

FARM BUREAU INVITES MEMBERS TO 11TH ANNUAL MEETING

SECOND ANNUAL OF INSURANCE AGENCY SHOWS BIG GROWTH

Plans Have Been Completed For Staging Lively State Meeting

QUOTAS ARE EXPANDED

Six Districts Assume Quota Allotted Entire State In Past Season

On Saturday, Jan. 19, the six district agents who have charge of the Farm Bureau Insurance work in the 42 counties lying south of a line drawn from the north side of Oceana County to the tip of the thumb, met with director of Insurance, Alfred Bentall, at the State Farm Bureau office to plan for the big annual agents' meeting on Feb. 6th and to determine their proper quotas of new business in the various districts during 1929.

Robert G. Gibbons, of Kalamazoo, has charge of district No. 1; A. N. Brown, of Jonesville, No. 2; C. F. Fowler, of Lansing, No. 3; H. R. Andre, of Jenison, No. 4; Rolan Sleight, of Lainsburg, No. 5, and Jesse Blow, of Lapeer, district No. 6. During 1928, it was shown, these districts wrote about 35% more than the quota set for that year.

In making plans for the 1929 work, the same districts have taken a considerably larger quota than they took for 1928 and they fully expect to write more than the quota taken.

During the past year, the Michigan agency force actually wrote 17,076 new applications for automobile insurance and that is with the Michigan agency only a little over two years old. This agency has written over 25,000 policies in the state of Michigan. It has made a good start for the work of 1929, writing 400 policies during the week ending Jan. 19 and slightly over 400 during the week ending Jan. 12 so, by the 19th of the month over 1,000 policies had been written.

Another important matter which occupied the conference of the six men was the arrangement for the big annual agents' meeting which is to be held in the Union Memorial building, at Michigan State College, Wednesday, Feb. 6. We expect from 250 to 300 of our agents to be present. Among the invited guests will be J. G. Mecherle, president of the State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance company of Bloomington, Ill., and Charles Livingston, State Insurance Commissioner. Prizes for production during 1928 will be given and a very large and lively meeting is expected. It will commence with a banquet at noon on that day.

EAU CLAIRE CO-OP RETAINS OFFICERS

Carlot Business Growth in Farm Commodities is Shown in Report

EAU CLAIRE, Jan. 22.—The Community church of Eau Claire was host to the Eau Claire Farmers' Exchange which met yesterday, for its annual meeting.

The present officers were re-elected: Will Dean, president and manager; Fred Bowman, vice president; D. E. Sharpe, secretary and treasurer.

Fifty stockholders and a total attendance of over 100 were present.

The business of the day began with President Will Dean in the chair. The secretary and treasurer, D. E. Sharpe, read his reports which were far from commonplace, showing that the total volume of business for the year was \$153,712.65, which is an increase of \$3,000 over 1927, and triples that of the first year.

The past year's business included handling 50 cars of coal, 10 cars of wheat and about \$30,000 worth of wheat.

Frank Summers, D. L. Fisher and D. E. Sharpe, retiring directors, were re-elected. Directors who hold over in office are, William F. Dean, William Tillstrom, A. H. Collins, F. A. Bowman, C. D. Birkholm and J. A. Richards.

More than 11,000,000 salmon are caught each year in Washington waters.

Hear, Ye!

Meeting of the Resolutions Committee is called for one o'clock, Monday, Feb. 4. —M. L. Noon, Chairman.

Delegates

County Farm Bureaus are entitled to send one delegate to the annual meeting of the Michigan State Farm Bureau for each 100 members or major fraction thereof.

Get your delegation picked as soon as possible and formulate your ideas and submit them to State Farm Bureau headquarters for the resolutions committee to consider.

Get your resolutions material in early so it can be studied and put into shape before the last minute rush comes at convention time.

LIVESTOCK BOARD RETURNS PROFITS TO MICH. PATRONS

Base Dividends to Members On Annual Profits Of \$17,500

Eighteen per cent of the annual total commission paid to the Michigan Livestock Exchange last year is being returned to the members of the Exchange through their respective local associations. This refund will be about \$15,600, the board of directors announced.

This is the announcement as it should have appeared under the above caption in the last issue of the Farm Bureau News. However, in interpreting the announcement as it was sent by wire, just at the time the News was going to press the article carried the statement that \$17,500 represented the dividends the patrons are to receive. The Livestock board was in session on the date the News was published and its announcement of dividends was written up hurriedly at the printing office with no time for verification. The \$17,500 did not represent 18 per cent of the commission paid during the year but represents the total net profits.

The difference between the total net profits and the \$15,600 returned as dividends—about \$1,900—is being added to the reserve fund of the organization.

Despite the fact that the market receipts were lighter during 1928 than in the year previous, the \$17,500 net profits were more than \$1,700 greater than in 1927, the Exchange reports. The total reserve fund is now \$34,568. This amount plus total refunds to date in addition to capitalizing the undertaking makes a total saving of \$129,221 effected on livestock shipments made through the Exchange since it began doing business.

The Livestock board also reported annual net profits of \$13,000 made by the producers' association on the East Buffalo market. Just what distribution of these profits the Buffalo Producers Co-operative Commission Association is to make was not made known.

Michigan delegates have been named to attend the annual meeting of the Buffalo Producers' Association, Feb. 11 and 12. The Michigan Livestock Exchange annual meeting is slated for Feb. 21 and 22, at Lansing.

In conjunction with the annual banquet of the Michigan Livestock Exchange will be held the annual banquet of the Michigan Livestock Loss Prevention Association. This latter organization has been working hard to help make the program for this occasion educational as well as one of entertainment and has several nationally prominent speakers in view to pick from for the event.

The second annual banquet of the Exchange will be held at Hotel Olds, in Lansing, Feb. 21, at 6:30 o'clock.

Among the features on the program at the banquet are an address by Hon. A. P. Sandies, former Commissioner of Agriculture of Ohio, considered one of the foremost agricultural speakers of the country and an address by Dr. W. J. Embury, of Chicago. There will be music by the Imperial Colored Quartette of Lansing, The Smith Trio, well known radio singers of Saginaw; Marc Cutler, of St. Johns, Michigan's Harry Lauder; The Blue Moon Orchestra, of Lansing will furnish music both for the program and the dance which will follow. An old-time fiddler will be present and old time dancing one of the features. Over 400 attended last year's banquet and a larger crowd is expected this year.

C. A. Ewing of Decatur, Ill., one of the largest live stock and grain farmers in that state will be the main speaker at the business session to be held on Friday, Feb. 22.

More married women are disappointed in love than spinsters.

FARM BUREAU ASKS ADDED PROTECTION FOR BEET GROWERS

Noon, Cox Give Testimony at Washington on Behalf Of Sugar Industry

TARIFF HEARING HELD

Michigan Considered to be Important State in Tariff Battle

Presenting the case of Michigan's beet sugar industry, Michael L. Noon, of Jackson, president of the Michigan State Farm Bureau, appearing before the ways and means committee of the House of Representatives at Washington, D. C., this week, showed how, for thirty years the Michigan agriculturist has been sold to the idea of maintaining a substantial American industry in the production of sugar, only to face a condition during the past season wherein four of the biggest of the 17 beet sugar manufacturing in the state have remained absolutely idle.

Mr. Noon appeared as the official spokesman for the sugar industry of his home state and succeeded in presenting some very convincing testimony in favor of the 3 cent tariff sought by the Farm Bureau, showing how the beet sugar industry prospered until the price was broken down by heavy importations in recent years under an inadequate tariff protection.

A price of seven dollars a ton to the grower for his sugar beets is not sufficient to cover cost of production, Mr. Noon testified, in presenting data which showed this to be the price in Michigan during the past three years. He showed how, after the "war price level" was removed, the consumer paid \$35 a hundred pounds for sugar as a result of price manipulations, with foreign producing interests in virtual control of the market at the time.

Try To Save Industry To ultimately destroy the domestic sugar industry, he explained, will offer opportunity for foreign producing interests to again control the market, a situation which results in a tremendous disadvantage to the domestic producer and to the consumer, alike. He showed that it is to the interest of the consuming public to maintain the domestic source of production to prevent foreign control of the market.

