

MICHIGAN EXPECTS BIG DELEGATION AT A. F. B. F. CONVENTION

OIL OPERATIONS PRESENT VARIED LOCAL PROBLEMS

State Urges Farmers To Use Discretion In Every Grant Of Lease

MANY POINTS TO WATCH

Standard Lease Forms May Be Lacking In Points Of Vital Concern

Property owners of Michigan who lease land to oil prospecting concerns may be asked to sign a form of lease which, in the section of the nation for which it was drafted, may have been "perfect" but which fails to carry provisions that are of vital concern to Michigan and to the property owner in this industrial area. This was brought out Friday by the state conservation department through the state geologist who has spent a lot of time studying oil and gas prospecting in this state in recent years.

Fully a dozen important provisions which should be contained in each property lease where oil prospecting and drilling is to be done are given the State Farm Bureau by the department as an aid to the farmer in getting what he should out of the deal.

For the first part, the state suggests, never lease unless you know the competency and the reliability of the lessee.

Five years is given as the common life of a lease period for exploratory purposes; occasionally a 10 year lease might be in place. Whoever leases a farmer's land should be required to drill, operate or plug wells in compliance with the state law and not remove machinery or equipment until necessary repairs have been made to the well or it has been plugged.

One point around which considerable controversy seems to have arisen relates to royalties. In the average case, the state department has found, a one-eighth royalty, or allowing the land owner one barrel of oil out of every eight and a division of gas and casing head gas on the same basis, is the most satisfactory. This gives the land holder a fair return and allows the prospecting company sufficient return on its investment to operate to the best advantage and does not net an unfair profit to the lessee, over the life of the average lease.

Big Royalties Check Progress
Where the operator is required to pay more than one-eighth royalty, it too often works to the disadvantage of both him and the owner, it is claimed, in that he may become cramped for finances and cannot develop his leasehold fast enough to obtain the most from the field during the time when production is at its best. Since the most is made from an oil field during the first few years of its operation, the slower the development of any particular lease, the less the aggregate returns are likely to be, so the greater the allowance made to the operator, the better opportunity he has to develop his part of the field before too much exploiting is done on adjoining leaseholds.

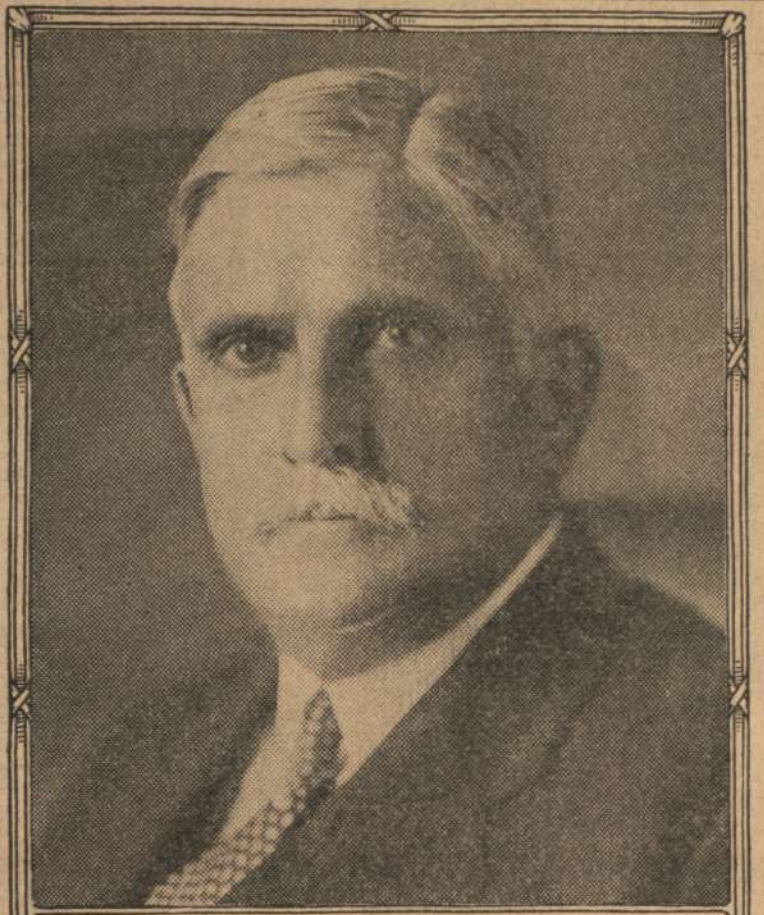
The property owner should insist that the lessee be held responsible for damage to growing crops or to buildings on leased property or adjoining premises and that he exercise proper care to prevent waste of oil and gas. For wildcat or unproved territory, a reasonable minimum rental per acre, after the second year, is about 25 to 50 cents per acre and for land in the general vicinity of proven territory, \$10 a year per acre, after the first or second year. For land close in to proven territory, a yearly rental of \$10 to \$20 or more per acre should be received by the property owner.

Farmers should insist that the lease provide for burying all pipelines below plow depth when requested by the one granting the lease and that no drilling operations be permitted within 200 feet of any buildings without consent of the property owner.

Five Points To Watch
Then the department of conservation pointed to five very important features which too often are left out of standard leases. These are: 1—a requirement that the lessee carry on reasonable and continuous development of the lease after oil or gas has been found on the property; 2—that offset wells be begun within 30 days after oil or gas has been struck on adjoining property and that these offset wells be drilled in good faith or a royalty be paid, equivalent to that paid on the output of the wells on the adjoining property; 3—that no well be drilled within 200 feet of the property line except to protect the land from "drainage" by other wells; 4—that the concern to which

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At National Meeting



WILLIAM BUTTERWORTH
PRESIDENT OF
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. Butterworth, president of John Deere and Company of Moline, Ill., with whom he has been connected since 1892, will speak to the American Farm Bureau Federation Monday afternoon, Dec. 10, as the representative of the national Chamber of Commerce.

How To Pay Taxes And How Not To Pay Them

This is First of a Series of Articles on Your Tax Problems

By Farm Bureau Tax Counsellor
December in Michigan means cold weather, Christmas, and tax paying time. Two questions arise which are of special interest just now in connection with tax payments. These are:

How to pay taxes.
When to pay taxes.
It is safest to pay taxes in money. Taxes are also frequently paid by check, but the treasurer is entirely within his rights to refuse anything but the cold cash. It is also well to remember that if the township treasurer accepts your check for the taxes that are due, the township is not bound by its acceptance until he has converted it into cash.

On Using Checks
If your check is duly honored, the payment will stand as of date when the treasurer received it from you. This is contrary to practice in the business world and may have escaped your attention. In ordinary, business dealings a payment by check stands as of the date when the letter containing the check was postmarked.

A check for taxes mailed on January 9, with a one per cent collection fee added would be legally insufficient to pay the tax if received on January 10. On that date the collection fee is increased to four per cent, and the payment stands as if made on that day. Perhaps the township treasurer would overlook this difference, but he is under no obligation to do so.

While we are on the subject of how to pay taxes, a word of warning might be given as to how not to pay them. Sometimes cash is scarce, and yet the taxpayer desires to make his payment promptly to prevent the imposition of penalties. It may occur to him to offer his own or some one else's note in satisfaction of the taxes. It is true that the treasurer may purchase your note WITH HIS OWN FUNDS, and pay the cash into the public treasury. But when he does this he is in no different position than any other private individual from whom you might seek to borrow money to pay your taxes.

