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NOON AGAIN ELECTED STATE FARM BUREAU PRESIDEI



Sparks From the Legislative Anvil Captured, Confined in Cold Type, Sentenced to Serve Our Members

In passing, we might remark that the Governor seems to have rather decided views regarding lobbyists and some of their tactics. He has sent a special message to the islative rules be amended to debar floor of the Senate and the House.

The Governor's position with reference to lobbying was made quite alty has been a very live issue durture when he said:

byist. There is no substitute in government for the keen, honest interest of citizens."

This statement was amplified and explained by the comment.

visited by representative farmers, la first-hand information on the sub- the lawmakers.

jects on which they are authority.' when the Governor explained:

not only the legislature, but the state highway funds. ou can stamp this thing ou

clined to vote in harmony with the tax. suggestions of this liberal friend Acting under suspension of the of fullest cooperation in your fine

was obviously a frame-up, but it followed closely upon the receipt, by en years of field investigations of neant that if these representatives (Continued on page two) meant that if these representatives didn't toe the mark thereafter, their fated lawmakers.

Lieutenant Governor Luren D. Dickinson took a very proper position when he said, "Legitimate representatives of honorable business should receive respectable hearings," but then went on to warn the senators against certain practices which he referred to as being "inimical to the best interests of the state."

The State Senate is considering amending its rules to deny the priviare pending in the Legislature.

An even more drastic anti-lobbyties for any violation of its provi- hand in hand to achieve them. sions. This bill would require all perto file a complete statement of their

LEGISLATURE GETS **DOWN TO BUSINESS**

Death Penalty, Highway and Tobacco Tax, Waterway Are Considered

After a recess of nearly two weeks luring which the members visited the various state institutions to study financial needs, the legislature resumed operations in earnest Wednesday of last week. An accumulaion of nearly forty bills was immediately thrown into the legislative hopper and the work of the pres ent session began in earnest.

A dozen or so of the bills now pending are intended to combat the crime wave in Michigan. Several varieties of capital punishment have been proposed, including death by legislature mentioning one lobbyist by name and suggesting that the regeral purpose would prohibit the paall lobbyists from entrance to the rolling of persons convicted of first degree murder and would increase the penalty for offenders having previous prison records. The death penplain in his message to the legislatime it has been defeated by a rath-'Nothing is more subversive of er close vote. However, voters of the good government than the paid lob- measure declare that this year they have a substantial majority ready to vote in favor of capital punishment.

New License Schedules From the standpoint of popular interest, second only to crime preven-'You are anxious for accurate in- tion legislation, are the various formation, and I hope you will be measures dealing with highway finance. During the past week a new boring men, women, industrial lead- combination of gas and weight taxes ers and other groups, who could ren- was proposed which seems to meet der invaluable service by giving with a good deal of support among

Rep. C. J. Town, of Onondaga, is The veteran members of the leg- fathering a bill to raise the gas tax islature heard nothing with which to 4 cents a gallon, while a companthey were not altogether too familiar ion measure sponsored by Rep. Wil liam P. Strauch, of Vernon, proposes "One of the outstanding things a \$5 permanent license for passenthat must be done is the curtailment ger cars and the present schedule of of the activities of lobbyists. One of annual weight license levies for comtheir vicious practices is to give mercial vehicles, including trucks members bills that appear to be mer- and buses. Representatives Town and itorious, but which affect some in- Strauch declare that this new comterest adversely. When the bill has bination would bring in as much or been announced as sure of passage, more revenue from the motorists as or if it is passed by one house, the they now are paying and would relobbyist waits upon the interest af- sult in greater fairness and less in fected by the bill and for a consid- convenience. Under the terms of eration, offers to see that it is kill- these bills, the counties would reed. This form of exhortion is known ceive eight million dollars instead of by the public generally, and brings six million dollars annually from the

whole state government into disre- A new tax measure which is cercussion was introduced by Sen. Peter There are other tricks and shady provides a tax of \$2 per thousand on practices of certain lobbyists which cigarets and a flat 10 per cent tax B. Lennon, of Genessee County. In are no more savory than the one re-ferred to by the governor. For in-salers and retailers would be license? in developing international understance, there are those very hospi- and the tax would be collected standing and good-will and promottable hangers-on, who are in the hab- by means of stamps purchased by ing peace among nations. it of paying for a few extra meals the dealers and affixed to the pack- A telegram of regret from Herbert besides their own-and they aren't ages. A unique feature of this bill Hoover, Secretary of Commerce, said cheap meals either. After a legisla- is that it definitely provides that in part, "The vital need and feasibil- the establishing of new ones. tor has accepted a little of this gen- the revenue thus raised would de- ity of the St. Lawrence Waterway

than would otherwise be the case. | rules, the House and Senate passed, | work." One of the older representatives unanimously, a resolution calling at was recalling how some of his col-tention to the importance of the leagues started off on what they sup- Great Lakes-St. Lawrence waterway posed to be a perfectly innocent au- and urging upon President Coolidge tomobile ride with a lobbyist or two. and Congress the necessity of enter-Before they had gone far the party ing into proper treaties with Canada roots of sugar beets, may be controlwas held up by an officer and liquor and proceeding at once with th's led to a large extent by crop rotafound in the car. The whole episode project. The action of the legislature tion, it has been found, through sev-

GREAT LAKES-ST. LAWRENCE MEETING IS GREAT SUCCESS 1927 Board Of Directors In

500 Delegates Enthusiastic; Finish the Job in 1927 Is Slogan

PRES. HARDING SPEAKS

Waterway Shown Great Boon To Agriculture And Industry

Immediate action for a treaty with Canada to provide for the development of a Lakes to Atlantic waterway was demanded at a conference recently held at Muskegon by the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Tidewater Association and attended by more than 500 delegates from all parts of Mich igan, several other states and Can

The interest of Michigan farmers in this great project was emphasized by the large attendance of rural leaders, prominent among whom were several officials of the Michigan State Farm Bureau, the various County Farm Bureaus and the affiliated com modity exchanges.

The economic possibilities of this waterway project were outlined by William George Bruce of Milwaukee, member of the Executive Committee of the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Tidewater Association. He pointed out that water rates are only one eighth of those by rail and showed that the traffic on the Great Lakes today is greater than that between the United States and Europe. He quoted the recent official Government estimates that the entire cost of the proposed development would be about \$355,000,000 and declared, The navigation benefits on grain

shipments alone will pay the interest

on this investment. The power earn-

ings would pay five per cent interest CONSTANT GROWTH SEEN and retire the entire debt in 20 Governor Fred W. Green, who presided as toastmaster at the luncheon session, was introduced by former Governor Albert E. Sleeper, through whose influence Michigan was the second state to join the Tidewater Association eight years ago. Governor Green said, "Anything that the State Administration can do to help in this work we are going to do and we are going to try to do it ahead

Beet Nematode Control

The sugar-beet nematode, a small wormlike parasite that attacks the

iobbyist companions would reveal the arrest and greatly embarrass the ill-Keen Interest In Bureau

Help Carry On In Special Lines

By MRS. EDITH M. WAGAR ege of the floor to any person who Farm Bureau work is a real family do a trifle better than our men, and dicate growing confidence in the nishing project last week. Mrs. H. s a lobbyist for or against a meas- job. We do not have a woman's di- it is along those lines that the Na- business methods of the Farm Bu- F. Hoffman, home furnishing spevision or department necessitating a tional Home and Community Com- reau on the part of our financial in- cialist, met these leaders and review-The House has before it an amend-listle side show of our own. Neither mittee are centering their efforts. stitutions. Substantial lines of credit ed with them the problems of arment to rule No. 2 to add at the end do we have an auxiliary called Home thereof the words, "Any person ad- Bureau, acting as an independent orlobbyist shall thereby forfeit his farm men and farm women work to- tion pictures. You know the movie, has reached an amount this year that ings with special application to the

ing proposal is being sponsored in presence of so many women gave the ourselves surrounded with a problem erations for 1926 have taken a good they have made. Mrs. Hoffman has the House by Rep. Frank P. Darin convention a wholesome family ap- hard to solve. of River Rouge. It defines "legisla- pearance which should convert the tive counsel and agents," and lays most skeptical pessimist that the mensely to the educational system of partment has been completely reordown strict rules regarding their farmer and his wife are alert to their our country and can do much to sut- ganized during the year, with almost conduct and imposes heavy penal-hopes and desires and are working ply the lack of amusement to our a complete change in personnel. On

We don't ever want to allow our mand the wholesome type and we in charge of E. E. Ungren, manager sons attempting to influence pend- feminine enthusiasm to reach the have neglected this needed censor- of the publicity department and charing legislation to register on a spe-controlling point; we must always ship until we face appalling facts. cial docket to be kept by the Secre- recognize the fact that our men folks tary of State and would require them are and should be the head of the increase in crime among the Treasurer. Some very important imexpenses within fifteen days after generations back of them of busi- the uncensored picture; bandit life serviceableness of this department the adjournment of the legislative ness experience and it is most fitting and murders and robberies are shown and in its relation to the other dethat they keep the control of growth so often that respect for law observ- partments in the building. and expansion so that our organiza- ance is waning at a tremendous pace. "We pull the most when we pull tion can become the power we expect And the lightness in which marriage It to be. But it is kind and generous

Organization Needs Them To of them to let us work with them and most substantial and reliable. share the honors and responsibilities. It was gratifying to see eleven wo- financing our large seed purchases, Mawby and Mrs. Miles Bowman.

Movie Censorship Needed right to be admitted within the bar gether as they do in actual farm like the auto and radio, came sud- would have constituted an unthought- selection of wall covering. denly into our midst, and without of figure a few years ago. On the At the recent annual meeting the much restriction, until now we find whole, our Farm Bureau business op enthusiastic over some of the changes

stride forward.

ter editor of the Farm Bureau News.

