# M. L. NOON AGAIN PRESIDENT OF THE STATE FARM BUREAU

### **NEARLY THOUSAND** ATTEND ANNUAL **BUREAU BANQUET**

Banquet, Address And Old Time Party Justify Expectations

### **QUARTETTE MAKES HIT**

Take Offs On Dodd's Speech And Farm Relief Are Clever

Upwards of 1,000 attended the third annual Farm Bureau banquet and program Thursday evening, Feb. 2, at the Union Memorial building. The program for the evening was a good supper, which appeared on schedule and justified all expecta tions; a splendid address by Dr. William E. Dodd, a bit of entertainment by the way of story telling and music, an old time square dance, which got under way at 9 p. m., and held have been in bed long ago.

well received. Rather than brief this address as would be necessary with the publication this issue of the Secretary's annual report and the text of the resolutions adopted, we have decided to publish Dr. Dodd's address in full in the Feb. 24 edition

The manner in which the three phases of this banquet was handled lowing everyone plenty of time, may be of interest to News readers. The banquet was served at 5:45 o'clock. By 6:45 nearly 1,000 persons in the main ball room and three overflow A big event in the Farm Bureau rooms had been served. By 7:05 all part of the Farmer's Week program of the tables in the main ball room was the first annual meeting and had been carried out by waiters and banquet of the agent force working the 500 in the overflow rooms had in the Farm Bureau Insurance Decome inside with their chairs and partment. M. L. Noon, President removing the tables. Ten minutes of sided. community singing and Dr. Eben B | The agent group with the Farm time to get on the radio at 7:20 p. guests made a live party of 211 en. of politics at the banquet. didate boomlet exacted an unexpect- upper peninsula were represented. ed 15 minutes, terminated by no ac- Anyone seeing this bunch of live day morning. Michigan State College Extension year's work. staff. Between 8:50 and 9:20 the The meeting not only demonstratwent out over the radio. Everyone is preacher, Rev. F. Wright, of Wahad a great time at the party.

The two songs sung by the quartette brought the house down, and believing you will enjoy the verses. we are presenting them herewith:

THE FARMER HOLDS THE BAG (Notes From Dr. Dodd's Address) We will try to sing A touching little song, High, low, the Dr. knews The Farmer's always wrong.

When e'er we have a war And wave the dear old flag, High, ho, the merry old Farmer holds the bag.

When times are really hard Our valuables we soak, High, low, the weary old Farmer's always broke.

They cut in prosperous times The melon from the vine, High, ho, the merry old Farmer gets the rind.

The tariff needs a shave And Congress starts to vote, High, ho, the merry old Farmer is the goat.

When railroads want a boost At once they change the rate, High, ho, the merry old Farmer pays the freight.

When e'er they have a strike, The world is all aroused, High, bo, the merry old Farmer's milking cows.

The banker sets the clock. The sun he would out-wit, Just so to get to work. Before it's time to quit.

Sometime, if folks would chew Something besides the rag, Let's just remind them The farmer holds the bag.

FARM RELIEF
I've felt the breeze of Springtime,
I've loved the harvest moon,
I've dreamed of lovers' ring time
In the merry month of June.
But the time I'm really happy
And my heart is light as foam,
Is when our would-be friends in Congress
Have adjourned and all gone home.

When our would-be friends in Congress

Wiley-"John, there is someone in the pantry, and I've just made

Hubby-"Well, it's all right with me, as long as he don't die in the house."-Oregon Orange Owl.

### PRESIDENT



When the 1928 Board of Directors organized Feb. 3, they re-elected President M. L. Noon for another forth until 12:30 a. m., when a well year. Mr. Noon was president from fagged bunch of musicians were ad- 1924 to 1926, was returned again in vised that enough is enough, even 1927 and now is to serve until the though the floor was well filled with annual meeting of 1929. Few places a bunch of old timers who should in Michigan that Mr. Noon hasn' spoken before Farm Bureau audi Dr. Dodd delivered his address on ences or co-op, meetings, and a good "Shall American Farmers Become many have called him back for a Peasants," and as predicted, it was second and a third time, and so on.

## AGENTS HOLD 1ST ANNUAL MEETING

to meet the time schedule, yet al- 211 From 40 Counties Find Their Record Is Remarkable

A big event in the Farm Bureau

tion on the part of the crowd. Fol- wires would agree that the Farm tette composed of Messrs. Carr, Mc- arrived. Eight thousand policies were

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# Delegates Refuse to Don Political Harness

Resolution Back Fire Hits Smith

An attempt to turn the annual President," said Mr. Nicol. banquet of the Michigan State Farm Bureau into a political rally, boom ing the candidacy of former Gov. Frank O. Lowden of Illinois, for

president, met with disaster. The farmers balked at pledging Michigan's 33 delegates to Lowden. When the vote was taken on a reso lution introduced by State Senator Peter B. Lennon of Genesee county t became apparent the 1,000 banqueters were about evenly divided or and against the Illinois candi

The result gave the impression Michigan farmers either have not made up their minds as to whom they will indorse, or they have other men whom they are inclined to support in preference to the Illinois PATRONS' DIVIDEND farmer-banker-Pullman mogul. Senator Lennon sprang the reso-

lution unexpectedly at the close of an address on agricultural problems by Dr. William E. Dodd, professor of history at the University of Chi ago. Before reading the proposed indorsement he reviewed the struggle at Washington to enact the Mc Nary-Haugen plan of farm relief nation's most "consistent and out- services. tanding proponent" of the measure is audience grew cold and restless.

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Effort For Lowden Failure; | dates, one of whom might be a wet and the other possibly opposed to farm relief legislation. "I, for one, and I know many oth-

ers here hold the same view, will never vote for a wet candidate for A wave of applause swept over the great assembly, indicating Mr. Nicol

had voiced the sentiments of a majority of those at the convention. Just because a man might disagree with them on only one question was no reason that the Farm Bureau members should oppose his candida y if he stood for other principles acceptable to them, Nicol added.

The vote to table the resolution vas unanimous. This was the second time in two lays that the Michigan State Farm Bureau refused to be hitched to any one candidate for president.

# **BOOKS TO BE SENT**

One of the most important actions one of the most important actions taken at the tenth annual meeting FARMERS MUST BE was one that provides special recog-His remarks concerning the bill nition of Farm Bureau members on were warmly applauded but as he their purchases of Farm Bureau switched to lauding Lowden as the goods or Farm Bureau commercial

The convention decided that as the Farm Bureau membership had built the institution, which serves them eared dazed that such a resolution and other farmers, the paid up Farm Bureau member should be recognizome expected President M. L. Noon ed by a patronage dividend on his purchases of Farm Bureau goods and posal out of order. Instead, some services. The patronage dividend will Lowden supporter moved for the be determined by the savings that adoption of the resolution and an- the organization and its business

Farm Bureau members are to be ter their purchases of Farm Bureau or selling alfalfa. candidates who favored farm relief will be payable only to members in the United States. There is no need Other commodity exchange direc-

### SECRETARY



CLARK L. BRODY

Secretary, Treasurer and General lanager, Mr. Brody has been the ecutive officer of the Michigan tate Farm Bureau since 1921. He as been engaged by the State Farm Bureau Board of Directors for 1928

Term "Northwestern Alfalfa" Is Taking In Too Much Territory

By T. J. MAURER Mich. State Farm Bureau Seedsman

The use of the term "Northwestern" in describing alfalfa may be toastmaster, looked in Noon's direc furnished with a patronage dividend interpreted one or two ways dependtion, presumably for instruction, and coupon book in which they shall en- ing on whether the speaker is buying

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### **NEARLY 1,000 MEMBERS PRESENT AT** 10TH ANN'L MEETING TO HELP SHAPE **FARM BUREAU'S PROGRAM FOR 1928**

Complete Report Of Meeting Given In This Edition Of The News: Ten Members Of The Board Of Directors Are Re-Elected; Fred Harger Is New Member

Some stiring scenes marked the tenth annual meeting of the Michigan State Farm Bureau at State College, Feb. 2 and 3, the largest State gathering the organization has ever held. Nearly 1,000 were at the annual Farm Bureau banquet the evening of Feb. 2.

