigan Farm Bureau District No. 1 is the name given a District comprised of Shiawassee, Genesee and Lapeer County Farm Bureaus. District headquarters are to be at Room 205, Patterson Bldg., Flint, in Genesee County with branch offices in each of the other two counties.

Mr. H. G. Ratering, the very successful manager of the Holland Co-operative Association of some 600 members, has

been engaged as Manager of District No. 1. The program of Farm Bureau work for the District will be developed by the manager, with the guidance of the Tri-State Farm Bureau, wrote Mr. Ferris, in 1919 a young man, Mr. H. G. Ra- County District Committee, which is composed of a representative of each of the three County Farm Bureau Boards and one from the State Farm Bureau. For District No. 1 the following is the Tri-County Committee: C. M. Urch, Pres. of the Shiawassee Bureau; W. W. Billings, Pres. of the Genesee Bureau; Robert L. Taylor, Sec'y of the Lapeer Bureau and C. L. Brody, Gen-Mgr. of the State Farm Bureau. The District Manager will make full reports on his work monthly to

Will Develop Farm Bureau Work

Several lines of Farm Bureau work will be started as rapidly as possible in Shiawassee, Genesee and Lapeer counties by District Manager Ratering. Among them will be the completion of arrangements with co-ops, car door men and other agencies so that every Farm Bureau member may secure the commercial services of the State Farm Bureau, such as Milkmaker, poultry feeds, mill feeds, coal, fertilizer, and other supplies from the Michigan Farm Bureau Supply Service; pure seeds of known northern origin from the Farm Bureau Seed Service.

Mr. Ratering will assist Farm Bureau members to avail themselves of the Farm Bureau Poultry Exchange's sales service at Detroit, and the Farm Bureau Fabric Department's virgin wool blankets, suitings, overcoats and underwear at Lansing. He will assist members in taking advantage of the Farm Bureau Traffic Department's loss and damage claims and other railroad matters that may come up.

For Other Purposes

Where convenient agencies for these Farm Bureau services are al- Manager is financed entirely by the ready in operation, the District Man- County and State Farm Bureaus. He ager will give his assistance toward will put in all his time in Farm Bufurther development. Where there rean work, and will be particularly is a territory not served by such active in making close contact beagencies, the District Manager will tween the Farm Bureau member and help local Farm Bureau members to the services of his State organizaestablish business and other connection. He will help bring the memtions with State Farm Bureau ser-

Not only will the District Manager assist members in organizing themselves into convenient groups to secure commercial purposes, but they will organize also for Farm Bureau Bureau job all the time. legislative action in local, state and national law-making bodies. They will be in a position to take action and other forms of State College Exin regard to public improvements tension work see in the District Plan and problems of taxation.

Organization Work The District Manager will also act as the State Farm Bureau represent-The Jackson Bureau takes an ac- ative in helping the counties work have individually expressed their aptive part in the State Farm Bureau's out plans to secure larger Farm Bulegislative, freight rate and highway reau memberships. Mr. Ratering in Farm Bureau giving complete serprograms, taxation work and general District No. 1 will take a leading part activities to promote a better agri- in the Lapeer county membership

Other Farm Bureau Districts are or other College Extension work.

Is Farm Bureau's Man As pointed out above the District

ber close to his County organization and his fellow members. They will set up strong Farm Bureau machinery and keep it going. The District Manager is the Farm Bureau member's man and will be on the Farm

County Farm Bureaus supporting the County Agricultural Agent work the kind of work that is wanted to round out their program. Many county agricultural agents familiar with the Farm Bureau District Plan proyal of the plan as a means of the

State Board's Action Following is the action taken by the State Farm Bureau Board of Disaid the letter, which asked mem- under consideration and will be set rectors, November 10, 1925, authorbers interested in any of the above up as occasion demands. The Dis- izing the Farm Bureau District Plan: Moved by V-Pres. McPherson, sec-

operate as neighborhoods; side road

highway improvement cannot be had

by single-handed effort, as a rule;

group action brings about needed

changes in rural school methods

much more pleasantly and much

sooner than individual grumbling:

local tax reforms do not come of

themselves, but can be secured by

united effort, and so the list goes

The first and most difficult part

for each of us is to do our part in

converting the entire neighborhood

This takes worlds of patience and

some thought on our part on what

we want and what we think can be

done. This is easier than it sounds.

because I have always observed that

if we want anything bad enough we

find some way in which to acquire

We need the help of Farm Bureau

women to help plan these community

units to carry out our program for

better things. In the eleven County

Farm Bureaus that had membership

campaigns in 1925, I appeal to the

women members to make some kind

of mental inventory of what your

particular neighborhood needs and

what you think could be done with

some effort in the right direction.

Then talk it over with other Farm

which you think will enable you to

get some action-possibly the forma-

tion of a Farm Bureau club for that

Such action will also place your

To the Farm Bureau women in the

Farm Bureau community groups

The Farm Bureau's aim is to grow

community in readiness to assist the

County and State offices.

purpose.

Bureau folks and take the move

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THE STATE FARM BUREAU'S PUBLIC SERVICE PROGRAM

TAXATION-

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.

MARKETING-

(EFFECTIVE Sept. 10, 1925) Extension of sound co-operative marketing program now well under way in

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 consumption tax, retention of federal income tax,

THE FARM BUREAU AND 1926

The American Farm Bureau Federation with forty-six state and more than 1,800 county organizations and with thousands of township and local organizations and more than one million farm families in its membership has just completed its sixth and most

The Michigan State Farm Bureau has also completed its sixth year and is giving legislative, transportation and information service and publishes its own newspaper. The Michigan Farm Bureau Supply Service and the Farm Bureau Seed Service are carried on to give farmers the advantage of volume buying and the security of seeds of known origin as well as guaranteed purity and vitality.

The Michigan State Farm Bureau operates a large Farm Bureau Poultry Exchange at 2610 Riopelle St., Detroit, carries on co-operative wool marketing, and promotes the interest of five great commodity organizations which serve the interest of Michigan farmers in marketing milk, live stock, potatoes, grain and beans, and fruit. The combined business of these co-operative organizations totals more than fifty million dollars a year.

The Farm Bureau is the chamber of commerce of agriculture. It is the farmers' means of expression,-from the smallest township group through the County, State and American Farm Bureau organizations to the United States Congress at Washington.

The Farm Bureau is not organized to fight other interests, but to obtain for the farmer treatment equal to that accorded to other industries.

The basic idea of the Farm Bureau is service. Its members have joined not only for economic advantage But for the improvement of the community. Among its chiefcobjectives are the preservation of a high standard of living on the farm, the giving of equal educational advantages to rural young people, and the furtherance of a well worth-while community program.

It is not merely an organization of men. Its membership is that of the family. The Farm Bureau believes in and works for the women of the farm family and for the boys and girls. The thing being stressed in the volunteer membership campaign that thirty Michigan counties are preparing for this summer is that better farm homes and better conditions for the whole family in the rural districts is of the most vital concern to the well being, not only of the farmers, but, indeed, of the whole country.