Make Records Conform

(Continued on page four)

The motion picture can add imcountry secrions. But we must de- August 1, this department was placed

We cannot help but attribute much At that time he was made Assistant (Continued on page two)

Former President Is Chosen To Succeed M.B. McPherson

Mc-

Short First Session Picks M. L. Noon

Michael L. Noon, of Jackson, presdent of the Michigan State Farm Bureau, 1924-26, again heads the organization for the current year.



Davison, who has been a member of commodity directors. the board of directors for several

the greatest membership campaign opposition to her.

TREASURER SHOWS

ORGANIZATION NOW

Given Approval By

The Delegates

Year, 1926, Was One

Of Harmony

By CLARK L BRODY

facts as will enable them to properly

The real purpose of an annual re-

ON FIRMER BASIS

any organiza ducted by the Mich. State Farm Bureau and the organ ization was strengthened by having set ap various local commit tees and hundredsd of loca "minute men

M. B. McPHERSON rect points o to serve as di contact for assisting in any state-wide Lansing, February 4. activities to be undertaken.

Mr. McPherson, who was re-elected a director-at-large, has been re the current year.

The board of directors remains un changed for 1927 except that th Michigan Potato Growers Exchange Noon a new has substituted George Herman, of MICHAEL L. NOON vice-president Edmore, for Fred J. Harger, of Stanalso was elected, W. W. Billings, of | ton, as its representative among the

The delegates at the annual meet ing maintained their one woman di The organization during his term rector, Mrs. Edith Wagar, of Carle of office made a very satisfactory ton, who was given practically unanishowing, both in finances and in the mous support at the elections when work accomplished. During the year other nominees refused to qualify in

WINTER BRINGS **MUCH ACTIVITY**

Report Of C. L. Brody Is Many Important Points Are Discussed In Its Resolutions

DEMONSTRATIONS OPEN

Officers And Board Members Executive Officer Claims Are Re-Elected; Pick Four Delegates

port is to give the delegates such Bureau in the past, and to aid them in establishing sound and practica! policies for the guidance of the or- township but two and from many position. ganization in the future. Therefore, granges, co-ops and community clubs. I will not confuse the delegates with One hundred twenty-eight sat down with an enthusiastic reception on the As finally passed this resolution was unnecessary details, but rather treat to dinner as guests of the Grand Rap- part of the large Farmers' Week as follows: "If the Legislature modionly the broader, general phases of ids Association of Commerce. M. crowds assembled at East Lansing at fies our present gas tax and weight Farm Bureau administrative work B. McPherson, president of the countree the time of the announcement. It was tax laws, the gas tax should be inthat have had a direct influence in ty Farm Bureau, had charge of the evident that his selection was a pop- creased and the weight tax be dethe developing of old policies and program. Lee Bierce, secretary of ular one and that he will assume his creased or discontinued entirely and Detailed reports of the year's work words of greeting for his organiza- well wishes of the great majority of be valied for the life of the car, proerosity, he may be a little more in- crease the state general property has been determined. You have my in the Organization, Transportation, tion and discussed the mutual probbest wishes and complete assurance Publicity, Legislative, Clothing, Seed lems that rural and city folks have. izations. Service, Supply Service and Wool Edwin Sweet, city commissioner, Pool, operated by the Farm Bureau, spoke briefly of rural problems. John will be found on succeeding pages. D. Willard, director of Continuing The business activities will be Education, at Michigan State College treated mainly in connection with spoke on agricultural problems in the the Treasurer's report. In general extension field. County Agent Vinhowever, encouraging progress has ing and Agnes Sorensen, home dem-

partments or subsidiaries in the way their work. of improved operating efficiency and M. B. McPherson of Vergennes was business and banking connections re-elected president. Leo Riggs of 1908. necessary to our large Farm Bureau Gaines, vice-president and Ira M.

Already some of these women are

asked each community to be respon-Our finance and bookkeeping de- sible for two pictures showing the 'before and after" arrangements. Fifteen girls clothing clubs have

started work on their projects. Twenty communities are enrolled in the Garment Fitting and Construction project. The leaders from these household and that they have had young people to the predominence of provements have been made in the room of Herpolsheimer Company on in rural America. Convey my per-of O. I. Gregg, extension specialist at Lowell on Wednesday; and the prising captain, Stanley Powell. Also, relations of the state office leaders from the northern section, at Cedar Springs High school on Thurs.

FARMER VIEWS AT MOST HARMONIOUS ever staged by **CONVENTION OF MICH. ORGANIZATION** Enthusiasm of Delegates, Officers' Reports Indicate Organization is Established on

SEVERAL HUNDRED DELEGATES VOICE

Strong, Membership Active M. L. Noon, of Jackson, was elected president of the Michigan State Farm Bureau by the new board of directors at the close of the ninth annual meeting of the organization at East

Firm Basis And Its Condition Is

The convention was declared by the delegates to be the best in the history of the organization. Nearly 500 attended Lowell, who tained on the executive committee for all the business sessions and about 800 filled the ball room and dining halls of the Union building at the college, for the annual banquet and old-time dance party.

The report of the past year's business presented by the Farm Bureau officials as well as the harmony and enthusiasm of delegates, showed the organization to be in a very healthy

Outstanding among the many resolutions adopted by the delegates was complete endorsement of the McNary-Haugen bill now pending in Congress. The action of the delegates in approving this farm relief measure followed an address on this subject by Hon. Charles Brand, Congressman from Ohio, He illustrated how all other groups in American life have received the benefit of special legislative enactments and explained in detail how the McNary-Haugen bill would operate as applied to various commodities.

IN KENT COUNTY POWELL APPOINTED TO AG. COMMISSION

Ionia Farmer at Rural Post Of Michigan's New Administration

Gov. Fred W. Green virtually impleted his official family when n February 3, he announced the appointment of H. E. Powell of Ionia as commissioner of agriculture to succeed L. Whitney Watkins, of Man-The gas and weight tax, telephone rates, a compulsory auto insurance would head the rural department in and other matters were discussed in the new administration. Several farm platform. After long discussion the resolutions adopted at the annual leaders had been considered and the delegates approved Senator Lennon's meeting of the Kent County Farm delay on the part of the Governor in tobacco tax as an immediate means Bureau held at Grand Rapids, reaching a decision emphasized the of lessening the burden of real es-Delegates were present from every importance which he attaches to this tate.

The appointment of Mr. Powell met | was that relating to highway finance. the Association of Commerce, spoke new and important duties with the permanent license plates be issued to

farm organizations. He served two tion of the highway revenues." been made by our main business de- onstration Agent, gave reports of terms in the House of Representatives and two terms in the State Sen-

Dean of Cascade, secretary and treas- Grange circles, having been master ed legislation to discourage poultry The business of the Farm Bureau urer. The terms of Directors M. H. of his local Grange and of the Ionia stealing, favored capital punishment, and its subsidiaries is now sought by the best business concerns in the country, and the firms with which and Charles Montgomery expird. They all were re-plected. Deleto the country of the Ionia stealing, favored capital punishment, of his local Grange and of the Ionia stealing, favored capital punishment, of his local Grange and of the Ionia stealing, favored capital punishment, of his local Grange and of the Ionia stealing, favored capital punishment, of his local Grange and of the Ionia stealing, favored capital punishment, of his local Grange and of the Ionia stealing, favored capital punishment, of his local Grange and of the Ionia stealing, favored capital punishment, of his local Grange and of the Ionia stealing, favored capital punishment, of his local Grange and of the Ionia stealing, favored capital punishment, of his local Grange and of the Ionia stealing, favored capital punishment, of his local Grange and of the Ionia stealing, favored capital punishment, of his local Grange and of the Ionia stealing, favored capital punishment, of his local Grange and of the Ionia stealing, favored capital punishment, of his local Grange and of the Ionia stealing, favored capital punishment, of his local Grange and of the Ionia stealing, favored capital punishment, of his local Grange and of the Ionia stealing, favored capital punishment, of his local Grange and of the Ionia stealing, favored capital punishment, of his local Grange and of the Ionia stealing, favored capital punishment, of his local Grange and of the Ionia stealing, favored capital punishment, of his local Grange and of the Ionia stealing, favored capital punishment, of his local Grange and of the Ionia stealing, favored capital punishment, of his local Grange and of the Ionia stealing, favored capital punishment, of his local Grange and of the Ionia stealing, favored capital punishment, of his local Grange and of his local Grange and of his local Grange and his the Michigan State Farm Burean is ed. They all were re-elected. Dele- in state Grange work. He has been adequate appropriation for its connow doing business are among the Michigan State Farm Bureau are ganization was started and just re-favored truth-in-fruit-juice legisla-Farm Bureau credit facilities for Lynn Bradford, Leo Riggs, R. G. cently refused re-election as president of the Ionia County Farm Bu- The delegates elected the following men delegates this year. I know it too, have been materially strength- The home demonstration program reau. While a member of the State board of directors for the coming was an educational experience to ened in the past twelve months. The is now well lined up. Sixteen com- Legislature, Mr. Powell was a strong year: Commodity directors-Michthem and we were pleased with their heavy lines of credit and most help- munities sent local leaders to the supporter of the Agricultural Col- igan Elevator Exchange, Geo, Mcearnest co-operation. But there are ful co-operation on the part of Lan- second local leader training meetings lege and encouraged the starting of Calla, Ypsilanti; Michigan Milk Pro-

Unlike some states, Michigan's some things that perhaps women can sing and other banks of the state in- in Grand Rapids for the Home Fur- the short-courses at that institution. ducers' Association, M. L. Noon, The state department of agricul- Jackson; Michigan Live Stock Exture, under the administration of Mr. change, J. H. O'Mealey, Hudson; Watkins, has made splendid progress Michigan Potato Growers Exchange, and is today an agency which is ren- Geo. Herrman, Edmore; Michigan were granted by Detroit and Chicago rangement of furnishings studied dering a very valuable service to Fruit Growers' Inc., M. D. Buskirk. We have been approached along banks also, and the total sum avail- last month. The new work studied Michigan agriculture. Mr. Powell Paw Paw. Directors at large: M. B. mitted under this rule who becomes ganization of women but, rather, the line of better censorship of mo- able to finance our seed operations was that of color in home furnish- takes over his important duties un- McPherson, Lowell; Mrs. Edith M. der very favorable circumstances. He Wagar, Carleton; W. W. Billings, has announced that he is in full sym- Davison; E. C. McCarty, Bad Axe: pathy with the various projects be- J. G. Boyle, Buchanan, and V. F. ing promoted by the department and Gormely, Newberry. that he intends to give his complete The new board of directors organtime and energy to keeping the serv- ized by electing M. L. Noon, presiices of the department abreast of the dent; W. W. Billings, vice-president; needs of Michigan farmers.