Status of a Note
No one, not even the township board, has the right to authorize the treasurer to accept your note in the name of the township, and to issue a tax receipt as if the tax had been paid. Consequently a taxpayer who offers a note for taxes should understand that he is really asking the treasurer for a personal loan. That is the only way a note can be used legally in the payment of taxes.

About Illegal Tax
When should taxes be paid? UNLESS YOU ARE SURE that all or part of the tax levied upon your property is illegal and void, it is best to pay your taxes within the first 30 days after they become due.

INSURANCE DEPT LOCAL AGENTS DO BIG YEAR'S WORK

Seventeen Salesmen To Date Fulfill Sales Quota For The Year

JOIN ANNUAL CONTEST

Big Year's Work Began Last March; Will Close In February

Seventeen local salesmen for the State Farm Mutual Auto Insurance company in Michigan are assured of having their expenses paid to the annual convention of the company next February.

This announcement came from the office of Alfred Bentall, Michigan agency manager of the company, based on the records of business for the current year and it is expected that several more agents will qualify to make the trip to Bloomington, Ill., to attend the convention, as guests of the company. To qualify, the local agent must write at least 150 bona fide applications for insurance between March 1, 1928 and January 31, next year.

Michigan's best producing local agent had turned in and received credit for 565 applications during this period, up to Nov. 15. This record is considered one of the best in the 20 states where the company operates.

The seventeen men who are booked to date to be guests of the concern at the big meeting this winter and their records as of Nov. 15 are: J. Taylor Gage, of Manchester, 565 applications; L. B. Fishbeck, of East Lansing, 421 applications; G. Howard Smith, of Birch Run, 266; Roy B. Howard, of Jonesville, 218; Louis Selesky, of Grand Blanc, 218; Charles A. Scott, of Hastings, 218; Jerry Andrus, of Hastings, 211; J. F. Carnes, of Ceresco, 207; C. C. Olsen, of Fowlerville, 204; Floyd Walworth, of Corunna, 200; G. W. Ray of Albion, 190; A. L. Landon, of Albion, 190; Ward C. Hood, of Paw Paw, 184; H. W. Hayes, of Chelsea, 177; B. D. Bishop, of Benton Harbor, 166; E. O. Goldsmith, of Vicksburg, 154, and B. F. Harsh, of Jasper, 153.

At the convention last winter, Michigan was represented by 29 agency delegates. The total attendance at that convention was well over 700 and, because of the expansion of the company this year, reaching out into a total of 20 states, it is expected the convention delegates will exceed a thousand in number at next February's meeting.

In addition to the 17 local salesmen who have qualified in the contest to date to make the trip to Bloomington, there are about two dozen others who have written enough business to bring them well up the line toward the 150 mark and who undoubtedly will qualify before the end of January, as indicated by the effort they are putting forth to make good this month. With this big group and with the district agents, Michigan is pretty well set to have a much larger delegation than a year ago.

Asparagus Rust
Mow the tops of asparagus and burn them this fall to help control the spread of asparagus rust.

DR. MUMFORD



Dr. Eben B. Mumford, head of the sociology dept. of Michigan State College, will address the Dec. 8 afternoon session of the Third Farm Bureau Training school for Farm Bureau leaders and members at the Hotel Sherman, just preceding the 10th annual meeting. Dr. Mumford is known in hundreds of Michigan communities for his addresses on the Farm Bureau and other phases of the farmers' organization movement. He has been the headliner at many State Farm Bureau meetings. He preaches a program that is full of life.

RAILROAD RATES, HOTEL DIRECTIONS FOR A. F. B. F. MEET

Particularly Important That Hotel Reservations Be Made Early

Following are traveling and hotel instructions for Michigan members intending to attend the tenth annual American Farm Bureau convention at Chicago, Dec. 10-12:

To get the fare and one-half round trip rate secured by the Farm Bureau, write the Michigan State Farm Bureau for the railroad Identification Convention Certificate, and we will send you one. It is good for all members of your family who may be going on the trip. This certificate must be presented at the time you purchase the ticket for Chicago. You sign it in the presence of the agent; he stamps it and returns it to you. You pay full fare to Chicago. At the convention your certificate must be validated by railroad representatives present. Presentation of the convention validated certificate at the Chicago ticket office will entitle you the half fare home.

Remember that the certificate plan is good for the rate only on the same route to and from Chicago. The tickets are accepted on Pullman or chair cars both ways. Michigan sale of A. F. B. F. tickets with certificates opens on Dec. 4 (Upper Peninsula Nov. 30) and continues until Dec. 10 and the certificate is good for the return trip until Dec. 18. The early opening date will allow any member who wishes, to go early and take in some of the International Live Stock Exposition and Grain Show.

Automobile Storage
A garage with a capacity of 1,000 cars is located within the Hotel Sherman. Farm Bureau members driving to Chicago can drive their cars directly into the hotel. Entrance just off LaSalle Street. Rates—10 hours, \$1.00; 24 hours, \$1.50; Washing, \$2.50. Farm Bureau members wishing to avail themselves of Hotel Sherman garage facilities must make advance reservation.

Hotel Accommodations
The Sherman Hotel is located at Randolph and Clark streets, in the heart of Chicago's great loop, which gets its name from the fact that the great downtown section is bounded on its outer edges by the elevated. This oblong section is probably a dozen blocks along the lake and seven or eight inland.

All sessions of the Farm Bureau will be held in the hotel. The Sherman has 1,700 rooms, each with private bath. The Farm Bureau has secured for convention visitors the following special, low rates: one person, room with private bath, \$2.50 per day; same for two persons, \$4 per day. When we send a railroad certificate, we send along a room reservation postcard, ready for mailing, by which you can notify the American Farm Bureau when you will arrive and what accommodations you want. This card should be mailed at once. On arrival at the Sherman, advise the desk clerk that the American Farm Bureau has reserved a room for you for that date. Meals are to be had at the hotel. (Continued on page three)

AMERICAN FARM BUREAU FEDERATION TO CELEBRATE TEN YEARS OF WORK AT FORTHCOMING ANNUAL MEETING

Secures Reduced Railroad Rates, Special Low Hotel Rates For Visitors; Expects To Entertain 10,000; Noted Speakers Appear On Program

Farm Bureau attention throughout the United States is focused on the tenth annual meeting of the American Farm Bureau Federation, which is to be held at Hotel Sherman, Chicago, Dec. 10-11-12.

Like other middle western states within easy distance of Chicago, Michigan is preparing to send another big delegation to Chicago. Fare and a half railroad rates for the round trip and special low room rates secured at the Hotel Sherman by the American Farm Bureau for visiting members are attractive to the membership. The national organization is preparing to entertain 10,000 visitors during the convention.

In this edition of the News, we are presenting full information on railroad rates, hotel accommodations, hotel garage facilities, and how to get such accommodations and the price thereof.

Another Michigan Breakfast
The Michigan delegation will assemble as a whole at the convention hall at Chicago. Tuesday morning, Dec. 11, at the Sherman, a second Michigan breakfast is planned. This event was well attended last year and everyone enjoyed it.

A feature of this convention will be the third annual Farm Bureau Training school for Farm Bureau leaders in the State, county or township organizations, and any member who would like to attend. Formerly this curtain raiser for the convention was owned by the Home and Community Dep't, but its value has been such that it was decided to admit the men and make it a joint program. This year the school will convene at the Sherman Friday and Saturday, Dec. 7 and 8. Mrs. Edith Wagar of Michigan will preside at the opening session. Dr. Eben B. Mumford, head of the sociology dept. of Michigan State College and well known to Michigan Farm Bureau members as a staunch friend of the Farm Bureau organization movement, will address the school at 2:15 Saturday.