Twice within 24 hours did the delegates refuse to hitch the Farm Bureau to any political candidate for President or any other office; a vigorous debate resulted in permanently tabling a resolution favoring capital punishment, and a program was adopted providing that in the future Farm Bureau members are to be given financial and other recognition over non-Farm

The above matters, together with Secretary Brody's annual report, the resolutions adopted, are worth giving in full and are published elsewhere in this edition of the News.

Those attending the business sessions Thursday and Friday learned that their State organization, with nine service departments, had had a good year in 1927 and is in sound shape for an even better year of service in 1928. The State Farm Bureau and its subsidiary Supply Service and Seed Service reported a net worth of \$120,630.36 as of Dec. 31, 1927, and had cash on hand and in banks of \$36,324.23 on that date. The organization includes in its assets a valuable property and building near the heart of Lansing, which houses all Farm Bureau enterprises, including the seed cleaning plant and

Automobile insurance for farmers at farm risk rates, through the State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Co., was a major development for the Farm Bureau for 1927. Thousands of our members are now holding these policies and the number is growing rapidly.

staff. Between 8:50 and 9:20 the crowd had left the ballroom, taking their chairs with them, the canvas had been rolled up, and the orchestra and caller were piping down on the first square dance, which also went out over the radio. Everyone went out over the radio. Everyone went out over the radio. Everyone staff. Between 8:50 and 9:20 the candidates who tavored tarm results to the first so need that the bunch were good insurance salesmen, but it also showed that the bunch were good insurance salesmen, but it also showed that the bunch were good insurance salesmen, but it also showed that the bunch were good insurance salesmen, but it also showed that the bunch were good insurance salesmen, but it also showed that within the agency force there and succeeded in table to hid dentity of Utah grown or the first square description of the Farm Bureau, led to hid the bunch were George McCalla for the Elevator Exchange; M. I. Noon for the Michigan Milk Production. There is no need to seed under the blanket term "North-western." Experiment Station results show that Utah Composal. He said the nation for the Michigan Milk Production of the News. They will be in the tertainment any time. In our ranks we do not the north president for the Michigan Milk Production of the News. They will be in the tertainment any time. In our ranks we do not the first square dance, which also working convention.

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# Sec'y Brody Reports Work Of State Farm Bureau For 1927

### Members and Families Served In Many Ways

Ten Service Departments or Subsidiary Co.'s Give Members Special Services on Seeds, Feeds, Insurance, Transportation, Legislation And Organization

> By CLARK L. BRODY Sec'y-Mgr. of the Michigan State Farm Bureau

Annual Report of the Secretary-Manager presented to Delegates to the Tenth Annual Meeting of the Michigan State Farm Bureau at Michigan State College, February 2, 1928. Activity and helpful interest on the part of all groups comprising the organization have characterized the administration of the Mich-

igan State Farm Bureau the past year. The members, County Farm Bureaus, Board of Delegates, Board of Directors and employees have made encouraging progress in fitting and welding themselves together into a more effective working whole.

The year has shown us how to make use of the elements in the

Farm Bureau to serve and protect the farmer's cause as never be-fore. In May, for the first time in the history of the Michigan State Farm Bureau, a special meeting of the Board of Delegates was held. Its principal purpose was to broaden the charter to include automobile insurance. The fact that this special session seated official delegates from thirty-five counties in one of the busiest times of the year demonstrates conclusively that the Board of Delegates is not merely a group that meets once a year, but rather a practical working body throughout the year, ready to function whenever the need arises.

That the members and County Farm Bureaus have been in rea-sonably close contact with the State Farm Bureau administration is further shown by the four state-wide conferences of County Farm Bureaus held in Lansing in March, May, July and November. These were called by your Board of Directors to get the views of the local Bureaus on organization and merchandising policies, and to keep the members as well informed as possible regarding the activities of the State Farm Bureau. Our County Farm Bureaus and members deserve special commendation for the success they made of the special meeting of the Board of Delegates and these four state con-

Your Board of Directors has held eight meetings since the last annual convention. These convened in February, March, May, July, September, November, December and January. In addition to this, the Executive Committee consisting of the President, Vice-President and Director McPherson has been in session five times between meetings of the directors. These meetings have been characterized by industrious attention to the work at hand, and with few absences. It has been the practice of your officers to arrange and conduct Board meetings so that the greatest amount of time possible is available for the directors to consider the weightier problems.

In addition to the careful consideration of the Board and Executive Committee, the important projects and policies have the almost constant attention and counsel of our heads of departments. The eight people occupying the responsible places in the Farm Bureau constitute a cabinet that may be called together weekly, and if necessary, daily to safeguard and plan our activities. Our work has been carried on as in previous years, by maintaining the following departments or subsidiaries:

Finance Seed Supply Auto Insurance Publicity Transportation Legislation Organization

In the internal administration of these departments a few changes in personnel and organization have taken place during the year. In this connection, your Board of Directors has taken advantage of some important opportunities to reduce executive costs and better co-ordinate the departments internally and in relation to each other, which has resulted in increased efficiency and in some instances, has effected considerable economy. In no instance, however, has efficiency been sacrificed or any service curtailed.

Reviewing our administrative activities for the year as a whole, encouraging progress has been made in developing a better and more completely functioning organization. Every part of the machinery has been active and has made progress, from the membership through the County Farm Bureaus, Board of Delegates, state conferences, State Farm Bureau Board of Directors and Executive Committee to the internal organization of the various departments. FINANCE

A carefully prepared budget of receipts and expenditures for the coming year has been submitted to the Board of Directors at the first regular session following each annual meeting of delegates. Every item is thoroughly explained to the Board and the combined counsel of all the directors brought to bear in making such modifications as seem best. After approval by the Board, this schedule becomes our

A complete and detailed financial statement is furnished each director every month. In this the share of the amount budgeted for the month and also for the period of the year that has elapsed is set opposite each item of actual receipts and expenses. This enables the directors to see at a glance whether our operations are being kept within the amount determined at the beginning of the This report shows the gain or loss of each department or subsidiary for the month and for that portion of the year preceding and including the month covered by the statement. Net worth statements of the Farm Bureau and subsidiary corporations are contained in the monthly report. All phases of the report are explained and discussed at each Board meeting after which each director has

the opportunity for further study and consideration at home. The principal items for which membership money is spent include the work of the organization in representing the membership in legislation, transportation, taxation, and to the business world and public generally, a portion of Board of Directors' expense and that incurred by the president and other directors in attending meetings and maintaining co-operative relationships, one-half the expenses of the secretary-manager's office, the total cost of the Organization Department, about one-half the expenses of the Traffic Department, the clerical and administrative work necessary to record and collect memberships, the Farm Bureau News, and building expenses, such

as coal, insurance, repairs, and janitor and night-watch service.

Regarding our credit advantages, the satisfactory experience banks and business institutions have had with the Farm Bureau in previous years has gradually built up confidence and encouraged them to offer us additional credit facilities and accommodations. effort possible has been put forth to merit and strengthen the trust our banks and business associates have in the Michigan State Farm Bureau. Lines of credit, totaling at one time \$235,000, were granted in Lansing, Traverse City, Muskegon, Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo,

On the other hand, the credit as granted or guaranteed by the Michigan State Farm Bureau for the local co-operative associations of the state has been most satisfacory and resulted in fewer losses than in previous years.

Complete information to the Board of Directors, reduced overhead expenses, improved relations with our financial institutions have characterized the financial operations of the Michigan State Farm Bureau for 1927.