Throwing Michigan's 115,000 acres of sugar beet production, the average beet acreage for the past 10 years, into production of other crops would be most disastrous for Michigan agriculturist, Mr. Noon asserted and he urged that proper protection be maintained for the sugar industry to keep this acreage in the production of beets.

Mr. Noon was accompanied by Dean Joseph F. Cox, of Michigan State College, who also appeared before the ways and means committee to testify in the interest of the Farm Bureau and other agricultural interests of Michigan, more particularly the seed producers of the state, seeking tariff increases on various seeds of the kinds in which Michigan is a leading producer.

While his testimony indicated that clover seed is without doubt the most important seed crop, Michigan produces one-half the radish seed used in the entire country, he said, and is capable of taking care of production of all the seed required for this crop if adequate protection against foreign competition is established.

Michigan Most Important

No other state, Dean Cox asserted, is so vitally concerned in the tariff structure as it affects many agricultural crops, as Michigan is because with such great diversification of its farming industry, the farmers of this state are kept face to face with foreign competition in the production of numerous seed crops, including winter vetch, peas, beans, chickory, alfalfa and other seeds.

The farmer has been consistently the buyer of protected commodities and the producer of other commodities without protection, Dean Cox said. Both he and Mr. Noon emphasized the fact that the Farm Bureau has built up an enviable reputation through the work it has done in recent years by initiating only constructive legislation in the past, making especial reference to the enactment of federal legislation with regard to seeds, co-operative movements, livestock and other subjects of major concern to the American farmers.

Two Counties Hit Hard Dean Cox's testimony showed Antrim and Jackson counties to be the two counties of Michigan most (Continued on page four)

VARIED PROGRAMS BEING SCHEDULED ON FARMERS WEEK

Expect Annual Affairs Will Draw Many Thousands To State College

MANY ANNUAL MEETINGS

Eleventh Year for Numerous Groups to Hold Annual During This Period

Michigan farmers from all sections of the state will meet at Michigan State College, Farmers' Week, Feb. 4 to 8, where they will have an opportunity to review the results of the past season and the possibilities for the future in the agricultural industry.

The programs for the week will include general meetings with nationally known speakers, meetings of breeders and feeders associations and co-operative organizations, exhibits of important farm commodities, banquets for various groups, and entertainment features each day.

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POWELL TO GIVE FARM WEEK TALK

Agricultural Commissioner Picked For Important Part on Program

The speaker of the week, so far as agricultural matters are to be treated on the various programs outlined for Farmers' Week at State College, will be Herbert E. Powell, state commissioner of agriculture.

Under ordinary circumstances an annual message from the agricultural commissioner, while of great importance, comes to the Farmers' Week assembly as a matter of course but this year, with much of the State Legislature's attention directed toward measures directly affecting agriculture, a message from the Department's chief is being looked forward to as a sort of steering wheel for farm activities this winter.

While the Commissioner of Agriculture has not made public the gist of his proposed address, farm leaders are bearing in mind conditions which have grown up within the state, calling for re-drafts of legislative acts, repeals of inoperative laws and strengthening of other laws and they anticipate hearing the side of the great story of Michigan agriculture as it is met by the state administration.

Mr. Powell is recognized as one of the sincerest workers for the improvement of agriculture in Michigan and a word from him is always welcomed at any farm gathering. He is slated to appear on the speaking program on Wednesday evening, Feb. 6, that being designated as the "big night" during Farmers' Week each year, when the several thousand visitors assemble for a program of general interest.

Alaska Holds Vast Pulpwood Resources

That Southeastern Alaska can become a great permanent paper-making region is the opinion of the Forest Service, United States Department of Agriculture. Vast forests of pulpwood in the Tongass National Forest are to be managed by the Government for a never-ending production of timber. With excellent water power resources, tidewater transportation, and a climate that will permit year-long plant operation and shipping, say the Government foresters, the region is a natural locale for a paper industry; and its future holds the possibilities of model industrial towns, modern plants, and a stable population of mill and woods workers.

Second Annual Banquet

Of The STATE FARM MUTUAL AUTO INSURANCE CO. Michigan Agents WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6 Dinner, 12:00 O'clock, Sharp M. L. Noon, President State Farm Bureau.....Presiding Charles Livingston, Michigan Insurance Commissioner.....Greetings George J. Mecherle, President of Company.....Address Alfred Bentall, Michigan Agency Director.....Distribution of Awards Music By Farm Bureau Double Trio Union Memorial Building East Lansing

TO GIVE ADDRESS AT ANNUAL MEET



WILLIAM B. STOUT

A somewhat different dinner program for the annual banquet of the State Farm Bureau is in store for this year's convention in that the principal speaker is to be a man interested in aeronautics rather than agriculture. William B. Stout, head of the Stout Air Services and the man in charge of the air-craft division of the Ford Motor Co., is to be the speaker for this occasion.

Mr. Stout is a recognized leader in aeronautical engineering and experimental work in this country and is the man who invented and built the first all-metal aircraft ever used, the forerunner of the metal airplanes which the Ford company uses for transporting freight.

As head of the Stout Air Services, Mr. Stout operates the only airplane line for carrying passengers which operates out of the Ford airport. This service is carried on for the conveying of passengers from Detroit to Cleveland and to Chicago and return.

The first passenger service set up by this man carried passengers from Detroit to Grand Rapids and return, but being an experimental venture, was maintained only a short time.

As a scholar of aeronautics, Mr. Stout is of recognized unusual brilliancy and as a speaker he is rated one of unusual ability, with a very entertaining personality and with a really worthwhile message. He received his education in Minnesota, attending the public schools of St. Paul and graduating from the University of Minnesota as a mechanical engineer. Following his profession for several years he served as chief engineer for a motor truck company and later served on the Chicago Tribune, on features and illustrating, and then became technical editor of "Motor Age" and founder and editor of "Aerial Age."

He took up his aeronautical activities as chief engineer of the aircraft division of the Packard Motor Car company, in 1916. Two years later he designed and constructed the first internally-trussed plane flown in the United States. During the war period he served as technical advisor to the aircraft board and was placed in charge of experimental construction of internally-trussed planes at McCook field, in Ohio.

Through his aggressiveness and his devout resolve to achieve a purpose, this man of unusual ability has succeeded in playing his ingenuity and skill in a way that has made possible the building up of a new industry of sufficient importance and with sufficient possibilities to attract the Ford interests. The Ford company has launched upon a definite program of manufacture and use of the Stout all-metal planes which have proven themselves to be air-worthy crafts under continuous hard driving as freight hauling units as well as the more recently inaugurated passenger units.

and a climate that will permit year-long plant operation and shipping, say the Government foresters, the region is a natural locale for a paper industry; and its future holds the possibilities of model industrial towns, modern plants, and a stable population of mill and woods workers.

PREPARATIONS ARE BEING MADE FOR RECORD CROWD; BUREAU WILL MAKE SERVICE AND LEGISLATIVE REPORTS

Sessions Open Thursday, February 7, in Room 402 Agricultural Building, State College; Annual Dinner at Union Building Thursday Evening; Wm. B. Stout to Speak

Preparations are being made by the Michigan State Farm Bureau to accommodate a record crowd at the eleventh annual Farm Bureau meeting which convenes at Room 402 Agricultural building, Michigan State College at 9:30 A. M. Eastern Standard time, Thursday, February 7. The meeting will continue through Friday, and includes the Farm Bureau's fourth annual dinner at the Union Memorial building Thursday evening, with a splendid program, followed by the old time dancing party, which lasts till midnight or better, according to the staying powers of the dancers.

A Timely Meeting The Farm Bureau invites every member to attend the state meeting, which is the largest organization meeting in Farmers Week. Much interest attends this meeting from the standpoint of the Farm Bureau resolutions and due to the fact that the legislature is in session. The Farm Bureau is the one state-wide farmers' organization which meets at a time when it can act on public questions before and coming before the legislature. History of the Farm Bureau shows that it has been quite vigorous in this respect.

Such matters as state revenues and the application of the same, the state institutional building program and the present lack of funds for such work; the future of the state highway program and some means of financing the improvement and maintenance of our township roads as they should be, and other matters of similar importance are before the legislature and will be discussed from a policy standpoint by the Farm Bureau. The State Farm Bureau now has committees working on such matters from the farmers' viewpoint, and the findings of these committees will be presented to the convention.

