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DIRECT BUYING BY PACKERS NOT GOOD FOR THE PRODUCER

Enables Packers to Evade The Competition Which Builds Prices

NOT BONDED TO PAY

Indiana Farm Bureau Man Tells Dangerous Points In The System

By LEE R. HIGHLEN Director of Live Stock Marketing. Indiana Farm Bureau

The farmer's efforts to control the marketing of his product have, of course, resulted in the elimination of some old line individuals and in-

These have retaliated by attempting to gain control of the live stock at the point of production. In In diana shipments direct with the use of many little daily markets, are the means used to attack the co-operative marketing system. Many farmers have been led to believe that a little market, which is nothing more than buying by the packer direct in the country, is beneficial to their inter-

Will Pay No More

The Indiana Farm Bureau is opposed to direct buying in the country and the little markets, on the theory that no packer or other buyer will go to the country and pay more for live stock than it would cost him on his natural terminal market. Direct Believes President's Objec- Officers And Members Meet zation in the state selling the prodto-the-packer movement takes the cream of the live stock and leaves the culls to go to the open market and make the market on which all live stock is sold.

and the farmer is subjected to a vi- Senate, April 12: from the open market.

Payment Not Guaranteed Again, the Packer and Stockyard as my judgment. responsibility and reliability of the country buyer is the only protection that the livesteel workship is the livesteel

them to him direct.

Some of the Risk farmer who likes to deal in livestock. Labor can regulate through the unwho can go to the bank and finance ions the price it is to receive for the several thousand dollars worth of services it sells, but the farmer to receive until he reads the market ford of Benton Harbor. livestock, providing the bank thinks knows nothing about the price he is report in the newspapers. he has a suitable outlet. This man will buy hogs, consign them to this = five per cent he will receive settlement for in from ten days to two weeks later, but in the meantime seen that fifteen or twenty of this kind of men in that many communities in the country would furnish this packer with enough hogs that he could operate his plant and yet the try buyers would be financing the packer, and the packer whose bond does not apply in the country, if he had a bond, is in on way responsible or in no way guaranteeing that he will pay the balance due. should perchance go into the hands of a receiver, when these farmer buyers

titled to, it might suffer also. I think that every bank that is furnishing money for a packer buyer in its community should make sure that the packer-buyer is entitled to the credit being extended to him. They owe this to their depositors. The farmers, however, should stop and consider that all is not gold that glitters. While they may appear to sometimes get a good price for hogs that go direct to the packer, it is beset with many dangers that might ruin the savings of a lifetime.

had several thousand dollars worth

of hogs consigned to him they might

lose their farms and if the bank had

given more credit than they were en-

Packers defend direct-to-packer marketing by stating that some of their plants are so located that it is necessary for them to buy direct. In answer to this statement I want to ask this question: "Who located these packing plants so it was neces-(Continued on page two)

Time to Look 'em Over



SENATOR COUZENS **EXPLAINS SUPPORT** OF M'NARY BILL

tions Met And Plan Should Have a Trial

The Detroit News of April 13, pubmarkets are detrimental to the live lished the following statement from the County Farm Bureaus is now un. Farm Bureau and the "Michigan stock farmers' best interests, because Senator James Couzens as to why der way. It will be recalled that last are working hand in hand in some they develop into a one man outlet he voted for the McNary bill in the year six such meetings were held, important matter and a very friendly

may compare reasonably well with fully as I could, in view of the lim- adoption of such new policies as the the terminal price. Packer buying ited time I had available from other coupon book plan; a renewed interest Farm Burtau. in the country removes competition business and, finding I had no con- in County Farm Bureau programs, structive suggestions to offer decid- etc. ed to accept the committee's decision

the country. Therefore, the personal was found unconstitutional the bal- a similar purpose.

hogs for him in the country and ship relief, it has always struck me as unfortunate that the 6,000,000 farm- St. Clair, Lapeer, and Genesee. ers of the country should have no That proposition works out like voice whatever in fixing the price

CO. FARM BUREAU **MEETINGS IS ON**

To Build Programs For 1928

out of which grew some very impor-"I went into the matter as care- tant suggestions which led up to the zations. The "Michigan" is one of ports of conditions in many place

administration has no jurisdiction over business transacted outside of eliminated at least nine of the obublic stockyards. The Packer and jections the President raised to the Kent, Allegan, Barry and Ottawa met jections the President raised to the Kent, Allegan, Barry and Ottawa met bill in his veto message last year. and considered a special plan for and urged the directors to stand by sufficient recovery to produce profit these bonds apply to stock bought in even if this portion of the measure met at St. Johns on April 17th for

MICHIGAN FRUIT GROWERS SERVES PRODUCERS WELL

Co-operation Has Increased Returns; Benefited Communities

2,000 ACTIVE MEMBERS

Ass'n Works With State Farm Bureau In Public Policy Matters

By J. A. RICHARDS Sec'y Berrien Co. Farm Bureau Benton Harbor, April 13-The ar aual meeting of the Michigan Frui Growers Inc. was held at the office here, April 12. Representatives from nearly all of the 19 associations affiliated with the "Michigan" attended a very good meeting. Reports for the past year were given and all the officers were re-elected. Directors from up and down the state reported fruit prospects very good and a very optimistic feeling prevailed.

The directors expressed themselves as satisfied with the work of the year and ready to back up the manager in the work outlined for coming year. Closer co-operation between the locals and the "Michigan", the editing of a trade journal to its rademark and trade brands were mong the projects proposed by Mr. L. Granger, sales manager.

The "Michigan" is the only organiso rendering an enormous amount of service to its members along the lines of legislation, railroad rate ad-A second series of conferences of justments, etc. Very frequently the feeling exists between these organi-

which is striving to advance all of turned under The conferences yet to be held co-operative work in the state.

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kets, who caused much trouble on account of his delayed settlements for purchases made on the market, has flatly refused to give hond guaranteed unit of an agricultural commodity is such as ground can be worked this spring countries of the commodity is such as ground can be worked this spring contact with the Federal Farm Board to lend itself to marketing as authorographic contact with the Federal Farm Board to lend itself to marketing as authorographic field using eight or ten pounds has been found. flatly refused to give bond guaranteeing settlement. When a committee presented this proposition, this tee presented this proposition, this tee presented this proposition, this tee presented the present bill includes the equalities of, Mecosta, Newaygo, Oceana, Muskegen, Mason, Manistee, Montages and Isabella.

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PROF. J. F. COX



PROF. COX ADVISES ON SAVING WINTER INJURED ALFALFA

nembers, and the establishing of It Is Possible To Repair Fields By Reseeding, Mechanical Treatment

ucts of the fruit farmer that is al- ATTENTION IMPORTANT

Cultipacker On Heaved Stands Causes Them To Come On Vigorously

Inspection of alfalfa fields and rehas been somewhat greater damage Mr. C. L. Brody, Sec'y-Mgr. of the than usual resulting from the heav-State Farm Bureau, and a director ing of alfalfa plants due to alternate The groupings this year are some- of the "Michigan" representing the freezing and thawing on wet ground

Stockyard Administration is requiring packers to give bond, guaranteeing settlement for their purchases on public markets, but in no case do stockyard Administration is requiring packers and considered a special plan for and urged the directors to stand on Friday, and urged the directors to stand on the larger aspect of the bill is tied into the complex at this time of the year will make the directors to stand on the first operation and not to lose their organization and not to lose the bill is tied into the complex organization and urged the directors to stand the conditions surrounding the conditions are covery to produce profit. The conditions surrounding the conditions are covery to produce profit. The conditions surrounding the conditions are covery to produce profit. The covery to produce profit. The covery to produce profit. The covery to produce profit. T sight of the larger aspect of the where new seedings are known to be appointed by the President and age or future disposition movement and the Farm Bureau be killed out should the crop be confirmed by the Senate as is cus-

Where winter killing has taken Commissions Berrien county is justly proud of place in spots and one-half or twoation with 18 local associations as a seed drill and going over the en-functions to perform than formerly (h) Each marketed unit of an

as a sales agency for the associations.

