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Of Hasty Action

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BRUCKER, FARM BUREAU CO-OPERATE IN CONSIDERING AUDITS Highway Fund War Declared

FARM BUREAU ARISES IN EMERGENCY **TO MEET CHALLENGE OF BIG CITIES SEEKING TO SWALLOW WEIGHT TAXES**

Brody Issues Denial of Charges Made Public at Inter-city Political Confab Where Rural Domination of Highway Plan Was Branded as Most Unjust

Fired by inflammable speeches in which the cities of Michigan were pictured as being at the mercy of a ruralminded Legislature, city officials and legislators from Detroit and Grand Rapids, at a meeting in the Detroit City Council chambers on December 20, laid plans to force action on the Dykstra Bill which would give the large city counties and municipalities the lion's share of the weight tax on autos.

As quoted in the Detroit News of December 21, George M. Welch, city manager of Grand Rapids, and recently defeated in the race for the governorship, launched a venomous attack upon the farmers of Michigan.

"It's time that we of the cities issue a new Declaration of Kate Reinsch of Freesoil and Mrs. Independence and war against taxation without representa- George Felt of Scottville went out on tion. All this project needs for success is to have the people in the cities who have red blood get out and fight for it. And The you will have to fight, for we have been trying for years to awarded them a prize of a Farm Bur- and in southwestern Michigan, redeal with the rural prejudice against the cities with tact and eau blanket and presented it to them have failed.

"I am not saying this with any spirit of antagonism against program the rural districts, but I am demanding a fair deal for the cities.

"Let's have them get over considering us natural prey. Let's make the citizens of the city just as much of a citizen as if he lived somewhere out in the stumps."

Try to Fool Farmers Farmers of Kent county will recall Farmers of Kent county will recall that Mr. Welch is the same man who appeared before the Pomona Grange in that county this fall and urged upon that body the advisability of doing away with the Kent county one-mill road tax, claiming that this would be step toward reducing farm taxes. This effort to mislead the farmers of Kent was thwarted by Farm Bureau

B. McPherson, former president of the Bureau will be appointed soon after become Farm Bureau minded? State Farm Bureau. appeared likely that the Michigan ceipts from auto taxes.



WOMEN LEAD STATE

AS F. B. SOLICITORS

By Claude L. Nash, organization Di- division in the Department of Conrector, Michigan State Farm Bureau. servation supervises the oil fields In Mason County two women Mrs. of the State.

Wells are now being drilled in several new possible fields, espectheir Trade-A-Day Campaign this fall ially in the vicinity of Clare, Deerfield in Monroe county, Williamston and beat all other teams for results. Mason County Farm Bureau in Ingham and in Newaygo county cords of the department show. at their annual meeting last week. The wide distribution of drillings

throughout the state has caused The two ladies were in charge of the farmers everywhere in Michigan to give thought to the possibility of oil

that one and one-half years ago had a planning to take advantage of the very small membership and wondered State Farm Bureau plan of co-operthen if they could continue to func- ative marketing of oil leases which gives promise of saving the farmer

the scalper's profit. In welcoming the guests at Mason's annual meeting Mrs. Reinsch said-Farmers who are interested in the Mason County is getting Farm Bur- Farm Bureau plan of leasing are in-

vited to get in touch with Mr. Neweau minded' Isn't that the crux of the whole ton, director of taxation for ithe What is true of the at- organization, at Farm Bureau headroblem? titude of the individual is also true of quarters at Lansing.

the attitude of groups or organizations. From small beginnings in oil pro-Using your imagination, what would duction in the vicinity of Port Huron, That a committee of three members be the resultant possibilities if every years ago, oil production grew in the members under the leadership of M. of the Shiawassee County Farm agricultural county in Michigan would Saginaw region, then the Muskegon district and now the Mt. Pleasant

the first of the year, to help farmers in A Farm Bureau minded county fields which are growing rapidly in After a prolonged session at which leasing their land for oil drilling, was would be active in solving the problem importance. Mr. Smith does not repeated attacks were made upon the State Administration, the Legislature and the farm population in general, it have already been advanced panding the local organization into It was explained by R. Wayne New- tecting its agriculture in general and In December, 1927, the discovery of taxes. Municipal League, an organization ton of Lansing, director of the Mich- its members in particular in those well of the Muskegon Field was dominated by the larger cities, would igan Farm Bureau's taxation depart- matters where the individual is drilled. Again the field, adjacent be called upon to circulate petitions ment that because of the ignorance powerless to function. A Farm Bur- to North Muskegon was on much that would initiate the Dykstra Bill, of the farmers of the ways of oil eau minded county would recognize platted land. There was a resulting either as a statute or as an amend- prospectors, many of them sign leases the organization as a tool with which orgy of overdrilling. In some cases, ment to the State Constitution. There which rob them of their just share to accomplish results and consequent- there were two wells to an acre was some doubt as to which - plan of the profit if oil is struck. He de- ly would keep this tool well oiled with where one well to 8 or 10 acres should be followed, but it was perfect- clared that the middleman or "scalp- the lubricating qualities of good will would have been ample. The orgy ly clear that the large city office hold- er" as he is known in these transac- and knowledge of the work of the of drilling brought so much gas to ers are ready to go to any lengths in tions, usually gets the bulk of the pro- organization. A Farm Bureau minded the surface before there was time pushing a proposal which if enacted fits and that the bureau wants to save county would recognize that a county to develope a market or even to into law will deprive the outstate local- these profits for the owner. Mr. New- program aimed at keeping its mem- build pipe lines to Muskegon, a mile ities of any reasonable share of the re- ton also spoke extensively on the bers informed is essential in building distant that the producers blew the subject of taxation and advocated that other Farm Bureau activities. A gas into the air to obtain the oil besecretary-manager of the Michigan a state tax commission, as free from Farm Bureau minded county would low. The Muskegon field, though Farm Bureau, issued a statement to prejudices and political ties as the gives its members a chance to partici- not large, had an abundance of gas he press in which he denied that farmer influence has manipulated the State pressed the belief that under the A Farm Bureau minded county ductive. The initial production of Highway Department, pointing out present system, the commission is in- would recognize that co-operation is a number ranged from 1,000 up to hat the state road system is primarily fluenced too much by political con- a reality and not a theory and would 2,000 barrels or more a day. The purchase Farm Bureau commodities, blowing and wasting of the gas re-The board of directors elected for recognizing that additional 'advant- sulted in the destruction of a num-"Farm interests have at no time the coming year consists of Mr. and ages are to be gained only by collec- ber of the wells. It resulted in a rapid decline of gas pressure and Farm Bureau minded counties all a corresponding decline in producover Michigan would magnify the in- tion, so that in about 18 months ly to serve city motorists. There is slee, Bennington; Mrs. A. B. Jones of fluence and possibilities of our State practically all of the wells had ceased to flow and had to put on pumps. There were no laws of regulations which could be used to stop the **BRANCH F. BUREAU** wastage of gas or the over-drilling **CHOOSES OFFICERS** until it was too late to save the field. There are now about 300 producing wells in the field, but many have FOR ENSUING YEAR small production. The field has long since passed the peak production,

Authorized Agents Carry Credentials

"Authorized agents of the State Tax Commission carry credentials bearing the signature of the Chairman and are instructed to produce them at the request of any person whom they may seek to interview or the question of land values."

This statement was issued from **INTERESTS FARMERS** the office of the State Tax Commission when the Farm Bureau Department of taxation called the attention State Shows How Production to inquiries made by farmers in Shiawassee County.

Farmers in that county complained that they had been subjected to questioning by men representing PLAN TO POOL LEASES themselves as agents of the State Tax Commission, but were not sure Geologist Sees Big Loss In that they could rely upon these representatives.

Director Wayne Newton, of the Farm Bureau Department of Taxation, advises all farmers to demand Although there are now but two an opportunity to inspect the credentials of any persons claiming to extensively operated oil fields in represent the State Tax Commission Michigan-the Mt. Pleasant and the and to advise him at once wherever Muskegon, conditions would indicate that others just as large if not this request is refused. Farmer are urged to assist properly accredit larger, will be developed in the fued agents of the Commission in ever ture in the State. This is the belief way possible, but are warned agains of R. A. Smith, state geologist whose discussing the values of their own or their neighbors' farms with unidenti fied strangers.

CITY HOME OWNERS

ARE ACTING ALONG

Demand More Equitable

Local Assessments

FOLLOWS FARM B. MOVE

Action Seen as Direct Move

In Interest of Small

Property Owner

BUREAU TAX LINES

LAW PROVIDING AUDITS OF LOCAL **ACCOUNTS TO BE MADE OPERATIVE THROUGH ACTION OF FARM BUREAU**

Investigation of Petitions by Bureau's Tax Department Would Facilitate Work and Preclude Possibility of Sidetrack for Lack of Full Information

Arrangements have been completed for co-operation between Attorney General Wilbur M. Brucker and the Department of Taxation of the Michigan Farm Bureau in affording farmers protection from misuse of township and rural school district funds, R. Wayne Newton, Director of Taxation, announced today.