Mrs. Wagar Speaks of Farm Bureau Women's Work in'26

Home and Community Program to Come Into Its Own This Year

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

To the Farm Bureau women in

Michigan: New Year's Greetings!

May we enjoy many blessings in on. As Farm Bureau groups we can 1926. May we see and enjoy the adjust ourselves to the proper methmany little things that help make od of action. life rich, which through their very commonness are so little observed and appreciated. May we be filled with a loyalty to our farm calling so to the truth that each person has a that we shall want to work hard for part to play in community affairs. its advancement.

With these thoughts in mind I come to you with an appeal for, help in making our organization serve our rural homes to the greatest ex-

The Next Step

Our American Farm Bureau and our State Farm Bureaus and our County Farm Bureaus are accomp lishing great programs of work in many fields. They have organized farmers, with the result that we have been able to secure reforms and to put new ideas into practice in a short time, whereas without the Farm Bureau organization these things would have been a long time in coming to pass, if ever.

I am thinking about the Farm Bureau work in the legislature, our great part in placing Michigan's road building expense on a fair basis through the gasoline tax, the commercial service given by our State Farm Bureau service organizations, and the educational work carried on by the County Farm Bureaus.

These things are going ahead in good shape. The time is now at hand 30 counties to have when it is going to be possible to paigns this summer, I appeal for perfect the Farm Bureau machine so your co-operation in building a that it can do a great deal more in strong membership. The organization those affairs which come close to that we build and everything that it the home: This has been our ambi- accomplishes means something for tion from the start, but the organ- our families and our homes. ization task has been of such trenendous size that it has taken time will never do their best until Farm to reach the place where we have Bureau women are sharing all the felt that we could turn a large part responsibility. of our energy into home affairs.

In order to develop our home and in numbers and in influence until community work we must have the all farm people are within the limits help and encouragement of every of our organization and Michigan is Farm Bureau woman and man to known as a state of progressive, unite our efforts for the things we service giving and contented farm

Program, Square Dance At 8th Annual Meeting

the first 100 paid up members.'

Farm Bureau members in Lansing for Farmers Week or for the Farm Bureau meeting should take the opportunity to visit their State headquarters at 221 No. Cedar Street. Lansing. Visit the Seed Service and its seed cleaning and handling divisions, the Supply Service, the Farm Bureau News, the Fabrics dep't and its suitings, overcoats and blankets display; the Traffic dep't, where members' freight bills are audited, and loss and damage claims are collected. We'll be glad to see you. College cars stop at Cedar street. Walk one block north. The Bureau is within five blocks of the center of

Following is the tentative program of the 8th annual meeting, all meetngs to be held on eastern standard

Program (EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING

MICH. STATE FARM BUREAU (Room 402, Agr'l Building)

THURSDAY MORNING (Feb. 4, 9:30 Eastern Stand Time) Call to Order Pres. M. L. Noon

.....V .- Pres. M. B. McPherson Appointment of Committees ..

...Mr. Noon President's Address Mr. Noon Reading of Minutes of last Annual S. M. Powell Meeting Secretary's Report

Seating of Delegates.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON (1:30 P. M.)

ident of the American Farm Bureau Faderation Recommendations from Board

ADDRESS-S. H. Thompson, pres-

of Directors of Michigan State Farm Bureau Report of Resolutions Com-

mittee and action on resolutions THURSDAY EVENING Michigan State Farm Bureau Banquet, ball room Union

building at 6:00 o'clock Program Toastmaster......M. B. McPherson

ADDRESS-Mr. Lucius E. Wilson, president of the General Organization Company, Chicago. ADDRESS-Mrs. Chas. H. Sewell,

Chairman of the Home and Community Work, Indiana Farm Bureau Federation. SQUARE DANCE, with country

fiddlers, ball room, Union

Building, at 8:00 o'clock, FRIDAY MORNING

(Room 402, Agr'l Hall, 9:30 Eastern Time) Election of Officers

Completion of Action on Resolu-Adjournment.

Shiawassee, Genesee, Lapeer in F. B. Dist. 1

(Continued from page one) " the policy of developing Farm Bureau Districts, including three or Branch. more counties, in a rational and conservative way, be established, these districts to be known as Farm Bu- His Pool Profit On rear District No. 1, 2, 3, etc., in the order formed; that the districts so formed be established on the basis of with each of the counties concerned, 1925 wool pool: in financing and administering the maximum amount of funds to be fur- offered here." nished by the Michigan State Farm Bureau per District or county coship, business prospects, etc.; that forelock.

Bureau District Manager; that all districts formed and the appointment of all District Managers be subject to the approval of this board. This motion was adopted unanimously.

Moved by V-Pres. McPherson, sec Secretary-Manager be authorized to establish Farm Bureau District No 1, to include Shiawassee, Genese and Lapeer Counties; that the Mich igan State Farm Bureau appropriat \$1,500 per year for the work in said BROAD PROGRAM NEEDED District No. 1, providing that the three co-operating County Farm Bureaus, namely, Shiawassee, Genesee and Lapeer, each contribute an equa amount, making the total budget of \$6,000 (Six Thousand Dollars) per year; that the secretary-manager is hereby authorized to execute a fourparty continuous agreement with the aforesaid counties, subject to cancel lation at the end of the second year or each year thereafter upon reasonable notice before the end of the year in question, said contract to be in effect beginning January 1, 1926. d unanimously.

All members of the Board of Directors were present with the ex-Electricity for farm people never ing the Michigan Potato Growers Ex- eration, pointed out: can be had commonly until we co- change, as follows:

Pres. M. L. Noon V-Pres. M. B. McPherson Mrs. Edith Wagar Mr. E. C. McCarty Mr. W. W. Billings Mr. V. F. Gormely Mr. G. W. McCalla -Mr. M. D. Buskirk Mr. J. H. O'Mealey

Mr. J. G. Boyle

Sen. Ferris Interested In Bureau's Attitude

(Continued from page one) ent. It is our aim to be progressive and yet conservative. I believe there is a great realization among people of all classes that unless the farmers have a safe and effective organization, they will become depressed and feel abused and fall easy prey to radical, ill-founded and Bolshevik ideas. The Nation's Bulwark

"We try to make our Farm Bureau a defense against such movements as the Non-Partisan League. It is generally accepted that the farm people have been the nation's bulwark and balance wheel in the past, and I am sure that we are all interested in having them remain so for the future. It is evident that it will be a sad day in our national and political life when our farm people are led astray and out into the wilderness following the advice of false prophets." Senator Ferris Agrees

Upon receipt of the above letter from Mr. Powell, Senator Ferris wrote the Farm Bureau a second letter which, in part, read as follows:

In your letter of the 11th. It is not an easy matter for a farmer, or any other man, who is in distress, to keep his head, so to speak. I confess that I have perplexities from time to time. If all the farm organizations were agreed as to what is best in the way of constructive legislation, the problem would be very much simplified. The farmers of the West show a degree of restlessness that is not marked among Michigan farm, ers. In my judgment, they not infrequently go to extremes in expressing their demands.

"Do not hesitate to write me at any time when you think you have suggestions that are constructive and worth while. I am confident they will be worth while, hence the expression of my wish.'

