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LAWMAKERS HEEDED FARM



# 27 Sparks From the Legislative Anvil College Year Book Shows Captured, Confined in Cold Type, Sentenced to Serve Our Members

In the Night Watches Lawmakers Play Horse Sentiment at Parting

At the unconventional hour of 3:51 a. m., Saturday morning, May 4, the 54th session of the Michigan egislature came to an end. Perunctory sessions are scheduled for aturday, June 4, and Monday, June as are the dairymen who have set up , for the receipt of messages from and maintained this association. he Governor as to what bills he has igned and what measures have re- the year, the records show. The high ceived his veto. However, no one ex- cow in the association was McKin ects that there will be a quorum of ley's Rosebud 4th with a record pro ither branch of the Legislature duction of 638 pounds of butterfat present on these dates, and no busiless will be done except to enter the ducing cows of the various testing overnor's messages upon the offi- associations of the state for last ial House and Senate Journals.

Probably an explanation would be are shown in the "Record of Per order as to why the lawmakers formance," a year book published by hould have completed their labors at the dairy department of Michigan he strange hour of nine minutes be- State College treating of the records ore four o'clock in the morning. The of outstanding cows belonging to the constitution provides that no bill can leading dairymen who have support e passed by either branch of the ed cow testing association work in egislature until it has been printed Michigan.

and in the possession of that House There are 1,342 cows listed at least five days. For several bills this book, which gives a very com his five day limit did not expire un- plete record of each animal, includil Saturday, May 14th. Many of the ing her name; whether a pure bred enators and Representatives who or grade cow; her breed, age, pound ived at considerable distance from of milk produced and of butter fat ansing desired to take early trains the per cent of test of her milk and hat morning in order to get home the total pounds of each feed conbefore Sunday, so the lawmakers re- sumed.

nained in session until midnight on That the dairymen realize the ne riday and then re-convened five cessity of knowing the exact conninutes later for their Saturday ses- tent of the feeds given their cows ion. under test for record production i . . . . .

seen in the fact that, with 38 dif Although several of the most im- ferent brands of manufactured dairy ortant appropriation bills involving feeds used by them, as listed in this nillions of dollars, received final publication, practically fifty per cent egislative action at the session held of the cattle or a total of 667 of that etween midnight and daybreak Sat- 1342, were fed on a particular brand rday, May 14, the number of Rep- of feed which was the first open for-



Some Salient Points In Dairying

W. ALLEGAN HERDS

WIN HIGHEST MARK

Credit for the highest association ecord in the state, last year, and possibly in the entire United States has been awarded the West Allegan Cow Testing association.

This is a mark of considerable dis tinction and the tester, Leo. S. Ashley, is due congratulations as well National Committee on the Relation There were 27 herds to complete of Electricity to Agriculture this year in that Michael Noon, president of the Michigan State Farm Bureau, goes to the convention on June 6 as a representative of the agricultural In checking over the record pro-

interests of the country and more especially as the American Farm Bu reau representative. year, some very interesting side For the Farm Bureau Mr. Noon lights on Michigan's dairy industry has been given a place on the speak-

ing program of this important convention and is to talk on the subject, "The Relation of Electricity To rainy afternoon and a rainy forenoon Agriculture. The organizations making up the

MICHAEL L. NOON

Michigan is given unusual distinc-

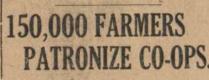
ion at the annual convention of the

**Honors Michigan** 

National Committee on the Relation of Electricity to Agriculture are, the American Farm Bureau Federation, the National Electric Light Association, Power Farming Association American Society of Agricultural En-

gineers and the U.S. Departments of Agriculture, Commerce and Interior. The chief objective of this committee is to give purpose and direction to the work necessary in determining

the maximum economic uses for electricity in agriculture.



than to patch up an old one.

There are approximately 500 local of Monroe county, 20; Charles Mcesentatives present kept dwindling mula dairy feed introduced in Michi- co-operative associations in Michi- Calla, of Washtenaw county, 38; C.

#### TASK OF PRUNING FARMERS MAKE GOOD **INSURANCE RECORDS** IN FIRST 6 MONTHS Business done in Michigan, during

the first six months of its operation by the State Farm Mutual Auto In surance company, the company spon- 475 New Proposals Approved sored in this state by the State Farm Bureau, shows some interesting developments in that this concern, operating under a plan quite different from that of any other company in the insurance field-taking on only VETO AXE USED FREELY farmer risks and issuing polices that remain in force during the life of the automobile-began with a single agent last November and has set up

318 agencies in 50 counties of Michigan. During the third week of May it

nandled 200 policy applications in Michigan, an unusual showing in kiew of the fact that the local representatives of the concern are farmers with no previous experience in the wheels of government had salesmanship.

The actual costs of insurance for the first six months as shown by the company's first semi-annual report in Michigan, based on cars in different list price classes were: \$4.82 on cars listed at less than \$700; \$5.52 on cars under \$1,000 and \$9.66 on cars under

\$1,300. These costs were computed on a mutual cost plan. An indication of the manner in

which some of the farmer-agents go out after business is seen in the last week's report of Ronald Sleight, of

Clinton county, who turned in eight applications written up during one when it was too wet to work on the

farm. He is listed with about a dozen others for leading in the sales of insurance under the Michigan agency, with 48 policy applications to his credit.

Others on the honor list are: Clay Barber, of Barry county, with 79 applications to his credit; Jesse Blow, of Oakland county, 53; Irwin Fox, of Allegan county, 52; H. W. Hayes. Benedict, of Cass county, 43; Edgar Switzenberg, of Allegan county, 34; Elmer Ball and J. F. Carnes, of Calhoun county, 29, each, and A. M. Edmunds, of the same county, 24; Frank Gerry, of Kalamazoo county and J. D. Knowles of Hillsdale county, each 23; W. W. Billings, of Genesee county, 22; W. E. Fear, of Liv-

ingston county, 20; H. V. Hartman



BUREAU DESIRES ON MANY

By Solons Include Huge Appropriations

Legislature Free With Public Money, But Neglected Tax Reform

During the recent session of the State Legislature 899 bills and 2 joint resolutions were thrown into the hopper of the legal mill. After ground relentlessly on for the unusually long period of four and a half months, 471 of these bills were enacted into law and four of the joint resolutions were adopted. The other proposals fell by the wayside as chaff removed and discarded in the lawmaking process.

Outstanding among the measures passed by the 1927 lawmakers were the Leland 3 cent gas tax, the Wade Bartlett bill amending the workmen's compensation act, the new appropriations. criminal code, the school code and

the traffic code. Probably the feature of the recent MECOSTA HOLDS session of greatest interest to the average citizen is the huge total of the many appropriations which were granted. Budget bills with and without tax clauses totalling approximately \$80,000,000 of State funds to be expended during the next two years were approved by the Legislature and sent to the Governor.

In the case of appropriation bills, Michigan's Chief Executive has the authority to veto them in their enwhich he believes are unwarranted. of Washtenaw county, 51; Berne Ever since the Legislature adjourned the amounts allowed by the Legisla- at Big Rapids, May 2. ture for various State institutions

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Are Scheduled For

This Season

this year, claims,

**BUREAU SETS ITS** 

# NUMEROUS PLANKS IN FARM BUREAU'S **LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM WRITTEN ONTO STATUTE BOOKS DURING 1927 SESSION**

Organization Means That Members Have Real Program And Power To Put It Across; Reports Kept Farmers Informed; Minute Men Were On Job

#### By STANLEY M. POWELL

Although the recent session of the Legislature may have handed agriculture a few lemons, it is interesting and encouraging to note that at least a score of the bills promoted by the Michigan State Farm Bureau were enacted into law and considerable progress was made by a dozen other measures which were planks in the Bureau's legislative program. In the face of the reapportionment adopted by the last Legislature and the consequent increased representation from city districts, this may well be regarded as a truly remarkable showing.