The cultipacker should follow the shipping apples, pears, peaches, drilled or broadcast seeding to covpooling of the cherries and raspberers are seed and compact the soil. Using the producers of a commodity are as a regulation of interstate and counties of Huron, Tuscola, Sanilac, as a sales agency for the associations, The cultipacker should follow the Woodland township in Barry and etc. The sales manager is Mr. the cultipacker or weighted roller on found flagrantly to violate orderly foreign commerce, which was not so this: Most any community has a twich they sell their products. County now has 30 Farm Bureau F. L. Granger of Benton Harbor; alfalfa fields where heaving has oc-programs of planting and breeding so specifically done in former measures. the president, Amos Tucker of South curred, particularly on seedings of that extra and undue surpluses are Haven; Sec'y-Treasurer, F. L. Brad-last year, is highly beneficial. Many caused to exist.

HOUSE LIMITS DEBATE ON M'NARY-HAUGEN BILL; ADOPTION IS CONCEDED SIZE OF MAJORITY ONLY QUESTION

Haugen Bill Is Substituted For McNary Measure Just Passed By Senate; American Farm Bureau Presents Improvements Made On Previous Farm Relief Plans

As the Farm Bureau News goes to press the McNary-Haugen agricultural surplus control measure is being debated in the House at Washington, with debate limited to about 16 hours before calling the roll.

April 12, the Senate passed the McNary bill with a majority of more than two to one. When the McNary bill came over to the House, it was decided to substitute for it the Haugen bill, in order to clear some differences between the Senate and House versions of the bill, brought about by Senate amendments to the McNary bill.

Enactment of the Haugen measure by the House seems to be a foregone conclusion. The only question seems to be the size of the vote in its favor and the significance of that majority when the time comes to consider passing the McNary-Haugen bill over the almost certain Presidential veto it faces because of the presence of the equalization fee.

Advices from Washington say that three hours of the debate time allowed to opponents of the McNary-Haugen plan have been allotted to Rep. John C. Ketcham of Michigan and Rep. Jones of Texas, who will argue the debenture plan as a substitute. Their argument will be in the shape of a minority report as the House Committee on Agriculture rejected the debenture plan.

Opinion at Washington and elsewhere seems to be that the McNary-Haugen plan with the equalization fee is the only workable surplus control measure that has come out of several years debate on the matter, and that as some surplus control measure is needed, the farmer should be permitted to try out the McNary-Haugen plan.

The present McNary-Haugen plan is recognized as a considerable improvement over the previous drafts. Most of the administration objections have been met. The measure proposes to take in all agricultural commodities subject to surplus, rather than be limited to a few basic commodities. Certain legal objections have been eliminated. The American what different than last as new de- Farm Bureau, compared this meet- and to winter-killing, according to Farm Bureau has listed the principal improvements on "I decided the committee had velopments of membership plans have several years ago and commented up. Form Crops Dept.

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would continue to buy hogs on the bank's money. It can readily be Work on 2 Fruits Got Growers \$300,000

banks that were carrying these coun- Michigan Organization Seeking Freight Rate Reduction for Michigan Grapes, Totaling \$250,000 Annually; Takes Pure Fruit Juice Fight To Trade Commission

> By F. L. GRANGER Sales Manager, Michigan Fruit Growers, Inc. Annual report delivered before the annual meeting of the Michigan Fruit Growers, Inc., at Benton Harbor, April 12, 1928.

The operations of your company were subject to more or less similar conditions in 1927 as those prevailing in 1925, viz: an acute shortage in fruit crops, which condition is naturally reflected in revenues and in balance sheet. Despite these conditions we feel that the record made both in net returns to grower and in finances of the corporation will meet approval of the stockholders, and that the ultimate success of the business is only dependent upon adhering to the principles laid down at its inception.

The wisdom of maintaining a diversified tonnage of the various fruits grown in the district is brought forcibly to our attention in a year like that just passed, since revenues derived from the marketing of small fruits like cherries, black raspberries, and strawberries to canners, the cold packing of berries and cherries in addition to the handling of a various line of fresh fruits, such as apples, peaches, plums, pears and grapes, all helped to carry the business to a fairly satisfactory result

Canner Contacts Valuable

The revenues derived from the contracting of berries and cherries represented 13 per cent of our total gross revenue and a larger per cent of the net revenue. In addition this contact with canners enabled us to make a very remarkable addition to the net results of small fruit growers. For instance, one of our local canners told me recently that one of the big consolidated canning organizations in New York State wrote him that their average cost on sour cherries in 1927 was 5.81 cents per pound. Contrasted with the net average of 9 cents which we effected for sour cherries in Michigan last season this meant an increase of more than \$190,000 in the value of the 3000 tons of cherries produced in the area south of Grand Rapids last year

Likewise our efforts in increasing values on black raspberries meant over \$100,000 added to returns of black raspberry growers, or almost \$300,000 on the two crops. these things make for a much more favorable sentiment toward this organization among growers than might otherwise prevail and must ultimately be reflected in increasing business.

Cold Processing Possibilities

Our operations in the cold processing of various fruits have developed a new outlet for considerable fruit and one which has not been approached by competitive factors. To my mind this feature is susceptible to considerable expansion, not only in berries and cherries, but also in plums, peaches and grapes when properly handled. Experiments made by the Italian colony in California indicate a wide field for the marketing of cold packed grapes for juice purposes, which in our case may be enlarged to include processing of grapes for jam jelly and preserve manufacture. Last season more than 2000 barrels of grapes thus treated were shipped from California to market in the East and used strictly for juice purposes. To my mind this simply indicates the possibilities which may be expected from our adoption of similar handling for Concord grapes.

During the year we finally succeeded in getting a decision from the U. S. Patent office regarding our Michigander trademark, which is entirely in our favor. Opposition to registration of our trademark had been made by the American Fruit Growers, claiming that our mark was an infringement of the Blue Goose mark on which they had spent more than a half million dollars in advertising. Therefore we may consider the Patent Office's decision a distinct victory after three appeals had been filed. We are now prepared to develop not only a highly distinctive label or brand. but one which will have increasing value from this time forward.

Freight Rate Adjustment

Last January we appeared in a hearing before the I. C. C. at Westfield, N. Y., seeking a reduction in freight rates on grapes from producing districts in New York, Penn. and Michigan, which fi granted will cause a reduction of more than \$250,000 annually on Michigan grapes and will represent savings in that amount to Michigan growers. Briefs were filed by the various parties and a decision is expected to become effective prior to the coming grape shipping season. These results will be directly attributable to the continuing co-operation of Michigan co-operative organizations to suggest here that your organization, the Michigan Fruit Growers Inc., took the leading part insofar as Michigan shippers are concerned. Neither cash buyers nor competitive marketing organizations took any part in contributing to the possible reduction

Following this activity we immediately appealed to the Governor of the State to appoint a capable traffic manager in the State Department of Agriculture at Lansing to assist agricultural producers in securing lower freight rates, not only on grapes, but other fruits and vegetables as well. A large volume of correspondence and a conference at Lansing brought to the Governor's attention the necessity for such an appointment and we are confident that before the year passes we may expect state assistance in traffic problems.

