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CORN BORER RANKS

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Farmers, County Agents and

Scientists Study Borer,

Plan Defense

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Implement Companies Show

New Machines to War

on Insect Foe

PEST IN AMERICA

CLEVER IMPORTERS Corner-Stone of Democracy Agencies Prepare to Stem **ANNUAL MEETING OF STILL ATTEMPT TO MILK PRODUCERS TO** Advancing Corn Borer Tide **MISLEAD FARMERS BE HELD ON OCT. 19** PREATVELE OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE ULUTED STATES OF ARGENEA Barnum Focuses Spotlight on The annual meeting of the **CONTROL MEASURES** CORN BORER FOE Michigan Milk Producers' As-Deceptive Statement of sociation will be held at East Lansing, Tuesday, October 19, **ISSUED BY CARTON:** Seed Importers WE, THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES beginning at 10:00 a. m. Eas-IN ORDER TO FORK & MORE PERFECT UNION tern Standard Time. TOLABLE FRENCH SEED THE ISSUE It is expected that more **ISN'T DISCOURAGED** ESTABLISH JUSTICE, INSURE DOMESTIC than 375 delegates and alter-GOOD READING TRANQUILITY, PROVIDE FOR THE COMMON DEFENSE, PROMOTE THE GENERAL WELFAR nates from 125 locals will at-Shows Government Stain of SON tend, as this is a most impor-**Opines Man Has More Brains** French Clover Seed Is tant meeting and a very worth-AND SECULE THE BLESSINGS OF LIBERT while program has been an-Than Any Insect and Not U. S. Approval nounced. TO OURSELVES AND OUR POSTERITY, DO ORDAIN AND ESTABLISH THIS CONSTITU-Will be Master Speeches by the present of-By CARL F. BARNUM ficers of the Association, and TOR FOR THE UNITED STATES OF The following quotation, taken **ONE MOTH-300 BORERS** others, will cover all phases of from a circular letter recently sent SEPTEMBER 17, 1787 the work of the organization. AMERICA: out by a wholesale seed house, is in-Reports will cover past accom-To Quit Growing Corn Would dicative of the attitude taken by some plishments and new problems. Spread the Pest to of the trade: Four directors are to be "French clover seed now having elected. The Association will Other Crops, Government indorsem int of adaptaprovide dinner for all delegates bility, and identity of origin guaranat the Union Building. teed by Government staining, we pre-In furnishing the Michigan State dict a very large demand for this Farm Bureau with a copy of the reg ulations which have been adopted by seed in view of the very short crop in WHY INCOME TAX the State Department of Agriculture America. for the suppression of the European Farm Bureau members and their CAN'T BE PASSED corn borer in Michigan, Mr. A. C friend's should get this matter Carton, who has this work in charge made numerous interesting observa-**ON IS EXPLAINED** tions among which were the follow ing: "We cannot go out of the corn Dr. Watson Points Out Why PROF. J. F. COX growing business because the corr borer will then attack other crops. I Men With Good Income **THOROUGH CLEAN-UP** order that farmers may produce corn cultural methods must be followed Fear This Levy that will be inexpensive and th handling of the crop must be along Farmers throughout the United such lines as to fit our present type **ENTHUSIASM RUNS** States realize the injustice of the

general property tax as the principal source of governmental revenue under present conditions. The idea of a state income tax is very popular among rural citizens. It is felt that an income tax reaches each person in proportion to his tax paying ability and never confiscates any man's property as the present property tax Co-operative Selling Again New Officers and Directors does in the case of an increasing number of farmers.

It is therefore of interest to read the following forceful and timely article written by Dr. John C. Watson, Director of Taxation and Statistic of the Illinois Agricultural Association. Dr. Watson prepared this article for the I. A. A. Record, but has

given his special permission to have it appear in the NEWS. . able discussion of the topic, "Why

"The most desirable feature of a of the tax burden among the popula- have been sold as yet, so final set-

PAYMENT IN FULL MADE ON MEDIUM WOOL IN '26 POOL

Shows Good Profit to Wool Growers

Growers who pooled medium

and medium clothing wools.

laine, ½ blood and fine clothing Farm Bureau." tlements on these grades could not he made at the same time that check

HIGH AMONG LIVE NEWAYGO BUREAU

Are Elected at Peppy **Booster Banquet**

One hundred twenty-five Farm Butownships showed new infestations rades of wool with the Michigan reau boosters, representing every in Pennsylvania/100 townships, in arm Bureau Wool Pool this season part of Newaygo County, gathered in Ohio 147 townships, in Indiana, that received their final settlement checks the M. E. church at Fremont, Wed-never had the corn borer before ate in September, according to an nesday evening, October 6. Every- there are 37 townships infested announcement by Carl F. Barnum, body was on time and supper was while in Michigan with a frontie manager. The medium grades of served promptly at 7:15. A visitor over 125 miles long and extending Dr. Watson gives the following wool include % and ¼ blood wools upon looking this crowd over and from the southern line of state to seeing the evident enthusiasm, par- Saginaw Bay, we have only found 49 Wool pool officials state that ow- ticularly in the business session, re-

townships infested. Forty-nine other ing to the condition of the markets, marked, "We need have no fears for townships have been examined out not all of the wools containing De the future of the Newaygo County side of the quarantine line and no European corn borers were found. Take Heart to Fight Harder Bentall Reviews Progress

After partaking of the fine supper,



IS ESSENTIAL, SAYS **PROFESSOR J. F. COX**

"We see the corn borer as the greatest pest now threatening American agriculture," declared J. F. Cox, Professor of Farm Crops of the Michigan State College in a letter to the Michigan State Farm Bureau. "Thorough clean-up is one of the ly the fields should be comparative equirements of any control plan dily clean with the exception of any ected toward the corn borer," deworms that might drop from the lared Professor Cox. "If stalks and

tubble are allowed to go in infest-"Michigan has held back the corn d areas without some means of borer the best of any state in th eeding up or destroying, the corn Union. In Western New York 111 orer rapidly makes corn growing unprofitable.

"Thorough methods of control have been largely responsible for holding the corn borer in check in Hungary, where it is well establishd. The parasites in that region are responsible for from 10 to 20 per cent of the control.

"A meeting was held Friday called by Director Shaw, of the College Experiment Station, and a committee epresenting all departments of the State College brought into being to

forward, in every way possible, re-"I am not giving you this informa search methods and extension methds of aiding in corn borer control. chanics and Horticultural Departdirecting experiments toward meeting the situation. We see the corn borer as the greatest pest now threatening American agriculture." **SHOALS IS VIEWED** BY A. F. B. F. BOARD State authorities are massed in the

By CLARE BURTON Monroe County Agr'l Agent The Lake and Corn Belt states are rapidly waking up to the menace of the European Corn Borer if the meetings held in Monroe and Wayne counties are any indication of the attitude of the people and scientists over those areas. On September 23, about 200 Enomologists, Agronomists, Agricultural Engineers, farmers, county

agents, etc., met at the new experimental laboratories at Monroe of the Michigan State College and the Bureau of Entomology of the U.S.D. A. for the study of the depredations of the corn borer. The weather was far from ideal, as about one inch of rain fell during the day, making it utterly impossible to demonstrate any of the machinery brought there for that purpose. Low cutting devices were shown, however, for three makes of binders which will cut just at the top of the ground and do it under average field conditions.

Makes Sawdust of Stubble

Two machines more or less exerimental, on which Agricultural Ingineers and Implement Companies worked co-operatively, were shown. One of these was a corn combine made by the Deere Plow Company which cuts, shreds and husks the corn, blowing the cut fodder out behind to be plowed under. The other which was built by the International Harvester Company, is called a stubble beater and literally makes sawdust out of stubble after the corn is emoved. This machine was on exhibition at many of the fairs over, the state.

The following day a trip was conducted through the fields of Canada where extensive commercial damage to the corn crop has been done by the borers, in fact, practically all the corn in Kent and Essex County "During the past few years, since the appearance of the corn borer in the state, the Department of Entomology, the Farm Crops, Farm Me- corn-fed hog is a thing of the past. Through the courtesy of the Canadiments have been actively engaged in directing experiments toward meet, an extensive study is being made of the insect and in the laboratory at Chatham where the parasite work is being conducted. Right here let me say to all Farm Bureau News readers, the hope that is being placed on the parasite work is entirely unjustified as yet, and any control we may hope to get for years to come, by that route, will be, at best, only partial, unless thorough clean-up campaigns are carried on in connection with it.



