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RFD SERVICE COSTS \$107,000,000 A YR. Wire A Neglected Saga PAYS \$14,500,000 Preceded Rails Through Buf-culty and giving indifferent service. In 1856 a badly needed amalgamation

42,000 Rural Carriers Travel 1,400,000 Mi. Daily, Nat'l Director Says

PARCEL POST SURPRISE

Parcel Post Than He Sends

By J. C. HARRAMAN U. S. Director of Parcel Post (An address before the American ment made its first experiment in a brief sixteen months before. rural free delivery in 1896. At the

annual cost of \$14,840. ustion. Today, we have over 42,000 tribution to the westward march of er, or by the Overland Mail Stage. rural carriers operating on 42,118 civilization. routes. Rural routes emanate from

have been accorded new or better service by additional routes, exten- City Star. sion of existing routes and by changes which permitted boxes to be placed nearer residences. On Novem- the more populus sections of the per 1, this year, we were serving country east of the Mississippi River 6,862,318 families, or over 251/2 million people, and serving over 51/2 were hundreds of small, independent million boxes!

The Farmers' Mail

In 1930 we carried for the farmer over five billion pieces of mail of all We carried him almost two billion pieces of second-class matter, that is, newspapers and magazines; over a billion pieces of third-class 28th Annual Meeting To Be matter, that is, packages weighing eight ounces or less and advertising anouncements, also 118 million ackages of parcel post, at a cost of over \$107,000,000. Compare this \$107,000,000 in 1931 with that inignificant \$14,840 in 1897.

So you will see the post office department has given the farmer excellent service.

What Didn't Happen

Now comes the sad commentary of it all. When parcel post was being able cost. However, it has been 18 years since the establishment of paryears since the establishment of particle post and last year, 1930, we carried to the farmer an average of 102 pounds of mail per route per day on over 43,000 routes. The farmer over 43,000 routes. The farmer nation. gave us in return less than 6 pounds, or, in other words, the farmer reevery pound received.

Some Unusual Services

the unusual services they perform ever that means. are both amusing and pathetic. One carrier from Topsfield, Mass., telis seventies who came out to the box Holstein Breed in Michigan. one day and handed him a pair of pliers with the request that he pull tooth for him. After some argument it was done reluctantly.

Another carrier writes that he has been called on to take stock out of fences and holes, loan gas out of his Ford automebile, help out with stalled and wrecked vehicles, call the doctor, send telegrams, help cover sued by the Bureau of Chemistry and cago. Ordinarily three applications houses, sign a subscription paper to Soils, U. S. Dep't of Agriculture. Copy are necessary because the animals help pay off mortgage for a deserted of the report is free, from your Con- lick or rub off part of the compound. wife, carry feed from his own home to feed destitute people, has been the Dep't of Information, U. S. of this compound. asked to name babies and has had many babies named for him.

Another carrier writes: "One day a man asked me to find him a wife. In less than 24 hours he received in dry seasons, why others hold her name and address and the morn- water for crops in those years. It ing of the fifth day they passed me advises regarding the treatment, feron their way to town, both waving tilizing and cropping of the different and calling that they were on their way to find a preacher. In view of the fact that the man was a widower and the woman a widow, I figured they both knew what they were do-

who helped the man by the wayside.

ditions, is not the only thing the cording to Mr. A. P. Mills, manager post office department has done. In of the department. These Star route carriers usually transport mails between post offices, that is, from a post office served by that is, from a post office served by (Continued on page 2.)

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First Transcontinental

falo, Indian Country 70 Years Ago

It seems strange that with all that has been written of the great treks of covered wagon trains, of the gold rush, he Pony Express, the first railroad to push its way across the Great Plains rich men of them all." But these Farmer Gets 16 Times More | push its way across the Great Flams to the Pacific and things that contributed to the winning of the West, so little attention has been paid to construction of the original transcontinental telegraph line, the thread of ing itself across to the Pacific. The wire that linked the East to the West, giving instant communication between Farm Bureau at Chicago, Dec. 7, 1931) to the picturesque pony express ser-Chicago—The Post Office Depart- vice which had been inaugurated only ized to speed communications between

The Pony Express, colorful and apend of 9 months' operation in 1897, pealing to the imagination as it may there were but 83 rural carriers have been, was at best only a temtraveling 1,843 miles per day at an porary expedient, while the telegraph either by boat to Panama or Nicaraline, completed seventy years ago last gua and thence across land to the Compare that with the present sit- fall, was a definite and lasting con- Pacific and on to California by steam-

The Far-Seeing Hiram Sibley Prior to 1856, the telegraph even in was slow, costly and unreliable. There lines, most of them in financial diffi-

In 1856 a badly needed amalgamation of the scattered, competing lines was Four Bills Seek Farm Board's effected by Hiram Sibley under the name of the Western Union.

The plan was ridiculed at the time, someone stating that "the Western Union seems very like collecting all the paupers in the West and arranging them into a union so as to make paupers did become rich once they were banded together under an efficient management.

was growing rapidly. By 1857 stage in 1860 the Pony Express was organ-terest to Michigan farmers: the half million persons on the Pacific Coast and the folks back home.

The Pony Express was a great improvement over sending the mails

Yet columns have been written of Stage service opened it required sixty In 1850 when the Overland Mail 20,000 post offices; rural carriers the Pony Express for each word that days to carry mail from East to West. travel approximately 1,400,000 miles has come down to us of the construction 1857 Congress provided for a semiper day, and in a year they travel tion of the transcontinental telegraph. weekly service from St. Louis to Los the amazing distance of 412,000,000 Considering that the telegraph then Angeles and San Francisco by way of was only emerging from its swad- El Paso. The time required on this The service has been improved in dling clothes, the feat of spanning the route was about twenty-one days. The the last year. 107,895 more families continent was all the more remarkable, establishment of the Pony Express writes W. P. R. in the weekly Kansas from St. Joseph to the West cut that time in half, but communications still remained slow and uncertain.