Under the plan, Farm Bureau members and County Farm Bureau Taxation Committees are invited to get in touch with Mr. Newton whenever they have any cause to suspect that township or school district funds are not being properly handled.

The Farm Bureau Department of Taxation will then conduct a careful investigation of each case and, if the facts warrant, will assist local taxpayers to prepare petitions to the Attorney General asking for an official audit.

Audits of doubtful township and school district accounts will be made pursuant to an act of the last Legislature, introduced by Senator Chas. W. Richardson of Marquette.

This act provides that ten or more taxpayers of any township or school district may request an audit, setting forth specifically and in detail their reasons.

When this petition goes to the Attorney General he is Pontiac Property Owners To authorized to order an audit if he is convinced that the public interest requires it. The petition then goes to the Auditor General for action by him. The Attorney General is also empowered to call upon the prosecuting attorney of the county in which the township or school district is located for such help as may be deemed necessary.

GRAY APPEALS FOR LOCAL ROAD MONEY Voicing the complaint that basiness property in the City of Pontiac was not assessed as high as the property **FROM GOV'T FUNDS** of the average home-owner, some 25 taxpayers of that city have organized the Pontiac Association Against High Tax, and plan an active campaign in Farm Bureau's Washington tion favor of more equitable assessments within the city, under the leadership Representative Acts On of President Harry Mitchell. Proposals New Resolution

Add Auditors For Work In carrying out the provisions of this act the Administrative Board recently authorized the employment of two additional auditors, and 14 petitions have already been received and favorably acted upon by Mr. Brucker, The Attorney General has voiced his enthusiastic approval of the interest shown by the State Farm Bureau, saying, "That is what I call real co-opera-

The plan has been developed following conversations between Mr. Brucker and Mr. Newton, during which the



Mr. M. L. Noon spoke and exactly one hundred were present in a county

underlying their lands. Many are

of service to the cities. His statement siderations. ollows:

lominated the State Highway pro- Mrs. Charles B. Cook, Shiawassee tive activities. gram. As a matter of fact our State township, F. F. Walworth of Hazeloads have been constructed primar- ton; E. L. Sieb, Sciota; J. H. Beardevery reason to believe that at least Rush, and C. W. Warren of Middle- Farm Bureau many fold. 80 per cent of the traffic on those bury. roads originates in the cities. Up to he present it has been exceedingly December 26, to organize for the year. lifficult to secure State road development in places where farmers would best served. Farm delegations appearing before the State Highway Department have been far outnumbered and overborne by city delegations demanding through roads to resolutions committee of the State One Hundred-fifty Attended constantly declining. connect one city with another, or Farm Bureau is ready all through scenic routes for the benefit of city the year to consider your suggestion vacationists and sportsmen.

Expansion Retarded

"Now that the larger cities have Why not make your suggestions now been provided with outlets, the de- or submit any resolutions your local velopment of highways of primary organization has been considering. value to farmers has been further retarded through the necessity of wid- study the resolutions of the A. F. B. ening many of the existing State F., carried in full in this issue of the roads to accommodate the rising tide NEWS, and keep in mind, when we of city traffic.

originated in Grand Rapids and other tions?

(Continued on page two)

Annual County Meeting At Coldwater

A hundred and fifty members of the Branch County Farm Bureau took

the showing of motion pictures.

organization.

part in the annual meeting of the Along this line it may be well to come to ratify the A. F. B. F. resoluand a dinner program carried out.

"Even the county roads, which tions, the many points touched upon The officers and directors chosen to ing H. J. Andrews, resigned. Mr. An- ing Co. now receive about one-half of the in these national resolutions so that direct the affairs of the county organ- drews' resignation was accepted by weight tax money, are not to be re- there will be no need of duplication. Sarded as serving farmers especially. In other words, let us resolve to do Traffic counts made by the Kent those things Michigan agriculture de-County Road Commission at 51 sta- Liands, but why act upon special tions on county roads show that 48 resolutions covering points already Per cent of all traffic on these roads covered in the A. F. B. F. resolu-N. P. Baker and Clarence Smith, of forestry service. Mr. Sayre, the new songs, "Dad" Pickard assured. Coldwater, directors. These were re- head of the forest fire division, ap-

The board was scheduled to meet

Let's Resolve

What are you waiting for? The

for resolutions to be presented at the

annual state convention in February-

cities of the county, 24 per cent was The resolutions committee is enfrom outside the county, and only 28 deavoring to keep the number of per cent originated in the rural sec- resolutions to a minimum and to tions of the county. When cars from frame them in a manner which will without the county are eliminated facilitate action on the convention floor.

state-wide machine for the reduction

The Department of Taxation of the ly while the Farm Bureau sought to induce the officials to make better assessments on city business and industrial prop/rty.

"It has always been my belief that appropriations of \$125,000,000 for the small city home-owners have in the next three years to be spent upon many cases been holding the bag on the Federal aid system. This repreassessments for the owners of business property," Director of Taxation R. Wayne Newton said today, "and the recent developments in Pontiac indicates ized. Arguing that even the secondary

that they are at last waking up to their true situation. Heretofore, the farmer has been

that is of greatest importance to the compelled to seek relief from unfair whole nation, Mr. Gray contended assessments on large city properties through the medium of equalizations the whole burden of the expense for which led to horizontal increases these roads upon the townships and throughout the city on both the un der-taxed large property holder and counties. the over-taxed small owner. If the home owners are at last ready to prowith the program of the Michigan

tect their own interests in the only reasonable way, by demanding a fair assessment of all property within their borders, a great forward step will be taken.



Executive Secretary M. S. Winder will bring New Year's Greetings from Durant Motors, Inc., with main of Lenawee County Circuit Court which Mr. Smith said, and production is the American Farm Bureau Federa- fices in Detroit and factory in Lan- granted certain lands adjoining the

tion to the entire membership, Sat- sing, also appeared at the hearing. urday, December 28, over the complete network of radio stations of the National Broadcasting Company and Associated Stations.

Secretary Winder will go on the air from Chicago studio of the Na-Howard R. Sayre, assistant chief tional Broadcasting Co., at 12 organization at Coldwater, Dec. 14. fire warden during the period when o'clock noon, Central Standard Time. nuts in the state. Following the business meeting, at the forest fire division of the depart- The rest of the radio program will which resolutions were acted upon, ment of conservation was reorganized include a special program of music

officers and directors were elected in 1927 and 1928, will assume charge arranged by J. Oliver Richl, musical black walnuts. of the division January 1 and succeed- director for the National Broadcast-The best trees which have been costs against Hane. located will be used to develop plant-

The famous Homesteaders Orchesings in this state. ization for the current year are: W. E. the conservation commission at its tra, under the direction of Harry Dobson, of Quincy, president; Burton last regular meeting. Mr. Andrews, Kogen, will play special numbers ar- he would bring some good news to

Sweezy, of Coldwater, vice president; who has been chief fire warden of ranged for the Farm Bureau pro- the Farm Bureau listeners. With William Smith, of Bronson, secretary- Michigan for the past three years, re- gram and the Pickard Family will this assurance, a record radio crowd treasurer; F. C. Burbaugh of Quincy; signed to enter the United States sing some of their most popular is expected to be listening for the shootings of hunters during the curvoice of the national secretary.

Farm Bureau in demanding that the

State set aside a part of the State

Highway fund for use on local roads.

as it is generally understood that any

Prize Winning Nuts

Frank E. Mullen, Director of Agrielected and Herbert Smith, of Bron- pointed to that post by Director Geo. culture for the National Broadcast- gram have not yet been completed, of the Department of Conservation, son, was elected a new director of the R. Hogarth, has been with the de- ing Co., will be at the announcer's and the radio program committee is with a view to discovering the prinpartment of conservation since 1923, "mike" and will introduce Mr. Win- open for suggestions. If there is cipal causes of such accidents. Since

luncheon included several talks and from Michigan State college, with the In commenting on the December would like to have broadcast, just accidentally and 38 wounded, ac-28 program, Mr. Winder assured that write in to national headquarters. cording to a preliminary survey.

Attorney General expressed ms earnes desire to assist farmers by prevent Washington, D. C., Dec. 17 .- Arm- ing the use of their tax money ed with the resolutions adopted at illegal purposes. However, Mr. Bruck-Michigan State Farm Bureau has ex- the Chicago meeting of the A. F. B. er called attention to the danger that pressed deep interest in the recent de- F., Chester H. Gray, its Washington always arises when a good law is passvelopments in Pontiac and points out representative appeared yesterday ed it will be killed through improper that for many years city home owners before the House Committee on Post use. It was to prevent this difficulty all over the state have stood by passive- Offices and Post Roads, urging Fed- that the Farm Bureau has offered the eral aid in the development of farm- services of its Department of Taxation to-market roads, and endorsing the and of its members and county taxa-Dowell Bill which provides annual tion committees.