Highlights among the agricultural achievements of the session were the following: the Horton-Brake Farm Trespass bill, the Hall and Huff Poultry Stealing bills, the Turner bill to give special aid to needy school districts, amendments to the grading laws for apples, potatoes and grapes, a Truth-in-Fruit Juice bill and favorable action on several agricultural

# **SECOND BANQUET**

### 100 Attend Annual Affair At Big Rapids, May 2. Plan Big Year

Collective thinking and acting farmers can and do have a voice and through farmer groups have helped his veto pen as an axe to trim un- Bureau at the second annual banquet has passed. counted thousands of dollars from of the Mecosta County Farm Bureau

> This was one of the largest and "such a meeting of progressive farm-ers and their wives is an inpiration

How Victories Were Won The securing of desired laws and the prevention of measures which would be detrimental to the interests of agriculture constitute one of the most obvious reasons for the state and national Farm Bureau movement: The desires of the unorganized farmers received practically no attention in legislative halls. During the recent session, it has been repeatedly demonstrated that. through the Farm Bureau, organized

a powerful influence in legislative tirety or to strike out any items analyze the problems confronting matters. Before the days of the Farm agriculture in recent years, about 100 Bureau, lawmakers excused them-Farm Bureau members of Mecosta selves for doing practically nothing Saturday morning, May 14, Gover- County were told in a short address for agriculture by saying that the nor Green has been busy going over by F. W. Bennett, of the Organiza- farmers themselves couldn't agree these appropriation bills and using tion department of the State Farm as to what they wanted. That day

The Farm Bureau has a very definite and comprehensive legislative program embodied in the resolutions most enthusiastic meetings ever held in the county and as E. H. Gale, These are sent to each member of president of the organization, said, the Legislature and are kept con-

antil, at the time of final adjourn- gan. This feed, the records show nent, there were hardly a score of was fed to seven times as many cows them still on the job. as any other mixed dairy ration.

The owners of these cows are all Since it takes 51 members to contitute a quorum of the House, you members of cow testing associations, may wonder how a handful of mem- which are organizations of farmers ers could transact State business. who believe that only through such This is explained by the practice em- co-operation as cow testing associaployed in the House of "attaching tions offer, they can best learn to vegetables, about 70 marketing dairy PLAIN COTTON MATERIALS the the affirmative roll call" to bills manage and develop this highly imregarding which no one present ob- portant industry, dairying.

The West Allegan Cow Testing as ects. When this is done, all those who had been in attendance on that sociation records indicate that the egislative day are recorded as vot- same open formula ration that help- about 60,000 non-members. ing in favor of the motion.

ed make records of performance for such a large per cent of the cows in The closing hours of the session the list of 1342, also played a very vere marked with the usual horse important part in the records of 8 play and displays of sentiment. In per cent of the West Allegan herds

he House the mischief makers ran and was the principal feed used in riot, throwing paper wads, waste making the 638 pound butter record baskets and other articles too nu- of McKinley's Rosebud 4th.

merous to mention. so that there vere times of such confusion that no he knew what was being read by HURON IS SEEKING he clerk.

On Thursday afternoon, an hour or more was devoted to the presenation of gifts to various House officials. Speaker Lynn C. Gardner of tockbridge, received a beautiful county will be crowned at the counchest of silver. Speaker Pro Tem ty fair next September. He will be Milton R. Palmer of Detroit, was selected this summer in a countytiven a smoking set. Clerk Chas. S. wide contest. Who deserves this hon lerce of Lansing received a read- or and from what township in the eant-at-Arms Frank B. Clemmens Huron for 1927 come, is a "hot of Detroit, was given a watch.

The Senators reserved their gift best farmer in the county, the Bad former service men it rehabilitated, naking until Friday afternoon, but Axe Fair Association, the County Ag- approximately 15,000 were trained with varying degrees of success. hey were no less generous in their ricultural Extension office and the and are now employed in some line okens of remembrance and appre- New York Central Lines are co-op- of farming, from scientific instruc- agricultural lines, 700 were of the dation. Lieutenant Governor Luren erating in promoting the project, for down to the radio competing hog collegiate type who have found em-D. Dickinson of Charlotte, received The successful farmer will be award- caller. n upholstered chair. President Pro ed honors during the sessions of the Tem A. H. Ganssser of Bay City, a local fair this fall. The particular plow before the World War are loor lamp, Secretary Dennis E. Al- date will be announced later. ward of Lansing, a brief case and Only the names of farmers smoking set, Sergeant-at-Arms, are nominated to this contest will be able to city life and lure. Many are rove M. Rouse of Atlanta a smok- considered. Nominations may be converts. Some are former clerks ng stand, and Assistant Secretary F. made by bankers, teachers, mer- who, before joining the colors, had rvin Chase of Lausing a bridge chants and others not engaged in pounded typewriters all their workamp. farming. . . . .

During the presentation addresss and responses, in both the Senate 250 AT ROUND-UP and the House, there were many usky voices and moist eyes. Their abors and companionship togethe luring the past four and a half nonths had developed a fraternal pirit of comradeship, and many of he session come to an end with a sense of definite loss and regret at the thought of parting with friends and companions.

A study of the 475 measures ap-

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The champion farmer of Huron question in every community.

ers and leaders were also here.

at the meeting.

A recently completed survey show

Not only men who followed the among those who decided that raiswho ing crops and livestock was prefering lives; some were electricians,

cow-punchers, surveyors, helpers and laborers. Of those assisted by the govern-**OF CHIPPEWA CLUB** 

ment to pick up where they left off the time of completing training, opwhen hostilities began, or to take up erating farms which they either ownfarming, either because they chose ed or partly owned.

or were best fitted for it, about one-Approximately 25 More than 250 members of boys third have taken up general farm-and girls clubs in Chippewa county ing. Nearly one-third of this number independent farming had to be up in arms. the members, as well as the Farm Bureau's legislative observer, saw attended the annual round-up, held are raising ponitry or working. Near recently. About 100 parents, teach- ly one-third of the remainder have they could receive the maximum clared there was no hope."—The followed some other special line.

The round up was the most suc-The total or partly blind, veteran in agricultural schools. cessful in the history of boys and, was not overlooked in the compre-! Rehabilitation of these men has girls clubs in Chippewa county. Last hensive rehabilitation program. The made it possible for many to return year there were but 100 members majority of men with this disabil- to their homes as independent, self-

ity were found to be from rural en- sustaining and useful people.

gan, according to preliminary fig- C. Oleson of Livingston county, 3 ures based on a recent study made Louis Selesky, of Genesee county, 48 under the auspices of the Michigan Henry Saggers, of Ottawa county, State College, Included in the total 20; Clarence Ulberry, of Ottawa are about 140 livestock shipping as-

sociations, 130 associations engaged county, 19 and I. B. McMurtry, of in marketing grain, more than 100 | Midland county, 27. associations marketing fruits or

products, and 40 associations, operat-ARE APPEARING AGAIN ing co-operative stores. These asso-Plaids are again among the gingciations are serving about 90,000 shareholders and members, and

hams on the cotton-goods counter, after an absence of several seasons

It is easier to make a new quarrel and Tartan origin are being made by many cotton manufacturers.

# **Rehabilitated** Veterans Successful As Farmers; 15,000 Cultivating Land

ITS BEST FARMERS Veterans' Bureau Solves Problem of "How Are You Going To Keep 'Em Down On The Farm?"

The question "How are you going vironments, and had as a backto keep 'em down on the farm'' ap- ground some form of farming exng lamp and smoking set, and Ser- county will the champion farmer of parently has been answered by the perience. Through special instruction and their dates will be: Veterans' Bureau. all phases of modern poultry hus-

bandry from incubation to market-In this effort to determine the that of the vast number of disabled ing of the products, were taught and June 11; Durand or Gaines, June 13, absorbed by many of these veterans Of the total rehabilitated along ployment in the various phases of

farming for which they were trained. Approximately 1,000 were trainwas applied to those incapable or not desirous of institutional instruction, and without the native ability neces-

The remaining 13,000 or more farming. More than 90 per cent of and July, 5, at Richland, with C. Bis- same time the most costly method of that through organization, remark-

those taught in this manner were, at sel in charge.

per cent of benefit from the scientific training in agricultural schools

#### TOO HUNGRY

"Won't you stay for lunch, Tom?" "No thanks. I'm too hungry."

WOOL POOL DATES o every one interested. The evening program was interpersed with songs and readings. The

mixed quartet from Deerfield towncounty, 35; Harry Knapp, of Ionia About Twenty Local Pools ship entertained, accompanied by daily session in the Senate and the

Indications are that a bigger wool Lyons. pool than was built up last year will be operated by Michigan wool grow- several readings.

FOR BORER CONTROL

terwards as possible.

ers this season, Walter Rorabacher, The old-fashioned patterns of Scotch in charge of Farm Bureau pooling Wheatland Township made a hit gan weekly newspapers. with their songs.

> Nearly every day is to be a pooling day during June, beginning June agent, spoke on the progress of agri- directly as possible, and to secure and continuing through the culture and its outlook for the fu- action from the folks back home in month, with a pool in a different ture.

> place each day. The general attitude of the farm- tinued loyalty to the Farm Bureau been developed until it now numbers er toward the pool this spring, it ap- and greater activity in securing ad- nearly 600, each of whom receives pears, is more favorable for a big ditional members and in maintaining regularly confidential bulletins and pool than at any time in recent them.

years. Except where one Michigan buyer has been offering a few cents PAY FOR CLEAN-UP more than the market price for cer-

tain grades of wool, the pooling principle has been received with good favor by the farmers, Mr. Rorabacher says.