CARL F. BARNUM

straightened out and appreciate the fact that the staining of seed does not in any way guarantee the origin, or put the government stamp of approval on the seed so stained. Red a Tax on Net Income Cannot be Clover Seed, which has not been of- Shifted" ficially declared unadapted, such as

seed coming in from France receives taxing system is the fair distribution an application of green stain, sufficient to stain one per cent, or one tion. Taxes cannot be fairly distribuseed out of a hundred. By such ted if some people can easily shift h staining the government, however, them to others to pay, and if some

of agriculture. This we hope to ac complish by low and early cutting hredding of stalks, husking of corn and burning of cobs or the putting o he corn in the silo. The stubble peater will destroy practically every vorm in the stubble and consequent

stalks in handling them.

does not guarantee that this seed was either cannot shift them at all or grown in France. It merely stains it have the greatest difficulty in doing to show that it came from France, or so. In a previous article it has been Germany, or England, or, in fact, any shown that taxes on agricultural foreign country except Italy or Can- land cannot be shifted at all. The ada.

Canadian Clover and Alfalfa is stained one per cent violet; Italian Clover Seed, having been officially declared unadapted, is stained ten per cent. red. It is a well established fact that since the government has openly declared as to the non-adaptation of the Italian Red Clover, vast quantities of Italian grown seed have been moving through French and German ports and anyone tempted to buy French seed should remember that Italy lies very close to France, that Italian farmers have not gone out of the Clover Seed business, and that Italian stocks are, without question, being shipped to this country from French ports.

Last year Professor Darst of North Carolina, acting as Secretary of the Federated Seed Service, sent an inquiry to fifteen experiment stations over the Corn Belt and eastern states asking as to whether or not they found French Seed adapted to their conditions. Thirteen out of the fifteen replied in no uncertain terms, that French Clover was not adapted to their conditions. One station was ban land. In theory, owners of land, rather non-committal and in only whether agricultural or urban, can one instance had French Clover prov- usually shift taxes on their improve ed itself equal to domestic and this ments, but there are conditions unone particular station was located der which this is not true. The ownwhere there was a heavy snow cov- ers of farms on which the buildings ering all winter long.

do only one thing, and that is to so their improvements. mark seed that the buyer can tell approximately from whence it came. Even the best French seed gives, un- is the tax on net income, especially pay no tax at all. results obtained by use of our own of net income. domestic seed.

CO-OPERATIVES

atives. The Marketing Department offered and given.



are unoccupied are one class of tax-

The seed staining law pretends to payers who cannot shift the taxes on

Not All Taxes Shifted "It is sometimes said that all tax- net income is not high enough to be As long as French dealers handle es are shifted to consumers. The taxed. Those who pay the higher quantities of Italian Clover, we have statement is not true. There is one rates on net income cannot shift no choice in the matter other than to kind of tax which can be shifted only them because they must compete warn our farmers to leave it alone. with extreme difficulty, if at all. This with those who pay lower rates or

"The question is sometimes asked them because, by doing so, they only as displayed at this meeting. Evi- the same. why one kind of tax can be shifted, increase the amount of their net in- dently the Farm Bureau membership while another cannot be shifted. The come and thus increase the amount in Newaygo County intends to make of this regulation, CORN STALKS repurpose of this discussion is briefly of their tax. The tax, of course, does things go. to answer the question.

"A flat tax, the amount of which come, but any taxpayer who tries to addresses were given by Rev. Mr. portion of the stalks removed by cut- dorsed as more nearly meeting our but in avoiding them. A masterly To co-operative marketing associ-ations allied with the Farm Bureau, accuracy, and which if shifted, does able to continue it. He can shift the Area, Shift the ations allied with the Farm Bureau, the Marketing Department of the A. accuracy, and which if shifted, does able to continue it. He can shift the not increase the amount of tax in a tax only by increasing his not in F. B. F. offers a service of advice and later year, offers the most favorable come. Under ordinary of the Mrs. Duncan Becker. F. B. F. offers a service of advice and counsel upon request of the co-oper-conditions for shifting. The general can increase his net income only by Board of Directors met and ported atives. The Marketing Department will analyze and report on legal set-will set analyze and report on legal set-will retain his position as General Marketing Counsel up of the association. Personal con-vorable to shifting. A sales tax also would very soon make it difficult for H. Brake, Fremont; Vice-President, sultation with the officers of the is usually easily shifted. But a grad- him to compete with others who eith- Duncan Becker, Hesperia; and Secmarketing association is also freely uated tax on net income differs er have a lower tax on their net in- retary-Treasurer, Mrs. Carrie Waldo, surface whatever. sharply from both the general prop- come or have no tax at all."

Pooling Proved Profitable

The service charge for Farm Bucents per 1b.

Poolers' returns compare' very favorably indeed with the average price received by Michigan farmers who

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igan farmers who sold their wool to American Farm Bureau Federation, field if possible. the local buyers during the months who gave one of his characteristic when most of the wool was pooled uplifting addresses drawing attention words of encouragement. Man has were as follows: March, 39 cents; of the members particularly to the more brains than any insect that April, 36; May, 34 and June, 31; an bigness of the Farm Bureau move- ever came from Europe or originated average for these four months of 35 ment and possibilities of its accomp- in this country, and man will finally

all grades of wool. The Michigan State Farm Bureau's National Farm Bureau Board of Di- ering the suppression of the Euro-1926 Wool Pool was the third which rectors at Muscle Shoals. it has conducted in co-operation with Mr. Frank Bennett, formerly Counhe Ohio Wool Growers Ass'n.

ronized these annual pools.

erty tax and from a sales tax. cannot easily be shifted.

"First, those who pay taxes on net income cannot shift them because they must compete with others whose

Even the best French seed gives, un-der our Michigan conditions, but slightly better than 50 per cent of

which was served by the Methodist hold up on our battle, but to show were mailed covering final payments Ladies Aid Society, Mr. Duncan Beck- you that we have done as well if er, president of the County Farm not a little better than some of the

Bureau, called the meeting to order other states. Returns to the poolers were made on the following basis: % and ¼ sanization Director of the Michigan spection in Ohio and Michigan durblood staple wools 42¹/₄ cents per State Farm Bureau, who briefly outlb., medium clothing 381/2 cents per lined the history of the present cam- ped 1,504,768 cars and from those lb., and seedy wools 36 cents per lb. paign and explained the present status of Farm Bureau work in Newaygo of corn; some of this corn was on its cars were taken 7,546 dozen ears reau members was 1/4 cent per 1b., County. He showed that because of and to non-members 1 cent per lb. the fine way in which the Newaygo where it might have started new in way to the deep interior of the state

visory expense. The commission for low-up work, we now have signed how to do up to date has been done, County folks had helped in the folhandling, warehouse, storage, insur-up this splendid present member-but there is much for us to learn. ship and that every indication points All the forces, including the mato the present number being increas- chinery people and Federal and

Noon Tells of Muscle Shoals Trip sold their clip to local buyers. Ac-cording to Verne E. Church, Federal Noon, Vice-president of the Michi-falls. One borer hatching out a moth Agricultural Statistican for Michigan, gan State Farm Bureau and mem- will produce 250 to 300 more so it i the average prices received by Mich- ber of the Board of Directors of the up to us to get the last borer in the

cents per lb. These prices were for lishments. He also told the story of be the master of any insect. the recent conference held by the Following are the regulations cov-

pean corn borer in Michigan.

e Ohio Wool Growers Ass'n. ty Agricultural Agent in Barry General satisfaction is reported on County, and now connected with the European Corn Borer January the part of the growers who have pat- Organization Department of the 1st, of each year, previous to the Michigan State Farm Bureau, gave planting of crop, or any other towna splendid address and at the re- ships specifically designated. quest of the chairman, conducted the "There are two principal reasons business meeting during which the NANTS OF STALKS AND COBS of why graduated taxes on net income following board of directors was each year's corn crop, in fields, buildelected:

Duncan Becker, Dayton Twp. Roy Twing, Lincoln Twp. Howard Slade, Big Prairie Two. Mr. Johnson, White Cloud Twp. David H. Brake, Dayton Twp. Mrs. Carrie Waldo, Dayton, Twp. Mrs. Lola Zerlaut, Sheridan Twp.

Inspiring Enthusiasm

A Farm Bureau worker in attend-

not increase as fast as the net in- After the election of officers brief ble left standing in the field, or the

Fremont.

fight against this insect. The farmer Frank Evans Is Relieved From Secretarial Duties: Noon Attends

On Wednesday and Thursday, Sep-"In closing, let me add a few ession of the Board.

plants at Muscle Shoals.