Fruit Juice Legislation

At the meeting here approximately a year ago I brought to your attention certain proposed pure fruit beverage legislation, which I asked you to endorse and which was done. year we have succeeded in enlisting the support of the California Fruit Growers Exchange, the California Fruit Exchange, the California Vineyardists Assn., the American Fruit & Vegetable Shippers' Assn., Chautauqua & Erie Grape Growers Co-op Assn., tho states of New York and Michigan, the Illinois Fruit Exchange, the Michigan State Farm Bureau, the American Farm Bureau Federation, Florida Citrus Exchange, Welch Grape Juice Co., United Grape Products Co., representing all of the grape juice manufacturers, and numerous others,

On March 20th we appeared before the Federal Trade Commission at Washington at a hearing requested by the American Carbonated Bottlers' Assn., at which time we presented briefs, arguing that the manufacturers and bottlers of imitation fruit beverages should be denied the right to use fruit names, such as grape, cherry, strawberry, raspberry, orange, etc., unless the product actually contained pure fruit juices. By this action we are confident that we have gained the active support of the Federal Trade Commission and we may expect energetic action part of the Commission against imitation beverage manufactur

Several of the larger manufacturers have already agreed by stipulation with the Commission to discontinue the use of fruit names on their products and others are contemplating similar procedure. In order to make our work fully effective, however, it is probable that we will need to go before Congress at the next session and enact legislation similar to the bill I proposed to you

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STATE FARM BUREAU'S PUBLIC SERVICE PROGRAM

LEGISLATION

Passage of the Capper-French Truth-in-Fabric bill: completion and operation of the U. S. Muscle Shoals Nitrates plant and manufacture of fertilizer; opposition to any form of sales tax or of consumption tax; retention of federal income tax; Passage of Gooding-Ketcham Seed Staining bill.

ENACTED APR. 26, 1928

TAXATION Rellef for sorely burdened farm property by enactment of:

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

(a) Two cent gasoline tax for highway funds.

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

EFFECTIVE SEPT. 10,

ENACTED JAN. 29, 1925 \$67,350 ANNUALLY SINCE 1924

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

MARKETING

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

EFFECTIVE OCT. 20,

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

How Michigan Fruit Growers Builds Crop Values

here a year ago and which follows closely legislation enacted by the dairy interests against oleomargarine. You can understand from this we have ample precedent for our next move and the bill will undoubtedly be sponsored by the American Farm Bureau

Value of Organization

May I say in passing that the things outlined above would not have been attempted if you here had not supported the proposal I made a year ago. Growers and organizations all over the country felt the need of this work, but no one had assumed to take action until we took the lead. I have hopes that before this year is closed a national organization will be incorporated to carry on the work we have started and carry it through to a conclusion. Already, as suggested above, the imitation bottlers have begun to see "the handwriting on the wall" and are making their plans accordingly.

May Nature Calendar

(Prepared for Michigan Farm Bureau News by The Cleveland Museum of Nature History)

"Not to have so much as a bowing acquaintance with the birds that nest in our gardens or under the very eaves of our houses; haunt our wood-piles; keep our fruit-trees free from slugs; waken us with their song, and enliven our walks along the roadside and through the woods, seems to be, at least a breach of etiquette toward some of our most kindly disposed neighbors.'

Time to plant corn! White oak leaves, soft, downy and all splashed over with pink, are as big as a mouse's ears!

Opening flower and leaf buds give fresh coloring to the woods. Cherry orehards are white with bloom. Apple blossoms too are

Tender new leaves must be guarded. Yellow and Myrtle warblers arrived last month to keep the greedy insect babies just out of the egg from chewing all the leaves to shreds. During the last of April and the first of May hosts of warblers are arriving daily.

'Old Sam Peabody-Peabody-Peabody" comes the cry. Whitethroated sparrows are stopping over on their journey north. Hopping about in the hedges you will find them with their sporty black and white striped caps and large white patches at their

A house wren with his alarm-clock voice may announce his presence very early some morning from a perch just outside the window. He will awaken you in time to hear the loud, invigorating song of the brown thrasher and the melody of songs and cries of the mimicking catbird.

You will hear the whistling of the cardinal, the loud emphatic song of the scarlet tanager, the soft liquid notes of the wood thrush, hermit thrush and veery, the warbling of the bluebird and the cheery, energetic song of the robin.

Out in the fields, song sparrows, field sparrows, vesper sparrows, meanowlarks and bobolinks are singing. Orloles whistle in the

Lie awake and listen as the first soft notes of the song birds' morning chorus come through the open window. Gradually the chorus will swell, reaching its height when the slanting rays of the sun creep over the fields and woods. Then slowly the singing will diminish until only an occasional bird is heard, for, at sun up, it is breakfast time.

Nests and nestlings fill the woods and open country. Mother Oriole, on her four finely marked white eggs, swings to and fro in her hammock nest, suspended from the top of an elm tree branch. Mother song sparrow sits in her little round nest in the grass. Kingfishers are busy in their nest holes in the bank. Towards the end of the month, if you listen carefully near the mouth of the hole, you will hear the voices of five or even eight babies an arm's length back in the bluff.

Hidden in among the cockleburs, jewelweed, fleabane and panicum grass which grow along the beach, are the four large, speckled eggs of the spotted sandpiper. The pointed end keeps them from rolling away as they can only roll in circles.

By the end of the month, many warblers will have reached their nesting grounds in southern Canada and northern United States. However, Maryland yellow-throats, ovenbirds, yellow warbiers, black and white warblers and others will be found breeding farther

Strawberry blossoms at the edge of the road give promise of luscious wild fruit in June. So do the blackberry bushes which catch at one's clothes when rambling through the edge of the woods. The bird war on insects, their eggs and grubs, is nearing its summer height. Scores of old weed seeds are also being devour-

Not only birds, but dragon-flies, put an end to many an insect. Back and forth in zig-zag paths above the ponds fly these big biplane Odonata, spelling death to the young mosquitoes soon develeping by the hundreds from the mosquito nymphs swimming in the

Wild flowers of the woods are busy raising their babies in the sun before the leaves of the trees grow big enough to shade them from its light. Step carefully lest you tread on one and hands off! What right have we to destroy the beauty of the spring woods by tearing up its carpet?

In some hidden nook, a hillside is starred with trilliums. These tall and stately lilies of the woods are becoming a rare sight. Remember, picking a trillium means killing the plant and destroying

when spring beauties, hepaticas, miterworts, and anemones offer w is the time nectar to the bees and other flying insects.

Waxy May apples hide beneath their green umbrellas. Solomon's seal bells dangle beneath their leafy stem. Bloodroot, squirrel corn. Dutchman's breeches, violets, phlox, wild geranium, wild ginger, jack-in-the-pulpit, and adder's tongue are clustered here and there through the woods.

Down in the marshlands marsh marigolds are flowering. Yellow cow lilies float amid the speeding traffic of water-striders, whiriigig beetles and water-hoatmen.