SUPPLY SERVICE Inasmuch as the discussion of the financial experience of the Michigan State Farm Bureau given above, together with the report of the Treasurer, deal extensively with our business operations, brief

comment here will suffice. The Farm Bureau Supply Service has operated along about the same lines as in previous years, supplying the farmer through his local co-operative associations of the state with open formula dairy and poultry feeds, quality fertilizer, twine, coal, and miscellaneous

The feed business during the past year showed a gain of approximately 500 tons a month over any previous year, and the department experienced an appreciable increase in the tonnage of fertilizer handled over any other twelve months period. Summer feed contracts with farmers increased fifty per cent over last year, which indicates a growing confidence in Farm Bureau services. The Supply Service has made a substantial net earning out of which \$14,266.15 was

declared to its co-operative organization dealers as patronage dividends. Truth in merchandise has been its guiding principle.

Just at the close of the year the Supply Service secured the state agency for the distribution of the Dunham Culti-Packer and it is now available to the farmers at a material saving in price. Not only has an appreciable price reduction been brought about but important improvements on the machine have been made by the manu-

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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 consump-tion tax; retention of federal income tax; Passage of Gooding-Ketcham Seed Stain-ing bill

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 (d) Equalization of assessment of farm and

(Farm Bureau Investigations brought equalization in Calhoun, Ingham, Washtenaw, Monroe and Kalamazoo counties, saving farmer taxpayers \$67,350 excess taxes annually.)

### TRANSPORTATION

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

EFFECTIVE OCT. 20,

ENACTED APR. 26, 1926

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

EFFECTIVE SEPT. 10,

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

Adequate protection for farmers against loss by fire, theft, collision, property damage and public liability furnished at rea-

### Sec'y Brody Reports Bureau's 1927 Work

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While this project is only in its infancy present indications are that it will become one of the most serviceable and best appreciated lines of work of the Farm Bureau. This is our first venture in the field of farm machinery and we are proceeding only after due deliber-

SEED SERVICE The Farm Bureau Seed Service has completed a most valuable

year's service to the farmers of the state. The volume of business as compared with last year has held about the same.

While the service rendered has been fully up to or excelled that of previous years, adverse market conditions, the high price of red clover send last spring, coupled with the extreme drought which reduced the volume of alfalfa seed sown, and other problems controlling the department have operated to make it a much less profitable year financially than was the case in 1926. However, the year's experience of the Seed Service taken in its broadest and

most constructive sense, and particularly with a view to its future operations, has given your Farm Bureau administration a much

better grasp of this difficult and exacting line of work. The resignation of Mr. Barnum to accept a more lucrative position with the Eastern States Farmers' Exchange at Buffalo, terminating his several years of valuable service necessitated some important changes in personnel and administration.

On October 1, the general business management of the Seed Service was placed under L. A. Thomas. The ability and success in the management of the Farm Bureau Supply Service that Mr. Thomas has demonstrated during the past six years, and his familiarity with Farm Bureau policies amply qualified him to take on this additional

Also placing the general management of the Seed and Supply Services under one man has accomplished a very desirable co-ordination and financial resources of both services and greatly facilitated the management of the field force which serves both depart-

The reorganization of the Seed Service also included the appointment of T. C. Maurer, seed specialist and agronomist. Mr. Maurer came to the department as assistant manager after extended and valuable experience in seed and crop improvement work, and has shown marked adaptability and qualification for safeguarding the origin and quality of the seeds furnished to Michigan farmers. Moreover, the Seed Service has retained the skilled personnel that has ben developed by the department for the office, analytical and processing lines of work. Shipments of seed coming from the west are all personally selected with origin, purity and quality verified before shipment to Michigan.

Furthermore, all shipments before final acceptance are subject to a second analysis when received here. Along with this we have been able to make more advantageous arrangements for financing the peak load of the spring seed requirements.

An intelligent review of the year's operations of the Farm Bureau Seed Service in all its aspects shows that 1927 stands unequaled in the progress and improvement of this pioneer service.

WOOL POOL The Wool Pool of 1927 was continued as in the past in conjunction with the pools of the State Farm Bureaus of Indiana, Ohio and West Virginia. The prices received by Michigan wool growers who have pooled their clips since this co-operative arrangement between the different states has been in vogue, have in the main been very

Even though the volume has not been as large as could have been desired it has, nevertheless, has a very wholesome influence on the prices paid by the dealers and has thus benefited all Michigan wool growers whether in the pool or not.

Wool is pooled for Farm Bureau members and non-members. In 1927 the Farm Bureau members enjoyed an average extra return of \$3.89 over non-members on account of the lower handling charges

The largest saving on account of being a Farm Bureau member was \$52.08 by R. VanVranken of Kalamazoo County; while the Farm Bureau memberships of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kinch of Huron County and William Blackmore of Lapeer County brought them an extra return of \$48.76 and \$21.55, respectively.

The Wool Pool occasions little additional overhead expense for the Farm Bureau, the supervision having been handled by Mr. Bentall in connection with the automobile insurance work. expense was incurred by the employment of a field man for about two months in the spring. With the more active County Farm Bureau program that is now being initiated I believe the Wool Pool can be greatly strengthened and the volume increased.

AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE

Automobile Insurance has already proved to be one of the most beneficial and best appreciated Farm Bureau services. The first year's business closing December 31, 1927, totaled 7,076 policies covering liability, property damage, fire and theft, and collision insurance, with a very substantial net earning for the department.

An organization of eight district men and over four hundred local year. The broad educational program only has written this volume of in-surance but has come to constitute a 1925 and 1926, and its vigorous convaluable means of contact between tinuation in 1927 is bearing fruit. the State Farm Bureau and its mem- In recent months particularly, a bership along all Farm Bureau lines.
Some difficulty has been experienced in securing active local agents but lines and responsibility held meetings for secured only for those who have worked. In this way, a more active and efficient agency force is grad-

ly during the past year, so that today live associations. automobile insurance has become on? The seven sectional group confer under consideration.

and most useful activities the Farm and approval. Bureau has ever started for the farmers of Michigan.

### Clothing

The Clothing Department has continued along approximately the same lines as were outlined at the last annual meeting. Virgin wool made-toauto robes, and men's underwear are the articles handled. Its patronage comes from both the city and country and the department receives a very appreciable portion of the best trade in Lansing and other central Michigan cities. Also the business from Farm Bureau members has noticeably increased since the Farm Bureau member has been allowed a discount to commpensate him for the service his dues have rendered in setting up and supporting the department.

In February, 1927, our Clothing Service was placed under the management of Miss Neva Kirby, formerly in charge of the office work. Since able, and there is a growing feelthe best management of any period in its history and has effected an appreciable reduction in the overhead expense.

has been visited during the year by ress toward this end. about 1,000 farmers and our Clothcontact with four membership.

Organization

The state of the s

censes for the second year are being the purpose of discussing and getually being built up with a corres-ponding increase in the volume of consideration the County Farm Bubusiness and service to the farmers. reaus have given farm relief meas-The Michigan State Farm Bureau ures and highway legislation. Our is carrying on this work as the state County Farm Bureaus have also agent of the State Farm Mutual Au- made encouraging progress in bringtomobile Insurance Company of ing about a closer and more helpful Bloomington, Illinois. This work has relationship between the county orspread over the country very rapid- ganizations and the local co-opera-

of the main projects of the Farm Bu- ences and the four state-wide meetreaus of Ohio, Indiana, Missouri, ings, with fifty-four local meetings in South Dakota, Minnesota, Tennes- thirty-eight counties attended by the see, Kansas, Colorado, Iowa, Nebras- Organization Director and Farm Bu-State Farm Bureaus have the matter, members to think on the problem of membership maintenance as never The automobile insurance work of before, and their suggestions and rethe Michigan State Bureau is only a actions have been clarified and deyear old, but it has already attained veloped by your State Farm Bureau a volume of business and impertance into some new plans which we are