The Department of Taxation will work directly with aggrleved members or taxation committees, assisting them to decide where formal petitions sents an annual income of \$50,000,are justified. 000 over appropriations now author-

The Attorney General has volunteer. ed to give his personal attention to inquiries from the Department of Taxaroads are carrying a type of traffic tion, and in this way the Farm Bureau will at all times be ready and able to assist members who have questhat it is unfair to place practically tions to raise on the subject.

The proposal of Mr. Gray is in line MAY CONDEMN LAND FOR PARK PURPOSE

Privately owned land may be confunds which the Federal Government demned by the state for state park may devote to farm-to-market roads purposes.

This theory, long held by the De Set for Dec. 28 require the States to put up an equal partment of Conservation has been sanctioned by the State Supreme Frederic J. Haynes, President of Court, in upholding a verdict from the Cedar Hills State Park at a price practically the same as that offered by the Parks Division of the Department of Conservation. The original offer of the state for the 86 acres of Fourteen Michigan residents sub- land had been \$30,000 a price which mitted prize winning samples in the the Department believed to be concontest conducted by Michigan State sistent with the value of the property. college to find the best varieties of Herman O. Hane, owner of the land, demanded \$125,000. The jury in the The walnut winners were chosen lower court placed the value at \$35,from 325 entries of which 283 were 000. The Supreme Court upheld the verdict of the lower court, assessing

Many Hunters Shot

Full reports on all accidental rent season are being gathered by Details for the January 25 pro- Edward A. Hyer, publicity director some special radio feature that you Sept. 1, 26 hunters have been killed

NEW FIRE WARDEN PICKED FOR STATE

The program following the noon beginning work after his graduation der.

land economic survey.

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also the pleasant knowledge of having done your part in making your community a better place in which to live.

After all these things are accomplished, you will not be so keen to dispose of the old farm and it is quite likely that the For Sale" sign that is tacked to the front gate will come down. A Farm Bureau Member.

WHY ALL THIS TARIFF STRUGGLE?

The nation has virtually torn itself asunder in a strenuous battle for revision of the great and complicated tariff schedules. It was to assist agriculture that the battle was opened and what can come of it, as the struggle advances?

Agriculture benefits by tariff increases to just about the extent that industry wants to permit it.

Farmers make demands for the protection of their industry but their hearing is too acute; they hear the whimpers of industry, whining for "just a fair increase" in the tariffs bearings on its various lines and their first thought is one of compromise and bartering: the industries get a first bite into the tariff schedules and leave the farmers to chew the core.

Every time a dollar is allowed on steel or added to manufactured goods, the farmer bears the brunt of the heavy burden because he pays the tariff on these commodities through increased purchase prices.

A reasonable tariff, agreed upon by farmer representatives as well as others as reasonable, is something which will give our domestic industries a safeguard against foreign invasion of their markets but above that the extra dollar added as tariff means one hundred hard earned pennies to come out of the jeans of the farmer. Likewise, a reasonable tariff on certain agricultural products, sufficiently high to check world market imports in quantities tending to glut the domestic market, is essential for a sound development of the agricultural industry.

Piling on industrial tariffs just to create a little protection for the farm crop is not the theory upon which desirable tariff protection is founded.

Compromising will never cut the cost. Insistence alone will hold the ground that we gain by aggressive fighting.

AUCTION STILL VALUABLE

When Pacific Egg Producers began selling the combined shipments of all the Pacific Coast co-operatives, the full movement getting started in the fall of 1922, it was realized that the selling of such a large volume, the biggest volume of such eggs ever brought together on one sales floor in New York City. would entail many complications. The trade using these eggs consisted mostly of small jobbers who were highly trained in the technique of their activities, and yet many of them were of foreign birth and did their business on a sort of day-to-day progression. It had been the custom to make sales with all sorts of lean-tos on the market quotations, with protection against a decline in the market and also protection against advances. Credits were very uncertain.

The producers decided to try the auction method of selling and to equalize the offerings from day to day, so as to establish a stabilizing influence. As chain stores increased in their proportionate importance in the city's buying power, it was found desirable to remove their trading from the action. Their buying came to be of such tremendous volume and so irregular from day to day, that it was found desirable to sell to smaller buyers on the auction, and then sell the larger volumes to the chain stores at a price based on the auction prices. This adjustment of prices has been made such as to be fair to all parties concerned, and this change helped to eliminate radical fluctuations in the market prices. Only about 10 per cent of the producers eggs are now sold on the auction. As a price determiner, the auction is as important as ever, but the proportionate volume of eggs handled through the auction, has become very much less.

The peculiar feature of the stock market crash is that for every dollar that was lost, someone had to pay so that the actual worth of business in general wavered but little.

Buying on the markets ceased, temporarily, forcing some other ontlet for finances. Free money means easier times for the farmer so that much of the stock market break should ring a sound the farmer loves to listen to.

The basic credit of a nation lies in its agricultural strength. The industrial centers have much or have little according as the farmer prospers or fights an uphill struggle.

With the orgy of wild buying at its height, as was the case up to the time the great crash came, every available dollar in circulation, one could say, was tagged with an excessive interest rate so as to keep it working for some stock purchaser. This left but little for the tiller of the soil and the feeder and producer of livestock to do but to meet the offer of industrial borrowers and pay the high interest rates demanded or made possible by the excessive purchases recorded "on paper."

We have already seen money rates drop from 61/2 to 6 per cent for those who feed livestock and there is possibility of a further easing of the rates to effect various lines of agricultural activities. When the industrial gamblers refuse to take on loan encumberances, those who hold the finances of the nation look to the agricultural field for a place to put part of their holdings and when they do, watch for inducements; they are bound to follow.

With the break, then, should come easier sailing for the farmer; maybe not a sudden calm, but better going in the offing. As long as industry has an earning power enabling it to meet expenses and pay dividends, and as long as the farmer has his erops, times can not break for the worse for the man on the land. Things are upset, for the time perhaps, but while the worth of the nation remains constant, as it has through this recent market break, buying will continue and agriculture cannot stand to lose materially whether fifteen million men own the General Motors corporation or the stock of such great corporations lies in the hands of a few successful gamblers.

AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS

It takes two classes of students to complete the course in agriculture; it takes agriculturists and agricultural economists. The one depends upon the other and neither gets very far from the bare factors of consumption and demand. The economist is never content till he has told all about the rise and fall of the industry and the agriculturist is never content until he has heard the story told and repeated. Through this process, each learns from the other, but, so slowly.

And so it goes. On every hand we hear the doctrines of a deelining agriculture expounded and statistics released to bear out the assertions that conditions are not good within the industry but when we come to sum up what all the great economical leaders have to say regarding the plight of the farmer we come back to the old cabin and just agree with the man on the soil that "It's hell to be poor". .

In other words, while the argriculturist is losing or making a dollar, the agricultural economist is busy telling him where the 100 cents have gone to or come from.

History is not filled with examples of economists heading off financial ruptures although volumes untold have been written by them in outlining probable causes and studied effects of such ruptures.

While we watch the agriculturist plod on and listen to the economists enumerate the various moves and mismoves within his industry we must content ourselves with the one thought that, until someone transforms agriculture from the realm of a necessary occupation to an expensive pastime, the industry will

FARM BUREAU ARISES TO CHALLENGE CLAIM **OF "HOGGING FUNDS"**

(Continued from page one) these figures show that city traffic on the county roads of Kent County exceed the rural traffic by a margin of 2 to 1.

"Yet some of the same men who are now trying to reduce the State support for county and State roads tried this fall to eliminate the county one-mill road tax in Kent County on the plea that this was a gift from the city to the country.

"There is no justice in proposing that highway money should be distributed according to the location of the residence of car owners alone. The important question is 'Where do the cars run?' This principle has been stated repeatedly by the recognized authorities on the subject, among them Dr. Blaine F. Moore of the Finance Department, U. S. Chamber of Commerce, who says, 'The origin and destination of the traffic should determine who should pay for the road.'

Special Assessments Hart

"We sympathize deeply with the city taxpayers who suffer from the evils of the special assessment system of street improvement when they are already over-burdened by general property taxes, but we wish to call their attention to the fact that many Michigan farmers are afflicted the same way under the Covert Act, although almost all other States have long ago given up this method of building rural roads. If the farmers of the State actually had the State highway funds under their own control it cannot be doubted that they would have eliminated this barbaric relic of taxation years ago. "We call the attention of Detroit taxpayers to the charges, recently made by an officer of the Detroit Citizens League to the effect that 10 per cent of the present taxes could be saved in that city if all public employes were required to do a whole day's work for a whole day's pay.

"If those charges are true, Detroit politicians could give more relief to taxpayers by cleaning up their own offices than by wholesale charges that the overtaxed farmers of Michigan have in some way defrauded the city in the building of roads that the cities asked for and use.

Mason Bureau Shows Signs of Recovering

By Earl Gale, District Director Mason Co. Annual Meeting was held in the community building at Scottville 11:30 a. m. with a fine dinner, December 18.

We had a short program at the tables. All new members being seated at one table. Mrs. George Felt had charge of this part of program. Mrs. Max Reinsch gave the address of welcome and Mr. Cox, responded for new members.

