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STATE FARM BUREAU'S PUBLIC SERVICE PROGRAM

LEGISLATION

Passage of the Capper-French Truth-in-Patent bill; completion and operation of the U. S. Muscle Shoals Nitrates plant...

TAXATION

Relief for sorely burdened farm property by enactment of:

- (a) Two cent gasoline tax for highway funds. (b) State income tax in place of State's 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.

TRANSPORTATION

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

MARKETING

Extension of sound co-operative marketing program now well under way in Michigan.

AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE

Adequate protection for farmers against loss by fire, theft, collision, property damage and public liability furnished at reasonable rates.

DO OR DIE

A recognized principle of all life is that when it ceases to function decay sets in and death follows. This is true not only in a concrete physical sense but also applies to the activities we humans engage in.

have a program and must provide the machinery for giving their members a chance to participate in the program or there surely will be dead wood in the Farm Bureau organization. With this in mind a large number of our County Farm Bureaus have set up a plan of organization that provides for activity on the part of its members.

Leaf Hopper Burns Foreign Clovers Domestic Strains Escape; 1927 Work at State College Adds Emphasis to the Importance of Using Michigan Adapted Seeds

The following letter from Professor J. F. Cox of the Michigan State College Farm Crops Dept is of interest to every man who plants clover or alfalfa. It gives us some more light on the importance of Michigan adapted seed:

Mr. Clark L. Brody, Michigan State Farm Bureau, Lansing, Michigan. Dear Mr. Brody: The experimental work at the Michigan State College, during the past summer, has added further emphasis to the need of securing clover seed from the right localities for use in Michigan.

The Michigan State Farm Bureau takes a great deal of satisfaction in such a letter. Its seed service was founded on the principles of known origin, Michigan adapted, high yielding, true to name, and pure strains of the different varieties of farm crops seeds, along the lines recommended by the State College.

CERTAIN CURE FOR SOFT SHELL EGGS

Probably one of the most annoying things in the poultry business is the frequent laying of soft shelled eggs by a group of hens, or even only one hen. It is a sign that something is unprofitably and radically wrong with the hens—something that should be righted immediately.

SPLendor MARKS INAUGURATION OF LONDON'S MAYOR

Brilliance Of Medieval And Modern Pageant Rivals Circus Day

London, Nov. 9.—Cinderella's gold coach came to London today as real as anything. And in the fairy prince's seat was the new lord mayor—Sir Charles Batho—all smiles and bows.

Within The Co-op

Down at Quiney, Michigan, Warren Dobson, a Co-op manager, comes at his members this way: "Now, we don't like to criticize. We will not. What we will do is to state plain facts for their honest worth."

COTTONSEEDS ONCE A NUISANCE NOW GOLDEN NUGGETTS

The cottonseed, "considered a menace to livestock and a nuisance to dispose of," not longer than 40 years ago, now on a very conservative estimate contributes \$500,000,000 towards the national welfare.

Newaygo Farm Bodies Hold Joint Session

A combined farm organization meeting consisting of Farm Bureau committeemen, representatives from the Grange, co-ops, and Chamber of Commerce, was held at Fremont November 2.

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STATE TAX BD. REDISTRICTING COSTLY TO US

Divide State So That Farmer Representative Loses Best Sections

Recently, for the first time, Michigan farmers secured a representative on the important Michigan State Tax Commission, in the person of M. B. McPherson of Lowell, a member of the State Farm Bureau Board of Directors.

However, when the three members of the Tax Commission held their first meeting, this is what happened: The Detroit and upper peninsula members voted that the Detroit member should have Detroit and all of central Michigan to include all the important agricultural counties and the upper peninsula member should have the whole upper peninsula territory, and that Mr. McPherson should have the sparsely settled upper section of the lower peninsula. This careful disposition of Michigan farmers' interests was by a strict two to one vote.

DO NOT LET THE MAYOR BE A SCAPE GOAT

It was the lord mayor's show, as they call it, when old London each year for a glorious hour or so turns out in search of its youth.

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Declares Equalization Fee Is Needed For Surplus Control

SENATOR WATSON GIVES VIEWS ON PROPOSED PLAN

Says Farms Will Pay Cost, Bear Any Losses, Get The Benefits

LIKE OTHER BUSINESS

May Need Changes, As Did I. C. C., Federal Reserve Legislation

By SENATOR JAMES E. WATSON of Indiana

No farm legislation can be made helpful that does not provide some method of taking care of surplus production, and in my judgment the only sound way to do this necessary thing is by means of an equalization fee.

The opposition to surplus-control legislation has picked the equalization fee as the vital point in this legislation, and special efforts have been made to eliminate it from any bill that may be passed by Congress.

One by one the objections which for three years have been urged against farm-relief legislation have been abandoned except the one to the equalization fee.