Much public interest is shown in the State Farm Bureau meeting, which is regarded as a quite accurate register of what Michigan farmers are thinking. Daily newspapers throughout the state will be represented at the sessions.

From an organization service viewpoint, the State Farm Bureau and its service departments will have much of interest to report. The annual report will show that the Farm Bureau is serving many thousands of farmers.

Legislation At a Glance

As members of the house of representatives and of the state senate rested over the week-end following their first week of real activity in the 1929 session, predictions were that the major considerations of this current session would be state finances and criminal legislation. The most important aspect of the financial legislation will be consideration of the state property tax, which Gov. Fred W. Green is attempting to reduce materially. The phase of criminal legislation which will stand out perhaps even more prominently than capital punishment bills, will be contemplated changes in the criminal code as applied to habitual criminals.

Agricultural legislation will occupy a fairly prominent position on the legislative calendars, however, judging from the bills pertaining to the farm industries and interests which made their appearance last week. Rep. Luther E. Hall, of Ionia, sponsored a bill which would strengthen the requirements in the present apple grading law. The measure was designed with the object of more strict standardization of the several grades which are specified in existing legislation on the subject.

A measure, which for the time being has a technical significance only, has been introduced in the house. This measure would repeal the Horton Corn Borer Bill, which was passed by the 1927 legislature. Rep. Edward C. Morrison, of Lapeer, sponsored the repealing measure because federal funds for state aid in this work, have not as yet been made available. The Morrison act would cause repeal of the Horton measure, only if congress again fails to act in time to appropriate its share of the needed funds.

As usual, the railroads are making reduced fare rates to Lansing for the round trip for Farmers' Week. Visitors and delegates to the Farm Bureau meeting may secure rooms in East Lansing homes at \$1 per night per person, by seeing the secretary of the College Y. M. C. A. at the People's church, on arrival. There are always plenty of rooms, but folks should take care of this item promptly.

Some people are naturally happy—others drive a second-hand-car. (Continued on page three)

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Editorials

CHAIN FARMING

Chain farming will not feudalize, as some put it, land ownership nor will this ownership become syndicated. This attitude, or view of the situation, as expressed in the columns of an eastern newspaper, the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, under recent date, is well taken. The article referred to a single "chain system in Illinois" covering 32 farms with a total of 7,500 acres and indicated that operations so far show only profits through a reduction of expenses.

Chain farming is being undertaken in Michigan and we probably will see the first actual venture along this new line another year with nearly as much acreage as this Illinois venture shows.

As the eastern newspaper points out, the farm is too thoroughly established an institution to be removed from the individual aspect but anything that tends to improve its business management is worthy of being viewed, not as an evil but as a blessing.

The plans, as undertaken to date, provide for a general manager of the chain but leave a resident tenant manager in charge of each parcel of acreage adopted into the "chain."

It might be termed the co-operative movement applied to the production end of farming. It applies modern methods of management and co-operation to the buying of farm supplies and to marketing the products of the farm. It is but a carrying on of the basic efforts of the Farm Bureau organization in that it permits the applying of the benefits of organization directly to the individual farmer. It is an outcome of the extension of the work of the state and national departments of agriculture as sponsored by the local Farm Bureaus in their general programs.

There has been much said about family sized farms in the past and that phrase has usually meant farms of from 80 to 160 acres in size. Today, however, those ranging from 160 to 320 acres are more nearly of family size than the former. This is the result of the use of more mechanical power.

Probably no one would care to argue that large scale or corporation farming would be better for rural communities than the present system of comparatively small holdings, if successfully maintained. On the other hand, corporation farming will never succeed unless it proves to be more profitable than the present system and unless it brings greater remuneration and therefore more comforts, to those actually doing the work on the farms than is now the case. Greater efficiency in the present system will uphold it and prevent the development of large scale hold-

ings by individuals or corporations. The men who are operating the farms at present will determine the future course of American farming.

Last year farm record keeping was conducted in 47 counties in one state. This project was started in 1922, with only 67 men completing the work for the entire season while last year saw a total of about 500 finishing in good shape.

This is an indication of greater application of real business methods to farm operation, and its continued growth and extension is bound to have a beneficial effect which will not permit of so-called "feudalizing" of our American farms.

NOW THE TOWNSHIP ROADS

Some of the leading farmers' organizations of the state announce that they want the legislature to consider the problem of the township roads. This is a reasonable request and should result in a long-needed highway improvement.

The township highway commissioner's office is a survival from the good old days of pure democracy and horse-and-buggy transportation. In that primitive era when taxes for township highway improvement invariably were paid by the taxpayer's personal day's work with team and wagon and shovel, the township highway department served its purpose to the satisfaction of those who used the local roads.

But the modern good roads movement under the urge of million dollar expenditures has swept such methods into the discard. State highway projects supplemented by county good roads programs perform their miracles with equipment and man power, while for the most part the township roads remain little better than before. Exception must be made here and there for more progressive townships and exceptional officials who render service in keeping with the advanced ideas of highway improvement of our time.

But even in the best localities the township system is a poor imitator of the systems maintained by the state and county authority, while the direct taxes levied in the townships are felt as a much heavier burden by the few who must pay them. Consequently in the great majority of cases the township highway work is done inefficiently and extravagantly. This is a problem in which the agricultural population is immediately interested. The influence of the farmers doubtless will prevail in the legislature to find a solution.—Detroit News.

MILK MARKETING

A very stiff battle is being waged in the Chicago Milk Area. This is a battle of price offering versus a profitable margin for milk production.

The farmers and dairymen have been insistent in their stand for a milk price that will allow a fair margin of profit for producing the milk which the Chicago area milk consumers get. They have sought to maintain a price that would be equitable from the standpoint of retail costs to the consumer and loading price to the producer.

The final "jam" has resulted in refusal to sell to the distributors combine at the low price of \$2.50. The producers are holding firm for \$2.85, base milk. Only co-operation and organized effort has enabled the farmers to round up financial and moral support of the many influential institutions, organizations and individuals who have contributed so generously to the cause. It is evident, from the outside, that the farmer again is seeking recognition under the colors of justice and righteousness.

Farmers and dairymen in the Chicago milk market, who are now involved in price controversy with the distributors in that district, got approximately 46 cents to cover both their expenses and profit out of the average consumer's dollar spent for milk during the two years 1925 and 1926, according to findings in a two-year investigation by the Illinois Experiment Station. Out of the remaining 50.88 cents, which went largely to cover purchasing, receiving, processing, selling, delivery and administration, the dealers realized net profits of 3.44 cents in every consumer's dollar.

The study shows that the Chicago dealers received a net income of 47 of a cent of the approximate 12.9 cents a quart paid for milk sold in the form of milk and milk products to the regular retail trade. Farmers and jobbers received 5.3 cents of the 12.9 cents, while 7.1 cents went to defray the expense of marketing. This 7.1 cents was divided into 2.2 cents to meet the expenses of purchasing, receiving and processing, 4.6 cents for selling and delivery, and .31 of a cent for general administrative expense.

The dairymen's share of the net returns as indicated in this study do not show him to have been able to more than break even on production costs, when we understand all that enters into the cost of producing milk throughout the year.

Annual Meeting Set For VanBuren County

The annual meeting of the members of the Van Buren County Farm Bureau was scheduled for Jan. 24, at the court house at Paw Paw, in the Farm Bureau offices.

Winding Made Easier

"Big Ben" of London, perhaps the most famous clock in the world, dates from 1858. It has four 23-foot dials and it used to take two men three afternoons a week to wind it. It is now wound by electric motor in 20 minutes.

Meeting Program

Eleventh Annual Meeting

of the MICHIGAN STATE FARM BUREAU (Room 402, Agricultural Building) M. S. C., East Lansing, Mich.

Thursday, February 7, 9:30 A. M., Eastern Time

BUSINESS SESSION

Call to Order—President M. L. Noon
Seating of Delegates
Appointing of Committees
President's Address—M. L. Noon
Reading of Minutes of Last Annual Meeting
Secretary's and Treasurer's Report
Reports of Credentials & Rules Committees
Recommendations from Board of Directors
Consideration of Resolutions

MICHIGAN STATE FARM BUREAU ANNUAL BANQUET

5:45 P. M. (Ball Room—Union Memorial Building) (Admission by ticket only)

President M. L. Noon, Chairman
Vice-President W. W. Billings, Toastmaster
Banquet Music—Brody Farm Bureau Orchestra
Address—Wm. B. Stout, President of the Stout Air Service.
Old Time Dancing Party

Friday, February 8, 9:30 A. M.