Patches of white gleam through the dark twigs and trunks of the Flowering dogwood trees are blossoming. Leaning over the bank a shad bush clad in white, is reflected in the water.

Now Hercules, the bold adventurer, strides through the evening skies. He is facing westward towards the wifdernesses and the great-open country.

In order that you may visualize the importance of the matter, statistics show that more than 10 billion bottles of soft drinks are sold annually in this country. And the business represents a turn-over of approximately a billion dollars annually, a large part of which is given to the manufacturer of imitation fruit drinks. If we can convert 25 per cent of this business to the manufacture and sale of pure fruit drinks the problem of a surplus of fruit will and sale of pure fruit driaks the problem of a surplus of fruit will

Urges A Publication told you that we had recently been whole hearted support of his local granted official registration of our association as a part of this larger Michigander trademark. At the An-central organization, then we are nual Meeting a year ago you approv- lost. By the same token, if the Cened the publication of a membership tral cannot convince the officers and magazine, provided we felt that it directors of the local association that could be developed without too much the largest success of the local rests expense to the organization. We upon full co-operation with the Cenhave delayed this publication until tral, then the whole program will the trademark issue had been set-fall like a house of cards. tled because we wanted to make use If you officers and directors of of the mark on the cover design, local associations expect full support With your approval, I think we from your individual grower memshould go ahead with the publication bership you should be prepared to now, because to my mind this pub. give full support and loyalty to the lication can contribute more to Central provided that both local and grower loyalty and sound organiza- Central are operating with effition than any one other feature. To ciency. Individual selfishness will be exact, as a grower thinks he at times prevent 100 per cent co-

fections, and common Interests."

in the mind of the individual the con-In one of the paragraphs above I viction that his best interest lies in

acts. If we can set him thinking co- operation. Some cash buyer will operatively by showing him the aims. come along and make flattering ofpurposes and methods of his own fers which are hard to resist. In the organization through a medium of end, nowever, the grower pays and this kind then we can expect him not the buyer, because the buyer to act co-operatively. I have before must exist by reason of the profit me on my desk at all times a little he takes off of some grower. In paragraph which tells the story more the same category is the outside marconcisely than I can, namely: "No ketting organization, which endeavmen can act with effect who do not ors by flattering statements to draw act in concert: No men can act in the local organization away from the concert who do not act with confidence; No men can act with confi- morale of the institution and set itdence who are not bound together self up in place of the Central. This with common opinions, common af-Need For Unity you make it pay its full duty to you is by unswerving loyalty to its up-In the final analysis, the success building. All of the fruit produced of this organization is built upon the in Michigan must ultimately reach a fact that every individua! grower single market with the same average member, officer, or director, must price on the same grade to all comfeel that he has a common interest ers. The largest results to growers in the organization and that we are must accrue through greater effiall working together to achieve a ciency in reaching that market, and common purpose. If we can't create that can only be achieved through

singleness in purpose, accompanied to obtain an adequate supply of hogs House Limits Debate by a determination to reduce cost is certainly clever on their part. at every possible point. Increased don't believe that direct buying or

Our real problem then is an organic to the country to but, supply better problem, rather than a sales them to secure their supply better for each agricultural commodity is to problem. I am confident that the only to the extent that it enables be provided by the collection of the next few years will see a decided them to buy without the competition be provided by the collection of the equalization fee from each marketed drift toward co-operative marketing of other packers. in this state, and we should be preCo-operative live stock marketing will be used principally to repay into That, I think, can best be done by ing to the farmers of Indiana and the to make effective the insurance prothe publication I have spoken of, nation a chance to control the selling visions and the salaries and expenses together with the active efforts of of their products. This organization of experts used by the Board; the officers and directors of the en- is one of the outstanding achievetire organization.

dump the load on him and then get they deserve. away and forget it. It's still your business and he needs the retire of member association is sold to the no more hogs available.

Direct Buying Is Not

the terminal markets?" The answer their stock: The Michigan Live is, "Because it was the packer's move Stock Exchange is strongly opposed to buy direct from the country and to direct buying by packers. not the farmer's move.'

The packers argue that when they buy direct from the country it does Prof. Cox Advises On not have a depressing effect on the terminal market price, yet in no case where else than as compared on that tion of the cultipacker.

Competition Improves Prices advantage of the livestock producer, to a cultivated crop is advisable. because some packers secure their lack of competition, than it would be lost my right leg-" if all buyers are on the market.

volume and tonnage control make terminal marketing increases the that program possible. The outstanding successes in co-operative marketing prove it.

If we could by some means double the volume of tonnage marketed through this organization, you would the marketing system that causes the find not only a much improved figure of the size of the litters. There will be so many hogs marketed in 1928 whether they go direct, or whether they go to the terminal market and the marketing system that causes the packers to bid against each other for the commodity upon one of the following: transportation, processing, or sale of such unit. This fee, in the present bill, is not to be collected from, nor repaid to, the individual producers, but is to be collected from page one) find not only a much improved fi- packers to bid against each other for unit moves into commerce. If any nancial situation generally, but a this supply is the system the productive residue exists at the close of a marmarked increase in the net results ers of livestock should support. If keting period, such residue does not to growers. Tonnage control is the packers will hid high enough on much more effective in enhancing prices than clever salesmanship. Our real problem then is an organitor to the country to buy direct enables

pared to take advantage of that sit- offers another link in the chain which the revolving fund advances made nation by educating growers as to is slowly but surely rearranging the from such revolving fund together functions of co-operative marketing. old order of marketing and, is bring- with interest at 4 per cent, but also ments of the Farm Bureau, and Just because you have employed proves the oft asserted statement a manager to manage your business that when farmers stand together on on the day the commodity is deliverisn't any reason why your should any program they can secure what ed.

Some time ago the Michigan Farm ing fund is protected and safeguardoperation of every officer, director Bureau News published a series of ed by the stabilization fund above and member, if the business is to articles from the Kansas City Drov- mentioned. show satisfactory results. The same ers Telegram which charged that di-thing applies to the Central. This rect buying of hogs was responsible business isn't my job alone,-wf for 1927 hog prices averaging nearly can't get anywhere unless every \$5 lower than the previous year with pear rather than merely to a certain

dea that the Michigan Fruit Grow- In the middle west farmers are or ers is your association and acts ac- ganizing themselves not to sell direct In Michigan, the best answer to the problem is the co-operative livestock shipping associations who are mem Good For Producer change, which operates on the Dectroit and Russelland Russe (Continued from page one) troit and Buffalo markets. The Extroit and Buffalo markets. The Extheir raw material?" The answer is, on the terminal markets, coming un-'The packers themselves." Then I der the rules of the Packers and ask the question, "Why did they lo- Stockyards Act bond requirements to Not Authorized to Refuse cate these packing plants away from guarantee shippers the return of

tion that a packer bought direct from result of having the earth packed ding the Interstate Commerce Comthe country and based his price any- firmly around the roots by the ac- mission to prohibit the southern rail-

Prices are made at the terminal discouraged to the point of not re- Rate case.

necessary to do direct buying in order the door .- Nash Journal.

On McNary-Haugen

Marketing Insurance (k) Insurance is provided which will enable co-operative associations more nearly to pay full market value

(1) A revolving fund of \$400,000,-00 is made available, which revolv-

Imports Pay Fee Too (m) The present bill is applicable o all commodities as surpluses apdesignated number of commodities.

(n) The equalization fee is to be ollected from each unit of a commodity imported into the United States for consumption therein."