Business Leader Speaks
Emphasizing the cordial interest displayed of late by business men in the difficulties of agriculture, William Butterworth, president of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, will be among the headline speakers before the convention. To this leading organization of farmers Mr. Butterworth will expound the attitude of the leading organization of business men and its proposals for promoting the mutual interests of both groups. He speaks Monday afternoon, Dec. 10.

Dr. Charles M. A. Stine, chemical director of the E. I. du Pont de Nemours Company, and an internationally known scientist, will be another speaker. Dr. Stine will tell the farmers about the recent romantic discoveries of chemistry which will make possible almost unlimited increases in farm incomes through the conversion of agricultural wastes into commercial commodities.

Mrs. Cora Wilson Stewart, director of the National Illiteracy Crusade, Washington, D. C., will present the problem of rural illiteracy and there will be other notable addresses on topics of widespread significance to the agricultural industry.

Program Reflects Nation
Keeping in mind the diversity of Farm Bureau activities, a program has been prepared which will present to the nation an adequate picture of these operations as well as offering to the farmers of America definite reasons for continuing their support of this, the largest organization of farmers in the world's history of agriculture.

Taxation, which is a major problem of agriculture everywhere, will be accorded special attention at the convention. George H. Duncan, New Hampshire tax expert, widely known for his disinterested efforts to educate the people to an understanding of the grievous topic of taxation, will present an account of investigations made in a recent coast to coast trip. His subject is "Rational Taxation."

Co-operative Discussions
Michigan farmers who are well acquainted with the advantages of co-operative marketing of agricultural commodities, will be especially interested in the convention discussions of the business side of farming, particularly the methods of the most progressive and prosperous co-ops. Numerous national figures in the co-operative movement are scheduled for addresses that will present the possibilities inherent in the co-operative scheme which affords farm relief by enabling the producer to obtain a larger share of the consumer's dollar without increasing prices. The Farm Bureau's national program of work for the coming year calls for emphasis on the development of co-operative movement. (Continued on page two)

PORTO RICO SENDS PEOPLE TO FARM BUREAU ANNUAL

Seeks Aid In Rehabilitating Island Following Hurricane

Farmers from the island of Porto Rico expect to send a delegation to attend the annual meeting of the American Farm Bureau Federation which will be held at the Hotel Sherman in Chicago, December 10 to 12. The Porto Ricans will bring to the farmers of this continent the story of their misfortunes during the disastrous cyclone of September 13 when the agricultural industry in our island territory was almost wiped out by a 155-mile wind.

The American Farm Bureau Federation has pledged its powerful assistance in helping the Porto Rico farmers obtain from Congress legislation that will enable them to get on their feet again, and this delegation will confer with Farm Bureau officials in Chicago on ways and means to further the project.

President Sam H. Thompson of the American Farm Bureau Federation points out that it is significant that the island farmers are not asking for financial help but merely hope to secure from Congress an adjustment of the credit laws which will make it easy for them to obtain loans necessary to rehabilitate their business.

The Porto Ricans are also hoping to qualify for membership in the American Farm Bureau Federation, while here, according to Jose L. Pesquera, of San Juan, president of the Porto Rico Farmers Association.

Less Canadian Wheat Suitable For Milling

Considerable wheat from Canada this year will not be suitable for milling, recent reports indicate. An unusually heavy proportion of ears of wheat have been graded No. 6, or feed, the percentage running as high as 14 per cent since August as compared with about two per cent last season. Despite this condition, imports into this country from Canada for milling in bond for export increased rapidly during the first part of November when, in one week, 213,000 bushels were imported for this purpose alone. This compared with 537,000 bushels in the corresponding period, a year ago.

CONVENTION HALL



The 10th annual convention of the American Farm Bureau Federation will be held in the grand ballroom of the Sherman Hotel, Randolph and Clark streets, Chicago. The Sherman turned a good share of its space over to the thousands of Farm Bureau folks who came to the convention last year from 40 states.

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THE IDEA OF SELLING

Ten years ago it would have been difficult for farm leaders to send out a few hundred letters, explaining that a teacher of salesmanship from a big city was to give a few lectures on salesmanship and have any great response from men engaged in selling fertilizer or chicken feed to the farmers of their respective communities.

It's different now. The selling game is different. The salesmen are different. They are men of higher caliber, for the most part, because they have accepted that part of the idea of organization and co-operation which requires a better understanding of the other fellow's viewpoint.

For the third time, in as many years, the State Farm Bureau has staged a two-day school of salesmanship and each school has been a tremendous success, leaving a lasting imprint on the activities of the co-operative movement throughout the state.

This year's school, which was held on Nov. 8 and 9, was attended by close to 170 individuals who are selling some commodity or some service to farmers.

The school was advertised as offering no special, outside inducements. It was to be just a school of instruction and an exchange of ideas. There were to be no football games or horse races nor no boat rides or motor trips or theatre parties. And yet we find the enrollment swelling, year after year.

What is the answer? To sell the customer, the salesman must keep just a jump in the lead. He must understand his trade as well as his merchandise or service.

The wide-awake salesman realizes this and he takes advantage of every opportunity to broaden his scope of ability. He attends these schools because the type of training is unique. He knows that at these schools are discussed and explained the problems with which he and his fellow salesmen are confronted. They are up-to-the-minute institutes, based on the actual and current needs of the men within the field.

It is extremely gratifying to the organization sponsoring such undertakings to find them meeting with such hearty indorsement by the persons most benefiting by them.

No doubt the idea will be carried on in succeeding years. Certainly, enrollment records for the three years are no discouraging factor in the consideration.

Co-operation can not fail miserably as long as so keen an interest obtains for work of the nature covered by these annual two-day schools.

A NEW LEADER

What can we expect during the next four years? A new leadership has been agreed upon for our national affairs and in the choice of this leadership the voice of the farmer has been expressed. Herbert Hoover has been named the nation's choice for president to succeed Calvin Coolidge. The poll of states indicates that the greater agricultural areas "went Republican" and the vote of the farmer was for the president-elect.

In a few months this newly elected executive will take up the reins of government, having a full realization of the vote that put him into the place of first man of the country. He will know that agriculture has been a great reckoning factor in his appointment to this high office.

The new president will enter the White House with the knowledge, gained through his decade of experience in federal business as a lesser executive, that the farmer has always been sincere in all that he has striven to attain for his industry and that the farmer has sought and sought again to obtain and maintain the ready recognition in national affairs that is accorded other industries and that, in all that agriculture has asked for or undertaken to propound, it has been represented by men and groups of intelligently informed individuals.

The president-elect is a man of orderliness of affairs. He is a student of economics, of politics and international and intersectional and interfactional diplomacy. At his hands the farmer can but expect to be accorded the same consideration that other groups will receive; a consideration which depends upon the orderliness of their approach.

Mr. Hoover has been picked because he "kept his books in order," so to speak. Whenever, in his former relations, he has had a proposition to present, it has been as well arranged beforehand as Herbert Hoover was able to plan and arrange it. To place its troubles and problems before a leader of this type, agriculture, also, must expect to have its books well in order if the most favorable consideration is to be obtained at the hands of the next President of the United States.

This means organization and organized effort will be imperative in agriculture and a banding together of all the allied influences within its own industry if the most is to be achieved under the administration of the newly picked national leader. We must know our crops; we must know our markets and we must know when and when not to play our hand. This knowledge can come only through a thoroughly and more closely organized agriculture than we have had in the past.