BUSINESS SESSION

Adoption of Resolutions
Election of Directors
Adjournment

REPORT IS GIVEN ON TARIFF MOVES MADE AT CAPITOL

A. F. B. F. Representative at Washington Tells of Needed Support

"The big job at Washington this winter is presenting testimony on agricultural tariffs before the Ways and Means Committee. Already our testimony has been presented on Schedule I, which contains vegetable and animal oils and fats, as well as some fertilizer substances, grain alcohols, and starches. On all of these we are keenly interested.

"Carrying out the plan of correlation among various organizations in our tariff work here at Washington, we have signed a brief upon vegetable and animal oils and fats with all other organizations, agricultural and otherwise, which are desiring higher rates of duties upon these products. This brief has the distinction of representing more citizens in its signatures than any other document ever filed with the Ways and Means Committee on tariff matters. It really has made a great impression here at Washington.

"You have previously been asked to urge all farm organization representatives who come to Washington to get in touch with those of us who are here on the job all the time so that the correlation of our arguments on all agricultural schedules may be as harmonious as that which has already been evidenced in regard to Schedule I.

"I learn that President Palmer in Ohio has already started work with state and national wool growers associations to further this plan of correlation. President Buckingham in Connecticut is doing a similar work in Connecticut, particularly in regard to tobacco. Secretary Jones in Minnesota writes that he is getting all organizations in his part of the country to keep in contact with us here at Washington. From Massachusetts the union growers are planning their tariff work with us owing to the efforts of President Dickinson. These are merely samples of what is being done by our state leaders all over the country in our efforts to present a solid front on tariff matters and to prevent embarrassing and out-of-line arguments being presented on farm subjects to the Ways and Means Committee.

"Our Washington offices will have presented, when hearings finally close the last of February, most comprehensive arguments in behalf of farm tariffs.

"Our arguments in addition to fertilizers, animal and vegetable oils, grain alcohols, and starches, already presented, will include sugar and molasses, tobacco, general agricultural products, cotton, flax, wool, the free list and administrative provisions.

"Farm relief is dead for this session according to all present indications. The much heralded visit of President-elect Hoover is now occurring in Washington with results which suggest that he is not indicating any directorship on legislation now pending. To do so would, of course, be the height of discourtesy to the retiring administration of President Coolidge. A conference with President-elect Hoover will be had in his temporary headquarters here at the Mayflower Hotel today, merely to pay our respects to him.

"Very truly yours, Chester H. Gray."

MICH. ELEV. EXCH. MARKET OPINION

By Michigan Elevator Exchange Lansing, Michigan, under date of January 26, 1929.

WHEAT—Prices have advanced 15c per bushel in the last six weeks. Probably enough advance for the time being but wheat ought to sell 10 to 15c per bushel higher between now and new crop.

OATS—Are selling for the highest price on the crop. Probably will advance another five cents per bushel between now and July 1st.

CORN—Selling for the highest prices on the entire crop. Situation in corn is strong and prices will rule high all year.

BEANS—Michigan beans today are bringing the highest price in ten years. Makes a mighty fine figure for a farmer to sell at and we certainly suggest to our friends that they begin to think about cashing in on beans they have on hand. The market will be wild and subjected to wild fluctuations. A set-back of 50c to \$1.00 per bag would still leave beans bringing a very attractive price.

January 24 Was Date For Ionia F. B. Meet

Ionia County Farm Bureau's annual meeting was set for Thursday afternoon, Jan. 24. The program called for a brief presentation of membership plans, followed with a general discussion of problems before the organization. Claude Nash was given charge of this discussion, to be assisted by Mr. Wright, the Wacoista preacher, who has been doing much good work as an organizer in this county. Mr. Wright is in charge of the Farm Bureau district which embraces Ionia and a half dozen other counties.

Come To The Eleventh Farm Bureau Meeting

A Splendid Time To Get A Good Picture of the Organization

By Mrs. Edith M. Wagar I hope we will find every Farm Bureau member at the coming annual meeting of the State Farm Bureau who can possibly get away from home.

I am sure the officers and the board of directors as well as those employed in the state office would be pleased to greet any and all of the thousands of members who might come and give their approval to the effort that has been made during the past year to serve the farmer and strengthen the influence of the organization in every part of the state.

And we will welcome advice concerning the tremendous tasks ahead of us for the coming year. Farm Bureau work of Michigan is no small job any more and to do it best requires the best thought and the undivided attention of those in charge and many times their hope lies in the power of the masses out in the field. There are so many inducements offered these days that tend to distract from our general policy that we often wonder that so much service can be rendered and so many members do stay loyal and firm in support of their organization.

Women Are Needed How many women will be in attendance, is the query running through my mind as I recall the great attendance of women at some of the other state annual meetings. I realize there will be many other attractions as inducements to cut in on our attendance yet I wonder if there is anything just now so vitally necessary to the farm family as a definite business program, strictly adhered to.

We've been "fed up", so to speak.

Varied Program Being Scheduled on Farmers Week

The list of speakers includes Dr. John Lee Coulter, president of North Dakota Agricultural College, V. N. Valgren of the United States Bureau of Agricultural Economics, and numerous individuals prominent in the state in addition to members of the college staff.

Ten college departments will have special displays in what promises to be one of the largest educational exhibits ever prepared for Farmers' Week. There will also be an egg show, a rabbit show, and a competitive grain and potato show. The agricultural engineering department will have an exhibit of labor saving devices and home conveniences. Students of the electrical engineering department will prepare an exhibit of electrical phenomena for the benefit of the visitors during the week.

Dairymen Have First Day Monday will be dairy day with meetings of the various dairy breed associations and the testers for the herd improvement associations. Members of the college students Grange will present a play Tuesday evening, Feb. 5.

There will be general meetings open to all visitors starting Tuesday afternoon. D. Whitney Watkins will be chairman of the first general meeting. There will be a short address by N. P. Hull, president of the Michigan Milk Producers Association. V. R. Gardner, director of the Michigan Experiment Station and head of the horticultural department, will speak on "Present Day Research as it Affects the Animal Industry." Charles E. Snyder, editor of the Chicago Daily Drovers Journal, will talk on the topic, "On the Road to Stability."

Tuesday evening will be banquet night for dairy and livestock associations, farmers clubs, farm women, and the Crop Improvement association.

M. L. Noon, president of the Michigan State Farm Bureau, and G. F. Roxburgh, Master of the Michigan State Grange, will give short talks Wednesday afternoon, V. N. Valgren, of the U. S. Bureau of Agricultural Economics will speak on "Risks in Agriculture." J. F. Cox, Dean of Agriculture will be chairman for the afternoon meeting.

R. J. Baldwin, Director of Extension Work, will act as chairman for Wednesday evening meeting. The speakers will be H. E. Powell, State Commissioner of Agriculture, and Dr. John Lee Coulter, president of the North Dakota Agricultural College. President Robert S. Shaw will be the first speaker on the Thursday afternoon program. Attorney General Carl Brucker will speak on "The Farmers' Legal Interest." H. H. Haladay, secretary of the college, will be the chairman.

Feb. 7 Is "Play Day"

The Thursday evening program will consist of eight entertainment features with J. B. Hasselman, head of the publications department, in charge. The program will include a concert by the Swartz Creek Chown Band, an organization of college students; athletic stunts by members of the Varsity Club, a tumbling act by members of co-ed athletic classes, a cavalry maneuver exhibition, a parade of prize-winning livestock owned by the college, a sheep-dog exhibition, a short humorous talk by J. G. Hays, of the college staff, and a horse pulling contest with three champion Michigan teams entered.

on how to do and how to live and still we find the farmer in anything but prosperous circumstances, until it seems about time that we cease spending all of our time in making ourselves over but rather help to fit ourselves into the same realm that others occupy.

In order to do so the rank and file must be willing to sit in with those trying to serve and lend their support in perfecting a plan whereby definite things may be accomplished.

