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FAKE FRUIT JUICE DRINKS OUTLAWED BY A FEW ORGANIZED FRUIT GROWERS

Michigan farmers who have fruit to sell have the Michigan Fruit Growers, Inc., a co-operative organization with headquarters at Benton Harbor, to thank for taking action which will stop the marketing of tartaric acid combinations, colored with coal tar dyes under such names as cherry, strawberry, grape, lemon, lime, raspberry and adulterations of the real fruit juices in such a way as to lead the public to believe that it is buying real fruit juice drinks.

The Michigan Fruit Growers attacked the practice of using fruit juice labels on such soft drinks through the Federal Trade Commission, naming a prominent Chicago soft drink manufacturing company. The Trade Commission decision upheld the Michigan Fruit Growers' stand and forbids in interstate commerce hereafter the sole use of any fruit name on any drink not composed wholly of the said fruit juices.

Individuals suffer from such abuses of their rights and usually are powerless to do anything. The loss of time and other expense of a fight is prohibitive. But individuals with an organization set their servant to work, and the job gets done. The history of the Farm Bureau, the Elevator Exchange, the Live Stock Exchange and the Michigan Milk Producers shows that again and again the power of organized individuals have corrected evils and gained benefits that nothing had ever been done about successfully until the organization took hold of the situation and fought it to a finish.

DOES FARMER NEED LEGISLATIVE MACHINERY TO ASSURE HIM HIS SHARE OF DOMESTIC PRICES?

According to Mr. B. F. Yoakum, for many years one of the leading railroad executives of the west, the people of the United States do not realize to what extent the farmers are penalized for lack of a method to stabilize prices of their products and to direct foreign and interstate shipments.

food products, the farmers get only 7 1/2 billion,—\$1 out of every \$3 the American consumer pays.

Out of the average of 8.55 cents a pound loaf which the consumer pays for bread, the Federal Trade Commission report shows that the farmer gets but 1.15 cents. Of the remainder, 41/100 of a cent goes to the miller, 6-10 of a cent to the railroads and other handlers, and 6.39 cents to the baker and grocer.

This situation shows that farmers are not sharing as they should in our national prosperity. It shows the need of drafting national farm legislation that will enable farmers to protect themselves against continuance of the present situation, or its getting worse.

Agriculture should say what this legislation shall be, and only by organization into such national groups as the Farm Bureau and others can agriculture develop a definite program and the power to enact it.

WINDOW GLASS AND AGRICULTURE

Compare what happens to agriculture when domestic surplus and world prices determine the returns of the American farmer, as brought out by Mr. Yoakum in another editorial in this issue, and what happens when the 24 window glass manufacturing companies in the United States feel the pinch of Belgian competition, as brought out in this article.

In the case of agriculture, the struggles of farmers for the past six years for a new national agricultural policy have come to nothing, except that the situation may or not be an issue in the coming political campaign, depending on the strategy of the politicians.

But Belgium, our principal competing nation in window glass production has come back, and in nine industrial seaboard states is paying the American tariff and biting quite a hole in the business of the 24 American companies. On some grades of glass the American producers are being crowded out of their own market. So the domestic producers have appealed to the U. S. Tariff Commission to investigate, which has been done and a public hearing on a petition to boost the tariff suitably has been set for August 7.

The Tariff Commission has found that Belgium produces glass at half the production cost in the United States, due largely to the cheapness of Belgian labor. The Tariff Commission will be asked to protect the domestic window glass industry and American labor accordingly.

In the session of Congress just closed a McNary-Haugen plan was vetoed, and a bill for a general increase in the tariff on agricultural products was lost in the shuffle.

A Satisfactory Investment



Gordon Wagar in a splendid stand of Utah common alfalfa at Briar Hill Farm, Carleton, Monroe County.

Gordon Wagar of Carleton, Monroe county, in sending us the above photograph of his new Utah common alfalfa, June 25, just as it was being cut, tells the News that the Farm Bureau's program of northern grown, Michigan adapted alfalfa seeds, and making such seeds available to its membership has enabled him to be sure of an alfalfa stand, whereas before he felt lucky if he got a catch that stood the winter. Further, that since 1920 that certainty has saved him a good many times the Farm Bureau dues he has paid.