Sibley Had Faith Hiram Sibley, the same far-seeing pioneer, who had brought about the amalgamation of so many small, inefficient, pauper lines into the Western (Continued on page 4)

HOLSTEIN BREEDERS AT COLLEGE, FEB. 1

Addressed By Brownell, Dairy Leader

East Lansing-The 28th annual meeting of the Michigan Holstein-Friesian Ass'n, a matter of interest to some 4,000 Holstein breeders in Michigan, will be held Monday, February 1, 1932, at 1 p. m. at Room 102. Agriculture Building at Michigan State College.

Principal address will be made by advocated in 1912 it was pointed S. J. Brownell of Cornell University, out as an advantageous point that also secretary of the New York Holtown residents could secure by par- stein Ass'n. Mr. Brownell was cel post, butter, eggs, poultry and formerly connected with the State other farm products at very reason- College Dairy Dep't. At Penn State able cost. However, it has been 18 College he developed a better sires

At 6:30 p. m., that evening that the skin of a single dairy cow and annual dinner of the Ass'n will be are a costly item in milk or beef proturned but an ounce of mail for at the People's church, East Lansing. duction. The punctures in the hide, Sec'y J. G. Hays of the Michigan Ass'n says that the theme of the breathing place, lessen the value of a The tales the rural carriers tell of evening will be "Ho, Hum", what-

January 23 the MICHIGAN FARM NEWS will present in a special edithe story of an old gentleman in his tion the annual Honor Roll of the

Mecosta Co. Soil Map Is Ready For Farmers

Lansing-All the soils of all the farms in Mecosta county, Michigan, said to be Gusanol, a product of the Survey Report of the county, just is- Nephews, 1909 Clifton avenue, Chigressman or Senator, or by writing The flies are easy to eradicate by use

Dep't of Agriculture, Washington. The report describes the soils far below plow depth, tells why some soils are droughty and unproductive

\$123.28 For Farmers

Lansing-During December

The Farm Bureau's traffic dep't al- stock 50%, wheat 66%, cotton 73%. manage to live. districts have no railroad facilities. so assists farmers in negotiating In such instances, the government leases for railroad, highway, power has established Star mail routes. or telephone or pipeline rights of

THIS OX BOT POISON HARMLESS TO COW

College Urges Campaign Thru Winter Months to Keep Pest in Control

Dairymen are urged to begin a campaign of eradication of the ox bot, a pest which causes millions of dollars loss in the cattle industry annually through the work of its larvae which may be found during the winter months as grubs on the back of a cow. Smothering the grubs with a poison application is the simplest remedy for the pest, Dr. R. H. Pettit, head of the department of entomology

or larvae are sometimes found under which the larvae keep open as their hide since these holes are found in

the choicest section of the hide. Destruction of the larvae by smearing a derris compound over the lumps on the animal's back is the most effective way to eradicate the grub. This is a poison compound which does not make a cow sick, but is hard on the grub. Injections of clear carbolic acid, on the other hand, have not affected the grub in the least, according to Dr. Pettit. One of the most effective remedies on the market is

Rail, Bank Stocks Drop Has Been Tremendous

shrinks in values the past two years, river. for 1931 indicates an average drop the hunter hid in his blind and shot ed to the purchase price. of 48%. In 1929 twenty represent- one by moonlight. Then he set The Farm Bureau insists that in-The low point for the same group in two more.

DOUBLING FERTILIZER VALUE

FARM NEWS LISTS **BILLS OF INTEREST** TO AGRICULTURE

End: Would Extend Farm Loans

FOR FEWER IMMIGRANTS

Would Stabilize Buying Power Of Money; Stop Short Selling

commercial importance of California existance some 235 bills of interest ing to Muskegon, Kalamazoo and coaches were crossing the plains and summary of some of the bills of in- and cartons, specially packed and

Drought, Seed, Feed Loans Ten bills offered to extend time repayment, to authorize further loans. Aliens and Apportionment

Farm Board and Marketing Act Four bills to abolish Act and Boal five bills to investigate its operations various fields; 3 bills to amend Act. Federal Farm Loans

o redeem foreclosures since April 1930; other bills to increase effectivene and of the Federal Land Banks.

Postal Rates
Bills to reclassify postal salaries and
nerease rates accordingly.

Federal Reserve System

Bills by Sen. Vandenberg, Michigan, to
broaden powers of Federal Reserve
banks regarding acceptance of notes
from member banks, and broadening
type of collateral acceptable for Federal

Immigration 13 bills, some to suspend all immigration to the U. S. for as much as 10 years; others to deny Filhinos entrance, to put Mexico on a quota basis, others to set lower general immigration quotas.

Interstate Commerce Regulation

Land Policy
Bill to divert lands un blied for agriulture into suitable forestry practice. Maternity and Infancy
Four bills to promote health and welfare of mothers and infants.

Oleomargine

Bill to prohibit the use of public funds
for the purchase of oleomargine.

Philippine Independence Eight bills proposing withdrawal of S. sovereighty over the Islands, recog-zing their independence and authoriznizing their independence and authoriz-ing the Fllipino people to adopt a Con-stitution. One bill sets the date for their independence as July 4, 1933.

Price and Money Stabilization money, one to "raise the commodity price of Michigan State College, explains.

The ox bot lays its eggs on the hair on the heels of the cow in early sum-

malls, etc.

Tariffs and Embargoes

Transportation
Bill by Sen. Couzens to investigate railroad problems. Bills by Rep. Mapes of Michigan and others to speed completion of the Great Lakes Waterway to the Sea.

Coyotes Within 60 Mi. Of Chicago Loop

Chicago-There have been a lot of stories told about the proverbial Farm Bureau Says Net Income 'wolf at the door", but a goose hunter recently furnished the best information about a real wolf at Chicago's front door, says the Izaak are mapped and described in the Soil laboratories of William Cooper and Walton League of America in a bulletin on the variety of wild life that can be found within a few miles of Chicago's famous loop.