The first pooling place, June 9,

Jackson, at the M. C. railroad, with Mike Cooney in charge; Davison June 14, W. W. Billings in charge; Brooklyn, at the Brooklyn Co-op, June 16; Hillsdale, at the Hillsdale Co-op, June 17; Union City, at the Co-op, June 18; Quincy, at the Co-op

vator, June 28; Oxford, at the Co-op, or it is not clean. June 29 and at the Co-op at Imlay

#### **Embarrassing Misprint**

A singularly embarrassing misprint "The doctor felt the patient's

might harbor borers.

Bureau officials who regard them as their instructions from the membership.

Bureau on Guard

Mrs. Herman Garbow at the piano. House, the members and other farm-The quartet consists of Mrs. Herman ers were furnished with accurate and Rogers, Mrs. Zera Clough, Mrs. timely reports as to just what prog-Glenn Holcomb and Mrs. Fred ress their program was making. During the recent session such reports Mrs. A. J. Luxon entertained with were prepared regularly for the Michigan Farm Bureau News and "Bill" and "Phil" Wernette, of the farm journals and 358 Michi-

In order to get such information E. E. Twing, county agricultural to the membership as quickly and

behalf of their program, the Farm Mr. Bennett's plea was for con- Bureau's Minute Men machine has passes this information on to his fellow Farm Bureau members and other neighbors. Thus informed and enlightened, the farmers have not been slow to let their wishes be known to their Senators and Representatives. WILL COME IN JUNE

Bureau Mcn at Hearings The Farm Bureau officials studied

Farmers entitled to compensation each of the hundreds of bills introwill be Dexter, at the Dexter Co-op for extra work done in connection duced, watched their progress closeassociation. Other pooling places with the corn borer control cam- ly and when it seemed absolutely paign will be visited by an inspector necessary, arranged for hearings at who will report on the work to the which Minute Men and other Farm June 10; Milan, at Henry Hartman's, district office, to which the farmer's Bureau members came in and preaffidavit will also be sent. The com- sented the rural viewpoint before pensation, not to exceed \$2 an acre, legislative committees.

will be sent out direct from Wash. Outstanding among the hearings ington about June 1, or as soon af- at which the Farm Bureau people offered effective testimony during

Some farmers in the corn borer the recent session, were those recontrol area have asked whether garding highway finance, the approthere will be any compensation for a priation for bovine tuberculosis on June 20; Coldwater, at the Co-op, man who could clean up only half his eradication, the two chicken stealing ed by the placement method which June 21; Marcellus, at the Co-op, acreage. The Department of Agricul- bills and legislation relating to trea-June 22: Cassopolis, at the Co-op, ture says in such cases there will be pass on farm property.

June 23; Dowaglac, at the Co-op, no compensation. Also there will be A comparison of the resolutions June 24; Hastings, at the Co-op, June no distinction between degrees of adopted by the delegates at the Farm sary to become independent farm- 27; Charlotte, at the Square Deal Ele cleaning up. A field is either clean Bureau annual meeting last February and the new legislation actually

The burning apparatus which the written on Michigan statute books were rehabilitated by the project City on June 30; Mount Pleasant, Government is using against the corn during the recent session conclusivemethod, or training in independent July 1; W. J. Hazlewood in charge borer is the most effective, but at the ly demonstrates two things: First,

destroying the pest. It will be used able progress is made along lines on fields with an especially heavy in. desired by farmers, and second, that festation or in fields which, because there is a great need for maintainof low wet areas or other physical ing and strengthening the farm orfeatures, it would be difficult to plow ganizations if they are ever to seor otherwise handle. It is the quick- cure from the lawmakers all they est way of destroying the borer and desire and believe to be just.

therefore will also be used under any condition where speed is necessary. Farm Bureau program with the The burning carriages, capable of treatment which it received at the generating a heat of 1,400 degrees F. hands of the Senators and Repreare pulled across the fields, consum. sentatives should challenge the careing or heating to a fatal degree all ful study of each Farm Bureau memstalks and other corn refuse which ber:

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months in an effort to promote or oppose various measures in which they were interested. Few of these organizations can

point to many triumphs. The session is often spoken of as having been extremely kind to organized labor, but when we come down to a careful study of the matter, we see that about all the labor union officials or members have to brag about is the enactment of the amendment to the workmen's compensation law, increasing the maximum weekly insurance allowauce from \$14 to \$18 and from 60 to 66 2-3 per cent of the weekly wage. A whole flock of other bills desired

Probably a score or more of powerful state-wide organizations

maintained lobbys at Lansing during the past four and a half

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by organized labor fell by the wayside despite the power of this group and its active and even frantic endeavors to secure their passage.

After its introduction a bill must travel a long, tortuous and harrowing journey before it can finally become a law. It must survive the dilatory and pigeon-holing tactics of various committees and conquer many other hazards before it can be passed by the house in which it was introduced.

Then it must undergo a similar gruelling experience in the other branch of the Legislature. Even when passed by this second branch, if amendments have been made since the bill was transmitted from the first house, it must go back for a concurrence in these amendments. If they are not concurred in and if the second house insists on them, the bill may be referred to a conference committee consisting of three Senators and three Representatives. If the conference committee is able to reach an agreement, their report must be accepted by both the Senate and the House, before the bill can be sent to the Governor. Even after all these hurdles have been surmounted, there is always the lurking possibility of an executive veto.

When this long list of disheartening and dismaying obstacles is considered, the enactment of a single desired measure may well be regarded as a distinct achievement. However, as shown in the summary presented in this issue, organized agriculture has a long list of legislative triumphs to its credit as a result of its vigorous efforts during the recent session.

Every Farm Bureau member may well take a large amount of wholesome satisfaction from the realization that he had a very real part in bringing about these important measures for the promotion and protection of the basic industry of agriculture.

#### MEAT FOR THOUGHT

One nut that William Jardine, U. S. Secretary of Agriculture, has picked out for the farmer to crack is so full of the meat of truth that we just have to pick it up here and roll it around in our palms a bit to find the right place to strike it,

When he points out that one of the biggest obstacles in the way of prosperity for agriculture is the lack of standards in merchandising he sounds a note that every farmer ought to be able to distinguish.

Dumping of produce from the farm onto the market with no thought to grading, packing and standardization of the product is serving to hold down the market to a very appreciable extent. Just as certain classes of agriculturists are profiting more and more in their particular lines we find them adopting and adhering to certain fixed standards and trade practices. In other words, we find them actually progressing.

Only last fall Michigan grape growers were the hosts to a party of eastern grape growers who made a trip here just to learn how the Michigan producers "do it", after the Michigan growers had unloaded their crop on the easterners' own market at advantageous prices.

It was standardization and adherence to grades and packing regulations of their organization (that enabled the Michigan fruit growers to realize a neat profit where their oldest competitors fell short in their season's sales last fall.

legislative lines and the prompt action of this great group of County Farm Bureau leaders has been the most effective force along legislative lines any farm organization has ever exercised.

While the extensive farming operations under the management of Mr. Powell will make him a very busy man, we are hoping the State Farm Bureau may still avail itself of his services occasionally as a speaker at meetings and for counsel on legislative matters.

It will be of great interest too, to his many friends to know that Stanley is taking unto himself a wife, Miss Eleanor Partridge, who has been one of the successsful school teachers of the state. His success as a farmer seems assured.

Our very best wishes go with Stanley and the new Mrs. Powell.

#### IT ALL HELPS

The record of achievement embodied in a comparison of what the Farm Bureau sought to attain and what was actually granted by the State Legislature speaks very well for itself.

While the Farm Bureau can not take all the credit for every good agricultural measure passed by the Legislature, it is certain that its definite program, its trained, experienced officials, its wide-spread publicity and its network of Minute Men were responsible for much progressive agricultural legislation that would not otherwise have been adopted and played a large part in preventing the passage of vicious measures which would have been detrimental to the interests of Michigan agriculture.

#### AMONG US HUMANS

The darn farmers can't work together; they are all afraid some one else is going to get a little the better of the deal and they keep on producing and producing, without any regard for the market outcome.

But that isn't all. These same farmers are so nearly human that they remind us of a lot of other creatures, that keep scrambling for a miserable existence. In trade they keep "knifing one another" by underselling; in manufacture they keep speeding up production in order to cut the per unit cost of manufacture while in other lines of production we find the same old human struggle for the survival of the fittest.

It wasn't so long ago that gasoline dropped a couple cents a gallon.

