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URANCE AGENTS LIFE WORK GET OGETHER FOR DAY

igan Life Insurance Is Nearing Half Million In New Concern

ATTENDED MEETING

President and Public Relations Head Give Valuable Counsel

enting life insurance as the one hich could be made to bring atest direct relief to American s by enabling them to wipe entire mortgage indebtednes farm in one generation, W. P. ale, public relations director v. addressed some 200 guests n Farm Bureau agents of the y and their wives, at a local meeting at Michigan State Col-

October 15th. s presentation of the subject, urance, Mr. Martindale, who Specialist.

nsurance meeting, was held on inspected closely. insurance agency has issued it. ion of the premium period.

Sold On Service Basis

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dard Type of Sanctuary Affords Protection To

Every Animal higan has now dedicated to the

125,118 acres of land. aghly this 125,118 acres of land market price.

scretionary authority.

Conservation Commission using

A move has been started to

Restore Monument

restore the first Washington monument to its original con-This monument was constructed in a single day, on July 4, 1827, by 400 men of Maryland who had served in the Continental Army. The monument was built of field stones, forming a small, cylindrical tower on top of South Mountain, near Boonsboro, Md.

With complete restoration of the monument a celebration is to be held, commemora-Washington's birthday in 1932. ting the 200th anniversay of

FLOCK INSPECTION

State Farm Life Insurance Proper Feed Is Important For Greater Profit From Farm Hens.

merly organization director of J. Alfred Hannah, extension iana Farm Bureau Federation specialist of the poultry department historical commission, chairman; R. ral years, emphasised the need of State College, predicts that if the A. Smith, state geologist and L. R. idering the subject from the rate of growth in the poultry business Shoenmann, head of the land interest" side rather than as continues for the next five years the nomic survey of the department of monetary consideration. He way it has in the last five years, the conservation; and, acting in an advery closely with the general value of poultry products and poul-visory capacity are; George E. organized argriculture to im- try will exceed the value of dairy pro- Bishop, secretary of the Upper Peninthe living conditions of the ducts in the state and will hold sula Development Bureau; Hugh J second place instead of third.

However, the factor of profit should Tourist and Resort Bureau and T. F new company are displaying not be overlooked and with the good Martson, secretary of the East Mich rable interest in the business work that the college poultry depart- igan Tourist and Resort Association n in the fact that some of those ment and the county agents are doing. A complete system of routine by meeting came from as far as it seems that it is not being neglected, which names of lakes and streams can es, representing counties as far The factor of profit is dependent very be changed, has now been formulated as Tuscola, Sanilac, Muskegon, largely upon the health of the flocks and announced by the Board. Oceana and Monroe and em- and it seems quite general to have the all the counties within that county agents report that in poultry lakes and streams which are duplimeetings in their counties a great deal cated in names, according to the commeeting, carried on as strictly of disease is found when flocks are mittee. There are innumerable "Grass'

going to be able to make the returns ed" creeks. This has often caused con-Insurance company agency in on the dollar invested that it should creeks. This ha soften caused conan. In this connection Alfred and would if the causes of disease fusion in the past. To avoid this state agency director for both were eliminated. When disease is duplication the committee has formns, explained that during this present treatment should be given ulated a system by means of which ear period the Michigan auto- which will be effective in controlling changes in name are to be made.

than 42,500 policies with the Buying chicks from high producing lake or stream must originate with cable record of having better flocks and using good cockerels will the people of the County in which the per cent of the policies issued tend to increase production and aid in body of water is situated. By petiin force. Some concerns, he keeping the flock in a condition of tion or request, the board of super run as low as 50 per cent of health which enables the hens to con- visors may be asked by the people olicies remaining in force after tinue heavy production, month after to take some formal action toward

as the automobile insurance alone, even when we are feeding state the name of the lake or stream aken on as an added service for rations which have plenty of protein armers of Michigan, life insur- and digestible nutrient with the ordi- the reasons for desiring the change being offered, not as another nary minerals for supplying the cal- and the preferred name. odity to sell the farmer, but as cium that enables a bird to produce If the board of supervisors agrees er greatly needed service, G. W. heavily. There may be some things and adopts a formal resolution askvice president of the company lacking in the feeds raised in the ing that the name of the lake or ined. Mr. Fuller was given central west, such as we use here in stream be changed, a copy of the cally the whole afternoon for a Michigan, that are necessary to the resolution may be sent to the state ed presentation of the life in- continued health of high producing committee. The committee will conce set-up as adopted by the flocks. If this is true, it certainly is sider the petition. It will determine a problem for the poultryman in Mich- whether the preferred name is duplisuccessful life insurance agent, igan to have solved for him by some- cated any place in the state; and

ng his financing problems. He Experiment stations are working mittee considers the petition favorined that Farm Bureau agents of constantly on the problem and it is able, the petition together with the state Farm Life Insurance com- hoped that it will not be many years, committe's recommendation, will be will render the greatest amount at the longest, before we will have sent to the national board on geovice to their neighbors and will something definite on what supple- graphical names. This board, in turn, the most success by helping their mental feeds to use that will have a will consider the petition. Its deects and their clients set up tendency, at least, to supply any needed cision is final. If the national board

tistics brought out during the that every flock owner attend the listed on all official maps and docung showed that the average life poultry meetings in his county, find ments. ance policy in other concerns is out means of diagnosing disease and nounts less than \$2,000 while the then follow the suggestions of the pointed some time ago, the public has policy in the State Farm poultry department of the college or obtained an erroneous impression as company is better than \$3,000, his county agent in controlling those to its objects and purposes," Chairman ting a greater need of life in- conditions which tend to cause disease Fuller said, in announcing the formal and lessen the money-making ability name-change plan. "The public has of his flocks.

Fish taken from Michigan waters for commercial purposes last year had a total value of \$3,397,428. Five years action whenever formal resolutions previous to this the annual market- from boards of supervisors are preing of fish had a value of \$1,673,667, sented to it for consideration. ction of game and other wild figures taken from the state conservation department show.

three classes; those areas owned taken in increasing quantities during controlled by the state; those this five year period has been white tely owned but under special fish. While the increase has been very Protection; and those additional slight the increase in valuation has set aside as refuges and resulted from the gradual rising

Build Alfalfa Mill

es have large areas of state own- for members of the Washington Co- construction of 512 miles of surface adjoining on which the public operative Egg Association. About ing. Favorable weather during Oct rather than from without and demonstrated and one is in a national year on which a process and one is in a national year on which a process included in the 1929 program.

STATE COMMITTEE GIVES OUT RULES ON NAME CHANGES

Boards of Supervisors To Act Upon Proposals For Changes.

AVOID DUPLICATION

Lake And Stream Names To Be Changed Only On Local Petition.

The name of any lake or stream in Michigan can be changed only upon authority from the board of superisors of the county in which that articular lake or stream is located and the state of Michigan intends to usurp no authority in this, according to the state committee on changing geographical names.

This committee was appointed some ime ago by Gov. Fred W. Green to formulate some system by which names of lakes and streams could be By R. H. Addy, Farm Bureau Feed changed, principally to avoid duplication. The committee is composed of: George N. Fuller of the state Gray, secretary of the Michigan

The state of Michigan has many No flock, diseased in any way, is several "Trout", "Silver" and "Crook-

A desire to change the name of changing a name. This petition It isn't always a question of feed presented to the supervisors must

did, learns to advise with his one especially trained in this par- whether a change in name is necessary and desirable. If the state comype of life insurance estate best factors to increase the health and approves the change, then the name to their particular require- disease resisting ability of the birds. of the lake or stream will be formally In the meanwhile, it is advisable changed and the new name will be

> "Since the State Committee was anbeen under the impression that the committee intends to change names of lakes and streams wholesale and without consent of the local residents. This is not true.

> "We will change no names on our own initiative. The initiative must come from the county in which the lake or stream is located.

The committee is now ready for

ion department show. The only species of commercial fish ROAD BUILDING TO

Construction work on State high ways this season is expected to exceed the 1928 Figure for milage of trunkline highways completed. Last year the State highway department comrising a total of 58,000 acres all An alfalfa mill is to be constructed pleted construction of 468 miles of is protected. Six of these in the Yakima valley to supply meal trunklines and built or supervised ivileged to hunt during the open 3,000 tons of alfalfa will be used each ober and November will do much included in the 1929 program.