This goose hunter who is able to tell the thrilling wolf story actually of the national government is net infound his hunting operations inter- come." fered with by several coyotes or prairie wolves within 60 miles of mobiles will fall on those who buy stitutional in that respect, the Com- gations upon real estate included in Chicago's loop. The animals visited the cheaper cars, the Farm Bureau mittee learns. It will require action Special Assessment Districts, \$57,a pen of live decoys and tried to get says, stating that in 1931 85% of the of the Legislature to enable counties 417,363.59; Notes, Contracts, etc., at these plump wild geese which automobiles sold had a wholesale to apply gasoline or weight tax mon-Farmers have suffered heavy were in a field close to the Illinois value of \$750 or less, and 93% had ey against Covert bond issues.

The delivery of mail daily to the amounting to \$123.28, and filed for amounting to \$123.28, and filed farmer, which has resulted in the collection additional claims of that 1931, their value was a little more animals become close to civilization, miraculous change in his living con- nature amounting to \$433.33, ac- than 2 billions, or a decline of says the League's Conservation De-76.66%. In the same period the de- partment. In spite of intensive huntcline in three farm products was live- ing and trapping, these animals

EGGS AND FEED COST

Michigan Potato Men **Produce Idaho Bakers**

Johnson & Son Selling 10,000 market price of Michigan tubers. Bu. Michigan Idahos To Retail Trade

market in Michigan cities, are find- their crop. ng their way to the retail trade in several Michigan cities without hav- our seed certified but we select and potato producing area where this fam- as we did when we raised certified ous strain originated.

Michigan Idahos, raised on the fields disease free and to produce Washington-The 72nd Congress farms of F. W. Johnson & Son, near a quality tuber that will continue to received in the first four days of its Edmore, Montcalm county, are go-find a ready market year after year." to farmers. Following is a brief Lansing markets in 15 pound sacks

tatoes, have pioneered the producing of Idaho baking and cooking potatoes their third year in the business. 160 bushels to the acre from a sixty stock. acre harvest.

Having learned the secrets of successful potato growing through experience as producers of certified seed stock, the Johnsons are applying similar methods to the production of Michigan Idaho bakers table

Instead of offering their potatoes to the grocers on U. S. grades, the spuds are first graded for U.S. No. 1. Then the more select are assorted for packing in 15 pound cartons to be sold at a slight premium while the others are packed in 15 pound cloth sacks and sold at a price above the sease, according to Mr. Johnson.

.The Johnsons sell Michigan Idahos direct to the retailer, making trips once a week to the three cities. They credit the success of their ven-

Edmore-Ten thousand bushels of ture to two things: specialized pro-Idaho bakers, spuds that find a ready duction and specialized marketing of Mr. Johnson said, "We do not have

seed potatoes. We aim to keep our

stance, when merchants in Lansing townships and school districts on were offering two bushels of good June 30, 1931, had public debts of specially selected for quality and quality Michigan potatoes for as low every nature amounting to \$850,as 77 cents, the Johnsons were find- 648,694.24, according to a detailed The Johnsons, for 10 years big pro- ing ready sale for their stock at 15 report compiled January 1 by Howducers of Michigan certified seed po- to 25 cents a peck to the grocer and ard C. Lawrence, State treasurer. their potatoes were being used as in this state. The 1931 season was price of 20 to 35 cents a peck because mental units had sinking funds total-They are marketing a crop of about bined with a recognized high quality 433,153.54 credited to these sinking

> The Johnsons went through an extremely dry season last summer along with all the farmers of Montcalm dividends.

BEFORE CONGRESS

And Taxes in Their Program

Chicago-America's three great farm organizations-the Farm Bureau, Grange and Farmers' Unionsent their national leaders to Washington January 6 to prepare a united

Union are agreed that the following study the proper legislative steps inmajor items should constitute a com- volved in relief. mon program of the farm organizations, with others to be added lat-

The Agricultural Marketing Act. Rural Credits Improvement. The Money Problem. Taxation.

Speculation.
Philippine Independence. Jan. 8 the farm leaders met with Bill to limit importation free of duty
Philippine sugar and coconnut oil: bill
to repeal flexible tariff provision; bill to
limit imports from Russia.

Congressman Ramseyer, Strong,
Burtness and Goldsborough who are
sponsoring a money stabilization bills to stabilize the value of the dollar. The farmers' viewpoint was

FARMERS STATE U. S. TAX POLICY

Measures The Ability To Pay

Washington-The American Farm Bureau will present to the new reve- all other counties get the same treatnues seeking Congress now in session | ment. its policy since 1921: "The measure

The proposed federal tax on autoa wholesale value of less than \$1,000. but so have others. The year end | As soon as he knew that a small | The former federal tax on Fords and review of all industrial stock values band of coyotes were after the geese, Chevrolets was not less than \$25, add-

ative rail stocks averaged \$167.80. traps near the goose pen and caught come tax revision should consist of object is to enable the taxpayer to Soldier Bonus Bonds, \$30,000,000.00; upping the tax on large incomes. It save himself, Michigan State Farm Bureau traffic 1931 was \$30.80, a drop of 81.05%. The fact that prairie wolves still favors retention of the gift tax to disdaily emulating the Good Samaritan dep't collected loss and damage and dep't collected loss and damage and lin 1929 the stocks of 16 leading New can be taken less than 60 miles from courage inheritance tax dodging by that it might be ready to report Feb. other shipping claims for farmers York banks were valued at more than the heart of Chicago is a good ex-

Women Can Do It

county. The drought struck this one county exceptionally hard. To get potato yield of 160 bushels in such season gives evidence of production experience which they say is paying The Michigan grown Idaho potatoes

IS SNAGGED BY **LEGAL HAZARDS**

Farm Board, Money Problem, Committee Asks More Time; Can't Spread Burden On Counties

Lansing-Gov. Brucker's Covert 10 to 20 or even 30 years, it appears Roads Assessments Relief Committee. seeking to aid Covert road taxpayers especially local taxes, are bound to in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties, in particular, and other less years. Sections of the State not front for agriculture on questions to distressed counties, has run into so heavily bonded will come out first. many knotty problems in searching Pres. E. A. O'Neal of the American for legal and practical relief that Jan. Farm Bureau Federation, Nat'l Mas- 4 it asked the Governor for another ter L. A. Taber of the Grange, and month's time before reporting. A Pres. John Simpson of the Farmers' sub-committee has been instructed to