The entire controversy, in Congress and out of it, over farm legislation has finally resolved itself into this proposition from the opposition:

Any farm legislation within reason, provided it contains no equalization fee.

The reason for all this is obvious. Surplus-control legislation without the equalization fee would be unworkable and ineffective. The fee is the crux of the whole situation.

Although opposition to the equalization fee has been voiced many times in Congress, in personal discussions, and in the press, one will have difficulty in recalling more than two definite reasons for opposition to it. Some argue that it is unconstitutional; others, that it farmers do not want it.

The purpose of the equalization fee is (a) to raise funds from trade in a commodity to enable farmers to manage temporary and seasonal surpluses in ways that will prevent such surpluses from driving the price of the whole crop to unprofitable levels, and (b) to distribute the cost and benefits ratably to all the marketed product.

Whatever plan may be employed will involve cost, expense, and financial risk. Our export surplus of wheat can not be handled in a way to maintain a domestic price level in keeping with American standards of living and with domestic industrial prices without involving costs, trade risks, and losses. Surplus cotton cannot be carried over from years of large crops to years of small crops without expense and some risk of loss.

In a word, stabilization of agriculture can not be accomplished by theorizing and talking about it, but must be accomplished in the market places by actual transactions in actual commodities.

Under New Name The equalization fee is a new thing in name only. The principle involved in it is as old as the Government itself. It is this: That all beneficiaries of an undertaking in behalf of the public welfare shall contribute ratably toward paying the cost.

These facts raise the question who represents farmer opinion and farmer sentiment—Washington politicians, grain exporters, the United States Chamber of Commerce, business lobbyists or the farmers' own organizations?

Why should not farmers be willing to pay a small equalization fee to get profitable prices? The farmers of the South paid to somebody what amounted to a fee of \$25 a bale loss on their cotton this year because they did not have a chance to pay a \$2 a bale equalization fee to take the surplus off the market.

Loan Scheme Impracticable To offer Government loans to farmers as a substitute for an equalization fee is to do a useless thing. Loans are useful and necessary in business, but they cannot properly be used or substituted for original capital.

As losses and costs of stabilizing farm crops must be paid out of the stabilization funds there will be need for periodical or occasional replenishment. Funds for that purpose should be provided by the particular crop industry through an equalization fee.

If the stabilization funds should be secured by loans alone, impairment of them by costs and losses resulting from operations, could only be made good with further loans. Merely to state this method is to expose the utter fallacy of stabilizing crops by use of loans.

The equalization fee will serve three principal purposes. It will provide the capital fund for managing surpluses, it will prorate the cost equitably upon all the marketed units of the commodity, and it will operate in some degree as a restraint upon over-production.

Under no conceivable circumstances can loans by the Government, or any other agency, accomplish any one of these three purposes. Therefore, no loan plan can properly be called an adequate stabilization plan.

Some have objected to an equalization fee on the ground that it involves some degree of compulsion that farmers will rebel against the collection of a fee on their products. There is a measure of compulsion in the bill, as there is in all law. No law is ever needed to require people to do that which all of them will do voluntarily.

The terms of the bill prevent its application to any commodity unless the spokesmen and representatives of the producers of that commodity ask for it.

Is Fundamental Legislation Another frequently heard objection is that surplus-control legislation is new and novel and an untried experiment.

In the very nature of things all fundamental legislation must be new and untried and to that extent an experiment. The interstate commerce act was an untried experiment when it was passed. So was the national bank law, the original protective tariff law, and all new legislation.

Get a License A colored agent was summoned before the insurance commissioner. "Don't you know," said the commissioner, "that you can't sell life insurance without a state license?"

HERE IS THE LAW TO HALT HUNTERS WHO TRESPASS

None May Hunt Without Permission Of Land Owner

An act to regulate hunting in any public park, public game preserve or upon any farm lands or farm wood lots connected therewith or within the enclosed lands of any hunting club or game preserve.

Section 1. No person shall hunt with firearms or dogs, or in any other manner, in any public park or public game preserve, at any time. No person shall hunt with firearms, or dogs, or in any other manner, upon any farm lands or farm wood lots connected therewith or within the enclosed lands of any hunting club or game preserve without the consent of the owner or lessee of such lands or lots.

Section 2. All prosecutions under this act shall be in the name of the People of the State of Michigan, and shall be brought before a justice of the peace, police magistrate or other court of competent jurisdiction in the county in which the offense was committed, and within one year from the time the offense charged was committed.

Section 3. It shall be the duty of all prosecuting attorneys, of this State in their respective counties to see that the provisions hereof are enforced and to prosecute all persons charged with violating the provisions hereof; but prosecutions before a justice of the peace, lessee or agent may be made without complaint, permit or consent of the prosecuting attorney.