THE GREEDY SUITOR



TAX COMMISSION **ELECT OFFICERS**

Farm Bureau Leader Honored With Chairmanship of Important Body

An act of the 1929 session of the Michigan Legislature, provided for the The market has been a sad disap-

House, Grand Rapids; Peter B. Len- comes to the rescue non, vice chairman, Lennon; Raymond H. Berry, secretary, 1000 Penob Corn down 15c per bushel from top gan; Frank Wade, Flint; Melville B. hits bottom. McPherson, Lowell; Al. E. Petermnn,

existing Michigan statutes having to change materially from present levels do with taxation, as well as the for some time to come. statutes of and procedure in other states. The act further contem- A very short crop and not much of plates that the commission will hold any price change indicated. hearings throughout the state for the suggestions they may have to make or three months. in connection with or appertaining to any phase of state taxation.

(NOTE: County Farm Bureau units having matters of taxation which might be brought to the attention of State Farm Bureau so that efforts may from drowning. be co-ordinated through a single Only three of the 46 persons taken them to the commission.)

Courtsey of Railroad Data IN WHEAT & BEANS

Elevator Exchange Sees No Prospects Of Early Improvement.

WHEAT

appointment, by the governor, of a pointment to every farmer who has commission to study and report on held his wheat. The crop in North "Mud" and "Crooked" lakes and all matters relating to state taxes, America was short this year almost and to make recommendations for the five hundred million bushels from best methods of raising taxes for the last year's crop. Everyone who ownstate purposes. In accordance with ed wheat thought it was good properthe act, the governor appointed the ty. Heavy carry-over from last year, following persons as members of the combined with general business dull- Gasoline, Vehicle Taxes Are commission and at the organization ness, has made for unsatisfactory meeting of the commission officers price levels. It does not appear as were elected, the personnel of which if there will be much good to the wheat market until well into next Wm. J. Thomas, chairman, Court spring unless the Federal Farm Board

> scot Bldg., Detroit; A. F. Heidkamp, prices with prospects of another 5c Big City Motorists Seeking Lake Linden; Fred R. Ming, Cheboy- per bushel cheaper before the market

Calumet and John A. Russell, Detroit. More oats will be shipped into Mich-It is the purpose of the commission igan this winter than will be shipped o make a complete study of all the out of Michigan. Prices should not

BEANS

state tax matters, of various citizens, tremely short, the bean crop of the a slice of the State money were pro- but the country racds used more exorganizations and groups, to the end United States is about one million posed and referred to Clarence E. tensively by farm owners with their that their ideas may be presented to bushels larger than last year and the Wilcox, corporation counsel. the commission and prove of benefit crops of foreign countries very much A motion by councilman William P. is said that this would keep the road in its desire to work out suggestions larger than last season. Beans are Bradley proposes that a bill be initifor an equitable and fair state tax now coming into the United States ated by petition which would provide prevent drifting. - Cheboygan Thibprogram. The commission has not from all European countries and Can- for the return of one-third of the gas une, deemed it advisable to hold any hear- ada is likewise shipping heavily into tax paid in each locality. Councilings as yet and, before hearings are the United States paying a duty of man John C. Nagel moved that fur- Tax Board Maintains scheduled, it is the desire of the com- \$1.75 per cwt. Idaho farmers this ther consideration be given the bill mission to obtain the co-operation of morning are selling at \$5.75 to \$6.00 introduced in the last Legislature by as many individuals, organizations per cwt and farmers in New Mexico Rep. Ate Dykstra of Grand Rapids. and groups as care to assist it, sug- and Colorado are selling pintos at This bill provided for a three-way value of real estate occupied by the gesting to them that they give serious \$4.50 to \$4.75 per cwt. There is split of the license tax, one-third to owner is unconstitutional, the Board consideration to those state tax prob- nothing in the situation today to in- the State, one-third to the counties, of Tax Appeals has held. Such rental lems which affect their particular in- dicate much of any advance in price and one-third to the city, village or value, according to the opinion of the terests, and likewise, in general, any of Michigan beans for the next two township in which the owners reside. Board, does not constitute income

Life Guards Restore

Life guards on the bathing beaches new commission on taxation should of four Michigan State Parks during were more apparent than real, how-taxes which Detroit pays, and it present their views or findings to the the past season rescued 43 people ever. The Bradley measure would seems certain that by the time an-

channel. A taxation committee of the by the life guards from the water state organization will be glad to con- failed to be brought back to con- are comparatively few gas stations ed at Tuesday's session of the Detroit sider county suggestions and present sciousness by various methods of outside of cities and villages, these Council are so drawn as to appeal resuscitation.

A Revitalizer

The Trade-A-Day is a real Farm Bureau revitalizer because it presents the Farm Bureau to the public in a different way: real farmers and not professional salesmen and solicitors engage in the work and talk their propositions in a county-wide manner. This local influence of the individual, coupled with the mass appeal of having an entire county "worked" at one time, does more than individual salesmanship.

Thus the Farm Bureau is sold on a larger scale and the work of the volunteers is made easier and more delightful while considerably more interest and enthusiasm are aroused and more action is stimulated.

The Trade-A-Day in Farm Bureau membership work paves the way for follow-up activities, builds a stronger membership by stimulating organization and serves to break down sales resistance. Through it the Farm Bureau morale is greatly improved and with this improvement there usually follows an increased volume of Farm Bureau commodity business and a strengthening of group consciousness within the individual Farm Bureau unit.

This method of building the organization adds strength from within rather than from without and demonstrates there is no substitute for a

Excavators Unearth Historic Millstone

Workmen excavating for the cellar of a new building on Clinton street, Schenectady, N. Y., recently unearthed a historic milistone which was in use 222 years ago. In 1706, Captain Hendrick Vrooman, a hero of the French and Indian wars, petitioned that a grant of land be given him along Coehorn Creek, so that he might establish a mill for the benefit of the little frontier settlement. Permission was obtained, and the captain and his friends labored so diligently that the mill was ready for operation in the spring of the following year. The mill, which was known as "the mill in the woods," was still prospering at the period of the Revolution, and as the Mohawk and Schoharie valleys were known as the "Granary," it is believed that much of the flour which supplied Washington and the continental army was ground here.

The millstone weighs 1,200 lbs. and is four feet in diameter and two feet thick. There is a square hole in the center for the power shaft. It is in a perfect state of preservation.

Where it was hewn remains a matter of conjecture. It may have been taken from the vicinity, which seems probable; or brought by boat from New York, unloaded at Albany, and drawn by oxen to Schenectady, 17 miles to the west.

In 1711, Lambert Sternberg carried to Schoharie Valley the first wheat in rallics were devoted to instructing When the wheat was ready to grind ting. into flour, both men and women traveled in bands of 15 and 20 to for members in Newell Gale's dis-Schenectady, bearing it in sacks up- trict. The attendance at each of these on their backs. No person dared rallies was very gratifying in view of make the journey alone, for fear of the unpleasant weather that pre-Indians and wild beasts. Captain vailed. Voorman's mill was their goal, as it was nearest, and if the old millstone the American Farm Bureau Federacould speak, it would be eloquent in- tion, took part in the speaking prodeed with tales of hardship, courage, gram at each meeting, bringing a and romance.

STATE ROAD FUNDS

Causing City Hands To Begin Itching.

READJUSTMENT IS SURE

To Open Up Campaign Of Publicity.

With the next session of the Legis lature still more than a year in the future, the Detroit City Council fired the opening gun in the impending ways in condition for use is expected battle for Scate highway funds at its to be tried out in northern Michigan meeting on Tuesday, October 22, this winter. The main trunk lines purpose of ascertaining the views, on While the Michigan crop was ex. when two separate plans for securing will be plowed as has been the custom

> Under this proposed plan many Detroit under the Sixteenth Amendment, and folks hoped to see several million a tax thereon is therefore not an indollars returned to the City of De- come tax, but a direct tax, which,

43 Drowning Bathers It quickly developed that the differences between Bradley and Nagel turn a considerable share of the auto give to the city and villages a third other year rolls around, this question of all taxes collected from gas sold will have become a major issue. within their borders, and since there Either of the two proposals suggest units would profit at the expense of strongly to out-state city and village the surrounding rural neighborhoods. politicans, since both propose a divi-Detroit would profit from gas sales sion of state highway funds upon made to out-state visitors, even terms which would virtually deprive though 90 per cent of the gas they the rural districts of any participapurchased would be used in traveling tion. This feature may, however, through the open country back to prove to be a boomerang. It will not their homes. In addition, the plan only solidify rural sentiment against would give the cities the benefit of the measures, but may also lead to any further increases in gasoline tax. opposition from the powerful auto

would yield the city less money than Detroit itself. the measure proposed by Bradley, but Six million dollars spent in improvsince the gas tax is collected from of Michigan will increase travel milewholesale distributors, it would per age, and the market for cars more haps be impossible to divide the tax than if the same sum is spent in Deon the basis of the points at which triot. Moreover, the manufacturer is

from. Plans have been discussed for depend upon State funds because of

DISTRICT RALLIES SHOW ENTHUSIASM FOR ORGANIZATION

Wright And Newell Gale Set Up Successful Schools For Volunteers.