Dec. 21 Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties told a state wide road conference at Lansing that they have outstanding \$24,755,189 out of the \$44,600,000 in Covert road bonds now current operations, it would take Covert assessments have become con- debt. fiscatory in the special assessments If the various governments could districts, that tax delinquency on the pay half their present total annual Covert bonds runs from 45% to 75% levy, or \$130,000,000 on their debts, in those counties. Default in Covert and created no more, it would take Bond payments and interest threatens. around 7 years to pay the \$850,-Building boom speculators built the 000,000 debt. Coverts over the protests of many

about to lose their land. The plight of the taxpayers in those counties, and particularly the taxpayers who objected in vain to over building Covert roads, has the sympathy of the State and out-state counties who are agreeable to assisting the troubled counties to help them selves by joining in enabling legislation. They are agreeable to allocat ing a greater share of the weight or gas tax to these countles, providing

The Connolly plan, offered Dec. 26, of ability to pay taxes for the support which provided for "retracing" by re- Funds, \$233,121,766.57; Serial assessing the Covert districts in the Bonds, a portion of which matures three counties and placing most of annually, \$353,736,876.50; Special the expense on the counties is uncon- Assessement Bonds which are obli-

> bonds come back on the county at 533.93. large after they have defaulted, but by that time the taxpayer has been igan were: State Highway Improvesold out and is out of the picture. The ment Bonds, \$50,000,000.00; State

The Covert committee indicated

A Step Outdoors

The distance between the world and Mars is only a step outdoors when Bonds and Drain Bonds has been The tax burden can and will be ad- compared to the miles the 51/4 million compiled. The report shows there justed only when the women get out farm women still without running were \$44,603,136.92 in Covert Road and participate in their local govern- water travel carrying water for home Bonds, and \$18,365,016.73 in Drain At October farm prices, a dozen mental affairs. They must use their use. During a period of 25 years one Bonds. When fifty pounds of superphosegs would buy eight-three per cent interest in reshaping local government woman with a well 100 feet from her "To retire its obligations when

MICHIGAN CITIZENS' PUBLIC DEBT IS **NEARLY BILLION**

Treasurer Compiles State, City, County, Twp., School District Figures

BULK IS LOCAL BONDS

ing been brought in from the western care for our seed just as carefully Local Gov'ts Have \$787,680,-000 Outstanding; State Has \$83,250,000

> Lansing-The State of Michigan, The week of January 5, for in- its cities, towns, villages, counties,

For the purpose of retiring these 'leaders" in some stores even at a debts, the above Michigan governof the neatness of the pack, com- ling \$83,028,003.57, including \$9,funds during the year.

The above Michigan governmental units are now required by recently enacted laws to make report annually to the State Treasurer of their indebtedness, as well as the condition of their sinking funds.

The above governmental units levy about \$260,000,000 in taxes annually, the FARM NEWS learns, which are said to be more palatable than provides for current operating exthe western grown stock and do not penses and the amounts to be creditboil to mash like the tubers from the ed to the various sinking funds for dry Idaho fields. They are said to be debt retirement, also interest on the good bakers and good for cooking as bonds that are part of Michigan's well. They are quite free from di- debt. The annual interest is no inconsiderable amount since the total of all outstanding bonds is \$787,680,-540.59 of which the State has \$83,-250,000 outstanding, and the local governments approximately \$704,-430,540.59, according to the State Treasurer's report. The total annual bond interest is probably not

ess than \$32,000,000. Since bonding continues by the local governments, though at a much lower volume than formerly, and since the outstanding bonds range from short term obligations to those providing for gradual retirement in to the FARM NEWS that taxes, continue heavy for a number of

Every sound economy will help reduce current operating costs, but the existing debt appears to promise an annual principal and interest obligation of no mean amount.

If all Michigan governmental units could do the impossible and apply the entire annual levy of about \$260 .-000,000 against the \$850,000,000 indebtedness, and have nothing for outstanding in the State; that the more than four years to clean up that

At it is, the State and its municifarmers who refused to sign, but have palities June 30, 1931, had about been taxed with the rest and are \$83,000,000 in retirement funds, or about one-tenth of the total debt, of which \$9,433,153.54 was added to this savings account in the past

According to State Treasurer Lawrence's report the bonds of Michigan municipalities and of the State outstanding June 30, 1931, and the sinking funds created to retire them when they come due were:

"The bonds of Michigan municipalities: Sinking Fund Bonds or Long Term Securities for which retirement is provided through Sinking principally short time or interim paper issued to finance municipalities It is understood that the Covert prior to receipt of taxes, \$60,154.

> "Obligations of the State of Mich-State War Loan Bonds (Refunding) \$2,250,000.00; State Fair Bonds (issued by the Commissioner of Agriculture and the Board of Managers of the Michigan State Fair) \$1,-000,000,00.

"For the first time the total amount of outstanding Covert Road



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Group or Branch Banking in Michigan

There has been much said in this country about group or branch banking, a system which if carried to its completion results in banking being largely in the hands of a number of great central banks, with branch banks throughout their respective territories.

England and Canada have branch banking. It came to our attention recently that England has not had a single bank failure during the past ten years of terrific depression there; Canada has not had more than a dozen local bank failures since 1893. Branch banking has its opponents, but its low percentage of failures in those countries is worth noting.

Michigan is getting into branch banking in a rather large way, One large group has limited itself to Detroit for the present. Another, the Guardian Detroit Union group, has one of the largest financial organizations in Detroit, with ten banks and trust companies in the Detroit area, and has affiliated with it the principal banks in Battle Creek, Flint, Grand Rapids (2), Ionia, Jackson, Kalamazoo, Lansing, Niles, Port Huron and Saginaw.