1. These regulations apply to the

2. ALL CORN STALKS. REM-

be destroyed by burning or by PLOW- ernment project. ING UNDER COMPLETELY or by a combination of burning and plowing, before May 15th of the following shock, remnants must be disposed of of war materials in times of war.

by burning.) 8. Corn fields or premises not

DEFINITIONS: For the purpose

fer to the whole stalks or high stub- mitted subsequently which in nature

STUBBLE two inches or less in the Directors put it.

height complies with requirements of

PLOWING UNDER COMPLETE-

LY means leaving no debris on the

(Continued on page 4)

Big Battle Ahead

At the general conference held as ember 22 and 23, the Board of Dj- a wind-up to the whole three days ectors of the American Farm Bu- of study, an attempt was made to eau Federation met at Florence, adopt a more vigorous plan of con-Alabama, for the third quarterly trol, but when figures were submitted as to the cost of an extensive

During the two days the Board of clean-up campaign, it was decided Directors were at Florence they in- that a little further study of the matspected the power plants and nitrate ter would be advisable and committees were appointed for that pur-

Unanimous' demand that Congress pose. The State Department of Agribe urged to take immediate action culture has announced its regulations for placing Muscle Shoals properties which will be enforced during the into operation was the outstanding coming season.

sentiment of the Board of Directors The consensus of opinion seemed after their personal tour of inspecto be that this is without any doubt tion of the entire project. No action whatever the worst insect to conquer was taken by the Board of endors- that has ever come to us from a forings, stacks or elsewhere, if not fed, ing any of the existing proposals for eign country. As one that has lived made into silage or shredded, shall the disposition of this gigantic gov- in the infested area of Michigan for The Directors the past three years and having seen merely confirmed their demand for the insect increase in numbers rapimmediate development of the proj- idly during that time, to the point ect for the manufacture of fertilizer where commercial damage is very year. (Where corn is fed from the in times of peace and for production evident, and this without creating

any appreciable concern in the minds Free From Commitment of farmers in that area, I am won-A desire on the part of the Direc- dering just what is to become of the tors to hold 'the organization free corn crop of southern Michigan in

The entire conference was attendmay have to pay them, cannot shift never witnessed one with enthusiasm charge made against the owner for es in existing proposals, withheld en- ed by representatives of some thirdorsements. teen states and by one biologist from "We do not wish to tie our hands a foreign country.

only to have a superior proposal sub-

A great part of the happiness of of things we could more heartily en- life consists not in fighting battles, approval in the matter," is the way retreat is in itself a victory.

-Longfellow.

Frank Evans, who has served as General Marketing Counsel and Sec- ing appreciation of the A. F. B. F. BURNING is interpreted to mean retary of the A. F. B. F. since Jan- for his handling of this difficult task

of the Board meeting, asking to be relieved of the duties of secretary. M. L. Noon, who is one of the A. Mr. Evans' resignation was accepted F. B. F. Directors, attended this by the Board in a resolution express. meeting at Muscle Shoals,

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persistently hang crepe and paint the farmer's lot as hopelessly dismal.

Altogether too numerous to be presented here are the lessons which we might draw from the lives and achievements of these Master Farmers. One interesting observation is that six of these eleven men are graduates of the Michigan State College, which would tend to indicate that a College education isn't an insurmountable handicap to a farmer. And again, eight of them are members of the Michigan Crop Improvement Association.

We might note further that practically all of these men believe in the teachings of their County Agents, use them liberally and follow their advice with no little profit.

Nor do these Master Farmers make their profits and achieve success through unremitting toil and keeping their noses forever on the grindstone sixteen hours a day. They "make their heads save their heels" and backs and supplement faithful industry with intelligent foresight and the application of approved business methods to farm problems. Their faces are familiar among the crowds that attend local, county and state-wide farmers' meetings. When there is a movement launched for the betterment of their industry, they are found in the forefront of it, giving of their time and counsel, bearing responsibility, boosting their craft.

Here in this group who have been acclaimed by a committee of competent judges as Michigan's foremost and most successful farmers, we find eleven men each one of whom is a firm believer in farm organizations. As noted in the accompanying artiele, practically all of them are Farm Bureau members and many of them have served faithfully in positions of responsibility in their organization.

It is a splendid tribute to the Farm Bureau Movement that it merits the whole-hearted approval and wins the active, selfsacrificing support of men of the practical experience, the broad outlook, the sound business ability and the seasoned judgment of Michigan's Master Farmers!

October Nature Calendar

(Prepared for Nature Magazine by the Cleveland Museum of Natural History)

Crickets are making The merriest din, All the fields waking With shrill violin.

Piled up leaves smoulder, All hazy the moon; Nights have grown colder.

The frost will come soon. ---Edward Bliss Reed This is the month of the Hunter's Moon, which is the first moon after the Harvest Moon, which is the full moon nearest September 22. It brings long evenings in which to get in the needful stores

for winter. The snowy cricket has slowed down the rate of his chirps. On an evening in August one was found to be giving 156 a minute, which, according to the Dolbear formula would indicate a temperature of about 79 degrees F. If you subtract 40 from the number of chirps, divide the remainder by 4 and add 50 to the result, you will be able to tell the tempera-

ture without a thermometer. The locust tree is now showing long pods, which will persist until spring. It was on the fruit of the Spanish locust, which is also a na-

Mrs. Wagar Sadly Punctures T-B FREE COUNTIES HAVE NEW SERVICE Lordly Man's Inflated Pride

Pleads Case of Farm Women, Seeks a Fair Deal for **Rural Mothers**

By MRS. EDITH M. WAGAR Chairman Farm Bureau Home and meet.

Community Work Warning! This is for women only! Any man reading this article does if they could have stood by those so at his own risk! I will not be re- Master Farmers of theirs and receivsponsible and he must suffer the con- ed their well-earned joint reward. equences.

purselves and I can spill out all I when they got home was to hand the demand of milk producers there. have had bottled for the past week that medal over to the good wife and To prevent the movement of tubercu. or two. In the beginning, let me de- tell her to put it in some place for lar animals it has been necessary to clare myself-I have never had any safe keeping. patience with the woman who always

talked about the men as creatures beneath her station. I always feel ike reminding her of the goodness bands and eating a meal cooked by being placed in the herds of the purin her own father and of that man of nen whom she had previously chosen as the father of her children.

But there are times when I feel ust like the little boy who had been urbed at every turn until in desperation he kicked his dog to save himself from "busting" although he was sorry the next moment. This is one of those times.

watching to see the outcome of the and comfort of the farm women comoffer made a few weeks ago by Senator Couzens to anyone meeting the requirements in taking over his large farm to operate and manage as their very own. Everybody wondered who believe Mr. Couzens has made no eration of the average dairy farm is made for the protection and comfort mistake in his choice.

The Letters the Women Wrote Sunday paper telling all about it and it?

ame to that paragraph quoting Mr And then, while I've found con-Couzens as stating that many of the tributions given generously for enapplications were written by the wife of the farmer desiring to be considered as a candidate, and for and complimentary banquets and and steers, in the same cars. The

would seem that the hunting read that the Senator had said, "No have been cared for, boys and girls at birth, and it may attain about did not want any woman boss on that she is there at all.

Well! I have always said, and still for the most part left, home and say, that a splendid arrangement on are scampering about on their a farm was to have it a real co-opown. Woe to the unlucky family erative concern with the husband the that was born late and whose business manager and the wife the mother falls beneath the gun of secretary. I have never considered it a crime or any infringement of

an old orchard with a family of of our partnership home life, and I screech owls. Their call is "one of know of hundreds of others doing Is it any more of a humiliation for

a farmer to allow his wife to write All through the month the gen- his business letters than it is for a tians are in blossom. The closed city business man to keep a stenogare the most interesting; the rapher to write his? I have seen fringed, the most beautiful. The many letters put out by business closed have a distinct white mark firms that it certainly was a Godat the mouth of the corolla for send to the reader that the letter it the guidance of the bumblebee, self was typewritten, for one could

enough to break in and get the there by that same "business man"

girl he had one day stood beside and promised, "With all my worldly goods I thee endow" even if these goods were debts and hardships and privations, for each one said he attributed much of his success in life to the wife who had been his help-

Oh! How much better it would have been to at least eleven women,

some one else-they might have had chasers.

indigestion. Women Thought of Last

In the first place, we've all been picnic to plan for the entertainment fied cows. ing as guests. Let me explain that there is no general feeling, as yet, that the woman of the farm is interested whatever in the Dairy Show. no small factor if the business is a of the animals consigned to the marsuccess, so why vote her out from any ket.