That was not farmers' work that brought about the decline in the price of this commodity. Neither was it because of a slump in the demand for the commodity.

Over production-the thing that is thrown up at the farmers more than any other one thing as the cause of their pinched financial straits during their so-called lean times-just plain over-production brought about the price drop and following immediately there was definite action on the part of the wise old birds who virtually control the oil interests of the country. They acted in a measure to save the industry by agreeing to abide by the dictates of a mutually assigned umpire who was to say when and where drillings should be carried on.

This was the first real effort toward co-operation and conservation of the oil supply.

Has the agreement lived?

Apparently not. Too much of the human element has existed and the thing that has made agricultural co-operation most difficult has shown up : the ever present desire of a certain few to get all they can, regardless of what the outcome may be.

During the past week eleven new wells were completed in one oil region alone in Oklahoma and 27 have been started; ten in three days time.

Looks like the darn farmers aren't the only ones who act like human beings.

# HOME FOLK BOUND **TO TALK GAS TAX**

Farm Bureau Gets Letters

Indicating Issue Is Far

### From Dead

Back among the home folk, where the burden of taxation hangs the heaviest, there isn't going to be any forgetting the fight that has been delayed temporarily on the highway finance program of Michigan, it is very apparent from the tone of the letters received by Farm Bureau officials since the legislature has "resigned.'

Theodore Bengel, of Clinton county, in a letter to one of the State Farm Bureau officials, a few days ago, said:

"In regard to the four cent gas tax, I will say that we should keep up this fight for the next two years, until the next legislature meets.

"I would like to call attention to the second editorial in the May 14 issue of the Michigan Farmer, entitled 'A Real Conundrum." This article gives the sentiment of our people here in Clinton county today not only farmers but also 90 per cent of the city and village people.

"Mr. Espie called Mr. Bateman. Mr. Crosby and myself down to Lansing some time ago for a conference with the governor on this gas tax proposition. On our suggestion to the governor that we wanted a four cent gas tax and permanent licenses for automobiles, he answered that the permanent license plate plan was a failure in one state (California, 1 suppose) and, when I asked for what reason he thought that was the case, he answered: 'That state is obliged to issue and sell bonds for road building right now.' That fact simply shows that the state in question is simply building roads just a little too fast, that is all.

"The fact is, as nearly as I can see, the majority of our people want good roads but I would venture the guess that a very large percentage of our rural tax payers would like to see the state and counties build a little bit slower until they can catch their breath.

"Under the old law the state had, after taking care of sinking funds and other expenses, from 12 to 14 millions for new roads and, under the four cent gas tax and permanet license plan, would have had practically the same amount and we farmers claim this is sufficient for this purpose until times improve again."

### FERTILIZER PUSHES **CROPS TO MATURITY**

Following the wet season last fall, which left the farmers of Michigan holding undeveloped beans and corn, it is quite probable that many short crops of these two commodities will come with this season's harvest, crop experts believe. Heavier fertilization

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#### American Farm Bureau Federation

# STATE FARM BUREAU'S PUBLIC SERVICE PROGRAM

#### LEGISLATION

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

ENACTED APR. 26, 1926

#### TAXATION

Relief for sorely burdened farm property by enactment of:

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

(b State Income Tax in place of State's general property levy.

(c) Law forbidding any more tax exempt securities.

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

#### TRANSPORTATION

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

#### OUR RECORD

The complete report of the Farm Bureau's legislative achievements during the recent session, featured in this issue of the NEWS, should challenge the attention and increase the loyalty and enthusiasm of every member of our organization.

While, of course, it is true that the lawmakers did not enact the Farm Bureau's entire legislative program into law during this session we should remember that the securing of desired legislation is a long and tedious process in which a great many serious obstacles are encountered.

Very often educational work extending over several years is necessary before obstinate opposition can be overcome and public sentiment developed to such a point that it is possible to secure certain reforms.

What was true there in the grape industry can apply equally as well to other commodities.

#### SAVING THE FARMER

"If we take seriously the question, 'Can the American farmer be saved ?' there are apparently three things absolutely necessary. "First, we must treat agriculture as a most favored industry, not because we approve class legislation, but because the very nature of the farming business makes special attention and assistance necessary.

"In the next place, the cities must gladly and constantly assist in maintaining rural institutions-rural schools, hospitals and churches. The argument for this is not a philanthropic one but one of simple justice and of necessary co-operation.

"In the third place, farmers must organize even more thoroughly than at present. Commodity organizations are to be encouraged both for buying and for selling. The organization and development of local town and country communities is to be fostered. Indeed, there must not be too much objection if farmers find it necessary to pool their interests politically.

"Doubtless farmers have reciprocal duties. They must be as efficient as possible, in using the land and conserving its fertility, they must take advantage of these social institutions, they must use their organizations not only for self-interest but for the common good.

"But whatever may be said about the policy of American agriculture, it must be remembered that the issue is not wholly one of maintaining agriculture as an industry, but is fundamentally one of maintaining the quality of population on the American farms-of preserving the American farmer.

-Dr. Kenyon L. Butterfield.

#### CUPID AND THE FARMER

Stanley Powell is severing his connection with the Michigan State Farm Bureau June 1. Mr. Powell has served as Assistant Secretary since April, 1924, and is leaving at this time to assume the active management of the Powell farm of 290 acres in Ionia County and 300 acres of grazing lands in Osceola county.

This change is occasioned by the absence of Mr. Powell's father, Herbert E. Powell, whose entire time is required in the discharge of his duties as Commissioner of Agriculture.

Mr. Powell's outstanding work with the Farm Bureau has been in connection with legislation. For the past four terms of the Legislature he has attended practically every session and reported legislative activities to the farmers of the state each week. During this time, he has originated and built up an organization of "Minute Men" numbering now over 600 representative farmers in all sections of Michigan.

The close touch the State Farm Bureau has had with these men has been a most potent factor in training the farmer along

There were 16 concerns who entered into the agreement regarding the control of production. It probably was not any of these 16 concerns that went ahead with the drilling of the 27 new oil wells but the industry has to pay the price just as agriculture in general suffers when a few non-co-operators swell production at times in a mad rush to supply a nearly over-stocked market for the sake of reaping a temporary gain for themselves, only to pay the greater price that usually results later on.

It's a funny game: you have to be human to co-operate and, if you are human, it's hard to co-operate, whether you're a farmer or just a plain oil man.

punishment. It was a voluminous

# Task of Pruning

Up To Governor (Continued from page one)

and departments. Taxes Burdensome

the famous New York Baumes crim-Although the lawmakers increased inal law. For instance, the penalty the highway revenue \$6,000,000 by imposing an added cent gas tax, and felony is life imprisonment. were so liberal in handling appropria

tions that the State general property The Legislature adopted a whiptax for the next two years will probably be about \$10,000,000 more anvetoed by the Governor, who held nually than for the last two years, that it would be ineffectual and serve they failed utterly to enact any bill only to give Michigan a lot of unto relieve the growing tax burden on welcome notoriety.

general property and provide a more equitable basis of bearing the mounting costs of State and local government. Many measures along this line were introduced and some made more or less progress, but interests their rules, excluding all lobbyists well pleased with the present tax arrangement saw to it that they didn't get too far. daily sessions. This didn't bother the lobbyists much because they

From early in he session until almost to the end, capital punishment could button-hole the lawmakers at say nothing of the more than 400 was one of the mooted questions con- any other time, except during the proved by the recent Legislature, to tinuously before the lawmakers. For sessions and they could hear and see other proposals which were not the previous three sessions, death all that went on from their seats in adopted, emphasizes the fact that penalty bills had been defeated in the the galleries. House by narrow margins, but had never been brought before the Sen-

ate. This year the Armstrong-Palmer bill passed the House by a vote of 61 to 35 and later, in considerably and then postponed indefinitely. A all parts of the State and promote amended form, was approved by the Senate with only one vote to spare. ompensation in connection with the However, the Senate and the House passage or defeat of pending legislafailed to reach an agreement regarding several important details of the tion was permanently side-tracked. four and a half months, a period bills, so Governor Green was relieved of the perplexity and embarrassment which might have been his had he been placed in the position of having conduct and assistance. to sign or veto the death penalty pro-Carrying out campaign promises,

#### Enact New Crime Code

posal

Though no capital punishment bill acts of the State Administrative tutional amendment to increase their was passed, several measures to dis- Board. Hitherto the Executive's veto salary. If sanctioned by the voters courage crime and to secure more authority has been absolute over any at the November election in 1928. swift and sure justice were enacted action of the State Cabinet, but an the pay of Senators and Represeninto law. Probably the most import- amendment was adopted providing tatives would be \$3.00 a day for the ant of these was the new crime code that five members of the Board can period for which elected. This would dealing with criminal procedure and over-ride any such veto.

of the soil will be necessary to produce a good crop, where weak seed is used.