These include, first,-a real County Farm Bureau program which will take care of the numerous local needs of our members and encourage them to a more active participation in organization affairs, local, state and national. The development order suits and overcoats, blankets, of a County Farm Bureau program that will contribute to the solution of the farmer's taxation, legislative, economic, social and other problems is under way and gives promise of reducing the resistance of the Farm Bureau has experienced in maintain-

ing its membership heretofore. It is particularly encouraging that County Farm Bureaus have come to realize more and more that the maintenance of the Farm Bureau membership is a responsibility of the county organization as well as of the State Farm Bureau. The increased consideration on the part of County Farm Bureau Boards, of the real work of the Farm Bureau is noticeing on the part of county organizations that the whole \$10 paid in dues records indicate that the department year has shown encouraging prog-

Second,-Because of sentiment reing Service forms a very desirable peatedly expressed by our members it seems highly advisable that we pership has about held its own since members as having a different standnew members signed over the state our Wool, Clothing and Transportaever, the problem has been extreme- Michigan farmers. The maintenance of our member-ly difficult and seemed almost imship has required an extreme effort, possible to solve. These commodities claims with railroads amounting to strongest reasons why our retired but the outlook for more satisfactory are distributed through the local co-\$16,075.86, and collected during business men do not establish their

the co-op., and in turn, between the freight claims. co-op and its own stockholders. bers themselves.

We now have a plan developed that we believe workable to give the Farm Bureau Board of Directors, \$2.15 to \$37.50. this has been approved by numerous of study and counsel, and represents 824.39. the best thought of the organization mmediately.

not expect too much from this, and cost. that we keep uppermost in our minds that the fundamental purpose of our organization is to enable the members to mobilize their influence and tive to support the organization than mained practically the same as at and his home. We must not lose sight attention commensurate with its im- efficient administration of Farm Buof these broader values which can portance. A Farm Bureau represen- reau finances. The business activities only be attained and perpetuated by tative reported the activities of each have prospered and been made of the maintenance of a well informed, session of the 1927 Legislature, and greater service. participating membership.

Department. C. L. Nash was appointed Organization Director, effective May 1. In the comparatively short time that has elapsed he has already secured a good grasp of the responsibilities of the department and is making encouraging progress in the along these lines. development of the program and policies outlined above.

### Information

standing on the part of the farmer the following: and the general public regarding farmers' organization interests were and truth-in-fruit juice bills. never of more importance than at the present time. The State Farm apples, potatoes and grapes. Bureau Information Department has through articles prepared for the to serve agriculture.

During the session of the legislathroughout the year numerous items terest have been given the press whenever events in our experience by this convention. seemed to warrant.

The Farm Bureau News has been published twice a month to our menbership. Its files constitute a veritable encyclopedia and history of legislative measures, co-operative Bureau administrative policies and personnel, and internal and external actment into laws. relationships generally.

pass prevention, corporation tax. ka and Michigan, and several other reau officials, have stimulated our rates and general transportation St. Lawrence Waterway, freight matters, proceedings of annual meetings both state and national, County Agents and Extension work, tuberculosis eradication, commodity marketing and numerous other subjects that makes it one of the strongest submitting for your consideration The Farm Bureau News and our Information Service constitute one of development and protection of the farmer's organized interests.

### Transportation

Transportation work has from the beginning been one of the leading) projects of the Michigan State Farm Bureau. The important activities for 1927 include,-intervention in the California Grape Rate Case, protecting the interests of Michigan growers by opposing reduction in California rates to the east; investigation of rates on fruits from Michigan to Chicago, when we found that Indiana growers were enjoying rates approximately 40 per cent lower, thus placing Michigan producers at a disadvantage; participated in securing and maintaining live stock feeder in transit rates amounting to a saving of from \$9.90 to \$35.50 per car; intervened in the Ohio fertilizer case for the reduction of fertilizer rates; assisted in maintaining stop-ove privileges on carlot freight shipments, prepared exhibits for the must be utilized directly for building gation of freight rates on farm produp the Farm Bureau. There is a ucts; co-operated with Michigan growing conviction on the part of our manufacturers by appearing as a The Clothing Department has been well informed members that the witness in the Lake Carriers Coal self-supporting but has not been able County Farm Bureau is an essen- Rate Case to sustain a reduction of to make a financial gain, owing tial part of our Farm Bureau ma- 20 cents per ton on coal to lake highly influential lobby from our the adverse industrial and business chinery and can be made an effect conditions affecting its patrons. Our tive, functioning organization. The for the Lake Odessa Co-operative points; secured unloading privileges own state, the entire 13 Michigan Elevator; secured repair of stock the repeal of the estate tax. pens at Stanwood, Weidman, Shepardsville, Webberville, Williamston, Marcellus, Schoolcraft, Fowler and Gaines; new pens at Wyman; secured present to the delegates a plan for drains under railroads for farmers for Michigan schools has resulted The Farm Bureau continuous mem- further recognition of Farm Bureau in Huron and St. Clair counties; ar- from it, and that 23 large estates the last annual meeting. Many of our ing in the use of Farm Bureau serv- crossings in Monroe County; obtain- If these 23 men could have establish-County Farm Bureaus have suffered ices than non-members. This has ed continuation of Dailey on the M. ed a legal residence in a place where a rather heavy cancellation, but the for some time been in operation with C. R. D., as an agency station; sethere was no inheritance tax, they cured improved freight service for would have saved their estates a treas a whole, have held the number on tion Services to members. With the Ravenna Co-operative Association mendous sum of money, and the pubthe roll of the State Farm Bureau at Farm Bureau twine, fertilizer, coal, and other shippers; and a multitude lie school fund would have suffered the end of the year nearly the same feed, seeds and other supplies, how- of other miscellaneous services to a proportionate loss.

progress in the future brightened operative association rather than di-

Farm Bureau, and it has been dif-tive associations and Farm Bureau takes the tax which the state does ficult to accomplish the benefit to business departments. These include not take. Remove that barrier and

The appointment of Mr. Mills, our constitution. Moreover, the trade of the non-mem- traffic manager, as chairman of the ber had to be considered, for he is Great Lakes Regional Advisory enables the Farm Bureau to maintain ognition of both Mr. Mills personal-

paid up member this recognition. In without charge, and this saving per commendation. addition to the sanction of the State individual member has ranged from

The Michigan State Farm Bureau action in the future. at this time. With the approval and Transportation service for 1927 has support of this Board of Delegates equaled or excelled that of any other

### Legislation

throughout the year attention was A change in the management of continually given to the important gram and a workable plan for giving the Organization Department during state and national measures. It has the Farm Bureau member recognithe year was occasioned by the assignment of Alfred Bentall to the enactment of a law or the adjourn-year. head of the Automobile Insurance ment of the Legislature, but the organization is always on the alert to see that laws concerning the farmer are properly administered. We are tion, business and organization accalled upon frequently throughout tivities through the public press, inthe year by farmers and co-operative cluding 358 local papers and the associations for both advice and help Michigan Farm Bureau News.

The Michigan State Farm Bureau was strongly influential in securing fertilizer, and coal freight rate cases, the passage of several important and rendered indispensable service in Information and intelligent under- state legislative measures, including

Farm trespass, chicken stealing Amendments to grading laws for

Tuberculosis and Corn Borer

fought for the enactment of an in- lief and estate tax legislation. ture last winter and spring a news creased gas tax and permanent, lowstory each week outlining what had priced license plates for passenger of service affecting every phase of occurred was sent regularly to 358 automobiles. The attempt was not the farmer's existence makes the Michigan weeklies, and about 600 successful, and the Farm Bureau Michigan State Farm Bureau an in-Farm Bureau Minute Men. Also emerged from the fray with its dispensable institution to the farm-"head bloody but unbowed." The fuof agricultural and organization inalong this line will be determined

Large delegations of Farm Bureau marketing, organization news, Farm fluence of these delegations was hard work and struggle. most effective in securing their en-

elationships generally.

A real news and educational pro
Interest of farm legislative matters.