HOW TAXES SHOULD BE PAID AND THINGS TO WATCH WHEN PAYING

Which would be charged if you first decided to contest the tax and then changed your mind, and paid the tax after January 10. UNLESS YOU FILE THIS PROTEST you cannot recover taxes voluntarily paid, no matter how illegal the tax may have been. If you have definitely made up your mind to take your tax bill to court, and are sure you have a good case, there is no reason for paying before an actual demand is made for payment, accompanied by the seizure of your property or a threat to levy upon it. There are a number of conditions which will render a tax void in whole or in part. One of the most common of these is an erroneous and misleading description of real estate on the tax roll. It is risky to pay taxes on a real property description which is so erroneous that it does not describe real estate that belongs to you. If you own the northwest quarter of the northeast quarter and the assessment roll charges you with the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter, you may be paying someone else's taxes if you pay the taxes

charged opposite your name. If your own land is entirely omitted from the roll you may not be injured by paying, but when one mistake appears on a tax roll there is a good chance that there will be others. If you pay someone else's tax and no one pays the tax on the description you actually own, you will be compelled to pay your tax again or lose your land. You cannot recover the payment you made by mistake. Neither is it proper for the treasurer to correct the description on the tax roll. For him to make such an alteration after the roll comes into his hands will invalidate the whole roll. The best policy is for you to take a correct description of your real estate holdings with you when you go to pay your taxes. Do not leave it to the collecting officer to determine on which description you are to pay taxes. Insist on paying the tax on every description which you own, regardless of whose name appears on the roll. Do not pay more than once on the same description. Do not pay taxes on descriptions assessed in your name but upon which you owe no obligation to pay taxes. In general it is safest to see to it personally that you pay only on those descriptions that unmistakably identify your property, and to see that you pay on every such description except where the same property appears on

the roll in more than one place. The law protects you in this course, for your land cannot be sold for taxes unless the description in the roll really describes your land, and not then if you can show that you have actually paid taxes on the same property for the current year. If your proper description can't be found on the roll it would be a good idea to ask the treasurer for a written statement to that effect.)

On Land Sold

Difficulties frequently arise where a taxpayer has sold part of a piece of real estate, but both the part he sold and the part he still owns remains in one description on the tax roll. You have a right to pay only on the part you still own, unless you have contracted to pay more. Thus if you owned 80 acres and sold 40 acres, you owe only one-half of the tax levied against the eighty, even though there be but one description on the roll. In paying a tax on half of a description in this way you should insist that the treasurer make your receipt to show the exact description of the land upon which you actually paid, and also that he makes a similar notation on the tax roll. In this connection it should also be said that the tax legally chargeable to your 40 acres is one-half of the total charged against the entire 80 acres. It does not matter whether there are improvements on one or the other 40. As long as they both appear in the same description the proportion of the tax owed by each owner depends upon the fraction of the total acres which he owns, and not upon the relative value of his portion when compared with the total. Of course, the owners have a right to divide the tax on any other basis that may suit them, but such an agreement does not affect their legal responsibility for one-half the total.

Some township treasurers do not seem to understand this point. If you offer to pay a part of the tax on a description of which you own only a part and the treasurer refuses to figure the tax according to this rule, or to give you a receipt describing the part upon which you have paid, insist upon his putting his refusal in writing. You cannot be penalized for failure to pay taxes when you have tendered payment in a lawful manner and your tender has been refused.

If you own an undivided interest in a piece of real estate you are entitled to pay that portion of the tax which corresponds with your interest, and to receive a receipt which shows this fact. A similar notation should also be placed on the tax roll by the treasurer.

Future issues of the Farm Bureau News will carry additional articles by the Bureau Tax Counselor on tax questions of vital interest to Farm Bureau members. Tax problems that are puzzling you may be addressed to the Farm Bureau Tax Counselor, Michigan State Farm Bureau, 221 N. Cedar St., Lansing, Mich.

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(Continued from page one) ment of co-operative enterprises. Announcements are anticipated concerning extension of the organization's services to this end, in which all farmers' co-operatives will find profit.

To Celebrate Birthday

Marking as it does the tenth anniversary of the creation of the national Farm Bureau organization, plans have been made for an appropriate birthday party as an evening affair during the course of the meeting. Speeches will be dispensed with, a birthday cake of generous proportions will be cut and a general good time provided.

Agricultural Exposition

For the third successive year the National Farm Bureau Agricultural Exposition will be conducted during the final three days of the meeting, in Exposition Hall, just off the Grand Ball Room at the Hotel Sherman, will be found an impressive array of exhibits, portraying the recent developments in farm progress, both in the field and the home. Here will be shown the newest machinery devised to make farming more profitable. Here will be presented the newest ideas in co-operative agricultural ventures, in home improvement, in food products and other fields in which the farmer will be interested. Official governmental, as well as scientific commercial and other agencies interested in the farmer, will be represented.

Seldom do farmers or anyone else have opportunity to see just the kind of displays gathered for this Farm Bureau Exposition. The educational value of this feature alone would amply repay for the time and effort spent in travelling to Chicago.

The fourth quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors will be held preceding the annual meeting. On Sunday afternoon, December 9, there will be a Vesper Service at the hotel for delegates, and that evening, as in the past, President Thompson will give a dinner to State Farm Bureau presidents and secretaries. Many state delegations will also hold special group gatherings during the three days.

Travel Accommodations

The railroads have manifested an intense interest in the convention and are co-operating to make the attendance at least 10,000. Special reduced round trip railroad rates have been announced from any station in the United States, with liberal stop-over limits at Chicago. Certificates making it possible to profit by the reduced fare can be obtained from the Michigan State Farm Bureau at Lansing. These certificates MUST BE SECURED BEFORE STARTING TO

Chicago. When the Michigan State Farm Bureau mails a certificate, it sends along a government postal card request for your hotel reservation, which should be filled in and sent to the Chicago office of the American Farm Bureau Federation, 58 E. Washington St., Chicago, at once. There they will be properly looked after. All the members have to do is to make known at the Hotel Sherman desk that a reservation in their name has been filed through the American Farm Bureau.

Members Invited

Invitations have been extended to every County Farm Bureau in the organization, to send at least one official representative. State Federation officials and directors are expected to attend in a body and in many states efforts are being made to organize parties large enough to make possible the chartering of special private trains. By getting in

touch with the state office, details of these arrangements can be secured. Busses will also be used to bring nearby delegations and even the airplanes will be used by some. Aircraft companies are taking an intimate interest in the meeting and are soliciting Farm Bureau members to fly to Chicago.

The tenth annual meeting at Chicago, December 7 to 12, will be a great occasion in many ways. Every farmer in America is invited to this great dynamo of agricultural enthusiasm, charged with the Farm Bureau spirit of self-service in behalf of better living conditions on American farms.

British Empire

The population of the British Empire, which has an area of 13,406,103 square miles, was recently set at 441,595,965.

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PRIVATELY OWNED STOCKYARDS FACE FEDERAL CONTROL

Hearings Are To Be Renewed On Hope Bill Early In December

PACKERS AGAINST BILL

Co-operative Marketing Is Not Included In The Proposed Bill

The House Committee on Agriculture has made plans to open and renew hearings on a proposed bill, which is in the form of an amendment to the U. S. Packers & Stockyards Act of 1921, on Dec. 10. This bill is being sponsored by Rep. Hope, of Kansas, and by its terms, privately owned and operated stockyards would receive the same consideration from the federal government as public stockyards, so far as supervision or inspection of operation goes.

Hearings on the bill were conducted last winter, concluding in March, and Rep. Hope had the date for renewal of hearings set months ahead so that interested parties might assemble all the evidence they could to present before the bill should be submitted to Congress.