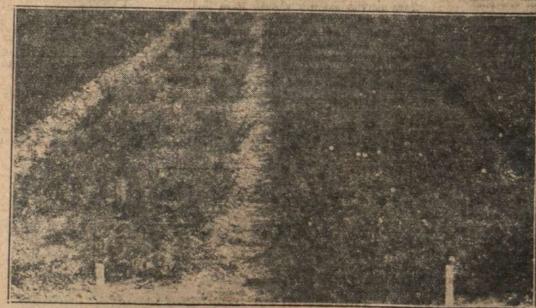
UP IN COAL CASE

Permission to Cut Rates

The Interstate Commerce Commission has just had considerable of an Saving Injured Crops upset. The United States Supreme has it ever been called to my attendied, will take root vigorously as a granted by the lower courts, forbidroads from reducing their coal rates date with some terminal market Alfalfa growers who limed their to the northwest, via the Great land and put it in condition last Lakes, 20 cents per ton, in what has year to receive alfalfa should not be been called the Lake Cargo Coal

market in competition among buyers, seeding by having stands partially Parm Bureau News readers will The more buyers on the terminal injured as a result of unusually ad-remember that the Pittsburgh coal market the more competition in the verse winter conditions. There is district railroads, already having a bidding, consequently a higher price. usually much to be gained by reseed- 20 cent advantage over the Kentucky Removing a third of the hogs from ing fields which are partially killed and West Virginia fields, cut their the market by direct selling, the out and they will often give surpris- rates another 20 cents, which was alpackers contend, removes a third of ingly good hay yields. Of course, lowed. The Southern roads wanted the buying power, and does not affect where quack grass and June grass to cut 20 cents to get in line, but the the prices. This is a splendid theory, have taken a firm hold in older I. C. C. said no. In the rumpus that but in practice it works to the dis- fields, turning under and planting followed Commissioner Esch was denied reappointment by the Senate. It was predicted that the southern raw material in the country based on Perfect Alibi.—There was a timid railroads would go to court and they terminal market price, and the ter- knock at the door. "If you please, did. The Supreme Court in upholdminal market price is cheaper from kind lady," said the beggar, "I've ing the injunction, spanked the I. C. C. by ruling that it was exceeding "Well, it ain't here!" retorted the its powers in this case and has no The packer's statement that it is woman of the house, as she slammed right to equalize industrial conditions by application of certain rates.

Which Will Your Alfalfa Look Like After Three Winters?



Test plots at Michigan State College, showing at the left southern grown alfalfa seed after the third winter; at the right, hardy, northern grown Michigan adapted seed after the third winter. Plots were planted in 1922; photographed summer of 1925. The growing test is the best answer to the question of adaptation.

Insist on Michigan Adapted Alfalfa

Much southern grown alfalfa seed is blended with good northern seed and sold to northern farmers. Southern grown seed is not adapted to the rigors of this climate and is usually very susceptible to disease and winter killing. There is the real reason for many a promising alfalfa stand petering out the second and third seasons.

When you buy your alfalfa seed, insist on domestic seed that is fully adapted to Michigan. Look on the tag for the place where it was grown

Michigan Farm Bureau Brand Grimm, Hardigan, certified Michigan grown Grimm, and Utah common alfalfa seeds are domestic Michigan adapted seeds and are guaranteed to the grower as such. They are of high purity and germination. You get them in sealed Farm Bureau Brand sacks, exactly as they leave our warehouse. Place your order with your nearest cooperative ass'n now.

> Michigan Farm Bureau Seed Service Lansing, Michigan

PREDICT INCREASE IN ALREADY LARGE **BEAN CROP PLANS**

High Price Of Present Crop Stimulating Nation's Producers

Since the intentions to plant state nent was issued in March, reports coming to the agricultural statistiian's office at Lansing indicate that Michigan farmers are planning on urther increases in the acreage of ertain crops to be planted this

This is particularly true with repect to beans. The March report adicated that 650,000 acres would be planted but many are predicting low that the total might reach 700-000 acres. If an average yield hould be obtained from this acreige, the production would amoun o about 8,000,000 bushels of which probably 7,000,000 would be white peans. Last year, the states of Idao, Montana and Wyoming produced early 3,000,000 bushels of beans all of which were of the freat Northern variety which is a white bean. Intentions for marked increases this year in those states and also in New York and California are reported. This would indicate prospects for 10,000,000 to 11,000 000 bushels of white beans. As the country's annual consump-

tion of white beans appears to be ess than 8,000,000 bushels, there is e a large surplus of white beans next fall which would result in very ow prices. To further aggravate the prospective situation, the states lanning large increases, in acreage which will tend to have a further bearish influence on the general ean market.

Michigan potato growers have earned the lesson that high prices ust prior to planting generally result in very low prices for that seaon's crop due to a tendency to he last few years most of the comnercial growers have confined their lantings to a normal acreage and rices have maintained a more sat sfactory level as a result. Bean growrs should profit from this lesson and ot plant more nor less than a nornal amount in any year.

60 COMMITTEEMEN AT GENESEE MEET

Clean Up Program For 1928

Farm Bureau Committeemen an ineresting talk on the corn borer lean up in Genesee county. In view of the fact that there will be to Federal aid given to the farmer n the clean up the members of the township committees present voted unanimously to continue with the lean up work such as was done in 1927. Farmers are alarmed at the rapid increase of the corn borer and elieve that the clean up campaign hould be continued.

services. A County Farm Bureau our to Michigan State Farm Bureau neadquarters at Lansing, was propos-

President W. W. Billings presided Other speakers were Arthur Edand Co. Agr'l Agent Campbell.

Another Engagement-"Rather harp thunderstorm last night." "I hadn't noticed; I was talking with my wife all evening."-Life.

Save Tag and Seed Sample

put into the ground without keep-

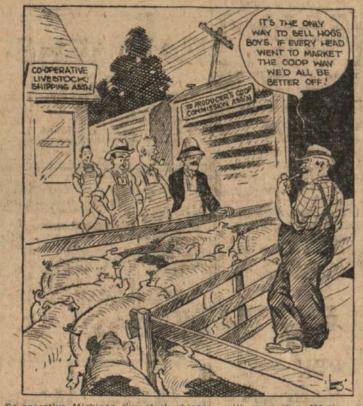
giving the analysis, germination cold and moisture. and date the test was made. This analysis tag should always be saved. When accompanied with quarter of a pound, the seed file is complete for that crop.

The growing crop is the final test by which all seed is judged. If mixtures or foreign weeds are found in the field the file sample can be referred to for a re-analysis. On the other hand, on good stand one has all the information needed to get similar seed for sowing next season.

A small sample of the seed you sow and the analysis tag may no: be needed but once or twice in a lifetime. That once or twice may repay the cost of keeping such samples from year to year.

Save some seed! Save the tag!

Right Road to Market



Co-operative Michigan live stock shippers, with more than 250 live stock shipping ass'ns organized as the Michigan Live Stock Exchange, own two great co-operative marketing agencies in the Michigan Live Stock Exchange Co-operative Commission Merchants at the Detrgit yards and the Producers Co-operative Commission Ass'n at the Buffalo yards. The co-ops handle the largest volume of stock annually at both yards.

grave danger that if present indicated Some Other Views of intentions are carried out there will May 1, & Child Health

In Adding To School Demands

By MRS. EDITH M. WAGAR

Years ago on the morning of May 1st if one could register as a special friend to any youngster in the neighplant a much larger acreage, and in porhood, one was quite likely to find a basket of wild flowers sitting on the front door step as a reminder of May day and its long observed custom of kindly remembrance to loved friends. Those same baskets were nome made and their contents were spring beauties gathered from the nearby woods; but, nevertheless, they spoke sincerity and loving thoughtfulness that no purchased gift from the florist could possibly outdo.