When a substantial number of its members have, through the fires of sacrifice and responsibility, fused gram has been carried on in regard interest of farm legislative matters themselves together into to chicken stealing and farm tree- constituted a real departure from the old habits of the farmer. These corn borer, general taxation, federal meetings demonstrated that he will estate tax, seed staining, farm relief, no longer remain supinely at home when legislation such as the farm trespass, chicken thief and highway measures of so much vital concern

to his craft are in jeopardy. Nationally, your State Farm Bu reau actively supported the following TURNING PROFITS

McNary-Haugen Farm Relief; Corn Borer appropriation; Muscle Shoals for fertilizer manufacture the most potent influences for the staining of imported seeds; retention rics; repeal of the Federal Automobile Tax.

> During each of the last two years representative of the Michigan State Farm Bureau has spent some time in Washington in behalf of national legislation. In 1926, Stanley Powell was sent to assist the Washington office of the A. F. B. F. in the last spring President Noon did most effective work at our National Capital in the interest of farm relief legislation. It is significant to note that the seed staining bill became a law. and that Michigan Congressmen registered 7 votes, together with the

> Then the Farm Bureau spoke again more recently in opposing the repeal of the Federal Estate Tax. A resolution to this effect was passed by our Board of Directors and pub lished about the state. Copy of the resolution, with a strong letter protesting the repeal of the measure was mailed to our state legislators and Congressmen. In spite of the fact that we were opposed by a strong and Congressmen recently voted against

Some idea of the importance of the estate tax to Michigan farmers is evident when we consider that in the past five years \$10,411,461.36 ranged for protection at railroad have paid \$6,246,876.81 of this total.

There are now three states which Our Traffic Department filed 438 levy no inheritance tax. One of the

members over non-members without a number of claims for loss result- we may expect to find our more able complicating the business relation-ing from fires set by locomotives, citizens establishing a legal residence ships between the Farm Bureau and stock killed on right of way and in Florida, where inheritance taxes are forever forbidden by the State

The year has witnessed a further perfection of our legislative Minute furnishing a volume of business that Board last July was a splendid rec. Men force which now numbers about 600 leading Farm Bureau members. the business services for the mem- ly and the standing and influence of The prompt response and service the Michigan State Farm Bureau. these leaders are giving the reports All claims for Farm Bureau mem- and requests of the Michigan State bers in good standing are collected Farm Bureau deserves the highest

On the whole, the legislative activities and accomplishments of the The gross cost of the Traffic De- year have added greatly to the pro-County Farm Bureaus and co-opera- partment was \$5,875.97, with total tection of the farmer. Let us hold tive managers in various sections of earning of \$3,051.58, making the and maintain what we have gained the state. It is the result of months net cost to the Farm Bureau \$2,- and make still greater progress by continued intelligent and vigorous

In conclusion, the year's activities we propose to put in into operation year in the history of the Farm Bu- show that the members, delegates, reau, and as indicated above, it has county organizations, and govern-It is highly important that we do been furnished at a most economical mental machinery of the Michigan State Farm Bureau have functioned in the most active and effective man-Legislation without question ap- ner in the history of the organizapeals to more farmers as an incention. While the net worth has repower for the protection of agricul- any other single activity of the Farm the close of last year, we have, nevture and the improvement of condi- Bureau. A review of our legislative ertheless, made substantial progress tions in general affecting the farmer work for 1927 shows that it received toward greater financial stability and

A real County Farm Bureau pro-

The membership has been kept constantly in touch with and informed regarding legislative, transporta-

The organization has participated effectively in several important fruit, securing transportation facilities such as stock yards, drains, freight service, etc., and collected thousands of dollars of railroad claims for our membership.

The Farm Bureau has been influential in securing the passage of served these purposes principally eradication, and other appropriations chicken thief, farm trespass, truthagents has been built up during the which the Organization Department public press, and through the Michiyear. This large agency force not has conducted through the two big gan Farm Bureau News.

One of the severest battles in the inspection, tuberculosis and corn bistory of the Farm Bureau was borer eradication, highway, farm rein-fruit, potato and fruit grading history of the Farm Bureau was borer eradication, highway, farm re-

This broad, constructive program er and his family in their struggle

Deep devotion and enduring loyalty to a great cause do not spring people were brought in from various an organization like the Farm Buspontaneously with the formation of counties to appear at hearings on the reau. Neither are these life-sustainhighway, chicken thief and farm ing essentials determined by mere trespass bills. In case of the two latter measures, unquestionably the in- profit, but come through years of

> An organization is strong only that is infinitely greater than the sum of the individuals comprising it. Today, as never before, a larger proportion of the members of the Michigan State Farm Bureau have achieved this greater understanding and consecration.

# WITH POULTRY

of Federal Estate Tax; Truth-in-Fab- Calcium Carbonate Most Important Mineral Feed

Every poultryman should, figuratively, place his business on scales, on the turning of which depends the success or failure of his enterprise. interest of the seed staining bill, and On the plus side of the balance are clean housing, a balanced ration, plenty of air and sunlight, sufficient exercise and timely culling. Counter acting these good forces are the "forces of evil," the natural frailty of chickens and many diseases prevalent among the flocks, and most imvote of 1 Senator, in favor of the partant of all, the lack of sufficient McNary-Haugen Farm Relief meas- eggshell material (increasing the number of soft shelled eggs).

To the experienced poultry breeder it is evident that the assets mentioned are not enough to cover the liabilities. Something, therefore, must be used to "turn the scales." from losses to profits. There is one method which, used consistently, will perform this function in an effective manner. This is the use of crushed oyster shell.

Crushed oyster shell, a food of nearly 100 per cent calcium carbonate content, builds the bones of the chickens, doing away with frailty, and making them less susceptible to disease. Its most important work, nowever, is supplying eggshell material which comes from the calcium carbonate contained in the oyster shell. This mineral not only assures hard-shelled eggs, but increases the number of eggs produced.

These facts show clearly that the ise of crushed oyster shell is the ideal method of "turning the scales."

A visitor to a city in Scotland was surprised to find the streets deserted and inquired as to the reason. "Tag day," was the reply.

Two weeks later the visitor returned and this time the streets were jammed solidly with people.

considerably the latter part of the rect to the farmer from the State for Michigan farmers, local co-opera- that the federal government now ducting a house-to-house canvass.

### Resolutions Adopted at 10th Annual Farm Bureau Meeting

## **BUREAU ACTS ON** MANY ITEMS OF

The McNary-Haugen Equalization Fee

gates at the 10th annual meeting of within the county. the Michigan State Farm Bureau. With few exceptions the verdict was of public interest. The resolutions:

PREAMBLE Realizing that the only way in official actions of their representative platform for the coming year.

Endorsement of Program We renew our allegiance and support of the Farm Bureau movement. our organization was formed, is the therein. need of organized Agriculture appar- Extension Work In Agricultural And ent if Agriculture is to remain a selfsupporting and self-respecting industure which it would be impossible to do in any other way.

Management

We commend the business man-Bureau and its constant vigilance in fit, therefore behalf of useful legislation.