WINDER IS ON PROGRAM

One Hundred Fifty Attended Wacousta Rally, One Hundred at Cass City

One hundred volunteer membership solicitors and drivers and more than half that number of other guests paricipated in one of the most enthusiastic Farm Bureau District Rallies of the year, at Wacousta, in Frank Wright's district, October 23. The day previous, at Cass City, a similar rally was staged by about a hundred members from three counties. The Wacousta rally drew members from six counties.

Each of these big rallies will be followed up immediately with membership Trade-A-Day solicitation within counties or between counties. The forenoon sessions of the two The planting thrived, the workers who are to do the solici-

The Cass City meeting was staged

M. S. Winder, executive secretary of message on organization activity in a national way. Stressing the need of a strong membership he said. "Any organization, such as we are maintaining, requires a sense of personal responsibility coupled with the idea that there is no substitute for membership, in order to carry on effective-

He stressed the need of better marketing facilities for the improvement of the agricultural situation. Co-operation in purchasing is needed to unite the farmers' buying power for securing low rates in the purchase of commodities, in the buying of insurance and in securing financial assistance, he declared.

"Speculation and wasteful practices on the markets have increased tre-(Continued on page two)

WILL ROLL SNOW

A new plan of keeping rural high-

Levy to be Illegal

A federal tax imposed on the rental without apportionment, is invalid.

The Dykstra bill in all probability manufacturers of the State, and of

it was pointed out by Nagel that ing the roads throughout the State aware that Detroit and other cities Before the session was over it be- can and will make the necessary imcame obvious that all parties were provements out of other funds it the more concerned with getting some State funds are not forthcoming, thing than with where it should come while rural districts are compelled to inducing or forcing the state to re- their present poor financial condition

All Equitable Legislative Programs Need Farm Organization Support

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LET'S TALK ABOUT AUTOMOBILE TAXES

Motor vehicles are taxed higher in 36 American States than they are in Michigan, according to figures released by the "Oregon Voter", a Pacific Coast publication devoted to the interests of taxpayers. The average total tax per motor vehicle in Michigan is estimated at \$30.74, annually, when gas tax and weight tax figures are combined.

The low level of taxation on the motor vehicles of this State seems to be due to two principal causes. First, the Michigan gas tax is only three cents per gallon while a majority of States are now taxing gasoline at higher rates. Second, Michigan has no property tax on motor vehicles.

Taxpayers and public officials are everywhere astounded at the rapid rise of the gas tax and its universal popularity. In 1919 the gas tax existed in but three states, Colorado, North Dakota, and Oregon and the tax was only one cent per gallon in each. As late as 1924 there was only one state where the tax exceeded three cents per gallon. Today a gas tax is collected in every state of the Union and there is no state where the rate is less than two cents per gallon.

South Carolina, this year, increased her tax from four cents to six cents per gallon, the highest rate in the country. North Carolina increased from four cents to five cents, and Montana from three cents to five cents. Arkansas, Florida, Kentucky, Mississippi, New Mexico and Virginia were already taking gas at five cents. Six states-Indiana, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Vermont and Wyoming-increased from three cents to four cents this year, and two states-Louisiana and Nebraska-from two cents to four cents. The four cent gas tax was already in effect in ten states-Alabama, Arizona, Georgia, Idaho, Maine, Maryland, Nevada, New Hampshire, South Dakota and West Virginia-so that there are now 18 states with a four cent tax. Utah collects a tax of three and one-half cents per gallon.

Illinois finally succeeded in passing a gas tax which would pass the test of constitutionality this year, making the rate three cents. North Dakota and Washington also increased their rates from two cents to three cents. These, with California, Colorado, Delaware, Iowa, Michigan, Pennsylvania and Tennessee, make 10 states with a three cent tax. There still remain 10 states with a two cent levy.

Massachusetts and New York entered the gas tax field for the first time this year, with a two cent rate in each state. The other states collecting two cents per gallon are: Connecticut, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, New Jersey, Rhode Island, Texas, and Wisconsin.

The majority of states place motor vehicles upon the general property tax rolls in addition to the license and gas tax collections. Only 15 states fail to levy all three taxes. These states are: Michigan, Delaware, Idaho, Iowa, Minnesota, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Dakota and Vermont.

There is a strong sentiment to the effect that it is better to colleet a license tax which is large enough to cover both the ordinary tax on property as well as the value of the license to use the roads, rather than to try to tax each separately. However, it is noticeable that the Michigan weight tax is not sufficiently high to raise a sum equal to the combined yield of license taxes and property taxes, as applied in the majority of states which levy both. In fact, there are seven states which tax motor vehicles on the property tax rolls and at the same time levy license taxes which average higher than the Michigan weight tax. These states are: Arkansas, Connecticut, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Washington and West Virginia.

On the other hand Michigan substitutes a tax based on weight for a tax based on value, and this places the owners of low valued old vehicles at a disadvantage in comparison with the owners of high valued new cars. Four of the 15 states which levy no property tax on motor vehicles take the value of the car into consideration in fixing the license tax. These state are: Iowa, Minnesota, North Dakota, and Oklahoma.

The Michigan license tax could be revised in such a way as to grant much needed relief to the owners of cheap old cars and trucks, and at the same time increase the total yield from the

The possibility of increasing both the gax tax and the license tax in such a way as not to overburden the rural drivers, many of whom are already overtaxed, will no doubt receive the earnest consideration of farmers. At the last session of the Michigan legislature the plea of thousands of farmers for a distribution of part of the gas tax back to the townships was ignored. Yet if our motor vehicles were made to pay the same amount of tax per car that is levied in Ohio the full amount that was asked for by the farmers could be given without taking a dollar out of the present highway fund.

So many and varied are the questions which arise wherever the subject of motor vehicle taxation is discussed that the News has attempted to present herewith a sort of summing up of some of the major points most probable to be brought up when a definite Farm Bureau road program is undertaken.

If financial aid is to be sought for township roads, those who would expect to benefit the most should be the ones to devise some acceptable plan for gaining such aid. The question is big enough to afford subjects for discussion by County Farm Bureaus during the entire winter series of meetings.

Readers of the News having ideas bearing on a satisfactory system of township road financing should present them to the editor so that they can be carried out to other readers or used to assist any committees that may be appointed to work on road problems between now and the time the State Legislature convenes again next year.

LOBBYING AND LOBBYISTS

There are four classes of lobbyists: Those who have money invested in an industry for which legislation is proposed; organized trade associations which maintain offices in Washington; professional lobbyists who take any side of any case for payment and the class of lobbyists which filches anybody they can, claiming they have great influence with members of congress.

This description of a lobbyist is taken from testimony presented at a senate investigation of lobbyist activities in Washington and was given by a representative of the domestic sugar in-

As the witness who gave the above definition asserted, every industry well organized and not using unethical methods has a perfect right to be in Washington and to keep in contact with

The American Farm Bureau maintains a legislative office in Washington with a full time employee stationed there to keep our government agencies informed to the needs, the wishes and the efforts of the agricultural industry and also to pass back to the leaders in that industry a proper and unbiased interpretation of the various governmental activities. Some say this employee is a lobbyist. According to the definitions given by this particular witness for the sugar industry, the Farm Bureau has a lobbyist at Washington. He comes under the second classification, that of the organized trade association with offices in Washington.

So far as the Farm Bureau organization is concerned its Washington office has been maintained solely for the purpose of carrying information to and from the farmer and the legislators. Any unethical move on the part of its employee in this office would not be tolerated.