THUMB PLANS GREAT

Caro, Jan. 4.—Plans were started or a bigger and better Thumb of with the country school so that his Michigan Potato show for 1926, at children shall not be handicapped in the annual meeting of the show held the race of life? here recently. Many growers have

Haas, Treas.-August Fink; all of of religion. Mayville.

Caro; Chas. Weissenborn, Wilbert near being the whole of life. Maudsley, John Wilke, Jesse Coffeen, Edw. Duncan, Guy Griswold, of to meet the problem of selecting new Mayville; Stanley Stokes, Kingston; crops that fit soil and climate,

Axe; Alfred Grenber, Frankenmuth city of the man himself? Lewis Schroepel, St. Clair; Earl Fullson and Mr. R. Deo of North operative marketing? Who is to

E. L. McCollum, Barry County service? the Michigan State Farm Bureau be- Farm Bureau member, of Shultz, ing one of the co-operating bodies writes regarding the Farm Bureau's cultural fair? In many states it en-

This age is so fast that it has to it needs to be used to promote boys' operating, as determined by member- reach backward to grasp time by the and girls' club work.

the employe in such Farm Bureau THOMPSON INSISTS ON BALANCED F. B. SERVICE PROGRAM

ended by Director McCarty that the But Special Emphasis May Be Placed Temporarily On Certain Problems

To Nobler Vision of Bureau's Sphere

Bureau is no single-track organiza- leadership of the parent organization, focusing its attention on one tion, namely, the Farm Bureau. phase of the agricultural problem, was well emphasized by the program was well emphasized by the program of the seventh annual American BUREAU MEETINGS Farm Bureau meeting. More than forty topics were discussed before the convention. Each topic was of The above motion was also adopt- importance to some large group. All topics were of some importance to all agriculture.

As Sam H. Thompson, president eeption of Mr. Fred Smith, represent- of the American Farm Bureau Fed-

"The American Farm Bureau Federation, as a service organization. must serve all agriculture. We must have a balanced program. At times it may seem we are putting emphasis on marketing, at other times on icant series of township meetings legislation and at other times on sponsored by Barry Co. Farm Bureau transportation. It may be necessary is now in progress. Meetings began to put the largest emphasis at cer- January 4, and will continue through tain times on certain problems, but January 20, with the probability that our membership must remember meetings for the three remaining that a great balanced program that townships will be arranged to follow will touch every phase of our agri- immediately after those already cultural life is the real purpose and scheduled. Federation.

Ready for Third Step was emphasized again and again Local cabinets are being set up to during the annual meeting. It was provide for a permanent and conparticularly stressed by Lucius E. tinuous program of Farm Bureau Wilson, president of the General Or- membership, women's work and boys ganization Company of Chicago, and girls' work. when in his address on "The Farm Bureau-Mother Organization of velopments now taking place is that Agriculture," he said:

tune to tell part of the Farm Bureau jectives is adopted which charts the Convention that no voluntary or- Farm Bureau and Extension Service ganization can be made to live many activity for that locality for the imyears unless the member is taught mediate future. to serve individually and is content to take his profit collectively. In the year just past, opportunity has been afforded me to study the Farm Bureaus in the two great states of Michigan and Ohio.

"Out of that first-hand experience has come two very definite convictions. First, the Farm Bureau must have a much broader program than in the past. Second, it must have the courage to believe that the average American farmer is willing to serve his day and generation with that same full measure of devotion which Americans have always displayed. Planning a broad program of community advance; and preaching the serves best'- is the third step in the progress of the Farm Bureau movement. The time for a broad program is here.

"Doubtless, the Farm Bureau movement had to begin as it did with an eye to increasing production and then move ahead to the consideration of marketing the product, but you stand today confronted with the tremendous fact that a third step, infinitely more complex and important than either of the former steps, must be taken. Let me go farther and say that unless the third step is taken, you are bound to lose the advance that has been made in the second step. The pawl cannot be thrown into ratchet at the present point. You must move ahead or inevitably you will slip backwards. The adoption of a broad program of human advance is the immediate need. What must this broad program include?

Eight Great Problems "It must focus farm thinking on POTATO SHOW IN '26 the eight great problems of farm

"What is the farmer going to do

"What shall be done with the pooled their orders for certified country church or with the whole seed. County agr'l agents of this matter of affording religious trainsection will manage the 1926 show, ing to farm families? Even if a father doesn't go to church himself, Pres.-E. D. Cartwright, Vice- he knows that he dare not raise a Pres .- Leo Blackburn, Sec .- Ernest family utterly without the guidance

"What is to be the future farm Directors: Geo. Hency, Milling- home? From the standpoint of the ton; John Valentine, Frank J. Wil- farm women and the farm children. litts of Fostoria; Clarence Blassius. the home surroundings come mighty

"How is the farmer of the future A. C. Bredow, Mat Holz of Bad means of distribution and the capa-

"What shall be the future of comaintain a continuing effort to teach the farmer what true co-operation means? Who is to save cooperative marketing from the super-327 Pounds Was \$15 enthusiast? Who is to define its functions and establish its field of

"What is to become of the agrijoys a subsidy of no small propor-"I was offered 40c per pound for tions. There are states in which the work of these districts; that as soon 327 pounds of Delaine and 1/2 blood legislative appropriation for agrias experience warrants, a permanent staple. I received 44 2-3c from the cultural fairs exceeds the total inpolicy be established specifying the pool, about \$15.00 more than I was come of the Farm Bureau. The county fair needs some creative thinking more than it needs money.

"What about a program of healthy

recreation for the young-yes, and the old people on the farm? No play and all work had a bad effect on Jack. But in these days when the automobile annihilates distance, the boys and girls on the farm may need some guidance in determining what 'constitutes a good time.'

"Lastly, what is to be the attitude of the farmer toward public progress in general? What will he say about building good roads? Or the use of those roads by passenger busses and freight carrying motor trucks? Or the destruction of branch line railroads which formerly carried freight and passengers?

'If the farmer answers any one Wilson Challenges Delegates of these questions wrong, it will cost him more dollars than he would dare to dream of. Yet everyone knows that he will not give thought to dollar-saving or dollar-waste. Chicago, Jan. 7,-That the Farm even on a huge scale, without the

ARE NOW IN FULL SWING IN BARRY

Townships Set Up Permanent Committees, Plan New Service Program

Hastings, Jan. 7 .- A very signif-

object of the American Farm Bureau | Completion of permanent, wellrounded Farm Bureau organization is being accomplished at the rallies This idea of a balanced program now being held in each township.

One of the most interesting deat each of these meetings, after full "A year ago I had the good for- discussion, a list of community ob-Plans are also being laid for re-

> newing vigorously the membership campaign in Barry county. Enthusiasm is being worked up to a high pitch preparatory to a rousing annual meeting of the Barry County Farm Bureau to be held January 27.

> Regularly broadcasting the news of the association through station NDWGA is the plan being carried out by the officers of the North Dakota Wheat Growers' Association, Grand Forks, North Dakota.