It was one of the old time customs we regret has been dropped for it exemplified the youthful courtesy and homage paid to elders that we Child's Health Day but let's have these results were obtained by the ly cleansed and scalded if possible Vote To Support Corn Borer many times fail to find in the present generation

But May Day is still a day belonging to children and now is called Flint, April 20-At the regular as such all over our nation. The quarterly meeting of the township schools have health programs and committees of Genesee County held at the Masonic Temple, Flint, April center their thoughts and activities at 8 p. m., Mr. E. B. Richards, around the health of their communication. The should have to develop him in every way; let's put upon him the school work that he should carry and no work that he should carry and no around the health of their communication. The should have to develop him in every way; let's put upon him the school work each year aside from the fegura as dealth year aside from the fegura and water will lar work of his office. He endeavors to make the "Michigan" a service or cold water of its and water will lar work of his office. He endeavors to make the "Michigan" a service or cold water of its and water will lar work of his office. He endeavors way; let's put upon him the school way; let's p upervisor of the corn borer situa-

> mind and body is the greatest pos- vent many days of suffering and persession an individual may have, al- haps permanent affliction. though we so willfully neglect ourselves by wrong habits and careless methods.

We are living in a fast age; we rowd many things in our daily lives Following the meeting the members that our forefathers knew nothing present enjoyed a light luncheon and about and we must be alert to the discussion of local Farm Bureau needs and possibilities of our constitutions else we are going to find ourselves coming to the end of our reserve energies and some day realize reaction not for our good.

How can we mold and build the bodies of the youngsters coming nunds of the State Farm Bureau. along that they may be able to resist and practically well since this work the ravages of disease and pain? Sim- has been introduced and many a par ply by studying the problem from ev ery angle and then putting into prac- ing that all possible has been done to tice those things which will tend to relieve their child of an affliction make them strong.

There's no need of us studying nu- life. trition if we continue to eat all we Let's work for a healthy commun like of what we like and when we ity-let's have a healthy home, let's

quency of disease in our schools and that tend to lower our health record communities if we do not observe let's prevent disease and so help to the rules of quarantine for those effect better health scores. carrying a disease.

Farmers in Michigan will invest ing health habits in the home, the view to bring about any great change several million dollars in seed need of proper food as well as proper in public health matters but it can be this spring. Most of this will be preparation, the need of fresh air done and should be persistently work and pure water and the need of regu- ed out. Health problems are just as ing a sample for future reference, lar sleep, the need of proper cloth- great and just as necessary as they The Michigan seed law requires ing-not too much but always are in cities; in fact, we are told every sack of seed to carry a tag enough to protect the body from heat, that the score is trifle lower in rural

can only help to discover the afflic- laws of health and have depended on tion and pass on the information that Nature to care for us entirely. a small sample of the seed, say a the parents and teachers may work out a method of correction.

My attention has been called to Noble Twp., Branch Co., some startling stories of late that should be considered seriously by both parents and teachers. We get so enthusiastic over our Christmas programs and our commencement ex- Bureau quarterly meeting a report ercises that we fail to remember the on Noble township Farm Bureau's effort on the child who is drilled and activities was made by Mr. Hime-practiced day after day and night baugh. It included the doubling of after night until the whole thing is the membership in that township, a a bugbear to all concerned. There township member's trip to State Farm are some children who can carry Bureau headquarters at Lansing, an school work and music and church other one to the State Fair; it has work and club work at one time, but beautified two cemeteries, holds comshould be taken into consideration be- organization.

growing colored varieties are also Careful Consideration Needed fore planned as part of the holiday scheme. And the Father or Mother who objects to the participation of net gain to the growers of \$282,576,outside interests should not be condemned without a hearing. Perhaps ries amounted to at least \$60,000. they are doing their boy or girl the greatest possible kindness which will e reflected on their future lives.

> In club work that we all have encouraged and fostered. I can see a tendency to become too enthusiastic for the good of the member. There's nothing so pitiful to look at as a skinny, anemic boy or girl exhibiting a 100 per cent calf or chicken or a beautiful hand made garment or collection of canned goods. Many times the child shows lack of rest and

> In our great interest in the child's

Child Health Day and is observed in his bed on time, let's get him up as such all over our nation. The on time let's teed him the food he on time, let's feed him the food he publicity to the cause; the medical he is rugged and strong in every way profession lends its knowledge and and then let's demand it he in moderskill that all may be familiar with ation. If he has handicaps, let's do the great need of a healthy communi- our best to have them correctedmany a time a simple treatment or We all acknowledge that a healthy medical attention in time would pre-

> the great help that is being given the South Western Michigan. crippled child these days and it is possible to help others if they were but known to those who are responible for giving the assistance.

This year the state committee for aiding crippled children is asking those taking the school census to make note and report any crippled child within his territory from infancy up to the age of 20.

Many a child has been made happy ent has experienced the joy of know that before appeared a handicap for

encourage our health agencies by co There's no use of decrying the fre- operation, let's discourage the things

It takes a whole community work-There's much to be said concern- ing together with the same object in sections perhaps because we have In the school our school nurses been indifferent to some of the minor

Has An Active Bureau

there are many more who cannot munity meetings, etc. Needless to without ill effects and those things say, active Noble township has a good

Mich. Fruit Growers Serve Producers Well

(Continued from page one)
After the first year, the "Michi gan" began to encourage the local ssociations in cold packing cherpooling of the cherries and raspberries as fresh fruit so that they might * WHEAT—Michigan farmers are brought into the fruit districts of Michigan that have gone into the banks and out through the channels of the banks and out through the channels of the control of the control of the channels of the control of the co

The "Michigan" believes in co-opfarmers co-operating with the canners, distributors, and the ultimate consumers of farm products. It believes that the consumer is entitled tfl new crop. to a good product because it is a good article that satisfies and brings the highest in several years. the return order and the money. The 'Michigan"

about one cent more per pound for crop. raspberries and about 1/2 cent more per pound for cherries than they would have received if they had not cooled through the "Michigan."

In 1926, with a raspberry acreage f 11,267 acres in Michigan and ar average yield of 57 cases per acre this made 642,219 cases of 22 lbs. each or a total yield of 14,128,818 growers received 12 cents per pound 36. And the net gain on the cher-In 1927, another gain was made

to the growers because the raspberries were sold through the "Michigan" (enough of the crop to establish a price due to the pooling) at 10 quality milk or cream. cents instead of the 8 cents, the canner price offered the growers. The an increase in price of one cent per out.

caspberry and cherry growers that should be freed from dirt at the time has helped make better communi- of milking. behalf let us not be guilty of con- ties. Of course, the extra money as many of our Farm Bureau proj- times Let's not only have May 1st as ects help the whole class. All of 2. All utensils should be thoroughevery day a day devoted to the best growers working with their associa- after being used. new projects as his report for the past year will show.

dicussing his work, leaving it to condition on arrival at the creamery. the ultimate results to show for his A good practice to follow is to deliver office, but is a fearless fighter for the cream three times a week in sumthe things he knows are right that will benefit his organization or his winter months. community. For several years he has had charge of the Blossom Fes-My attention has been called to tival which has become so popular in

> Make It Unanimous .- Artist (to (riend)-"See that picture over come out of there. Well, I painted it, and a million wouldn't buy it!"

