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"A NATION CANNOT ENDURE ON ITS MANUFACTURING ALONE" **4,000 AT NINTH ANNUAL AMERICAN BERRIEN COUNTY** PRES. THOMPSON MAKES A POWERFUL **GUEST OF FARM BUREAU FARM BUREAU CONVENTION ENDORSE** WANTS AMENDED M'NARY-HAUGEN **M'NARY-HAUGEN FARM RELIEF PLAN** Sends A Big Delegation To Convention Demands of Congress a Sound Farm Contrasts Present Policy For American Farms American Farm Bureau Policy; Re-elects Pres. Sam Thompson For Meeting Two Years; M. L. Noon of Michigan Nations Whose Agriculture Is **OPPOSE DEBENTURE** Continued as Director Prosperous Or Hopeless Will Consider Gas Tax, Covert Chicago, Dec. 8-Four thousand delegates and Farm Bu-ADDRESS BY S. H. THOMPSON Road, County Debt reau member visitors registered at the 9th annual meeting of President of the American Farm Bureau Later the American Farm Bureau Federation held here the past three days, and the greatest convention in the history of the Berrien Springs, Dec. 5 .- Members organization. of the Berrien County Farm Bureau held a very enthusiastic meeting in The convention was unanimous in demanding a sound na-Berrien Springs Saturday, Nov. 26. tional agricultural policy which will place farming as an in- in the Methodist church. The church We have an increased actual paid-up membership which dustry on an equal basis with labor and business. It stood was filled with 200 farmers and their solidly behind the McNary-Haugen surplus control plan as the foundation for such a sound agricultural policy and asked were presented by R. H. Sherwood, The various farm relief measures Congress to pass again this session legislation containing Mc-Dean Clark and B. W. Keith and discussed quite generally by the Nary-Haugen principle. ollowing

Never has a convention been more in accord than was this one. From the opening day, it was clear that delegates from the Atlantic to the Pacific and from the Gulf of Mexico to the Canadian line, and from all that vast territory within those lines were as one on the matter of farm relief.

Two years ago McNary-Haugen

der the presidency to its McNary-

Haugen war horse, President Sam

Thompson, who has just completed

two years' service in a hard job. It

al directors who stood for re-elec-

A number of the country's great-



Detroit News Finds Big Group Is Preparing For Hostilities

est leaders in government, business Chicago, Dec. 1—"War to the finish against the farmers' co-operative convention. Each made his analysis movement was declared yesterday by of the situation in his own way, and nearly 300 representatives of middle- all agreed that the farming industry men's organizations, who met at the is and has been on the short end of Palmer House and took steps to car- things. They urged the same kind of ry on the fight through an organ- legislative treatment for the farmization to be known as the Federat- er as has benefited labor, the railed Agricultural Trades of America. roads, the banking industry and the Favors Permanent License "In resolutions they called, for the repeal of the Capper Volstead Act, which example to the comparison of the capper Volstead Act,

tion.

which exempts farmers' co-operatives number of these addresses will be Of Car from certain provisions of the Sher- published in the Farm Bureau News. man Anti-Trust Law, and expressed Another feature of the national Monroe, Dec. 5-Officers, directors way through national effort is found ican farm youth responded to the tion sought. opposition to government 'subsidy' m ting was the absence of sectionaland township committeemen of the of raising the level of prices on our call to his country's colors co-operative movement ism and politics. This was illustrated Monroe County Farm bureau, in basic products sufficient to meet prothrough the activities of the division best when the New England and of co-operative marketing of the New York delegates, who could be session here Nov. 30 voted in favor duction costs and give a margin of to boys of the farm: of a four-cent gasoline tax and the profit that will enable the actual manhood from the west that went United States Bureau of Agricultural expected to be least interested in the issuance by the state of permanent producers to hold their land and forth with our armies, was supurb. McNary-Haugen principle, rose and pledged their support for the good an automobile, under a weight scale ment, then the small farmer is doomof all. It was a meeting of the rep-"Twenty-eight trade associations resentatives of nearly 1,000,000 Farm Bureau members who had a plan and knew that they were going together on it. Following the re-election President Thompson, the convention re-elected Edward O'Neal of Alabama as vice-president, and the following to the national board of directors: ment manufacturers. Northeastern Region 'M. O. Jensen, of Salt Lake City, George M. Putnam, New Hampized to appoint a committee of 14 to shire. E. B. Cornwall, Vermont. culture. Enos Lee, New York, Chas. E. Hearst, Iowa. Southern, Region "Speakers at the meeting empha-Frank Dimmick, Louisiana. Wm. H. Settle, Indiana. James W. Davis, Maryland. Hugh A. Harper, Wisconsin. J. F. Porter, Tennessee. Western Region A. Ahlf, California. Midwest Region L. B. Palmer, Ohio. Fred B. Rogers, Washington M. L. Noon, Michigan. C. S. Brown, Arizona.

Mrs. Russel File Mrs. Will Whittaker Ferry Morley H. G. Kräke Chas. Hess Henry Swem George L. Franz

Dean And Many Others was debated hotly and at length. Last ture export bill, passage of which year the convention was almost unanimous in its closing days. This year it was unanimous from the start. It was a foregone conclusion that the convention would again ten-der the presidency to its McNaryrien county farmers. Robert H. Sherwood, Watervliet

apple king, shifted back to the farmdid, and re-elected all of the regiontion.



General Pershing Tells Farm Bureau Convention at Plates For Life Chicago



sory service. Gen. Pershing was unstinted in his

'Gen. Pershing added this tribute

CASE FOR M'NARY-HAUGEN PRINCIPLE BEFORE THE AMERICAN FARM BUREAU

And Industries With Policies Of European

We have met some difficulties and discouragements during the year, but we are glad to report that the progress made has been substantial and of a character that endures and as a result thereof our organization has grown in strength and influence.

shows a healthy growth. Our financial standing is on a sounder basis than at any time since we were organized. There is evidence of a steady and growing confidence on the part of our Farm'Bureau member states which is adding prestige, not only in the minds of our own members, but with all other groups, and we think we are justified in stating that the policies of the American Farm Bureau Federation have been religiously carried out and the things that the Farm Bureau stands for, are now better known to the members than ever before, and it is conceded that it is now one of the strong advocates of the square deal for agriculture in county, state and nation.

It was my privilege during the year to visit seven European nations-England, France, Germany, Holland, Belgium, Denmark and Scotland, also the Island of Jersey, for the purpose of studying their agriculture.

The American Farm Bureau Federation party consisted in all of 41 members from 14 states representing all parts of the Union. Due to the splendid arrangements made by Temple Tours and the American Farm Bureau Federation working with our American representatives in those countries, a very complete agricultural tour was planned and carried out, and we were brought in contact with those who could most readily give the desired information. This furnished an excellent opportunity to study the various types of farming at first hand. We not only had the co-operation of those who were engaged. in agriculture, but were given a whole-hearted welcome in all the countries visited. This was evidenced on many occasions where receptions had been arranged and courtesies extended which afforded every opportunity possible to show the appreciation and the kindly attitude of our hosts, and to bring Chicago. Dec. 7. - "Unless some praise of the way in which the Amer- us in contact with those who could best give us the informa-

Economics and the county agricultural agents.

were invited to join the new alliance. These include the grain dealers, the creamery butter and ice cream manufacturers, the milk dealers, the cotton shippers, the fruit and vegetable shippers, the sugar manufacturers, the meat packers, the canners, the wholesale grocers, and the fertilizer and farm imple-

butter manufacturer, was authorform the new association within the next two weeks.

sized the 'philanthropic' character of the movement, asserting that its purpose was to 'save the farmer from himself by preserving his most precious heritage, his individualism. They recognized his right to organize, but deplored the 'wet nursing' he is receiving from the Government. The call issued in advance of the meeting mentioned a \$1,000,000 fund to be raised for the purpose of fighting the co-operatives, but this was not discussed on the floor."

Charles W. Holman, secretary of the National Co-operative Milk Producers' Federation, which includes 275,000 farmers, issued the following statement:

"We will gladly accept the gauge of battle thrown down by the middlemen's organizations. We only hope that this is to be a real fight in the open, as in the past we have had to fight these same groups with the disadvantage of their being either under cover or in ambush. We have no doubt of what the ultimate result of such a contest will be. The co-operatives of this country have never asked for one bit of special privilege. The Federal Laws came only because Congress recognized that they were necessary to open the way for a fair chance and a square deal for the farmer." - Fred Henshaw, Agr'l Editor of the Detroit News.

Taxes Devour Income

Farm taxes take 31 per cent of the net receipts of the average New Jersey farmer. This startling fact was made public in a statement issued by A. G. Waller, chief of the Agricultural Economics Department of the State Experiment Station.

went on record as favoring a county American Farm Bureau today. rotating library; adopted a resoluone trailer; favored the refund of the have our farm population lose the come upon us again. tax on gas used for farm purposes, rugged independent character which as in tractors, and stationary engines, has made our country great." and approved the truth-in-fabric

CONVENTION HALL

The 9th annual convention of the American Farm Bureau Fed-

The Sherman turned a good share of its space over to the

eration was held in the grand ballfoom of the Sherman Hotel, Chi-

4,000 Farm Bureau folks who came to the convention from 40 states.