The Guardian Group presents Michigan with a powerful institution, rooted in diversified industrial and agricultural sections. Each affiliated institution has behind it the strength of all the others. Recent purchase of the City National at Lansing by the Capital National gives Lansing the Guardian Group a bank with \$21,000,000 in resources.

Mr. Hart Would Wring Competition's Neck -

Congressman Michael Hart of Saginaw, farmer, elevator operator and large handler of beans says he knows a good way to lower government expenses.

Mr. Hart would eliminate appropriations in the agricultural budget for extension service. That means he would get rid of county agricultural agents, State College marketing men, and representatives of the Federal Farm Board who advise farmers in their building of co-operative enterprises to market their own products. Apparently, the co-operative ass'ns have Mr. Hart worried.

"I don't believe the farmer needs advice," said Congressman Hart in announcing his intention to get rid of extension work when he addressed the Saginaw Democrat Club at Saginaw, December 30.

Mr. Hart has seen popping up all around him the locals of the Michigan Bean Growers, Inc., a co-operative which has had advice from the State College co-operative marketing division, an extension service to farmers. The Federal Farm Board has beloed. Mr. Hart is filled with wrath and never misses an opportunity to speak a bad word for the Farm Board or the State College extension division. In this connection he reminds us of a statement made by Mr. Alexander Legge when he retired as chairman of the Federal Farm Board. Said Mr. Legge:

"Those opposing the work of the Board are making a lot of noise but really represent a very small percentage of the American public, their opposition being based on two statements that seem rather con-

"First, that the co-operative principle is all wrong and must fail because it is fundamentally unsound and unworkable, and,-

"Second, that it is seriously interfering with their privileges as

handlers of agricultural commodities. "If the first contention were correct, there should be no need of

their being greatly concerned over their position."

The Befriended Try to Wreck Us

Congress and the people of the United States will be justified in saying "never again" on a moratorium to help European debtors, seeing that the European nations expressed their gratitude tempting to wreck our financial stability, once Uncle Sam had pledged himself to collect nothing from them for one year.

Congress has just ratified 'President Hoover's moratorium which suspended payments and interest of \$252,000,000 due us between July 1, 1931, and July 1, 1932, from 16 European nations on their \$15,000,000,000 indebtedness to us. Congress intimated that it would not extend the moratorium. Why?

Hardly had the ink dried on the President's moratorium than wily European financiers noted that we were pledged not to collect but they were not tied in any way. They began a raid on Uncle Sam's gold reserve, demanding all their credits here in gold. We were powerless to apply any offsetting debts. In a few months time these befriended debtor nations took \$1,500,000,000 in gold from our \$5,000,000,000 gold reserve. The raids have ceased for the time being. but we are vulnerable to such demands for gold until next July to any moratorium-aided nation that may sell or borrow here or establish credit in any other way.

France has been the greatest raider. She raided England as well. The United States loaned hundreds of millions to the Bank of England in an effort to keep the pound on the gold standard. As fast as England took our gold in one door, France demanded credits in England in gold out another door. France undoubtedly forced England off the gold standard. When Premier Laval of France came to see President Hoover, quite probably about revising European debts, the Bank of France notified the United States that she had another \$600,000,000 credit here that she might want in gold. As a noted writer put it, France has been using the moratorium to sicken every financial system rival to her own.

Beyond question these raids on the American treasury by those nations whom it sought to help have greatly aggravated our own financial distress.

Congress ratified the moratorium, agreed that without such aid from the United States there might have been a European collapse with bad results here, but seeing what happened anyway, Congress probably feels that hereafter, "The Lord helps those most who help themselves.'

A Certain Mortgage Lifter

Senator Arthur Capper outlines a plan of paying off within a generation the bulk of the farm mortgage debt estimated at \$4,968,000,-

"Ordinary life insurance policies costing less than \$80 a year would pay off the debt," he said. "The average farm mortgage debt is approximately \$4,000. I am informed that an ordinary life policy, taken at the age of 35 for that amount would average less than \$80 a

"There are few farmers in my opinion who would not put forth an extra effort to meet the payments on the policy that would leave their farms clear for their families. An extra litter of pigs, or a hundred hens properly managed probably would provide the necessary funds."

Mr. Capper could have added that every year such a life insurance policy adds to a reserve fund which can be borrowed from in an emergency for an interest or principal payment on the mortgage. The insurance protection continues. If the insured should die, the insurance company would pay the balance of the policy to satisfy the mortgage. The insured expects to live and probably will. Some day he will arrive with his mortgage paid, a valuable insurance contract, and a good sized cash savings tucked away in the insurance company. Adequate insurance is a worry remover in many ways. One has to own it to appreciate it fully.

Fortune Makes A Prediction

Fortune, outstanding magazine of business, predicts that the time is not far distant when farmers and business concerns that depend on

agriculture will fight as hard for the principles in the Agricultural Marketing Act and for the Farm Board as do bankers for the Federal Reserve Act.

Opposition, says Fortune, has been bitter, and misunderstanding has been dense; but new understanding will lead farmers to militant defense of their rights as established under the Act.

In this connection, the National Ass'n of Farm Equipment Manufacturers, always friendly to the Farm Board, placed itself on record recently by saying to Congress:

"The press of the country has been flooded with propaganda hostile to the Federal Farm Board, including vicious and groundless attacks upon the Board and the government. The source and purpose of this propaganda are obvious and unmistakable. The attacks come from a limited group of speculators and middlemen, . . . ; their manifest purpose is to destroy the Agricultural Marketing Act or so to cripple it that the American Farmer will be denied government aid in regulating and distributing his products.

"We call upon . . . Congress . . . and farmers' organizations to make a vigorous resistance to this destructive campaign, so that whatever amendment may be made shall be for the benefit of agriculture and not to its detriment or injury."