What a glorious feeling it would give the officers in charge and delegates assembled if all those attending the banquet at night would be in attendance at the business sessions as well. They say all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy but at the same time all play and no work fails to accomplish big things.

Participation Builds Enthusiasm From the standpoint of service Michigan State Farm Bureau stands high in the list of state federations but it is somewhat weaker than some others in membership and in individual interest and enthusiasm. We all know enthusiasm will come only as the individual member participates in the work.

Come with your suggestions—come with your problems—come with your criticisms. Help by attendance—help by attention—help by participation. The best way to fully understand all that the organization is doing for its great family is by coming in contact with its many activities as often as possible and at the annual meeting it is at its best advantage to be understood. Come and get a close-up view of what has been accomplished in the past and what the future has in store for you. Let's have the meeting place packed with farm men and women eager to do their bit in making the Farm Bureau the greatest service organization in all things for the American farmer.

The annual Grange singing contest will be held Friday morning. Members of the Michigan Grange will have a basket dinner at noon. A rural dramatic contest, sponsored by the Grange, will be held Friday afternoon.

Many Annual Meetings The eleventh annual meeting of the Michigan State Farm Bureau will be held Thursday and Friday. The annual Farm Bureau banquet and "old time" dancing party will be held Thursday evening.

The Michigan Muck Farmers association will hold its eleventh annual meeting Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings. Addresses and discussions will deal with soil treatment, varieties, diseases of muck crops, and the economic outlook for the muck farmer.

The annual meeting of the Michigan Soil Improvement association will be held Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings. The topics to be dealt with are "Importance of Legumes in Soil Management," "The Place of Commercial Fertilizer on Michigan Farms," and "The Importance of Organic Matter in Soils."

Poultry breeding, feeding, disease control, marketing, and the need for an egg grading law, will be the chief points of discussion in annual meeting of the Michigan State Poultry Improvement association. The organization will have morning sessions Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Awards will be presented to the winners of the Michigan 300 Bushel Potato Club and the Michigan Corn Contest at the annual meeting and banquet of the Michigan Crop Improvement association.

Programs For Women The home economics department will provide programs for farm women Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, featuring special music and short talks dealing with the management of the home.

Departments of the agricultural division will hold special morning programs as follows: Farm Crops—Wednesday and Thursday; Dairy—Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday; Animal Husbandry—Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Each department of the agricultural division will hold special conference hours at 4 o'clock each afternoon at which time farmers will have the opportunity to obtain individual consideration of any problem which they may have.

A rifle shooting contest for Farmers Week visitors will be conducted Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons at 4 o'clock under the supervision of Col. T. L. Sherburne, commandant of the college R. O. T. C. Anyone having a 22 calibre rifle of their own may use it if they wish.

STATE CAPITOL IS HALF CENTURY OLD

Just an even half century has passed since the Michigan legislature convened for the first time in the present state capitol building, the first regular biennial session having met in the new building January, 1873. From 1847, when the seat of government of the state was moved to Lansing from Detroit, to 1879, the state house was a two-story frame structure at the corner of Washington and Allegan streets, one block south and one block east of the present site, now occupied by the United Building in which are the offices of the Michigan Real Estate Association.

**STATE LEGISLATION
SEEN AT A GLANCE**

(Continued from page one)
 leasing of lands, both state and privately owned, in the Muskegon region, following the discovery of oil and natural gas, will be dealt with by a group of bills. The net result of these bills would place control of the drilling and production phase of these two kindred industries, oil and gas, while transportation and storage of these resources, and the financial structure of operating companies, would be controlled by the public utilities commission. Gas and oil would thus be virtually public utilities.
 Sen. Chester A. Howell, of Saginaw, is the author of a bill which would impose a 3 per cent monthly "overance", or privilege tax, on all and gas operators of the state. The tax would be calculated on the monthly gross cash market value of production.
 Clarification of the liquor violation aspect of the Harris code of criminal procedure, better known as Michigan criminal code, will be brought about, it is believed, by amendments to be made by the session which, last session, framed the provisions of the present code. Meeting last week with William M. Brucker, attorney general, Gov. Fred W. Green, the commission seemed to lean most favorably toward the plan of definitely moving liquor law violations from the operation of the crime code, to such violations, however, would bring a sentence of from 7 1/2 to 15 years in the penitentiary, the creation of the commission reads, was not so favorably regarded. Crimes which would be regarded effective for the operation of the actual criminal provision, would those for which the penalty for offense would bring a term in prison of more than 3 years. As for violations bring a maximum one year, they would be automatically excluded from the code.
 Three "death bills" have been introduced in the senate thus far this session. The latest to be thrown into the legislative hopper came last week from the desk of Sen. Peter B. Conroy, of Genesee county. It would provide electrocution for first degree murder, unless the evidence against the accused with the case were entirely circumstantial. A judge would be called upon to decide this. Circumstantial evidence would bring a life term. One of the other would mandatory.
 Drunk drivers of automobiles would be jailed, without any discretion of the judge, save for the length of the sentence, according to

a bill introduced by Sen. George M. Condon, of Detroit. The bill stipulates that the jail sentence would be from 60 to 120 days, however. Second offense would be deemed a felony, bringing a mandatory term of from 6 to 18 months in prison.
 Rep. Charles C. Deland, of Detroit, former secretary of state, has offered a plan by which the state's financial program might be handled during the coming biennium, without raising the state property tax materially, and without necessity for imposing a 5 per cent state income tax for the raising of additional funds. The plan, broadly, is to remove about \$5,000,000 from the administration's appropriation bill, and to increase the property tax level to about \$23,000,000.
 Sen. Arthur E. Wood, anti-administration man from Detroit, adopted a different means to change the Green financial program, by submitting separate appropriation bills for every state institution and department. The offering of the bills required several days, because of their number. The bills constitute the different parts of the blanket appropriation bill, already introduced. The difference between the two ways of making appropriations, however, is that while the large appropriation bill might prove difficult to pass, because of individual objections to parts of it, the smaller bills introduced by Senator Wood could be passed readily in individual instances where there was little opposition. It is Senator Wood's idea, apparently, to fight for increases for many of institutional bills.
 One objection to an agricultural appropriation suggested in the administration's blanket appropriation bill, came to the surface last week, when Dr. B. J. Killham, state veterinarian, stated that the sum of \$125,000, to be devoted to indemnities to farmers for animals slaughtered in the bovine TB eradication campaign, was inadequate. The department of agriculture has requested \$250,000 annually for this fund.

**SHORT HORNS PLAN
TO FORM NEW CLUB**

The Michigan State College Short Course Association will form a Two Generation club at its annual meeting held at the Union Building, college campus on Wednesday noon, Feb. 6th.
 About ten thousand students have taken short course work at the College since the short courses were started, in 1897. The state association was formed in 1917. Since that

**ALFALFA LETTER
CONTEST**

The Michigan Farm Bureau Seed Service announces that in this and in succeeding issues of the News, and until further notice, it will give prizes of \$5, \$3, and \$2 for the best three letters received from the News readers on the subject, "My Experience With Farm Bureau Alfalfa Seed." Tell us all about it—up to 500 words.
 The prize winning letters and others, if space permits, will be published in the News. Letters published in addition to the prize winners will be awarded \$1 each. The contest starts now. Send your letters to the Editor, Michigan Farm Bureau News, 221 N. Cedar St., Lansing, Michigan.

Prize Winners This Issue

First Prize Winner
 Route No. 1,
 Wayland, Michigan.

In 1920 I made up my mind I must have a field of alfalfa, so as to have a sure fire hay crop. I was, also, convinced that I must go through all of the motions instead of just half of them.
 Here is what I did and what I got. I had five acres of good sandy loam that had been to corn the year previous, and was sown to rye and vetch. This was plowed in June 1920; and two tons of lime rock was applied per acre. I bought 100 pounds of Farm Bureau Brand Grimm alfalfa seed, kept the ground thoroughly worked till August 12, when I sowed 16 pounds of this seed per acre. This was a little late, but was held up by drought. I spiked the seed in and followed up with a roller, as I had no culti-packer. We had a heavy rain at once, followed by a few days of moist weather; and up it came; a thick stand and an even one.
 During the winter, about an acre of it was covered by an ice sheet and I feared it would winter kill.
 In the spring as soon as the frost was out, I went on a tour of inspection, and to my surprise and joy, I failed to find any heaved or dead plants from any cause.
 I paid \$66.66 for that 100 pounds of seed but I had faith in it, and that faith was justified. I have cut as high as 17 big loads from this field in one cutting, and last year the first crop yielded 13 loads. Some years I have cut it three times, but it's still there with but little missing. It would be good indefinitely, but for the June grass, which has come in thickly.
 I know of nine acres sowed to common the same year, which was plowed up two years ago, and should have been broken up sooner because of winter injury.
 I'm for pure adaptable seed, and the only way I can be sure, is through our State Farm Bureau guarantee.
 Yours truly,
 Frank Crofoot.