He urged the country to guard its timber and oil supplies and pointed The County Farm Bureau also out that the development of the approved the McNary-Haugen farm Great Lakes-Mississippi waterways relief bill as the most logical meas- and flood control was intimately linkure yet proposed for the aid of agri- ed with the subject of farm relief. Gen. Pershing would like to see

'an ample modern merchant marine under the American flag." so that this country can expand and per-

"Without naval protection, our ships might again disappear from the seas, if we may judge the future by his feet as soon as Gen. Pershing thresher or to the barn to be threshwhat has happened to us more than took his seat. once in the past," he warned.

Boastful and unseemly naval com petition he deplored. But to main-prouder of him than we are today," was a common thing to see the old tain commercial independence "we should simply build up our navy to

such strength that our seaports and our ships of commerce would be assured of proper protection," he said. gate mounted on a chair at the rear wasted. All this was very interest-Referring briefly to the world war Gen. Pershing declared that when it cheers were given that shook the kinds impressed us more than any was over this country failed to con- Sherman's grand ballroom. sider that there was a certain responsibility resting on the nation to the commander of the American araid the farmer to escape from the mies in the world war, answered the ing record-breaking yields, was

disastrous after effects of excessive ovation with a smile. production and competition.

"The direct result of the lack of timely consideration of the situa-tion is seen in the abandoned farms FARM BUREAU ASKS and the heavy load of debt under which agriculture is laboring. The lands are passing into the hands of non-resident owners. The soil is de

and capital investment is being consumed," he said.

Believing that American genius can develop a satisfactory relief program, he asserted it is imperative to inaugurate a national policy that

with industry.

wasted expenditures, he said, have State Farm Bureau delegation and animals are moved until they cross ed by water, removes many of the been due to lack of prior organiza. received the unanimous support of the entire field, thus permitting the difficulties which prevail in Amerition of the national defense. This the convention. The vote revealed grass to grow up again. This plan, Ca. results in enormous sums spent to that the farmer can see no good point they claim, increases the pasturage Co-operative marketing of farm create extemporized armies. The new in the continuance of the tax on auto- fifty per cent. In England, they use crops is being practiced in all these act of 1920 aims to remedy this evil. mobiles.

Farming is Different ountries are quite different from what we see in America. This is due largely to cheap labor and small type

The fields were carefully raked af-

people and the children gathering the

revelation to us,-wheat up to 60

rye as high as 45-all of which dem-

onstrated to us that while these peo-

license plates to serve for the life of provide for its constant improve- Let others extol the virtues of our sons, but you and I know whence the farmer and his family. We found which would raise the cost to trucks, ed," General Pershing told the came their moral and physical force. the ox-team still doing much of the No one, especially one who has been work on the farm. The use of the "We must not permit agriculture in close contact with war, ever wants tion endorsing the proposal to pro- to decline in comparison with other to see another. We hope and pray universal, -- and two, to four horses hibit trucks from drawing more than industries. It would be a calamity to that such a calamity may never

"The young

"But no man who has had to bear exceed two and a half tons. We were the awful responsibilities of sending surprised to see the heavy carts burhalf trained boys into action against dened with all kinds of produce proeasoned veterans can fail to appre- pelled to a distant market by a man ciate the necessity for our nation, or a woman, who was often assisted ander the conditions that exist in by one, two or three dogs. The women work in the field just

the modern world, to support a sane ystem of preparedness." as do the men. Our visit was made at

Gen. Pershing was told that farm- harvest time and we were given a ers would like to see him President good opportunity to learn the methof the United States. The Pershing ods of harvesting, much of which is presidential boom started immedi- done by the scythe and the cradle manently develop its foreign export ately after the General delivered his the women raking, binding and address. shocking the grain; and also assist-

Pres. S. H. Thompson jumped to ing in hauling the crop either to the ed later in the season.

"We always have been proud of The fields were carefully raked af Gen. Pershing and we were never ter the shocks were removed and in Thompson said.

Delegate Starts Ovation

scattered heads of grain, much the "Just tell him he's presidential same as the Gleaners did in Bible timber" shouted an unidentified dele- times. Not one head of grain is of the hall. Then three enthusiastic ing, but the splendid crops of all thing else. To see land that had been

constantly farmed for the period of Declining to make any comment, twelve hundred years, still produc-

posal Receives Unanimous

per acre is astonishing. They give

what they call the "paddock system"

Many phases of farming in those fields and which is operated in much the same way as that just described. with equally good results.

The buildings in all these counfarming which is carried on there by tries are very substantial in character. The material used endures for generations with very little maintenance cost, and consists principalheavy two-wheeled cart is almost ly of brick, stone and cement, with driven tandem fashion are used to slate or tile roofing, though some draw the heavy loads, which at times good buildings are still thatched

with straw. We were surprised to see some thatched roofs which have given service for a hundred years. Buildings once constructed, remain without alteration or change, and the matter of maintenance is therefore of minor importance.



PRES. SAM THOMPSON

bushels per acre, oats up to 100 and The agricultural schools in most of the countries visited are situated in comparatively small districts and ple may not have adopted modern serve those districts in practical methods of farming, they do know demonstration work in which the students have a two-year course in actual farm operation. These courses The grass production is even more are practical and seem to meet the amazing than that of grain. These needs of the various countries very well.

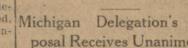
Few Nations Produce Surpluses A study of the distribution of farm their pasture constant care and at- crops in each of these countries, re-Repeal of the present Federal auto- tention and use such methods as veals the fact that very few of them will eliminate the deadly competi- mobile tax is recommended to Con- staking out the entire herd of cat- are producing surpluses of agricultion among farmers, and bring and gress in resolutions adopted by the tle, sometimes as many as forty or tural commodities, and even if they hold agriculture to a proper balance American Farm Bureau Federation at fifty milk cows, about fifty feet are surplus producing nations, the ith industry. Most of the national debt and the presented by the Michigan apart, then as the grass is cropped fact that they are small and that the short within this limited area, the transportation facilities are afford-

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teriorating, improvement is halted, Michigan Delegation's Pro-

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These laws are the product of the co-operation of a number of forces in the field of agriculture. Both of the agricultural papers of the state have done outstanding work in securing this legislation. The Michigan Farmer originated the campaign and drafted the first bill for a more stringent trespass law, and gave the measure continued and invaluable support. The Michigan Business Farmer has been particularly active in a campaign for the extermination of the chicken thief, paying several rewards of \$50. Both publications have rendered a service through their vigorous action in supporting the enactment and enforcement of these laws that cannot be too highly appreciated and commended.

Farm Bureau members will be interested in recalling too that last winter when both these bills were not making progress in the committees, the Michigan State Farm Bureau arranged a hearing before the Senate Committees where the bills were slumbering. This was attended by about 50 representative farm men and women from over thirty counties in the state and representatives of our two agricultural papers mentioned above. The Senate Committee voted to report out the chicken thief bill with the one year minimum sentence the same day, and a short time later the support of these representative Farm Bureau people enabled the friends of the trespass bill to get it on the way to being enacted into law.

This work of the Farm Bureau and the agricultural press of the state not only secured the enactment of these two most valuable measures, but also demonstrated what can be accomplished when a number of the forces in the field working for the improvement of agricultural conditions co-ordinate their efforts and work together for the general good of all.

The co-operation of our agricultural press and farm organizations in the future insures the greatest possible success in promoting and protecting the interests of the farmer. It is the hope of the Farm Bureau that this very pleasant experience of working together can be repeated many times in the future.

All attempts to weaken or repeal these laws should be fought to the limit. The farmer is entitled to this protection of his home and property. All Farm Bureau members should arouse their neighbors to the importance of these measures. It is not too early to start talking to your legislative representatives now.