Av. Return

Milkmaker

Lucius Calkins & Son of Lakeview, Mecosta county, feed Michigan Milkmaker to their herd of Jerseys and keep close records. They tell us:

"The number of cows in our herd for the past year was 16 1-3 by testing ass'n records. Our average milk production per cow was 7,965 lbs., butterfat 438.6 lbs. The total value of the product was \$3,567.01 with a feed cost of \$1,155.19. Our average value of the product per cow above the cost of feed was \$147.96."

Calkins & Son fed Milkmaker at the rate of about two pounds to one pound of oats.

The above statement is typical of the experience that many dairymen are having with Michigan Milkmaker, the Farm Bureau's 24% protein, public formula dairy feed; 260 co-ops have it for you the year round.

Try a ton of Milkmaker and

watch your cows respond. Mich. Farm Bureau Supply Service

Lansing, Mich.

Ships Bring 3,000,000 Lbs. of French Clover Seed to U.S.

MORE THAN HALF TO MIDWEST; SOME FOR BATTLE CREEK

Soon Enough French Seed Here to Plant Million Acres Solid

TIDE RISES AT TOLEDO

550,000 lbs. Unadapted Seed There for Distribution To Farmers

This fall and winter the Michigan rm Bureau News has been keep track of the amount of French ver seed which is being imported numbers of American seed dealfor sale to American farmers, redless of the fact that it is unpted to our climate, winter kills erely and succumbs to the clover ases which our domestic stocks

The figures that the Farm Bureau ws has obtained for the port of York alone are amazing. Since ober 1, 1925, 7,447,438 lbs. of adapted French red clover have sed through that port on their to farmers' hands-farmers will buy that seed and not know it is French seed.

The Past Three Weeks During the three weeks from Dec. An' some seeks recreations 1925, to Jan. 2, 1926, seven an liners unloaded at New York Some folks is active all the time, e 18,458 bags of French red clo-

At the rate of ten pounds to the I like to hear the harness creak the above shipments would nt 387,618 American acres to of very doubtful value.

Fate of Million Acres et's look back and see what haped before Dec. 12: A total of 004 bags of French clover, total-3,570,820 lbs., enough to sow 082 acres had arrived at New k. Here is the grand total since

35,462 bags of French clover seed, ounting to 7,447,438 lbs., and An' hear the trace chains jingle ugh to plant 744,743 acres to sol-French seed.

half with domestic seed, more a MILLION AND A HALF RES have 50 per cent of their clocrop threatened before the seed I like to hold 'em steady n the ground!

Right Here,-At Home Do the middlewest lake states get t issue of the Farm Bureau News d that between Nov. 23 and Dec.

An' small the blessed dist enough to sow 191,848 acres I like to see the horses sweat, been shipped to certain lake

The shipments between Dec. 12 Jan. 2 made an additional 6,881 An' slacken up their belly bands, gs or 1,445,010 lbs., enough to An' pull their collars forward an additional 144,501 acres. The amount of French seed since Oct.

Il on the way to FOUR MILLION
UNDS!—and enough to plant I like to drop their traces 1,349 acres. NOTE that ABOUT I like to take their bridles off, LF of New York's total imports French clover seed have been of much that I like better red into the midwest lake states d centers which supply Michigan, I like to see 'em snort and blow o, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Wissin and neighboring states.

Where French Seed Goes Here are the lake state seed cenwhich received nearly half of 3,876,180 lbs. of French seed With the joy I get in plowin' ought in during the past three

lbs. of seed: attle Creek -..... 65 bags 2,866 2,300 " awfordsville, Ind. onier, Ind. waukee 400 hmond 200

TOTAL 6,881 bags This represents Battle Creek's t shipmens for 1926. Toledo has sived upwards of 6,429 bags or total of 1,550,090 lbs. of French for the 1926 season. The other d centers mentioned above have received large shipments be-

Since the great uproar about the orthlessness of Italian clover seed. a pound has been known to aren any seed reported as such, a position to render service that may eighbor France continues to roll tremendous volume toward our

What Can Be Done

Next Step In Co-op Ass'n Membership

Fresno, Cal., Jan. 8 .- Any grower wishing to become a member of the Sun-Maid Raisin Growers of California must make formal application to the board of directors, and his application must be endorsed by at least three members. This plan is said to prevent bad cooperators from getting inside the organization.

AVOIDS THIS EXCESS BAGGAGE

During the late summer and fall of 1924 the California Prune and Apricot Growers' Association filed 25 suits against members of the association seeking to enjoin the defendants from disposing of their apricots outside of the association. By agreement the 25 cases were consolidated and all were decided in favor of the marketing association by the

Rime of the Rustic Plowman

By R. S. CLARK Michigan State College

It's some folks' joy to hunt and fish, Or trap the lakes an' streams, In dreamin' idle dreams.

An' some, when pleasure calls, seed, each weighing about 210 Jes' polish off the top fence-rails or a total of 3,876,180 lbs. of But if it's me you're askin' what pleasures most divert, What pleasures most divert, With the seat of their overalls.

> An' smell the blessed dirt! I like to trudge the furrer With the lines around my back, An' the blackbirds all a-scramblin' Fer the bugs along my track. like it in the mornin' When the breeze is brisk and cool,

> And the kids with shinin' dinner-Go pokin' off to school. I like to sort o' feel the wind A' puffin' out my shirt,

like to hold the handles Where the hard-headed rocks

An' smell the blessed dirt.

abound. There'd be no sport in plowin' If it wa'n't fer stony grounds.)

With a grip that's middlin' strong An' keep my ribs from gettin' sore With poundin' all day long. nch seed? Sure, they do. The The rocks don't catch me nappin

An' sweat myself, as well. seed centers from New York. It ain't no harm to horse nor man named the destinations of the An' I like to stop an' rest my team, An' loosen up their reins,

An' straighten out their manes, If I think their collars hurt, e states have received the follow- An' sprawl myself upon the ground An' smell the blessed dirt.

5,969 bags or 3,363,490 lbs. An' when the bell reminds me That the hour is gettin' late, An' really I don't think

Than to watch my horses drink. An' make the water squirt, After workin' all the mornin' Plowin' up the blessed dirt.

The city has no charms fer me That anyways compares With a spankin' team of mares. ks, each bag containing about An' when I'm through at evenin' An' doin' up the chores I thank the Lord who lets me work

In His big out-of-doors. The farmer's life's the life fer me, An' freely I assert The grandest thing about it Is to plow God's blessed dirt.

Congressman Ketcham Approves F. B. Program

Replying to a letter written him regarding national legislation, Congressman John C. Ketcham wrote the Bureau in part as follows:

"I do not need to reassure you of my active interest in the program you have outlined and in view of the fact that a number of the matters outlined will naturally come to the Committee on Agriculture, of which I am a member, I shall be in

"As the session progresses and the various matters in which you are inns to Italian seed once across the terested move along, I shall be glad ench border. Possibly a quick natsuggestions occur to you."