Second Prize Letter
 Route No. 8,
 Coldwater, Michigan.

In the spring of 1925, I sowed six acres of alfalfa in with oats. I sowed one peck of Farm Bureau Grimm on one acre, the rest just common seed. The stand was just about the same on the whole field.
 The next year when I cut the field, it was just like taking a step down from the Farm Bureau Grimm to the other that came from nowhere in particular.
 I cut three times as much per acre from the Farm Bureau Grimm as the other.
 I'm thoroughly sold on Farm Bureau Seed. I will buy no other.
 Respectfully,
 M. L. Tyler.

Third Prize Letter
 Route No. 2,
 Rockford, Michigan.

My dad says that if I can tell as good a story about our alfalfa patch as I did about my getting in early the other night, I surely should write you a letter.
 Our alfalfa patch hasn't any whiskers on it yet, it being only two years old. We had tried for years to get a field started, but about the time we got all set to buy our limestone, something heavy would step on the family wallet, and we would suddenly discover that we needed that field for something which we thought would bring us in more "dough". Like a good many other farmers we seemed to have to run like h— to stay where we were, let alone try out any of these new-fangled notions. Finally, however, our county agent got so blamed pestiferous, and so many of the neighbors blossomed out with little green patches of alfalfa that we got plum ashamed of ourselves and just went ahead and got trusted for the money. It's funny about these bankers, they can look as hard boiled as a Scotchman at a circus when you talk about a new car of something like that, but they certainly come out of their "Frigidaire" when they hear that word, alfalfa.
 Of course, we bought Farm Bureau seed of the Grimm variety. Since we had waited this long, we didn't want to flirt around with any weak-livered Southern-bred sister.
 We scratched around considerable on that piece that summer, and finally planted it on the driest day of the driest month in the driest year since all the camels left Kansas. I guess it was in August, 1927. Somehow, that field pulled through when alfalfa seedlings were fainting and fading out like these movie picture "mamas" on an Arab desert.
 Last summer we didn't get any vacation at all, because we had to spend so much time in that alfalfa field. Between cuttings we tired our horses all out and wore out our haying tools while chasing around a 15 acre field of mixed hay trying to find seven loads which we had figured were out there. We harvested nearly three times as much hay from two-thirds the acreage with our alfalfa. Figure that out next winter!
 Since we've been feeding alfalfa to our cows this winter they just won't look at any ordinary hay anymore, and the other night when we fed a little late, we had to "bean" one or two of them on the head to keep them from coming through the stanchions after it. We feed the leavings to the horses and the leaves that shatter off to the chickens.
 I forgot to tell you that we bought some purebred Guernseys and Ma raised about a hundred White Leghorn pullets to feed that hay to.
 Our family wallet is beginning to swell a little now, and Ma has begun to suggest already that may be next fall, if we have a good crop of alfalfa, Dad and I can get some new overalls (we really don't need them, but them womentalks are getting kinda' particular these days).
 I heard one of those college "fellers" telling just the other day about this new Hardigan variety that yields a lot of seed as well as hay.
 Gosh! I guess we'll seed the farm to alfalfa and quit monkey-in' with these dod-gasted cash crops that don't bring any cash.
 Sincerely,
 J. Wallace Clark.
 P. S. Please save us some Hardigan seed.

**State Watches Deer
In Lower Counties**

It may prove a surprise to some citizens of the state to learn that deer are not confined exclusively to the northern counties of the lower peninsula and the upper peninsula. Only recently the department of conservation prosecuted a man in Barry county, which lies further south than the state capital, for the shooting of a deer. The animal was one of three that are known to live in that section of the state. They are frequently sighted by residents

and are said to be exceedingly tame. The deer in Barry county are not the only ones in the southern counties. Several years ago some deer were brought into Livingston county for display purposes on a private preserve. Later they were released. They now roam the surrounding country and are multiplying, according to last reports which state that there are now 23 in the band.
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time the short course students have held an annual get-together during Farmers' Week.
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OBJECTION RAISED TO TB FUND SLASH BY BUDGET "RULER"

Says "Ag" Department Will be Handicapped Unless it Gets Amount Asked

SEEK STATE-WIDE AID Dairy Industry Will Suffer Under Appropriations As Now Scheduled

Very definitely opposing the state administration's motion, through recommendation of the state budget director, to cut the appropriation for bovine tuberculosis eradication work, Dr. B. J. Killham, state veterinarian, in an official letter this week, pictures Michigan as the former leader among all states in this undertaking and now as one on the verge of a retreat unless effort is not lost in getting the necessary appropriations through the Legislature this winter for the ensuing two years' program.

With 172,000 cattle to be tested in counties on the waiting list where estimated indemnities for cattle that will have to be slaughtered will amount to \$263,000 and with another 144,000 cattle in the counties where work is under way and must be completed, with estimated indemnities here amounting to \$295,000, the Department of Agriculture has asked that appropriations of \$250,000 a year be approved by the Legislature but this amount was slashed in two by the state budget director before the Legislature had opportunity to consider the matter.

The \$250,000 would be nearly \$30,000 less per year than the estimated indemnity costs, Dr. Killham points out. By appropriating the estimated amount required to carry on this work effectively throughout the state, the counties and federal government would provide another \$571,000, a major part of which will not be made available if the state appropriation falls down.

Dr. Killham's letter, as just issued, follows: "Despite requests to the contrary, it is proposed to reduce the amount provided for indemnities for reacting cattle to \$125,000 for each of the next two fiscal years. This represents an appropriation of less than half of the average for biennial periods since the inauguration of the area tuberculosis eradication campaign.

"The official regulatory organizations will function in the best manner possible with the funds made available, but this matter is now in the hands of the legislature and it is up to the persons and organizations directly and indirectly affected by the work to decide whether Michigan is to go forward, mark time or retreat.

"Until very recently we enjoyed an enviable position in the National Tuberculosis Eradication Campaign leading all of the dairy states in actual work performed, but other states are now gaining rapidly because they are putting more into the project. It would have been extremely difficult to maintain our position with a normal appropriation and without such financial support we will slip into the rank.

"Prior to last year, Michigan's exportations of dairy cattle showed a consistent increase, but during 1928

KENT ACTS UPON RESOLUTIONS AT ANNUAL MEETING

Favors Tariff Readjustment And Township Aid in Road Program

Indorsement was given at the annual meeting of the Kent County Farm Bureau, Jan. 18, to the proposed income tax plan of financing the state's program of institutional building and to efforts of various agricultural interests throughout the country to obtain a readjustment of tariffs on imports that enter this country in direct competition with our agricultural products.

The organization also went on record as favoring a distribution of part of the highway funds of the state so that townships will benefit by a portion of the tax paid for gasoline to enable authorities to maintain open rural roads throughout a greater part of the year.

Election of officers was made with 110 members at the meeting. They were guests of the Grand Rapids Association of Commerce at the noon luncheon in the Association of Commerce building, Grand Rapids.

Melville M. McPherson, of Lowell, was elected president; Leo Riggs, vice president; Ira M. Dean, secretary; Charles Montgomery, Miles Bowman, F. J. Walsh and Floyd Yelster, directors for two years. Mr. Yelster was elected to succeed John Livingston, who asked the privilege of retiring from the directorate after having served for nine years. M. B. McPherson, William J. Thomas and S. J. Cowan were picked as delegates to attend the annual convention of the Michigan State Farm Bureau in February.