One of the principal causes of shriveled grains and unfilled beans is a poor start in the spring, experiment station tests have proven. Seed low in vitality produce weak plants and depleted soils permit of but slow growth during the first few weeks when the plant should develop the fastest, it has been discovered.

A fairly heavy feeding of the soils, with use of lime where the soil is aciduous, is advocated for the 1927 crops. Early frosts have been found to be a lesser factor in causing measure, codifying and simplifying shrunken corn than slow growth of a large number of previous statutes the plants during early summer. dealing with the same subject mat-

With seed for this summer's plantter. It includes several features of ing selling at prices considerably above the average for other seasons, for conviction the fourth time for soils experts are urging the farmers of the state to give their crops at least a fair chance against the odds by using more fertilizer and fertilping post bill, but it was promptly jzers that are high in acid phosphate content.

One record is given of actual test with corn land that was not fertilized and a plat of the same land that One of the spectacular issues com- was fertilized. The unfertilized plat ng before the 1927 session was the yielded about 31 per cent of mature regulation of lobbyists. Shortly af- corn while the corn raised on soll fed ter convening, both the Senate and an acid phosphate fertilizer matured the House passed amendments to about 98 per cent of the crop.

from the floor of the legislative Sparks From The chambers during the hours of the Logislative Legislative Anvil

Michigan is a State having widely diversified problems and that the An administration bill for the regu- members of the Legislature must be lation of lobbyists was subjected to men of far vision and wide experia dozen or so ridiculous amendments ence in order to function, wisely for companion bill to prevent Senators its many interests and varied indusor Representatives from receiving tries.

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After having remained in session During the closing hours of the longer than any session in many ession the House passed a resolution years, the lawmakers decided that commending the lobbyists for their their present salary of \$800 per two year term was not enough to recompense them for carrying on a prian administration bill was adopted mary and general election campaign, limiting the Governor's power to veto Lansing, so they approved a constiamount to \$2,190 per two-year term.

MAY 27, 1927

# **Many Benefits Are Brought In** To The Farm Home Through The **Extension Courses For Women**

also what is good for the husband

And then how about our clothes!

By MRS. EDITH M. WAGAR

This is Commencement month for thousands of rural women of Michigan, women who have attended of them? Do we know what is real-classes once a month during the Extension year and through their ef-

It has been my privilege to attend Well the loss meals each year? several achievement days during the tell us just these little things that see the enthusiasm and the earnest- tables" right for health and happiness with which our women have ness responded to the method of receiving instruction through the Extension Many of us have felt that we didn't staff of Michigan State College.

From the reports we find that the know what's wrong. We didn't know women not only appreciate the materials as we should, we didn't knowledge gained but enjoy the op. know colors as we should; neither portunity of getting together in a did, we know types of patterns as we community way, around a common should. After we have had instrucinterest, and also the advantage of tion in clothing we learn that the knowing and working with women thin woman must dress far differ. from other parts of the county. ent than the stout, if she is to look Farm women do want to know more her best. We learn the colors we can about better methods of doing their wear and those that we had better every day's tasks; they want to learn leave alone; we learn how to disbetter and easier ways of managing tinguish between good wearing maa home, the proper diet for their terials and those that are not durfamily and how to dress becomingly. able; we learn how to make a gar-

they go through any ordeal 'of ance of getting the right thing af ated fruit juice drinks. change. And if there is a better ter we have had some training along broom or brush or mop than the this line. ones they are using, why not know

spring or mattress to buy so as to have never heard of it-many have the conditions of the Federal Act. get the most comfort and durabil- heard but have not as yet become in- This resolution was carried out comity out of our beds? Remember, we terested-they feel that it is pletely. The Purnell bill was passed spend, or rather should spend, one- somewhat foolish and unneces- by Congress and the State Legislathird of our time in bed-all told, sary but those of us who have ture appropriated \$100,000 for each about 14 weeks a year-so why not been enrolled, know that once a wo- of the next two years for this purhave the best bed possible to get man settles it in her mind that per pose with a provision that the State for our money?

that bed properly after we once get ness, she is going to enjoy the orit right? How much furniture and her neighbors just a bit more. She is rectors had passed a special resoluwhat kind should we have in our going to take a greater interest in tion on this subject and had placed bedrooms or in the living room, and her community than she did before a copy thereof on the desk of each how should it be arranged so as to and she is going to respect her job Representative on the morning when be "handy" and still keep the room as home maker as she never did be- it came up for consideration on the fore attractive?

It is a great satisfaction and con-Do we know all about rugs and carpets and lineolums: What are solation to the great Farm Bureau good quality as well as good taste? family that our organization has con- a State law to provide that action to And do we know the best methods of tributed more financial assistance to collect claims for alleged undercaring for them so that they will the support of Extension work than charges or over-charges in intragive the best wear and still remain all other organizations put together, state railroad freight bills must be attractive? Do we know what to We know that in many counties of started within three years from the use for curtains and how to make our state this good work could not date of shipment. Due to the efforts ing \$1,000,000 of special State-aid to City, Bay Port and Sebewaing Tuesthem suitable for the use given them go on if the County Farm Bureau of the State Farm Bureau, such a and do we know how to seelct books did not provide funds to keep it bill was prepared and guided sucand pictures and ornamental no- there. And we are proud of the fact cessfully through both branches of tions for our homes?

Well, after a term of household assisting. We regret we cannot do the laws relative to the collection of management, we find many a change more, but we have other activities claims uniform for intra- and interwe can make to lighten our work that must be attended to. We must state shipments and will protect and save our steps, we find many not make our work an unbalanced farmers against claims for alleged better methods of doing the common. affair; we must equalize our time, undercharges being brought against everyday, necessary tasks and we our efforts and our money so that them by the railroad companies afhave a better knowledge of how to we may do the most good to the ter the three year period. buy home furnishings and actually most people with our limited oppority and suitableness.

Then, it is a wife's and mother's all of our women.

The apple grade law was amended passed a resolution on this subject o that when apples are packed in addressed to Congress and President boxes they must be sized to within Coolidge and made an appropriation 4 inch or less in diameter and the to maintain Michigan as one of the package must be marked with the states which are promoting this projumerical count of the apples con- ect through membership i in the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Tidewater

ained therein. Hucksters Under Law

The potato grading law was Specific endorsement of the Mc amended so that the grower is ex- Nary-Haugen bill was approved by empt from its provisions only when the delegates as another plank in the he sells potatoes of his own produc- Farm Bureau platform. The State tion direct to a consumer or grocery. Legislature adopted a strong resoluman. Before a grower sells to a tion on this subject and addressed

Association.

trucker he must grade the potatoes it on Congress. and mark the container according to The first resolution adopted at the the prescribed regulations of the law. last annual meeting of the Michigan progressing rapidly, according to C. month and it is indeed pleasing to we should know if we are to "set our If a trucker has in his possession po- State Farm Bureau denounced Mich- O. Larrabee, supervisor of corn borer it takes the enamel off. It is ready tatoes not graded, or filled contain- igan's tax system as inequitable and

ers not marked as prescribed in sadly out of date. It advocated ten the law, it would constitute a viola planks in a tax reform program. While considerable progress was their premises in an effort to control tion of the act. look just right but really didn't

Another Farm Bureau resolution made by measures in accordance the pest. called attention to the fact that with these recommendations, but few there are on the market today arti- of them were finally enacted into been furnished with notices to serve ficially flavored beverages, masquer- law. Tax reform is always up-hill on owners of property who have ading as fruit julces which are de- business and meets the most power- made no attempt to comply with leterious to public health and in- ful and strongly organized selfish opurious to our fruit interests. Legis- position from the groups and classation was favored to provide for es that are so well satisfied with the have the authority to enter upon the truth-in-fruit juices. The lawmakers present distribution of the costs of passed such a measure, the Barnard government.

bill, requiring that the manufacturer The Farm Bureau urged efficiency of imitation fruit juice drinks must and economy in the administration the property and collected on the brand the same "imitation" imme- of the various governmental units same basis as taxes according to exdiately preceding the name of the and study by its members as to how isting state legislation.

School-Aid Bill Passed

the more needy school districts.