American Farmers' Importance Nation Cannot Endure

(Continued from page one) countries, but we found it more ading the importance of American agvanced and more successful in Denriculture. Their summary is as folmark than elsewhere. In that country lows: eighty per cent of all farm crops "Agriculture normally exerts are marketed co-operatively, and

purchasing power for nearly ten bileighty-five per cent of the swine inlion dollars worth of goods and servdustry markets its products through ices of other groups annually. It purits own co-operative agency. The swine industry is being expanded value of the products of our manufacturing industries. It supplies ma-The re-forestation policies of these

terial upon which depend industries giving employment to nearly half of our industrial workers. It pays inused in the interest of the public directly about two and a half bilwelfare. We found excellent timber lions in wages of urban workers. It the total farm 'taxes increased from and is the creature of legislative ensupplies about an eighth of the to tal tonnage of freight carried by our pre-war level.

ing along the national highway, fruit The number of forced sales and railroads. Its products constitute trees which were leased to the peo- nearly half of the value of our exports. It pays in taxes one-fifth of taxes, foreclosure of mortgages, The use of waterways affording the total cost of government. It is a bankruptcies, etc., is still increasing, bilization of agriculture is a con- Mrs. Edith M. Wagar., Carleton, R. 1 the cheapest transportation in the billion dollar real estate business, as rising from 21.4 to 22.8 per 1,000 test in which agriculture is lined up world has been worked out to the measured by the rent paid by farm farms in 1927, compared with 1926. on one side and that all the indus- Earl H. Gale benefit of both agriculture and in- tenants. The capital invested in it in One manufacturer stated 1919 more than equalled that in- from 3,236 in 1922 to 7,769 in 1926. up on the other. This was practical- Freeman Lytle .. that he had been able to ship raw vested in our manufacturing indus- The rate of increase in farm bank- ly the situation five years ago, but Tom Price material a distance of five hundred tries, mines and railroads combined. ruptcies has been greater than that today many of the great industrial miles at a cost of forty cents per ton. It represents about a fifth of our na- of commercial bankruptcies. In 1922 forces of our country are as ardent

tional wealth, and normally contrib- farm bankruptcies represented 14.4 in support of agricultural relief as Policies of 5 Nations utes about a sixth of the national in- per cent of all cases, whereas in are the farmers themselves.

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no assurance that this increase will doubt; if we still have men of hon- eral government,-I refer to the be permanent. The fact that the or, of high and exalted purpose, principle of spreading the overhead farm price level has already dropped which I know we have,-then let all cost of crop control operations over indicates that the increase may only of these, in the spirit of true pa- all the commodities benefitted.

be temporary. No readjustment triotism, attack this problem with This, in my judgment, is the only which profits from the misfortune of all the power at our command and sound principle upon which a basic farmers can be accepted as satisfac- with determination to solve it with- and permanent agricultural policy tory. Fluctuations such as these are out further delay.

We Are Aroused requent. In 1925 the index figure of arm prices rose to 147, which is 7 points above the peak reached in its ultimate solution and my confi- business-all these practices can, september of this year. Yet the fol- dence is based upon the fact that and should be avoided. owing year, 1926, it dropped to 136. the tillers of the soil throughout

Farm income in 1926-27 declined America have been aroused to a real-considerably below that received ization of the true situation of Michigan Farm income in 1926-27 declined America have been aroused to a realluring the previous year. Gross farm American agriculture. This is the acome declined 5 per cent, while the strongest guarantee that the remedy Folks at expense of production declined only will be found, and that it will be per cent. Net income declined 20 finally put into operation. The farmers have no desire to de-

per cent. Interest on capital investment of prive others of the benefits of prosarmers declined from 4.3 per cent in perity. They rejoice in the success

1925-26, to 2.7 per cent in 1926-27, of others. They do not overlook the ment amount to about 12 per cent, sue.

both in 1925 and 1926. These high returns were earned on increasing capital values whereas the decreased eclining capital value. Agricultural capital declined fif-

een billion dollars between January, 1921, and January, 1927, while throughout the country. current value of corporate wealth insince July, 1921.

ees remained the same in 1926-1927 they have prospered. as in 1925-1926, whereas the wages ings of the average farm family de- cure. creased 30 per cent while that of the one per cent

But Farmiers Lost

ported to have attained the highest ing man.

standard of living ever attained in It is interesting at this point to this or any other country, or an av-1926-27

Land values declined about 5 per 1927, while the index figure of the structure has not been made com-September, 1927, value of 70 indus- plete and he insists that the agricultrial stocks was 51 points above the tural industry shall be brought with-1926 value, and the index figure of in the American policy of high standchases annually about a tenth of the the August, 1927, value of 20 rail- ards of living and included within road stocks, was 24 points above the the American system of protection. 1926 value.

> 66 per cent to 131 per cent above the actment. This will be universally ad- Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Noon Jackson mitted

defaults of farms, due to delinquent Farm bankruptcles have increased trial forces of the country are lined

To be sure, there are some great

can be established. All others involve, either subsidy, direct price fix-I have not the slightest doubt of ing or putting the government into



Some 74 Michigan Farm Bureau whereas the rate earned on capital fact that Americans consciously and members attended the ninth aninvestment of all corporations was deliberately adopted a high standard nual meeting of the American Farm about 13 per cent in 1925 and 1926. of living as a national policy. Our Bureau Federation at Chicago this Rewards for the operator's labor earliest political controversies were week. President M. L. Noon and Vice and management declined from \$690 waged upon this issue and no po- president W. W. Billings were Michin 1925-26 to \$627 in 1926-27. litical party has been able to remain igan's voting delegates. Yet average earnings of all corpora- in power in this country which es- served as a member of the National tions on their total capital invest. poused the negative side of this is- Resolutions Committee and presided at a number of the sessions. Wed-

Others Under Protection nesday morning the Michigan folks Infant industries were the first to had a "Michigan breakfast" at the claim protection, and they received Hotel Sherman, having as their return of agriculture is figured on a it as a policy of government through guests President Thompson and Sectariff provisions and as a conse- retary Winder of the A. F. B. F. quence they have experienced a con- Michigan had one of the largest state tinuous growth and expanision delegations present. Those at the breakfast we

BARRY COUNTY Our transportation systems then creased twenty-five billion dollars sought a similar advantage and they Gilbert Scott. Hastings, Mich. received it by means of appropriate BERRIEN COUNTY Labor earnings of factory employ- legislation, and, as a consequence, Noah Anderson Niles Donald T. Ballard .Niles Our banking system in turn sought E. L. CarmodyWatervliet per farm family declined nearly 10 similar advantages, and, as a result, A. H. Collins Eau Claire per cent. Since 1919-20, the earn- it has been stabilized and made se- W. F. Dean Berrien Springs Douglas Dean ...Berrien Springs In the same way, labor has de- Russel C. File Niles average factory worker has increased manded and has received at the D. L. Fisher .Berrien Center hands of the government, considera- Beryl Harrington Niles tion which has brought prosperity Leo A. Hosbein . .Coloma While the average citizen is re- and security to the American work- Paul KullColoma J. A. Richards Eau Claire The farmer alone is outside of this Mrs. James Richards... .Eau Claire wall of protection, which makes pos- F. J. Schopbach ... Three Oaks Industrial Conference Board has the farm income decreased from farmer as a class approves the high R. H. Sherwood..... Watervliet made a striking observation regard- \$922 in 1925 to \$853 in the year standard of living policy, even Geo. F. Shafer... though an artificial structure has F. J. Thar...Baroda .Coloma been required to establish and mainent from March, 1926, to March, tain it. His grievance is that the Arthur H. Walters....St. Joseph, R. 1 Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Edmunds .Battle Creek Harold H. Every. Clinton HILLSDALE COUNTY .Jonesville A. N. Brown INGHAM COUNTY Complete relief cannot be secured The burden of the farm taxation by legislation alone, but some basic Mr. and Mrs. A. Bentall Lansing shows little or no decrease below laws are necessary just as in the Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Brody Lansing the high level reached during past case of all the other interests. The C. L. NashEast Lansing three years. In the period 1919-25 entire protective system is artificial E. E. Ungren. ...Lansing JACKSON COUNTY

Emmett J. Noon .. Equality Not a Contest MACOMB COUNTY

It is a mistake to assume that the R. G. Potts.. Washington MONROE COUNTY

...Jackson

Port Huron

MECOSTA COUNTY Mecosta SAGINAW COUNTY Chesaning Saginaw SANILAC COUNTY

Mr. & Mrs. John Goodwine Marlette ST. CLAIR COUNTY

effort to secure a law for the sta-



STATE FARM BUREAU'S PUBLIC SERVICE PROGRAM

LEGISLATION

Passage of the Capper-French Truth-In-Fabric bull: completion and operation of the U.S. Muscle Shoals Nitrates plant and manufacture of fartilizer: opposition to any form of sales tax or of consump-tion tax; retention of federal income tax; Passake of Gooding-Ketcham Seed Staln-ing bill.

TAXATION Relief for sorely burdened farm property by enactment of:

(a) Two, cent gasoline tax for highway funds. (b) State Income Tax in place of State's gen-eral property levy:

(c) Law forbidding any more tax exempt securities.

(d) Equalization of assessment of farm and city property in accordance with sales values of same. (Farm Buteau Investigations brought equalization in Calhoub, Ingham, Wash-tenaw, Monroe and Kalamazoo counties, saving farmer taxpayers \$67,350 excess taxes annually.)

TRANSPORTATION

limmediate application of Michigan Zone late decision to save farmer shippers in s9 countles \$509,000 annii<y.

MARKETING Extension of sound co-operative market-ing program now well under way in Mich-igan.

AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE

Adequate protection for farmers against loss by first theft, collision, property dum-inge and public liability furnished at fea-sonable rates.

