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STATE FARM BUREAU'S PUBLIC SERVICE PROGRAM

LEGISLATION
Passage of the Copper-French Truth-in-Fabric bill; completion and operation of the U. S. Muscle Shoals Nitrates plant and manufacture of fertilizer; opposition to any form of sales tax or of consumption tax; extension of federal income tax; Passage of Gooding-Ketchum Seed Staining bill.
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We are in favor of legislation eliminating the hiring of aliens to determine the sanity of defendants in murder trials and are in favor of replacing this system by the appointment of a medical commission to make this determination after the guilt or innocence of the defendant has been determined by a jury.

At the Hickman trial we see a repetition of a farce which sooner or later the country will have to do something about. This is the leaving to a jury of the decision whether a defendant is sane or not. This practice, no doubt, had its origin when insanity was a simple matter that anybody could make up his mind about.

Yet how can a jury form any opinion on so technical a question as mental disease? Even if it had the benefit of sound evidence it would be as helpless as an idiot if it tried to diagnose some physical disease. But it does not even have this. In the present case, as in most cases that are tried this way, the best it can do is make up its mind between two sets of alienists, both of them obviously biased in favor of their retaining fees.

Michigan Learning to Produce Alfalfa Seed

The certification service enables the growers to get a better price for their seed and also provides a protection for the purchasers. During the past season Michigan certified Hardigan alfalfa seed of the Blue tag grade was sold out quickly at \$33.00 per bushel.

The Michigan grower of high quality alfalfa seed will have an excellent market for his product for many years to come. He does have two problems. The first problem is to determine when his alfalfa seed is going to set satisfactorily. Bright clear weather apparently favors seed production. If such weather prevails during the first blooming period, those interested in alfalfa seed production will do well to let their alfalfa crop come to full bloom and then watch that bloom.

The Michigan alfalfa seed industry cannot prosper unless weeds are controlled. Growers attempting seed production must have clean fields or their crop will be of very low value or worthless. Catchfly and quack grass have caused the greatest number of rejections in the certification work of the Michigan Crop Improvement Association, yet catchfly can be controlled quite easily if it is pulled out in the field.

Clean seed can be produced in Michigan. Persistent effort will control weeds. Official analysis by the Chief State Seed Analyst showed one lot of Michigan certified alfalfa seed to be 99.92 per cent pure. The most of the certified seed is Blue tag purity, that is, better than 99.50 per cent. Michigan's alfalfa seed industry must be built on that kind of a foundation.

Digest of McNary Bill Passed by the Senate

Such marketing arrangements shall provide for withholding from the market the portion of such surplus delivered to the co-ops by their members. It shall also provide for the co-ops purchasing and withholding any part of the surplus not delivered by their members. The marketing agreement shall provide for all losses, costs and charges arising

premium type of insurance shall be from a premium insurance fund for the commodity, to be established by the Farm Board. Under the premium type, the co-ops would buy price decline insurance from the Farm Board.

The proposed Act provides a revolving fund of not less than \$400,000,000 from the U. S. Treasury, such fund to be administered by the Farm Board, and to be provided by the Treasurer of the United States from time to time, as deemed necessary.

It shall be the duty of any establishment in the executive branch of the Government to co-operate in carrying out the provisions of this Act, and upon request of the Board the President shall transfer any officer or employe of the executive branch of the Government to the service of the Farm Board.

out of the withholding, purchasing and disposing of such surplus to be met out of the price stabilization fund (which is advanced from the general revolving fund), and for repayment into the stabilization fund of all profits, after costs, charges and advances to co-ops from the stabilization fund have been repaid.

Crop Control
If the Board finds that its advice regarding planting or breeding of any commodity has been substantially disregarded by the producers, so that the increase is much greater than the average normal increase, the Board may refuse to commence a surplus marketing period, and it may terminate any existing surplus marketing period for such a commodity.

The Equalization Fee
In order to carry out the marketing and non-premium insurance agreement in respect of any agricultural commodity without loss to the revolving fund, each marketed unit of such agricultural commodity shall, throughout any marketing period in respect of such commodity, contribute ratably to its equitable share of the losses, costs and charges arising out of such agreements.

Price Stabilization Funds
For each commodity the Farm Board establishes a surplus marketing arrangement, a stabilization fund will be created, under the control of the Farm Board.

There shall be deposited to the credit of the stabilization fund (1) advances from the main revolving fund (2) profits arising out of the surplus marketing agreement on the particular commodity (3) repayment of advances to co-ops for withholding financing purchases of, or disposing of the commodity surplus (4) equalization fees collected on the commodity.

Price Decline Insurance
In order that co-operative associations handling any staple commodity may with reasonable assurance make payments to members at time of delivery, fairly reflecting the current market value of the commodity, the Farm Board is authorized to enter into an agreement for the insurance of such co-operative associations against price decline under terms defined by the Board.

Such insurance will run for 12 months, commencing with the delivery season. Such insurance may be non-premium or premium, in the judgment of the Farm Board.
Price decline payments required to co-ops under the non-premium type of price decline insurance, shall be from the stabilization fund of the commodity. Payments under the

are pressed back. The job of harvesting is more easily done with less risk of damage to knives after a field has been cut-packed or rolled in the spring.

As another hangerover from Better English Week we are told about a teacher correcting a little girl who had just said:
'I ain't going.'
'You must not say, 'I ain't going'; you must say, 'I am not going.' Then she added to impress the point: 'I am not going. He is not going. We are not going. You are not going. They are not going. Now, dear, can you say all that?'

The little girl nodded and smiled. 'Sure!' she replied. 'They ain't nobody going.'

Absentmindedness
The conversation at a recent meeting of the City Club somehow turned to absentmindedness.
One member told about a neighbor of his. 'On the way down town the other morning,' he replied this bird thought he'd left his watch at home, and then he took it out to see if he had time to go back and get it.

'That isn't so bad,' said another member, 'as a man I once knew. One day when he left his office, he put out a card saying he'd be back at three o'clock, and then, finding he'd forgotten something, went back to his office, read the notice on the door and sat down on the stairs to wait until three o'clock.' Single Top Trail.

FARMERS! State Mutual Rodded Fire Insurance Co. of Mich. Insure in the Largest Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Company In Michigan

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Which Will Your Alfalfa Look Like After Three Winters? Insist on Michigan Adapted Alfalfa Michigan Farm Bureau Seed Service