Appreciation

"Accept my sincerest thanks for groups met last week. The leaders the fine support coming here from be held on six farms and three rufrom the central part of the county your legislative Minute Men organiza- ral school lots this spring and sum-Tuesday; those from the southern sonal best wishes every member of of Michigan State College. part of the county, at the high school this organization and to its enter-

Chester H. Gray, Washington Representative." ing up.

Other resolutions on national affairs adopted by the delegates urged prompt action in connection with the Lawrence waterway project, the enactment of a truth-in-fabric bill, the utilization of Muscle Shoals for fertilizer manufacture, tariff protection for agriculture equal to that afforded to other industry, adequate federal agricultural appropriations, including increased aid for extension service, and a national standard container bill and reform in the farm loan system.

The resolutions on State affairs were headed by a strong denouncement of the injustice of the present chester. This appointment ended a tax system in Michigan and the recgreat deal of speculation as to who ommendation of ten specific planks for the Farm Bureau's tax reform

be derived from the motorists be not While the daily newspapers, in lessened below that which they now commenting upon the appointment of pay, as the deficit would have to be Mr. Powell, referred to him as a made up by the property owners. 'dirt farmer," he has had a rather which materially add to the farmers' extended experience in public life tax burdens. We urge that the coun-

Uphold Farmers' Rights Other important State resolutions ate, as well as being a member of would require a hunter to obtain the the constitutional convention in written consent of the owner or occupant of inclosed or occupied land Mr. Powell is well known in before trespassing thereon, demand-

and the above two officers and M. B. McPherson, as the executive committee. C. L. Brody was retained as secretary-treasurer-manager

LANDSCAPE DEMONSTRATIONS Landscape demonstrations are to

The farm woodland is a fine savings bank if you keep it from burn-

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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 consumption tax; retention of federal income tax; Passage of Gooding-Ketcham Seed Staining bill.

ENACTED APR. 26, 1926

TAXATION

Relief for sorely burdened farm property by enactment of: ENACTED JAN. 29, 1925 (a) Two cent gasoline tax for highway funds.

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

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

EFFECTIVE SEPT. 10,

TAXES REDUCED

TRANSPORTATION

Immediate application of Michigan Zone Rate decision to save farmer shippers in 69 counties \$500,000 annually.

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

EFFECTIVE OCT. 20,

AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE te protection for farmers against fire, theft, collision, property dam-d public liability furnished at rea-

RECOGNITION

It may not be the height of honor to be placed on the front page of some of the modern metropolitan newspapers but it is a considerable degree of credit allowed any organization to have the dailies allot such space to its actions and its deliberations.

The metropolitan dailies of Michigan have been generous in allotting front page space to the Michigan State Farm Bureau at the time of its annual convention this year. Their comment and their reports on the Farm Bureau activities have been varied but have indicated a sincerity of expression and of purpose that cannot but reflect good on the organization.

Never before in the history of Farm Bureau in Michigan has there been so much uncolored publicity given the sessions of its cr of CHAIR by the fireside, a table, a light, God grant there is somewhere they wait you tonight, For fame you may hunger, for fortune may thirst, But working or playing, your home should come first."

annual convention as this year and this publicity has been unsolicited. It was news, plain news regarding plain folks who were carrying out a definite program with an aim to benefit persons outside their ranks as well as those within.

The big daily papers giving such recognition to the Farm Bureau organization and its deliberations at a time when half a hundred other farmer organizations were engaging in the biggest week of agricultural activities of the year, should lend a tone of confidence to the semi-converted prospect who has held back his much needed support because he "couldn't see the point" in joining the Farm Bureau. It should help the less enthusiastic member, also, to decide that there must be something really big about the organization when the big daily papers that go, for the most part, to subscribers within the cities, set aside front page space to relate Farm Bureau activities.

Recognition isn't the reward for Farm Bureau endeavor. The reward is further along, a something which cannot be spelled in cold type nor pictured for the eye alone. The big reward will come and come only as the membership strives to make the organization more and more worthy of this public recognition.

SOMEWHERE IN FRANCE

"Somewhere In France," is a term as well suited for use today as when it was coined during the World War. It is proper when used in denoting the place of origin of clover seed imported

Occasion for picking up this expression, "Somewhere In France," is brought about by the advertising of certain seed houses that are generously inclined to continue handling seed of less favorable origin. These seedsmen like the term, northern France, and like to use it with a purpose: to impress upon the minds of the American farmer that some French grown seed comes from a northern and cold climate region.

"Somewhere In France" would serve fully as well to point out the location of the region of seed origin because the majority of the seed importations are purchased through seedsmen located in Paris who buy wherever buying is easiest and the profits are

Northern France carries an average monthly temperature, during the winter months, that is considerably below the winter months' averages for Michigan. This average, too, carries none of the sub-zero weather that Michigan undergoes each year, making a comparison of the mean temperatures of the two countries unfair in judging of probable seed adaptation.

The average temperatures for December, January, February and March for the two countries compare as follows: Northern France, 39 to 40, southern counties of Michigan, 25 degrees; France, 39 degrees in Jan.; Michigan, 20 degrees; France, 41 in Feb., Michigan, 18.4 degrees; France, 45 degrees in March and southern part of Michigan, 29 degrees.

In other words, northern France, in the region producing much of the French clover seed, which is imported under a one per cent green stain law, has a winter comparing favorably with the winters of the Carolina and the Georgia coast. To the Michigan seed buyer it should be just "Somewhere In France."

THE FARM RELIEF ISSUE

There is so much of merit in the following editorial carried in the Feb. 8 issue of the Chicago Daily Tribune, treating of the McNary-Haugen bill that we are prompted to reprint the article as is with all credit given to that publication and an "Amen"

"Farm legislation now has the right of way in both houses of congress. As in the last two sessions, the measure which has the strongest support from the farmers themselves is the surplus control or McNary-Haugen bill. It has been changed in the light of criticism and is conceded a better than average chance of passage. Some observers believe that modifications in the bill will lead the President to sign it, although a year ago last fall he announced his opposition to the bill as it was then drafted.

"The McNary-Haugen bill has the support of the Farm Bureau federation, which is probably the most influential organization of farmers in the country and certainly the most influential in the corn belt. It has the approval, in principle, of a considerable body of conservative economists. Few will deny that the farmers of this country, broadly speaking, are underpaid and no one denies that it would be expedient, politically, for the Republican party to recognize its obligation to the farmers of the country and to the corn belt in particular, for the corn belt has been a Republican stronghold since the party was organized.

"We believe it is significant that the opponents of the Mc-Nary-Haugen bill mass their attack around the propositions that the proposal is unconstitutional and will not work. We can see no reason why the constitutionality of the bill cannot be left safely to the Supreme Court. The charge that the bill will not do what it is intended to do is more serious, but it should be remembered that this charge has been leveled against half the legislation, good and bad alike, that is now on the books. The opponents of the bill do not say it will ruin the country or undermine its prosperity. The measure is frankly experimental as the federal reserve act was experimental in its day. If the McNary-Haugen bill does not work out well, it can be modified or discarded. The risk is worth taking in the light of the probable benefits.'

Legislature Settles

Down to Business codification of the criminal laws of the state. It embodies the results of the state. It embodies the results of the passage of this bill. Since the labors of a special message of the labors of a special perislative there are an everyone of the state.

An appropriation of unusual in-State funds be appropriated for corn Committee of the Whole at 2:30 p. borer control. Congress has appropriated \$10,000,000 for this purpose. with the provision that it wil match state money five to one. Thus

The longest bill to appear thus this week. far this session comprizes 165 pages. It was introduced in the Senate by Sen. George M. Condon of Detroit does "mudder" come in?

erest to Michigan farmers was pro- ize the Legislature to "classify Norman B. Horton, of Fruit Ridge, of taxation" has been made a special It provides \$200,000 of order of business before the House m., Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 15.

meeting of the Michigan State Farm if Michigan provides \$200,000, the resolution memoralizing Congress Federal government will allow our in favor of the McNary-Haugen farm state \$1,000,000 for the corn borer relief bill was passed by both the Senate and the House, on Tuesday of

Corn is raised for fodder, where

EXTENSION SERVICE

Capper, Tincher Are Sponsors These Lawmakers Will Settle! Of Bills Introduced Simultaneously

for an appropriation by the federal the House of Representatives. government to further develop the extension system of the nation as established under the Smith-Lever Act. passed by Congress May 8, 1914. The Chas. R. Herrick, Fenwick; Norman American Farm Bureau Federation B. Horton, Fruit Ridge; James M. and the National Grange and many Wilcox, Ontonagon; Phillip O'Conother farm and breed organizations nell, McGregor. are giving their whole-hearted support to the measure. In addition, the girls' 4-H club work when passed.

the nation were established by the Howard F. Baxter, Gran Rapids. original Land Grant College Act in 1862, it was recognized that if the nation were to make proper progress to the instruction of scientific agriculture and home economics. Further appropriations were made to expand these institutions by the Morrill Act in 1890 and the Nelson Act in Walter F. Truettner, Bossemer; Cal-

About this time came the need of agricultural experiment stations to discover the scientific principles underlying the conservation of soil ferand for the purpose of combating the Fennville. hundreds of insects, fungi and other pests to which the farmer's crops were subjected. The experiment stations received appropriations first by Walter F. Truettner, Bessemer; the Hatch Act in 1887, and were fur- Thomas Read, Sheiby; Geo. S. Barnther expanded by the Adams Act in ard, Benton Harbor; Geo. Leland,

Passed in 1924

In 1924 the Smith-Lever Act was passed, appropriating funds very Chairman; Jay Binning, Jackson, largely for the purpose of establish- Chester M. Howell, Saginaw; Arl H. counties where they could work di- rick, Fenwick. rectly with the farmers and give them the immediate expert advice took the practical findings of the ex- ville; Norman B. Horton, Frui use by the farmers of the nation. | Wilcox, Ontonaga.