Friend-"Well. I'm one of the mi lion!"-Ohio State Sun Dial. Where the Shoe Pinches .- "My wife has run away with a man in my

"Good heavens! . Not your new car?"-Keystone Motorist.

IT PAYS TO BUY DIRECT



MICH. ELEV. EXCH.

ries and other small fruits and the Lansing, Mich., under date of April By Michigan Elevator Exchange,

be sold to the canners in large quan- today being bid \$2.00 for their old tities, thus making it easier for the wheat, far above anyone's expectacanners to get their supply. As a re- tions last winter. The \$2.00 farmers sult of the growers pooling their are now holding for \$2.25. Prospects small fruits, better prices have been for new wheat in Illinois, Indiana, secured for the growers and a great Ohio and Michigan the worst ever many thousands of dollars have been known, taking the four states com-

CORN-Farmers down in the Corn Belt seem inclined to sell now that eration of farmers and then the they can get \$1.00 per bushel at the

OATS-Scarce and high priced. Looks like high prices on oats un-

RYE-About all gone and prices

BEANS-The total stock of beans following figures give an idea of the on hand in Michigan with elevators direct benefits derived from the co- about 300 cars; with the farmers, peration of the cherry and rasp- above seed requirements, probably berry growers and associations not over 200 cars. The average supmanage working together with the ply of beans in Michigan today about one-third normal so we probably will In 1925, the growers received have good bean prices right up to new

MONEY TALK

Poor Quality Cream Does Not Help The Reputation of Michigan Butter

We have stated many times that lbs. As a result of the continuous the producer of dairy products is work on the part of the growers really the party who is largely recombined with the associations sponsible for the quality of dairy working through the "Michigan", the products. The butter maker or manufacturer of any dairy product instead of 10 cents that was offered must have good clean raw material them independently, making a total if he is to make a product of high quality

Many dairymen and farmers are producing the very highest quality of cream while others are careless and give very little thought to the im portance of the production of a good

The producers who deliver milk and cream of highest quality to the cherries were a light crop. About factory or dairy plant follow certain 3,000 tons were sold south of the definite practices and methods that Grand Rapids district, and sold at are very simple and easy to carry

A few suggestions as to methods In the last two years, about \$600,- that have given desired results: 000 more has been returned to the 1. The cow's udder and flanks

2. The milk should be clean and tributing to the greatest handicap the has gone to the ones who did not the milk should be handled in as whild might have, a breaking down of pool as well as to those who pooled cleanly a manner as possible at all

health practices for the entire fam- tions through the "Michigan" after 4. Milk or cream should be cooled the sales manager, Mr. Granger, had and kept at as low a temperature as Let's try and get the school child worked out the plan. Mr. Granger possible as soon after milking as

poses should be delivered as often as Mr. Granger is very modest about necessary to insure its being in good mer and twice a week during the

Professor of Dairy Husbandry, Michigan State College.

One on the Cop .- Cop on Shore-"I'm going to arrest you when you

Man in Water-"Ha. Ha. I'm not coming out. I'm committing suicide."-Yellow Jacket.

Rocks & R. I. Reds 100-\$12,00

live delivery. We ship C. O. D. Less than 100 chicks, add 50c for postage. Custom liatching 3c per egg. BYRON CENTER POULTRY FARM HATCHERY, G. C. Keizer, Member Michigan State Farm Bureau, Byron Center, Michigan.

Pure Guesswork .- After the cerefather-in-law, Daniel Roney's house; ever talk in your sleep?" wherenpon his mother-in-law hit him ver the nose, drawing blood, and his father-in-law fired at him twice with shotgun. The police believe the Roneys objected to the match.-California paper.

Bad Dream .- Doctor (examining nony, Smith declared, he visited his life insurance prospect) - Do you

Prospect-"No, but I often talk in other people's sleep.'

Doctor-"But how can that be?" Prospect-"I'm a college profes--College Humor.

FREIGHT RATES On Farm Commodities

Sometimes have overcharge errors. Do you have your bills audited?

THE TRAFFIC SERVICE DEPARTMENT

Of the Michigan State Farm Bureau will check up the charges on your freight bills; file overcharge claims; file loss and damage claims; watch all freight rates on your farm products and supplies and be your personal representative to the railroads. Claims collected free for paid-up Farm Bureau members. No Charge For Auditing

Farm Bureau Traffic Department

Attention! **Wool Growers**

The Michigan Farm Bureau Wool Pool will market wool co-operatively in 1928 with the Ohio Wool Growers Ass'n, under the plan so successful since 1924,

- 1. Wool will be accepted for the pool on contract only. Write for a contract now and make pooling ar-
- 2. The wool pool sales charge, which includes grading, marketing, insurance and warehousing, is guaranteed at 2 % cents per pound. Freight is extra
- 3. An additional handing charge of ¼ cent per pound will be made Farm Bureau members and 1 cent per pound to non-Farm Bureau members to reimburse the Michigan Farm Bureau for expenses incurred in organizing the pool and assembling the
- Liberal cash advances, if requested, will be made as before, on the arrival of wools at the Columbus warehouse. The pool will charge the same rate of interest it has to pay for money.
- 5. Wool will be loaded at points where it can be assembled most conveniently. Instructions will be furnished from the State office. Sacks will be furnished marketing members. Don't ship any wool without instructions.
- 6. Contract blank and full information may be obtained by writing the Michigan Farm Bureau Wool Pool, Lansing, Mich.

Use This Coupon

Michigan Farm Bureau Wool Pool LANSING, MICHIGAN.

Please send me a 1928 Wool Marketing Contract. You to

furnish sacks for shipping wool at your direction.

NAME ADDRESSR. F. D. SHIPPING POINT

Don't delay filling out and returning this application

THE OLD FARM CAN'T PAY IT ALL

_ In Case of a Serious Accident _

Some one might sue you for more than your farm is worth and you would be obliged to pay or have judgment holding against you if your automobile figured in the accident.

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What Members Say,

The Michigan Farm Bureau News is Glad to Hear From Members on Matters of Interest

Agriculture Must Pop Michigan State Farm Bureau,

Lansing, Michigan. Gentlemen: "I care for nobody, no, not I; If question.

no one cares for me.' In the natural order of things, it Isabella Co., is comforting to observe that success. Mt. Pleasant, R.-4. ful sons follow in the foot steps of successful fathers. It crops out from Says Covert Road Act this that a boy's future is oftentimes on the horizon if he matches the

good fortune of his parents. Let's place the agricultural situation in the United States, side by Michigan Farm Bureau News, side with the condition in England Lansing, Michigan, 35 years ago. No doubt one will find Dear Sirs: a family likeness, and, in some such I have been an advocate of farm

land is copied word for word from eight years now and have done a the ninth edition of the Encylopaedia great deal in some ways, and the Britannica, from an account on most important thing and the one

The extent of land in Great es, and taxes are still going up. Britain occupied by its owners for agricultural purposes, bears a small law we have. When a few men than the owner.