Hard For Milk Producers

The fact that 65% of the normal base milk produced by Michigan Milk Producers Ass'n members is now sufficient to supply their share of the depressed Detroit milk market would seem to make it exceedingly difficult for the association or anybody else to get anywhere for the present with the milk marketing improvements suggested early last November by Governor Brucker's Commission of Inquiry into the Cost

It's hard to believe that the Detroit Board of Health or any group surrounded by city politics would act to limit the Detroit milk shed in

It is our opinion that the resources and genius of any marketing organization, private or co-operatively owned, dealing in milk, grain or other farm products, are put to it to hold their markets in these times. Some time there will be a change for the better. Till then, hang on.

Pays U. S. 141 Millions While approximately \$107,000,000 battery radio set, brought a caller

by a railroad.

Farmer and Parcel Post

packages of merchandise. The farmer may market dairy and poultry products, as well as vegetables and fruit in small quantities to nearby town residents. There is not nearly town residents. There is not nearly own residents. There is not nearly There are wonderful possibilities for which I am personally most interestenough of this traffic being carried. the farmer or his wife and family to ed, this last fiscal year operated at a deficit of more than \$29,000,000. good graded goods in this manner.'

department set aside 50 rural routes ment has not reduced or dismissed over which to experiment on this one of its 377,000 classified emfarm-to-table project. This experi-ployees on account of that depresment falled, largely due to the ad-sion or deflation. The postal revent of the automobile and hard-sur- ceipts this year were \$656,463,383 faced roads. The farmer is now against \$703,000,000 the previous this method and see if you are not are valuable and quickly eat up

from farm to table.

Gov't Seeks Business In Kansas City recently we started an intensive campaign to work up a

traffic of farm products in small quantities from farmers located on emanated 373 rural routes serving

to sell, what he would be willing to should have its milk. prepare for sale, and if he would be interested in receiving a list of poential customers.

Out of the 49,000 inquiries, we received but 282 replies. The inquiry was courteous, required very little work on the part of the farmer, but he just didn't seem willing to co-operate. Some replies indicated that the farmer thought the information was to be given to speculators. Others, who were courteous enough o reply, simply stated on the inquiry plank: "Not interested."

Recently I traveled over a number of rural routes in the southeast where I found practically no farmer who raised any more vegetables than for his individual home consumption. In some instances he raised no vegetables, but as one of them told me, ate out of tin cans and paper bags. The farmer is prone to think in terms of crops and to entirely ignore the possibilities of retailing his products at proportionately larger profits.

Costs and Revenues

Now the postal service is your service. If it does not pay its way, obviously you and other tax payers must make up the deficiency. In the fiscal year 1930, the total postal deficit was \$98,000,000; in 1931 that deficit reached the enormous figures of \$146,000,000.

Congress frequently increases the expense of the department, such as last year, when provision was made for the shorter-work week, without providing for increased revenue. Here I might state for your information that there are 48,733 post offices in continental United States of which 33,238 are fourth-class post offices serving almost exclusively rural communities. So you see, we are extending considerable service

What Farmer Gets

These figures are interesting-of the total pieces of mail handled in the entire country, 9 per cent of the first class mail, 36 per cent of second-class mail, that is, newspapers and magazines; 26 per cent of the third-class mail, and over 14 per cent

these times. It might when times are good, but not now.

RFD Costs 107 Millions, of the parcel post was delivered on rural routes.

railroad to post offices not served ment in its rural service, rural resilater. The first man took the set with dents in turn have purchased but him. \$14,500,000 of postage for the entire The farmer likewise has profited service performed in connection with normously by the parcel post ser- all matter picked up on rural routes Lansing, Mich. vice. He may receive by parcel post and carried to its destination regard- Jan. 2, 1932. packages of merchandise. The farm- less of distance. Bear in mind that

Now the parcel post service in During this entire depression or de-Several years ago the post office flation period, the post office depart-

tooling yourself. Gasoline and time ditional business without proportion-people the value and the varied uses of \$12,159,200.00 have been pur-

table traffic I have referred to?

Xmas Pup Needs Its Milk with other farmers.

dea that cow's milk is harmful to the rural routes emanating from post offices within 50 miles of Kansas pies. Some have said that milk caus- School of Finance. Life insurance City. We found there were 147 post es worms. But worms have ances- is the corner stone of a sound savoffices within that radius from which life, explains Dr. H. C. Stephenson of the New York state college of vet-We made up a pamphlet and had erinary medicine. Milk supplies are worth about \$4.50 but when butchere the rural carriers place one of these pamphlets in each box. The pamphlet inquired what the farmer had way, he says. The Christmas pup



"I'm not complainin' about you giv-Ma says. "What makes me sick is that your sympathy makes you give up your last dollar when there's pretty young girl to be helped, but it's an old person that needs charity you step back an' let somebody

"Why, mama," I says, "I'd help anybody under the same circumstances. "If an old woman needed help," Ma

says, "you'd ask why her own people didn't help her or why they didn't put her in an institution, but you'd like to bring the young pretty ones home an' adopt 'em."

"Charity-," I began. "Charity is helpin' others regardess of how they look or how old they are," Ma says, "an' the object to give comfort to them, but your idea is to make your charity a source of pleasure for yourself. You'd be happy if you could be at the head of a charitable institution that didn't take in anybody but destitute beau-

"Well, I notice that you subscribe for magazines when poor handsome young men come to the door," I says, but you never take one from a girl. "I never take one from a pretty girl," Ma says, "because I don't want

wo copies comin' to the house, an' if a pretty girl is sellin' 'em I know that you've already subscribed." (Copyright 1932, Publishers Synd.)

Letters From Our Readers

Sold the Delco

Michigan Farm News, Lansing, Michigan.

I believe I owe a word of thanks to the Farm News for selling my Delco Plant. I sold it through the first ad, and had many more prospects from lifferent parts of the State. It was a big surprise to me the amount of calls had from the ad in your paper compared to the calls I got from the . From six times in - I had one call; from two times in your paper 12 calls. If I have any more farm machinery to

sell I won't forget this. J. D. BRENNAN.

Alma-Ata-Farm Yale, R. 3. Michigan.

Sold the Radio

Editor, Michigan Farm News, Lansing, Michigan. Dear Sir

Jan. 2, 1932.