But when I read the article in the of the larger things connected with

tertaining this faction and that group, and these representatives, dinners and entertainments, I've not each, which she carries about with thrown out, my interest was increas-been deluged with any offers for nice market and other animals sold on things of this sort for the ladies, Men the open market.

have been thought of, but Mother comes dragging along, taking what she can find and almost regretting

things were passed around and our women could have their share, if more rural women would not look upon farm work and chore time with a little brighter eve? I keep thinking of all of those farm women I'v met around this state who have con fided in me that they've never eaten in a hotel, that they would love to stay just one night in a hotel, and then I wish I could show our convention folks where they could do a wonderful job of brightening the outlook for the farm women.

It takes so little to hurt a woman cometimes, and at the same time it takes so little to make her happy.

Equality for Farm Womanhood In these days everybody is talking equality for agriculture and I hope we can get it and along with it and an entire letter would have been I hope will come equality for farm

Accredited Dairy Cow Market Has Now Been Opened At Buffalo Yards

A new benefit for tuberculin test. ed counties has recently developed in the announcement that October 5th. 1926 marked the opening of the 'Accredited Dairy Cow Market" a the Buffalo Stock Yards.

As is well known, large numbers And dollars to doughnuts, I bet of dairy cows from the Middle West There, now! We have the field to that the first thing those men did are continually going east to supply test the cows before shipment, and

But, of course, those women then after being sold on the market would not have enjoyed taking a trip they had to be segregated for a sixty to the State College with their hus- day period and again tested before

Under the new plan, producers of dairy cattle who are in accredited And then, in the third place, I counties will have a public market find that the women are the last to on which they can sell their cattle be considered when it comes to plan- without the necessity of a quarantine ning a convention. With the National or retest. The action will undoubt. Dairy Show right here in our midst, edly stimulate the eastern demand let me confess that it has been no and result in higher prices for quali-

Every precaution has been provid. ed at the Buffalo Stock Yards for the protection of tuberculin tested cows with specially provided barns, disinfected stalls, special unloading and know. I'm sure her part in the op- loading chutes and other features

> Special provisions have been made for the handling of mixed shipments of bovine animals from herds and areas where all animals have been tuberculin tested. This action makes possible the shipment of cows, bulls cows may go to the accredited



enough to be seen, and to say to the world "the

wearer is a member of

the largest, most power-

ful farm organization

ever created"-that's the

new official Farm Bureau

The exact size is shown

in the illustration. The

finish is a long-wearing

bright gilt-a button you

can wear with all of the

Special Pin for Women

This new Farm Bureau

emblem, with a special

pin mount, is available

for the women of the

Farm Bureau-the regu-

lar emblem has a screw

back—and is made for a

Group Your Orders-

You Can Save Money

Prices for the new Farm

coat lapel.

pride in the world.

lapel button.

As Mother Possum has three twelve pounds.

his farm. Young red squirrels have now

the hunter. Fortunate are they who possess rights to write the business letters the pleastantest things in nature" the same. (Lowell). Mice and insects are

their principal sources, of food. and no other insect is strong not even read the signature scrawled

nectar. The stately teazel, with its like Greek to read. These same sigclosely packed lilac or purple blos- natures looked all the world like the

families a year of six to thirteen that very reason that candidate was her in her pouch for five weeks, it ed. I was "riled to the core" when I should be good each year. It is business man would let his wife said that a baby opossum meas- write his business letters, for it ures about a half inch in length showed who wore the pants" and he

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Benton Harbor	John Lang
D. H. Brake Fremont	John. BottemaSpr
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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; Cassage of Gooding-Kethann Scal Shoh Passage of Gooding-Ketcham Seed Stain-ing bill.

TAXATION

Relief for sorely burdened farm property by enactment of:

ENACTED JAN. 29, 1925 (a) Two cent gasaline tax for highway funds,

(b State Income Tax in place of State's general property levy. (c) Law forbidding any more tax exempt securities.

TAXES REDUCED \$67,850 ANNUALLY BINCE 1924

ENACTED APR. 26, 1926

(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 \$57,350 excess taxes annually.)

TRANSPORTATION EFFECTIVE SEPT. 10,

Immediate application of Michigan Zone Rate decision to save farmer ship-pers in 69 counties \$590,000 annually.

MARKETING Extension of sound co-operative mar-keting program now well under way in Michigan.

LESSONS FROM THE LIVES OF MASTER FARMERS

When skies are none too bright, when discouragement stalks abroad, when most of our neighbors are bemoaning the farmer's fate and saying that a man is a fool for trying to make a living and amount to anything on the farm, when the "times" seem sadly out of joint" from the agricultural point of view, how pleasant and sonl-refreshing it is to be confronted with something so challengingly inspiring, so genuinely thrilling and encouraging as the Master Farmer Movement, which is presented briefly on the opposite page.

These eleven men whose names and pictures appear over there at your right are living examples of what industry, intelligence, right methods and high ideals can accomplish under widely varying and fairly typical Michigan farm conditions. They offer convincing rebuttal to the gloomy pronouncements of those who tive of Syria, that John the Baptist subsisted in the wilderness (Keeler).

The locust is the favorite abiding place of the cicada, or harves fly, the big fellow with goggle eyes that buzzes from early in July until cold weather. No individual keeps at it all that time but there is a constant relay as they are hatched, none surviving. it is said, much more than three weeks.

Some day a killing frost will come and all the lovely red leaves of the staghorn sumac will fall almost at once. The velvety dark red panicles, in which the fruit is now mature, will remain for the birds.

One need not fear mistaking the poison sumac for the innocent, as the poisonous variety has a gray ish-white fruit in clusters from the axils. The poison ivy also has grayish-white berries, while those of the five-leaved ivy are a beautiful blue.

The ailanthus has been called a glorified sumac, and at this season with its yellow leaves and great clusters of winged fruit it is indeed beautiful but it lacks the glory of the humble sumac. The bittersweet, which gives us

the lovely red berries, has many enemies besides the thoughtless searcher for household .decoration. Grotesque little tree-hoppers lay their eggs on the branches in

the fall and cover them up with a cottony coverlet. In the spring they hatch and spend their lives calves that were born absolutely German farmer who, when told that near where they began. Monarch butterflies are migrating to the south. Dense swarms Jersey and half Shorthorn cow that ment, readily replied that the womfloat down the Atlantic states, had always raised normal, single an only tended the young ones (they and find the food they need be- calves annually before. Her owner had only 10) and did the cooking, low the autumn frosts. It is hard was Robert Groves, who for many but "I done the work." to believe that anything so wa- years has been shepherd of the herd vering and apparently uncertain of Shropshire sheep on H. E. Powas to destination should really ell & Son's farm, known as Ingleside,

achieve such a migration. at Ionia. The hummingbirds are off for The calves seemed normal in ev-Central America. In this case al- ery way except for their fly swat- him down," but when he prospers so, it is hard to believe that any ters, and developed into splendid and acquires position and respect, he thing so tiny should have such en- veals, which Mr. Groves sold satis- is a "self-made man"?

durance. factorily through the Ionia Farm Bu-The white-throated sparrow rereau livestock shipping unit. mains in the latitude of northern It is only when we observe freaks when the first Michigan Master Ohio during the month of October like the tail-less twins pictured above Farmer Club was formed and the and still sings. His "Old Man Peathat we pause to wonder at the mar- successful contestants received their body. Peabody, Peabody," is al- velous processes of nature by which badges of award, the wives did not ways a joy. in the great majority of cases "like even have the privilege of seeing the

Throughout the Mississippi Val- produces like," and only at very rare "better half" so honored. She was ley, pawpaws are ripe. Their ban- intervals does the unexpected and given no recognition, by those in ana-like fruit just escapes being abnormal appear. something very valuable.

The first frost will make the persimmon edible. This will bring

hunters.

soms, is one of the most inter- marks left by the hens on the cement esting of the wayside weeds. Few walks during a January thaw and by thoughtlessness alone. know that the head contains a re- were just as legible. The farm man

ceptacle; and that the dew or or woman who admits no education rain collected in it is said to be and even makes an (x) for his mark, "sure cure for warts." Watch for Orion between nine least. is honest in having done his best, at and ten in the evenings of late Many Female Trousers October. The Pleiades, fleeing If writing the letters is proof of

from him, are lost in the ocean, wearing the pants," there certainly and travelers fare forth in ships at their peril.

the fixed stars, shines high in the thy Senator must understand when heavens on the nights when birds considering national agricultural afare migrating. fairs and we certainly hope he will refrain from further snap judgment

The farm situation is so critical FREAK OF NATURE sympathetic consideration by those cepresenting us:

> Then in the second place, my sense of woman justice got another jolt the other day.