The Farm Bureau favored Sen. Len-

non's proposed tobacco tax as an im-

den on real estate. This met such

If a few alterations in the kitchen ment and how to fit a garment prop. fruit drink and in letters the same by the Michigan Tax Economy will do away with countless unnec. erly and how to finish one as well as size as the rest of the name of the League of which the Farm Bureau is essary steps, they want to know how to alter one. We can choose our drink. This rule must be followed one of the backers, and several of in cities and villages disposing of about them. They must be certain hats and the little things of a wo- on all labels and signs used in adver- them passed either the House or the that things can be bettered before man's wardrobe with greater assur- tising any such artifical or adulter- Senate, but failed to be approved by the second branch of the Legislature. The Farm Bureau favored the pas-The Farm Bureau re-affirmed its

sage of the Purnell bill, providing position in favor of a graduated per. farms in the country. There are thousands of Michigan Federal aid for combating the corn sonal income tax to entirely eliminfarm women enjoying this work now, borer and urged state appropriations ate the property tax for State pur-Do we know the kind of bed yet there are thousands more who adequate to supplement and meet poses. The Snow resolution proposing a constitutional amendment to permit a State income tax was given a good deal of consideration, but was finally pigeon-holed.

The Bureau opposed tax-exempt securities. A bill to place an annual that over 90 per cent of the clean-up haps there is something she does Administrative Board might double five mill tax on foreign bonds and work in the state will be done volun-And do we all know how to make not yet know about her own busi- the amount if, in their judgment, other evidences of indebtedness orig- tarily. the emergency demanded it. This inating outside the state, made con-

it? We make up our bed 365 times portunity and beg for more. She is latter provision was written into the siderable progress in the House, but it? We make up our bed 365 times portunity and beg for more. She is latter provision was written into the siderable progress in the House, but going to enjoy the companionship of bill after the State Farm Bureau Di- interests which would have been deprived of a portion of their profits had it been passed, were strong enough to keep it from coming to : final vote.

floor of the House.

Attention was directed by the Freight Bills Outlawed Farm Bureau to the fact that school ty were held Tuesday and Wednes-A Farm Bureau resolution favored taxes in many rural districts were day of last week. A total of 145 excessive and unfair and Bureau girls, members of 10 clubs, had members urged legislation to equal- work on display in their clothing ize the school tax load. The Legis- projects. Thirty-six boys displayed lature met this situation, in part, by work in handicraft. passing the Turner bill, appropriat-

that we have been instrumental in the Legislature. Its enactment makes

strenuous opposition from the to. bacco interests and from newspapers carrying a large amount of tobacco advertising, that it was not reported out of committee.

One of the Farm Bureau resolu-The Farm Bureau favored the get our money's worth, in both qual tunities. But we regret the fact that tions protested against the proposed Black bill, extending the time for the Extension work has not reached general fishing license which was the payment of taxes without being advocated by a certain class added 3 per cent penalty from Janreal job to feed the family properly. Let's tell our women about it; let's of sportsmen. Various measures uary 10 to February 10. This bill Does she know what is best to invite them into our clubs; let's urge along this line were introduced, but passed the House and had many serve them? Does she know why them to form other clubs; let's do no such bill was enacted except a friends in the Senate Committee on of this committee, but he refused to The Bureau adopted a resolution withdraw his opposition to the measendorsing the 18th amendment and ure. On the final night of the session. Approval of more speedy and sure the Volstead act and urging the prop- at the request of Farm Bureau lead-Bureau's Requests justice was another outstanding er state support to make prohibition ers, Governor Green came into the Farm Bureau resolution. The Legis- fully effective. All legislation advo- Senate chamber and spent a half (Continued from page one) The Farm Bureau urged that lature enacted several measures cated by the wet interests was de-hour or so personally pleading with Senator Horton to let this bill out of

# MICHIGAN FARM BUREAU NEWS

## Season Is On For Making Home Brew. Here Is Old Recipe Help Chase wild bullfrogs for thre

Corn Borer Forces Engaged

to hold it down after you drink it. Boil for thirty-six hours, then strain Enforced clean-up of corn land the country and corn patches in through an I. W. W.'s sock to keep and about cities and villages throughit rom workingf. Add one grasshop out the corn borer infested area is per to each pint, to give it a kick Pour a little in the kitchen sink. I control work in the state. The Gov for bottling.

> Railroad errors are costly to farmer-shippers. Let us audit your freight bills and collect overcharges for you.

--- Cervantes

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those who are seriously engaged in

**ENFORCE CLEAN-UP** 

THROUGHOUT STATE

miles and gather up the hops. T them add ten gallons of tan bark to give it a body, half a pint of shellad to make it smooth, one bar of soap to make it foam, and four door knobs

Build Cooperatives The co-ops are doing everything to help reduce the losses on livestock shipments by en-

couraging the use of extra care in handling, especially at this season of the year when fatted hogs can not stand any great exertion during the brief hot spells.

Help the co-ops reduce ship-ping losses. Ship your livestock co-operatively and build a farmers' market in your com-munity. Dividens are returned to your co-op on all shipments at the end of the year.

Be a community booster and reap the added benefits through shipping your livestock to either the

Michigan Livestock Exchange Detroit, Mich.

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

THREE



premises and enforce the clean-up The cost of such enforced clean-up will be assessed against the owner of Forces of men and trucks known as "scavenger crews" are at work corn debris remaining in home gardens and in subdivision plats. Gov-

ernment crews with plows and tractors are busily engaged cleaning up No attempt will be made to molest

she should not prepare some things our bit in extending the system to modified form of the Karcher bill, Taxation, but never was reported by as she has been doing if she wants other counties so that other women which as finally passed, would re- that body. During the last few days to keep the children well, and does may have like opportunities with us. quire a one dollar rod license for of the session, great pressure was she know what her baby needs while Let's support it in every way we can males over 21 years of age who de brought to bear on Senator Horton, it is a baby and what it should have until its influence has touched every sire to fish for trout. all through its growing years; and rural home of our state.

five years in prison.

convicted in self-defense. This pro-

so no death penalty statute was plac-

ed upon Michigan's law books.

# Lawmakers Heeded

hunting on enclosed or occupied along this line, the most notable of feated. land be prohibited unless the con- which was the new crime code, a sent of the owner or occupant of carefully prepared and lengthy docusuch land be first obtained. After ment which repeals and replaces a much effort on the part of farm or- large number of previous laws. It Farm Bureau. The Legislature proganizations and other sympathetic makes several important changes in vided the desired appropriation of which to have paid without penalty agencies, the Legislature enacted the court procedure and criminal pun- \$75,000 for the next two year for but would not have changed the date Horton-Brake bill requiring hunters ishment in harmony with the Farm this purpose.

to obtain the permission of the own- Bureau's declaration for "more er or lessee before entering any speedy and sure justice." farm land or farm wood-lot adjacent. This measure contains provisions for its enforcement and imposes stiff penalties for its violation. This new for persons convicted of first degree the poultry department of the Mich- agricultural communities the town law will relieve farmers of the necessity of posting their property. No conviction rests upon circumstantial approved \$50,000 for each of the his collection fees for a few months matter whether the farm is posted evidence or where a murderer was next two years for this purpose. or not, the responsibility for obtaining the owner's permission now is placed directly upon the hunter.

At one time during the session, when it appeared that the Legislaalong this line, the State Farm Bureau arranged for a joint luncheon of the Senate and House Committees on Conservation and thirty or forty Farm Bureau officials and Minute Men. Unquestionably the arguments and pleas presented at this hearing had considerable to do with the pas-

sage of the Horton-Brake bill. Chicken Stealing Risky

thieves.

One of the Farm Bureau's prinwere enacted.

The Hall bill would require persons or firms purchasing poultry relative to fruits and vegetables and troit milk market area. In response outstanding victory for the Farm for re-sale to fill out certain simple urged the proper financing of this to appeals by organized Michigan Bureau. blanks to be furnished by the Secretary of State. This information made to the Michigan standards for ised that whatever additional funds having been responsible for 21 of the would be kept on file by the dealer grapes, apples and potatoes along may be required to meet the emer- votes against the bill. However, due open to the inspection of all law en-forcing officers to assist them in ap-izations and the better class of dealprehending and convicting poultry er

Continued state supervision and committee. However, he refused to support of the Menominee Agricul- do so. tural school was favored by the

M. S. C. Fares Well

Another agricultural appropria- the county treasurer. It would have tion sought by the Farm Bureau was been of benefit to the farmer tax. Death Penalty Debated The Farm Bureau adopted a reso-lution favoring capital punishment

murder, except in cases where the igan State College. The Legislature ship treasurer now gets more out of Endorsement of the Michigan ceives for a full year's service. posal was one of the leading issues State College extension service was another plank in the Farm Bureau's

before the Legislature throughout the session. The Armstrong-Palmer legislative program. The Legislature bill passed the House 61 to 35 and provided \$335,000 for each of the well defined position regarding high ture was not going to do anything after being materially amended in next two years for this work, an Legislature modifies our present control of the legislature modifies our amount considerably in excess of any Legislature modifies our present gas with a single vote to spare. However, the Senate and house failed to reach an agreement regarding the exact details of any capital punishment bill tion of bovine tuberculosis were tirely and permanent license plates passed by the Farm Bureau. The be issued to be valid for the life of Legislature granted \$250,000 for the car."