My classified advertisement in your Saturday, Dec. 26 edition, offering a were spent by the post office depart- Monday, Dec. 29, and three letters

> Yours very truly, MAX B. LOOMIS.

By All Companies In U. S.

prone to market his products in his fiscal year. From the condition reserved throughout the United States and the cash available on June 36, own automobile. You might analyze ferred to, obviously the postal service as Life Insurance Day, when all comcould absorb 25 to 40 per cent ad-panies will bring before the American 207.92. Securities with a par value

ciates your patronage. We try to Company and the Michigan State available for the purchase of other cotiation with the farmer in asking give you the best possible service. Farm Bureau are co-operating by securities was \$1,148,333.52. Investhim to assist us in removing the vast We know that you have suffered urging their members to give more ments in the War Loan Bond Sinking postal deficit by using the service from low prices of the commodities thought to the life insurance they Fund amount to \$822,000.00 and the more, but one instance will serve to you grow, the same as we have sufillustrate many of the discourage- fered decreases in postal revenues, time personal and family benefits of \$283,143.17. The State has invested ments met by us in undertaking to But won't you assist us by figuring carrying as much good life insurance \$100,000.00 in securities for the increase the volume of parcel post out a way to increase the volume of as one can. State Farm Life agents State Fair Bond Sinking Fund, and parcel post by starting this farm-to- will call on as many of their insured the cash available for purchase of as possible to give any service they securities at the close of the year can, and will discuss life insurance was \$192,672.28.

Life insurance constitutes 871/2% ing provisions for their Sinking Ithaca, N. Y.—It is a mistaken of all the property left by our citionly 5 in 100 leave any

A hundred pounds of live hog is



"I was so provoked at Sallie this

mornin' I wanted to give her a piece my mind.

"That Jones woman everybody neers at was down sick an' helpless without a bite to eat or a cent to buy medicine, an' sent her little boy up town to beg for help. Sallie she'd heard about the scandal like ever body else an' she wouldn't do nothin' She told me it was just encouragin sin an' iniquity to help anybody that brought trouble on theirselves by car-

"Land O'Goshen! If we didn't help mbody but perfect folks, we couldn't help nobody.

'I quit usin' our old doctor because was like that, Mealy-mouthed old ivpocrite! Just because he'd got too old to enjoy any kind o' sin except asty gossip an' paddin' his bills, he always acted self-rightous an' superior when patients needed help because o' doin' wrong. Acted like they was dirt under his feet an' he was too hely to touch 'em. Who made him a judge o' people? He'd starve o death if nobody ever done any thing wrong or foolish.

thou folks that won't give you no sympathy for a broken leg unless you proke it on the way to prayer meet in'. My notion is they condemn sin-ners so loud so nobody will suspecthey've got secret sins o' their own "A hungry sinner feels just like s songry saint, an' whatever wrong he lone ain't no worse than lettin' him arve because he done

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"I can't abide these holier-than-

Spearin' Through The Ice By R. S. CLARK

Oh, the winter months are busy ones, so I have always found: The chores in ceaseless cycles chase each other round and round; The woodpile suffers sinkin' spells that work alone can cure-

And when the weather's sunny you can always haul manure. Then, Marthy keeps a naggin' me with them odd jobs of her'n Like makin' shelves or cupboards, or tinkerin' the churn; But once in every week or so I give them all the shake-I do the chores up early, then I hustle for the lake.

It makes no slightest difference if the weather's fair or foul, The sun may shine benignly or the wind may roar and howl, For I have a spearin' shanty just a tidy two by twice And there I take my holiday, a spearin' through the ice.

Yes, when my little heater is a throwin' out the heat And everything is dark except the ice beneath my feet I sit in contemplation of the watery world below With the slender, stately water grasses wavin' to and fro.

And all the tiny swimmin' things that stream below me there Combine to make a movie that's an intrestin' affair. While my little wooden minnow floats majestic as can be, A minature Leviathan, he rules his tiny sea.

While now and then a sucker comes investigatin' near And I sock him good and plenty with my devastatin' spear! Then I haul him up a-floppin' and it's over in a trice And he adds to my collection in cold storage on the ice.

Now Marthy's prone to jaw me, for she claims it cramps the soul To sit humped over in the dark a peekin' through the hole; But, Brother, you'll support me after feelin' once or twice The culm, expectant, lonesome fun of spearin' through the ice.

Lapeer-Lapeer Farm Bureau Supply store, together with the Grange, County Farm Bureau, Lapeer Chamber of Commerce and other Lapeer organizations are planning a big day when "Farmer" Brown of the Federal Farm Board comes to address them Thursday, January 28. Austin Gwinn of the Supply Store is planning an all-day program. Sec'y Brody of the State Farm Bureau will address the meeting in the morning. A potluck dinner is planned for noon. January 21 To Be Observed Mr. Brown will speak after dinner. A large crowd is expected.

Mich. Citizens Public Debt Nearly a Billion

"Life insurance is the most effective instrumentality for the promotion of industry, saving and character ever devised. Life insurance is as safe as any financial institution can be."—Calvin Coolidge.

Thursday, January 21, will be observed the continued from page 1) of State Highway Bonds, the State Treasurer is holding securities, the par value of which is \$11,115,700.00, and the continued from page 1) The State Farm Life Insurance Bonus Sinking Fund, and the cash

"The various municipal units mak-

Lapeer Promises Farmer obligations had cash and securities on hand totaling \$56,114,746.68. Brown a Big Meeting the State Treasurer's report said.

PROTECTION

SAFETY Every farmer who is inte sted in buying good sour re insurance should find o ow reliable and sound to impany is with whom he dea a complicated financial stat nent does not answer verage man's questions a he soundness of a mutual

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> npaid Notes 5,079.91
> npaid Assessments
> and Earned Assessments not levied 287,599.57

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> Losses not adjusted
> and not matured and
> Miscellaneous Acc'ts 99,228.70

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Buy your fire insurance protection in a good sound company. If you are interested in protection with SAFETY write for our sample policy and complete linancial statement for 1921. H. K. FISK, Sec'y, 702 Church St., Flint, Michigan

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MICHIGAN STATE FARM BUREAU Lansing, Mich. State Agent

HOME AND FAMILY PAGE

A Canner's Paradise,-With Prizes

By MRS. EDITH M. WAGAR

During the past year I've had many know about the International Can- wives. ning contest that has been stirring the women of our State for a few taking effort in the multitudinous duties that befall her lot?

of the American Farm Bureau Federation in Chicago but an exhibit of ome 200 jars of canned goods demonstrating the results of the canning contest for the past year!