T. H. Fisher, Pres. of Mason Co.; M. L. Noon and myself gave short addresses at table. I also presented Mrs. Felt and Mrs. Reinsch each with a woolen blanket from the clothing Dept, for signing 10 members in one day on the "Trade"

J. F. HigheeBenton Center David Brake Fremont P. D. LeavenworthGrand Rapids O. R. Gale. H. H. HogueSouth W. F. DeanEau C. L. BrodyL	h Haven
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AMERICAN FARM BUREAU FEDERATION

Editorials

HAVE YOU A LIVE FARM BUREAU COMMUNITY?

The effort of the individual as expressed through his local community is the foundation of the farm bureau in all its branches. This effort may be expended in increasing the membership, personal leadership in a community project, or contributing in any way toward making his section a better place to live.

No organization can function without leadership and con-4 structive ideas backed by thoughtful effort. The progressiveness of the individual in his community reflects the progressiveness of our entire organization.

Many farmers are offering their farm for sale, or would if they could sell them. When asked to join the farm bureau, they reply "My farm is for sale, I am going to quit farming", the inference being-I do not need such an organization now as I am through my active farming period. "The fact remains, he may think he is through, but the most important thing of all remains to be done before he is through, namely-sell the farm. Who wants it?

What does the prospective purchaser look for when he contemplates buying a farm. Does he wish to locate his family in a community that is classed as a "Dead Offe"?

No, he looks first for a good, progressive section. This word "Progressive" implies good schools, churches, roads, social conditions and an active co-operative organization that is working with the various branches of the farm bureau business services to the fullest extent.

Are these conditions brought about by men refusing to join an organization through which their problems are worked out jointly?

No one wishes to locate in a "Dead Community", so you are given only a passing glance by the prospective purchaser.

If you are desirous of "Selling Out" it will profit you doubly to get into active service of the farm bureau. Develop your community so that its very attractiveness and advantages will invite investigation and thereby increase your selling possibilities.

Aside from the mercenary side of the question, there remains the pleasure and satisfaction you receive from this active work;

'RAH FOR KANSAS

One of the chief reasons why proposals for new and more equitable taxes have had such hard sledding in Michigan and in other States, is the fear on the part of many taxpayers that the funds so raised will not be used to reduce the out-of-date general property tax, but will, instead, merely increase the sum total of public spending.

We are living in an age of constantly rising government costs and our public officers are harrassed both by those who want something new from the government and by those who protest they can pay no more under the old taxes than they do now. It is natural for men in this position to seek an easy way out by proposing new taxes for new purposes, on the theory that the new tax may miss some of those who are already complaining about the existing cost of government, and at the same time provide the funds needed to please those who are demanding more governmental services.

This sort of a program may suit the tax spender, but it gives little comfort to the taxpayer who has been looking toward these new taxes as a source of relief from burdens that are already breaking his back. It is, therefore, particularly encouraging to find Governor Clyde M. Reed of Kansas, ready to go on record before the State Grange of his State, by promising that if new forms of taxation are introduced during his administration, he will not permit the sums so collected to be treated as "additional revenues justifying additional expenditures." "For every dollar that comes in from such sources it is my

hope a dollar of general property tax may be cut off," says Governor Reed.

May his tribe increase!

STOCKS

What has the sudden break in the stock market meant to the farmer?

Conversation has lead us to believe that many a farmer has rested uneasy this fall because of "hard times" ahead, brought on by the great financial losses in the stock markets but the situation does not prove to be one which should cause the agricultural producer any alarm.

True, city folks, and some country folks, saw the valuation of their industrial stock holdings fade away literally to zero, a few weeks ago, and many of them actually went broke when the crash came but the fact remains that the same industries upon which all this stock was issued are continuing to operate and their earnings have not been materially reduced.

This is a vastly different situation than were the heavy monetary losses based on the agricultural industry through failure of a corn or wheat crop or an epidemic among livestock.

have its slight ups and its many downs

Too many hands in any business never works to its advantage. Several million farmers competing in a mad scramble for the best the industry afford's never will bring the most to the industry although it may make suc ess possible for those who are the most masterly. And such is the situation today. Organization and organization without en ! is the only possible solution to the problem of improving agriculture.

Illinois Agent Tells Pipe Line Experience

Valuable Study of Assessments

line companies seeking rights-of-way the same time.

"I am sure that the pipe line and Mason Co. are really getting Farm were forced up from 50 cents a rod to \$10 a rod, according to O. N. Allyn, the telephone lines which they ran in Bureau minded. farm advisor to the DeWitt County connection with it should be valued The Board decided to hold a

at around eight to ten thousand dol- meeting at Fontaine, Jan. 15th and Farm Bureau. "The first pipe line put through the lars a mile. This does not include another meeting at Scottville, Feb. county was laid by the Ozark Pipe any of the pump plant equipment 19th. which sometimes runs up to hundreds Line company," Mr. Allyn said. "Last year the Texas Empire Pipe of dollars.

Line company went through our coun-"The first pipe line through the ty and, of course, farmers had a little county, as I have already mentioned, Fishing Law referring to spearing education on the Ozark Pipe Line that was put through by the Ozark Pipe on inland waters says that it shall be first went through and were better Line company and, while this com- unlawful to: "spear with or withable to stand their ground with the pany did not claim to be common out the use of jack or artificial light, result that the land owners received carriers, which would give them the which may be used from April one to sill a rod for right-of-way and, in right to condemn land, they told a May thirty-one for taking non-game "The Texas Empire Pipe Line com- could condemn and tried to scare or this state: Provided, however, that pany received from the Illinois Com- force them into signing up a right-it shall be unlawful to use a spear merce Commission a certificate of of-way through their farms at the in any trout stream in this state: convenience and necessity which cer- very low price of 50 cents a rod with Provided further. That, nothing in tificates are supposed to be granted damages to fields, tences, ditches, this act shall prevent the spearing only to common carriers, so before tiles, crops and so forth not to ex- of pickerel, suckers, mulet and redcondemnation proceedings and the "The Ozark company did sell a few are frozen." be \$10 a rod.

"Two years ago last May I went were able to post our people on the suckers, mullet, and reducts any speared by Michigan residents in any inland lake during the entire period myself, at Springfield and worked out game they began to hold out for more the lake is frozen over. estimates with the engineers as to the money and, my recollection is, they valuations of these pipe lines for the finally received an average of eight signed up at as little cost as possible purpose of arriving at a valuation for dollars a rod for right-of-way with and then they would raise the price making assessments. From what fol- damages on top of that. Some re- and solicit thoroughly up and down lowed. I would advise land owners to ceived even more than this; one in the line until they got all they could watch very closely to see that pipe particular receiving \$10 a rod with the at that price and then they would lines are not permitted to go under- same allowance for a second line to raise the ante again, but they soon assessed for taxes", Mr. Allyn cau- be laid parallel to the first one.

cost of 6 inch steel pipe runs about was to get as much of the right-of-way it all."

Meeting adjourned for 10 minutes to clear the tables, and was called to order again by Pres. Fisher.

Reports were read by Ben S. Wilson, Secy.

1 gave a report of A. F. B. F. Annual meeting and also of Tradea-Day work in county.

Mr. Noon gave the principal address and talked on-Co-op Marketing, Federal Farm Board and Tariff. The following officers were elected: T. H. Fisher, President; Floyd Wood, Vice Pres.; Ben S. Wilson, Secy-Treas. Three directors were elected for two year terms: George V. Felt, Mrs. Max Reinsch, new di-

Farm Bureau Advisor Makes 80 cents a foot and the total cost of rectors LeRoy Young, re-elected; welding and laying these pipes, about Mrs. George V. Felt was elected dele-\$1.50 a foot, making a total of around gate to annual meeting. Interest was \$7,920 a mile. When the matter of sure good and the best annual meetassessment came up the company did ing held in Mason Co. in years.

its best to have the assessors place a We would of had out about 200 if Due to the efforts of the Farm Bur- valuation of about \$1,500 a mile both roads had been good. Roads were eau of DeWitt County, Illinois, pay- for the pipe line and for the telephone a glare of ice and a north wind with ments made to farmers by oil pipe line which the company installed at the temperature about zero.

Mrs. Reinsch says the people of

Winter Spearing Law

good many of our members that they fish in the rivers and streams of horse during the time when the lakes

before we got into the matter and suckers, mullet, and redhorse may be

reached a point where they had to

"The whole game, from the very pay something near what the right-"With the engineers I found that the beginning, with the pipe line people of-way was worth before they secured

TRIDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1929

Resolutions Adopted At 11th Annual A.F.B.F. Meeting

Introduction Experience has to a large degree stified policies previously adopted the American Farm Bureau Fedration, and except in those cases the organization.

II Federal Farm Board

cutive officers and the board of di- this enlarged program of highway nation. griculture which we commend.

We request all individuals, partnerhips, co-operations or associations vehicle taxes to farm-to-market highontemplating new developments or ways. expansion in business designed to acilitate co-operative marketing of gricultural products to submit their lans to the Federal Farm Board for s consideration as to necessity and onvenience and as to organization et-up; we recommended to our mempers that approval of the Federal Farm Board required of any co-operawith membership.