each of the next two years for the The Town-Goodwine bills in har-Opposition to the ratification by payment of State indemnities on mony with this program were pre our State Legislature of the proposed slaughtered tubercular cattle. When pared and introduced and received a 20th amendment to the Federal con- this measure was being considered large measure of public approval and cipal resolutions favored any reason- stitution which would give Congress before the Senate and House commit- the support of many lawmakers power to "limit, regulate and pro- tees, the Farm Bureau was well rep- However, the Senate passed the Le courage poultry stealing. After a hibit the labor of persons under 18 resented at the committee hearings. Lees, the Farm Bureau was well rep-great deal of effort and two public years of age" was expressed in an-The City of Detroit has passed a cents without making any change in The City of Detroit has passed a cents without making any change in hearings arranged by the Farm Bu- other resolution adopted by the milk ordinance providing that after the license tax rates. This bill was reau, two companion bills aimed to Farm Bureau. No move along this January 1, 1928, no milk may be earnestly and strenuously opposed free Michigan poultry producers line made any headway in the Legis- sold in the city which does not come by the Farm Bureau when it reach from the handicap of these losses lature during the recent session. from herds tested under State and ed the House and was once defeated A Farm Bureau resolution favor- Federal supervision. There are eight by a vote of 38 yeas to 50 nays. This ed rigid inspection and grading laws non-accredited counties in the De- action was generally regarded as an

essential service. Amendments were dairymen, the Governor has prom- One Detroit daily credited us with

The grape law was amended so The Farm Bureau urged that step: 26. It is now rumored that referen The Huff bill provides definite that definitions of the type and char- be taken without further delay to dum petitions may be circulated. If penalties for various degrees of poul- acter (or confirmation) of bunches enter into a suitable treaty with Can- about 30,000 signatures were securtry stealing. For instance, the lar- would be incorporated in the law, add so that the Great Lakes-St. Law- ed to such petitions, the bill would ceny of poultry valued in excess of which will do away with disputes rence waterway might be completed not take effect until, and unless, ap-\$25,00 would be punishable by at as to when a bunch does or does not and the Great Lakes opened up to proved by the voters at the general ocean-going vessels. The Legislature election in November, 1928. least one year and not more than comply.

**This Is** The Black bill would have given on which the township treasurer must turn over his collections to Of the herds in this associawork than the county treasurer re-Fought 3-Cent Gas Tax the year. The Farm Bureau maintained

College.

association to complete the year and 21 used MILK-MAKER as the major part of their grain ration; three herds used it part of the time.

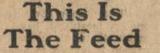
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#### MAY 27, 1927

# **Country Buying of Live Stock by Packers**

#### BY JOHN O'MEALEY

Fec'y Michigan Live Stock Exchange operative commission associations dollars and cents returns to shipper

Outstanding among the questions in the minds of co-operative live stock marketing leaders today is ing whether the development of the fore live stock producers permit the direct program, if carried further, apparent difference of a few cents will pay greater or lesser net re- per cwt. to lure them away from turns than the terminal market sys. their own well organized shipping tem. They are also wondering how associations which are being served served Seed Germination Quality they are going to continue to keep so faithfully by their own terminal their own co-operative terminal live market organizations. stock marketing organizations which are now serving them so well, and movement of live stock to packers must be maintained for future pro- the terminal market is essential. The tection, if this direct movement in- prices for live stock are fixed on the

CUCARAS. unizion irmis, which have demonstrated that his profits could be re- various grades is established. duced without impairing the terminal market service. And now the cooperative machinery which has been set up and has been filling a much needed place in our marketing machine is being treatened by the re-

duction of volume of business hand-led by both the co-operative shipping as: oclations and the co-operative commission agencies as the direct movement increases. Hudson as Example

live stock producing communities, packer who buys direct certainly aids goglation was organized nine years ago the drover had to have a margin of \$2.25 to \$2.50 per cwt. for shipping our live stock. Today the shipping association has reduced this market price less actual shipping exponse. On a load of 70 hogs weighservice nets the owners approximate. ly \$200. Fifty such loads in a year mean a saving of around \$10,000.

While no hogs have been consigned from Hudson direct to packers, many shipping associtations have found themselves confronted with the

ers Co-operative Commission As-sociation at Buffalo, two terminal cc-not forget that the only advance Committees

what sort of policy should be adopt-ed with reference to direct to pack-er marketing. Leaders are wonder-

At the present stage of the direct

terminal markets and every packer situation wherein it is most advisable of older trees they pack it so tight- took up the work have been greatly Achievements in co-operative mar- who buys direct quotes his prices and to test their seed corn before plantketing have been too substantial to makes his purchases on the basis of ing it this spring, it has been brought be lightly thrown aside by practical some designated market, because out during the past few weeks in ually die. Hogs eat the seeds of oak of materials and choice of design be lightly thrown aside by practical state markets are the only medium the testing laboratory of the Michi-live stock producers who remember these markets are the only medium the testing laboratory of the Michi-and beach and thus interfere with with the drafting, cutting, fitting the unorganized days when the drov- so far known through which prices gan Farm Bureau Seed Service where the establishment of seedlings. Heav-and finishing of dresses, formed the ers and old line commission firms for live stock on the hoof can be tests have proven germination of ily pastured woods are easily recog-basis of the instruction which has had fully sway. Drovers have had established. Live stock on the hoof is practically all samples, except a few nized; they are almost entirely detheir day but were checked by the difficult to appraise at best. It is only select lots to be unusually low.

shipping association, which has elim- after it is hung on the hooks in the More than 11,000 ears of seed grass has begun to creep in, and the ment Day was the fact that the leadinated their profits, or at least re- cooler that the true value of all car- corn were tested by pupils of the old trees are beginning to die in the duced them to a minimum. The old casses can be established. Naturally Midland High school, recently, and tops line commission man likewise built in purchasing live stock, as such, the the test averaged about 60 per cent up and maintained his empire until human element plays a prominent the Seed Service was informed. This, from the shelter afforded by woods. the coming of the co-operative com- part and through competition among however, is considerably higher than Two or three acres, however, will as the final lesson. purchasers, the average price for the many samples brought in to the Seed ordinarily give them all the shelter

Service for test. **Good Hogs Wanted** 

Packers who purchase hogs direct which insisted it was of extra good grow wood crop. prefer selected grades of the best quality, was found to test but about obtainable quality. The result of this practice is that the poorer grades, the odds and ends, go to the terminal market and there help to lower the average price on which future coun-other lots of seed showed up Other lots of seed showed up try purchases are made. This is one of the most vicious features of the about 20, 40, 65, 75 per cent and up direct purchasing of hogs in the to around 80 per cent for the best,

age of good hogs coming to the cent where the ears had been proper- tural Association, has written about Mrs. Ed. Prillwitz, Mrs. Bertha Starting in my home community age of good hogs coming to the ly assorted last fall and put in dry-at Hudson, Mich., which is a fair market and thereby increasing the ling racks indoors during the winter sample, representing hundreds of percentage of poorer grades, the ing racks indoors during the winter. Comparing the seed thus handled we all can remember when our as- in lowering the average price of all with the seed as it is handled on the Farm Bureau baseball. We will hogs on the market and in so doing average farm in Michigan gives a lit- have 18 county teams in the field this Eau Claire, county chairman was recreates a favorable situation for his the side light on why the best seed year. This seems to be a valuable elected for another year. The fore-

country purchases next day. Live stock producers are interested a bushel this spring. in having a market for their stock at The Farm Bureau Seed Service has it will be worth while to stimulate Briggs, of Niles, which were very margin to around \$1.00 to \$1.10. The all times. If both a terminal market had to reject a lot of seed this spring interest in organizing one. Most of well received. stock is handled more efficiently now and a direct outlet for hogs are going simply because the germination was the teams play Saturday afternoons. at Hudson than it was in the old to be supported, the sooner live stock so low that no safe guarantee could The state championship game is aldays and every man gets terminal producers realize the fact and organ- be given the user when, with just a ize their selling agencies accordingly little extra care in handling it during Illinois Agricultural Association. the better it will be for them. At the winter, much of it undoubtedly ing 250 pounds this co-operative present it seems that all the direct could have been sold as safe seed this the baseball game than in almost any movement has done is to disorganize spring. the co-operative machinery that the live stock producers have been care-Not Us

fully building and perfecting so that they might have a regular daily out-A new concern operating on the let for all classes of animals. Detroit market under the name of Problem to be Met the Farmers' Poultry o. has no con

problem of reduced volume of busi-ed buying must be met with organiz-Bureau. It has well been said that organiz- nection whatever with the Farm ness and consequent disorganization ed selling. That cannot be done if of their service in places where full live stock producers lose control of loads of hogs have been moved direct their product and let every producer to packers outside of the shipping compete against every other producassociation channels. This is a famil- er in the sale of his live stock. Changiar story in scores of shipping as- ing conditions will modify present sociations throughout the Corn Belt. marketing practice. Increased sup-Our live stock from Hudson all plies of hogs in the country will no goes to the Michigan Live Stock Ex- doubt have some effect on reducing change at Detroit, or to the Produc- the volume of country purchases by



Much Below Average

This Season Farmers of Michigan are facing a

wood, poles, posts and lumber near at hand. Livestock eat and break down the young growth, bend it, strip it of bark, and tramp it out. Also by tramping the soil around the roots

from the roots and the trees grad-

Livestock undoubtedly benefit

they need; the remainder of the munity singing "America the Beau-One quantity of corn, the owner of woods had better be fenced off to tiful" led by Mrs. Beulah Shaffer.