You know a half century ago man was master of his own household. He vas ruler, his say was law, he did. the thinking for the family or he thought he did, and everybody moved as he thought, but gradually woman was given credit, bit by bit. She was made more and more a partner, rather than a subordinate, until we began to fee! that all the world looked upon her as an equal and as a companion to share the glory or the shame of the other. I wonder if we have been taking the meeting:

too much for granted, or does the

A strange freak of nature is rep- public in general still look upon the resented in the above picture of twin gentler sex like our old-fashioned without any tails. The mother of he and his wife had worked hard to these tail-less twins was an old half acquire their large farm and equiponference.

> All the Blame-None of the Glory Is it still the universal opinion that when a man does not get along ganizations. and accumulate wealth. It is that

"miserable wife of his who keeps statutes bearing upon the subject of agricultural accounting.

Well! It almost looks as though we are still there, for just recently this conference?

"4. What specific questions have arisen in your experience with respect to the handling of patronage dividends?

"5. Give list of department rulings and court decisions which have arisen in direct connection with your charge at least, as having any part in his farm, being one of the best experience "6. Shall we form a permanent

In the state. organization of accountants special-For comfort, wear Farm Bureau It was with great joy we read that joy to the opossums and opossum underwear this winter. Write Farm nearly every one of those illustrious izing in agricultural organization Bureau Fabrics Dep't, Lansing, adv. charter members did remember the service?"

Both will come when folks begin to think-the lack of it is not caused by malicious planning, but

Now, I've told my story, perhaps I can think of other things once more-and I hope if our sex must be snubbed that the epidemic can be spread over greater periods of time. But I'm sure we are the same willing helpmeets we always have been and we'll help our John on any proposition even if the whole U. S Senate and every newspaper or con vention turns us down. We'll be like the weighted salt cellar-we'll come up again. They may knock us over, but they cannot keep us down.

these days that it demands wise and Outline Subjects For. Accountants' Meeting

> Monday, October 25, and Tuesday, October 26, have been set as the definite dates for holding the meeting of accountants of co-operative associations. The meeting will be held in the offices of the American Farm Bureau Federation in Chicago. This announcement was made by Frank Evans, General Marketing Counsel of he A. F. B. F., in a letter addressed to auditors of all co-operative marketing associations of the country. Mr. Evans, in addressing the auditors, presented the following suggestions for subjects to be considered at

"Following are some suggestions for your consideration. Please consider these and give us the benefit of

your views at your earliest convenence. When your replies have been Bureau emblem, postage received and considered a definite prepaid, are: program will be made up for this

Single button - - 17c each "1. The development of uniform 25 to 50 buttons - 15c each ccounting systems for various 51 to 100 buttons - 12c each classes of agricultural business or-101 to 500 buttons - 11c each

501 to 1,000 buttons-10c each "2. A study of federal and state Order Direct From

"3. What specific legal questions have you come in contact with, which American Farm Bureau you would like to have discussed at

Federation 58 East Washington Street CHICAGO - ILLINOIS





are many pairs of female agricultur-Capella, the third brightest of it is these same people that our woral trousers in the United States, and



take pleasure in presenting The 11 men who survived the exact- manent agriculture." gan Farmer, the well-known honor at the Union Building at the Ketcham. iltural weekly published at De- Mfchigan State College on the eve-

UDGING TEAMS OF

Compete in Contest

At Dairy Show

A. B. Cook

bove the pictures of the 11 ing scrutiny of the judges' appraisal Short speeches in commendation of Farmers movement whose pictures without the aid of live stock, through his 135-acre farm under cultivation. are Sunday School superintendents who were honored by being and were awarded the honor of char- the Master Farmers movement were appear above is as follows: d as the charter members of ter membership in the Master Farm- made by Dr. Kenyon L. Butterfield, Ralph Arbogast, Union City, sells which he has worked out to meet his seeds a large acreage of sugar beets the betterment of their communities chigan Master Farmers Club in ers Club, were presented badges of President of the Michigan State Col- quality cream, certified grains, pork, conditions. -wide contest conducted by the award at a banquet held in their lege, and by Congressman John C. registered Guernsey calves, eggs and Garfield and M. E. Farley, Albion, Oxford sheep. While Bay County The 1926 class of Master Farmers Senator Capper Speaks

ning of September 22. se eleven men were picked by At the banquet program, I. Roy ning was made by Senator Arthur barns. Mr. Arbogast has been promi- ing cattle, raising sheep and hogs tended several of our State Farm Bu- and H. E. Powell of Ionia. As all mittee of three judges from a Waterbury, Managing Editor of the Capper of Kansas, President of the nent in Farm Bureau affairs. list of nominations sent in since Michigan Farmer, presided as toast- Lawrence Publishing Company. Sena- Floyd M. Barden, South Haven, is are prominent in the Calhoun Coun- M. E. Parmelee, Hilliards, is prob- Wagar is chairman of the Farm Burst announcement of this con- master. The first speaker was Burt tor Capper commented favorably up- noted as one of the leading fruit ty Farm Bureau. as made, early last spring. Ac- Wermuth, Associate Editor of the on the diversity of Michigan agri- growers of the state. Seventy acres Frank Kinch, Grindstone City, has grower, having averaged over 400 Mr. Powell is president of the Ionia ig to the rules of the contest Michigan Farmer, who outlined the culture. He told of the present in- of his 182-acre farm are devoted to over a thousand head of sheep on his bushels per acre for the past three County Farm Bureau. -sided or narrow-gauge farm- history of the Master Farmers move- equality between farming and other fruit, mostly peaches. He has a fine thousand acre farm up on the thumb- years. He has a fine herd of Holbuld get very far. To rank high ment and sketched briefly his con- lines of business, stating that the herd of Jersey cattle. Mr. Barden is nail of Michigan, at the very tip of stein cows and a high-producing Farmer to have a similar class of is contest, a man had to be a ception as to its possibilities. He farm dollar today has a purchasing president of the Allegan County Huron County. In his pure-bred flock of Leghorn chickens. Mr. Master Farmers selected each year. ounded rural citizen. The said that farmers, like other people, power of but 85 cents. Senator Cap- Farm Bureau. contestants were scored on have more need of models than per made a strong presentation of Paul C. Clement, Britton, is noted fords, Shropshires, Southdowns and County Farm Bureau.

as follows: operation of farm, prove when they have no other to place agriculture upon a basis of good seed corn. He has one of ber of the Board of Directors of the nized as one of the leading Jersey bitlous and progressive farmers of points; business methods and models than themselves. By select- with other business. He declared, the best seed corn houses in the state. Huron County Farm Bureau. 7, 200 points; general farm ap- ing especially successful farmers and "Much could be accomplished for Corn that fails to measure up to his C. S. Langdon, Hubbardston, owns used for many years a liquid manure The practices followed by these ace and up-keep, 90 points; life designating them as Master Farmers, agriculture by more active farm or- high seed standards goes into a fine 40 acres and rents 240 acres more. system on his 180-acre farm which Master Farmers will quite naturally points; citizenship, 140 points, they immediately become examples ganizations. Every farmer ought to herd of Duroc hogs. Mr. Clement is He keeps Holsteins and Poland Chi- is in a high state of cultivation. able on which each man's stand- whose methods will be imitated by get into one or more of the great na- an active member of the Monroe nas and maintains his farm in a high appeared provided a searching farmers in the surrounding territory, tional farm movements. He never County Farm Bureau, is of his ability as a farmer Mr. Wermuth declared, "Farming will get his rightful returns other- A. B. Cook, Owosso, has made a considerable profit. Mr. Langdon has Farmers members of the Farm Bu- policy for Michigan agriculture. At

pusiness man and his standing in Michigan'ought to be going some- wise."