The importations of unadapted Until a law is passed providing for ed, reported above, show why the government staining of imported arm Bureau and other farm or- seed at point of entry, farmers can being made by numbers of United mizations want all imported seed protect themselves only by getting States Senators here convince Edwy ed at port of entry so that Ameri- their seed from co-operative or pri- B. Reid, American Farm Bureau legn farmers can be sure what they vate firms who handle nothing but islative representative at Washinggetting when they ask for do domestic seeds and fully guarantee ton, that the various State Farm tic clover seed. No one could their seed to be of northern origin Bureaus are taking up the Federal lm off imported seed stained pur- and American grown. Such sood or bright red or some other dis- staining legislation will soon be be- Senators with good results. ctive color, as domestic seed, fore Congress. Ask your Congressed seed would show up in any man and your Senators to support

BUREAU'S DEMAND FOR SEED DYEING IS GIVEN JARDINE

Edwy Reid Writes Secretary Of Agriculture a Very Urgent Letter

FARMERS' WISHES TOLD

Should be Stained for Identification

Washington, Jan. 7.-The lates chapter in the Farm Bureau's fight for the staining of all imported clo ver and alfalfa was written when Edwy B. Reid, Washington Representative of the American Farm Bu reau Federation, dispatched a letter to Secretary of Agriculture William M. Jardine. The letter deplored the delay in this legislation and de manded prompt action on the part of the U. S. Dep't of Agriculture and warned that if such Federal operation was not forthcoming, th Farm Bureau would drop a bill of its own into the Congressional hopper without further delay. Mr Reid's letter to Mr. Jardine follows January 5, 1926

The Honorable, The Sec'y of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Secretary: Our people are sending messages into our Washington office by wire and letter every day, relative to the question of coloring foreign clover and alfalfa seed, which confirms my thought that this project is one in which the farmers of the country are keenly interested.

Out in the field the folks can hard. ly understand why this bill or amendments to a previous act, has not already been placed on the calendar of Congress. The truth of the matter is, I am beginning to worry about the delay myself, although know the necessity for getting such legislation in proper form, as nearly as may be, before it is introduced.

Won't Wait Much Longer For the sake of giving the Depart ment of Agriculture full opportunity to get back of a bill which the farmers want, we will wait a few days is not what we believe the farmers frequent demands and resolutions, we wais of less than \$5,000. shall, of course, feel compelled to and opposes the Department's pro- Farm Bureau." gram, if it really has one, on seed

of having such a measure on this subject as will undoubtedly make this foreign seed easily discernible even to the casual purchaser. To an expert, or a technician, a very slight tinting, or even none at all, would be sufficient, but in this legislation we are seeking substantially the same thing we desire to accomplish in the truth-in-fabric bill, which is that the consumer may know what is being purchased with-

out any intricate examination. We, of the American Farm Bureau Federation, are willing to stand make foreign seeds very prominent even when they are mixed with home to take issue with any small peror even 10%. In commercial practices even 10% of foreign seeds colored when mixed for sale with

most unnoticeable. If it takes an effort on our part wise, for adequate coloring of these few days. foreign seeds so that the purpose of ligible, then we are ready to lend our aid in that direction, as well as

see that no proposed bill, or amendments on this subject come from the Department of Agriculture, which will be counter to the proposals which the farmers have been advocating for two years or more.

We want all imported clover and alfalfa seed stained, with authority given the Secretary of Agriculture to differentiate between non-adapted and adapted seed.

Very sincerely yours, American Farm Bureau Federation E. B. Reid. Washington Representative.

Bureaus' Ideas On U.S. Taxes Impress Senators

Washington, Jan. 7 .- Statements tax program with their individual

Life isn't worth living unless you

SENATORS COUZENS THANKS F. BUREAU FOR RURAL VIEWS

Says He Agrees In Main With Position of Bureau on Tax Reduction

tax reduction program. The Farm ber of Brooklyn, R. 3 Bureau called attention to the rapid progress of the tax revision legisla- reau News, Mr. Thacher's article on ion through the House, but declared that they were not entirely satisfied with some of the provisions of this egislation as it was sent from the House to the Senate. For instance All Imported Clover, Alfalfa the Farm Bureau letter declared in

"Specifically, our Executive Committee would be pleased if the Senate might see fit to raise the 20 per cent maximum sur-tax limit which of course, is just one-half of that as provided in the present law. Our ommittee feels that there should be tax on undivided profits, on dividends and on gifts in certain in

"In general, our Michigan State Farm Bureau wishes to go on rec ord as backing up the entire taxa tion program of the American Farm Bureau Federation as presented be fore the Ways and Means Committee of the House, on Monday, November 2, 1925, by Mr. Edwy B. Reid, our Washington representa-You will perhaps remember that on November 30, we wrote you dvising you of the stand taken at a full meeting of our board of direcors on this whole proposition of once more, we are enclosing copy of hobby in capons. the action taken at that time."

Replying to the Farm Bureau leter, Senator Couzens wrote in part the

House is a bad omen, because the use when you have a wife with a bill does not look as though it had typewriter? been fairly considered.

bill comes up in the Senate I will gan: be very glad to go over it very care-

"Generally speaking, I can say Mr. O. A. Thacher, that I am in accord with your views Brooklyn, Michigan. on the tax bill. Certainly I am op- Dear Sir: posed to the repeal of the Federal any reduction in the rates. I am longer; but if the Department's bill heartily in accord with removing all scale for several years. We now really want, as indicated to us by exempting any income of individ-

"I thank you very much for keephave a bill introduced which suits us ing me informed of the views of the

Our folks are very much in favor SHIAWASSEE FOLKS

Owosso, Jan. 4 .- Groups of Shiawassee County members are holding some very interesting social and business meetings. They are having plenty of cow feed for winter. good times, and they are putting their organization to work. They are winning new members as they go.

Dec. 22 a group of Shiawassee township members-husbands and wives, met at the Clayton Cook home for an oyster dinner. C. B. Cook was for such a per cent of tinting as will chairman. Talks were given by Co. Secretary Floyd Walworth, H. G. when they are sold on our markets, Ratering, manager of Farm Bureau District No. 1, and Arthur Edmunds grown seeds to a great extent. And of the State Farm Bureau. After the right there is where we might have meeting the members went out in groups for a while and enlisted some centage of coloring, such as 1%, 5% new Farm Bureau members, who will be at the next meeting.

Dec. 28 a similar oyster dinner was held at the home of Lew Willits, our home grown seed might be al- Sciota township. The same program Mena, the county seat. Forty acres was carried out.

Similar gatherings have been to get additional money through a scheduled for Vernon, Burns and on a knoll, farm land almost level,

in getting the bill, or amendments, Fabric dep't and am more than per rick-8 ft. x 4 high, 16 inch I trust you can find it possible to goods," wrote Jos. Yelle, Farm Bu- mand. reau member of Marquette.

Why Callahan of Arkansas Up and Wrote to Michigan

Kansas City Packer, And, Listen!"