Surplus Control

forth the inequality in Agriculture. trol legislation containing the Equal- lature. ization Fee Plan as proposed in the McNary-Haugen Bill. It is the only tion by spreading back to the entire cost of its own stabilization and pro-

We stand willing as an organiza-

main purpose of which propaganda portance. it appears to us to be to bring about

Farm Relief legislation. Should such ficient production. tactics result in the passage of no | We stand firmly for a farm mind-

We believe that sound economics tinies of any group of our citizens.

gress and the similar committee in the policy might be followed. Senate have stood firmly for many of Farm Surplus Control.

home, the necessity of having their marketing, and organization are re-County Farm Bureau send telegrams sponsible for an adequate farm in to their Senators and Congressmen come and a fuller life on the farm,

American Farm Bureau We endorse and whole-heartedly ture. support the resolutions and policies It is our belief also that in the an effort to study our system of taxa-

in their national legislative policy. extension. Auto Insurance We commend the continuance of

County Farm Bureaus Whereas, our County Farm Bureaus are showing renewed interest ing and grazing cattle shipped int and activity and

aggressive locals which come in close Michigan will be known as a T. B. carrying to him on the one hand in- must be T. B. tested, and formation about the work of the Since at some of the markets at on the other giving him an opportun- tle are bought, an exorbitant testing ity of expressing his views and hav- fee is charged; ing his say about the policies of the State Convention Endorses organization, is of fundamental im- Farm Bureau therefore use its influ-

position of last year suggesting that ped into the State for feeding and the resolutions adopted by the dele- organization and program of work standing that they be placed in quar- delivery to every farm home and that,

We recognize that the member ex- after arrival. pects that portion of his membership unanimous. Newspapers throughout fee which stays in the County to the State gave considerable attention function for the benefit of the organ- a reputation for producing high class to these resolutions as indicating izaion and to this end we believe that dairy cows which are disease free and Michigan farmer opinion on matters a County Farm Bureau program show a very low percentage of T. B. should deal with some of the Economic and Organization phases of cows has become very great. the Agricultural problem within the which the desires of farmers may be County. We urge that each County in various parts of the United States presented effectively is through the Farm Bureau Board of Directors con- are selling cows, bought by them else sider early in the year the forming where, for cows of Michigan origin. organizations, we the duly elected of a County Farm Bureau program; members of the Board of Delegates we believe that the State Organiza- to Michigan and sold the unsuspect assembled at the 10th annual meeting tion should assist in this work with ing public as Michigan cattle. of our organization, adopt the fol- the view of bringing about some delowing resolutions as embodying our gree of uniformity. We commen 1 gained a reputation for high class the plan of getting out a Farm Bureau manual containing program suggestions by the State Organiza- ers to barter it away for their own tion and urge County officers to personal gain, hence, Today, more than at any time since make use of suggestions contained

Home Economics

Whereas, The Michigan State try. We believe that our Farm Bu- and County Farm Bureaus have in ed with dairy cows for sale when reau helps us to meet other organized the past actively supported, both groups and classes and puts us in a morally and financially, the program position to be of service to Agricul- of Agricultural Extension work as by a Dairy Association on a similar carried out by the Extension Depart- plan as used in certifying seeds. ment of the Michigan State College,

Whereas, this work is now being agement of the Michigan State Farm recognized as of general public bene-

County Bureaus, to actively and ag-We reaffirm and restate our posi-gressively support a program to setion of the past two years setting cure necessary public appropriations for the carrying on of the work; both We endorse the position taken by locally with their respective Boards the A. F. B. F. favoring surplus con- of Supervisors and in the State Legis-

We express our appreciation of the assistance given the Farm Bureaus preciate, therefore, proposed legislation that contains by the Extension Service at the Colprovisions that would tend to avoid lege and by many of the County Agri- culture to arrange for a continuation affected. further undue stimulation to produc- cultural Agents. We recall with sat- of this service under College Super 'isfaction the interest taken by the vision. marketed commodity its share in the College in the field of co-operative marketing.

We recognize that in counties where the County Agricultural Agent tion to assume the responsibility of interests himself in the Economic and having sponsored such legislation and organization side of the Farm Prob- versity is so expensive in both time its ultimate working out for the bene- lem it is reflected in the thinking and money that students completfit of Agriculture, if properly admin- and action of the community. We be- ing such course do not feel that they lieve that a County Agriultural Agent We warn our members and others should be given encouragement and rural communities, where remunerainterested in Agriculture not to be assistance in thinking out and de-tion may not be so high and work ad by the sinister and subtle veloping this side of their extension propaganda now being circulated, the program commensurate wth its im-

We believe that the State and Naa division in the ranks of farmers tional Extension program should be and throw the responsibility back up- broadened and balanced to give more a four-year medical course be given gan tax on Michigan estates, plus the on the farmer's organizations them- emphasis to the fundamentals of cooperative marketing and the under-It appears that there are interests lying principles of Agricultural Ormaking a political football out of ganization in their relation to ef-

such legislation or in the substitu- ed and farmer directed extension protion of measures of doubtful value gram; recognizing of course, its both of which we cannot believe our broader relationships to industry, Congressmen and Senators, having other occupations and the general have this law repealed at the next the interests of Agriculture at heart, national welfare. We view with apwill sanction; such interests should prehension for the welfare of extenexpect to be held equally responsible sion, any movement no matter how for the success or failure of their subtle that would throw a political atmosphere around extension work.

We commend the policy of inviting and a sound National Agricultural in groups of Farm leaders to outline policy should be the guide in choos- the extension program in our couning the kind of surplus control to ties and believe this should be so be passed and not the political des handled by those in charge as to draw made for the needs of the various from, rather than hand to them, the We believe that the committee on proposed program. We believe fur-Agriculture of the House of Rep- ther, that in formulating State and resentatives of the United States Con-National Extension plans a similar

With a view of making these sugphases of legislation favorable to gestions effective it is our belief and Agriculture. We are expecting the desire that the M. S. C., through its same consideration and loyalty in present force, should do research their consideration of the problems work in the field of Agricultural Economics approached from the angle We impress upon the delegates of determining the degree to which here assembled, upon returning such factors as efficient production. stating their position upon this pro- and that such research work should posed legislation and we further in- look forward toward guiding farmstruct the Secretary-Manager of the ers, in the solutions of the problems Michigan State Farm Bureau to for- of this new day in Agriculture, inward this resolution by telegram to volving adjustment in farm practice es. The amount of property owned is our Michigan Senators and Congress- due to changing market demands and not always an index of ability of the needs, and influenced by the ten-individual to pay. dency toward Industralized Agricul-

adopted by the Ninth Annual Meeting extending of this program to the tion with the view of bringing about of the American Farm Bureau Fed- farmer, who is not prone at drawing constructive changes. eration at their recent Chicago meet. fine distinctions, it must be worked ing, and also urge that the local Farm out by all departments interested, co- fort to secure the passage of such Bureaus support in every way the ordinating and correlating the work program outlined by the State and in agricultural economics with that equitable basis and secure contribu-National Farm Bureau organization of the so-called production phases of

Capper-Ketcham Bill We endorse the Capper-Ketcham port of our Government. Farm Bureau automobile insurance Bill proposing to give further Fed-

and recommend it to the membership, eral aid to extension work. T. B. Testing Feeding Cattle Since there are hundreds of feed- estate. Michigan each year, and

Whereas, we recognize that strong | Since through the T. B. campaign touch with the individual member free state and all catttle shipped in

portance to the welfare of the whole ence in securing a ruling from the State Department of Agriculture, al-Resolved, that we re-affirm our lowing by permit, cattle to be ship- ment of rural mail routes.

Dairy Cow Origin

Inasmuch as Michigan has gained reactors the demand for Michigan

Knowing this, dealers in dairy cowe Cows from the South are shipped in-

Believing that since Michigan has dairy cows and that it should not be

We urge the Michigan State Farm Bureau to use its influence in securing either a ruling of the Federal Department of Agriculture which will require that a certificate be furnis'transported from one state to another, or certification of said cattle

T. B. Testing The Michigan State Farm Bureau goes on record as being in favor of bovine tuberculosis testing and that ing their proper share of public costs this be continued according to the plans adopted by State and Federa? Be it Resolved, that we urge our Departments of Agriculture. We appreciate the efforts of Governor slightest pretext has contributed Green in providing means for the largely to the present difficulties of continuance of this work.

**Pure Cultures** of pure cultures for inoculating pur- on the State Tax Commission to ful-

We urge the State Board of Agri- now in force and the type of property

Four-Year Medical Course

The rural citizens of Michigan are sity, but we believe that the medical course given at present at the Unican practice their profession in the this condition and being desirous of safe-guarding the general health and consequent prosperity and desirability of rural life, we hereby ask that at our State University.