At the present time there are 2,150 county agents, 945 home demonstration agents and 160 club Chairman; James C. Quinlan, Grand agents, the latter giving all their time Rapids; Thomas Read, Shelby. to the boys' and girls' 4-H club work. larger and richer counties employed as high as 4 or 5 agents, largely out of local funds.

The Capper-Ketcham bill proposes appropriations sufficient to provide at least one agent for every agricultural county in the country, two agents with counties having from agents with counties having 1,500 or more farms. According to the bill as introduced, 80 per cent of the total appropriation provided is to be utilized in the payment of salaries of resident county extension agents. The appropriations called for under this bill are subject to the same conditions and limitations as the sums appropriated under the Smith-Lever Act of May 8, 1914, one additional exception being that sums not designated for other purposes may be used at the discretion of the Directors of Extension in connection wih demonstration work by means of agricultural trains. The appropriations unstinct prematurely. der the Capper-Ketcham bill when passed will be in addition to, and not in substitution for, sums ap- the end. propriated under the original Smith-Lever Act of May 8, 1914.

who give all of their time to 4-H them. club work enroll approximately 600 and in the House by Rep. John M. each. It is believed that 2,000,000 from the objectionable by the name Harris of Boyne City and provides a farm boys and girls will be enrolled of the picture, neither by the artist (Continued from page one)
the state. It embodies the results of the lawmakers, of a special message on this subject from Governor committee provided for at the special session held in 1926.

the state it embodies the results of the passage of this bulk. Since the labors of a special legislative there are an average of 960 rural an agitation of public sentiment for boys and girls in each county because the modern picture.

A group of National Educators in the agricultural field.

> Perhaps as an echo of the annual ture to whom the bill is referred, will cluded in the necessities of every ex-Bureau held last week, the Lennon timent of the country is very strong aid or community club of the nafor this measure.

> > Ketcham bill.

SEEK TO FURTHER Here Are the Members of The Legislative Committees

Fate of Important Farm Bills

Of all the numerous bills which Thinking that Farm Bureau ment- Jackson; Peter B. Lennon, Lennon. have been introduced into Congress bers would be considerably interestduring the past two or three years ed in knowing who is serving on the HOUSE OF REPRESENTAnone (perhaps with the exception of standing committees of the 192 the McNary-Haugen and similar em- Legislature to which the matters of ergency relief bills) has elicited more most importance to Michigan farmgeneral interest and approval than a ers will be referred, we are publishbill introduced Friday, January 14th, ing the personnel of a few of these man; Douglas Black, Twining; Dainto both Houses by Senator Arthur committees as appointed by Lieut. Vid F. Morrison, Germfask; Wm. Capper of Kansas and Congressman Governor Luren D. Dickinson of Hart, Detroit; John C. Rauchholz, John C. Ketcham of Michigan. The Charlotte, who is president of the Hemlock; John P. Espie, Eagel; Wilsenate number is 5263 and the House Senate, and Rep. Lynn C. Gardner of bur B. Snow; Comstock; Gus A. number is 16295. The bill provides Stockbridge, who is the Speaker of Braun, Elkton; Jacob Martin, Mou-SENATE

Agriculture

Geo. Leland, Fennville, Chairman;

Conservation

Horatio S. Karcher, Rose City, National Committee on Boys' and Chairman; Herbert J. Rushton, Esca-Girls' Club Work is unanimously in naba; Chas. R. Herrick, Fenwick; favor of the bill which will greatly Phillip O'Connell, McGregor; Geo. increase the enrollment in boys' and Leland, Fenville; Peter B. Lennon, Lennon; Harold E. Stoll, Detroit: When the Agricultural Colleges of Walter F. Truettner, Bessemer;

Phillip O'Connell, McGregor, Chairman; Peter B. Lennon, Lenwe must have institutions dedicated non; Albert J. Engel, Lake City; Geo. S. Barnard, Benton Harbor; Seth Q. Pulver, Owosso.

Education Chas. A. Sink, Ann Arbor, Chairvin A. Campbell, Indian River; Geo. S. Barnard, Benton Harbor. Elections

man; Jay Binning, Jackson; Seytility, the development of higher mour H. Person, Lausing; Calvin A. tain; John E. Gillett, Rapid City; yielding types of plants and animals Campbell, Indian River; Geo. Leland, Edw. C. Morrison, Columbiaville.

Finance and Appropriations Chairman; Arthur E. Wood, Detroit; J. G. Boyle, Buchanan; Orvy Hulett, 1906 and the Purnell Act in 1925. Fennville; Chas. A. Sink, Ann Ar-

Highways which they could get in no other Chairman; Chester M. Howell, Sag- Muskegon; Sheldon Coleman, Lawway. In short, the Smith-Lever Act inaw; Frank S. Cummings, Center-ton; Luther E. Hall, Ionia. periment stations to the country, and Ridge; Albert J. Engle, Lake City;

> Horticulture Geo. S. Barnard, Benton Harbor, Lansing.

Labor

Michigan State College Peter B. Lennon, Lennon, Chair- ron. man; Norman B. Horton, Fruit Ridge; Geo. Defer, Detroit. State Affairs

Ari H. Woodruff, Wyardotte, Chairman; Frank S. Cummings, Centerville; James M. Wilcox, Ontona-Joseph Bahorski, Detroit; Geo. S. Houghton; James L. Johnson, Ply-Barnard, Benton Harbor

Women Interested

thoughts and imaginations that has rant it, reimbursement of entry fee aroused both curiosity and sex in- will be made to those assisting.

Children Entitled to Movies It is pointed out by the proponents girls absolutely the privilege of at-women's clubs; ex-teachers or compassage will be the tremendous in- ers; for if we do, we do not kill the crease in the expansion of boys' and desire, but rather kindle the spark of the county agricultural and home some day, perhaps to a degree much cause demonstration agents give more or to our sorrow. But we can help to less time to 4-H club work. Agents better the type of picture shown to

At present we cannot tell the good

The consideration of Rep. Snow's have left school, the expansion of have banded together and are pubconstitutional amendment to author- club work will give thousands of lishing in Chicago a magazine called them an opportunity to "hook up" the Educational Screen, wherein they osed in a bill introduced by Sen. property and income for the purpose to the extension system and to pre- list the current pictures and report pare themselves for successful careers the average findings on them as to their suitability for the adult or the on practical and immediate needs in It is expected that both the Senate youth or for children. This magazine agriculture and home management. and House Committees on Agricul- is a dollar a year and should be instart hearings very shortly. The sen- tension club, P. T. A. group, church

Farm Bureau members should Those doing the sensoring are peo-

Volunteers Needed

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Rules and Resolutions C. Jay Towns, Onondaga, Chairmade them immediately available for Geo. Leland, Fennville; James M. man; J. G. Boyle, Buchanan; Milton R. Palmer, Detroit; Robert B. Mc-Donald, Laurium; Chas. F. Haight,

State Affairs John P. Espie, Eagle, Chairman; Edw. L. Sargent, Levering; Richard Since there are 2,850 agricultural Seth Q. Pulver, Owosso, Chairman; W. McLain, Quincy; Robert J. Teacounties in the United States, some Chas. E. Greene, Richmond; Arthur gan, Detroit; Jesse Fuller, Alma; C. 700 counties have no extension E. Wood, Detroit; Vincent A. Martin, Jay Town, Onondaga; Alonzo B. agents whatever while many of our Fruitport; Chas. A. Sink, Ann Arbor. Greene, Hillman; Robert B. McDonald, Laurium; Alex Cowan, Port Hu-

Ways and Means Henry A. Osborn, Sault Ste. Maie, Chairman; Walter J. Thomas, Constantine; Archie M. Reid , Detroit; Fred J. McEachron, Hudsonville; Nelson G. Farrier, Hillman; gon; Norman B. Horton, Fruit Joseph E. Warner, Ypsilanti; Arthur 1,000 to 1,500 farms and three Ridge; Chester M. Howell, Saginaw; U. Odell, Allegan; Gus T. Hartman,

> To anyone who will volunteer to assist, a monthly list of picture titles In Bureau Work will be sent classified into four di-(Continued from page one) visions—and each helper is asked to and divorce are pictured is developing a forgetfulness of the sacredness month—if possible—score cards and of marriage. And the coarse, vulgar all necessary directions are sent from love making so often witnessed by the office of publication. The average the growing child certainly gives him report determines the report that a wrong start, he does not live the will be given to the public concernnormal life of a growing boy but has ing any given picture. If the subbeen subjected to scenes and scriptions to the magazine will war-

If there is a moral to many of the undertake to find those who are in-It has been quite a task for me to pictures, it is a mere suggestion at terested and who have access to pictures. I am now appealing to the women of the Farm Bureau to volun-We cannot refuse our boys and teer, especially those belonging to of the bill that one of the most grati- tending shows and entertainments munity leaders or any woman interfying results that will come from its and pleasures indulged in by othester surroundings for our growing young folks who would be willing to give of her time and pergirls' 4-H club work. Practically all into a flame which will be gratified haps money to help along a good

Public sentiment will eventually bring results in this as it will and does in other things. This is one feature of our Home and Community plans. More will be presented as time goes on.