We pledged our support to the Fedral Farm Board in all efforts to seare the broadest possible benefits to griculture in the control of agriculural surpluses, seasonal or other vise, and in making the tariff effecive on all farm crops. Should it be ound necessary to amend the Agricul- law the Capper-Ketcham amendment tion, or declares such state quaranhese purposes, we pledge our unualified support in so doing.

III **Rural Credits**

The federal laws which have esblished our rural credit policies ould be amended so that from proaction to final marketing, the proucers of our farm crops, the owners our farm property and the coperative groups of our farm procers can have available in all cessary quantities credits at interest rates as low as are secured by any other group in our nation.

IV

Federal Taxation Our national wealth is rapidly beoming more of the intangible rather | rectly in farm operation; such recoghan of the visible form for tax pur- nition to be secured by suitable modi This makes it indispensably oses. ecessary that the structure of fedral income, corporation and estate taxes be maintained in such form as will procure the most of our revenue or support of the federal government from these forms of taxes. The na-

rates of duty which are applicable to similar products from foreign nations.

VI Farm To Market Highways tem of roads now under construction,

We approve the actions of our extent ecutive officers and the board of di-this enlarged program of highway prectors in their efforts to assist and co-operate with the Federal Farm Board in its task of putting into oper-ation the national agricultural policy enunciated in the Agricultural Mar-keting Act. Recognition in this Act of the economic condition of agricul-ture which now exists and the effort Board in its stimulation of co-opera-tive marketing to place agriculture being marketing to place agriculture ive marketing to place agriculture largely at the expense of the nation an economic plane equal to that of as a whole and not wholly at the exndustry are actions on the part of pense of local or state taxing units. he federal government in behalf of The states are urged to extend their supplemental rural road program by allocating more of the gasoline and

VII Farmer Representation on Federal Boards

We urge the appointment of farmers on all federal boards and commissions before which the interests of agriculture are involved, and that appointees to such boards and commisive marketing plan before farmers sions shall be men who have the re asked to participate financially or qualifications necessary to serve with credit to agriculture and to the na-

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tion.

Funds For Agricultural Extension We reaffirm our position in favor

the organization of agriculture. IX **Rural** Education

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We favor the recognition by the

purchasing organizations which distribute necessary supplies used dification of existing legislation. We recommend that the American Farm Bureau Federation recognize

income as the only equitable meas use of ability to pay the tax. Home and Community Projects

Early enactment of maternity and H. The Present Property Tax Situainfancy legislation is greatly to be tion We are at that point in our devel- desired. The participation of the Estimates by economists indicate here it has seemed advisable to opment of transportation facilities in American Farm Bureau Federation in the comparatively small percentage nake some changes, we hereby re- our nation which requires not only the national child health and protec- of the total national income which ffirm all previous pronouncements more federal appropriations to con- tion work is commended by us. We is derived solely from the ownership tinue and finish the federal aid sys- pledge our support in these activities of property either rural or urban. If in order that the health of our farm a fair allowance is made, as it should but to expand federal financial par- people and the cost of medical service be made, for the labor and manage ticipation in the building of secondary in the country districts may receive ment of owner-operators, the owner

> XV **Forest** Conservation

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We approve the actions of our ex- or farm-to-market highways. In proper consideration by the entire ship of property does not produc

more than one-half or one-third and, in most of the states, one-fourth or one-fifth of the total income of the entire population. Yet in every

Since a constant supply of lumber state the ownership of property i and lumber products, an adequate compelled to bear almost the entire supply of water for domestic use, ir- cost of government. In most states, rigation, and power, and control of no direct tax whatever is levied upon our waters against erosion and flood the larger portion of total net income are national necessities, we advocate which is derived from personal industhe conservation of our forests by re- try thus exempting the greater por forestation of burned-off, cut-over, tion of the population from the pay and marginal lands, the immediate ment of substantial taxes.

establishment of better fire protection with the necessary appropriation population owning property which is of funds, the abandonment of de- easily taxed, and an increasing perstructive logging practices, and the centage depending upon wages, cars arriving by train, this being proper management of forest and salaries, fees and commissions as range lands to assure adequate water- sources of income, the gross unfair. rail stock received at market. Someshed protection. We advocate, also, ness of our present state taxing systhe participation of the state govern- tems is gradually becoming worse. ments in the above program.

Because of the destruction of property values partly resulting therefrom foreclosures and tax delinquency are reaching alarming proportions in

III. Tax Policy of the American Farm **Bureau** Federation

On the principles of taxation stated above and the statement of the presreau Federation:

invites the co-operation of all other ping Association, Arthur Miller Man organizations and industrial groups ager, fifth with 18 decks. Grand in securing constant and impartial Ledge Co-operative association, study of the facts of taxation, includ- Henry Lutherjohn Manager, and Wiling the social and economic effects, liamston Co-operative _Association,

thereof. 3. Urges that as rapidly as feas- for sixth place with 17 decks. Frank ible, net income be recognized by the O'Brest, Manager of the Breckenridge states as the most equitable basis of Shipping association, was seventh taxation.

4. Asks that the federal govern- Receipts of truck stock continue to ment protect the states using the in- increase, and the co-op's per cent of come tax from the competition of this class of stock shows a nice instates not using this tax in some man- crease over last year.

ment's protection of the state inherit ness handled by the Exchange at this time of year, late hours, especial-5. Asks that the various states and ly by the office force, are the general invitation to the incoming Board of the federal government, for the pur- rule. Ben Jacobs, our office manager Directors for its most serious and pose of equalizing economic opportu- says that on arriving home from nities, assume in greater measure the work at night, his wife, waking up support of the public schools and pub- and thinking he is leaving for work

lic roads.

The Porto Rican Situation We regret to be informed from a the Secretary of Agriculture to estab. feminine personnel of the office force. responsible governmental source that lish in the Bureau of Agricultural although not getting their full mota the economic, social, and educational Economics a unit with suitable per- of sleep, are not losing any of that conditions in Porto Rico have not sonnel and adequate funds for re- particular charm said to be the result materially recovered since that island search in taxation and expenditures of regular hours spent in the arms of tional committee which represents was devastated last year by a hurri- as they affected the economic status of morpheus.

A SAND DUNE PARK EXCHANGE CLAIMS LOCAL PRODUCERS **MAKE GOOD MARKS**

Detroit Sales For Members park site, from the Edward K. War-Of Co-operatives Are

High In November

bor. The land was not given outright By Michigan Livestock Exchange to the state but the Parks Division Although receipts of hogs and was granted a twenty-five year lease. cattle at Detroit for month of Novem-The property contains an excellent ber 1929 were less than November bathing beach along its mile and a 1928, the percentage of these sold by quarter of lake frontage and contains the Michigan Livestock exchange was some of the highest sand dunes in the larger. Cattle gaining 1 per cent state. and hogs 3 per cent for the month. Sheep and calf receipts were even

larger than November 1928, and sheep Romance Still Lives sales of the Exchange increased 4 Wanted by a bachelor of middle age per cent, while the calf sales increas- to correspond with lady or widow of ed 2 per cent. same age, with idea in mind of enter-

During November 1929 the Miching poultry business. -Ad in a Monigan Live Stock Exchange sold 487 tana paper. 46 and one half per cent of total thing over 200 cars of truck stock were handled by the Exchange. The combined percentage of truck and rail stock handled in November was 24 per cent of cattle; 43.7 per cent of calves; 40 per cent of sheep and 44 per cent of hogs. In amount of stock shipped by

Associations that are members of the Michigan Live Stock exchange, for November, St. Johns Grange Association, Ray D. Harper, Manager, led the ent property tax situation in the vari- state with 40 decks. Fowler Shipping Association, Wm. Snyder Manager was second with 34 decks. Middleton Shipping Association, Charles A George Bishop Manager, were tied with 15 decks.

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THREE

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diseases a state may establish a quarantine for its protection, provided; first, that no such state quarantine shall be based upon a test which has not been approved by the Secretary of Agriculture; and, second, that any such state quarantine shall be null of additional federal funds for exten- and void when the Secretary of Agrision service work and strongly urge culture establishes a federal quaran-Congress immediately to enact into time covering the situation in ques

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Location of 1930 Convention We acknowledge with deep appre-

of the Massachusetts Farm Bureau Federation and the northeastern group of state federations to hold the 1930 annual meeting in Boston in

connection with the three hundredth anniversary of the founding of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and

Recognition of Co-operatives

federal governemnt of co-operative sympathetic consideration.

the increasing activities of co-operative purchasing organizations and lend facilities and direction to the nathe co-operative purchasing organiza

ural Marketing Act to accomplish for this purpose now pending before tine is unnesessary. Congress. We expect the extension service organization with funds now available and with others which we are herewith advocating to participate more actively in the future in ciation the very courteous invitation

We advocate the policy of federal financial participation in the cost of rural education.