Garfield Farley

ints grouped under five head- critics and that people seldom im- the need for constructive legislation as Michigan's outstanding producer other breeds. Mr. Kinch is a mem- H. F. Probert, Jackson, is recog- nent fraternity to which the am-

citizen and head of the family, where. Our goal ought to be a per- A short sketch of the honored taining the fertility of his 160-acre County Farm Bureau,

charter members of the Master farm over a long period of years

and producing certified grains. Both reau meetings.

state of cultivation and does so at

nation of October 3 to 9 as Fire Pre-

vention Week, Sam H. Thompson, President of the A. F. B. F., ad-

general statement which urged the

participation of the organization to

M. E. Parmele C. R. Oviatt, Bay City, has all of Grange work, etc. Several of them a unique system of green manuring He produces certified grains and and prominent in all movements for

and keeps Belgian horses and grade and their craft. broilers from his well equipped 600- are two brothers who in partnership does not have any County Farm was selected by the following three acre farm. He uses electricity exten- operate 390 acres. They have been Bureau today, Mr. Oviatt is interest- judges: A. M. Brown of Schoolcraft, The principal address of the eve- sively in the home and about the very successful in raising fruit, feed- ed in the organization and has at- Mrs. Edith M. Wagar of Carleton,

flocks are found Rambouillets, Ox- Parmelee is treasurer of the Allegan The growing group of Master Farm-

An Example and Inspiration

readers of the NEWS know, Mrs. ably Michigan's champion potato reau Home and Community Work.

It is the plan of the Michigan ers will be organized into a perma-

be imitated by their neighbors and thus there will gradually develop a

breeders of the country. He has the state will aspire for membership. Not only are most of these Master successful agricultural program and

success as a general farmer, main- been an active worker in the Clinton reau, but many of them are active in least this is the hope of the sponsors their local co-operative associations, of the movement.

if it is 'open wiring' installed several FARM BUREAU AND years ago; see that your fire buckets **TELLS THE VALUE** community leadership and the future of such worth-while institutions as are in the handiest places, properly **OF NATIONAL FIRE CITIZENS PROTEST** On Display at Farm Bureau filled; that there is ample sand in the garage for smothering gasoline and oil fires; that the extinguisher **R. R. ABANDONMENT PREVENTION WEEK** carrying carbon tetrachloride is also uickly available for that purpose. **EXHIBIT SHOWS THE** discharge the chemical tanks and put Effort Being Made to Retain President Sam Thompson of in a new charge and see whether **RELATION BETWEEN** they work properly; inspect the lad-A. F. B. F. Says Fire Tax Service in Four North-**COWS AND HOMES** lers. Is \$30 Per Farm "These things should all be done **Eastern** Counties more than once a year, but Fire Pre-In a Farm Women's Booth vention Week gives us a definite re-FARM LOSSES MOUNTING On September 22 the Michigan which had been arranged at minder which should be followed by Public Utilities Commission heard the National Dairy Show by ction. One evening might well be Mrs. Edith M. Wagar, chairthe application of the Detroit and Annual Rural Fire Loss Totals levoted to considering just what Mackinac Railway for permission to man of the State Farm Bucould be done if fire should start on \$150,000,000-Enough to reau's Home and Community abandon its Lincoln, Au Sable River the farm, for it is largely an indiand Rose City branches in Ogemaw, Work, was one large poster Build 75,000 Barns vidual matter when fire starts in the which attracted especial atten-Oscoda, Iosco and Alcona counties. country, because of the isolation. In The railroad claims that the oper-In calling attention to the desig-

a number of communities, town and ation of these branches is unprofitcountry, however, people have joined able and that they are in such physiin maintaining the fire department cal condition that immediate large in town which is now serving the surexpenditures should be made for imdressed to all Farm Bureau officials rounding country as well as the provements, but that such expenditown. There is no reason why this tures would not be justified by the should not be a universal practice earnings from the branches. the fullest extent to the end that the Just as the automobile and truck

Considerable opposition to the annual fire loss on American farms have annihilated distance for pleasabandonment is developing. The might be curtailed. In his message ure and business, so it can be of encode for teator

ligh. eau of Agricultural Economics, repampion High School Teams resented the United States Depart ment of Agriculture. He referred to the fact that the last quarter of a century had witnessed more real improvement and progress in agricul-

CTORS RECEIVE PRIZES s, Coaches and Teachers Are Banquet Guests of St. Farm Bureau of reading.

ate Champion Dairy Cattle Judg-Feams representing the pick of ning was given by C. F. McIntosh, thousands of High School stu- Agricultural Representative on the taking vocational agricultural Federal Board for Vocational Edu- It is hoped that this will better acng in 22 states participated in cation. Mr. McIntosh emphasized the quaint farmers and agricultural leadational Judging Contest at the importance of the dairy industry say- ers throughout the country with the anal Dairy Show at Detroit, Sating that it equalled in returns the actual operation of this important act forenoon, October 9, and that four major farm products exclusive and enable them to know more cerng were guests of the Michigan of corn. Speaking of the perplexities tainly when they are purchasing Farm Bureau at a banquet in involved in modern agriculture, Mr. adapted red clover seed and alfalfa



duction, but also in the matter of

ural methods than the preceding century. Mr. Marquis said, "You boys nave this accumulated experience

vailable to you whether you are in chool or not. We have more and better agricultural literature today than ever before. Develop the habit

Showered with Good Advice The principal address of the eve-

Samples of red clover and alfalfa eed showing the various 'colors of staining required by the Gooding-Ketcham Bill have been received by the Michigan State Farm Bureau, from the Bureau of Plant Industry of the U.S. Dep't of Agriculture and are on display for the information of members and others interested. Similar samples were sent to each State Farm Bureau at the request of the Washington representative of the American Farm Bureau Federation.

Protection If Farmers

Understand It

It is hoped by this method to ac

quaint agricultural leaders through

out the nation with the significance

of the different colored seed and

generally, it being recognized that

the law will be of full value to the

farmers as individuals only when

they understand clearly and fully

just what each color signifies when

they are offered seed stained that

If the farmer is not desirous of se

curing Canadian seed but wants to

The sets of samples being sent out by the Bureau of Plant Industry con-

sists of six small round tin contain-

ers put up in a neat fibre-board box

which can be carried conveniently

color.

tion. This chart showed in a most clear and convincing way the intimate relation between good dairy cows and better rural homes. The message of this artistic poster went about like this:

The Average Michigan Dairy Cow Yields About 4,000 lbs. of Milk and 140 lbs. of Butter-

InIntoch soid that ch of the 22 teams in the con- to his wits' extremities to make a The Bureau is supplying county had previously won a state cham- success. He declared that mere deagents and other agricultural leadhip which entitled it to com-velopment of one's talents was not ers with these sets. Accompanying for national honors. Michigan enough and illustrated his point by each set is a copy of the regulations schools were represented by a stating that the paths from schools of the Department of Agriculture from Howell which was picked and colleges are strewn with human concerning the administration of the about 600 contestants from 41 wreckage. He urged boys to develop law so that its operation and meanrent schools at the time of the tact, common sense, judgment and a ing of the staining may be generally or Farmers' Week at the State practical outlook upon life. He said, understood.

ge. The teams from the other "Don't take the second or third step s were picked in a similar man- on the ladder until you have taken the first." Although admitting that

marvelous progress has been made Judged Eight Rings of Cattle e Judging Contest was held in in agricultural matters. Mr. McIn- through them acquaint the farmers Coliseum at the State Fair tosh inspired his audience with a inds where the National Dairy prophecy that there is still more to was in full swing. The boys be learned along these lines than required to place eight rings of has yet been discovered.

California Took First Honors cattle-heifer and cow classes Although the California team took ach of the following breeds: Jer Guernsey, Holstein and Ayr- first honors in judging all four These cattle had previously breeds of dairy cattle, they did not en placed by a group of national-recognized judges and each boy's cing was compared with the was first in judging Ayrshires; Ten-

Igment of these experts and his ing thus determined. Saturday evening all the boys par-trating in the contest, and their these and teachers, as well as sev-il Michigan high school agriculturteachers, were guests of the Mich-n State Farm Bureau at a boys picked for these special hon-State Farm Bureau at a boys picked for these special hon-that at least 10 per cent of unadaptnquet held at the Detroit Y. M. A. Nationally known agricultural ders and celebrities of the dairy rld spoke on the banquet program the first five feams indging each

Ose who had won prizes in the y's judging events were announced d the awards and scholarships ing highest in each class, will receive the awards and scholarships ing highest in each class, will receive Agriculture, as these provide, that a certificate which will be a per- one per cent of Canadian red clover re presented. Boys Seen as Future Leaders manent reminder . of his splendid and alfalfa seed be stained violet

E. Gallup, State Supervisor of achievement.

E. E. Gallup, State Supervisor of achievement. Cational Education, declared that chigan was honored by playing by the supervision of the second by the secon ost" to these teams whom he re- ly won honors in competition with buying is supposed to be adapted to red to as representative of the teams from other Vocational Agricul- this country, he merely needs to look im leaders of the future. He called turai Schools in their respective for the seed that is stained green, as tention to the fact that the ban- states: California, Connecticut, Geor- the regulations provide that one per et was being given by the State gia, Illinois, Iowa, Kentucky, Mary- cent of imported seed other than Carm Bureau and asked Clark L. land, Massachusetts, Michigan, Min- nadian seed and which has not been ody, Secretary-Manager of the nesota, Missouri, New Jersey, New officially declared unadapted for rm Bureau, to introduce the toast-York, North Carolina, Ohio, Okla-seeding in this county, shall be stainaster. In expressing his pleasure at homa, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, opportunity of the Farm Bureau Tennessee, Vermont, Wisconsin, and

debates.

entertain the Club Champions, Wyoming.