The only logical method of handling information for an organization of the type and with such wide-spread activities as the Farm Bureau before our legislative body at Washington, is thru the maintenance of an information office. The one in charge of this office may be, and often is, termed a lobbyist but, so far as Farm Bureau activities are concerned, this type of lobbying is not unethical nor is it anything to be kept a secret for none of the work of the office is or is expected to be carried on under

Contrasted directly with the work of the Farm Bureau office at Washington is the type of work carried on by the lobbyist who works under cover. Here we refer to a situation which has been brought to light by a senate committee investigating the activities of lobbyists in which an individual, posing as a power of influence in the ship building world is found to have placed his request for \$200,000 as payment for the part he claims to have played in rounding out an eight year ship building program in which contract for construction work totaling millions of dollars went to a single ship building corporation.

From the testimony submitted in the case, this particular lobbyist had no other part in the steering of contracts than to take advantage of existing situations. He was the type of lobbyist who is in the picture to take out all that he can gather unto himself. Were the Farm Bureau to permit its Washington contact to engage in such unethical practices as this, the work of the organization would never be accepted with the balance of weight it has been carrying in recent years.

Every activity of our Washington office is rightly based on an orderly program of our great organization, worked out in open meetings by those who are actively engaged in the important industry which the Farm Bureau is designed to serve.

THE FIGHT PROLONGED

A few months ago the whole nation gave voice to the sentiment, "Agriculture should be helped" and immediately our national legislative agencies began functioning in an apparent effort to re-adjust our tariff schedule primarily to benefit agriculture. Political parties and political leaders seemingly agreed that a properly adjusted tariff system would put agriculture on the road to health.

Our national tariff structure has been giving to other than the agricultural industry well defined advantages, so clearly that nobody questioned the need of a definite and equitable readjustment for the sake of this one depressed industry.

The re-adjustment began in earnest with a special session of congress called this summer for this specific purpose.

Agriculture was prepared to present its appeal. Through the Farm Bureau Federation a definite outline of tariff policies and tariff schedules was presented to the national legislature. This program or schedule of organized agriculture was designed by sincere workers who really sought something good for their industry. They laid their program before congress as a suggestion to be used for the basis of the tariff re-adjustment which all agreed was necessary. Immediately this program was attacked. Weeks and months of bickering and trading have followed since the Farm Bureau Tariff program was laid down.

As the situation stands today, agriculture sees no prospect of relief from an adjusted tariff schedule for months to come.

The selfish motives which have been so manifest in all the attacks against the tariff program which organized agriculture mapped out, lead one to believe that organization of agriculture needs to be strengthened and strengthened again in order to get a fair break in our legislative halls at Washington.

Let us consider the hours spent in taking testimony before the special committee on re-adjustment. We find the pro-ponents of a program designed for the benefit of agriculture have taken time of the committee equivalent to about 28 hours of questioning while our "eager friends" of a few months ago have taken the equivalent of close to 130 hours of the committees' time for voicing their objections. At every turn they have attempted to insert clauses, provisions, and special schedules which would assist anything but the great industry that was to be benefitted by the proposed re-adjustment.

Here we have a picture of the whole set-up: Three-fourths of the time devoted to the study has been taken up with objections and only one-fourth of the time actually devoted to constructive efforts.

Does this indicate that agriculture, with the best organization it can establish, has only to ask and it will receive? In the face of what has been taking place in the past few weeks, it is very evident that organization within our industry needs the strength of greater numbers.

The fight is not ended but will carry on into the next regular session of congress. Every farmers' organization, the Farm Bureau and all others seeking to help raise the level of living standards for the farmer, must rally the greatest membership possible to meet the objections which the opponents of an equitable tariff re-adjustment are seeking to bring up at every op-

In their dealings with agriculture, our self-styled friends and sympathizers have shown that friendship ceases when the friend

There is only one answer to the whole thing: AN ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP, WELL INFORMED.

ENTHUSIASM IS SEEN AT DISTRICT RALLIES OF F. B. ORGANIZATION

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cost per unit, could be maintained his community. children as it is to expand the vast organization. sums now being used for law enforce-

Likes Michigan Road Plan

of costs so that agriculture will be meeting. called upon to bear its proper proportionate share of the costs of the rural roads was looked upon by Mr Winder as a fit program for all the State Farm Bureaus to consider. Clark Brody, secretary-manager of

the state organization, speaking for a few minutes on the position of the

to the attention of the Farm Bureau operated farms was \$264,000,000. from the finding of oil and natural placing the farmers quite at the with another little Carr." mercy of the big corporations that are "Yes, another little Carr it is. And actively interested in the oil industry. as far as I'm concerned I hope he's yet. These big concerns, it has been made the caboose."

head off legal aid which land owners by most life insurance concerns. seek in the oil leasing sections, by paying capable local attorneys more Bureau has entered upon this new farmer could afford to pay for at- months without much ado, the agency mendously. Co-operative marketing torney services. Under this set-up, force has written close to a half milwill correct this," Mr. Winder said. the attorney taking the case for a lion dollars worth of business in this Touching briefly on the subject of farmer probably has been retained state. rural education, he advocated a prin- for a few hundred dollars by some The Michigan business is being riple wherein the commonwealth as a oil concern, before hand, thus leaving built up around the straight, ordinary whole would contribute to the cost of the farmer to wait for action on his life insurance plan. In Mr. Fuller's education so that equal standards of case until too late to benefit as he had presentation of the whole set-up he education, from the standpoint of hoped to from drilling operations in showed how the special features, such

sential that a few millions he spent as far as fifty or sixty miles to devote nary life insurance made to fi for the proper education of our farm the entire day to strengthening their peculiar circumstances. Juvenile in

unhesitatingly on criminals; why not the state organization, the programs feature recently added, he explained open up our national coffers to pass included short addresses by the chair- Although these special features are back some of those millions of dollars man of home and community work made available to those desiring in for the good of our farm children, he for Michigan, Mrs. Edith M. Wagar, surance in different forms, the bulk of Carleton, Michigan; by the organi- of the company's business is expected zation director for the State Farm to be built up of ordinary life insur-The program aid out by the Mich- Bureau, Claude Nash, and community ance, igan State Farm Bureau for making singing and a few remarks by the One of the most interesting features a definite study of road problems local County Farm Bureau president, in connection with the life insurance with an aim at equalizing the spread serving as chairman of the respective set-up, as brought out at the meeting.

FARM MORTGAGES SHOW INCREASES

farmers in Michigan, pointed to the ness in the United States was ducting the business, will revert to need of getting in better shape, in an \$9,468,000,000 on January 1, 1928, an the purchasers. With the life insurorganized way, for presenting our increase of \$108,000,000 over the debt ance business gaining headway as the point of view on tax matters when on January 1, 1925, reports the State Farm Mutual Automobile Inthe newly created state taxation com- Bureau of Agricultural Economics. State Farm Matual Automission asks the farmers where they The total indebtedness on January 1, spreading through half the states of stand, as the commission no doubt 1920 was \$7,857,000,000. Of the total the country, the concentration of its Michigan farmers must have more farms, including debt on that portion siderable while the return of the than wishes and prejudices on which of part-owner farms owned by the company earnings directly to the to rely for obtaining what they need, operator, was \$5,560,000,000; the debt policy-holders will mean considerable policy-holders will mean considerable

"Hello," said " Mrs. Jones to her Teacher-I have went. gas in certain sections of the state is neighbor, "I see you are around again wrong isn't it?

HYDE SAYS POLICY OF GOVERNMENT IS SELF REGULATION

Improved Trade Practices Are Suggested For Meat Industry.

"Self-regulation is the best form of regulation. But let us not forget that it must in truth be regulation You have already formulated a proposed code of practices. Self-regula. tion will be merely begun by the adoption of that code. It requires voluntary compliance with the requirements of the code, and must persist through all the business practices of the trade", said Secretary of Agriculture, Arthur M. Hyde, in message to the conference of the meat industry which assembled on October 11, at his invitation, in Chicago, to formulate and adopt improved trade policies for the voluntary self-regulation of the meatpacking and wholesale meat busi-

Dr. John R. Mohler, chief of the Bureau of Animal Industry, represented the Department of Agriculture, delivered the Secretary's message and presided over the meeting, He explained to the representatives of the industry the powers of the department has in the regulation of meat packing through the provisions of the Packers and Stockyards Act. which, among other features, transfers to the Secretary of Agriculture most of the control of the meat business previously exercised by the Federal Trade Commission. He referred to the many conferences held by representatives of various industries and branches of the Federal Government, particularly the Department of Commerce, to encourage the adoption and use of ethical practices and economics in the conduct of business.