The number of cattle exported was approximately 5,000 less than during the previous year. The continued exportation of large numbers of dairy cattle may not be desirable, but the fact remains that the eastern demands are not diminishing and buyers formerly attracted to Michigan are going elsewhere.

"The proposed appropriations will not take care of the work actually under way which must be completed and the testing rendered necessary by city ordinances, importations, exportations, sales, additions to herds and fair regulations. If tests are required by laws and regulations, why should the owner of reactors found not be entitled to prompt indemnity payment?

"With the exception of two counties, the territory in which work is now under way on an intensive basis is all in the Detroit milk area. The Detroit ordinance permits no alternative but to test if the market in that city is to be open to cattle owners. The counties due for accreditation must be retested promptly if the cattle therein are to continue to be considered as under Federal and State supervision. It has previously been intimated that unless herds are under supervision, milk will not be accepted in Chicago or Detroit.

"The indemnity fund is basic in a project of this nature. The counties have provided funds for operating expenses, but the indemnities must be paid by the Federal Bureau and State. The Federal Indemnity fund provided will bear a direct ratio to the State appropriation.

"If you believe in the tuberculosis eradication campaign, your senator and representative should be so advised immediately."

Farm Bureau's Tax Counselor

For some weeks now your Tax Counselor has been receiving letters from Farm Bureau members and others, representative samples of which have been printed in this column, together with his replies. While each letter has carried a point of its own, there is another, and far more important lesson which should be called to your attention.

Perhaps you have noticed that in almost every instance it has been necessary for the Counselor to advise his correspondents that they have lost their chance to take effective action by waiting too long before they made any protest. This is no unusual situation. It is a sad but true fact that the average taxpayer sleeps on the job and then tries to lock the barn after the horse is stolen. During the coming year it is going to be the Tax Counselor's privilege to help Farm Bureau farmers to get their locks on the old barn before it is too late.

Within two months new assessment rolls will be in the making and proceedings will be under way for the sale of real estate delinquent for taxes. A letter now telling you of your difficulties and needs may make it possible for the Tax Counselor to assist you in taking the proper action to protect your interests.

For those who have not yet paid their taxes, it is well to remember that after March 1 an additional penalty of three-fourths of one per cent is imposed for each month or part of a month of delay. Farm Bureau Tax Counselor, Dear Sir:—

"I am writing you to see if anything can be done about our taxes. We are old; my husband is not well enough to do one day's work; had a paralytic stroke and so we rent our place. Have rented for about eight years and the taxes are so high. Will you please answer and tell me if there is any way to get them exempted and oblige."

"W. G." The tax law of Michigan provides exemption for "the real and personal property of persons who, in the opinion of the supervisors and Board of Review, by reason of poverty, are unable to contribute toward the public charges." This exemption privilege is very sparingly used, however. In many districts there are so many people having trouble to pay their taxes that it is hardly possible to give any special consideration along this line. The truth of the matter is that such an exemption is largely obtained at the expense of others living in your township and school district. Any school taxes or township taxes which one may escape by this means are necessarily levied on the remaining property, and if that property is already over-taxed, it is easy to see that the supervisor and Board of Review will be very reluctant to give the exemption.

There is another possibility for reducing your taxes, that might be called to your attention. If your farm does not exceed 160 acres, it is possible for you to place not over one-fourth of this area under the wood lot tax act of 1917. When land is set aside as a wood lot it is exempt from annual taxation except on a valuation of \$1.00 per acre. You may cut fire wood and building material from this land for your own use, but any other cuttings are subject to a cutting tax. If you wish to know more about this wood lot tax, I would advise you to see your county treasurer.

In any event, I would suggest that you see the supervisor of the township, and explain your situation to him as carefully as you have to me. It may be that he will find it possible to advise you as to whether you should take action along the lines I have outlined. He is naturally more familiar with your situation than I, and the chances are that he will want to do whatever he can to help you. If he thinks it unwise for you to attempt to obtain either of the exemptions mentioned, he may be willing to reduce your valuation somewhat, so that you will get partial relief at least.

I might add that if your husband is a veteran of the Spanish-American, Civil, or Mexican wars, there are certain exemptions to which you are entitled beyond those which I have mentioned.

F. B. T. C.

Tax Counselor, Dear Sir:—

"They are digging a county ditch through our township that is costing a large amount of money. Those that went and protested on return or review day got their tax greatly reduced while others in the same neighborhood who did not go have a larger tax. Is there anything a person can do now?"

"E. A." It is the duty of every interested taxpayer to be present at reviews and failure to be present at such a review nullifies any possible chance of obtaining relief from high assessment.

F. B. T. C.

Annual Farmers' Week Activities Outlined

With the completion of the preliminary arrangements for Farmers' Week, Feb. 4 to 8.

The Michigan State Farm Bureau, Master Farmers, muck farmers and others will hold special programs

FARM BUREAU ASKS ADDED PROTECTION FOR BEET GROWERS

(Continued from page one) directly affected by foreign importations of radish seed. The Michigan production of this crop runs from 5,000 to 7,000 acres annually, he showed, with the product of a recognized superiority over the seed imported. The tariff protection for this crop should be eight cents a pound instead of four cents, he contended, and he sought to have a rate of four cents a pound duty levied on vetch instead of the existing duty of two cents. Michigan is the only vetch-producing state in this country, he pointed out.

Michigan farmers saw the price for vetch seed drop from 12 1/2 cents to six cents this past season, due to heavy buying of foreign vetch seed, making the crop unprofitable for the Michigan growers, most of whom live in the potato producing area where the potato crop has been a failure during several seasons.

The tariff of one and three-fourths cents a pound on dry beans should be raised to four cents, according to his testimony on behalf of the Michigan bean industry.

The Michigan State Farm Bureau

Experiment on Milk Wastes Is Fruitful

The executive committee of the milk products companies recently met with state pollution control officials to arrange their program for the present year. An instrument for determining the nature of the fibre in any cloth is being manufactured.

The experimental work on milk waste, now being carried on at Michigan State College, in co-operation with the Michigan Milk Products companies is progressing. The results of this effort are proving very gratifying in controlling pollution of Michigan lakes and streams. Many theories have been proven and new methods discovered that were believed to be impossible in connection with milk waste disposal.

Each Farm Bureau and Co-op member by writing his Congressman will add very materially in building up substantial support to the claims of the applicants who have given of their time and experience in preparing and presenting the testimony given before the ways and means committee.

Safety 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.

Wise Men will Buy Farm Bureau Alfalfa NOW

There is a shortage of seed adapted to Michigan and the northern United States. Drying winds and early frost cut Utah's 1928 alfalfa seed crop, a principal source of supply, from the past three years' average of 16,000,000 lbs. to 4,000,000 lbs. of cleaned seed. Other seed producing areas harvested short crops.

Alfalfa acreages are increasing. Seed prices are advancing for 1929. We expect additional advances as seeding time approaches.

We advise getting your Farm Bureau alfalfa seed from your local distributor AT ONCE and taking advantage of his present price. New stocks of seed undoubtedly will cost more. If you have no local distributor, write us.