Section 4. Any person violating any of the provisions of this act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not less than ten dollars nor more than fifty dollars, and may be committed to the county jail until such fine and costs of the proceedings are paid, not exceeding thirty days; and for a second or any subsequent conviction he shall be punished by a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars and in addition thereto shall be imprisoned in the county jail for a period of not more than thirty days.

Section 5. It shall be unlawful for any person to resist or obstruct any officer or person empowered to make arrests under the provisions of this statute.

Section 6. All acts or parts of acts contravening the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

LOSS PREVENTION PROGRAM PLANNED

Educational campaigning and general publicity will be relied on again during the coming year for effecting further reductions in the losses to shippers of livestock through a cutting down of the number of animals killed or injured in transit.

MICHIGAN PLANS 3D STATE FERRY

Motorists going across the Straits next summer ought not to be held up on account of lack of ferry facilities, it was indicated at a recent meeting of the state administrative board when Gov. Fred Green informed a delegation from St. Ignace, representing a private concern that is all set to begin ferry operations with one new boat next summer, that the State of Michigan is bound by statute to continue operating the ferries across the Straits and is negotiating for a third boat to use next summer.

Thus, it appears, with the private concern, under the direction of E. J. LaChance, of St. Ignace, putting one new ferry line into operation and with the state adding another boat, the traffic congestion between the two peninsulas of Michigan ought to be greatly relieved.

The state highway department recently submitted figures that fold of considerable delay in motor vehicular traffic across the Straits, there being as many as 200 cars waiting in line after the state ferry loaded, on various occasions, when tourist trade was the heaviest.

NEW STANDARDS ARE SOUGHT FOR MILK INDUSTRY

Michigan Man Believes Milk Should Be Priced On Test Basis

Opinions of two United States senators, a congressman and various state officials dealing with what were said to be serious problems involving the production, distribution and consumption of milk and its derivatives, made public today by the Milk and Milk Products Research Bureau of Grand Rapids, Mich., show, it was said, that in many states (and in Canada) need for closer sanitary supervision was imperative.

The department reserves the right to determine when conditions are favorable for the use of the stubble pulverizer, and will co-operate in the supervision and direction of the work.

The department will not assume any responsibility as to property damage and personal injury.

Signs Seen in Passing In front of an Eaton Rapids movie house: "All children accompanied by parents under 12 years of age admitted free."

In the men's compartment of a Grand Rapids rest room: "No smoking allowed in this room. Please do not scratch matches on the walls."

In a junk shop near a railroad crossing at Hastings carries a sign with this hint to motorists: "Go ahead; take a chance. We'll buy the car."—Ionia News.

OFFER PULVERIZER FOR CORN STUBBLE

Department of Agriculture Allows Use of Some Special Machines

The United States Department of Agriculture will co-operate with farmers in an experiment in the use of government-owned stubble pulverizers on corn ground which is to be sown to small grains, such experiment for the present time to be confined to ground which is to be sown to wheat.

When, in the opinion of the department, a sufficient number of farmers have made a written request through the chairman of the corn borer committee of their county, then the department will enter into a co-operative agreement with the chairman of the corn borer committee or any duly authorized agent of a group of farmers for the purpose of determining the effectiveness of stubble pulverizing when used in the fall, and for this purpose will deliver, as long as the equipment is available, a complete unit which will consist of a tractor, power take-off and stubble pulverizer to any designated point within the one per cent corn borer area, such equipment to be received by the chairman of the committee, or the duly authorized agent or a group of farmers, as the case may be, who will assume responsibility for the care of said equipment, who will then place it at the disposal of a group who have made application for same, without a charge for use of equipment, providing they will agree to accept and operate it under the following conditions:

Providing the department is furnished with full and complete record of the work and that the equipment will be placed in charge of a competent operator and said group to agree to use the same grade and quality of oil designated by the manufacturer of said equipment.

The equipment must be operated under favorable conditions and kept in continuous operation as far as conditions will permit.

The department will service the equipment covering necessary repairs free of charge, but will not assume responsibility for other operating costs.

That the equipment will not be moved over the road at a speed greater than five miles per hour and must not be used on stubbles more than 10 inches in height.

In case the stubble pulverizer does not do a complete job, the farm operator will agree to do any additional work necessary to comply with the state corn borer regulations.

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Michigan Livestock Exchange Detroit, Mich. or Producers Co-Op Com. Ass'n East Buffalo, N. Y.

Sow Clean Seed! Until Dec. 15th we will do custom cleaning at the following rates. (Note—no cleaning charge on seed you wish returned for your own use if we buy your crop): All charges are based on the weight of seed when received. You pay transportation both ways.

SERVICE SATISFACTION SAFETY ECONOMY STATE FARM MUTUAL AUTO INS. CO. Bloomington, Ill. Insure Your Car In A 4 SQUARE COMPANY Here is an automobile insurance company that serves farmers only.

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