Mich. State College Offers New Courses

Correspondence courses in agriculture and allied subjects at Michigan State College are now available. Two groups of courses are planned, the first being non-credit work built upthe second being courses for which credit may be given toward a degree at the college.

Instruction by correspondence was authorized by the Board of Agriculture on November 24, 1926, and apwrite the Michigan members of the ple from all over our country who proved by the faculty of the college committee: John C. Ketcham and will volunteer to assist. The plan is on December 13. Courses thus far ar-Woodbridge N. Ferris and urge im-body, but rather a moral maker for soils, forestry, sociology and econom-ics. Others will be added from time ranged include animal husbandry, ics. Others will be added from time to time.

"THEM'S OUR SENTIMENTS"

Delegates Frame This Program

reau, at the ninth annual meeting went on record as favoring the following program during 1927. These resolutions and others were considered and passed upon by the voting delegates with about 500 visiting delegates in attendance at sions took place.

presented effectively is through the official actions of their representative organizations, we the duly elected members of this Board of Delegates assembled in the Ninth Annual Meeting of our organization adopt the following resolutions as embodying our platform for the coming PART I: THE FARM BUREAU AND

ITS RELATIONSHIPS Membership, Organization

We believe that the membership i the foundation of all of our Farm Bureau program and that a large, loyal and functioning body of mem pers is essential for carrying forward the many phases of the Farm Bureau program. We, therefore, specificaly endorse the following ten points which were approved at the mid-west organization training school held at Saugatuck last fall and by the presidents and secretaries of the midwest State Farm Bureaus:

is paramount if the Farm Bureau is nd economic capacity; and that the Vational,-must build its program, personnel and budget with membership as the primary consideration.

quate standard of living on the farm and a farm income to maintain it. 3. That membership work be based on volunteer effort.

4. That to have a healthy and permanent farm organization, farm eaders must have the courage to teach the membership that each American farmer owes to his occupaion and his community a decent contribution of money, time and effort.

5. That the future of co-operative marketing and co-operative purchasing can only be assured through an appreciation by the farmer, that such ctivities are only factors that help to make possible an adequate standard of living; and that he must sity of loyalty to, and an understanding of these fundamentals, rather States. than a consideration only of imediate and direct monetary returns.

ship fee.

8. That financial support from commodity associations should be redered and should not be recommend- nation, all of which have been bene- a state problem. eived only for specific services rened as the principal source of Farm fited by legislative enactments. Bureau income.

9. That prompt collection of dues membership work; and that a dues collection program must be continually in effect, and particularly should a dues collection campaign precede a membership campaign.

10. That we should look to the Organization department of the policy. American Farm Bureau Federation for the further development of a National Plan of Organization and priations for agricultural purposes on Membership Maintenance, and that a scale commensurate with the needs department should have the assist- of our industry and its importance

Township Committees We endorse the action taken at the tuberculosis eradication. 11-County Farm Bureau Conference held at East Lansing, July 20-21, 1926, providing for township Farm Bureau committees to consist of three men and two women to be chosen by the members from among their committee would serve as the means National and State and County Farm funds for this work. Bureaus may be carried on in the township.

Genesee County whereby the Farm ing and hope that this measure to mendous mileage and huge financial Bureau township committees hold a outlaw irregular and off-size bas- outlay represent one of the biggest quarterly meeting with the County kets, hampers and other containers problems confronting rural citizens Farm Bureau Board of Directors and may be passed in the near future. recommend this to other counties.

Farm Bureaus of holding more fremeetings. We further approve of community Farm Bureau meetings as a means of maintaining the membership and increasing the influence and enlarging the service of our organization

Using Farm Bureau Services We would again emphasize that we believe that all members, both from Credits Banks, would have taken tive and short-term township com-

Hundred Sixty business, should patronize Farm Bu- agriculture quite satisfactorily if the We would further recommend that largely as possible.

Extension Service We re-affirm our endorsement of farm women and boys and girls.

TERS FOR CONGRESSION-AL ACTION St. Lawrence Waterway

Since the economic and engineer- to provide the maximum service to ing aspects of the Great Lakes-St. American farmers. awrence waterway have been approved by the President's advisory the sessions while the discus- taken without further delay to en- ment of such taxes should be ner ter into a suitable treaty with Canada income. We deplore the present tenso that the waterway may be com- dency of increasing exemption, low pleted and the Great Lakes opened ering rates on income, corporation Realizing that the only way in up to ocean-going vessels. It is our and estate taxes, and otherwise pro which the desires of farmers may be hope that the Chicago diversion case viding that reduced taxes may be en now pending in Federal courts may joyed by those best able to pay. be promptly and satisfactorily settled as we feel that this would facilitate our negotiations with Canada.

Truth-in-Fabrics the labeling of woolen goods so that vor legislation to accomplish this end, buying. We feel that this is a matter of simple justice and we trust that Congress may enact this measure without further aggravating delay.

Muscle Shoals perts brought together and called in- sadly out of date and that it fails to o conference by the Michigan State operate with any reasonable degree Farm Bureau consisting of W. C. of fairness. Michigan has within the Geagley, State Analyst of the Michi- last quarter of a century become a gan Department of Agriculture and tremendously prosperous and wealthy the following members of the faculty industrial state. During the past year of the Michigan State Coolleg; M. M. the federal income taxes from Michi McCool, Professor of Soils, J. T. Hor- gan showed a greater percentage of Bissell, Dean of Engineering and Ar- state which is a large producer of thur J. Clark, head of the Depart- federal revenue. This new wealth is 1. That a permanent membership ment of Chemistry, having made a not bearing anywhere near its proper careful study of the various offers share of the burden of state, county to function in an educational, social made to Congress relative to Muscle township and municipal governmen-Shoals and having unanimously en- tal cost. Michigan agriculture stag-Farm Bureau, County, State and dorsed the offer of the American gers under a tax burden altogether Cyanamid Company and this offer out of proportion to its earning cahaving been approved by the Ameri- pacity and tax paying ability. Imcan Farm Bureau Federation as be- partial and unprejudiced investiga-2. That a membership policy must ing the best from the standpoint of tions carried on jointly by our fedbe built on an appeal for an ade- cheap fertilizer and national defense, eral government and the Michigan we hereby urge Congress to accept State College, and taking into conthe offer of the American Cyanamid sideration thousands of farms in all Company. Tariff

tariff offers protection to agriculture property. This condition should no dustry. We, therefore, insist that sponsor the following tax reform there be no reduction in the tariff program; on farm products and that on the other hand there be an increase in administration of our various governthe tariff on certain farm commod- mental units. ities, including beans. We urge that the existing preferential of 20 per how tax money is spent. cent enjoyed by the Cuban sugar prolucers be repealed as the present ar- and farm property should be taken rangement practically prevents com- into consideration in determining the petition from other countries as well assessed valuation for tax purpose as giving the Cuban growers a great We urge that all assessing officers be recognize and appreciate the neces- advantage over farmers producing required to view each forty acres of

Equality for Agriculture 6. That publicity, properly adapted year ago explaining the unequal poand directed is indispensible to get- sition of American agriculture and ting and keeping members; and its demanding that a sound plan be ties. form and appeal must be of such adopted so that small surpluses of character that it will create and farm products might not exert such a school districts is excessive and unby the court for ridding the state of maintain interest in the Farm Bu- depressing effect on price levels. We specifically endorse the Mc-Nary fair and does not then provide educational opportunity comparable to adopt an adequate uniform member- as the best means of insuring an that enjoyed by school children in American price for American farm wealthier districts having much lowproducts and for placing agriculture or school tax rates. We urge legis-in a more equal position with rela-

means for defraying the losses sus- gan, including the classification of is fundamental to the success of tained in the disposition of the sur- property and incomes for tax purplus without resorting to government poses. subsidy, and further because the S. Passage of Senator Lennon's toequalization fee is the only means bacco tax as an immediate means of vet suggested for automatically con- lessening the burden on real estate. trolling production and providing the

> Federal Appropriations We favor adequate federal appro-

Aid Extension Service In view of the fact that the de- below that which they now pay, as mands for extension work in Agri- the deficit would have to be made up culture, home economics and boys' by the property owners, which would and girls' club work have exceeded materially add to the farmers' tax by far the funds provided by the burdens. We urge that the counties Smith-Lever Act of 1914, and acts should receive an increased portion membership in the township. This supplementary thereto, we earnestly of the highway revenues. urge congress to pass the Capperthrough which the program of the Ketcham bill, providing additional

Standard Container Bill We commend the plan in use in the Standard Container Bill is mak- larger sum during 1926. This tre-Standard Potato Names

We renew our standard taken a We note with approval the policy year ago urging the United States nance and the heavy burdens of othbeing carried out by many County Department of Agriculture to take er forms of taxation render it imappropriate action for standardizing perative that full value be secured quent county-wide Farm Bureau the terms and variety names used in describing seed potatoes as farmers tion with our township roads. are often charged exhorbitant prices for seed of old varieties which are revived and promoted under new sion Department at the Michigan names

Farm Loan System

reau business agencies and use Farm intent of Congress and framers of the Township Board select and hire ship or city. Bureau products and services as this legislation had been carried out. some suitable person to serve as The unsympathetic administration of highway commissioner or superintenthe law by the Farm Loan Board and dent of highways for the township the officers of the land banks, inter- We believe that this would result in Michigan State Farm Bu- the College Extension Service, in- ference by the Treasury Department, greater continuity in the highway cluding the work of the County Agri- and the failure of the government to program and more efficient construccultural Agents, and activities for vest control of the system in the tion and maintenance. To bring hands of the farmer owners have im- about this improvement in supervi-PART II: RESOLUTIONS ON MAT- pared the efficiency of the system sion, an amendment to the state conand give cause for concern and apprehension. We favor legislation by Congress to remove these abuses and