Last April readers of the Michig gan Farm Bureau News were much A few days ago the Michigan entertained by an amusing story State Farm Bureau wrote the two about capons mothering baby chicks Inited States Senators from Michi- on the farm of O. A. Thacher, gan a letter in regard to the national Jackson County Farm Bureau mem-Since appearing in the Farm Bu-

the domestic-GOOD NEWS ity of capons has been seeing the country, by being re-published in one paper

from a farmer at Cove, Arkansas who had read the article in the Kansas City Packer. We are publishing the Arkansas letter in this issue of the News. Our friend from dabs of cream he is getting. Arkansas, Mr. Callahan, gives us a very interesting picture of Arkansas farming. Mr. Callahan "has been everywhere and seen everything" from a farming standpoint, and he's about the best climate booster that we've heard in a long time. California not excepted. Read him on Arkansas and be convinced.

Another thing, Mr. Callahan's letter shows that a little thing like the distance from Cove, Arkansas, to Brooklyn, Mich., is nothing when a fellow capon enthusiast is espied. They must get together. They prob-Federal taxation. In order that you ably will never meet-but they have may have our position before you a common, profitable and amusing

Still another thing,-it now velops that Mr. Thacher didn't' write article. Mrs. Thacher did. Thacher raises the capons and she "I think the rapid progress of the writes about them. "He can write," tax revision legislation through the says Mrs. Thacher, "but what's the

Now we'll introduce Mr. Callahan "I have not had an opportunity of Arkansas, who, his letter proves, vet to read the testimony given by is a farm organization man and a our Mr. Edwy B. Reid, November co-operator and would be a Farm , 1925, before the Ways and Means Bureau man if he could quit that Committee of the House. When the Arkansas climate and come to Michi-

Cove, Arkansas

I just read in the Kansas City estate tax, and I am also opposed to Packer about you and your capons. have been raising capons on a small the so-called sales taxes and for have 110 fine fellows. Next year I want to raise several hundred, providing I can get a partner. This year we had cats close in and planted all kinds of cow peas at different times and let the capons do their own harvesting. In this way, together with nilk from two cows, we have not fe them since they were caponized.

> As I have 40 acres clear land and had help we could keep 5 or 6 cows sell cream and have milk for a lo of capons and always have wheat, oats, or mung beans, soy beans or cow peas for them to furnish good grain pasture all summer and make

Our family is grown and gone. am close to 60; wife and I are well, but not able for the work as we used to be. Our seasons are long and between truck berries, fruit and hay with usually 2 or 3 cuttings, and cows and poultry, it is too much They will not let a negro live in our county and the "natives" here are no good,-only to raise a little cotton, and are a poor proposition to hire. What we want is a northern couple to go in with us. We have house room, and work with us on a 50-50 basis all through.

We also have an 80 acre farm 25 miles from here, 3 1/2 miles from are clear, small house, barn, good road-State is spending \$200 per medal. year per mile on this road, daily mail the legislation will not be made neg- MARQUETTE MEMBER PLEASED route. The 40 not cleared has Marquette, Jan. 1 .- "I have re- 50,000 ft. of saw pine, and all kinds

I have lived in Pennsylvania, was County Fair.

'Just Read About You in the raised there, was 5 years in New Jersey, 5 years in South Dakota, 5 years in the Rio Grande valley, 2 years in Missouri and several years here, and claim Western Arkansas has the best climate in the U.S. Cool nights in summer on the hills, mild winters, good water, no mosquitos, no storms, all kinds of fruit and ber-City Southern R. R. gives us a straight shot to both northern and

southern markets. On account of

the non-progressive, easy going way

of the old settlers the country has

not yet come to its own. Land is too

cheap. We have offered our 80 acre I put on a vigorous campaign several years ago personally to boost the dairy cow, when I started in and another. there had never been a can of cream "I read that you raise Just the other shipped from the county. Now I of-day Mr. Thacher received a letter ten see as high as 20 10 gaflon cans loaded in Mena at one time. I induced a man in our little town here to start buying cream a few weeks

ago, it is surprising how many little

We always have all the hotels and rooming houses and private houses where there is room filled to the limit every summer with people from Louisiana and Texas. Hundreds are tions. They come here on account of good water and cool nights. We have a good local market for produce and fruits and vegetables.

The Hatton Springs Hotel came to us twice a week regular for supplies. If you know of a good intelligent hustling couple who want to come to the South, away from the cold, long winters, please tell them of hay and was on pasturage 168 of what we have here. Have them days. write me. Wanted to ask you about your markets. New Orleans is our market. Quotations have not been less than 38-40c alive for a year. Please let me hear from you. Yours sincerely,

J. P. CALLAHAN.

SCHOOL OF THE AIR **OPENS JANUARY 11**

Five Farm Courses Offered By State College Station

East Lansing, Jan. 7 .- Radio owners will welcome the State College Farm Radio school, Jan. 11 to April 2. Five courses are offered-home economics, animal husbandry, including poultry and veterinary medicine; horticulture and gardening dairy husbandry and farm crops Monday evening is home economics night, Tuesday is animal husbandry night, and so on. Complete programs of the courses may be secured rom State College or your count agr'l agent. Certificates will be awarded those who enroll and take the examination at the close of the course, which is free. The school will be broadcast from station WKAR, the college station, 7 to 8 p. m. eastern time.

Kalamazoo Wins High Honors at Dairy Show

Kalamazoo, Jan. 7 .- The Kalamatoo County Farm Bureau made a very enviable showing at the National Dairy Show held recently at Indianapolis, Ind. In the cow testing ass'n judging contest teams picked and entered by S. P. Sexton, sec'y resort, hunting and fishing and our of the Kalamazoo County Farm Bu-general well being is largely depenreau, won first prize, a gold medal, dent on prevention of forest fires, acin Holstein judging and third prize, cording to the Northeastern and U. a bronze medal, in Jersey judging. P. Development Bureaus and the Thirty-nine teams took part in the Michigan Central, D. & M. and Upper

well, everlasting springs, buildings hoff, J. E. Fleming and L. J. Brad- velopments in land clearing methods deficiency appropriation, or other- Middlebury twps. during the next good soil, free of rock. On a good ors in individual judging, a gold will be in the Upper Peninsula until

Kalamazoo county was also represented at the National Dairy Show by two calf club boys, Melvin Voren- telling how much bigger fools they ceived my suit and overcoat from the of fire wood worth \$2.25 to \$2.50 kamp, Kalamazoo, R. 5, and Willard would be if it weren't for their Hayward of Scotts. These boys were wives. pleased with the perfect fit and the wood, delivered in Mena, good de- given this trip in recognition of their work in live stock judging at the

BUREAU MEMBER TELLS INTERESTING STORY OF HERD

Closely Kept Record Shows How Good Returns Were Made

Lakeview, Jan. 5 .- Lucius Calkns, of Lucius Calkins & Son, Lakeview, member of the board of directors of the Mecosta County Farm Bureau, has a herd of Jerseys, in whose performance he takes considerable pride. He feeds Michigan Farm Bureau Milkmaker, is a member of a cow testing ass'n and keeps close records on his herd. He gives us this kind of a picture of a good

"Our herd averaged 16 and onethird cows by testing ass'n records for the past year; their average age is 41/2 years, there being 4 two year olds. The entire herd runs every month. This year the cows averaged 7,965 lbs. of milk and 438,6 lbs. of butterfat. The total value of that product was \$3,567.01, the total feed cost was \$1,155.18, making an average return above feed cost for each cow of \$147.96.