E. G. Thiem, of the Information country. By decreasing the percent. except a few lots that tested 100 per department of the Illinois Agricul- ladies' quartette sang, composed of Farm Bureau baseball.

He says, "Our counties are developing a great deal of interest on ways held at the annual picnic of the There is probably more interest in

# Livestock Association

other feature of the picnic.'

Holds Annual Meeting The first annual meeting of the Michigan Livestock Loss Prevention Association was scheduled for Thursday and Friday of this week, to be held at the Fort Shelby hotel, Detained by shippers each year.



The farm wood lot is more valu-Two hundred fifty women gatherable as a producer of wood than as a pasture for livestock. A year's for. ed at the Methodist church in Berage production in the average wood rien Springs, Tuesday, May 10, to lot is estimated to be worth from 25 participate in Achievement Day for cents to \$1.25 an acre. In the same the Clothing Project which was ortime a well-managed wood lot will ganized last fall under the U. S. Deadd from one-half to one cord of partment of Agriculture and Michiwood. In addition there is the con- gan State College, co-operating with

venience of having a supply of cord the Berrien county agricultural wood, poles, posts and lumber near agent, the Berrien county Farm Bu-

ly that air and water are excluded benefited by the instruction received.

Home Sewing equipment, selection been given the various clubs and one roid of hushy undergrowth, a sod of the special features of Achieveers and most of the other club members were attired in the modified kimono dresses, made by themselves

The program opened with com-Supt. E. L. Stewart of the Berrien Springs schools welcomed the leaders to Berrien and congratulated them in adopting improved methods in their homes. Miss Edna Gleason, specialist from M. S. C., who has had charge of the project here, gave a very interesting report of the work accomplished, following which a

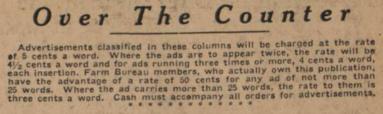
Keegley, Miss Laura Becker and Mrs. Beulah Shaffer, all of Eau Claire. A short business session was then held and Mrs. James A. Richards of

corn has been selling for around \$7 publicity project. If you do not al- noon session closed with three exready have a state league I believe cellent readings by Mrs. Esther

> During the noon hour luncheon was served by the ladies of the U. B. church and the remainder of the time was spent in viewing the exhibits. A photographer was present and secured pictures of the leaders and various groups at this time.

At 1:30 the afternoon session opened with a piano solo by Miss Rae Becker of Berrien Center, and the ladies then listened to a pleasing address given by Miss Brekke. Community singing preceded a play, "The Neighbors," sleverly presented by members of the Women's Study Club of Eau Claire. The program was concluded by the singing 01

Achievement Day was a fitting close to the months of study and accomplishment of the various club women and demonstrated beyond a doubt that the time given to the project has been well spent and will be of inestimable value in the choos-



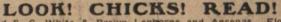
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the market and direct to packer lines. Good sound practical judgment points covered in the season's work, from country points, there has been on the part of producers themselves enough to bring the question prom- will determine, however, whether good wall and floor coverings, corinently before both boards of direc- they will be the gainers or the losers and many others. tors because of the disorganizing in the process. effect any decreases in present Saving in freight through direct

volume would have. Problem Before Congress

This, foo, is a familiar problem on economies which are advocated for ad at work and all other groups. Potluck dinner will be serveres who were teaching twenty-four leadpractically every market where co- direct selling will have to meet the ed at noon.

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sales agencies which are which has been made in markeing in ing to whip into shape final plans their work, together with the work the home. rendering our shippers better service the past and will be made in market- for the Cass County Home Furnish- of the club champions from the South than we have ever known before. in the future will be through ings Achievement Day scheduled to Haven clubs, were judged for the These two organizations, since they organization of producers them-be held at the New Dowagiac school county champions which resulted in were established in 1922, have earn- selves. Let's not hold the penny so building on Thursday, June 2. This Miss Dorothy McKinzie of Keeler betrons. This money has been used to fet up a reserve and the balance has premium, provided it is an actual been studying Home Furnishings the of Almena being declared the County Again, while neither of these two co- tinue after the co-operative machin- Specialist Marion R. Hoffman.

Again, while heither of these two to the after the to gain after t

C. B. Dibble of the M. S. C. Entomology Department was in Cass lectures at Cassopolis, Jones, Edsubject The object of these meetings, more

not to stir up excitement, but rather ably field selected. to acquaint as many as possible with the facts. Forewarned is said to be forearmed and Cass County farmers (3) Abundant plant food Pote Burning of corn refuse and the use seed. of oil burners, while extremely spec-

tacular and efficient, is recommended only as a last resort. Plowing under of stubble and stalks is cheaper does not deplete the soil of humus and is very efficient if properly done An appropriate warning at this time is to avoid planting an acreage so great that it can not be cared for

If the control regulations are in tion of acreage.

ship of 152 boys and girls. the Almena, Barnum, Clapp, Glidden-

and Riverbend schools.

past winter under the direction of Champion of the Handicraft clubs.

expected that from twenty to twentysuch as arrangement of furniture, five clubs devoted to calf raising, pig raising, poultry raising, potato growrect window treatment, home dyeing ing and canning, will be completed.

VanBuren County has been carry-Everyone is invited to attend the ing on the Extension Soils Project Saving in freight through direct consignment, saving in grading and double deck loading, and all other Been enrolled in any of the local consignment, saving in grading and been enrolled in any of the local consignment, saving in grading and double deck loading, and all other

groups of about 400 members. Menominee County is proud of the fact that we are the leading potato County recently giving illustrated growers of Upper Michigan. We are not so proud of our acre yield on wardsburg and Marcellus, on the many occasions and inasmuch as high corn borer. In spite of the fact that acre yield ushally goes with low prothe meetings were arranged on short duction cost per bushek high yield is notice, attendance was good, indi- generally considered essential to ecocating a wide-spread interest in the nomical potato production. The "big five" in potato growing include:

of which will be held next fall, is certified or good clean seed, prefer-(1) Good seed, meaning either

(2) A good seed bed, free from can congratulate themselves that so respond as quickly as any other farm (3) Abundant plant food. Potatoes much in the way of control has been crop to good applications of manure worked out previous to our being and commercial fertilizers. Potatoes reached by the borer. No one knows are generally considered heavy users when the insect will reach us, but more than likely its coming will not should be applied in or near the row be postponed to exceed a year or two. but not in actual contact with the

> (4) Seed properly treated. The corrosive sublimate treatment is the one recommended for the past three or four years. It is easy to apply, inexpensive and very effective.

(5) Proper spraying, including lead or calcium arsenate for the benefit of the bugs.

Six weeks ago we were expecting force next spring. American farmers or later than usual in getting our borer and without a drastic reduc- corn planted. With this condition, it is doubly important that if our corn Van Buren County's winter club matures properly, that it be pushed work has been closed with two along as rapidly as possible. An ap-Achievement Days, one held at South plication of 150 pounds of acid phos-Haven on May 9, where four clubs phate per acre will accomplish this were represented, and a recent one result, add greatly to our corn yield at Paw Paw, where seventeen clubs and hasten maturity several days, were represented, making a total of The dairyman knows from experience 21 clubs with an enrolled member- that silage made from immature corn is washy, quite acid and of low feed-The seventeen clubs represented ing value, while silage made from corn which has reached the dent burg, Keeler, Lee, Richmond, Acorn stage always gives the best feeding

results.