Standard Program Is Interesting Bureaus

Its Successful Application Assures a Healthy Organization

A number of County Farm Bureaus are adopting a standard Farm Bureau program of work which specifies a certain number of things to be done each year, and if they are done, the county is assured of a healthy, up and going organization as you will agree when you consider the far reaching effect of the several things these Bureaus propose to do.

- 1. A board of directors meeting quarterly or oftener with 85 per cent attendance.
2. Committees in every community or township in its jurisdiction.
3. Quarterly meetings, at least three each year, of their township committees and the board of directors.
4. A program of work which it proposes to accomplish with a record of one important definite thing done yearly and approved by the State Farm Bureau Organization Department.
5. Full representation of delegates at the Annual Michigan State Farm Bureau meeting.
6. A financial statement including inventory of equipment and audit of the treasurer's book at the end of the fiscal year showing a better cash balance on hand, or an improvement over the previous year.
7. A plan for membership maintenance and gaining new members.
8. A map of county showing areas supplied by Farm Bureau business services.

13 Month Calendar Urged For Simplicity

But these improvements still left the calendar with unequal months and with the day continually falling on different dates. Moses B. Cotsworth, a British statistician, developed the simplified calendar method, which was chosen after three years of study by the League of Nations from 183 proposals submitted from 33 different nations.

First of Month Always Monday. The League of Nations proposal for the formation of a committee in the United States to consider the question was approved by F. B. Kellogg, Secretary of State. The committee, which is headed by George Eastman of Rochester, N. Y., includes high ranking officials of interested governmental departments and a section composed of men and women prominent in economic and social life.

LAKE ODESSA CO-OP ASS'N



An important factor in the business life of farmers for some distance on either side of the Eaton and Barry and Ionia county lines is the Lake Odessa Co-operative Ass'n, an elevator affiliated with the Michigan Elevator Exchange, handling a general line of farm supplies, and giving other services to its members and patrons. Its business program is directed along such lines as to promote better returns for the farmers' labor. It has been active in presenting the reasons for an increased alfalfa acreage, better feeds, adapted seeds and a program of the correct fertilizers and lime.

The Lake Odessa Ass'n owes a very well kept building and equipment, valued at \$15,333.00. It is operated by 165 stockholders, who began business January 26, 1921. In addition to its general business, the Elevator last year ground some 1,500 tons for feed for its patrons. Charles C. Fruit is the manager.

State Park Maps Free To Our Vacationists

Persons interested in learning about the State parks may gain valuable information by writing to the State Conservation Department, Parks Division, Lansing, and requesting copies of the new maps which are now available. These maps show all the principal highways, the State Park locations, data relative to their suitability for fishing, etc. These maps are furnished free of charge.

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FARMERS

We Are Announcing Our Annual Feed Pool

Within a few days representatives of the Michigan Farm Bureau Supply Service and your local co-op or Farm Bureau agent will call on you and explain how you can contract your Sept. 1 to March 31, (7 months) requirements of

Michigan Milkman, 24% and other Supply Service Public Formula Dairy and Poultry Feeds

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3. These highest quality feeds are delivered fresh, monthly to your co-op for your account.

For six years the Farm Bureau Supply Service Feed Pool has averaged its members substantial savings. Ask any farmer in the 1927-28 Feed Pool how it worked.

The Feed Pool Is Well Worth Your Consideration

Michigan Farm Bureau Supply Service Lansing, Michigan

F. B. TRAFFIC DEPT' COLLECTS LOSSES FOR MEMBERS

Coupon Books Save Many Their Dues In Single Transaction

Most Farm Bureau members know that the State office has a railroad traffic office which handles freight or express loss and damage claims and all other transportation matters for members, free of charge through the Farm Bureau members' Coupon book. Non-members frequently apply for the service, but they pay the commercial collection rate of 25 to 30% of the claim, just as Farm Bureau members would if they placed their claims with a commercial collection agency. Frequently the commercial collection



A. P. MILLS
Directs Traffic Dept.

charge is 50%. The traffic office has handled other classes of collection successfully as well. Following are a few recent collections:

Benton Gebhart, Benton Harbor, Berrien Co. member, \$103 from a Chicago fruit dealer who refused to pay for fruit delivered in 1925. State Farm Bureau took the case in early 1928 and shortly the dealer settled with Mr. Gebhart. Charge to a non-member in this instance would have been \$25.72.