WE MUST GUARD TRESPASS AND CHICKEN THIEF LAWS OR WILL LOSE THEM

The trespass and chicken thief laws enacted by the last legislature have already shown their effectiveness in curbing these two crimes of so much concern to the welfare of Michigan farmers. This is abundantly shown by the number of cases in our courts and by the effort that numerous so-called sportsmen are putting forth to remove the teeth of the trespass law or get it repeated altogether. The number of convictions under the chicken thief law have been particularly gratifying and heavy sentences of from two to five years in many cases show that our con 's are not reluctant to go far beyond the minimum sentence of one year specified in the law.

ous countries are determined by come. Since it supplies not only the 1926 they represented 16.5 per cent their respective needs. In Denmark, food for our industrial workers, but of all cases. come and its importance gives it a industries and a market for a large 1925 than in 1920. controlling influence in determining part of their products, it forms the The farm mortgage debt on own- have not yet come to see in its broad not only by farmers, but business in- tend to follow changes in the pur- cent of the value of the property, to ests and to the national welfare; terests as well, all of which support chasing power of farmers. a policy of efficient production and on the strength of its industry alone co-operative distribution of farm

country in the world.

very rapidly at the present time.

countries are highly commendable.

Every foot of waste land is being

being brought to the sawmill and

converted into lumber. We saw grow-

ple in the towns and villages.

dustry.

ownership.

for agriculture in Belgium. In Holland, we found farmers ably.

prosperous; much interest was manifested in agriculture with an ag- side, as well. The agricultural popu- ciological factors which are present greater distance to fall. proportion of the burden of gov- of the greatest sources of our future termined as economic conditions. ernment, they having adopted a tax American people, and the urbanizathe owner of real estate, the purpose teriorating factor." being to encourage farm and home

American Farmers' Position

war. This is due to the fact that the clearly show the inequality that now situation. deflated currency furnished an op-| exists between agriculture and all portunity to sell food products to other groups:

ness with a cheaper dollar. to compete with our farmers' prod-

much discouraged and two-thirds of 1900.

ing. Industry is also far from pros- since 1900.

perons due to the heavy burdens im- Last year the net profits of cor- be acute, and it is clearly only a mat- as follows: bosed by the dole system and other porations exceeded the total value ter of time until industry must suf. We want no government price-fix- that refusal of the reduction may subsidized governmental operations: of all crops by one billion dollars, fer as a natural and inevitable con- ing; we want no government sub-English statesmen are now struggling to adopt a new policy for agriculture, conceding that the industrial policy as practiced in England and applied to agriculture, has not proven suc-

cessful, either to insure prosperity about one million dollars a day. for industry or for agriculture.

visited, and steps are being taken to per cent above.

Disasters Not Helpful the present time. This is one of the The price improvement this fall curity while the very foundation of operative marketing. These princi-

farming is the principal source of in- about a third of the materials of our There were 76,703 less farms in erful influence that are opposed to Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Garber....

the national policies. We find the basis of our industrial prosperity; er-operated farms increased from aspect the agricultural situation and M. D. Buskirk expansion of agriculture encouraged and, changes in the volume of trade \$3,356 per farm in 1920 or 21.1 per its relationship to our other inter-

\$4,004 per farm in 1925, or 41.9 per They are more remote from the farm and the farmer and his difficulties do "A nation cannot grow and endure cent of the value of the property. not impress the distant financier or

Affects Our Lives

crops and the result is a return to this fallacy has led to international In addition to the economic con-the farmer of a greater share of the strife, as nations have struggled for ditions with which agriculture is disconsumers' dollar than in any other foreign markets and foreign ma- tressed, there are various sociologi- the twelfth story does not feel the terials and to internal conflict as de- cal phases of the farm problem shock of the explosion in the baserangements of international trade which are likewise acute. The exo- ment as keenly as the family living Belgium is an industrial nation have precipitated industrial depres- dus from the farm to the city; the on the first floor. In fact, the more with a home market for everything sions and created unrest in masses increased tenantry; the reduced fithe farmer produces. We found that of urbanized workers dependent up- nancial ability to maintain schools, the more secure he feels, and unless very little has been achieved in the way of arriving at a definite pollcy a balanced agriculture and industry stitutions on a proper plane; and the may overlook the fact that he desupplying each other's needs equit- discouragements and loss of interest pends upon the same foundation as

in agriculture as a life vocation for those in closer proximity and he also "This problem has its sociological young people, are some of the so- overlooks the fact that he has a

ricultural policy that protected the lation of thirty millions, nearly one- in the farm problem but whose ef- One significant thing in the con- Lake Cargo Coal Rate Reduction farmer against carrying an unjust third of the total population, is one fects cannot be as mathematically de- tinued effort which has been made case, wherein the Interstate Com-An example of such conditions is the fact that the farm organization tain railroads and lake carriers servsystem that is very lenient towards tion of the population may be a de- afforded by a report to a recent and the farm leaders who have con- ing very desirable West Virginiameeting of the Laymen's Association tended for this measure, have con- Kentucky coal fields to make a vol-

of the Illinois Conference of the sistently maintained their position untary rate reduction of 20 cents per Nothwithstanding the importance Methodist Episcopal church which re- from the very beginning of this ton on shipments into the Northwest. In France, there seems to be a of a stabilized agriculture to the na- veals that 47 rural churches in II- movement, up to the present time. Via the Lakes. Railroads serving the very good balance between agricul- tional welfare, we are face to face linois had reduced the amount paid I want to emphasize the fact that Pittsburgh-Ohio district oppose the ture and industry, with agriculture with the following facts as disclosed for ministers' salaries from \$1,000 this has been done in no arbitrary rate reduction as it places West Virreceiving somewhat of an advantage by the records of Governmental De- to \$500 during the past year, be- spirit. Farm organizations support- ginia-Kentucky fields in very close during the readjustment since the partments at Washington. They cause of the depressed agricultural ing this proposed legislation, as well competition with them for the northas their leaders, have at all times west market. So far the I. C. C. sees In short, while there has been a been open to suggestion and ready the situation their way. The inter-

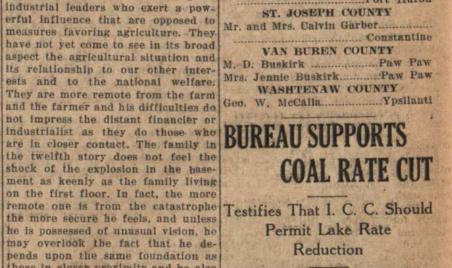
slight advance in the price level of to accept any proposal which would ested consumers want the reduction.

other nations and pay off indebted- Imports of food and raw materials farm products this fall, there is no effectively meet the requirements. A. P. Mills, head of the Michigan assurance that this is other than a The outstanding fact is, that no such State Farm Bureau's transportation In England, farmers are very ucts have increased 44 per cent since temporary fluctuation. Nothing has effective proposals have been made dep't., testified for Michigan farmers happened to change, fundamentally and it is today quite generally ad- at Minneapolis Nov. 30 at the I. C. C.

the entire country has been seeded Farmers' overhead expenses have the relationship between agriculture mitted that there is no effective sub- hearing for Michigan, Minnesota and to grass and is now being used for increased 300 per cent and their and other industries in this country stitute available at the present time. South and North Dakota farmers ingrazing purposes, as under the pres- combined costs have increased to 180 and to remove the disparity which The principles for which we have terested in this case. ent policy, it was impossible for per cent since 1900, while wholesale exists. While industry, generally, is contended and upon which we insist. Mr. Mills said that 13,000 farm farmers to continue grain type farm- prices advanced but 125 per cent enjoying continued prosperity, the unless, and until, something equal- families in the Upper Peninsula distress of agriculture continues to ly effective or better is proposed, are would benefit by the 20 cent reduc-

essful, either to insure prosperity or industry or for agriculture. The importance of agriculture is cknowledged in all the countries icknowledged in all the countries el, whereas farm prices are only 40 be faced if the remedy is ever to be on the principles which are and have papers reported Mr. Mills' testimony found. Surely there is no virtue in been for many years in operation in also brought a storm from the I. C. C. going on in a spirit of assumed se- this country, in connection with co- representative conducting the hear-

lessons of the war and men have represents only a fluctuating condi- our prosperity is being allowed to ples have been recognized by the legcome to realize what it means to to have a dependable food supply in time of war and an insurance of na. tional stability in time of peace. There is still have vision, which I do not have also been recognized by the fed-tral Michigan.



The Michigan State Farm Bureau is taking an active part in the present

to secure a basic agricultural law, is merce Commission has forbidden cer-

tion, and that they need it. He said

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DECEMBER 9, 1927

LAW UPHELD BY

Force Referendum

Fail

Farm Bureaus Reflect

Rural Demand

The three cent gas tax enacted by

The Detroiters went to great

the 1927 legislature was upheld by

SUPREME COURT

3 CENT GAS TAX

What Is Extension Policy **Doing to Our Farm Bureau?**

MRS. WAGAR STIRS AMERICAN FARM BUREAU MEETING

Bureaus Pay Education Bills, But Are Neglected When That's Done

Chicago, Dec. 2 .- Mrs. Edith Wagar of Michigan stirred the Home and Community section of the 9th annual American Farm Bureau con-Work, a very frank discussion of their past, present and probable furelationships. Mrs. Wagar said

The distinction between the Farm Bureau and Agricultural Extension is one of the most serious topics confronting our organization today. 1



MRS. WAGAR

cussion I want to declare myself: with a strong emphasis of the need her dish towels on all four sides, County Farm Bureaus are going on have been an active supporter. In the standpoint of the whole, the profact, while I have been a member of gram would have fitted in better that grand old organization called with the needs of the Farm Bureau, that she may adjust herself to her Bureau in the 1927 legislature. than I, for I felt the need of it. There ciently if the whole craft is not ornecessary to be done for the farmers from his better yields and better us in extending it over our land. that, in my judgment, the Grange marketing methods are not all filchincorporated into the plans outlined ods of taxation, legislation, etc. for the new organization.