The Department of Agriculture, he said, feels it perfectly proper to participate in such a meeting and to offer suggestions and render assist. ance in disposal of the problems before the conference.

INSURANCE AGENTS IN LIFE WORK GET TOGETHER FOR DAY

(Continued from page 1.) surance on the farm than in certain other lines of occupation.

That the Farm Bureau insurance business is set up on a more economical basis than other concerns was brought out in one of Mr. Fuller's answers to the hundreds of questions put to him during the conference when he explained that this insurance is not a C. O. D. business, where the purchaser helps share the cost of "turned down" business after the policy has been delivered to applicants who "back down" on their agreement, and that every sale of insurance is a cash sale. Like all other cash businesses, he said, the cost of operation is less than where the cus-

Substantial Business Seen Because the Farm Bureau life in surance agents are farmers, the bulk of their business will be farm business or business written in small communities, resulting in a healthier quite evident, apparently attempt to average risk than the business written

While the Michigan State Farm as retainer fees than the average type of service during the past few

He contended that it is just as es- Guests at both meetings drove from features, are merely "re-worked" ordias endowment insurance and other surance, to cover the lives of chil Besides the secretary of the Nation- dren under 16 years of age, with proment and defense. We spend money al organization and the secretary of tection from date of birth, is a new

is the fact that in building up a strictly policy-holder-owned company, the vast amount of money which ordinarily would go into the East, part of it to be divided among stockholders, and then to be loaned back to farmers at high interest rates, will remain in the Mid-west and earnings The total farm mortgage indebted- on it and the savings made in condebt for 1928, that on owner-operated funds in the Mid-west will mean conon tenant-operated farms was \$3,- in the aggregate to agriculture, since A situation which has been brought 644,000,000, and the debt on managerthe attention of the Farm Burgar areas and the debt on managerdoubtedly will be farmers.

Johnny-Yes, Ma'am.

Teacher-Why is it wrong? Johnny-Because you ain't went

CO-OPERATION MEN ARE PLANNING FOR

National Institute to Meet at Columbus, Ohio in July Next Year

WILL ENTERAIN 2,000

Officers Will Serve Until Winter. Michigan Not On Directorate

A conference of 2,000 representatives of farm co-operatives and allied agriultural and educational agencies to he held at Ohio State University, Columbus, next summer, was ansuspices the meeting will be held.

Special interest is attached to the onference because it comprises the farm groups through which the nomer. will bring about relief for farmers, and the Institute itself, last summer was designated by farm board members as representing the national associations. Its deliberations are therefore expected to have at least an indirect influence upon President Hoover's farm program.

The Columbus conference, beginning Monday, July 7, will be the sixth annual summer session of the Institute. Previous meetings were held at the University of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia, University of Minnesota at Minneapolis, Northwestern University at Chicago, University of California at Berkley, and Louisiana State University at Baton Rouge.

The organization of the 1930 ses-

ions of current interest.

commodity groups.

To Tour Mid-West

with milk, wool, grain, cattle, hogs, and other products.

4. A number of academic courses dealing with the organizing and perating of co-operative associations offered jointly by Ohio State University and the American Institute of Coperation. These courses begin June 16 and end July 23 and are intended or college students and others who seek graduate or undergraduate

education.

ultural extension service of the fed- he paid for. eral department of agriculture and

ve purchasing endeavors en route.

recedent when four of its members of your most thoughtful consideraast summer attended the institute tion fore its 1279 registered delegates.

his body that the National Co-oprative Council, representing a milon members of American co-operaves, was launched. The latter organization will open a Washington office this winter to represent its embers in matters of legislation. It ill co-operate closely with the Amerian Institute of Co-operation, which exclusively an educational organi-

ominent American university. Chicago, Texas; L. B. Palmer, Ore.; George R. Wicker, Chicago, Ill. stove.—Chicago Tribune.

A Farm Observation Of Government Cost COMPLETE LOG CAMP

SIXTH INSTITUTE

New Revenues Should Serve all who share with the farmer his firm belief in the principle of private Preserved for Future Of Agriculture

> By Stanley M. Powell. (Note: This is a concluding article on taxation, prepared by Mr. Powell and presented at the National Tax Conference in September. Mimeographed copies of the entire tax discussion by Mr. Powell have been mailed out in answer to about a hundred requests for copies from tax research workers and agricultural leaders in various parts of the country.

The second costly item appearing on the farmer's tax receipt is that for As we approach this phase schools. nounced here today by Charles W. of the subject we should first agree Holman, secretary of the American that education is not a local, but a Institute of Co-operation, under whose state proposition. Indeed, in many central of is aspects it is national in scope. In many rural sections, the title "local school tax" is in reality a mis-The so-called local rural rederal Farm Board announces it school is often a school established pursuant to state law and operated

down to the last minute details under State supervision, Courses of study, length of school term, ages of comvoice of the co-operative marketing pulsory attendance, qualifications of teachers, miniumn salaries of teachers, heating equipment, lighting and ventilating devices,-all of these and many other items are frequently dictated from the state Capiol. Evidence is abundant that in many

states the rural school districts cannot meet even the lowest standards of Surfaced Roads Increasing the state without resorting to taxation at confiscatory rates. In Michigan, there are 280 grade school districts,-districts without high schools -where the tax rate for school purposes alone runs from \$30 to \$60 per thousand of assessed valuation. These figures are especially significant 1. Two weeks of general sessions United States census has listed Michand trade conferences devoted to igan among those states where asnational and regional problems of sessed valuations are most nearly marketing and public relations, dur- equal to true values. In Indiana, a ing year the percentage of graded dress the delegates and lead discus- per thousand has been bankrupted.

Farmers, the country over, feel the 2. A series of meetings of the injustice of an arrangement whereby directorates of specific farm market- the state, by regulatory legislation, was improved in 1928 in the entire ing bodies and of representatives of largely determines the cost of rural United States, exclusive of state schools, but does not take appropriate roads, a total of 45,531 miles of lomeasures to equalize the resulting tax cal and county roads, of which 29,-3. A special automobile tour through burdens. It is true that most States 888 or 66 per cent were surfaced, the Middle West for the purpose of do advance some form of aid to local and 15,643, or 34 per cent were mills, which employed from 100 to studying at first hand the methods of districts, but these funds do not graded and drained earth roads. In 250 men. Every year the Company Ohio farm organizations in dealing equalize the remaining burdens, as a 1927, the estimated mileage improv- gave its employes a bonus according local taxes. Most of the rest is di- and drained. In 1926, the total in its employ vided equally on the basis of school mileage improved was 89,026, of attendance, or the number of chil- which 36,027 miles, or 41 per cent, have been cut in the past 27 years. dren of school age residing in the was surfaced, and 52,999 miles, or Much of this cut-over land has been district. Neither plan gives consider- 59 per cent was graded and drained. protected from fires and now has a ation to varying educational costs or to differences in the taxable wealth total length of county road systems more forests in a few years. of the various districts.