The owner in England, at the time at it wrong. this change was taking place, had be- Our township (Berrien) has spent come a Country Gentleman, who about \$2,400 a mile to grade and by doing farm work; but borrowed township. And the adjoining townof Peter to pay Paul, while the ship, which has not kept up the road. let their farms on short time leases, Covert road that is to cost \$188,900 with a six months forfeiture clause, for seven miles and the taxpayers A greater number lost their holdings that live within a strip of 31/2 miles

impoverished the soil, neglected the going back to the state each monthbuildings, fences, drainage, and, as mostly on account of taxes. a matter of fact through sketchy In my judgment, one thing the management, left the farms in a State Farm Bureau can do is to have tumbledown, weather-beaten condi- the Covert road act repealed.

As it turned out the yearly lease was a Jonah, and a minimum time Berrien County was inserted; whereby his residence was assured for 21 years or Favors Gas Tax For more if agreeable.

With the aid of this new long time lease, agriculture was soon in form once more. The tenant seeing a chance to enjoy the fruits of his Mich. State Farm Bureau, labor, was game to the backbone; to invest his time and money on im- Dear Sirs: provements.

cation. "Unless young men are kept ize. at labor either of mind or body, until . The worst trouble the farmers are continuous exertion during stated having is high taxes caused by too obedience to their superiors have the sub-divisions near the cities and ceased to be irksome, there is little the taxes spread on the farms, and hope of their either prospering in then the gasoline tax on top of that. business or distinguishing themselv-

es in their profession. in the effects of the vehement comevery other branch of industry and it belongs. besides, has many risks peculiar to itself. The easy routine of the olden Macomb Co. time is gone forever; and, without a good measure of tact, energy and industry, no man can obtain a liveli- ADVICE ON SAVING hood by farming.

"In closing this rapid review of British agriculture it is gratifying and cheerful to reflect that never dustry in a healthier condition and never was there such solid grounds for anticipating for it a steady and rapid progress. The time has hardly yet gone by when it was much the way with our manufacturing and trading men, and our civic population generally, to regard our farmers as a dull plodding sort of people, hard on all wintering crops. telligence and energy. Many of them seem now. however, to be the seem unusual damage to wheat, awakening to the fact that their rural brethren possess a full share of those qualities which so honorably distinguished the Privile. distinguished the British race.'

Looking around in the vicinity of and thawing of water soaked lands our towns and cities in the United has been hard on the meadows. States, it isn't an uncommon sight States, it isn't an uncommon sight to see tumbledown, weather-beaten buildings, in some sections it's quite the rule; fences in need of repair, work left undone, soil robbers at work on yearly leases, who from the found very successful. very nature of the agreement could hardly afford to do differently.

land 35 years ago. There is a ten- seed bed can be expected to give a dency toward larger, better equip- satisfactory hay crop the following ped farms. The small farmer, who year,

educational system is remarkable; can to advantage immediately harbut education from a production standpoint alone, won't relieve mat-The forces at work causing possible re-seed with alfalfa or with farm depression, lie deeper, and is a mixture of alfalfa and sweet clover. without question, the result of a habit or policy this government has followed since its beginning; to tions should yield an appreciable favor industry.

Our first presidents were farmers: but they saw the need of industrial ed with a minimum of expense. development. If Andrew Jackson could see the old place once more, Co. F. B. Letters To however, his surprises at our overdose of industrialism would be pain-

ful to witness. to their sorrow. In taking an intell in the letters.

Question, Writer Says is only doing his duty and showing ing forward rapidly in recent used at the Jackson Y. W. C. A. his regard. Interest begets interest, months. and if agriculture wants to tie up with Washington, it must pop the

WALTER GETCHELL.

Should Be Repealed

April 5, 1928, Berrien Center, Mich.

way discover where the shoe pinches. organization long before it was done. This evidence of the times in Eng- We have been organized for about that is talked about the most is tax-

proportion to the whole area. The along a highway can force a payed small farms were amalgamated into road and compel those living back a large estates. It has been a favor- distance of two or three miles to pay able influence on the cultivation of large sums individually for the pubthe soil, for it invariably happens lic's use thereof, and haven't a word members also. that more is produced by the tenant to say about it,-if that isn't taxation without representation, I look

wouldn't make light of his dignity gravel one road nearly across the house tumbled about his ears. Many has by a misunderstanding, forced a A greater number lost their holdings through foreclosure.

This state of affairs was like killing the goose which lays the golden eggs, for the renter, who could be driven off with a six months' notice, impoverished the soil, neglected the going back to the state each month.

The state of affairs was like killing within a strip of 3½ miles miles wide have to pay 23 per cent of it personally besides their portion of it personally besides their portion of the town and county taxes. That road tax has and is still breaking farmers up. See the amount of land impoverished the soil, neglected the going back to the state each month.

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Whole Road Burden

Washington, Mich March 31 1928

Lansing, Michigan.

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hours, confinement to one place, and many good roads and drains through

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> Yours truly, L. C. PAYNE.

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> Throughout the middle west there so severe, but the alternate freezing

Where meadows are seriously thin-

The earlier the ground can be properly prepared and sown the bet-We are undergoing a change comparable with the one in Eng-

is hard pressed for cash, is rapidly from meadows that have been injur-The schools have good courses, the ed the past winter many farmers row or disk the badly damaged portion of a given field and as soon as

> By the time the *second alfalfa return and in many cases an imperfect stand can be thus re-establish-

Members Are Liked

St. Clair, Kalamazoo, Kent and Policy can be altered to fit the other County Farm Bureaus have requirement, when the benefit of been getting out some very good let-such a change grows visible. But ters to their members telling about the lact of interest in voting, the at- the services of the Farm Bureau. It's titude of the farmer to be left alone, a good idea. The results prove that to run his own affairs, has caused the members appreciate the special our statesmen to leave them alone news and service information given

NEAR AGREEMENT

Negotiations toward actually getting under way with the construc monthly noon luncheon meeting for ligent part in the government of our tion of the Great Lakes St. Lawrence Farm Bureau members and invited country the farmer or the city man waterway to the sea have been go- guests has outgrown the first room

> government in a recent exchange of at the Y. W. C. A. for Farm Bureau notes revealed that the two govern- members and their Board. A shor: ments are in reasonable agreement and good program features the meet in regard to the expense of the proj ling ect and as to who should complete various sections of the job and as to how the power plants involved are trying the stunt next week. They have agreed that since the two governments are so nearly together on the principles involved, that it is program is to end promptly at 1:30 time for the engineers and other so that they can get back to their interested parties of the two gov- afternoon's work. ernments to get together and work out such points as we are not in agreement on. Regardless of their progress, the final plan of operations still has to have the approval of Congress and the Canadian parliament, and like all great public just as safe in China as it is here. questions of policy, is likely to require considerable time before final approval is granted.

vicinity of Traverse City are anxious He—"The first two or three years to have their members Farm Bureau that she is twenty-one!"—Every. to have their members Farm Bureau that she is twenty-one!"-Every-

Jackson County Farm Bureau's The idea is well liked. The Board Secretary of State Kellogg for the of Birectors meets monthly and on United States, and the Canadian that date noon luncheon is served

Jackson County Farm Bureau members in Munith Community are o be constructed and handled. Both will meet from 12 to 1:30 o'clock for a potluck dinner. Everyone is to come right from their work, and the

> Gunpowder Equality.-First Chicagoan-"What do think should be our policy in China?

> Second Chicagoan-"I think the life of an American citizen should be

Lingering Golden Age.-She-Which do you think are the most in-Co-operative associations in the teresting years of a woman's-life?" body's Weekly (London).

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