Federal and State Quarantines We recommend that when the many states. United States Department of Agriculture has no quarantine regulations relative to plant and animal pests and

ous states, the American Farm Bu-

1. Asks for agriculture no advantages or special favors in national, Wood Manager, third with 26 decks. state or local taxation, but does ask West Branch Farmers Elevator

for equitable treatment in taxation. Company, W. J. Duggan Manager, 2. Offers its co-operation to and fourth with 21 decks. Nashville Ship-

of the establishment of free govern- ner similar to the federal govern- Owing to the large volume of busiment in America, two of the most significant facts of world history, ance or estate taxes. We recommend the reference of this

tells him to bring in the milk and 6. Urges that Congress authorize fire the furnace before he goes. The

welfare each night. We urge the federal govern- agriculture and th ment to expedite the rehabilitation of rural population. We believe further going to the sheep house, one could these conditions in every possible that this unit should co-operate so hear the sheep house quartet consistfar as possible with state agencies, ing of Culver, Williams, Scottmiller including the agricultural experiment and Quigley, singing "Locked in the XIX stations and that the experiment sta- Stable with the Sheep," and believe Organization Policy tions should further emphasize fun- us, there were times when it looked Since it is now universally recog- damental research in this field using as if they were not only locked in nized that no national program which for this purpose the funds made with sheep but smothered with them. relates to social or economic phases available to them under the Purnell, You know how it goes-"Sheep to the right of them, Sheep to the left of successfully accomplished unless IV. Some Recommendations for Imthem." in fact, sheep under and over

With a decreasing percentage of

on as a whole is prosperous. The urchasing power of the tax dollar is ow comparatively high for debt reuction purposes. An immense fedral debt must be liquidated at the earliest possible moment so that it, toether with its interest charges, will ot impose undue burdens on succeedng generations. These conditions nake it imperative that more attenion in federal tax matters be given builded a sound and permanent polo debt reduction than to tax reduc-

If, however, as a method of stabilizing our temporary financial and forth continuing effort for the develredit conditions, a moratorium to be opment and maintenance of successcured by slight reductions in fed- ful commodity marketing organiza' eral taxes could be helpful, Congress tions. might find it advisable to give temorary relief in tax matters. The egislation which gives such relief ments and we, therefore, urge the aculd specifically state that the officers and directors of the Amerieductions shall be for one year only, can Farm Bureau Federation to see and should provide that at the end of that in the continuing developments that period of time the present rates of such co-operatives an opportunity of getting an outlet to the sea as used in Europe. shall automatically be resumed.

V Tariff

The present session of Congress is xpected, at the earliest possible date. enact the pending tariff bill and in doing give to all agricultural comodities which directly or indirectly eet foreign competition in our doestic markets, rates of duty which rill as adequately protect the Amerian farmer as the industrial producer is been and is now protected. We rge the Senate to continue its work revising the agricultural rates upard and we insist that the tariff bill conference between the two houses Congress must emerge for final proval by President Hoover with farm rates at that height which I enable the American farmer to aintain an American standard of ing on the farm. It is recognized minion of Canada. We demand an ective tariff on all agricultural tilizer prices instead of the foreign system. modities as advocated in Presint Hoover's message to the regular sion of the 71st Congress. It is a vast commercial scale at the earli- employed should in proportion to his local taxation dependencies, but in the event the United States.

ed, we insist most strenuously President Hoover in advocating a government.

products from these colonies private lease for this project and concies be subjected to the fining its use to agriculture.

tions approved by their respective state Farm Bureau Federations. way.

XI Farm Bureau Relations to Cooperatives

It is well known that the American Farm Bureau Federation endorsed

and adopted co-operative marketing as the basis upon which should be of the agricultural problem can be Act. ley for American agriculture. It has farmers are banded together in a

continually reaffirmed that position great nationwide membership organand throughout the years has put ization which can speak for agriculture, we urge all local, county, and continue their enthusiastic activities tion; in putting into operation our mem-

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Experience has proven the need for bership slogan, "There is no substia stabilizing factor in such develop- tute for membership.'

Inland Waterways

XXI

General Taxation Principals

tion

izing economic opportunity, no spec-

The American Farm Bureau Fed-

is provided for the Farm Bureau to through the St. Lawrence route, we exercise a voice in the development retiterate all our previous pronouncelater in their administration equal to ment and especially at this time do the responsibilities assumed by the we urge the earliest possible comple-Farm Bureau in promoting these or- tion of the Mississippi-Missouri-Ohio. ent taxes levied on property. Illinois outlet to the Gulf.

XII Predatory Animal Controll

ganizations.

We recommend the proposed ten I. Some Cardinal Principles of Taxayear program of predatory animal control as outlined and recommended by the Secretary of Agriculture in cration presents the following cardi- ties. House Document No. 496 dated De- nal principles as indispensable features in any fair taxing system: cember 26, 1928.

XIII **Muscle Shoals**

of commercial fertilizers. The limit- persons.

ing factor is price. This factor can- 2. The significant facts of any sys-

combination controlling them. The operation of Muscle Shoals on ing property for profit, or profitably withholding that land from state and been planted, and sooner or later it

ideal gesture to place even high est possible moment would be incom- ability, contribute to defray the cost 7. Favors the establishment of a of duty on farm commodities parably better than to use this great of government, national, state and department of taxation in the Ameri- which is owned and driven by the cothen allow such commodities or project for mere laboratory research. local. So far as possible, every tax can Farm Bureau Federation as soon ostitutes therefor to enter our mar- Such commercial operation is pro- should be universal and direct, for no as the necessary financial mean duty free, from our so-called vided in the Madden-Wright Bill, and system of total exemption from taxa- therefor can be providel:

onies or dependencies. Therefore, all necessary research is also provid- tion or of indirect taxation can profavor immediate independence for ed in that measure without cost to mote a wholesome and general public interest in efficiency, economy, such independence cannot be We commend the recent message of and honesty in the administration of To some men the challenge in every

directly or indirectly, a levy on net if they don't answer it.

them. Anyway, onward rode the mediate Action Four Horsemen or was it the Three For the purpose of giving some immediate relief from the present Musketeers?

Among shipping association managgrossly unfair taxation of property, state units of the Farm Bureau to the American Farm Bureau Federa- ers, who visited the Detroit Stock Exchange during the week ending De-

1. Asks that the term value as used cember 6, were Lew Hartwig, Webberfor the assessment of property be ville; George Bishop, Williamston; defined not as the fair cash sale or Frank O'Brest, Breckenridge; Fred market price, the definition current Klotz, Portland; Lucerne Scribner,

in most of the states, but as the aver- Morrice; Ed. Dunn, Perry, All In addition to our declared policy age capitalized net production value were in with one or more decks of stock to be sold by the Mich-

2. Recommends that owners of igan Live Stock Exchange. For that of the states urge the enactment of week the Exchange sold 24 per cent of commodity marketing policies and ments on inland waterway develop- state income taxes, with moderate of cattle; 41 per cent of hogs, 40 per exemptions and moderately progres- cent of calves, and 39 per cent of sive rates, to replace part of the pres- sheep. This includes both truck and rail stock received at the Detroit 3. Supports proper control of Market.

George J. Boutell, manager and calf budgets, bond issues, and expenditures, under some plan similar to that salesman, has been untiring in his efforts this fall and winter in seeing employed with such conspicuous suc cess in the state of Indiana. that the returns of each man's stock,

4. Urges the study of retail sales sold that day, are in the post office in taxes on carefully selected commodi- time to make the night mail trains. This necessitates a long trip to the 5. Recommends resistance by prop- main office each night at a very late

erty owners to further increases in hour. 1. Except for the purpose for equal- tax levies, either for existing purposes Let's make the year 1930 the

or for new purposes, unless the addi- most successful one in the history of fal consideration should ever be given tional funds required there ar are pro- Co-operative Live Stock Marketing. There is no shortage in the supply to any industry, locality, or class of vided from sources other than the Talk it to your friends and your general property tax. neighbors, in a voice that can be heard

6. Recommends and impartial sur- distinctly and above the voices of the not be expected to be reduced mate- tem of taxation, including its social vey, supplementing the federal forest opposition. Yes, there is plenty of oprially so long as a world combination and economic effects, should be under taxation inquiry, to secure reliable position, but that should make us at while the law provides a tariff in which the Chilean Government has constant and impartial scrutiny and information for the solution of the fight all the harder, and what is more certain commodities, prices are a part, fixes prices. Muscle Shoals should be given the widest possible acute problem of state and local taxa- pleasing than a victory won by hard ver in the United States than in the should be operated so that its econ- publicity as the only proper basis for tion, arising out of the fact that the work and earnest effort? As we say, omies will tend to regulate our fer- intelligent modification of any taxing federal government owns a consider- the opposition is myriad, but way

able portion of the land area of many down deep in most of their hearts the 3. Every person owning or operat- of the western states, thus largely seed of co-operative marketing has will sprout and grow, as it always has

and they will finally get on the wagon, operative men of this country.