W. H. Short, Swartz Creek, Genesee Co. member, \$23.52 for loss of coal from car. Mr. Short's membership was worth \$7.06 collection charge in this case.

Elmer Beamer, Blissfield, Lenawee county member, \$15.52 overcharge on 3 cars of cattle. Non-member collection charge would have been \$4.66.

Clinton F. Smith, Elba, Lapeer Co. member, \$12.42 for loss of flour from car. Collection charge saved \$3.73.

M. L. White, Hermansville, Menominee member, \$7.06 collection. Collection cost saved \$2.12.

C. E. Delano, Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo Co. member, \$12.49 loss on live stock. Collection charge saved \$3.73.

Farley Brothers of Albion, Calhoun Co. Claim \$9.90, loss on seed shipment. Collection charge saved \$2.48.

Miner L. Cook, Ada Kent Co. Collection, \$60 for cow killed on track. Collection charge saved \$15.

W. C. Harder, Fabius, St. Joseph Co. Collection, \$34.78, overcharge on shipment of cattle. Saved \$8.89.

A. P. Decker of Deckerville, Sanilac Co. Collection \$4.29, loss on live stock in shipment. Saved \$1.28.

J. W. Vriedenberg, Montrose, Genesee Co. Collection \$1.26, loss on live stock. Saved 50 cents.

Earl Swain, Montrose, Genesee Co. Collection \$2.71, loss on shipment of peaches. Collection charge saved 80 cents.

Austin Cummings, Clio, Genesee Co. Collection \$1.13, loss on shipment of seeds. Collection charge saved 50 cents.

ALFALFA TOURS ANNOUNCED BY STATE COLLEGE

Alfalfa tours which, whenever possible, will lay emphasis on alfalfa seed production in Michigan, will be conducted in the following areas this summer by the Michigan State College.

July 19-20 in Saginaw, Tuscola, and Bay counties.

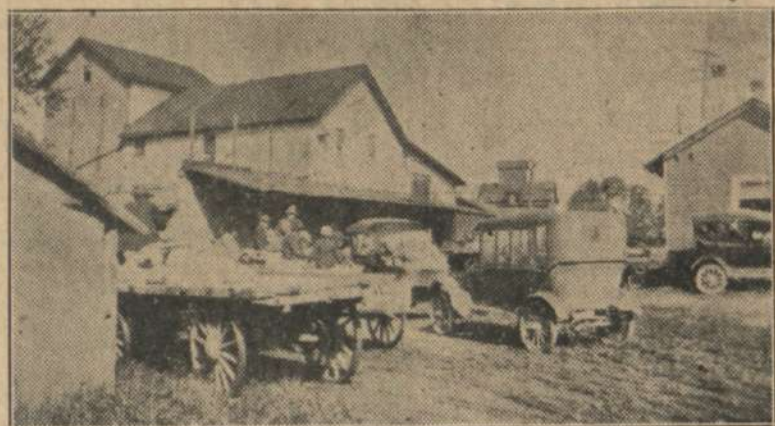
July 24-25 in Otsego and Presque Isle counties.

July 30 to August 3, inclusive, in Kent, Mecosta, Missaukee, Antrim, Emmett, and Cheboygan counties.

The western Michigan tour is in co-operation with the Pennsylvania railroad and the co-operation on the eastern side of the state in co-operation with the Michigan Central railroad.

The tours are put on to follow the alfalfa train which covered these territories in the spring of 1927. In many instances, they will visit fields of Hardigan alfalfa which were put out for seed production purposes by the Michigan Crop Improvement Association at each place where the alfalfa train stopped last year. Paul Miller will attend the tour in western Michigan and in Saginaw, Bay, and Tuscola counties; and Mr. Ralph Morris, also of the State College Staff, will attend the tour in Otsego and Presque Isle counties. Further announcements will be made locally.