Federal Taxation

We again affirm our position rel ommittee of experts, headed by Her- ative to federal taxation, which is pert Hoover, we urge that steps be substantially, that the basis of pay-

Board of Trade Act Co-operative marketing associa tions should be able to secure seats on Boards of trade other than the We again heartily endorse the Cap- contract markets without sacrificing per Truth-in-Fabric bill to require their co-operative features. We fahe purchaser may know what he is PART III: RESOLUTIONS ON MAT TERS FOR THE CONSIDERA-

TION OF THE MICHIGAN STATE LEGISLATURE

Tax Reform Program We once more call attention to the The Advisory Committee of Ex- fact that Michigan's tax system is parts of the state, reveal that taxes closely approach and frequently exequal to that afforded to other in- longer be tolerated. We therefore

1. Efficiency and economy in the

2. Study by our members as

3. Earning capacity of real estate making the annual assessment.

4. A graduated personal income tax to entirely eliminate the prop

5. Abolition of tax-exempt securi-

7. Passage of the Snow resolution, We regard the equalization fee as empowering the Legislature to devise

9. Passage of the Black bill exbasis for a permanent agricultural tending the time for the paying of taxes without penalty from January

10 to February 10. 10. If the Legislature modifies our present gas tax and weight tax laws, the gas tax should be increased ance of a competent personnel made in our national life. We specifically and the weight tax be decreased or available to train leaders and assist urge the passage of the Purnell bill discontinued entirely and permanent in the direction of organization work. providing federal aid for corn borer license plates be issued to be valid control, and of the appropriation for for the life of the ear, provided that from the motorists be not lessened

Township Highways There are about 60,000 miles of township roads in the state, and on them there was spent during 1925. We rejoice at the progress which \$13,579,620.25 and probably an even and tax payers. The staggering demand for construction and maintefor each dollar expended in connec-

We endorse the work being carried forward by the Engineering Exten-

State College. We would recommend that town-The Federal Farm Loan Act and ship highway matters be placed unthe Rural Credits Act of 1923, estati-lishing the Federal Intermediate Township Board instead of an electhe standpoint of loyalty and good care of the credit needs of American missioner of highways as at present,

stitution may be necessary. We believe that the first step in securing the most serviceable system of township roads at the least cost is the formulation of a comprehen- products and urge that the Legislasive and detailed plan of road improvement to be carried out year by carry on this essential service.

year. Such a plan should give due

the township to pay for the improve-

ment proposed.

We recommend that a map be nade showing all existing road locations within the township and the elationship of these roads to the highways of the adjoining townships. The township roads to be improved should be selected to supplement and serve as feeders to state trunk line and county roads traversing the township or conveniently located with reference thereto, with a view of affording the greatest service to the largest number of people. We further believe that with this plan of action established, there should be a definite year-to-year program prepared and adopted by the township. Upon their adoption a copy of such plan and program should be filed with the Township clerk and appropriate county highway officials, before any funds for the proposed improvements are expended. The purpose of these recommendations is ner, Professor of Economics, G. W. increase than those of any other that the public may derive the maximum service and satisfaction from

> Hunting on Enclosed Land We urge that hunting on enclosed or occupied land be forbidden unless the written consent of the owner or occupant of such land be first ob-

> > Fishing License

law. We oppose this legislation, feel- which are deleterious to public ing that it would work a real injus- health and injurious to our fruit intice and hardship on thousands of terests. We urge state and national We do not feel that the present ceed the net annual rentals of farm farmers and other citizens who do legislation to provide for truth-innot have time or desire to fish more fruit-juices. than a very few times a year. Poultry Stealing

The increasing density of our popuation and of motor vehicles has rediscourage this practice and free prohibition laws. Michigan poultry producers from the andicap of these losses.

Commendation to Mr. L. J. Wilson We commend L. J. Wilson of Greenville for his action in defending his premises and poultry against beet and cane sugar in the United improved farm land at the time of chicken thieves. We believe the farmer has just as much right to protect his property against marauders to decrease rather the near future; and and robbers as does a banker or any of good agricultural land awaiting other business man. If the facts of the case are as they are commonly for more agricultural products than reported to be, we feel that Mr. Wilson should be completely exonorated tory; and

one chicken thief. and moral support and authorize and the needs of agriculture in the Uninstruct the Board of Directors of the per Peninsula, there being only Michigan State Farm Bureau to investigate this case and if their find- Upper Michigan at this date; and tion to the other industries of the load, as education is not a local, but ings warrant it, give Mr Wilson such egal or financial assistance as will ricultural School is a going concern help establish a precedent to assure giving vocational courses in Agri-Michigan farmers the right to pro- culture and Home Economics with fundamental, in that it provides a a new system of taxation for Michi- teet their property in a reasonable an enrollment from 9 of the 15 Up-

Criminal Procedure Crimes against life and property served by a good high school; are increasing at an alarming rate. BE IT RESOLVED: That we rec Our laws or perhaps, it is their in- ommend the continuation of the Meterpretation and administration by nominee Agricultural school under the courts and the legal profession, state control with sufficient approseem to give better protection to the priation for its proper maintenance criminals than to society. We approve more speedy and sure justice.

dence or where the murder was islature the enactment of a law to committed in self defense.

Teaching of Co-operation We recommend that the teaching the amount of revenue to be derived of agricultural co-operation be made compulsory in all schools in this state where the study of agriculture nomic importance, demanding more is in the curriculum.

We favor the selection of a County Superintendent of Schools by

Federal Child Labor Amendment We again oppose ratification by our State Legislature of the proposed twentieth amendment to the federa constitution which would give Con gress power to "limit, regulate and prohibit the labor of persons under eighteen years of age."

Grades and Standards

We commend the State Department of Agriculture on the rigid enforce ment of the inspection and grading laws of the state relative to food ture appropriate sufficient funds to Corn Borer Control

It is unnecessary to dilate on the consideration to present and probable future traffic demands, local con- seriousness of the onward sweep of struction problems and the ability of the European corn borer, Michigan farmers realize increasingly the se riousness of the situation. Not only do we favor the passage of the Pur nell bill, providing federal aid for combatting this pest, but we urge state appropriations adequate to supelement and meet the conditions of the federal act. Loading Point Inspection

Rejections on shipments of fruit to distant markets are often unfair to the farmer. We therefore favor the necessary State and National legisla-

tion to make loading point inspection

compulsory for both interstate and

intra-state shipments of fruit.

Rural Telephone Rates We protest against the recent raise in rural telephone rates and commend the Michigan State Farm Bureau for its energetic and persistent efforts to have these rates decreased. We urge continued activity on this pro

Collection of Undercharges We favor a state law to provide hat action to collect claims for alleged undercharges in intra-state railroad freight bills must be startevery dollar expended in township ed within three years from the date of shipment.

Automobile Liability Insurance We recommend that all owners of notor vehicles be required to take out adequate public liability insur-

Fruit Juices

We call attention to the fact that A certain class of sportsmen are there are on the market today ceradvocating a rod or fishing license tain artifically flavored beverages

Volstead Act

We again endorse the 18th amendment and Volstead Act and recommend that the State Legislature pass sulted in greatly aggravating the an act giving law enforcement agenchicken thief nuisance. We favor cies the right to search automobiles any reasonable legislation which will for the persistent violation of the

Menominee Agricultural School WHEREAS: Agriculture is the hird industry of importance in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, and ooth industries which now exceed agriculture in total annual income, viz., lumbering and mining, are expected to decrease rather than increase in

WHEREAS: There is a large area development, and a home demand is now being produced in this terri-

WHEREAS: At present the Smith-Hughes system of Vocational Educa We extend to him our sympathy tion has not been extended to meet high schools with such courses in WHEREAS: The Menominee Ag-

per Peninsula counties and this enrollment from territory not now

Real Estate Transfers

persons convicted of first degree mur- through chancery proceedings is der, except in cases where the con- costly and time-consuming and we viction rests upon circumstancial evi- would recommend to the State Legprovide a simpler and less expensive system of handling real estate titles. Poultry Plant at M. S. C.

The Poultry Industry of Michigan has rapidly grown into great ecoresearch and educational work. The

County Superintendent of Schools present equipment of the College States this winter, speaking on we-Plant is antiquated and inadequate men's property rights for the pursuance of advanced re-County Board of Education composed search. Disease is annually taking tion of the Michigan State Farm Buof five members, not more than one heavy toll from Michigan flocks, reau, Feb. 3, at the annual Farm Buof whom shall be from any one town- There is a strong feeling among all reau banquet, speaking on the suboultrymen and farmers for the need ject of property rights. of more work in disease control. This work can be accomplished only when ing equipment materially hampers our poultry staff in giving proper and comprehensive training in poultry management.

We, therefore, indorse the action of the Michigan Poultry Improve ment Association in requesting the appropriation of sufficient funds for new research and teaching equipment for the Poultry Department of Michigan State College,

A Fur Buyer

Many farmers of southern Michi gan are complaining that a fur buy er has "jipped" them by purchasing their raw furs and paying for them with his personal check which they find is worthless.

Farmers of Jackson and Eaton county have been the heaviest los-

The buyer "rents" a farm; that is he agrees to work a certain farm on shares and closes the deal so that he gets a good standing in the community and then he proceeds to do ap the neighborhood in grand fash.

He makes a small deposit in a local bank and then, by using a checking account, pays for furs by check. When he gets a good bundle of nelts he disappears, leaving the farmers with his worthless checks.

Moral: Don't take a personal heck unless the identity of the one who makes out the check is known.

A. F. B. COUNSEL WILL BE SPEAKER AT ANNUAL GENESEE F. B. MEETING

Genesee county Farm Bureau i all set for its sixth annual banque to be held in the Masonic temple, at Flint, Monday evening, Feb. 21. The program will be presided over by W. W. Billings, president of the Genesee County Farm Bureau, chair-

man, and M. L. Noon, president of he State Farm Bureau, toastmaster. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Evans, of Itah, both are billed to speak at this oig county Farm Bureau meeting. Mr. Evans is general marketing ounsel for the American Farm Bureau Federation and his wife, who s an attorney, is making appearance n various parts of the United

Mrs. Evans addressed the conven-

The Genesee County Farm Bureau plans to stage a big dance immesufficient funds are available for the diately following the banquet and construction of a new plant and lab- has engaged an orchestra of oldpratories. The class room and teach- time musicians to "stir up the air."