Brody declared that agricultural ucation and farm organization go ve taught men to work together partment of the A. F. B. F., upon re- from place to place by county agents

st other things. Mr. Brody in- gram helps: duced Dr. C. H. Lane, Chief of the

Fricultural Division of the Federal ard for Vocational Education, who ted as toastmaster.

Charles L. Hill, President of the tional Dairy Association, told the tures ys that the Dairy Show aims to high ideals for the dairy industry. told of the chance which every rmer has to contribute to human ings

ogress, not only along lines of pro-

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MIDWEST PRESIDENTS AND SECRETARIES TO MEET

A notice was issued last week by E. L. Corbin, director of organiza-

tion of the Missouri Farm Bureau The farmer who knows that any Federation, that the next meeting of red clover seed or alfalfa seed that the Midwest State Farm Bureau is stained red has been imported into presidents and secretaries will be this country and is not adapted for held in the offices of the American seeding in this country, will be able Farm Bureau Federation, Chicago to protect himself from an unscrupuon October 21 and 22. The theme of lous dealer who may tell him that it this conference will be "Organization is domestic seed or who may have and Publicity," and will be a followmixed this seed with domestic seed up meeting of the work that was in an attempt to sell the whole lot done at the Midwest Farm Bureau as domestic seed. The law requires Training School held at Camp Gray, Saugatuck, Michigan, in August.

F. B. Fabrics Dep't, Lansing.

to Farm Bureau officials President great service in materially curtailing ties will be led by Herman Dehnke the great toll which the fire demon Thompson said in part:

of Harrisville and George Bennett of "Fire Prevention Week-October exacts from the farming industry an-Mio, while Wm, T. Yeo of West to 9 inclusive-calls attention to nually. Local Farm Bureau officials Branch will lead the protestants on every farmer of the gigantic waste and members here have an opportuthe Rose City branch. George J wrought by fire on farms, \$150,000,- nity to initiate a co-operative fire Bolender of Kalamazoo and Arthur 000 annually, and should bring home fighting arrangement with the near-O'Connor of Detroit are fighting the to individual farmers everywhere the by towns or among themselves which abandonment on behalf of other pronecessity for more adequate protec- should be instrumental in reducing tion of their property and the lives greatly the annual tax of about \$30 testants.

of their family. Unfortunately, farm per farm, the average fire bill which fires in the Mid-west have been infarmers are now paying. creasing, and this is an additional reason for checking up this week on the destruction of \$150,000,000 fire hazards.

The Michigan State Farm Bureau s represented in this case by D. F. "The stupendous significance of Murphy of Alma, special traffic counsel, and A. P. Mills, the Farm Buworth of farm property, if reduced reau's Traffic Manager.

When the railroad rested its case "Give the lightning rods a thor- to actual items and if we take the on September 24 the hearing was adough inspection at all joints and average farm building as valued at journed to October 25 at Bay City connections and see that they are \$2,500, the value of buildings burned when shippers and other protestants. well grounded; clean the old chim- up on American farms last year including the Michigan State Farm ney and look for cracks which should equals 60,000 of such dwellings-Bureau, will show why the branches be filled. If very old the whole chim- enough dwellings to house a city of should not be abandoned. ney may require rebuilding or it may 240,000 inhabitants.

"Expressed in terms of barns, tak stand upon brackets instead of a firm foundation. Check up on the ing an average farm barn 36 by 50 rooting and see if it is in a condition feet in size and to cost \$2,000, our inviting a fire if sparks. fall upon \$150,000,000 would build 75,000 of

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ti put a wire netting over the chim- these barns.

ley to keep down sparks; give the "Or again taken in the terms of stoves and furnaces a thorough the lumber destroyed, the best estioverhauling; remove the old oll mate indicates that farm fires last soaked rags from the garage and year burned lumber requiring 7,500 tractor shed; see that the oil and gas acres of our woodland wealth to reare stored where a match is not like- place

"I urge every unit of the Farm y to find them; check up on the Write for blanket circular, prices; lanterns and where you hang them; Bureau to give Fire Prevention adv. look to the electric wiring, especially Week full support.

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tain red clover seed similarly stain-4. Lists of suitable motion piced. A study of these samples will en-Mock trial material.

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detect it when mixed with other seed.

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OCTOBER 1

GEORGE LORD, CH'M STATE TAX DEP'T URGES ALL FARMERS TO ORGANIZE TO IMPROVE THEIR FINANCIAL CONDITION

State Tax Official Agrees Present Economic Condition of Farmers Is Bad, But Says Whole Trouble With Our Industry Is Lack of Organization

No man in Michigan has as much power and influence in State tax matters and probably no one else has as broad and comprehensive a knowledge and grasp of these affairs as George Lord, Chairman of the State Tax Department and by virtue of that office also chairman of the State Board of Equalization.

At the conclusion of the recent annual meeting of the State Board of Equalization, after listening to the pleas of the representatives of the various counties and to a strong presentation FIRE PREVENTION of the distressed condition of Michigan agriculture made by WEEK OCT.3-9 M. B. McPherson, president of the State Farm Bureau, Mr. Lord voiced the following opinions and observations:

"It is always expected, of course, that the Chairman of the State Board of Equalization make a few remarks relative to taxation.

"I just had handed to me by Mr. McPherson a statistical table taken from the reports of the Census Department at Washington, showing a material reduction in the value of farm lands, and while I do not approve of some of the conclusions of the Census Department, I do not hesitate to say that from my observations throughout the State; farm lands have a much less value today than they had a few years ago.

Farmers' Life Blood Being Squeezed Out

"The economic condition of the farmers is far from good. There seems to be some unseen force that is squeezing the lifeblood almost out of the man that tills the soil. Now, I think the blame for this economic condition can be laid at the doors of the farmers. In other words, they lack a proper organization and system for handling their own products.

"A few years ago I happened to be in one of the large cities of the Central West, and I went to a fruit stand to buy some fruit. I said 'Where did this fruit come from?' 'Those are Michigan peaches', was the answer. I made some inquiries and found that fruit from the Western part of this state would be shipped to Chicago, and then a considerable part of it would be shipped back into Michigan to the wholesalers. That system is wrong. The commission merchant in Chicago or Illinois gets his profit; the wholesaler gets his; the retailer gets his; and the farmer gets practically none.

Self-Help Imperative

"What I would like to see in Michigan would be one organiza- State today that goes into governtion that would promote and pro- ment that doesn't cost almost twice teet the agricultural industry. as much as it did ten for labor and ev-The whole trouble with the farm-erything, just the same as in your ing industry in the United States private business. Then again, peotoday is that proper organization ple are not satisfied with the same is lacking. And then you go to kind of government that we had ten the Federal or State Government years ago. They are demanding betand ask for aid. If you had a ter roads and more of them. proper system of marketing your products, you would not need aid from the government. The State, maybe not fully, but to a large extent, has recognized the condi-

"There isn't a thing bought by the as much as it did ten years ago. You

HON. GEORGE LORD



60-DAY LEAVE OF ABSENCE GRANTED STANLEY POWELL

sence, beginning October 16, has been granted Stanley M. Powell, assistant secretary of the Michigan State Farm Bureau. . Mr. Powell will attend to personal affairs, especially the large purebred livestock and general farm near Ionia, known as Ingleside Farm, which he and his father, H. E. Powell, operate.

Stanley Powell has served as Legislative Representative for the State Farm Bureau during the regular sessions of the Legislature in 1921, 1923 and 1925 and the several Special Sessions which have been held during this period. He has been Associate Editor of the Michigan Farm Burean News for several years and two and a half years ago he was advanced to the position of Assistant Secretary of the state organization.

Since July 1 of this year, Mr. Powell has been Acting Editor of the NEWS.

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MEAN MY FARM

FROM FIRE!

IS GOING TO SUFFER

President Coolidge, in designating October 3 to 9 as Fire Prevention Week, called attention to the enormous losses suffered by this country from preventable⁴ fires. The fire waste for last year has been placed at \$570,000,000, and it is estimated that \$150,000,000 of this amount represents the losses from fires or farms. It appears that the losses from farm fires are increasing each year and little attention has been given to the problem.