To quote from a statement made by Rep. Hope during last session of Congress, when he was addressing the House of Representatives on this matter he said, "The Packers and Stockyards Act of 1921 has accomplished much good, enabling the Secretary of Agriculture to stop much of the wrongful practices on the big markets. Passage of the act was designed to break up the indefensible practices which were being engaged in by the five big packers in manipulating the livestock markets, controlling prices and crushing competition."

"The act, in itself," he added, "has not been broad enough in its definition of stockyards and because of this there has grown up a system whereby price manipulation on livestock purchases is practiced and the market depressed to the extent of depriving the producers of livestock of millions of dollars each year which they rightfully should have under fair and open competitive selling practices."

In this connection he made reference to the practice of direct buying of livestock and of hogs, particularly, at the big terminal markets through the operation of private stockyards and explained that this system has grown to enormous proportions in recent years.

The bill, it is understood, makes no application to the operation of stockyards by co-operative marketing agencies in that these agencies are regulated by federal authority under a special act.

HALF OF COUNTY'S MEMBERS AT MEET

Annual Meeting at Big Rapids Sets Wonderful Record For The County

An attendance of close to 50 per cent of its entire membership set a record for Mecosta County Farm Bureau's annual meeting which is a good mark for other county organizations to shoot at.

This good attendance record was established a week ago when the members met at Big Rapids.

The annual meeting consisted of more than a cut and dried program; it was built around a plan of discussing live issues of vital concern to the county, a plan that is to be carried out at each meeting.

Tentative, practically definite, plans were proposed by the members and discussed in open session. It was apparent that the future development of the organization will be benefited by some of these plans.

Along this line of endeavor, the local members were informed that the State Farm Bureau has just prepared a manual of Farm Bureau procedure which is ready for distribution among county boards, group leaders and others interested in promoting the work of the organization in their communities. These are being mailed out where called for.

The Mecosta County Farm Bureau also held a special school of instruction for membership workers on Nov. 15, under the chairmanship of President Earl Gale, assisted by Claude Nash, head of the State Farm Bureau organization department.

At the annual meeting the organization adopted several resolutions and decided to make the quarterly meeting a definite part of the yearly program.

Continue Half Rates On Reg. Live Stock

Present one-half rate on registered live stock, in less than carloads, scheduled to terminate December 31, 1928, have again been extended to December 31, 1929. The American Farm Bureau has been active in seeking continuance of this half rate.

Figures that attract men: September Morn. Annette Kellerman, etc. Figures that attract women: 69c, \$1.98, etc.

New Insurance Office



Above is the architect's drawing of the new eight story building which is to be the headquarters of the State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company, at Bloomington, Ill. Construction is well under way on the new building but it will be

some time next summer before the company can move in.

The concern at present has a working force of about 160 persons in its offices at Bloomington and occupies parts of two large buildings. It is the plan of the company to occupy five floors of the new structure when it moves in.

A.F.B.F. Agr'l Exposition Will Be Colorful Event

U. S. Gov't, Farm Bureau Women, Firms, Ass'ns, Others To Exhibit

From away in New Mexico, Indian boys in the government schools are looking forward to the Third National Farm Bureau Exposition, which will be held December 10, 11 and 12, in connection with the tenth annual meeting of the A. F. B. F. at the Hotel Sherman, Chicago. These boys have planned to send a few samples of their Chimayo pillow tops and rugs, which they weave themselves, according to an art handed down through generations. The boys want to exhibit their handwork in the "Home Industries" booth which will form one feature of the exposition. Be sure to look for these articles when you come to the exposition.

Another exhibit in this Home Industries booth will be a set of bed quilts sent in by a farm girl from Gazette, Mo., who has been paying her way through high school by making and selling these old fashioned comforters. She hopes also to be able to continue her education through her state university on the profits from the business she has built up.

Mrs. Charles W. Sewell, national director of the Home and Community department of the American Farm Bureau Federation, explains that the Home Industries booth will give women all over the United States an opportunity to exhibit at Chicago samples of work they are doing in their homes both for pleasure and their profit. Where the exhibitors desire it, Mrs. Sewell or her assistants in charge of the Home Industries booth will receive orders for this work, and will forward the orders to the exhibitors, in time to have them filled for your Christmas gift giving. Undoubtedly, there will be a number of Michigan exhibitors.

There will be a wealth of other interesting exhibits at the Farm Bu-

farmers seem to be better merchants and spread their deliveries well over the year. Present prices also are helped by the fact that European crop was almost a total failure and there was no carry-over of beans anywhere from last year. Farmers hold very stubbornly on setbacks in price.

RAILROAD RATES AND HOTEL RESERVATIONS ARE BEING ARRANGED

(Continued from page one) at very reasonable prices, especially for Chicago. The hotel has a coffee room and a number of restaurants. Breakfast in the Celtic Grill runs 45, 55 and 75c; luncheon in the Old Town Room, 60c at the counter, at College Inn, 85c; dinner at the counter, Old Town Room, 90c, at tables, \$1.25. The coffee shop and other restaurants have a similar range of prices. Meals per person in the above restaurants are estimated at \$5.85 to \$8.55 for the three days.

This year's spring pig crop shows a decrease of about 4,000,000 pigs, or about 7 per cent less than last year's spring crop.

MEMBERS CONTINUE TO REAP BENEFITS

Here's another interesting case brought to the attention of the Farm Bureau recently: Vern Harder, who shipped eight head of cattle from Salem, O., was charged \$110 freight. He questioned the amount as correct and submitted the bill to the Farm Bureau Traffic Department and was fortunate in having a refund of \$38.34 secured on his claim. Mr. Harder and his father are good Farm Bureau members in St. Joseph county.

But the Harders didn't have much on Burt Blair, of Rives Junction. Mr. Blair just purchased a high class sheep about a week ago; one of those "cooed type with a diploma".

He tied the animal out in front of his place while he went up the road to get the registration papers which play so important a part in making up the purchase price of the critter and while he was away, the unsophisticated nanny worked herself loose from her tether string and managed to reach a nearby railroad track in time to meet a fast train. She didn't board the train but she never came back home so Blair asked the Farm Bureau to broach the subject to the railroad company and as result, he was paid a check for \$45 because the animal was killed on the railroad right-of-way. The railroad settled with him on a claim made, we might say, before he actually had title to the sheep.

That's service to members, both instances.

Make Bridge Survey Across St. Lawrence

A preliminary survey has been made of the proposed international bridge over the St. Lawrence River from Brockville, Ontario, to a point approximately two miles west of Morristown, New York. The plans provide for a steel and concrete structure more than a mile in length, including approaches.

Good Work Talked At St. Joseph Quarterly

St. Joseph County Farm Bureau picked the Fabius Grange hall, west of Three Rivers, for the meeting place for its quarterly meeting on Nov. 12. About 125 members and their families made up the attendance. Mr. Howard Bucknell, of Centreville, had charge of the meeting.

Two Townships Get Together For Meet

Brady and Wakeshma townships Farm Bureau members met on Nov. 7 at the M. E. church, at Fulton, in Kalamazoo county, and enjoyed an oyster supper. About 70 attended this meeting.



Feed More Salt

Are you losing profits by under salting your stock? Most farmers are. Salt is the most valuable and one of the cheapest of all feed materials. Feed enough salt and your stock will take on weight faster, give more milk and stay healthier.

Be humane. Don't let your stock go salt hungry!