Horton-Brake Trespass Law We heartily approve of the Horton-Brake Trespass Bill of the last legislature. We have observed its working and believe it to be satisfactory to the farmers and the better class of

sportsmen of the country. Knowing that there is a movement on foot to session of the legislature, we urge the ing states, and Michigan State Farm Bureau and our do their utmost to prevent such ac- freight rates injustices, vitally imtion being taken.

Care Of Insane And Criminals We believe and recommend that at the next meeting of the State Legislature sufficient appropriations be state institutions for the care of criminals and insane.

Medical Commision We are in favor of legislation eliminating the hiring of alienists 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 innocense of the defendant

has been determined by a jury. Taxation-Property Tax

We recognize the constant increase in the tax burden upon farms and homes, due to the unequal distribution of taxes between tangible and intangible property. We believe that the property tax is no longer a fair method of raising the bulk of our tax-

We, therefore, ask that the Michigan State Farm Bureau put forth

Also, we urge their continued eflaws as will place taxation on a more tion to the government from persons and property who are now paying very little or nothing toward the sup-

Income Tax We favor the State Income Tax to relieve the present tax burden on real

We favor a permanent or nominal

license plate fee for passenger cars portant to the interest of agriculand light trucks with sufficient gas ture and horticulture; tax so that the present income from Now therefore, the Michigan State this source would not be materially Farm Bureau petitions the Governor

of the State of Michigan to empower

freight rates applying on all the agri-

produced within the State of Michi-

When you bill your stock to

the Michigan Stock Exchange

Co-op Commission Merchants of

the Producers at East Buffalo

you do your own selling in the

bring. You get the advantage

of having your own co-opera-

tively employed salesmen at the

Terminal markets sell your

stock to the best advantage

They are here in your interest

and take pride in getting the

top or as near to it for you as

they can. Through them, you

go into the terminal market and

deal with packers through our

salesmen who are experienced

your stock at any point between

you and the packer when it isn'

necessary for you to do so

You and your co-operative

neighbors can get together or

a carload. Make your next

Michigan Livestock Exchange

Detroit, Mich.

Producers Commission Ass'n

East Buffalo, N. Y.

Why should you let go of

You get all the stock will

terminal market.

in those markets.

shipment to us.

sections for all future time.

Furher, we favor allotting a larger the State Department of Agriculture portion than at present of the gas tax to employ permanently a well qualiback for maintenance of the County fied traffic director to investigate inand township roads. to the present unreasonableness of

Post Roads We favor the enactment of an cultural and horticultural products

amendment to our present Motor Vehicle and Road Laws of Michigan gan and endeavor to have them ad which will provide that a certain justed to a basis of other producing State and National organization, and which these feeding and grazing cat-definite percentage of the money derived from the gasoline tax which is now or may be in the future refunded We request that the Michigan State by the state to the various counties should be allotted by the County Board of Supervisors to the various townships and used in the improve-

We believe that such a plan would Following is the complete text of County Farm Bureaus perfect their grazing purposes with the underthe resolutions adopted by the dele-torganization and program of work standing that they be placed in quardelivery to every farm home and that antine and tested within ten days such should be the aim of our Postal

Listing Farm Property We desire to go on record as being strongly opposed to any plan that recommends or calls for any method of listing buildings and land separately for purposes of taxation.

Road Tax Conference We urge that the Michigan State Farm Bureau in the near future call a conference of representatives of the State Farm Bureau, the Michigan Rural Letter Carriers Association and such other rural organizatinos as are interested in the matter of highway costs and highway improvement to make a study and take whatever action said conference deems advisable regarding the township and County road problem.

Property Tax

We favor the assessment and equalization of real and personal property, so that farm property will cease to bear the burdens of increases place on counties by the State Board of Equalization on account of the low assessment of industrial property.

The Farm Bureau calls upon the State to devise means for securing better descriptions of real estate on the tax rolls and stop the gap through which thousands annually avoid pay-

Exemptions The practice of creating liberal exemptions from taxation upon the taxpayers. We urge that extreme caution be exercised in the further It is our belief that the production extension of exemptions, and call upposes with farm crops is a service fill its statutory duty by publishing that Michigan farmers need and ap- at the earliest possible time a statement of the amount of exemptions

Inheritance Tax

The Farm Bureau favors the strengthening of both Federal and State inheritance tax laws to prevent loyal supporters of our State Univer-the rapidly increasing amount of

The present provision for deducting State inheritance taxes from Federal estates taxes due, up to 80 per cent of the total Federal tax, should be retained to prevent the migration of our wealthy citizens to Florida. Alabama, District of Columbia and Nevada where there is no State in-

Inheritance Tax Michigan's inheritance tax rates

should be revised so that the Michitax levied on these fortunes by other States will absorb the full 80 per cent deduction allowed by the Federal statutes.

Traffic Service

Whereas, growers and shippers of Michigan agricultural and horticultural products are subjected to unduly high feight rates as compared with freight rates from other produc-

Whereas, that future and permanent relief may be had from present

### NOTICE! The Farm Bureau Poultry Exchange

which formerly operated at 2610 Riopelle Street, Detroit, HAS DIS-CONTINUED BUSINESS. THIS BUSINESS HAS BEEN TAKEN OVER BY THE

Garlock · Williams Co. 2614 Orleans St. Detroit

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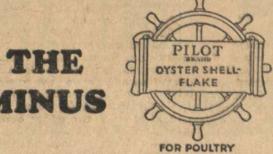
ment by the Smith-Hughes people of plied. the Department of Education and it is our earnest desire to cultivate and ncourage continuation of the same.

Immigration We believe that congressional in-

labor should be made by Congress be We appreciate the interest and co- fore marked additional changes in pperation to the Farm Bureau move- our immigration policy should be ap-

TO BE CONTINUED

Owing to crowded condition of this ssue of the News, the remainder of the Resolutions will be published in estigation of the conditions of farm our Feb. 24 edition. Editor,



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### **ONTARIO ALFALFA SHORTAGE FORCES US TO CHANGES**

Grimm And Utah Common How McNary-Haugen Meet Michigan Needs About As Well

By T. C. MAURER

favorable conditions prevented a Canadian seed crop.

Michigan's alfalfa program cannot wait until there is another large supply of Ontario Variegated Seed.

Michigan's problem this year is to There are several possibilities-Mich-Hardigan, of which there is a very limited supply: Michigan alfalfa of no particular variety or pedigree: and Utah Common and Utah-Idahoadapted seed this year.

northern part of the state, alfalfa \$7.10 wholesale. This storage would seed authorities recommend the use have been financed by the loan of of Grimm. Where alfalfa is used in \$1,000,000 from the \$25,000,000 of a four year rotation, we believe that the vetoed bill. you can use Utah Common to a good advantage. Experiment Station re- money to the extent of \$1,000,000 sults at East Lansing are the basis was available for holding the price exports no beans, wool or sugar, the

for these recommendations. seed probably is not to be had in market was below \$5.00 and the can- when the time comes. quantity for several years. We be- ners refusing to buy, hoping for still lieve Michigan farmers will do best lower prices. with the available supply of Utah-Idaho Grimm and Utah Common alfalfa seeds. They are fully adapted HUNT WITHOUT to our conditions.