RURAL CHILDREN BECOME URBAN the bureau. 5. Special daily conferences for by the fact that while the rural districts bear an excessive expense in their children a consider of \$282.314.715 for county and local conducted jointly by the institute and able proportion of the graduates of road and bridge construction, \$259, the federal board for vocational rural schools migrate to the centers 753,188 for maintenance, \$79,806, of population when they reach the 915 for interest on bonds and out-6. Special conferences for county productive age. As the farmer sees standing notes, and \$37,347,326 for agricultural agents and marketing it, he is over-charged in the first in- miscellaneous expense. They all in- Better Sires Train Visited specialists affiliated with the agri- stance, and then loses most of what dicate that the counties paid out

the various state agricultural colleges. which should receive the careful notes, and transferred \$69,638,156 Transportation of delegates to the study of the National Tax Associato to the states for work on state roads, neetings at Columbus will be largely tion. In its larger aspects it involves making a grand total disbursement y automobile caravans, according to the question of whether the more Mr. Holman. Co-operatives from Da- general branches of government kota to New England are assembling should, by indirection, set the cost of cars in which to transport community services which the subordinate juriseaders, teachers and farm advisors in diction must render and then calmly arge groups which will investigate sit back and permit the more uno-operative marketing and co-opera- fortunate localities to fry in their own juice. Can the state legitimately fix The names of speakers and the sub- minimun costs on a plan entirely ects with which they will deal are above the ability of the poorer disbe selected by the program com- tricts to pay and then confiscate the nittee. It is not known what part property of the inhabitants because ious year and a total income of \$835,he federal farm board will play, but they do not pay? It seems to me

There has been a tendency in some per cent, receipts from local bond make their first public appearance be- quarters to view this situation com- sales of \$150,222,357 represent placently and to murmer that it is nearly 18 per cent, and the local merely a question of survival of the road tax of \$416,812,566 is 49 per It was also at the 1929 sessions of fittest,—that these poor farmers ought to be eliminated anyway. This, gentlemen, amounts to nothing less than the subversion of taxation to ceipts, \$40,239,856 and \$46,860,509 serve as a potent leverage for alter ing the existing social order. It dif- sales of bonds (\$181,080,953) 211/2 fers from Socialism only in that i advocates beginning on the minnows instead of the whales. It is a danger ous doctrine to turn loose in the world with official sanction and may lead 733,227 respectively, contributed 10 to most regrettable consequences to

The American Institute of Co-opera- vice chairman, Columbus, Ohio; S. D. on was incorporated in the District Sanders, vice chairman, Seattle, and local road taxes (\$357,263,356) Columbia in 1924 for educational Washington; Charles W. Holman, urposes. It is controlled by 33 secretary, Washington, D. C.; I. W articipating organizations and has Heaps, treasurer, Baltimore, Maryendorsement of President Hoover, land; Wm. P. Bullard, Albany, Ga.; ecretary of Agriculture Hyde and the Tait Butler, Memphis, Tenn.; C. B. ederal farm board. Its purposes, as Denman, Farmington, Mo.; E. R. tated by the incorporators, are to Downie, Wichita, Kansas; Frank ollect and disseminate knowledge Evans, Salt Lake City, Utah; A. W. ncerning the co-operative movement Gilbert, Boston, Mass.; Roy M. Hagen, the United States and abroad, to San Francisco, Calif.; Robin Hood, rve as a means of clarifying thought Memphis, Tenn.; C. E. Hough, Hartd promoting harmony among the ford, Conn.; C. E. Huff, Salina, Kanrm groups, to train leaders and sas; John D. Miller, Susquehanna, and calves shipped from markets into orkers in farm co-operation, and to Pa.; J. S. Montgomery, S. St. Paul, ist other educational institutions Minn.; W. S. Moscrip, Lake Elmo, August and September, as compared proving their teaching courses and Minn.; E. G. Nourse, Washington, D. with the movement during the correstigational work. Each year it C.; W. H. Settle, Indianapolis, Ind.; responding period last year. ets on the campus of some J. W. Shorthill, Omaha, Nebr.; L. J Taber, Columbus, Ohio; C. C. Teague, The officers and trustees, who serve Santa Paula, Calif.; Dan A. Wallace, A full blooded cow giving milk, 3 tons

submarginal farming communities let us deal with them in a frank and open manner. But above all let us not corrupt our tax system by using

LIGHTENS TAX BURDENS sources of revenue. That is a subject cleaning up their property. which I have purposely avoided until ed until it is first determined how needed and what jurisdiction will require them. Recent years have witnessed two significant movements,the increase in local government costs and the developement of new sources of revenue by the State governments. Frequently state funds were spent to secure new services, while property owners were hard put to it to meet the constant increase in local tax bills. The result has been a general belief among farmers and others that new taxes did not lighten old burdens, but only added

With Tendency Toward Good Construction.

United States. With each succeed- progress of humanity. increases, says the bureau, on the basis of the reports.

The reports indicate that there

was 2,709,839 miles, according to

\$103,281,707 in retirement of the I believe this is also a subject principal of outstanding bonds and of \$832,142,007 and leaving an unexpended balance of \$176,082,089

> for all counties in all states. bridge construction, this consisting taken from train-totaled 35. 326,951. Of the total income, mo-778,852 respectively, contribute 12

cent. Of the total estimated income for 1927 of \$840,613,923, motor vehicle license fees and gasoline tax rerespectively, represented 10 per cent, per cent, and local road taxes (\$405,-219,774) 48 per cent. In 1926, motor vehicle license fees and gasoline tax receipts, \$37,861,018 and \$39,per cent of the total income of \$775,-423,682, sales of local bonds (\$168,-575,423) more than 21 1/2 per cent,

FEWER CATTLE ARE PUT ON FEED NOW

Some reduction in fall and winter cattle feeding this year as compared with last year is indicated by a 20 per cent decrease in the number of cattle August, and September, as compared

An unsigned Want Ad- For Sale: til this winter are: C. O. Moser, St. Paul, Minn.; R. A. Ward, Portland, of hay, a lot of chickens and a cook

HENRY FORD BUYS A

Generations

Henry Ford, through his represenit deliberately as a club with which tative, has purchased a complete lum- Screen Makes Good to strike either the rich or the poor. ber camp outfit to be placed in his museum at Dearborn, from the Johan Perhaps I have surprised some of nesburg Manufacturing Co., who comyou by proceeding thus far without pleted their lumbering operations once referring to the question of new about two months ago and are rapidly one-half inch mesh, obtainable in

new revenues should not be consider- gray blankets, bed ticks, ox yokes. Hog rings make good fasteners. big wheels, complete with chains, old much new revenues are absolutely log watering trough, water barrels, Holstein Association, for the Black neck yokes and eveners, spike skid, and Whites; Roy Weinberg, presicross-cut saws, axes, log markers, Club selling for the Jerseys and W skidding tongs, anvil, wheel hubs, for Guernseys. fellies, heating stoves, cook stove, kitchen table, dining table, benches, tioned above, the North Eastern Michfloul barrel, meat block, office equipment, cant hooks, snow plow, canary, igan State College, the State Departtowel rollers, two dinner horns, feed ment of Agriculture and the breed asbox, water jug, hay wire.

This outfit is one such as was used in lumbering camps since the beginthe equipment bought by Mr. Ford.

Mr. Ford will move the entire outfit in two big freight cars to Dearborn, change of this nature is made. where it will be placed in his muse um as something that did so much toward developing the entire state, and preserve for prosperity such a valuable addition to the former crude methods of workmen as against a machine age.

At the time that Mr. Ford started Reports obtained by the Bureau his big museum, the general public Own Selling of Public Roads from authorities took it as another valu hobby of a when it is remembered that the of selected counties indicate a tend- rich man who could find no better ency toward a higher type of local use for his money, forgetting the and county road construction in the great good it would do if used for the

Since then, however, ing which about 100 marketing ex- special fund set up to relieve districts and drained earth roads decreases people have taken another view and perts and farm authorities will ad- with school taxes in excess of \$10 and the percentage of surfaced roads realizing that only through the interests of private people, can many things be safeguarded for the comming generation.

In connection with the Johannes burg Manufacturing Company, Jumbering operations were years ago. The town of Johannes burg was built up through their big rule. Some of the money is held out ed was 59,732 mi., of which 33,852 to the length of service, and with its as bait to encourage the local district or 57 per cent was surfaced and 25,- shuting down a bonus of \$12,000 was to raise more and more money in 880 miles or 43 per cent was graded divided among the 100 men still left

At the end of 1928 the estimated good second-growth, which will make

ON TWO-WEEK TRIP

By Five Thousand On Northern Trip.

The better Sires Train operated in North Eastern Michigan, September 23, to October 5th, closed with a rec ord of 81 bulls sold from the train. Of At the beginning of 1928, the re- these 37 were Holsteins, 28 Guernports indicate, the counties had an seys, 16 Jerseys. Scrub bulls reestimated total of \$1,008,224,096 moved from the territory-traded in available funds for local road and at beef prices toward purebred bulls

Holsteins bulls sold at an average price of \$143: Guernseys, \$133: Jerseys, \$128. There was more of a demand for Holsteins than anticipated. tor vehicle license fees and gasoline it being necessary to send for 10 additional bulls when the original supply of 27 ran out.