Highway Plantings The planting of suitable trees and

shrubbery along all highways of the

Federal-aid system, where such new girl's eye is like a telephone ring. growth can be maintained, should be 4. Every ligitimate tax must be, they're afraid they'll miss something regarded as a necessary eventual step in the improvement of the system.

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LOCAL CLUBS ARE ASKED TO ACT ON "GAME" OUESTION

To Sound Out Feeling Among Members.

PICK JOINT COMMITTEE

Attorney General Rules On Constitutionality Of Sunday Hunting.

It is difficult to reconcile the present-day sportsmen's idea of conservation to modern civilization, Sen. Norm Horton, of Lenawee county, father of the Horton Anti-trespass law of 1927. told representatives of several organizations at a conference at Lansing, December 16. Mr. Horton was speaking in defense of the trespass law and asserted that we can not go too far with legislation for the sake of conservation if it interferes with the economic conditions of any community.

Sentiment of those attending the conference, representing sportsmen's clubs, the State Grange, the State Farm Bureaus, county Farm Bureaus ed that the Horton law is one which commands the respect of every good citizen anod that the only element which might find opposition to its enforcement is the class of small game hunters who like to take for granted that public shooting means free shooting.

Senator Horton cited an instance in Monroe county, where sportsmen complained of pollution of a river where a paper mill operates. He raised the question of economic relations thereby asking whether the paper industry was as valuable as the few fish which might be killed by stream pollution as a result of the factory's operations. He stated his question as a means of calling the game and fish hunters attention to phases of shooting and fishing which bear on something besides traditional practices.

Senator Peter Lennon, of Genesed county, declared the 1929 upland game bird law is the most vicious conservation legislation ever written into Michigan statutes because it is unfair to delegate special privileges next fall, at sunset, December 31st. or delegate the authority to grant special privileges as was done in this special act

A Walton Conference

The conference was called by the Izaak Walton League of America, Michigan division, to present several questions for the various organizations to consider, rather as the sportsmen's wants in the way of legislative control of affairs.

The matter of public shooting

Individual Interest Injures Agriculture

mobile companies have been produc-County Farm Bureau Urged tions confronting agriculture today are of a nature which makes it difficult to attempt to effect a cure as ing business principals to farming," try in this great land. Prof. B. H. Hibbard, economist, from the University of Wisconsin said,

Wednesday, December 18, in a brief address before some 60 county agricultural agents and home demonstration workers at their annual convention at Michigan State College, It is more than the question of the application of business to farming

it is the suppression of group interest for individual interest that brings on the long crops with their resultant lowered prices, was the thought conveyed in Prof. Hibbard's review of economic conditions bearing on agriculture over the period since the close of the World war. He showed how lack of organized effort was a Comparison Shows Old and Annual Resolutions Show An Thor Schrieber, M. D. Buskirk, H. major contributing factor to the unwholesome condition within the agricultural industry.

Individuals produce an abundance

of a certain crop because by so doing A comparison of the terms of the the individual reaps a greater benefit leases by which the State Conservadirectly to himself than by producing tion Commission granted drilling lightly but when this condition ob- privileges on state-owned mineral tains throughout the industry, the deposits in Midland and Isabella several departments of state, indicatcause over-production always brings with those under which the same comon under-pay and lowered profits or mission proposes to make future brings no profits at all, he pointed out. leases, discloses some glaring dismean reduction of price to the zero those two counties affected passed in and County agent Johnston made mark while production of eighty per resolutions of protest recently. cent of a full crop will result in a 100

still the farmer goes on producing to royalt on all gas and oil produced, the limit of his ability because his in- Under the newly promulgated lease nevertheless, was very successful and dustry has not completed the organi- the royalty on lands in proven terri- a profitable one.

Hunting Season Ends With but two exceptions, hunting in

The badger may be caught until sections on May 14, 1928, and on Au- Gleason, Paw Paw, new directors. killed in the upper peninsula until acres was added to the same lease. January 31st.

Show Road Costs

Statistics show the daily cost of operating a modern concrete paving disregard of previous attempts on the and his program for 1930, and much Committee: plant is about \$400 a day whether the daily production of pavement be 500 or 1,000 feet.

grounds for small game, special shoot- Horton Act of 1927? If so, how can ing privileges and pre-season shoot- such land be obtained? Plans which the minimum rental in the future be- township road projects, Federal Farm ing within prescribed refuges and the have been advanced: (a) Purchase of ing 50 cents per acre. The rental will Board, and organization matters. establishing of such preserves by land, or lease of hunting rights by the be abated upon the 80 acres where the chapters of the Izaac Walton League state by funds to be derived from in- well is located whenever an oil or in Farm Bureau activities as is visors and County Agents to enlist and by other sporting clubs was left creased hunting license fees. (b) gas well produces in paying quanti-to a committee of one representative Licensing methods under which ties. A second, a third, or an eighth adopted: of each state-wide organization to be hunters would pay a stipulated fee well on the same 80 acres would not picked by the conference chairman, to one farmer or groups of farmers abate any additional rent. Under the tion at the manifest appreciation of Harry F. Harper, of Lansing, presi- on daily or seasonal basis, in ex- Pure Oil lease, every paying well the work that has for the past fourdent of the Walton League in Mich- change for permission to hunt on abates the rent on 80 acres regardless teen years been the major project dent of the Walton League in Mich- change for permission to hunt on igan. The Farm Bureau would be private owned land, the number of of how many are on the same 80 acres. This is but a partial list of the of the list of t given representation on this com- hunters on each area are to be limited, the farmer to winter-feed and othermittee A "hush, hush" was clapped on dis- wise protect the game. cussion of the question of prohibit- 2. Is it in the best interest of coning hunting on Sundays when the servation to grant pre-season shootquestion of eliminating this prohibi- ing privileges and larger bag limits to show that there is something for tion, now effective in but a few coun- t clubs and individuals operating ties, was put before the conference. shooting preserves in return for pro-The question was tabled as a means pogating game under regulations proof smothering any publicity that vided by the present shooting pre-**CLINTON CHOOSES** might otherwise be given it. serve law? Law Is Constitutional 3. Should it be the policy of Izaak Objectors to Sunday hunting pro- Walton League Chapters and sportshibition as enforced in these few men's clubs to establish shooting precounties raised the question of the serves as provided by law? constitutionality of the law and this 4. Is the closing of certain counties was answered by the attorney gen- to Sunday shooting and not of other eral's department, represented at the counties, in the best interests of the

MICHIGAN FARM BUREAU NEWS

OR-GAN-IZE!

"I must say I enjoyed the two days spent in the work of interesting my neighbors and friends in Farm Bureau activities and it has Because the farmer is producing made me a stronger Farm Bureau member because, by coming in for a bankrupt world while the auto- contact with my fellow-farmers, I have learned there is a stronger ing held in Banton Harbor on Deing on an expanding market, condi- feeling of co-operation than ever before manifested.

"The farmer of today, who reads and does his own thinking re- ganization program contemplated unalizes that this co-operation is necessary and that the farmers must der the agreement with the Federal Henry Ford has suggested, "By apply- organize if ever relief is to come to his industry, the greatest indus-

Federal aid farm relief, together with tariffs, will help but we, ed to the original Organization Comas farmers, must set up the machinery of organized co-operation before we can expect to receive the recognition we justly deserve. such as the other great interests of the country are enjoying."

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Increasing Interest In

Farmers' Problems.

Fruit Growers Name Special Committee

cember 13th file following action was taken with respect to the reor-Farm Board.

Moved by Micol, seconded by Mr. Gale that the following men be addmittee, which body will constitute the Reorganization Committee to develop plan outlined by the Farm Board. Motion carried. V. R D. T. Knight, Gardner, Gifford Patch, Jr., F. L. Granger, Sam Miners, H. H. Hogue, Tom C. Graham, Frank Miller, Miller Overton, Fred Carter, Joe Prentice, O. H. Fleming, M. S. Fuller, Wm. Weber, Verne Warner, Jim Rich-

> The original Organization Committee included the following: M Southwick, L. A. Hawley, O. R. Gale, W. F. Dean, John Miller, Thor David Brake, F. L. Bradford, George Olds,

worth and Clark Brody.