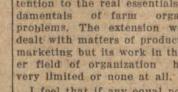
where they do not know each other, ings which shaped the policies of the Efforts Of Detroiters To and others where the Extension peo- Farm Bureau, and the real mission ple control and their work is about of the Farm Bureau was handicapped all that has been considered, and and crippled for the sake of an Exagain others where a goodly portion tension program that did not fill the of the local funds have been used for bill.

he support of Extension work, yet Last week in Indiana at the an- 4 CT. PLAN IS GAINING he relationship is not satisfactory or nual Farm Bureau meeting when agreeable. The eastern seaboard hundreds of farm folks were gath- Gov. Favors Consideration;

states have no Farm Bureaus as we ered to serve their craft, the Extensee it; they have never grasped the sion forces were conspicuous by their thought that we farmers will never absence; 196 honest to God dirt farm reach the plane of equality through women were enrolled, and still no the production channel alone.

Smith Lever Extension woman there The Government has spent many to learn the desires and demands of

millions in the support of Extension those great farm leaders. work; in fact, 22 millions are being In many of our southern and east- the State Supreme Court in a unantspent the present year, yet the farm- erh states, no effort is made to teach mous decision December 1, thereby vention today with a pointed address er has but little if anything to say the farm man or woman the crying blasting three Detroit movements for on the Distinction between the Farm as to how this money can better his need of united effort through one big a referendum on the three cent meas-Bureau and Agricultural Extension cause. The Extension policies and organization in their behalf, but ure. These movements were made programs are arranged not with the rather those women are encouraged by the Detroit Automobile Club, Richidea of what the farmer wants but to be satisfied if they can be train- ard Reading, city clerk of Detroit, rather with the idea of what others ed in some insignificant home indus- and an injunction issued by the think he needs; it is made for him try, whereby they may eke out a pit- Wayne county circuit court, all of tance to keep soul and body togeth- which were without support outside rather than with him.



ganizations, what makes them suc-

er. Can anything be more degrading of Wayne county. The main reason Extension work has not served the Farm Bureau bet-ter and strengthened the organiza. et d. while still farm folks, to find some other making marking be more degrading than the thought that we are expect-ed, while still farm folks, to find some other making marking marking marking be more degrading than the thought that we are expect-ter and strengthened the organiza. feel its weight more today than I tion in return for the hundreds of to support our farms and families? some other means of making money out in the state were of the opinion that they were designed for political This home industries booth that is purposes more than anything else. time. time. time. time. time. time provide the time industries booth that is been uppermost in my mind for some paid comparatively little, or no at-

tention to the real essentials or fun- can Farm Bureau Exposition repretention to the real essentials or fun-damentals of farm organization farm woman, but God forbid that we farm woman, but God forbid that we the Farm Bureau published state-which a referendum could be held was November, 1928, and this late transferrance of farm woman, but God forbid that we encourage that avenue as a means of solving our present dilemma, and we women should insist that those meth-

er would have been well on the way the Washington office on the minor referendum movement.

some research work in regard to the on a national recognition of our vo. pensive yearly license plates. structure of co-operative farm or- cation in all matters that touch our Today sentiment throughout the At the very beginning of this dis- to teach this to the farmer along farm woman than whether she hems fee, good for the life of the car. Many yearly license plates."

From the very birth of the Farm of becoming organized, not for co-or uses a tape line numbered on record at their annual meetings for Bureau organization in our state I operative marketing alone, but from both sides from the same end.

the Grange, ever since I was 14 years It will do the farmer comparatively just rights and to her duty in helping to remove the obstacles that are hinduction of the Farm Bureau more duce more and market more effi-Extension force to be familiar with were many types of work, that were ganized to insure that the returns this phase of our life and to assist

We want to co-operate with the their share for their own benefits," could not do and these things were ed away from him by unfair meth-incorporated into the plans outlined ods of taxation, legislation, etc.

A Choice Must Be Made

The new organization. Organization for co-operative hearing and help to shape the pro- twice the profit of the farmer and it tive in behalf of the original Smith many phases of the organization gram that will fit our needs, and we is only through organization that he want the Extension people to sit in has been able to realize this. has a greater appreciation of what real good from his better crops and extension service has done in the increased money which his co-opera-past, or is doing at present or should tive business organization secures for do in the increased money which his co-opera-tive business organization secures for

and the thought came to me, will After an explanation of its phases

prize money comes from other great bers here assembled are in favor of

funds had been spent for extension Reports of the American Farm

Farm Bureau meeting because their tinent questions.

When the State Supreme Court upheld the constitutionality of the present three cent gas tax law, Governor Green made this statement: "The three-cent gas tax was largely an emergency measure made neo essary to keep up an adequate highway program.

Permanent License

Weight Tax Cut And

Favors Considering



GOVERNOR GREEN

marketing but its work in the broad-er field of organization has been very limited or none at all. I feel that if any equal portion of this vast sum had been spent towards real genuine farm organization among farmers, that today the farmamong farmers, that today the farm-immaterial to me if I am recorded in Bureau refused to be used in the already built must be widened. "I am willing and anxious to have

to his desired goal with his vocation details of my everyday life, but I do Gov. Fred Green issued a statestanding along side by side with oth-want them to know that I am inter- ment after the Supreme Court deci-er on the present law or the one er vocations, and he would be fitted want, them to know that I am inter-ested and tremendously so, on an sion was handed down, in which he which will undoubtedly be framed equal taxation policy for farm folks, favors consideration of reducing the by the next legislature. If I am gov If our colleges had carried on on a workable tariff for our vocation, weight tax and abolition of the ex- ernor at that time I shall ask that a referendum be attached

"In my judgment consideration existence, on a proper return for our state appears to favor an increase in should be given to the revision of ceed and what makes them fail, and investment and labor. These are far the present gasoline tax, offset by the weight tax downward, and an then had used the Extension forces more important to the future of the permanent license plates at a nominal abolition of the present expensive

> a four cent gas tax and a permanent We want our farm woman with us, license plate, as favored by the Farm

> > McNary-Haugen Bill

"The farmers are failing to d.

Manistee, Dec. 5 - At the annual eeting of the Manistee Count Farm Bureau, November 19, a Kaleva the election of officers was as follows: John Gould, Jr., Presi dent; M. E. Jones, Vice-President L. W. Read, Secretary; W. I. Cramp ton, Treasurer.

Kaleva; Elects

Officers

Sow Clean Seed!

Until Dec. 15th we will do custom cleaning at the following rates. (Note-no cleaning charge on seed you wish returned for your own use if we buy your crop)

All charges are based on the weight of seed when received. You pay transportation both ways.

Cleaning seed which is free of buckhorn 30c per bushel Cleaning seed for buckhorn.....\$1.00 per bushel Cleaning over centrifugal mill for removal

of thistle, pigeon grass or mustard \$1.00 per bushel Cleaning, scarifying and recleaning

alfalfa and hulled sweet clover .. .50c per bushel Cleaning and scarifying unhulled

sweet clover .. .50c per bushel

Plus actual time required for hulling at \$1.25 per hour.

Mich. Farm Bureau Seed Service LANSING, MICH.



Send for pamphlet of our Poultry Feeds con-taining valuable feeding suggestions. Distribution all over the State.