Grand Blanc Co-op A Power in Community



In Eleventh Year; W. H. Marshall Is Manager

In the last edition of the News we published an article from Washington showing that generally farmers co-operative ass'ns are a good thing for the community and a substantial part of it. The June 30 annual meeting of the Grand Blanc Co-operative Elevator Ass'n brings out some information as to what that institution means to that community.

The elevator was organized in 1917 and has 203 stockholders. It handles farm supplies, and last year shipped 56 cars of wheat and handled 110 cars of coal and coke.

The Association reported total assets of \$61,291.95 after adequate reserves for depreciation, etc., had

been set up. Its total liabilities were less than \$9,000, which makes statement that any business might be proud of. The Ass'n owns its building and equipment and had a very good year for the period ending July 15, 1928. It paid its stockholders the regular 7% dividend on their patronage dividend. It is another of those well kept, orderly elevators. The Ass'n houses a modern office separate from the main building. Grand Blanc has been a staunch ally of the State Farm Bureau in insisting on Michigan adapted clover and alfalfa seed for Michigan farmers.

The Ass'n re-elected its officers for the ensuing year. Ivan E. Parsons of Grand Blanc is president, and Frank D. Harshbarger of Flint is secretary. W. H. Marshall is manager.

Hot Weather Comfort Possible on the Farm

Determine to Take Things Easier, Mrs. Wagar Suggests

By MRS. EDITH M. WAGAR

These extremely hot days bring added tasks and responsibility. We can move along at our usual pace and manner so long as the weather stays moderate and steady, but let a sudden change come and the first thing we know things have gone out of balance with us.

It's best to think carefully concerning our meals. We might farther be scant in the variety and quantity than serve the heavy heat requiring foods required during cold weather.

Nature has provided our diet if we but follow her suggestions. For the summer months there should be an abundance of fresh, crisp vegetables and eggs rather than the quantities of meat usually taken in cool weather.

A frequent change of dress will add much to our comfort even if the garment has not been ironed. Thank goodness, there is no demand these



MRS. EDITH M. WAGAR

days for any of the unnecessary frills of the yesterdays. One can wear cool, loose and scanty garments without any unpleasant comment about it.

And there's the babies, especially the bottle fed ones, that need more painstaking care as the thermometer creeps higher. That bottle must be kept sweet and clean and its contents must be fresh and pure if the baby thrives.

Whenever I'm hunting around for a cool spot, I always think of the sick and bed ridden—those who have no choice of position or place. Many little things can be done to ease their discomfort. Frequent changes of bedding even if not ironed, and who says ironed sheets are best anyway? There is a fragrance to the bedding direct from the line that can never be found with the most perfectly ironed variety and there's never been reported a bed sore from sheets not ironed. The pillow turned and the shades adjusted, and frequent sponging of the face and hands adds to the comfort of the helpless one.

Then there's the folks who are using the last atom of energy to get that alfalfa in before of another shower or to finish cutting the wheat before it shells. Are they always using the best judgment in those methods? Is it better to have one more load of unbleached hay and be too tired to sleep or too used up to eat or to be so near worked out that everything goes wrong and all chores look big?

And there's the fly that needs our watchful attention. Every fly killed now means hundreds less a little later on. It behooves us to kill it early in its career. The flytrap for the open porch does much towards capturing the pest before it gets in the house and the clean backyard would do much in destroying breeding places. We can never hope to get rid of the fly but we can do much

should. But when we compare summer on the farm with all of its hard work and it's many responsibilities with summer in the congested city we can truly be thankful that we are out in the open to get the breeze if there is any and away from the hot pavements and noise and dirt that is always a part of the city life.