Moved by Mr. Gale, seconded by The Van Buren County Farm Bureau held its annual meeting at Paw Mr. Schreiber, that we as a body Paw, December 16, and following the endorse and confirm the agreement meeting the new board met and voted as arranged between the Farm Board to place Van Buren County in the and the Organization Committee who Southwest District along with the met the Board at Washington; also counties of Kalamazoo, Calhoun, that we use our best efforts to meet Branch, St. Joseph, Cass and Berrien, the requirements and ask the Re-The official annual Farm Bureau organization Committee to speed the A twenty percent over-production crepancies, and explains, in part, why meeting was held in the forenoon, and program as fast as possible. Motion of farm crops, Prof. Hibbard said, can the County Farm Bureau Boards of in the afternoon others were invited carried unanimously

At the meeting of the Reorganizahis annual County agent's report. tion Committee, called to order di-Under the Pure Oil leases, the state While, owing to inclement weather rectly after the Stockholder's and percent return to the producer, and is to receive a straight 121/2 per cent and road conditions, the attendance Directors meeting, the following actwas somewhat reduced, the meeting, ion was taken;

Seek Supervisor Aid

zation interest needed to offset the tory is graduated from a minimum of Among those taking active part in by Mr. Prentice, that Chairman of 12½ per cent to a maximum of 25% the meeting were M. D. Buskirk, a the Reorganization Committee ap-This lack of organization interest on wells in proven territory producing director of the State Farm Bureau, point a committee to enlist the supis due to a lack of understanding of an average of more than 300 barrels Carl E. Buskirk, secretary of the port of the Board of Supervisors and the value of organization projects, it of oil per day. The possible import- county Farm Bureau, Waldo Phillips, County Agricultural Agents of each was explained by Miss Tillie Knowles, ance of this one item is indicated by director of the Michigan Elevator Ex- county in the fruit districts in dethe fact that, while accurate informa- change and the County Farm Bureau, veloping the reorganization program. of Iowa state college, who also ad- tion as to the actual production of Charles Robinson, director of the Motion Carried. Chairman Tennant dressed the convention. Without individual wells is difficult to obtain, County Farm Bureau, M. H. Pugsley, appointed Mr. Miners Chairman of organization in agriculture, nothing it is likely that there are several wells president of the Van Buren County this committee, with Mr. Jakway and in the field now producing in excess of Farm Bureau, John Woodman and C. Mr. Dean as members. Officers of Under the new plan no single lease D. Leisenring. each local association were request-The election of officers and direc- ed to give this Committee names of

is to be executed for more than 2,560 tors resulted as follows: President, influential supervisors in their counthe woods and on the waters in acres, or four sections, but the Pure Miller Overton, Bangor; Vice-Presi- ties who might be expected to sup-Michigan will come to a close until Oil Co. received a lease covering more dent, C. D. Leisenring, South Haven, port the program. than 4,500 acres or more than seven and W. E. Phillips, Decatur, and Bert

Moved by Mr. Richards, seconded by Mr. Prentice that the present Ex-February 1, and the rabbit may be gust 14, following, in excess of 800 Delegates to State Farm Bureau ecutive Board of the Michigan Fruit annual meeting: Waldo Phillips and Growers, Inc., be empowered to act New leases are to be made at John Woodman. Alternates: Charles as the Executive Committee in the auction sale to the responsible per- Robinson and M. D. Buskirk. re-organization program to control County Agent Wm. F. Johnston gave and co-ordinate all re-organization es. The Pure Oil lease was made at a very complete account of County activities. Motion carried. private sale, without bonus, and in Agent work in the county for 1929 The following are the Executive

part of others to tender bids, all of appreciation was expressed for the ex- H. Nafziger, O. R. Gale, H. H. Hogue,

cellent work being accomplished. The department will charge a rental State Farm Bureau Secretary C. L. Highee, M. D. Buskirk, David Brake F. L. Bradford, W. F. Dean, F. J. during the period before development, Brody was present and discussed James Nicol, Miller Overton. The individual members of the

Reorganization Committee are to dis-Splendid interest was manifested cuss this program with their super-

Jean-Have you heard that Donald's lost his memory altogether, Sandy-Well, well, how unfortun- month?"

ards, John Gould and H. J. Lurkins.

Nafziger, E. W. Puffer, James Nichol, Hale Tennant, Harry Robinson, J. J Jakway, Carl Buskirk, P. D. Leaven



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conference by one of the departments game conservation? deputies, as being absolutely a con- 5. Is one open season for all small stitutional act in that it becomes game hunting feasible? Is the present igan State Farm Bureau, emphaticoperative through referndum vote schedule of open seasons for small ally pointed out the need of higher within the county. This made it game satisfactory?

evident that every county could vote to prohibit Sunday hunting of game conduct control of those predatory in an informative and inspiring adby vote of the people and the fear was species detrimental to small game? expressed that more voters would approve of such restriction, were they acquire ownership of idle lands in Saturday p. m. at Bingham grange informed that the 1929 law is consti- northern regions for recreational pur- hall. Mr. Noon called attention to the tutional.

Although Sen. Lennon had explain- payment of taxes on such land serve in his closing remark when he said, ed that the sportsmen themselves had the public interest more than does "Capital and labor have solved their gummed up the control of upland the provision of public hunting problem by working less and getting game shooting by insisting so strong- ground? (b) Is it in the public in- more. We must remember that they convention was in progress. In reply ly, a year ago, that the rabbit-shoot- terest for clubs to exercise exclusive did it through organization." ing season was opened 10 days before hunting rights on lands otherwise idle the season on other game to satisfy and non-productive of income tax? dent wasn't the only treat that the to "keep the delegation full." This them, the conference virtually went (c) Is it in the public interest for con- crowd of 200 or more enjoyed during brought a laugh and more remarks on record as being opposed to leav- cerns and individuals owning tracts the afternoon. To begin with there from the wits but the motion carried. ing the guestion of "open season" in of waste and idle land on which deer was a splendid dinner served by the the hands of the committee which and other game is found, to post their Bingham grange ladies after which Burton to arrange an extension prowould have farmer representation, lands against trespass, and to sell all assembled in the meeting hall gram for the coming summer the the insistence being that a special hunting privileges to the exclusion of where they were entertained by Mrs. members present elected Rudolph committee be named to handle this public hunting, for the purpose of Doris Shafley, who played two violin Buehler, Mrs. Belle Maiers and Floyd delicate subject, preferably a com- making such land productive in order solos; by the Jerry Hubbard band of Anderson. The president, J. E. Crosmittee of sportsmen only. to derive income to pay taxes?

Among the questions framed for 8. Should the Conservation Depart- Wright of Wacousta, district Farm were named as delegates to a state the conference were the following, ment import a large number of Hun- Bureau representative, and Clare Bur- Izaak Walton league meeting in Lanwhich may be of interest to the local garian Partridge for release next ton, county agent. Farm Bureaus and which are to be spring? (a) What can be done in answered sometime within the next stocking wild turkey, capercailzie and Gage, Roland Sleight and C. L. to farmers were discussed. few months, probably next spring, in other alien or extinct native species? Shafley were elected to succeed thema manner which will at least partly 9. Should several deer yards be es- selves as Farm Bureau directors. robe was given away and was awarddetermine the trend of so-called "con- tablished? (a) What can be done to Charles Openlander, Verne Hand, ed to Roy Pope. servation" legislation next winter, hasten the establishment of more Patrick Gallagher and Mrs. C. S. when the State Legislature convenes game refuges in areas open to public Langdon were named as delegates to again: hunting?

Questions

1. Is there a need for extensive (a) What pheasant production can be be empowered to appoint other Clin- Dolly: "But, Colonel, how did the public shooting ground for small game attained by the conservation Depart- ton members to the delegation if there elephant get into your pajamas?" hunting in territory affected by the ment with funds available?

This is but a partial list of the cultural Extension Work. Our repoints of difference between the new lease from financial obligation toleasing plan and the leases actually ward its support will in no degree made on state lands in Midland and reduce our active interest in its con-

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300 barrels per day.

Isabella counties, but it is sufficient tinuance and success, and we pledge the Department of Taxation of the Farm Bureau to investigate. past.

being formulated by our State com-STATE DELEGATES nodity exchanges in conjunction with the Federal Farm Board. We believe that a general organization of farm-

We believe that some portion of

We believe that the tax burden on

to this request somebody made a

Officers and Directors Are ers such as the Farm Bureau is need-

Elected at Annual County Meeting

M. L. Noon, president of the Michgas and weight taxes should be returned for improvement of township tariff on farm produce and the imroads other than county and trunk 6. Can the Conservation Department portance of co-operative marketing line roads. dress before the annual meeting of the farming property should be further 7. To what extent should the state Clinton County Farm Bureau held lightened by more State aid for rural schools. poses? (a) At what point does the potential force of organized farmers titude of the State Department of Public Instruction and believe its powers should be restricted.

The address by their state presi- motion that Mr. Wright be authorized

As a committee to work with Mr. Ovid, as well as by Rev. Frank by, C. S. Langdon and John Espie sing Monday at which the Horton

At the business session Arthur law and other matters of importance At the close of the meeting an auto

the state convention to be held in

The Colonel: "I just crept out and 10. Are more game farms needed? February. Mr. Wright asked that he shot the brute in my pajamas." should be any vacancies while the London Opinion.

Perils Of A Sporting Life

Association Managers in the various We wish to express our gratificacounties are asked to give a complete list of the supervisors in their county.

zation program immediately after January 1 and it will take the coordinated efforts of all re-organization members to work out the plan. The stockholders of three associaour earnest and sincere co-operation tions have already voted in special in the future as we have given in the meeting to consolidate their assets in the new co-perative organization to We are vitally interested in the be known as "Great Lakes Fruit Inplans for co-operative marketing now dustries. Inc." Special stockholders meetings of the other organizations will be called just as rapidly as possible.

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