FOR SALE BY **Co-op Associations and Farm Bureau** Distributors I and I there we want



do in the future than I. I know what a blessing it has been to thousands of farm homes all over this land of standpoint of the whole craft that it ours, so please do not take anything can prevent the teeth being pulled but rather from the farm kitchen that I may say as destructive crit- out of laws for the benefit of agri- or the back forty.

icism to either party of this subject. culture, and the whole industry in-But I feel the time is here and really sured and protected. To my mind the frankly and courageously and help state and national viewpoint. to bring about a better understanding between the Farm Bureau and colleges.

had been with us for some time past Farm Bureau offers the only pros- eration or else the service is not what igan crops when we should face the situation pect of accomplishing this from a it should be to us. I may have seemed harsh and unappreciateive, but Extension Suffers, Too

his general organization project such must be met if we succeed, and no fund of \$30,000,000 loaned by the

In the first place in 1912, people as the Farm Bureau is alming to ac-other than farmers really put into effect the first Extension Farm Bu-have a very slim future indeed. For reau work. Its real object was great-instance, in my own state, inasmuch is the solution of t er production per man power, pri- as the large sums of Farm Bureau some of the workers, for instance- returns from domestic sales. marily for cheaper living, and was funds going into Extension Work while Extension workers in the masponsored and financed by a raii have not accomplished this end jority of Michigan counties have de- ting together on a concrete plan.

road and a chamber of commerce, as- through the Extension field, it is a pended on the Farm Bureau to keep he decared. "Forty-five million laborers are sisted by the Government. And then matter of necessity that our State them in existence and those very

the idea grew, not by the farmers Farm Bureau so change its organiza- county organizations have gone organized so why can't 6,500,004 the idea grew, not by the farmers Farm Bureau so change its organiza-themselves, but by their so-called tion policy that all of the money con-tributed by farmers shall be used for never been an annual meeting of our the following Sherwood's stand for why can't 6,500,000 for the same?" Bureaus were established in coun- the benefit of the organization. I State Farm Bureau but that an Ex- the Jardine plan, Bert Keith, Saw ties when the farmers themselves did could point out to you many instanc- tension program has called our yer nursery man, spoke in defense not want them at all. When an ex- es when the County Farm Bureaus folks elsewhere and many of these of the McNary-Haugen bill an tension worker was stationed in r have been fairly milked dry in the same women know no other Farm Dean Clark came to the aid of the county, it became necessary to band support of Extension work, yet the Bureau work than that extension Debenture bill.

together in group form in order that Extension people give no credit to program. Yet the Farm Bureau has Keith and Sherwood after there be some system in presenting that organization for so doing, neith- had some of the most vital problems lengthy debate agreed the McNary and spreading the work, and these er do they encourage its growth, and under consideration that the Ameri- Haugen bill would be acceptable very same groups called themselves their very programs are developed can farmer has ever faced. the equalization fee were abolished a Farm Bureau. County wide along lines that would eventually de- Last evening we attended the an- and a governmental revolving fund groups were called County Farm feat our purpose of equality for our nual banquet for Club champions, set up in its place.

Bureaus, and after a while the vari- cause. ous counties united in forming State I believe we should use the influ- those same boys and girls develop by Keith, the Debenture bill was de-Farm Bureaus and on the heels of ence of the Farm Bureau to encour- into the men and women that we clared to be a subsidy and an enthat, the state federated into a na- age the colleges to carry to the farm- want them to be and that we must couragement to class legislation

er and teach the fundamentals of or- have them be, with the proper pride through the buying up of surpluses tional organization. But the thinking farmers began to ganization itself. Farming conditions and respect for agriculture that we with a fund drawn from all taxpaygrow restless; they began to sense are rapidly changing, the desires of know agriculture is entitled to, when ers for the benefit of agriculture. the fact that the productive side was farm people are changing every day, their entertainment comes from the At the close of the meeting the not all of the story, and they wanted and the Extension policies of a few railroad companies of this country following resolution was passed their organization to broaden its years back are antiquated when they and their medals and trophies and unanimously, "Resolved that memfield of activity; they appreciated ef- are tried out today. ticient production, but must have In shaping the policies of the Ex-some consideration in marketing the tension service, why cannot the lo-boy and girl sat there last night be-as to embrace the Coolidge-Jardine crop that they raised. They had so cal people sit in at the hearing and cause back home a County Farm Bu- proposal." This amended farm relief many ills of other natures that they express their needs, why cannot this reau had made it possible for them measure at the meeting was nickturned their attention to their own service be along the lines of what to do club work, but do our Exten- named the "Coolidge-Jardine-Mcorganization as a means through the progressive farmer needs and sion Club people recognize that fact? Nary-Haugen-common sense bill."

which to work. This was one great demands, rather than in the nature Do they realize that many a county Similar meetings will be held durchange in the policy of the Farm Bu- of settlement work among the low- could not send a delegate to this ing the winter to discuss other perreau Perhaps the Smith Lever agricul-

Conference Spirit Needed Why not a greater co-operation be- work? Are those boys and girls Bureau Federation meeting of last tural extension work bill would never have been granted if there had been tween our men and women in Exten- trained to know that they must give year were given by R. C. File, H. even a suspicion that the farmer sion work rather than a separate future support to the Farm Bureau, Swem and I. J. Leedy would ever have assumed control of road for each, independent of each that their work may go on and that Another parley in the near future the organization created as a medium other and therefore many times det- there is a broader field waiting for to consider the Michigan gas tax. through which it might be effective. rimental to both, and with negative their help? It is to be regretted that at this point results?

For my part I feel-that the time county debt and the St. Lawrence both those who controlled extension | Many disappointing and deplor- is here and the demands are so urg- waterway project was asked by the work and the farmer connected with able conditions have been brought to ent everywhere that it behooves us farmers.

the Farm Bureau did not have a long my notice from time to time, for in- to call for a more definite under- Delegates were chosen to attend distance vision, for I feel that a pol- stance in the state of Kansas the \$1 standing of the relationship between the Federation meeting on Dec. 5, 6 cy could have been worked out Extension member aimed to out vote these two great movements. We need and 7 in Chicago. It is expected that whereby both might have benefited. the \$5 Farm Bureau member in se- each other, but we must practice true about 25 would attend from this As it is, there are now some states lecting delegates to the annual meet- co-operation if we go together. dounty.

Sherwood, in an attack on the action of the Board a reduction of

McNary-Haugen bill, declared it is price fixing through use of equaliza-tion fee and does not apply to Mich-igan cross We must have this greater co-opmarl in Manistee county.

Favors Jardine Plan Instead he urged adoption of the

when I go about and see our farm Jardine plan which eliminates the Furthermore, if such a program men and women spending their en- equalization fee. The Jardine plan the present agricultural extension had been carried out it would have tire time in the production and every would equalize farm export prices

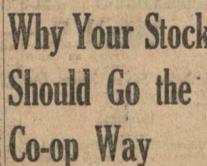
work of the U. S. Dep't of Agricul. fortified the Extension work itself, day home making, with no thought by selection of a federal board and straighten up your backbone, stick ture and co-operating agricultural for unless the farmer succeeds with to the big problems of the day that the adoption of a federal revolving out your jawbone and go to it.

> "Dat baby of you's," said Mrs Jackson, "am de puffect image of his zations over the country and would fatha.

"The farm leaders at last are get

Farm-Bureau-O-Gram

Throw away your wishbone



Your own experienced and conscientious salesmen sell your stock to the best advantage and you benefit. More than that,--the co-ops are saving money on low operating costs and they pro-rate it back to your local association!

Drovers and old-line commission men can't live on nothing. They figure a good living out of their shipping profits.

You can realize that profit yourself, and why not ? Your co-op organization carries your stuff clear to the packer's hands and you get all it brings. Our salesmen are the best in the business. Ship your stock to the-

The farmers' own co-op commission houses at Detroit and East Buffalo are getting farmers better returns.

the Covert road tax, the Berrien Michigan Livestock Exchange Detroit, Mich.

Producers Co-Op Com. Ass'n East Buffalo, N. Y.

LANSING

tinuously since it came on the market in 1922.

Buying a Better Herd These men have realized that in buying and using Milkmaker they are assuring themselves of a better herd of cows two or three years hence. In buying a bag of dairy feed you do not buy the feed for the feed itself, but for the ultimate results obtained. The results to be obtained are not necessarily determined by the price of the feed. The real value of the feed is determined by the per cent of digestible protein and digestible nutrients, both of which determine results. A common phrase among users of Milkmarker is Where with which

A common phrase among users of Milkmaker is "More milk with more cow left at the end of the year." Ask for booklet on "How to Feed for Economical Milk Production."

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Insure Your Car In A 4 SQUARE COMPANY

Here is an automobile insurance company that serves farmers only. It has farmer agents and adjusters everywhere, affording genuine protection to those who can qualify.

	Comparativ	e Statement	1922	to	1927	
	Year	Income			Assets	
	1922	29,222.10			27,444.87	-
	1923	69,832.65			64,353.62	
	1924	115,700.38			136,883.54	
	1925	281,917.17			298,123.22	
	1926	552,127.93			570,212.31	
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STATE FARM MUTUAL AUTO INS. CO.

OF BLOOMINGTON, ILL.

Michigan State Farm Bureau

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FARM RELIEF, TAX

To Protect Producer,

Congress Asked

Reaffirmation

National Agr'l Policy

Sixty-Ninth Congress, which, in a

plus Control Bill. If put into opera-

tion, this measure would have mark-

ed the beginning of a sound econom-

ic agricultural policy in our nation.

control are inseparable. Co-operative organizations, however, cannot bear

ditions, in order that operations may

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tion of the equalization fee principle,

meet the requirement that each mar-

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Muscle Shoals

Tariff

We recommend that the flexible pro-

States Tariff Commission can be in

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visions be changed so that the United | cation;

den Bill, H. R. 16614, of the Sixty- est.

be passed by Congress.