Of late I've thought much of the unseeing ways of farm folks anyway. Every Sunday now if the weather is fine we find people picnicing under some large branching trees up the road from the house—quite often the same people Sunday after Sunday. They come to spend the afternoon by lounging around or walking in the nearby woods, prepare their supper over an improvised grate of brick and then go on their way rejoicing. Now we have lived here all of our married days in plain sight of that particular spot yet have never dreamed of its fitness for pleasure parties and picnic suppers. We have always had our eyes on the beauty spots of other places and overlooked what we have at our very fingertips. But I guess it's human nature to look for better pastures over the fence.

BRANCH BUREAU WARS ON THIEVES

Branch County Farm Bureau has posted a reward for the apprehension and conviction of persons stealing from Farm Bureau members. The reward is \$50 in a grand larceny case and \$25 for petty larceny.

Berrien County Farm Bureau pays \$25 reward for the conviction of thieves preying on Farm Bureau members and recently paid such a reward. Muskegon Bureau is warring on chicken thieves with a reward for their conviction.

THE CHANGING WORLD

St. Petersburg has been successively, in recent years, Petrograd and Leningrad; Christiania in Norway is now Oslo, the Irish have renamed Queensland, Cobh, and Turkey tried to change Constantinople, which was once Byzantium, to honor Kemal Pasha. Now the Chinese Nationalists have changed Peking to Peiping; but London, Paris, Berlin and Rome go on as always.

DAIRY DAY AT CORAL JULY 17

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5. Do not pour cold water on backs of warm hogs.
6. Handle animals patiently—avoid excitement.
7. Haul hogs to shipping pens.
8. Do not feed just before or after loading.
9. Do not feed animals in cars.
10. Load Upper decks light in hot weather.
11. Ice hung in cars keeps hogs in good condition.

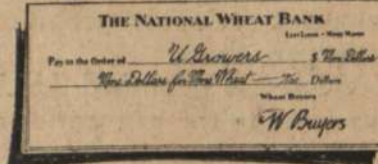
Ship Co-operatively to Michigan Livestock Exchange Detroit, Mich.

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

Jersey, Guernsey, Holstein—are planning for a showing of 150 head of purebred cattle on Tuesday, July 17th, at Coral. Judging will start at 10 a. m. with Professor Geo. Taylor, State College, officiating. It is planned to have the various breeds rotate in classes. Basket lunch at noon, with coffee and lemonade furnished free.

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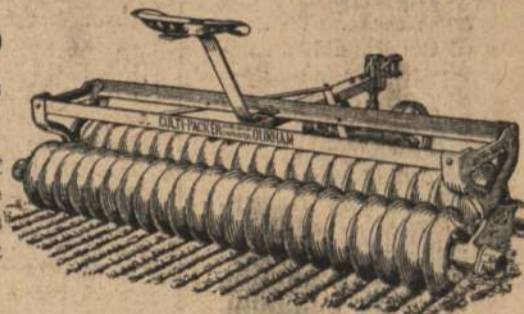
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Dunham Culti-Hoe

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Farm Bureau Grimm Alfalfa Waist High



Fourth Year, First Cutting of Farm Bureau Grimm on Fred Curtis Farm Near Lake Odessa

Here is another example of the hardiness and productivity of Farm Bureau, northern grown, Michigan adapted alfalfa seeds. Observe Mr. Curtis (right) and C. C. Fruit (left), mgr. of the Lake Odessa Co-op Ass'n, showing that the Grimm is waist high. This luxuriant stand was characteristic of the whole 14 acres. Mr. Curtis has been increasing his alfalfa acreage for several years with dependable Farm Bureau seeds.

Jay Tooley's splendid 10 acre field of Ontario Variegated, near Howell, selected as an excellent field for a State College Hay Day demonstration, was grown from Farm Bureau Brand seed. This field in two cuttings the second year produced 33 loads of hay and will do better this year.

Farm Bureau Alfalfa Grows and Stays

Michigan Farm Bureau Grimm, Hardigan, and Utah common alfalfa seeds are domestic, Michigan adapted seeds and are guaranteed to the purchaser as such. They are of high purity and germination, and are the standard for thousands of Michigan alfalfa growers. Put up in Farm Bureau Brand sacks, sealed at our warehouse.

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