The schedule of the train covered 12 stops on the Michigan Central Railroad north of Bay City to Cheboygan and 10 stops on the Detroit and Macinae Railroad from Cheboygan to Bay City. Each stop was onehalf day.

4,850 people visited the train, examining exhibits in three coaches boosting better diary products practices, particularly the use of good bulls; listening to the short talks on dairy subjects given from the flatcar, and thronging through the three baggage coaches that contained the bulls. The sires averaged in age about eight months. Each animal had his own pen, over him being a copy of his pedigree, name of consignor and the price.

In each car was a "salesman"-J. G. Hays, secretary of the Michigan

DEER HUNTERS ARE

Flaming red buttons will grace the caps of deer hunters in Michigan woods next month.

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> draws, loader, sleighs, harness, dent of the Michigan Jersey Cattle grub hook, loader crotch, blocks for D. Burrington, secretary of the Michloading anchor hooks, comealong, igan Guernsey Breeders Association,

The train was a co-operative entercomplete set of dishes, kitchen sink, prise conducted by the railroads mensociation interested.

Lofibre grain ration for the bulls was furnished by the Michigan State ning of lumbering operations in Mich- Farm Bureau. Those in charge of gan. Every article necessary to the animals reported that none recarry on the operation is included in fused their rations and none of the 81 were thrown off their feed, as is quite frequently the case when a sudden

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Corn Raising Becomes Difficult In Michigan

For Co-operation In Grower Ranks.

By Mrs. Edith M. Wagar

Much printers ink has been used in stations did their utmost to inform the producer as to the borer's activities why can not we have the spirit that had to be courageously met.

always will be, began to breed dis. right without tearing down or blockcontent among the farmers by sow, ing progress. ing suspicion in their midst. While all authorities of our agricultural colleges and all scientific research destructive criticism has always been nually.

Constructive criticism is always fires on farms in the United States years ago was attended by a large approximately \$100,000,000 annually. experts, along agricultural linest and will ever be a menance to any were as one in opinion as to the class, group or project. introduction of the pest into this justice but at the same time let's be and under) may exceed \$150,000,000 country and as to the actual danger to the production of corn if allowed to the production of corn if allowed to and with those whose mission is to go unchecked and also as to the best help us overcome our troubles. available methods of combat, yet in the face of all that, these few dethe face of all that, these few declared the pest had been here for declared the pest here. cades and that no stringent methods were necessary as it was no menace-

And isn't it strange and lamentable as well, how some of our folks will fall for the story that they like to hear? Now we all wanted to find some easy way of killing of the pest; we wanted to believe that we had nothing to fear; we wanted to go on with our established way of caring and to our sorrow we find that dam- commission has in the property. age is the result. We find that early The landowners who leased to the itself is weakened. And what is this middle of the road. it mean now?

Situation Is Serious

like to, that the situation is alarming do business. when field after field of Monroe tourists dump rubbish, or remove to 8 or more borers to the stalk. Some fruit from trees outside of enclosures Dr. Guy L. Keifer, state health comtell us a similiar cry arose when the potato bug made its first appearance of ten, however, the land owner gives and chairman of the commission. here and now everyone knows how to permission for use of his land when handle it—but there seems a difference at that, for with the potato bug the individual farmer can controll way land. those on his own farm and that is all that is necessary but with the corn borer going through the moth stage and being susceptible to wind traveling, no farm is immune no matter, how thorough it's owner cleans up his premises if he lives among the careless and lawless kind.

The situation seems to be getting more serious every year and it is to be hoped that our farmers will return to the frame of mind when they are willing to work with one another for the good of all.

they feel the discriminations against they have a right to resent any in- prizes for the first time. loss the ravages of this pest has cost the farmers of any corn producing country and who can forsee what we are running into if we continue to shut our avers to the country and state of the cheapest commodities on our tables and we can well afford to pay more money for it so that the farmer can raise beets at a profit."

Two contests, vegetable judging of and identification and judging of an areas beets at a profit."

Referring to the farmer as the life

so that anyone could understand are the officers of the student's to a wide fluctuation in price before them. For a few years he has been horticultural club,

that the borer refuses to stop with. Springs. This corn would not be satisfactory to our purposes in its original type but when crossed with the Duncan, Scientists Promise the Red Cob Ensilage and Gilden Glow, three types of corn are being developed that will fill the needs of all of Michigan. These new breeds have been bred to retain their corn out thorns has been a subject of in- . The state is divided into 19 conserquality characteristic yet take on terest to plant breeders for a number vation districts with a district conthat particular borer resistant char of years.

cent infestation.

Borer Control Calls perimental friends have been busy in their job and they are bringing forth results that in years to come may prove to be one of the greatest blessings to our corn producers. We

enemy. All were anxious to find their own business? Why can not loss is suffered by rural districts. always has been the case and perhaps helped and help to make things go statements:

BRINGS OBJECTION

To Have Authority To Oust Stands.

Complaint has been made to the for our corn crop; in fact we would state highway commission of huckrather not have even heard of the sters usurping the sides of the road corn borer at all. But wanting a for vending purposes. As pointed out thing and having it is quite often a by one of the commission officials, different matter. And this seems to however, this is a proposition up to have been one of those times. For no the owners on whose land the huckmatter what our would-be agitators say sters stop. While the commission about it there is "nothing to fear" and has asked for release of land fronting "no such animal anyway," we find we farms and rural property for highway still have the borer in great numbers purposes, this is all the interest the

planted corn is its home and again state surrendered none of their other Howell, will comprise the commission and to the absence of speculative acwe find that late plantings are used rights, it is pointed out, and may which is to function in accordance tivity in cattle that was generally as harbors also. We find that the oust anything undesirable. Owners with an act of the 1929 legislature. borer will suck the vitality from the rights, except for highway purposes clalk and in many instances the ear as leased to the state, extend to the mission has control of all state sani-

oustment unless permission is granted state care. One cannot shut his eyes to the by the land owner upon whose land The commission is composed of fact, no matter how he would the huckster may wish to park and Ernest J. Browne, Howell, Edwin R.

trees or shrubs, or gather nuts or Johns and Mrs. E. D. Stair, Detroit.

Display of Nuts Arranged For Annual Show November 15-17.

Farmers are discouraged over the move over and make room for a new Axe Community club in the Irwin heavy taxes, they object to the seem- entrant at the twenty-first annual hotel, Wednesday noon. Members of ing extravagance in public affairs, State Horticultural Show, November the county board of supervisors were 15, 16, 17, when all species of nuts guests at the luncheon. their class in earning a living and native to the state will compete for "Farm relief will be brought about paris

selves? Who can estimate the actual will be used to give space to entries of the cheapest commodities on our

in Monroe county established and partment at Michigan State college said. of the local arrangeimprovements this director, has made
ments for the show. H. E. Chickering, Belding; M. J. Backofen, Battle
ed wonderfully. Butter remains now year which were far enough advanced Creek; and G. H. Poesch, Monroe, at near 50 cents a pound as compared

breeding corn, trying to find a type Committee chairmen for the show that might be immune to the attacks are L. A. Zillman, South Haven; R. senator told of the needs of state in-South America called Maise Armago ing, and F. E. Dorman, Cedar while some improvements to state

Blackberries and dewberries with-

artistic to the South American. Two thornless varieties—the Cory In 14 of these districts there is an asvariety. It was almost unbelieveable blackberry and the Austin thornless sistant conservation officer who is to see the plots of the crossed variety dewberry-placed on the market in ammediately in charge of fire fighting free from the borer and right in recent years have met with fairly in that district as a primary duty. midst of the plot a row or two of the good success. These thornless types Under the district officers are counnative corn showing 74 and 80 per are adapted to certain southern local ty conservation officers, with one or ities only.

RURAL FIRE LOSS

Farm Fires Consume About Improvement Association Is Hundred Million Dollars Every Twelve Months.