Ninth Congress.

be removed.

contains the principles embodied in er system;

judgment may suggest, shall again streams;

under the flexible provisions of the following projects:

can be shown to exceed foreign costs. girls' club work;

riculture in the cases before it. We plant pests and diseases;

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Commodity marketing and surplus

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We appreciate the actions of the

BRILLIANT RECORD

Marshall, Dec. 7.-Calhoun County

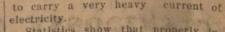
Farm Bureau has only two outstand-

ing old membership dues accounts.

All others are now paid, or there are

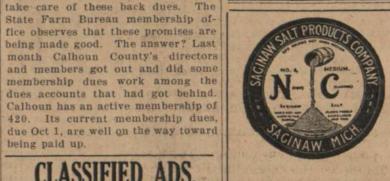
written or other definite promises to

CALHOUN MAKES



Statistics show that properly in-If Connected To Bldg. stalled lightning rods protect the buildings. Last year thirteen and

If a wire fence is connected up one-half per cent of the fires on with the barn, it should be grounded, farms, representing a money loss of so that a current of electricity will nearly \$20,000,000, was caused by not be carried into the barn, should lightning, and the records further lightning strike the fence. Ordinary show that a very small part of this wire fencing or barb wire are able loss was on rodded buildings.



Ground Wire Fences

FALL TRADE

The farmer's purchasing power is improving. More salt will be used this fall. Specify the following brands: No. 1 MEDIUM NON-CAKING (full grained); ECONOMY SALT (reasonably priced); IODO-BLOX (excellent for stock).

SAGINAW SALT PRODUCTS CO. SAGINAW, MICHIGAN



On purchases made in this Department. Use your Department and get merchandise which you know is right in every respect.

State Farm Bureau **CLOTHING DEPARTMENT** 221-227 N. CEDAR STREET. LANSING, MICH.

Am. Farm Bureau Federation Former Gov. of New Hamp-Flood Control An effective flood control program, are applied. o be national in effect, should con-MATTERS, MUSCLE We thank the Special Farm Loan tain the following features: (a) Levees as the first line of de-

SHOALS, LEADERS (b) Diversion channels to give more flowage capacity in the lower farm loan question, and for the exregions of the Mississippi river; Strengthen Stockyards Act

Resolutions Adopted by the

channels: (d) Surveys of tributary streams Directors be authorized to act in acto ascertain how to secure naviga- cordance therewith. tion, power development and flood

We hereby approve, without re- control in one effort; (e) Reservoirs, to be located on port ofiteration, the principles and policies which have been set forth at length in the resolutions of our former an- pletion of surveys;

(f) Reforestation. nual meetings. Therefore, for sake of brevity, reference is hereby made to brevity, reference is hereby made to

all such resolutions and unless re-pealed or inconsistent herewith, the same are declared to be in full force plan to be borne by the Federal Gov-the borne by the federal Gov-(d) Securing legislation for the Transportation early development of the Colorado

ernment.

costs

Resolution:

States and Canada;

Transportation to agriculture as river; sumes national, and even interna- (e) Securing legislation which non-partisan manner, passed the Surothers the following plans to pre- (f) Favoring a governmental invent losses to agriculture by the pay-|quiry into the growth and methods ment of excessive transportation of capitalization of public utility corporations supplying electrical en-(a) An American Merchant Ma- ergy in the form of power and light;

the authority of the United States national reforestation program, said program to be in co-operation with (b) Readjustment of freight and a correlation of state program.

Omnibus

We announce our position in sup-

(a) Securing electricity on the

rates on the basis of the Hoch-Smith to prevent erosion of soils, and to bring present marginal lands even-(c) The development of the Great tually back_into profitable produc-Lakes-St Lawrence tidewater chan- tion, with more adequate fire pro-

nel and an early completion of treaty tection for our great forested areas. keted unit shall pay its share in the negotiations between the United (h) We favor a federal law requiring truth in market reports, and (d) The rapid completion of the reports affecting marketing levels. We insist that legislation which Mississippi-Missouri-Ohio-Illinois riv-(i) The action taken at the last

meeting creating the Home and (e) Surveys and transportation Community Dept., has been fully jusimprovements as experience and good developments on other main tified, as demonstrated by the interest manifested during the conven-

(f) Legislation to provide that toll tion. bridges on our national highways We heartily endorse and commend We reaffirm our support of the shall revert to the government when the fine accomplishments of this Deprinciples now contained in the Mad- tolls have amortized cost and inter- partment and recommend its continued and generous support.

Agricultural Appropriations

We urge such increases in import funds for agriculture. We especially seventeen states of our Union, wish Bureau. Officers elected were: duties as are possible to be secured urge adequate appropriations for the to voice our sincere appreciation of President, A. N. Brown, Jones-Tariff Act, upon various agricultural (a) Extension work in agricul-jare mindful of the hard work and C. Armstrong, Cambria township, reproducts whose costs of production ture, home economics, and boys' and co-operation of all departments that elected; new directors as follows: (b) Continuation of T. B. eradi- vention.

(c) Quarantine and control of spirit and purpose manifested Hoffman; and Leo Card, Cambria position more efficiently to serve ag- corn borer, and other insect and throughout the week. We especially township, elected to succeed B. S. wish to endorse the Home and Com- McFate. (d) Fundamental research by the munity Training School and feel Delegates to the Michigan State duty on plant food constituents. We United States Department of Agri- deeply indebted to Mrs. Chas. W. Se- Farm Bureau Annual Meeting, as folcommend the Tariff Commission for culture, this to include research to well for her able and inspirational lows: A. N. Brown, Herbert Wells, its studious attention to and fair con- extend industrial as distinguished leadership.

(k) We endorse the effort now The duty on hairy vetch seed should for construction of federal highways tabilized price level and stable pur-(e) Continuation of the usual aid being made in Congress to effect a and bridges; and special aid for chasing power of money through ad-Foreign products which can be highway and bridge reconstruction ditional instructions to the Federal sed, either in the raw state or as in the recently flooded areas: Reserve Board.

used, either in the raw state or as in the recently flooded areas; processed material in place of, or as (f) United States Tariff Commis- And resolutions of similar nature.

shire Brings Message natonals on the western hemispher to Midwest Farm Loan Committee

Chicago, Dec. 6 .- Speaking before Committee of the A. F. B. F., for the the American Farm Bureau Federalong, diligent and intelligent study tion today Robert F. Bass, former which it has conducted upon the Governor of New Hampshire, said: "I live in a small and rugged state cellent report which has been formu- situated close to some of the great (c) Parallel channels to give more lated. We recommend that the re- industrial and financial centers of flowage capacity above the diversion port of said Special Committee be ac- the country. Some of our citizens cepted and the officers and Board of down there look with fear and distrust upon the growing power of the, organized farmer. We have seen a

EASTERN FARMER

FOR FARM BLOC

rather systematic propaganda against the farm bloc. The dangers of class legislation have been luridly pictured in our press and by some of our leading politicians.

farm, under rates and conditions "I want to assure you that the inwhich are economically possible for telligent men and women back in those New England hill farms have not been fooled by that sort of talk. They know that agriculture has been the last great industry to organize. That long before the Farm Bloc was ever heard of, the manufacturers and bankers, labor and other branches

of American life, were represented in Washington by able and astute gentlemen, who exercised a far

reaching influence in the formulation, yes and in the administration of our laws.

"They know that you have striven, (a) An American mercuant inder orgy in the toring a more intensive not for any special privilege, but as not for any special privilege, but to between agriculture and other lines of business; and that is a fundamen-

tal purpose in which the American people believe and with which they heartily sympathize.



Hillsdale, Dec. 6.-Some 150 Farm Bureau members and their families attended the 8th annual meeting and potluck supper of the Hillsdale Farm Bureau the evening of Dec. 3. A splendid program of music and readings was topped off by Farm Bureau addresses by A: J. Adams of Litch-(j) We, the women of the A. F. field, W. H. Harmon of Pittsford and We request sufficient federal B. F., herein assembled, representing and C. L. Nash of the State Farm

> the entire convention program. We ville, re-elected; vice-president, W. have made this the outstanding con- Chas. Boone, Hillsdale, elected to succeed himself; J. & Post, Adams We are impressed with the fine township, elected to succeed J. H.

> > Charles Boone.



500,000 HIGH GRADE HOLLYWOOD Sired White Leghorn Accredited Chicks. Males and females passed and banded by cial discount now. Catalog free. Wyn garden Hatchery & Farms, Zeeland, Mich Box 25 FOR SALE—PURE BRED V Pecan drakes, heavy laying strain \$2.00 each. Dan McAvoy, Lains

CLASSIFIED ADS.

POULTRY

being paid up.

REGISTERED DAIRY SHORTHORN breed cows, open heifers, serviceable age bulls from heavy producing ancestry. Write Joe Moriarty, Hudson, Mich.

FOR SALE - A C E T Y L E N E GAS Lighting Flant. (Make, NIGHT COM-MANDER). Mrs. Patrlek Hankard, Munith, Mich., R. I.

The Farm Bureau Poultry Exchange

which formerly operated at 2610 Riopelle Street, Detroit, has dis-continued business. This business has been taken over by the

Garlock Williams Co. 2614 Orleans St. Detroit

Your shipments of poulity, eggs and veal are solicited. Tags and market information sent on request.