"We fed during the year: 29,755 lbs.; silage, 91,487 lbs.; Milkmaker 21,914 lbs.; oats, 11,221 Ibs.; bran, 1,023 lbs,; linseed oil meal, 93 lbs. The herd was on pasturage 168 days.

"Our high cow produced 10,942 lbs. of milk and 577.2 lbs. of fat, consuming \$77.44 worth of feed and returning above cost of feed \$212.15 as a five year old. She consumed I,-576 lbs. of Milkmaker, 622 lbs. of oats, 93 lbs. of bran, 31 lbs. of oil meal, 6,620 lbs. of silage, 1,825 lbs.

"We are using Princely's Financial King as herd sire. His dam produced 698 lbs. of 85 per cent butter and was bred on the Island the same as was his sire. Some of his bull calves are available."

Air Ship Needed to Help Bureau Men Fill Dates

A continually growing interest in he Farm Bureau movement, its accomplishments, activities and plans for the future, is giving rise to a great demand for Farm Bureau speakers at a large number of farmers' meetings.

For instance, in addition to his luties at Lansing, Stanley M. Powell, ass't secretary of the State Farm Bureau, is scheduled to speak at the following meetings during the next few days:

Jan. 7, Charlotte Rotary Club. Jan. 8, Easton Community Club Shiawassee Co.)

Jan. 9, Mecosta County Farm Membership meeting. Big

Jan. 12, Albion Farmers' Elevator. Jan. 13, Fowlerville Farmers' Coperative Ass'n Jan. 14, Jamestown Co-operative

Association.

Jan. 15, Mason County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting, Scottville. Jan. 16, Fremont Co-operative As-

sociation. Jan. 20, Coopersville Co-operative Association Jan. 21, Farm Bureau Rally, Kala-

Jan. 22, Chesaning Community

Forest Fire Train To Tour Michigan Towns

Detroit, Jan. 6-Farming, tourist

Peninsula roads, which are co-oper-The Holstein judging team con- ating on a special train which will sisted of L. J. Moreland, W. E. tour upper Michigan, beginning Feb. Balch and Orrin Reeder. Members of 8, at West Branch. Forest fire prethe Jersey team were Barney Meyer- vention, suppression and latest deley. Mr. Bradley also won first hon- will be shown the public. The train late in April.

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BUREAU CONTINUES FIGHT ON FREIGHT RATE INCREASES

Michigan State Farm Bureau's Testimony Supported By Minnesota

A. F. B. F. LEADS BATTLE

Proposed Rate Boost Would Cost Each Farmer \$25 To \$50 Annually

The fourth hearing of the Interstate Commerce Commission on the petition of western railroads for a blanket 5 per cent increase was held recently in St Paul, Minn.

The Michigan State Farm Bureau's testimony in opposition to organized. this proposed freight rate increase and strongly urging a cut in the freight rates on agricultural prod- They must make a given number of ucts, as contemplated in the Hoch- articles; they must keep a record of Smith resolution passed at the last their work, estimating costs and finsession of Congress, was presented ished values; they must exhibit their to the Interstate Commerce Commis- work at a local achievement day. sion at a former hearing held in recent issue of the Michigan Farm Each club has its officers and con-

Bureau News. tory. At the fourth of these, which play games and sing club songs. was held at St. Paul and which lasted three days, the Minnesota Farm the winter clubs will pave the way entire time in presenting its case in number of summer clubs which are opposition to any added freight bur- formed in the spring. A larger den on agriculture, and it was freely conceded by attorneys and econ-summer, such as live stock clubs, pig, Bureau had made the case against the carriers' petition, if the case has

been made. President J. F. Reed presented an able statement showing that the railroads have never in history enjoyed GOOD PICTURE OF such prosperity as during the present year, while agriculture in the Northwest is receiving a gross income of \$92,000,000 less than in

Do Big Business

Mr. Reed's statement called attention to the fact that railroads of America are now hauling the largest revenue carloadings in history that 17 weeks during the present year this has exceeded a million cars week; that if loadings continue during the rest of the calendar year It will not be surprising that 52, 000,000 cars of revenue freight will be handled in the country; that the returns for this business will greatly exceed that of any previous year in transportation; that equipment, terminals and other physical properties of the carriers are now at their height and the freight service they are rendering has never been excelled; that this has been made can farms lacks much of being in an average condition for buildings, equipment, comforts and necessities of the farm home owing to the present agricultural depression.

Mr. Reed also presented a most concise, clear-cut and comprehen- shipment necessary to move balance some rather alarming trends and sive exhibit showing the true situa- of the crop is 38 carlots. tion of agriculture in that area. It was an exhibit which brought forth general commendation for the Farm

The public, and the farmers in particular, are entitled to know of the great service rendered by the Farm Bureau in this case. They are half of the farmers. Outside of the clothing projects. Farm Bureau witnesses, all others own business.

Jackson on the Job information presented by the Farm at Bloomingdale school and South Bureau represented the fruit of four Haven Chamber of Commerce; 13th, months of tedious, persistent and in- Covert and Hartford schools; 14th, telligent work on the part of the Bangor and Paw Paw schools; 15th, State Farm Bureau office. Arrayed Lawrence I. O. O. F. hall, Decatur against a large group of brilliant Grange Hall; 16th, Lawton Town railroad attorneys was Fred S. hall, Mattawan school. Jackson, former attorney general of Kansas, who has been employed by the American Farm Bureau in this Sen. Couzens Welcomes

In the face of evidence presented at this hearing, farm leaders of the State Farm Bureau sent each Michstate feel great confidence that the final decision of the Interstate Commerce Commission must deny tion of the Board of Directors toward any increase in freight rates on agricultural products.

forth much comment in the daily Senator James Couzens wrote in newspapers, was the showing of part: facts concerning the growth of truck transportation in a 50 mile radius passenger rates in effect in recent learn of the large number they years there has grown up a large speak for. new system of passenger transportreight husiness of the carriers, with helpful."

President Reed made it clear that the farmers are not fighting the railroads nor against their earning a fair return, but that in view of the more favorable condition of the roads as compared with that of the farmers, it is unthinkable that the latter be further burdened in order U. S. Funds for Forest Trails to give the roads greater returns than agriculture yields.

CASS BUILDS BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS

Youngsters Take Kindly To Opportunities To Do Things

Cassopolis, Jan. 5 .- A fine start in made in Cass county, with five handicraft clubs and four sewing clubs

There are several things required of those who become club members:

Another feature of club work is Chicago and reported at length in a the value of the organization itself, ducts its own meetings, thus getting Since this Chicago hearing, re- familiar with correct parliamentary gional hearings have been held at procedure. In addition to transactvarious points in the affected terri- ing business at the meetings they

It is expected that the activities of Bureau occupied more than half the for the formation of even a larger variety of work is offered in the omists in attendance, that the Farm calf, sheep, poultry, etc., and crop clubs, such as potatoes, corn and beans. Of special interest to the girls are the canning clubs.

POTATO SITUATION

30% Under 1924 And More Than Half Have Been Shipped

All who are interested in potatoes, whether growers, shippers or consumers, will appreciate some striking comparative figures between the potato situation last year and this year.