### Bur. Insurance Agents Hold Annual Meeting

(Continued from page one) cousta, who is a good speaker, a piand soloist of no mean order in Dis- Livingston County Enforces trict Agent Gibbens of Kalamazoo, a vocal soloist in Ray Pope of Jonesville, a character sketch man in Howard Smith of Birch Run, and a good story teller in Charles McCalla. The four senior District Agents. Gibbens, Brown, Fowler and Andree all waxed eloquent as did also past iDstrict Agent Kidman and the two new District Agents, Blow and land last Friday without permission

The prizes for production were dis-imposed by Municipal Judge G. C tributed by the office force, Miss Bailey and Miss Patterson, who made whom Eckler was arraigned. awards for October 1st to January

5th.	as follows:	
1	J. Taylor Gage	3.2
2	Roy B. Howard	2
3	Jerry Andrus	1
4	Chas. A. Scott	1
5	C. C. Olsen	
6	H. W. Hayes	
7	F. F. Walworth	
8	G. W. Ray	
9	Rolan Sleight	
10	Jesse Blow	
	ong the high records hung	

by Michigan district agency men, Mr. C. H. Fowler was the high District man with over 2000 applications in his District; Mr. J. Taylor Gage was high local man with 318 applications and Andrew Lohman the high man for any single week, with 42 applications filed within a week-39 of

which were written in that period.

After the distribution of prizes, C. L. Brody, Farm Bureau general manager outlined the relation of the insurance force; to the rest of our Farm Bureau work: G. J. Mecherle. President of our State Farm Mutual Auto Insurance company gave one of his real talks and complimented the Michigan men on the results achieved during the year.

The closing address was given by Attorney A. H. Rust of Bloomington, Illinois. Mr. Rust also conducted an auto insurance question box

river? Such a broad construction of the term "Northwestern" could include an annual 12,000,000 pound production of alfalfa seed which is totally unadapted to Michigan and corn belt conditions.

There is no doubt but that some of the unadapted seed from Arizona, Texas, New Mexico, and Southern California is passed from hand to hand and eventually loses its true origin for a borrowed one more suited to selling it as being adapted to our severe conditions. The best policy is to demand the best and accept no substitute.

The known, guaranteed origin of alfalfa seed is no small item in assuring you of your next year's hay or seed crop. Unadapted seed is money, time, and labor wasted, There

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### What Members Say,

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

### Could Aid Our Beans have dictated the bean market for

The farm relief measure vetoed by several years. Since they purchase President Coolidge contained a pro- over one-half the total crop of Michvision for \$25,000,000 for use of igan beans, they fix the price, or products not specified. This includes have until this year. Mich. State Farm Bureau Seedsman Michigan beans, and suggestions Michigan farmers will be surprised from this state with the farm organ- the grower a hand in naming prices to learn that they planted at least izations and before the commission or at least a minimum price, and one-half million pounds of Ontario of Agriculture were largely responsi- allows trade conditions to operate Variegated during the season of 1927, ble therefore, At the present time, in above this level. All the opposition Figuring on 10 lbs. to the acre, this light of the course of the bean mar of whatever nature, whether from one variety alone seeded 50,000 ket for the crop of 1927, and the hopes of supplanting the McNary-motest grain gambler is to minimize In preparing for the coming season Haugen bill with the export deben- this power of agriculture. Paradoxwe learn that there is a great short- ture plan, this is well worth considical palliations under the name of age of Ontario Variegated, and that ering. Had the law been in opera- "uneconomic," "unsound" and "unmost users of Ontario will have to tion, its visualization as to beans constitutional" are mere subterfuges. turn to something else for 1928. Un- would have been substantially, as follows:

A bean growers' corporation legal- sold at an advance by reason of minly organized to handle the surplus, imum price suggestion, but with no would have acted with power not un- legal control, one may say that the like the services of the Commission crop to the grower under the proacting under Commissioner Powell. visions of the vetoed farm bill would decide what we are going to use in This body would have contracted for have been the difference between an the place of Ontario Variegated seed. storage and would have applied for average price of probably \$5.25 per a fee of 20 cents per bushel on all cwt., and \$6.25 (figuring the storage igan Certified Grimm and Certified beans marketed. With this power, a stock at present prices) at least price of \$6.00 per hundred might three million dollars more. well have been made in view of present prices, although that price did look high last Fall.

The surplus corporation would Grimm. The last named sources, have proceeded to take off the mar-Utah and Idaho, constitute by far the ket one-fifth of the crop or about bulk of the available, Michigan the equivalent of the 1,000 cars of beans now owned by elevators in For seedings that are to stand Michigan bought at \$5.00 per hunlonger than five years, and for the dred and upwards and now worth

The mere fact that government

PERMISSION; PAY

Trespass Law Backed

By Bureau

Howell, Feb. 1 .- Willard A. Eck-

ler, of Lansing paid a fine of \$10

rather than take the alternative of

spending ten days in the county jail

for hunting on a Cohoctah farmer's

of the owner. This was the penalty

the same charge in municipal court

Four men were playing golf when

was getting dark and they were tired

one of them dropped a ball and called out: "Here it is, Sandy!"

Sandy picked up the ball and ex-

John G. Davis and Harvey of Detroit paid a like sum each on

one of them lost his ball. searched for it a long time, and as it

Common Alfalfa.

**JUDGE \$10 FINES** 

Burton, Mich. Shiawassee Co.

From the best available statistics

of the beans of last year's crop and

The McNary-Haugen

The next question is that this storage stock would be used to prevent a runaway market. An abnormally high price of beans is not of advantage to the grower, since it stimulates acreage beyond the average. In this way agricultural price making saves the consumer from too high prices and the producer

from too low a level. When one sees what the presidential veto costs the bean grower in Michigan he can well agree with Professor Dodd as to what makes for statesmanship. Since Michigan level at \$6.00 per cwt., would have debenture plan is "giving us a stone Michigan farmers are going to caused the canners to make purchas- when we asked for bread." However plant alfalfa. Ontario Variegated es at this rate, when last fall the stones come handy to throw back

JAMES MCBRIDE,

### **VICE-PRESIDENT**



Like other officers of the State amined it, then remarked as he slip- Like other officers of the State ped it into his pocket: "It's nae my Farm Bureau, Mr. W. W. Billings o." ha', but I was needin' ba's ony- Davison, Genesee county, re-elected Then he went on with the search. by the State Board of Directors for Station CCRN. his second term as vice-president. has come up from the ranks. In 1922 s good seed available if you will de- Mr. Billings was a membership camcide that is what you want and get paign leader and worked in many it, even at a little extra cost of time Michigan counties. Before and since and writing. Michigan farmers can't that time he has served his county go wrong on Utah Grimm and Utah and State Farm Bureaus in various capacities.

### Classified Ads

Advertisements classified in these columns will be charged at the rate of 5 cents a word. Where the ads are to appear twice, the rate will be  $4\frac{1}{2}$  cents a word and for ads running three times or more, 4 cents a word, each insertion. Farm Bureau members, who actually own this publication, have the advantage of a rate of 50 cents for any ad of not more than 25 words. Where the ad carries more than 25 words, the rate to them is three cents a word. Cash must accompany all orders for advertisements.

Farmers Cautioned To Be Careful On Seeds (Continued from page 1) sources. Why then hide it under a misleading term and, on top of that, charge a premium for it as "Northwestern?"

Are we sure that the term "Northwestern" always includes only the above mentioned states and Utah? Is there not a possibility that in other people's mind the term might include anything west of the Mississippi river? Such a broad construction of the Mississippi river? Such a broad construction of the Mississippi river? Such as the Mississip

### FREIGHT RATES On Farm Commodities

Often 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

Motorist: "I'm certain I've broken a back spring-

A corn syrup manufacturer rea back spring—"
His wife: "Never mind, dear; it's tomer: "After taking six cans of right underneath-nobody will no. your syrup my corns are as bad as



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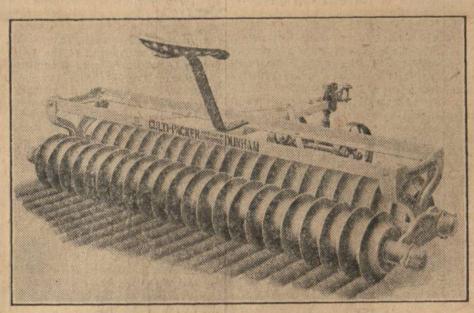
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Horse or tractor drawn-mulches the surface - packs the soil - breaks the crust-prevents winter killing.



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Improves seed bed



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