William Powers, well known in Flint as a leader of community singing, is booked to take charge of the sing-song for the banquet.

Where They Make Ukes "Papa, where do they make these

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probably best set forth in the claims made by hundreds of Michigan's leading dairymen who have used Milkmaker continuously for one or more years. These dairymen tell us that they

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Treasurer Shows

the County ferences in accounts so that in near-try and its sales outlet. ly all cases State Farm Bureau records conform with County Farm Bureau records. Furthermore, instead of the short, formal collection 'letter, followed by placing the account in the hands of an attorney or collection agency with it ultimately result ing in large numbers of members being sued, it is now the policy of the Farm Bureau to use membership collection efforts to keep the Farm Buthe interest of delinquents as well as to collect the money.

It is accomplishing this mainly by a new type of collection letter in which the member is not only reminded that his membership is due. but also is given some important current developments which impress him that his organization is continually solving problems of vital concern to him and his community.

While this plan has been tried but a few months, our observations indicate that it is materially reducing collection costs and, at the same time is an important factor in improving the morale of our membership. Furthermore, the co-ordination and the greater co-operation between membership getting and maintenance and membership collection, that have been developed by the Finance and Organization Departments, constitute a real accomplishment in one of the most vital functions of the Farm Bu reau.

Few Changes Made

In transferring Mr. Ungren from the Publicity to the Finance Department, we have simply put into practice our fixed policy of selecting men. whenever possible, for filling the critical duties demanded, through reau organization. The men so se lected have invariably made good.

This change, however, necessitated our making an exception to this polnecessitated bringing in an outside tions. man, Mr. L. E. Chilson, to the management of this department. The issues of the Farm Bureau News since the change in personnel indicates that its usual high standard and its nation-wide reputation will be main tained.

Insurance Business Developed

The Automobile Insurance Department constitutes an entirely new project added since the last annual meeting. This is filling a real need of the farmers of Michigan and apparently is a type of work well adapted to being performed by the Michigan State Farm Bureau. While we have only recently started this project, it already is showing indications of becoming one of the best appreciated services ever rendered by the Farm Bureau.

Several other leading State Farm Bureaus, including those of Ohio, In diana, Illinois. Wisconsin, Minnesota. Iowa, South Dakota, Kansas and Missouri, are providing farmers' automobile insurance so it is fast becoming nation wide and one of the largest co-operative farmers' projects ever inaugurated.

The new department is operated almost entirely on a commission basis, it being necessary only for the state organization to employ one salaried man in the capacity of Director without additional overhead expense by placing it in charge of Alfred Bentall, along with his duties in connection with the Organization Department.

In the very few months that have ord in setting up the new insurance of the lower peninsula.

Through the local agencies being Farm Bureau. taken out by various County Farm Bureaus it is possible that, in addiof the County Farm Bureaus.

Discontinue Poultry Exchange While the Farm Bureau must always be on the alert in starting new lines of work when the need become apparent, it is just as essential that administration recognize promptly the necessity when it arrives, of modification or discontinuance of old policies and projects. So changes in methods of farm life and campaign. business, the department of Automoof the business ventures of the Farm bureau, has been discontinued.

When the Farm Bureau poultry dollars into the farmer's pocket that ment. he otherwise would not have receiv-

Now, however, the quantity poultry shipped by express to be sold on commission is dwindling rapidly fication of clover and alfalfa seeds farmer owes to his occupation and resent 14,544 different homes,

comes by truck direct from the farm

Being a co-operative project it did not, for a number of reasons, lend itself to meeting the changed conditions which necessitate the operation his craft to the point of sacrificing of truck lines and buying stations at various points in this and other the permanency of our co-operative the old line commission men. It was membership work accomplishes. In not considered good co-operative pol- fact, membership is altogether too icy to do this and, after the most narrow a term, for the project is, in careful consideration by your Farm reality, a broad, educational and orreau sold to the members and revive Bureau directors and officers, it was ganizational program in which the decided to close the Exchange, De-signing of members is supplemental cember 31, 1926.

New Marketing Agency Sponsored The Michigan State Farm Bureau, however, will continue its effort to assist its members in marketing their poultry products, and, as you perhaps have noticed in recent issues of the Farm Bureau News, we already are n the preliminary stages of organizing a poultry marketing district. comprising southeastern Michigan counties, with a view to grading eggs the new organization will be assisted by the Farm Bureau in every way of whose memberships have cost possible, it will be incorporated, controlled and managed by the poultry have been worth. producers themselves. In all probability, the new venture when organized, will co-opearte with the Ohio Poultry Producers' Association, at Wauseon. As fast as producer interest warrants, the Farm Bureau will assist in extending the organization to other portions of the state.

The Farm Bureau's activity in be half of the new poultry sales organzation, together with similar work previously done in helping develop more responsible positions, who are the Michigan Elevator Exchange and qualified for and acquainted with the Producers' Co-operative Commission at Buffalo, typifies, I believe, years of experience in the Farm Bu- the permanent function and relationship of the Farm Bureau in Michigan

in co-operative marketing. Having taken up the changes and Improvements in the Michigan State icy in filling the vacancy created in Farm Bureau during the past year, the editorship of the Farm Bureau we are ready now to consider the News. A man with newspaper ex- Treasurer's report which reflects the perience being required to head the condition of the Michigan State Farm Farm Bureau Publicity Department Bureau and its subsidiary corpora-

General Farm Bureau Problems The natural evolution of the Michgan State Farm Bureau has broadened its scope so that now, directly or indirectly, it reaches every phase of agriculture. Besides the big general ines of co-operative merchandising, such as supplies, seeds and auto inurance, which the Michigan State Farm Bureau maintains and controls. here are the numerous lines of noncommercial or purely service pro-These comprise legislation, transportation, organization and include the whole broad program of rural development in general. It now has come to include the co-ordina- the list with 843 members and won tion and development of the farmer's highway, school, church, county fair ed in the northern group of counties and all other factors in a satisfying while Clinton, with 548 members, not emphasize too strongly the imfarm existence.

manent Farm Bureau membership county in the northern group. with an adequate yearly membership ship dues, but also because of the by the large amount of educational and promotional stimulation necessary to maintain a live membership. This educational work is necessary

by the Farm Bureau. assisting the Michigan Milk Producers' Association in getting its fiveyear marketing contracts signed, reported that, as a rule, little or no efelapsed, Mr. Bentall has made a rec- fort was required with the Farm Bubeing written in all of the six dis- who had not joined the Farm Buthe educational work done by the

Then again, our feed and seed field men notice an entirely different attition to materially lowering the cost tude in strong Farm Bureau comof protection to the farmer and pro- munities as compared with counties alone. Organization directors and viding considerable revenue for the or localities where the Farm Bureau Farm Bureau officials of eight Mid-Michigan State Farm Bureau, our in- membership and morale is low. In West State Farm Bureaus, including surance project will become a valu- sections having a live, active Farm Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa, Nebraska, able adjunct in helping to finance the Bureau membership it is compara- Missouri, Ohio, and Indiana, and of secretarial and office work of many tively easy to book and hold business the American Farm Bureau Federa-

maintain. Membership Campaign Aids Co-ons during the past year, owing to the have frequently reported marked im- state. The five-day conference resultrapid development of motor trans- provement in their membership fol- ed in the adoption of a policy of ter portation and travel and consequent lowing the Farm Bureau membership important points, all of which sus

bile Insurance has been started, and Bureau or a farmers' co-operative or every respect. These ten points are during the same period of time, due ganization raises the standard of do- as follows: largely to the very same causes, the ing business by supplying its mem Farm Bureau Poultry Exchange, one bers with open formula dairy rations. northern grown clover and alfalfa to function in an educational, socia seed in sealed sacks, or furnishes the and economic capacity and that the EXTENSION WORK IS onsumer in the city with higher commission business was started in quality and better graded products, National-must build its program, Detroit five years ago, the major old line business concerns tend to personnel and budget with memberpertion of the farmer's poultry was raise their standards to compete with ship as the primary consideration. shipped by express on consignment, the Farm Bureau or co-operative. In and the Farm Bureau Poultry Ex- fact, there is no business service ren- be built on an appeal for an adequate change was one of the most useful dered by a co-operative organization standard of living on the farm, and housekeeping and the art of home services of the Farm Bureau, un-that cannot and will not be duplicat a farm income to maintain it. questionably, putting thousands of ed by private capital and manage-

> The most recent example of this is the action taken by the commercial manent farm organization, farm leadported by 21,498 women who have associated Sord Growers: W. R. Kirk, seed trade organizations in session at lers must have the courage to teach been connected with this work dur. Screen Sales or TRADE 160 ACRE Chicago in recommending origin vert- the membership that each American ing the past year. These women rep-

and a large portion of the poultry sold by the commercial seed trade. Thus it is seen that the progress of of money, time and effort, Bureau Is Sound or CO-OP to the same dealers that our co-operative business efforts tends formerly bought their requirements to actually create new obstacles for marketing and co-operative purchas-(Continued from page 1) formerly bought their requirements to actually create new obstacles for marketing and cooperative parts to the various County Farm Bureaus from the Farm Bureau Poultry Ex- the very organization which originating can be assured only through approximately continued from the Farm Bureau Poultry Exhave been greatly improved by send-change. Therefore, it is evident that ed and developed the new or higher preciation by the farmer that such ing detailed financial statements to the changed conditions are throttling grade of service unless our farmers activities are only factors which help Farm Bureaus each the business at both ends of the line, are taught to appreciate something to make possible an adequate stand month, and the adjustment of dif-cutting off both its supply of poul more than a temporary advantage in and of living and that he must rec price.