In this day of competition the American farmer finds it necessary to employ business principles and guard against losses. He does all that he can to protect his crops and his livestock from disease. It, is just as important to protect them from fire. It is even more important to protect dwellings. Of the people who lost their lives in fires last year it is estimated that one-fourth or 3,-500 were residents of farming communities.

Every farmer should make

growers are advised to equip them-**GRAY ATTENDS OHIO** LEGISLATIVE RALLIES

Following the example of the Mich- ting devices now available. gan State Farm Bureau, the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation has secur- sary in fields which are to be SEEDed the services of Chester H. Gray, of ED TO GRAIN, as high stubble conthe Washington office of the A. F. B. tains many borers and practically no F., to take an active part in ten leg- suppression is accomplished. islative rallies to be held in Ohio in ing stalks to remain in the fields ov-November.

These ten conferences have been er winter as a practice is condemned. so scheduled as to give opportunity as they make clean plowing difficult for a large percentage of the Ohio

Farm Bureau membership to attend. All Ohio County Farm Bureaus have been asked to name legislative committees' to be responsible for securing attendance from their respective counties.

Members of the Ohio General Asembly as well as Ohio Congressmen have been invited to attend one or nore of these rallies. The Ohio Grange officers and legislative com-

mittees have also been invited. A discussion of national legislation will be led by Mr. Gray and will include the topics of tariff, Muscle Shoals, inland waterways, long and

short railroad hauls, farm relief. ship subsidy, and farm finance. At these rallies will also be discussed state legislative matters. This discussion will be led by C. A. Dyer, of the Ohio Farm Bureau. Mr. Gray recently addressed a series of twenty legislative rallies in Michigan, sponsored by the State

Farm Bureau.

Corn Borer Control

Measures Announced (Continued from page 1) CULTIVATION after plowing that WRITE FOR PRICE AND DESCRIP-tion of Pyramid poultry shipping coops. Farm Bureau Poultry Exchange, 2610 Riopelle street, Detroit. 3-12-11

drags debris to the surface, or the discing of stalks or high stubble does not meet the requirements of the regulations.

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tion of the agricultural counties of this state, and for several years the valuations placed upon your farms in Michigan have been such that the state tax has been materially reduced each year.

"I am inclined to think that maybe we are a little high on some agricultural counties, and we intend to find out and make sure about it. Because of all the industries in Michigan we should see that the agricultural counties get fair play. When the farms are prosperous all our industries are prosperous. You may think it strange that a man from the largest city in Michigan will talk to you in this way. I do it because I have always endeavored to be fair in matters of taxation, and when conditions are such that I cannot be fair I will retire from public life.

"I want to say a word about this matter of public debt-I hope you the large increase in their population. will take it home with you. Michigan today, in all its political subdivi- in my opinion, of lessening to any sions, is in debt over \$500,000,000. degree the cost of government. We In 1911, when I made a survey of are up against this condition. public debt in Michigan, we had a must face it and pay the bill. debt of approximately \$38,000,000 so that the debt since that time has from Genesee County spoke of the reincreased nearly one-half billion dol- lation of the state tax burden to the lars. That means not less than \$20,- local tax burden. The state tax bur-000,000 in interest charges the tax- den is very small compared with the payers of Michigan must pay every levy for local government purposes. year. And then you people wonder Last year we levied \$191,000,000 up why government costs keep mounting on general properties in Michigan. upwards.

Of that amount, \$17,800,000 went to "The trouble with the average man the state government. In other words and woman in Michigan is that when 9.3% went to the state and the rest a bond issue comes before the people to local governments. for approval, they go and vote for it "That does not mean, and I don' without considering as to whether want you to misunderstand me, that they can afford it. These promises of local governments have been wastebeautiful improvements and wonder- ful or extravagant. At the same time ful things they swallow whole. Then it behooves local governments, partiwhen they are called upon to pay cularly in the agricultural districts. their share of the cost of these things to practice the strictest economy. they howl their heads off, and blame speak of the agricultural districts in the administrative officers of govern- particular because I have seen hun ment. It is a peculiar thing. This dreds of instances where the farmer,

debt is incurred by the people of after working all year tilling his land Michigan, and not by the officers of harvesting his crops, has been obliggovernment. These interest charges ed to borrow money with which to must be met, and the only way you pay his taxes. So that I say, don't can meet them is by levying a tax up- spend any money in the conduct of on property. That is one of the rea- government that you ought not to sons why the cost of government is spend, and which is not in the interest or welfare of your people. Many constantly increasing.

"In our own state government, we of the departments of the state gov cities in the state it constitutes about have only to look at the increase in ernment did reduce expenses. I don't the population of our State Institu- say that they could not be reduced 65%. I am not going to say that the tions alone for one of the prime rea- more. But they are trying hard to money is not needed to educate your sons for the increase in cost of gov- keep expenses down to a minimum children; I am not going to say that ernment. As a matter of fact, we and this is what we all should do. it is not a good investment to spend "The big cost in the conduct of lo have 5000 more inmates in our public that money to educate your children institutions today than we had five or cal governments, particularly in the but I am placing these facts before six years ago. Figuring at one dollar rural districts is the cost of schools. you so that you can consider the matper day, we are paying for the sup- The cost of our schools to the proper- ter and see if there is any place you nort of these inmates approximately ty owners of Michigan constitutes can save or conserve the public funds \$2,000,000 more annually than we approximately 35% of the total cost in your conduct of local governwere paying in 1920. of local governments. And with the ments.'

GAS TAX BRING cial effort to eliminate the fire hazards from his premises. A time should be set aside in which to make IN \$85,000,000 IN a careful survey of all the buildings and an inspection of all equipment. **6 MONTHS PERIOD** Any fire hazard found should be eliminated at once.

All But Four States in U.S. Now Raises Road Funds By Gas Levies

Taxes on gasoline used in motor chicles amounted to \$84,939,373 in the first six months of 1926, accordng to the Bureau of Public Roads of he United State Department of Agriulture. This amount was made

"Another reason for the increased cost of government is the necessity available as follows: \$54,981,677 to or additional buildings in our State State highway departments, \$19,338,-Institutions in order to accommodate 76 for county and local roads, \$6. 329,413 for State and county road "So I say, there is not much hope, bonds, and \$4,140,998 for miscellaneous purposes

A total of 3,560,987,586 gallons of "I am very glad the gentlemen Massachusetts, New Jersey and New York imposed a gasoline tax, the rate ranging from one to five cents

with an average of 2.39 cents per galon. Since 19,697,832 motor vehicles were registered in the six months period, the gasoline consumption per

vehicle averaged 225 gallons. Gasoline taxes were first imposed bell's Early Grapes produced on a

n 1919 when four States adopted the vine in Jim Richard's clay loam vine tax and derived a revenue of a little yard, just east of Eau Claire, on one nore than one million dollars. The of the plots of a pruning experiment practice is now general and the large conducted by Dr. N. L. Partridge, of revenue derived is one of the most the Horticultural Department of the important sources of highway in- Michigan State College.

Mr. Richards calls his farm "Just-The revenue derived by Michigan 'amere Farm." He is secretary of the rom the gasoline tax in the first six Berrien County Farm Bureau. nonths of 1926 was \$4,373,598.

MOTION PICTURES

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At dealers everywhere, Defective chimneys, stoves, flues and furnaces, together with hot ash-OYSTER SHELL PRODUCTS es and sparks from chimneys, were CORPORATION responsible for approximately one-Shell B uilding third of the farm fire losses. It will be time well spent to see that the heating equipment is in good repair, the ashes properly cared for and the PILOT roofs protected from sparks. The use of open lights, the ignition of OYSTER SHELL rubbish and litter, smoking and the careless use of matches are some of the other causes of fires which the

farmer can prevent. The farmer must rely largely up on his own efforts to protect his property from fire, and the greatest results can be obtained by directing these efforts toward fire prevention through the elimination of fire haz

ards and the maintenance of an ade gasoline were taxed and it is estimat- quate number of effective fire exed that an additional 856,450,000 tinguishers. Fire protection, where Poultry Exch., 2610 Riopelle street, gallons were consumed in the four it is possible to obtain it, is very de States in which taxes are not collect- sirable and in many cases farmers October 14, 1926: d. All of the States except Illipois, have organized to purchase community fire fighting equipment.

Jim Richards Has 22 Oz. Bunch of Grapes

An interesting exhibit at the Van Buren County County Fair was the twenty-two ounce bunch of Camp-

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