Feed More Non-Caking Salt AND AVOID HARD FEELINGS

Safety State Mutual Rodded Fire Insurance Co. of Mich. First

Poverty is staring you in the face if you are carrying your own Fire Insurance. Many a farmer has lost his farm or labored under a mortgage the remainder of his life by neglecting to buy a good fire insurance policy.

Let us protect you. We have more insurance in force and more cash assets than any Farm Mutual Fire Insurance Co. in Michigan.

W. T. Lewis, Sec'y, 710 P. P. Smith Bldg., Flint, Mich.

FREIGHT RATES On Farm Commodities

Sometimes have overcharge errors. Do you have your bills audited? THE TRAFFIC SERVICE DEPARTMENT

Of the Michigan State Farm Bureau will check up the charges on your freight bills; file overcharge claims; file loss and damage claims; watch all freight rates on your farm products and supplies and be your personal representative to the railroads. Claims collected free for paid-up Farm Bureau members.

No Charge For Auditing

Farm Bureau Traffic Department
221-227 N. Cedar St. Lansing, Mich.

Use Your Coupon Book!

Farm Bureau members, in making purchases of Farm Bureau goods, do not fail to enter those purchases in your Farm Bureau Patronage Dividend Coupon Book and have the purchase entry signed by your local distributor.

Dividends paid after March 1, 1929, when the present Coupon Books will be called in for valuation, will be on the basis of patronage. Therefore, see to it that your purchases are entered.

REMEMBER—In addition and at any time, to members in good standing, the Patronage Dividend Coupon saves 5 per cent on any purchase from the Farm Bureau Clothing Dept.; provides free handling and collection of transportation loss or damage claims and saves 10 per cent on our regular charges for cleaning seed.

If you will need another Coupon Book or have mislaid the one sent you, write us.

MICHIGAN FARM BUREAU SUPPLY SERVICE
MICHIGAN FARM BUREAU SEED SERVICE
Lansing, Michigan

OIL OPERATIONS ARE PRESENTING VARIOUS PROBLEMS IN LEASING

(Continued from page one) the lease is granted pay its proportionate share of taxes on the values resulting from oil and gas operations, and 5—that in every instance, the lessee be required to provide for discharge of the lease whenever the lease is voided or surrendered. This last is recommended to prevent title to property from becoming clouded after oil operations have ceased.

Practically every reliable company operating in Michigan has a standard form of lease, the state informs us, but certain points of vital importance to Michigan farmers and other land owners in the oil producing sections may not be included in their lease form for the reason that the company has not met with such conditions in other parts of the country. The state conservation department

acts as trustee for the people of Michigan for state owned properties where oil or gas or mineral prospecting is permitted on state lands.

Apple Growers Seek To Increase Sales

Canadian apple producers have determined upon a course designed to stimulate demand for their product. Recent announcement was made to the effect that even the nickel slot machine will be brought into play as part of the Canadians' scheme for placing their fruit in the hands of the city buyer.

Careful grading and packing is part of their plan, carrying the packing idea down to the point of putting up choice apples in small cartons, containing a dozen or even a half dozen each, for convenient handling by retailers and fruit vendors in public places.

Mrs. Zerlaut Raised 1,151 Out of 1,200 Baby Chicks!

Mrs. Frank Zerlaut of Sheridan twp. Newaygo county, near Holton, on March 27, 1928, bought 1,200 White Leghorn baby chicks and proceeded to raise them on Farm Bureau Chick Mash, Growing Mash and Scratch Feed, with these results:

At 16 weeks her total cost per chick was 24.8c.

July 18 a pen of six was shown at the Garfield Fair and won 1st prize and the Newaygo County cup.

August 20, the flock had laid 20 eggs.

November 1 she had sold \$409 in eggs; the 533 pullets had laid as high as 247 eggs per day, and production was increasing on Farm Bureau feeds.

Nov. 1, Mrs. Zerlaut's records showed 618 broilers sold and 533 pullets on hand, or 1,151 raised. (Only 4% loss).

Mrs. Zerlaut is another of many poultry keepers who are doing much better with Farm Bureau public formula poultry feeds.

ASK YOUR CO-OP FOR FARM BUREAU

Chick Feeds	Growing Mash
Scratch Feeds	Egg Mash

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MICHIGAN FARM BUREAU SUPPLY SERVICE
Lansing, Michigan



21,000 POLICIES Written In Two Years

The State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Co. has written more than 21,000 policies in Michigan. Note how frequently you see the above red and gold emblem on cars you meet. This is a splendid record for two years' operations. We continue to grow rapidly. We are proud of the work we are doing in reducing the driving hazards of our policyholders, for

We Assume Their Risks

in case the car is damaged by fire, is stolen, is damaged in collision, or damages another's property. Where public liability arises under the policy, we defend the interests of the insured in every respect, in accordance with the terms of the policy.

Accidents are unexpected. Everything you own is at risk unless you are insured

The State Farm Mutual Auto Insurance Co. offers you protection at very low annual rates for farm owned cars. We are a strong, legal reserve company. We have an agent near you. Don't delay in seeing him. If you don't know him, or want further information, write us.

Be protected before you start on a trip.

Michigan State Farm Bureau
Lansing, Michigan
MICHIGAN AGENT
STATE FARM MUTUAL AUTO INS. CO.
OF BLOOMINGTON, ILL.

MC NARY PLANS TO INTRODUCE A NEW FARM RELIEF BILL

Equalization Fee Will Not Be A Part Of Plan He Has In Mind

WOULD LOAN TO CO-OPS

Oregon Senator Proposes To Offer New Relief Bill This Winter

Farm relief legislation, similar to the well known McNary-Haugen plan of handling surpluses, is due for consideration in the early part of the coming session of Congress but there will be no provision in the bill for an equalization fee, it has been made known tentatively, by United States Senator McNary, of Oregon, who is chairman of the U. S. Senate committee on agriculture and forestry.

The McNary-Haugen bill, which was killed by the veto of the President, carried two provisions for handling the problem of exportable surpluses. It provided for the levying of a fee on each unit of production of any crop having an exportable surplus or the loaning of funds to co-operatives at a low rate of interest.

Also, a federal farm board of 13 members was proposed in the former bill and provision was made for setting up a revolving fund of several million dollars for the aid of co-operative groups. As to this board, Senator McNary's new proposal will embody this scheme of handling the surplus problem.

The board is authorized to make loans out of the revolving fund to any co-operative association or any corporation created and controlled by one or more co-operative associations, requiring repayment by the co-operative with an additional charge for interest to be computed at a low rate; four per cent being proposed.

NEW HAMPSHIRE EXPERT SPEAKS ON TAX MUDDLE

American Farm Bureau To Hear Why Things Are As They Are

George H. Duncan, who speaks on "Rational Taxation" at the annual meeting of the American Farm Bureau Fed., at the Hotel Sherman, Chicago, December 10 to 12, has played an important role in working out the farm tax problem in New Hampshire. He is a member of the New Hampshire House of Representatives, where he has served since 1915, and is a member of the New Hampshire Special Recess Tax Commission.

While serving as an assessor he became interested in taxing problems. Writing recently to the editor of the Bureau Farmer, he said, "Some men hunt, some play golf, some travel. I get my recreation by studying taxation and in trying to bring about improvements in this field."

On a recent cross country trip to study the subject at first hand in various states, he dug up a mass of information as to how our taxing system got into such a mess as everyone admits exists.

"A good deal of the difficulty," he says, "has been due to the laudable but misguided desire of one generation to save posterity from danger. For instance in Missouri, back in 1875, there was embedded in the constitution a stringent limitation of the rate of taxes which could be imposed for various purposes, it being supposed that this limitation would serve to curb expenditures.