According to the figures given out recently by the U.S. Department crop for Michigan was 34,000,000 bushels. The 1925 crop is now esti-

possible by their earnings, and that 17,283. The estimated total car ship- will be opposed in 1927 to the exments for the 1925 crop is 12,000 tent of \$58,000 less than formerly. carlots. The number of carlots ship- (A ped to date, December 23, is 7,186. fight the corn borer was just approv-On hand same date, 5,000. The number of shipping days remaining to June 1 is 130. Average daily

SCHOOLS WK. JAN. 11

Paw Paw, Jan. 8 .- The Van Buren entitled to know, further, that the County Farm Bureau is co-operating Farm Bureau was the only organiza- in a week of College extension schools tion that raised a voice in behalf of to be held at various points in the agriculture in this matter, which, if county during the week of January it goes through, will mean an ad- 11, under the direction of County ded tax in freight charges of from Agent W. F. Johnston. Subjects to sociations are our best hope \$25 to \$50 per year on every farm be handled by specialists from the in the Northwest. No politician nor college are those most in demand in political party was there to "do that county and will include lectures something for agriculture," no pub- on dairy feeding, co-op marketing, ture. lie official, state department nor certified seed potatoes, peach yellows other agency was on hand to give and little peach, muck crops and evidence nor enter objections in be- cover crops, poultry management,

appearing did so in behalf of their a. m. and close at 4:00 p. m. sharp at the following places and on these dates: Jan. 11th at Kendall town The mass of convincing data and hall and Gobles opera house; 12th

Views of Farm Bureau Some weeks ago the Michigan igan Senator and Congressman at Washington a summary of the posithe more important legislative is-One feature of the evidence pre- sues which will be coming up at sented by the Farm Bureau which this session of Congress. Acknowlwas at once impressive and called edging receipt of this information,

"I read the articles with a great of the terminal livestock markets, of the news which affects the farmwhich has increased astonishingly ers. I am glad to have the views of during the past four years. It was your board of directors on these napointed out that because of high tional questions and particularly to

"Certainly I shall take your contation which has greatly reduced clusions into consideration when the Mich. Live Stock Exch. that business for the railroads and matters are up for passage. On the that a further increase in freight whole, I think they are very sound, rates will inevitably result in ex- and while action may not be taken tending the radius of truck trans- at this session on some of the matportation, thereby cutting down the ters, what you have said will be

BUDGET DIRECTOR FAVORS TOURISTS: TRIMS FARMERS

But Axe for Needed Farm Items

By EDWY, B. REID Farm Bureau Legislative Representative at Washington

Washington, Jan. rease in the amount allowed in the agricultural appropriation bill as it was passed by the Director of the Budget to the House Agricultural sub-appropriations committee more "apparent" than real. There is actually a cut of two and a half Boys' and Girls' club work has been million dollars. Federal aid to highway construction and forest trails gets five millions more while agricultural research, extension and other work is cut two and a half millions. The total agricultural appropriation approved amounts to \$55, 750,000 compared with \$58,000,000 last year. And much of that goes for the administration of more than forty laws.

While increasing the appropriation for roads and trails in the forest, the budget bureau cut the appropriation for fighting bovine tuberculosis to \$500,000 below that of last year.

Congressmen against these cuts.

The House members of the subcommittee on appropriations will no doubt have a great deal to say regarding the activities of the Director of the Bureau of the Budget when ids, after which he passed a civi floor of the House.

The work of eradicating the cattle The work of eradicating the cattle tick will be seriously hampered in When the war came, he went into 1927 with a \$115,000 reduction for the service and was assigned to the and meat inspection are set down in the budget report for reductions of

\$40,000 and \$46,000 respectively. In the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, in which the Farm Bureau people are keenly interested. the market news service is to suffer a reduction of \$65,000 while the enforcement of the Cotton Futures and Cotton Standards Acts will be less ened to the tune of \$13,500.

The American Farm Bureau Fed eration has repeatedly gone on record in favor of controlling and eradicating plant and animal diseases. but a reference to the table shows that blister rust control is to be reduced \$35,000 and the pink boll worm can have its own sweet way to of Agriculture and the Michigan De- the extent of a \$50,000 reduction in partment of Agriculture, the 1924 the effort to exterminate him. The gypsy moth and other similar pests will have a \$140,000 opposition remated at 24,500,000 bushels. This moved from them in 1927, while the is a decrease of approximately 30 per European corn borer, which perhaps contains as great a menace to agried by Budget Bureau).

Viewed from all of its phases the Budget estimates for 1927 contain will require the closest watchfulness on the part of the Farm Bureau to keep some of the well established work from being seriously handi-

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business of \$325,000, with its shipment activities in grain and poultry knowledge and business experience products only. Holland is not in a they have acquired." fruit, potato or bean section. The Ass'n today operates two elevators, two feed warehouses, two coal yards, one lumber yard and handles in addition Farm Bureau seeds, lime, ce ment, insecticides, fungicides, fence posts, gasoline and oils, fruit pack ages, fertilizer, twine, poultry acces sories, flour,-every farm supply except machinery, and it has a membership of loyal cooperating farm-

As a result of these things the Ass'n was able to re-organize as a stock company in the spring of 1925. 45 cents. Small springs and pullets and succeeded beyond its best ex-

pectations. Mr. Ratering more than made good as manager of the Holland Cooperative Ass'n. He sees an even larger opportunity in serving the Farm Bureau memberships of Shiawassee, Genesee and Lapeer counties as manager of Farm Bureau District No. 1. In introducing Mr. Ratering to members in those counties and the News family at large, the Farm Bureau News has told this story of the Holland Ass'n and Mr. Ratering as a matter of giving the member ship a good picture of their new District Manager.

knows Michigan Mr. Ratering farm conditions. He was born a Holland, Michigan. His grandpar ents were pioneer settlers of Ottaw: country are writing and wiring to county. His parents now reside on farm in Newaygo county. Mr. Rater protesting ing had his grade and High school education in Holland, following which he was with the F. W. Wool worth stores for three years as stock clerk, window trimmer, etc. Follow ed a business course at Grand Rapservice examination and was assigned to civilian duty in the U. S. Ar that work. Hog cholera eradication Aviation Supply Service. Honorably discharged as Sergeant, 1st class, h was reinstated to civilian duty in the U. S. Adjutant General's office and later with the Bureau of War Risk Insurance. Returned to Holland in 1919.

Mr. Ratering says that his experiences as a co-op manager have convinced him that the only way for farmers to solve their problems is in organization and the closest kind of o-operation.

"Talking about our trouble will never solve them. We have the right kind of machinery established in the State Farm Bureau organization, and legal co-operative privileges as granted by Congress and our legislature. These things avail us nothing if we won't put our shoulders to the wheel," Mr. Ratering said.

"The outlook for the Farm Bureau and co-operative activities is much brighter today than it has been in the past, in my opinion," said Mr. Ratering. "We have buil

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Detroit Poultry Market

As given by Mich. Farm Bureau Poultry Exch., 2610 Riopelle street, Jan. 7, 1926

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