WHEN YOU SHIP

Stocker and feeder cattle or sheep there are certain requirements that must be met to enable you to benefit by the new stocker and feeder rates allowed by the railroad companies on these two classes of livestock.

The traffic department of the State Farm Bureau is in position to render the necessary service in arranging for these special class rates. Why not have this department assist you in getting these special rates this fall?

We Audit Freight Bills Free. Small Fee For Collections



poultry association. Sturdy and rous heavy producing breeders as-chicks of quality and ability. Spe-discount now. Catalog free. Wyn-WHITH

substitutes for, home-grown agricul- sion, in carrying out the flexible pro- all expressing approval of the voting members and their Board of Ditural products should carry the high- vision of the Tariff Act; est possible rates of import duty.

sideration of the agricultural cases from food uses of farm products;

Taxation Debt reduction should precede tax gress.

reduction. Exemptions and repeated European Corn Borer modifications of the national tax Commendable progress in corn structure are undesirable. The basis borer control has been made. We of federal taxation should be ability favor an appropriation by this Conto pay. We recommend reciprocity gress sufficient to carry on the work between the states in matters of es- effectively. We commend the co-optate and inheritance taxation. Estate eration given by the farmers in the taxes should be retained permanent- past, and realize that whole-hearted ly. It is unnecessary to reduce cor- support by them is essential. peration taxes in this period of na-Packer and Stockyard Act tional industrial prosperity. Federal taxes on automobiles should be elim- Packer & Stockyard Act, both as to inated.

the definite authority vested in the We commend the outline on state Department of Agriculture and its tomorrow. taxation, Resolution No. 28, adopted administration, for the purpose of last year at our annual meeting. further safeguarding the interests of

Organized Agriculture

the livestock producer and his co-It is gratifying to observe that a operative associations.

number of national co-operative We further authorize the Legislamarketing organizations are negoti- tive Committee of the A. F. B. F. to ating with the American Farm Bu- work in connection with a like comreau Federation regarding the sub- mittee from the National Live Stock ice for co-operative associations on and support the manner or method Legislation Saves Others, But sears after the armistice, industry a basis of reasonable compensation which will result in the accomplishto be provided through a contractual ment of the above purpose.

relation. We heartily commend this Immigration We request our officers to exert proposal and direct our executive officers to proceed as rapidly in the every effort in securing a congresdevelopment of such a service as will sional investigation before any ad- they are on the road, to peas- owning farmer is worse than it has be consistent with safety. ditional immigration restrictions to antry and "neither they nor

Farm Bureau Calender

Schedule of Meetings and State Speakers

- Shelby-Co-operative Company-December 10-Mrs. Wagar. Bad Axe -Thumb district conference-December 12-C. L.
- Brody and C. L. Nash. Centreville-St. Joseph Co. F. B. annual meeting-December 12-Mrs. Wagar.
- Bad Axe-Huron County Farm Bureau Economics-Organization School-December 13-C. L. Brody.
- Marshall-Membership meeting-December 13-M. L. Noon.
- West Branch-Ogemaw County Farm Bureau annual meeting-December 13-C. L. Nash.
- Westphalia-Creamery Company-December 14-M. L. Noon. Stanton-Montcalm County Farm Bureau annual meeting-December 15-C. L. Nash.
- Ionia-County Farm Bureau banquet-December 15-M. L. Noon and Mrs. Wagar.
- Dowagiac-Co-op annual meeting-December 15-C. L. Brody.
- Shelby-Oceana County Farm Bureau annual meeting-December 16-C. L. L. Nash.
- Muskegon—County Farm Bureau group meetings—December 28-29—C. L. Nash.
- Port Huron-St. Clair County Farm Bureau annual meeting-January 10.
- Wacousta-Club meeting-January 11-C. L. Nash.

List your meetings with the Farm Bureau News to avoid duplication and let your members know what is going on.

delegates for the efficient way in rectors held a quarterly meeting Dec. (g) Enforcement of the Milk In- which the annual meeting had been 1. Mr. Frost raised the point that spection bill passed by the 69th Con- conducted by the various service Sec'y Jardine has suggested that the agencies supplying talent therefor. U. S. cease paying farmers for clean-

Respectfully submitted, Respectfully submitted, Edw. A. O'Neal, Chairman meeting passed a resolution favoring Chas. E. Hearst continuation of the rewards, saying Geo. N. Putnam that the clean-up is not only of bene-M. L. Noon fit to the farmer directly interested.

H. G. King. but the farmer in other communitie. and to the city man as well. Alfred Wm. Cantin, 37, of Pinconning Bentall explained the work of the Mich, writes the Farm Bureau News Farm Bureau Insurance dep't; C. L.

that he is looking for work on a Nash discussed County Farm Bureat: We favor the strengthening of the farm. He says that he knows stock. programs. President Delano presided. Kalamazoo expects to follow this

Avoid the pleasure that will bits meeting with other good Farm Bureau sessions

Farmers Have Backs to Wall Says Prof. Dodd

was stabilized at retail price levels Is Denied Rural almost as high as those of war times and that there has been no serious Business industrial deflation. It is Mr. Dodd's opinion that to-

Chicago, Dec. 6 .- Farmers fear day the condition of the small home ever been. He points out that the any of their few friends seem able farmers get little over \$1 a bushel to check or deflect the downward for wheat, while the city consumer tendency," Prof. William E. Dodd of pays ten cents a pound for bread; the University of Chicago told 2,000 the farmer receives \$2 or \$3 a baragricultural leaders attending the rel for apples, while the consumer American Farm Bureau Federation's pays from \$10 to \$15 a barrel. "With an unprecedented tariff for

ninth annual convention at the Sherman hotel. industrial men, a steadying banking "The farmer, who alone is suf- law for financial interests, a transpor-

fering in the post war adjustment pe- tation act for railroads and an immiriod, cannot prosper while others fix gration law for labor, the farmers the price of his goods," said Prof. think themselves crowded out of the Dodd house of their fathers," said Prof.

Half a billion dollars is now being Dodd.

spent to educate farm children, Prof. "Is there a remedy? If the tariff Dodd said, but added that the edu- be lowered, the cities must suffer; if cated boys and girls leave the farm. the railroads be required to lower An extensive study of co-operative their rates, railway labor will strike; marketing has just been completed if the banks be regulated for social by Prof. Dodd who has concluded purposes, business men will make that the efforts of effective legisla- loud protest; if commission mertion, controlled production and co- chants and other city organizations operative marketing all seem to have be put under control, the violent crv failed. of bolshevism arises. If farmers seek "The President vetoes farmers' to help themselves, it is socialism. A bills without offering better ones; politician who seeks to find a remthe open markets of the cities con- edy is a demagogue. If a bill of retinue their unmitigated exploitations lief passes congress, the President while newer and richer lands no vetoes it, without offering a better

longer exist; the prospect is so poor one, and becomes forthwith a great that 649,000 farmers abandoned statesman. All this in the richest their calling last year. Two million country in the world, A serious probpersons have left the farm since lem. It behooves statesmen to solve 1920. it or forfeil, their claim upon the

In his study he found that five people."



Present-Day Industrial Needs Demand the Movement of Freight at Express Service Speed of Former Years.

WITH the war-time expansion in America, the greater post-war costs of materials and supplies and the higher wage levels, etc., the industrialist, the distributor and the consuming public, now require a more expedited service for freight than at any time, anywhere.

- THIS means that the speed expected of the railroads in handling of all freight now is almost the former standard of express service provided in before-the-war days. The exigencies of the conflict showed the Nation, first, the urgency of speed and, secondly, the benefits that accrue. The accelerated movement of the war days was continued in the readjustment period and business men soon realized their economic advantage. Tremendous outlays for improvements and betterments gave these an added incentive in the days that followed the close of the war. New records are being made annually and the good that flows from these is reflected in the greater prosperity that every class that makes up our society now enjoys.
- THE railroad traffic unit the ton of freight is traveling more miles each day than ever.
- THE additional mileage made by each ton of freight per diem means that the manufacturer can utilize his plant to greater advantage by clearing his shipping room regularly and carrying a smaller inventory in his stock room. The distributor at destination can likewise carry on business with a smaller inventory inasmuch as he is always certain of regular deliveries. The manufacturer puts through his bills of lading at the bank several days earlier than before and so his capital is turned over oftener.
- ALL of these conditions mean benefits to every stratum of society.
- THE railroad worker is paid higher wages for his services, since the railroads are doing more work, and their unit of cost makes this possible.
- THE consumer of commodities finds that prices are kept down to a lower level than would otherwise obtain.
- THE business man, who ventures into modern business, can carry on with a smaller capital.
- ALL, therefore, share in the benefits of the accelerated freight service.
- NOWHERE else under heaven's blue canopy is this so apparent.
- NOWHERE in America are these conditions more applicable than in the territory served by the Michigan Railroad Association, the industrial area which is making the greatest forward strides on this continent.

MICHIGAN RAILROAD ASSOCIATION