"But human nature is stronger than law; times have changed since 1875; and an amount sufficient for that time will not meet present demands. So the people there were forced to devise new methods of taxation, until now, in addition to at least 152 kinds of general taxes, some cities are authorized to impose 224 more different kinds of taxes and licenses. What an increase in overhead!

"In Illinois there are some 15,000 separate taxing districts for school purposes, and in some of these schools there are no more than five or six pupils."

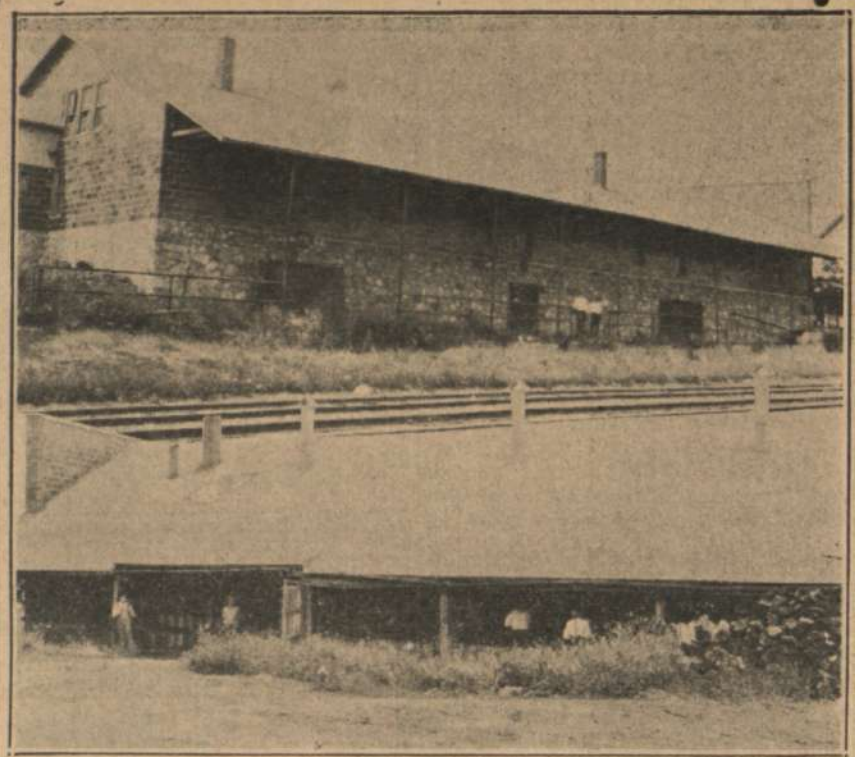
Mr. Duncan's address at the annual meeting is bound to be illuminating.

More Potatoes Are Shipped This Year

Potato loading reports for all points in Michigan this season, up to the middle of this month, totaled about 3,500 cars as compared with a total of about 1,900 cars during the same period a year ago. Unfavorable weather, however, has served to check loadings to some extent since the middle of the month. Onion loadings also increased over last year's total, there being about 1,400 cars shipped from the state as compared with about 1,200 cars a year ago, to this date.

HARD TO FORGET
First love, trouble, slight, notes about due, an aching molar—and money owed you.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Ellsworth Co-op Adds 40 Pct. In Four Years



Northern Michigan Concern Builds Big Business In Small Area

Increasing its annual volume of business by approximately 40 per cent in a period of four years is the record set up by the Ellsworth Co-operative Association, whose warehouse and headquarters is located at Ellsworth, Michigan, 'way up north. This association serves a territory only about four miles square and contributes most of its efforts to the sale of Farm Bureau supplies, potato machinery, potatoes, beans, cream and some grain.

The business for the year, closing last June, totalled \$153,000 and was \$43,000 above the business of 1924. The association was established in 1918 as the Banks Township Marketing Association and changed its name to the Ellsworth Co-operative Association last year. It began business with a membership of 125 farmers.

This fall the association built additional storage space of about 25-

000 bushels capacity for storing potatoes. This new, modern type structure has a floor space of 45 by 125 feet and the building is constructed of steel and concrete, making available a total storage for 50,000 bushels of potatoes.

This season, potato shipments are expected to total at least 100,000 bushels, the association manager, Mr. John Timmer, informs us.

About 20 cars of shelled corn are sold through this organization each year.

Much of the success of the business is attributed to the fact that the association keeps in direct communication with all of its members and patrons by mailing them a personal letter once a week.

Mr. Timmer has been manager of the business for the past five years and under his administration the business of the organization has experienced a steady growth. In 1927 the concern conducted a total of \$65,000 in general merchandise business; \$30,000 in potato sales; \$10,000 in bean sales; \$45,000 in cream sales and about \$3,000 in miscellaneous transactions.

F. BUREAU BOOKLET GIVES MANY HINTS FOR LOCAL GROUPS

Many Suggestions Conveyed In New Organization Dept. Manual

"Where a county organization is maintained, monthly or quarterly meetings of the county executive board and community committee members should be held. In some counties a mass meeting of all members is held instead."

This is a paragraph taken at random from 28 page booklet just off the press and compiled for the aid of Farm Bureau organizers. Following this paragraph are suggested topics for discussion at Farm Bureau meetings with a concise study of each topic.

Then the booklet goes into a brief discussion of what the Farm Bureau can do and what it cannot do. The questions and answers along this line serve well as thought stimulants for any local meeting of Farm Bureau members.

All in all, the booklet carries some of the most valuable material ever assembled in booklet form for those whose business it is to maintain a strong organization in their respective community.

A standard Farm Bureau. How many could define a local Farm Bureau? In the Farm Bureau book there are given standards that readily apply to any local Bureau for setting it up on a better functioning basis. The proper planning of a program for any regular meeting is outlined in a general way to make the meeting worthwhile.

How to benefit by the Farm Bureau organization is brought out in one section of the book with about 10 pages devoted to this topic.

Every County Farm Bureau officer and every member who is actively engaged in making a stronger Farm Bureau is entitled to have one of these booklets which are going into the mail in a few days. Local leaders are urged to write the organization department of the State Farm Bureau for a copy. They will be mailed without cost to those who write in for them.

GAS TAX YIELDED \$140,000,000 IN FIRST HALF 1928

All But Massachusetts, New York and Illinois Tax Motor Fuel

For the first six months of 1928, forty-six states and the District of Columbia, report a total sale of 4,652,393,535 gallons of gasoline which is a gain of 680,970,224 gallons over the same period of 1927, according to information on gasoline taxation collected by the Bureau of Public Roads of the United States Department of Agriculture.

No tax was levied in Massachusetts and New York and a tax was in force for only one month in Illinois. The revenue collected amounted to \$140,635,398 which is \$39,384,557 more than collected on the 3,971,423,311 gallons sold in the first six months of 1927.

Nearly every State showed a gain in consumption. California heads the list with a gain of over 39,000,000 gallons and with an increase of one cent a gallon in the tax. Texas is second, with a gain of 38,900,000 gallons. Ohio is third with a gain of over 36,000,000 gallons and at an increase of one cent a gallon in the tax. Pennsylvania is fourth, with a gain of over 31,000,000 gallons and at an increase in tax of one cent a gallon. Kansas ranks fifth with a gain of over 28,000,000 gallons. Montana, with 29,678,808 gallons, more than doubled her 1927 sales of 14,278,756 gallons.

In addition to the six states above mentioned, 11 others showed gains in sales ranging from 10,000,000 to 19,000,000 gallons.