According to figures of the Na- Michigan growers of quality seed truly hope their work may continue and that they get the appreciation to figures of the National Board of Fire Underwriters, corn. oats, barley, rye, wheat, beans. they deserve. But it is going to take the total loss from fire, exclusive potatoes alfalfa and field peas will Michigan State College when he sold the past few years in telling the story time to breed corn to that extent of forest losses, in the United States hold an old-time festival at Michigan the remedy to one poultry raiser in of the corn borer and in sounding that our seed corn will be revolution- in 1928 exceeded \$450,000,000. Be- State College Wednesday evening, St. Clair county. At other points in warnings to the farmers as to its rava- ized from the present types into a com- cause of the fact that comprehensive November 6. ges if allowed to roam at will. Our plete change and it behooves every, statistics are not available showing. The Michigan Crop Improvement sentative of the Michigan Poultry Labagricultural colleges and experiment one of us to do our part in keeping what proportion of the loss occurs Association, which now has nearly pratory. on farms and in rural communities, 1,100 members, is sponsoring the Why can not we have the spirit of considerable effort has been made festival and is inviting everyone in- alyzed at the college, contained reand thousands of farmers attended co-operation that was shown a few and is being made by various inter- terested in the production of better ground bran or middlings, wood charmeetings and watched demonstrations years back? Why can not we send ested organizations to arrive at an field crop seeds as to methods of combating the the doubting Thomas' back home to estimate as to what share of the evening's program will in- Epsom salts. None of these ingredi-

some remedy, even if it required dif- we wipe out that feeling of suspic- At a meeting in Chicago the latter by an orchestra to be organized by upon diseases of poultry and any of ferent methods of farming, for it ap- ion and distrust that only hinders part of September the committee on C. D. Finkbeiner, Clinton. The or- them can be purchased at local stores peared to be a serious proposition progress and in the long run reflects Farm Fire Protection of the Na- chestra will furnish music for an if they are wanted. on our prosperity? We know mis- tional Fire Protection Association, old-time dancing party, Something happened about that takes are made in all new movements the leadership of which has been actime which caused a halt in the fight, but we must learn to be big enough corded to the U. S. Department of has become one of Michigan's regu-A few, and but a very few, such as to overlook those that could not be Agriculture, endorsed the following lar enterprises, and the festival is or the College department before in-

Constructive criticism is always fires on farms in the United States years ago was attended by a large

Let's be firm in our appeals for rural communities (2500 population

property loss there is a large rural loss of life estimated to be as high as 3,500 lives a year", say David J. Price, engineer in charge of the division of chemical engineering, Bureau of Chemistry and Soils, U. S. Department of Agriculture, chair-

Governor Fred W. Green has announced that the members of the commission, previously in charge of the state Tuberculosis Sanitorium at state Tuberculosis Sanitorium

The Tuberculosis Sanitorium comtoria. Its purpose, according to the Robin Hunters Pay leading to? What will it mean to the Therefore any huckster or other legislative act creating this commiscorn section of our state? What does purpose taking a stand on property sion, is to bring under single superfronting the highway is subject to vision all tuberculosis patients under

Community Club Urges Tariff Changes.

Senator Philip O' Connell of Mc-Gregor waxed hot in his advocacy of Products of Michigan orchards, a high protective tariff for farm gardens, and apiaries will have to products in a speech before the Bad

largely by a protective tariff," he de-had life long experience at farmi The show will be held in Demon- clared. The need of a higher tariff on take justice imposed upon them by anyone in any way. But why kick them-

shut our eyes to the job we have before us? will be conducted during the show. the need of helping the agriculturist I regret very much that every farm. An educational exhibit prepared by out of the rut he is in. "It is just er of southeastern Michigan did not visit, this fall, the corn borer station in Morros countries of the southeastern by out of the rut he is in. "It is just as logical for the government to aid the farm as it is to pass legislation of the farm as it is to pass legislation. Students in the horticultural de- aiding the railroads and labor," he

He has introduced a corn from Paw Paw; H. E. Chickering, Beld-increase this year. He intimated that institutions are necessary many proposed changes are not needed.

Thornless Berries State Divided Into **Enforcement Units**

servation officer in charge of each. two in each county of the state.

SEED GROWERS ARE THIRD OF TOTAL TO HOLD FESTIVAL

Sponsoring Affair At State College.

clude a banquet, speeches and music ents have a marked remedial effect

"In the opinion of the Farm Fire who are making this business a suc- sold by strangers. Protection Committee, the loss from cess. A similar party held several

"It is the opinion of the committee that the fire loss on farms and in

"In addition to this extensive Less Speculative Activity Has October 1, a year ago. Its Effect On Beef

Business.

Some reduction in fall and winter Property Owners Are Said man of the committee. "These fig- cattle feeding this year as compared ures suggest that practically one- with last year is indicated by a 20 third of the total fire loss in the per cent decrease in the number of United States occurs on farms and cattle and calves shipped from marin rural communities, and emphasize kets into the Corn Belt feed lots the importance of making concerted during July, August and September, organized efforts to reduce the loss- as compared with the movement during corresponding months last year. Shipments from markets into the Corn Belt were 13 per cent smaller than the five year average shipments during the three months period, and were the second smallest in twelve years. The falling off in shipments

is attributed to the much poorer prospects for the corn crop this year than last, the lower level of fat cat prevalent in the summer of 1928.

Heavy Court Fines

A year ago the Robin was voted as Michigan's most representative bird. Because Nonzo Tasti and, Vincenzo Ecuinozio killed eleven of them they Ernest J. Browne, Howell, Edwin R. vanderslice, Lansing, E. J. O'Briend, the end of that time they must pay

> The two men were arrested near Detroit.

Fish Food Costing Thousands Monthly

The state now spends between \$2,500 and \$3,000 a month for meat alone to feed the baby fish it is rearing to plant in Michigan streams and Thumb Senator Addressing lakes. Practically all of this money is spent for sheep's liver, known to be the best food obtainable at the lowest cost in the state.

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FARMERS BUY FAKE

Michigan poultrymen are warned by the poultry department of Mich igan State College that at least one man has defrauded State farmers by selling them a medicine supposed to cure almost every disease which affects poultry.

The salesman claimed to represen the State, he has posed as the repre-

A sample of the remedy, when ancoal, quassia, limestone, salt, and

College poultry specialists advise planned to bring together the people vesting money in pontry remedies

More Agricultural Stocks in Storage

Stocks of diary products, poultry, and meats in cold storage on Octobe this year were larger, and stocks of case eggs were smaller, than on

A girl will wear skirts that hardly come to her knees, and then insist that the barber leave her hair long enough to cover her ears.

Oat Flour Has 30% More Food Value

Than ground oats commonly Than ground oats commonly used in egg mashes. That's why in 400 lbs, of oat flour used in Michigan Farm Bureau Egg Mash you get 120 lbs, more oat food material. It replaces hulls and fibrous material, etc., in ground oats and gives you a higher quality, better paying mash.

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Michigan State Farm Bureau

State Agent

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THAT 400 lbs. of Flour Midds in Farm Bureau Egg Mash has 60 lbs, more egg making food than a similar weight of standard midds, used in most egg mashes!

THAT Whole Yellow Corn Meal is used in Farm Bureau Egg Mash because the whole meal includes the germ with its vitamines and high food value is corn oil? THAT nearly all poultry keepers who get started on Farm

Bureau feeds stay with them, and that they are one of the largest selling lines of poultry feed in Michigan today? If you are not using Farm Bureau Poultry Feeds, it will be well worth your while to investigate. Your local dis-

Michigan Farm Bureau Supply Service Lansing, Michigan

tributor of Farm Bureau Supplies can supply you.

Production Costs Often 25 to 40% Lower

T. E. Lux & Son of Union City Tell Us Their Experience with Milkmaker

> Union City, Michigan, September 12, 1929.

Michigan Farm Bureau, Supply Service, Lansing, Michigan.

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We have been feeding your Milkmaker dairy feeds for five years, keeping careful record of costs of production. By observation and a comparison with the costs per pound of milk and fat with other dairymen delivering their milk to the same creamery, we find our costs never run higher and often 25% to 40% lower than the costs of those feeding other feeds.

We are often solicited by the agents of other dairy feeds, but none of them have been able to point us to a herd with records showing lower costs of production nor stronger calves at birth. Our cows have no trouble at freshening time and we have no trouble with cows off feed. We believe this is due to the feed more than anything else.

We are milking 22 head of Guernseys and have 14 heifers coming on. We are glad to be able to obtain a dairy feed as economical and reliable as Farm Bureau 32% Milkmaker. From trial and observation it is superior to any dairy feed we know about. We prefer the 32% because we have our own grain and use the 32% to supplement it.

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Yours truly. T. E. LUX & SON.

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