> The teaching of this broader viewpoint and of loyalty of the farmer to until it hurts, is really essential t states, such as are being operated by institutions. This the Farm Bureau

Bureau Broadens Viewpoint

o its major or ultimate object.

The Farm Bureau membershi campaign carried on during the pas two years has been the most effective means of bringing the prospect or member in closer contact with his large organization and of stimulating him to stick and assume the responsi bilities of active membership.

The prospect must be converted a well as signed or he is almost sure to become a disintegrating factor in ship to any of the markets of the case with thousands of so-called country as well as to Detroit. While Farm Bureau members signed in the early days of the Farm Bureau, many more to sign and collect than they

> The method of signing the mem portance. A large membership numer ically, with a low morale, possesse ittle real organization strength, while a comparatively small mem promptly, may constitute a very pow-

Volunteer Work Very Beneficial

The volunteer, continuous member ship campaign carried on in forty a spirit in our membership that give most who serves best." the Michigan State Farm Bureau a life and vitality which it has never had before. This has been particulary noticeable in the meetings we have movement, for they clarify our or attended this year.

Over 3,000 local men and women have actually gone out in their own and other townships and counties and sold the Farm Bureau to their neigh bors. The work these local leaders have done in overcoming serious ob stacles and sales resistance in meet ing the thousands of prospects in these two campaigns, has made high proportion of them loyal sup porters of the Farm Bureau under al onditions and for all time.

The campaign carried on in thirty ounties during the past year, resulted in enrolling 8,160 members. Of the thirty counties, Sanilac topped

In the southern group of counties fee. This is true not only because of Berrien won the cup for the largest the finances furnished by member- number of members signed, and Cass was awarded the cup for signing the moral support and loyalty developed highest percentage of farmers in the

The big membership project the Michigan State Farm Bureau has had under way has taught many valuable to all co-operative business ventures lessons in membership signing and as well as to the general service or maintaining. While improvements in of Insurance. This we were able to do non-commercial projects carried on methods of accomplishing this difficult work are naturally slow, we are Vice-President M. L. Noon, while constantly learning how to handle it more efficiently and the power generated in the hundreds of communities through the volunteer work the past two years is resulting in increasing local activity, which is the bigreau member, while much hard work gest influence at work in maintainorganization, and insurance is now had to be done to sign the farmer ing a live Farm Bureau membership. In spite of all this, however, the ed but strengthened its position as tricts covering the greater portion reau. This he attributes largely to membership question is the greates; one of the strongest craft organizafundamental problem before the tions in the state in regard to legisla-Michigan State Farm Bureau today.

Much Time to Membership Nor is membership maintenance problem which is troubling Michigan for the departments of the Farm Bu- tion, met at Saugatuck, Michigan reau, while in the counties whose last August and conferred for an en farmers are not getting the Farm Bu- tire week on the Farm Bureau mem reau News and have not had the ad bership project. Without exception vantage of educational membership this was the major problem confront programs, the business comes much ing all of the State Farm Bureaus more slowly and is more difficult to represented and the deliberations of their representatives / showed that Michigan had made as much real Co-operative elevators in general progress in this respect as any other tained the methods being followed by Furthermore, as fast as the Farm the Michigan State Farm Bureau in

1. That a permanent membership is paramount if the Farm Bureau is Farm Bureau-County, State, and

2. That a membership policy must

on volunteer effort. 4. That to have a healthy and per

his community a decent contribution

5. That the future of co-operative ognize and appreciate the necessity

of loyalty to, and an understanding of, these fundamentals rather than consideration only of immediate and direct monetary returns.

6. That publicity, properly adapte and directed, is indispensable to get ting and keeping members, and its form and appeal must, be of such character that it will create and maintain interest in the Farm Bu-

7. That all Farm Bureaus should adopt an adequate, uniform member ship fee.

8. That financial support from commodity associations should be re ceived only for specific services rened as the principal source of Farn Bureau income.

9. That prompt collection of dues is fundamental to the success of Michigan State Farm Bureau. membership work and that a dues collection program must be continually in effect and particularly should on a large scale and being able to the organization. This has been the a dues collection campaign precede a membership campaign.

10. That we should look to the or ganization department of the American Farm Bureau Federation for the further development of a national plan of organization and membership maintenance and that department bership, then, because of first im- should have the assistance of a competent personnel made available to train leaders and assist in the direc tion of organization work.

These ten points express the best bership, secured in the right manner thoughts of a group of as sincere and so that a large portion of it is alive earnest farm leaders as ever conand functioning and paying its dues ferred on any problem. Furthermore, they are not mere theories bu erful organization. Herein lies the have come out of the hard experi local volunteer method of signing eight of the leading State Farm Bureaus of the United States.

The fundamental principle which characterizes these ten points is that of a permanent membership aiming one of the leading counties of Michi- at the real and lasting things in farm gan during 1925 and 1926, has, with-living and built upon the unselfish agriculture. It is true that we have a out question, developed a morale and appeal to the member: "He profits tariff on farm products, but that's

The definition of these policies achievements of the Farm Bureau ganization policy and place the problems out where we can concentrate our fire upon them. They do not, however, in any way justify our membership problems.

We cannot take it for granted, as some of our good members seem to be doing, that, because the Farm Bureau movement is now several years old; there is no longer any need of being concerned about its perpetuity. While its aging and experience have stabilized the Farm Bureau and without exception, given your state and county administrations a better grip on all of its activities and made the cup for the largest number sign- great progress in developing national

organization spirit and morale, I canwon the cup for signing the highest portance of having all county leaders Such a program requires a per- percentage of the farmers of any and progressive members assure a much larger degree of responsibility than they have in the past for the maintenance of the membership in their own communities and counties. A summary of the year's work in-

dicates substantial progress for the Michigan State Farm Bureau in 1926. The Supply Service maintained its usual profitable and sevriceable operations. The Seed Service gained a position on the right side of the ledger while rendering the greatest year of service in its history. Our other minor business activities were more than self-supporting.

The new service of Automobile In surance is well started. Your legislative organization of "Minute Men" throughout the state has been im proved so that the Michigan State Farm Bureau has not only maintain-

Important transportation matters have been handled successfully.

A volunteer membership campaign covering thirty counties, together with the eleven counties of 1925, has transformed the spirit and morale of our membership and given the Michigan State Farm Bureau a new soul Last but not least, the year has

clarified and defined fundamental policies of the Farm Bureau and uncovered many major problems so they can be recognized and preparation made to meet them.

Knowing that our organization as whole is rendering an indispensable service to agriculture and the state knowing that its fundamental principles and purpose are eternally right and just and recognizing the determined spirit and constant hope of the thousands of men, women and children on the farms of Michigan, let us face the future with a courage born of the righteousness of our cause and with an optimism that will carry us through to victory.

AIDING MANY WOMEN

108,502 improved practices in nousekeeping have been adopted and reported by the women of the state, who were studying the business of making through the Home Econom-3. That membership work be based ics Extension Service of Michigan State College during 1925-26.

These improved practices, were re-

SURPLUS CONTROL TO AID FARMERS 2 BILLION A YEAR

Congressman Brand Explains Much Effort Given To McNary-Haugen Bill At Bureau Banquet

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All Other Industrial Groups Benefited By Special Legislation

That the enactment of McNary-Haugen Bill would increase the income of American farmers two set up and hatching was done from billion dollars annually was the one of the best flocks in Sanilad dered and should not be recommend- statement made and demonstrated county. Chicks from these hatchings by Congressman Charles Brand, of were sold with the understanding

To illustrate the enormity of this American farmers.

When the American railroads were done by the Thumb Hatchery, Inc. in difficulty a few years ago they under the supervision of the county came to Congress asking relief and agent. secured the Transportation Act. This fixed prices. It had an equalization fee feature and there was no question as to its constitutionality.

Nary-Haugen Bill, in that it gave ab- an average of 178.8 eggs in 1925 and solute control over the surplus of has made an enviable showing in the credit and involved an equalization 1926 contest, now under way at the fee in that ten per cent of the de- College. great strength and advantage of the ences, during the past eight years, of posits of the member banks must be deposited with the reserve system without interest.

After giving this back-ground, Congressman Brand declared, "W have just about completed the circle of beneficial legislation except for about all the good it does. The tariff works only when the commodity is constitutes one of the fundamental coming in and not when it is going

"Our trouble is that the price of American farm products is stabilized after they leave the farmer's hands. What we want with the Mc Nary-Haugen bill is to stabilize the minimizing the difficulties of our prices of farm products before the farmer sells them.

"Michigan may be the determining factor in the vote on this measure this year. Last year all but three of your Congressmen voted against the bill, saying that they did not get any demand for the measure from back home. Your Congressmen are now on the fence on this bill. Are you going to tell them what you want?" he asked, in closing his address.

A very instructive talk was given by Mrs. Frank Evans, wife of Frank Evans, general marketing counsel o

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the American Farm Bureau Federation. She spoke on the Property Rights of Women. The College radio broadcasting sta-

tion, WKAR, put the banquet program on the air and also the music of an old-fashioned dance party later in the night.

Raising S. C. R. I. Reds

Realizing the value of property ored stock and the advantage o keeping as much of it in the county as possible, a move has been made in Sanilac county aiming to supplant as far as possible, the undesirable poultry flocks with flocks of known

To this end the county agent has given considerable time, both in as sisting with culling of flocks and it the the breeding and hatching of eggs A year ago a small incubator was

Ohio, addressing the eight hundred that this stock was to be kept pure people at the annual banquet of the and was to take the place of the old stock on the purchaser's farm. So successful was this undertaking financial benefit, Congressman that hatching of these Sanilac Coun Brand declared that it amounted to ty S. C. Rhode Island Reds is being three times all the taxes paid by undertaken in a much larger way this season and the work is being

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