4-H Club Sends First Jersey Calf To Egypt

The first pure bred Jersey heifer to enter Egypt was shipped recently by a 4-H club of New York state. The calf entered its new home land under special permit. Sophia Sons Viola, the calf, is to be used as foundation stock for assisting in building up a new breed for that country.

Unsettled accounts and unsettled business conditions go hand in hand.

COOLIDGE AWAITS JARDINE'S REPORT

Would Let Extra Session Of Congress Consider Farm Relief

Advices from the national Capitol, this week, declare that Pres. Coolidge is not prepared to make any recommendations to the new Congress regarding matters agricultural this fall, owing to the fact that William M. Jardine, secretary of agriculture, has been touring the western part of the country and will not have

CLASSIFIED

OWNER OF YEARLING HOLSTEIN heifer, P. B. test No. 41738, should communicate with Otto Nuechterlein, R. 2, Frankenmuth. This animal has strayed onto my premises and is being housed and cared for. 11-23-nc.

SINGLE COMB RED COCKERELS (Tompkins) Large, Dark, Pedigreed, Trapped. R. O. P., \$3, \$5. Mary Mac Farm, Homer, Mich. 12-13-28

Garlock-Williams Co.
2614 Orleans St.
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Your shipments of poultry, eggs and veal are solicited. Tags and market information sent on request.

Why It Pays To Ship the Co-op Way

Drivers, buyers, commission men and commercial truckers who want your stock must figure a good living and more out of their shipping profits.

You can realize that profit yourself, and why not? You can ship through your nearest co-operative live stock shipping association, which is connected with the Michigan Live Stock Exchange and its sales offices on the Detroit and East Buffalo markets, which are named at the close of this advertisement.

The co-op carries your stock clear to the packer's hands, and you get all it brings at the final market, rather than what the local man can afford to pay. Our salesmen are among the best in the business. We are interested first in getting all we can for the shipper. We do everything we can to sell your stock to advantage. Our policy is that your stock is "In the hands of a friend, all the way through."

We have grown to be the largest handlers of live stock on both markets. Send us your next shipment.

Michigan Livestock Exchange
Detroit, Mich.

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

filed his report of conditions in time for the President to thoroughly study them. Neither has the President had an opportunity to confer with the agricultural leaders of either branch of the Congress, relative to a possible program for farm relief, we are told.

Add Definitions
A committee is described as a machine which takes a week to do what one good man can do in an hour.—Regina Leader.

The modern girl usually is one of two things: hungry or thirsty.

In Market for Clover and Alfalfa Seeds

We are in the market for all varieties of clover and alfalfa seeds. Send samples for prices.

Michigan Farm Bureau Seed Service

221 N. Cedar St. Lansing, Michigan

Increasing Profits With Milkmaker

Up near Walkerville in Oceana county is the herd of Grade Jerseys that led the East Oceana Dairy Herd Improvement Association this past year.

Elmer Robart is the successful dairyman who owns this herd. He is a young man, just recently started in the dairy game. He used his father's Jersey bulls to insure good blood and fed Milkmaker to give good blood a chance to tell its story.

Here's the story they told. It's a pleasant one because it's profitable:

1928 AVERAGE	
Lbs. Milk	Lbs. Fat
6521	402.7
Cost of Grain	Returns Over All Feed Cost
\$65.55	\$130.55

2179 lbs. grain fed, one-half of which was Milkmaker.

The 1928 returns over all feed costs averaged \$11.66 per cow more than in 1927 when Milkmaker was fed one month. Consider how this increase in net profit has raised the value of the herd!

Mr. Robart tried another 24% feed when the dealer was out of Milkmaker (means Moneymaker) for one month. It has the same ingredients and analysis as Milkmaker. The herd lost 50c worth of cream a day—and less than five cents in feed cost per day was saved by the new feed.

Ask your Co-op Ass'n or Farm Bureau Agent for Milkmaker

Milkmaker means Moneymaker
The Feed With the Performance Record



Why Farm Bureau Coals Give You Top Quality Fuel

- 1. THEY ARE SELECTED.** All our coals are the result of elimination tests for dependable fuels that are pure and clean; easy firing; high in heat, and therefore economical; long burning and with low ash content.
- 2. ALWAYS THE SAME.** Farm Bureau coals come from certain mines and therefore are uniform. Coal from different parts of the same field may be considerably different in burning qualities. You can depend on Farm Bureau coal.
- 3. PREPARATION STANDARDS HIGH.** We have selected mines that clean their coals to highest standards of purity. They grade carefully. Samples are taken frequently each day from the mine output and tested in the laboratory to be sure that domestic heating standards are maintained. Lower grade lots are diverted into the steam coal trade.

Ask Your Co-op or Farm Bureau Agt. For These Farm Bureau Coals

- Quick Heat** Strictly fancy southeastern Kentucky coal for cooking, heating stove or furnace. Pure, clean, bright coal; kindles quick, burns hot, long and evenly. Easy to regulate. Very low ash, doesn't clinker. No stringy soot. Egg and lump sizes.
- Red Jockey** A high grade southeastern Kentucky general purpose coal. Easy kindling, burns vigorously and evenly. Holds fire,—an all night coal. Very free of slate or other impurities. Low in ash, no clinkers, no stringy soot. Egg and lump sizes.
- Fire Brand** Another southeastern Kentucky coal. From the Hazard seam. Very firm, stands up well. Holds fire long time, leaving very little soot. Keeps going without draft. No clinkers. A lower priced, good general purpose coal. Egg and lump.

Michigan Farm Bureau Supply Service
Lansing, Michigan

Organ-ize!

Farm Bureau membership encourages:—

Discussion of Live questions at the proper time. Use of agricultural leadership in each community. Carrying out of a definite program of activities. Expression of the aims and desires of members. Effort to achieve something definite for farming. Assembling of available talent and material for Unity of Agriculture.

VANDENBERG ASKS REAPPORTIONMENT

Says It Is A Constitutional Requirement Which We Should Adhere To

Senator Arthur Vandenberg, of Grand Rapids, in a recent communication to United States Senator Curtis, points to the constitutional requirement which makes the considering of re-apportionment imperative at this time and urges that re-apportionment be included in any tentative plan for legislation that is to be presented to Congress during the short session.

Senator Vandenberg said: "I realize that a large number of vital problems press upon the precious time available between December and March and that we cannot hope to do everything which ought to be done. Yet eight years of Constitutional nullification by Congress itself puts a challenge upon our consciences which is paramount.

"If this expedient practice of 'postponement' becomes a fixed habit we shall overrun another census without constitutional obedience. I therefore urge that re-apportionment be accepted as one of the major issues which should be put upon the party program for the short session. If time forbids, then it should go on the program of any special session of Congress which may be sequent."

MASON IS DIVIDED TO SPEED UP WORK

County Sets Up Double Team To Carry Organization Plan To Farmers

Mason County Farm Bureau members have undertaken a new plan of conducting membership work within the county. Dividing the county into two parts, the board of directors of the organization decided to stir up a little friendly competition between the members of the two sections by having membership teams from one half of the county assist the teams in the other half and then, on an immediate return date, have the teams work the other half of the county.

A school for training the team workers was scheduled for Tuesday at Scottville. A similar school was held at Hastings on Monday for workers in Ottawa, Allegan, Barry and Kent counties. This school was under the direction of David Woodman, special district representative of the State Farm Bureau.

The Squire—"What's your name?"
Nervous Applicant—"P-P-P-Perkins sir."

The Squire—"Ah! Then I'll call you Perkins!"—Humorist (London).

Eskimos gather reindeer hair in spring and sell it for life preserver stuffing.