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Caledonia Farmers Elevator Company. Carleton—Lloyd Purves. Caro Farmers Elevator. Caronsville Farm Bureau. Caspasc—Chas. Steich. Cassville—W. A. Gwinn. Cass City—Farm Produce Co. Cass City—Greenleaf Farm Bureau. Cassopolis—Central Farmers Association. Cedar Springs—Harry Shaw. Centerville Co-Op Association. Central Lake Marketing Association. Charlevoix Co-Op Association. Charlotte—Farmers Elevator Company. Cheboygan—Hub Mercantile Company. Chelsea—F. W. Merkle. Chesham—Lee D. Farber. Clinton Co-Op Company. Clio—W. C. Price. Coldwater Co-Op Company. Coleman Farm Bureau Association. Coloma—Berrien Fruit Association. Colon Elevator Company. Constantine Co-Op Association. Concord Co-Op Company. Coopersville Co-Op Elevator Company. Cornman—F. W. Worth. Crowell Co-Op Company. Davison—Bert Stinson. Decker Farm Bureau. Decatur Elevator Company. Delton Elevator Company. Deerfield Co-Op Association. Dexter Agricultural Association. Dorr—Salem Co-Op Association. Doster Farm Bureau Exchange. Dowagiac Farmers Co-Op Association. East Jordan Co-Op Association. Eaton Rapids Shipping Association. Eau Claire—Farmers Elevator Company. Edmore Marketing Association. Elk Rapids Marketing Association. Ellsworth Co-Op Association. Elmira Wholesale Association. Elkton Co-Op Farm Produce Co. Elsie—H. F. Lewis. Erie Farm Bureau Local (Serves Temperance). Escanaba—Delta County Farm Bureau. Ewart Marketing Association. Fairgrove—Otto Montel. Fairview Co-Op Mktg. Association. Fenon—Jno. B. Hoffman. Fenwick Marketing Association. Fennville Farm Bureau. Fife Lake—Gleener Farm Pro. Company. Flint—J. H. Taylor. Fowler Farmers Co-Op Elevator. Goodrich Coal Company. Frankenmuth Farm Bureau Co-Op. Fremont Co-Op Produce Co. Gageton Local. Galien—Lynn J. Pardee. Gaylord—Otsego Co-Op Association. Gladwin—Farmers Shpg. Association. Gladwin Coal Company. Gowen Marketing Association. Grand Blanc Co-Op Elevator. Grand Haven Farm Bureau. Grand Rapids Growers, Inc. Grand Lodge Produce Company. Grant Creamery Company. Grayling—Crawford Co-Op. Grass Lake Farmers Elevator. Greenville Co-Op Association. Hamilton Farm Bureau. Harbor Beach—Geo. Wruble. Harrison Elevator Company. Hart Co-Op Association. Hartford Grain Co-Op Elevator. Hartland—W. C. Waisman & Son. Harvard Marketing Association. Haslet Elevator Association. Hastings Co-Op Elevator. Hemlock Co-Op Creamery Company. Hersey Produce Association. Highland Produce Association. Hillsdale Co-Op Company. Hillman Marketing Association. Holland Co-Op Association. Homer Farmers Elevator Company. Howell—Livingston Co-Op. Hudsonville Co-Op Association. Hudson—Farmers Co-Op Association. Ida Farmers Co-Op Company. Ironwood—Raymond Dick. Jackson—Geo. Loomis. Jameson—Farmers Co-Op. Jeddo—Edw. J. O'Connor. Jones Co-Op Association. Jonesville—Grill Hardware Co. Kalamazoo—Farmers Produce Company. Kaleva—Co-Op Merc. & Pro. Co. Kent City Farm Bureau. Kingley Co-Op Association. Lake Odessa Co-Op Association. Lakeview Marketing Association. 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Montrose—White Lake Marketing Association. Montgomery—Tri-State Co-Op. Morris—F. E. Church. Mt. Clemens—Farmers Milling Co. Mt. Pleasant Co-Op Elevator. Muir Farm Bureau. Munich Co-Op Association. Munson Heights Co-Op Dairy. New Lothrop—G. C. Dillon. New Boston—Huron F. Bur. Association. New Haven Farmers Elevator. Newberry—V. F. Gormley. Nessen City—Buckley Mktg. Association. Niles—St. Joe Valley Shipping Association. North Star—Roy Wolfe. North Street—Guy B. Sisco. Northport—Leelanau Township Farm Bureau. North Adams—E. I. Williams & Son. Norway Farm Bureau. North Branch—Webster Elevator Co. Ochemos Elevator Company. Onkama Farm Bureau. Ortonville Shipping Association. Otawa Lake—Whitford Township Farm Bureau. Owosso—R. V. Beardslee. Oxford Co-Op Elevator. Parma Co-Op Elevator Company. Paw Paw Co-Op Association. Pellston—Jno. D. Robinson. Perry—C. H. Arnold. Peterburg—Farmers Marketing & Supply Company. Pewamo Farm Bureau. Pinckney—J. E. Livermore & Son. Plainwell Farmers Co-Op Association. Plymouth—Levi Clemens. Pontiac—Quality Feed Store. Portland Farm Bureau. Port Hope—Farmers Co-Op Association. Prattville Co-Op Association. Prescott Co-Op Association. Promont Co-Op Mktg. Association. Pullman Farmers Co-Op Association. Quincy Co-Op Company. Ravenna Inc. Butter Company. Reading Co-Op Company. Reese Farm Bureau. Remus Marketing Association. Richmond—Weeks Brothers. Richland—C. F. Bissell. Rivington—Rives Co-Op Assoc. Rochester Farmers Elevator. Rockford Co-Op Company. Rodney Co-Op Association. Rogers City Co-Op Mktg. Association. Romulus Farm Bureau. Roscommon—Earl Carlson. Ruth Co-Op Company. Saginaw Farm Bureau Supply Store. Saline Mercantile Company. Sandston—Fred T. Sackler. Saranac—Fred E. Cahoon. Saugatuck Fruit Exchange. Schoolcraft—Geo. H. Stuart. Scotts—Walter Horsfall. Scottville—Mason County Co-Op. Sault Ste. Marie—Chippewa Co-Op Company. Silverwood Co-Op Association. Silverwood—M. D. Lynch. Sidney Marketing Association. Smith Creek—R. H. & H. E. Neal. Snover Co-Op Elevator. Soda Fruit Exchange. South Lyons—J. B. Calhoun. South Haven Fruit Exchange. Sparta Co-Op Association. Springport—Crosby Elevator Company. Stanton Elevator Company. Stanwood Marketing Association. Sault Ste. Marie—Chippewa Co-Op Company. Stephenson Marketing Association. Sterling—Farmers Co-Op Association. Stevensville—St. Joe Michigan Farm Bureau Association. St. Charles—W. C. Terry. St. Johns Agricultural Association. St. Louis—F. L. Sonley. St. Clair—Jno. Mau & Company. Starbuck Co-Op Association. Sunfield—Fred Jackson. Suttons Bay—Leelanau Potato Growers Association. Swartz Creek—Harry Jennings. (Flint R-1). Swartz Creek—Wilbur Short. Tekonsha—Farmers Co-Op Company. Three Oaks Shipping Association. Three Rivers Co-Op Exchange. Traverse City—Farmers Co-Op Association. Traverse City—Ruthard Growers Association. Trenton Farm Bureau. Tustin Co-Op Association. Union City Co-Op Company. Van—David Inglis. Vernon—W. H. Sherman. 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An Invitation

Farmers' Week at State College February 4 to 9 will soon be here. It includes the annual meetings of the State Farm Bureau, February 7-8, and State Farm Mutual Auto insurance agents February 6. Many members will be in Lansing, including you, we hope.

While here visit the Farm Bureau Clothing Department. Our suitings, overcoats, bed blankets, auto robes and underwear are well worth seeing. We always have many Farm Bureau visitors Farmers' Week. They like to see and we like to have them see this department.

We take many suit or overcoat measurements that week and file them for the time when the visitor wants to order by mail. It's free and there is no obligation. You're here and it's a good time to get your measurements. Don't forget that the Farm Bureau members in good standing receive 5 per cent cash discount (at time of purchase) on all their purchases in this department.

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Build Farm Income With Farm Bureau Feeds

Jones and Brown of Cassopolis have Blacky, a five year old Holstein-Jersey grade, they bought as a two year old, for \$40. This past year this cow, with good feed and management gave her owners a return above feed cost of \$234.31.

Table with 5 columns: Milk Lbs., Fat Lbs., Value of Product, Total Cost of Feed, Returns Above Feed Costs. Row 1: 14911.5, 737.2, \$383.84, \$149.53, \$234.31

No credit was given her in the above accounting for skim milk, so she is entitled to \$44.34 more profit at the rate of 35 cents per hundred pounds of skim milk. Blacky ate 7 1/2 pounds of grain for each pound of fat produced.

Her Ration About one-third of Blacky's grain was MILKMAKER 32%—the Farm Bureau's open formula, high protein supplement, a most economical source of milk making proteins. The rest was oats and barley. Alfalfa hay and corn silage was her roughage. She was dry three weeks and carried a calf five months.

Blacky is one of thousands of good cows that are doing mighty well on rations that have Milkmaker as their main source of protein.

Milkmaker is made in 24%, 32% and 34% protein to meet various feeding requirements. Ask your local co-op or distributor of Farm Bureau supplies about Milkmaker. Also about Farm Bureau Chick Feeds, Scratch Feeds and Egg Mashers.

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