I learned that these contests are conducted and controlled by the Economics department of the Mason lass fruit jar company that we have ll known all of our lives, and whose ars we have all used and are still usig just as our mothers did before us. found that there were over 75,000



entries the past year from almost every state in the Union and some from Congress TO ACT Canada. I found that there had been prizes of several thousand dollars offered not alone by this can company but by women's organizations and tions so that domestic canning of fruits, vegetables and other foods inquiries from women who want to should continue an art among house-

City Women Winning

than the farm woman? And who is that these prizes are being won main-more deserving of reward for pains-ly by women of towns and cities and ly by women of towns and cities and experience and the products to can.

There are many classes and grades on which one could make an entry, for the list calls for fruits, vegetables, more in every county in the Union. Congress voted down a proposal to ies, balanced meals, etc.

The exhibits are judged from appearances, color, clearness, arrange- terest on their loans. ment in jar, amount of food and liquid syrup is scored.

A Canner's Paradise

hibit in cans. There were jars of berries, in which every one looked just like its neighbor; white grapes and not one bursted; peas with liquid as in sight; and jars of chicken, mush- troit as elsewhere. rooms, rabbit, and meats of all kinds. All jars not saved for exhibition Farm Bureau, Grange And ourposes are given to charitable intitutions

Anyone registering as a contestant sent an empty jar in a container suitable for remailing and anyone can enter as many cans as they desire. Any woman who has confidence in Grace Viall Gray, Log Cabin, Aurora, annual meeting at Chicago, and they Have them form in two lines. Give these contests, and we hope that terests of agriculture." Pres. M. L. captain of each line a glass containmany of the awards may come to our Noon of the Michigan State Farm ing a dozen navy beans. And to each rural women in the future.

When buying a new stair carpet, LeValley church Dec. 15. last much longer.

WHEN

Hard Times

COME A-KNOCKING

AT THE DOOR

Whether or not, as some people think, times are

harder today than they ever have been, we are

There have been ten business depressions

since A & P was founded in 1859; and, with the

rest of the country, A & P has come through all

ten of them stronger and better. We believe

Our part, as we see it, is to keep on selling

more food for less money - thus making it pos-

sible for more people to buy more food-in turn,

keeping more food producers busy, and making

And it works. For today, besides furnishing a

steady market for many growers and producers, we

are employing 5,763 more workers in our own com-

pany than we did in 1929, the most prosperous year

The Great

ATLANTIC & PACIFIC

sure of one thing:

we can do it again.

more jobs all around.

this country has known.

ON FARM LOANS

Capital; Farmers May Get Extension

mined I would learn more about it before. I found that some of these possible for the banks to continue with butter, salt and pepper. before another canning season rolled prizes were of substantial size and to issue bonds and to continue to Onions baked in their skins reround. For who does more canning all were most worth while. I learned make long-term, low-interest first tain their natural flavor as well as and water should be gradually with mortgage farm loans.

And what should I find among the project or they would be getting their the United States or about \$1,177, or scalloped. great number of booths in the Expo- share of the glory, for they have the 000,000. The loans were made through 4,650 local National Farm Loan Ass'n, of which there is one or Have You permit borrowers from the Federal These Ideas? Land banks to default a year's in-

There is a provision in the bill n jar and neatness of outside and authorizing each bank to extend over winter gatherings please any crowd, Poinsettias may be kept in f this label attached. Besides every prize a five year period or less any delin- be it a public affair or a social eve- way for several years and add much jar is opened and tasted and the quent or unpaid installments on any ning at home unpaid mortgage.

I never saw a more handsome ex- Detroit Milk Drops

clear as water; carrots sliced, with a Michigan Milk Producers Ass'n ad- to the fun. cavity in each center containing a fat vised its producers that Detroit disea; pears in rings with the core re- tributors can handle only 65% of noved; butter beans the full length the base milk figure for each Ass'n change by previously selecting plans Dobin hangs tenaciously to the deof the jar; green string beans each member as base milk. The Ass'n for several menus of 5 articles each. livery job which was once his and cut exactly the same length and ar- urged its farmers to keep as much Write one article each on slips of his alone ranged in fancy piles; green and red of the balance off the market as pos- paper and pin one on each guest as peppers in a can together; a fruit sible as the surplus will be paid for he arrives. When things begin to salad of rings of pineapple with a on a butterfat basis. Taking into lag, ask them to arrange a balanced therry in center of each ring; white consideration the return on surplus meal from the tickets among them. button onions with red pimento milk after paying the hauling cost After a given time collect the groups rings; parsnips and carrots cut fancy to Detroit as against the returns of tickets and score the meals. Give bage; a vegetable plate dinner with from separating at home, the Ass'n each of the winning group of 5 an peas at the bottom of the cap, then sees no good in sending surplus milk after dinner mint. liced carrots and string beans at the to Detroit. Milk consumption apop; whole tomatoes without a seed pears to be declining steadily in De-

Farmers Union Join Hands

her own ability as a canner of fruit, and the president of the Farmers cure a mate to what they have. vegetables, meat, or any of their com- Union met with the American Farm binations would be wise to apply to Bureau throughout its recent 13th Divide your crowd into two groups. Ill., for full particulars governing are in agreement for the best in- each person a soda straw and the Bureau told the annual meeting of No. 2 give an empty glass. No. 1 is

always buy a half yard more than is The Ionia Bureau plans general placing his straw into his mouth and needed and fold in at top and bot- meetings for the members each drawing thru it with his breath. As tom of steps. As the carpet wears on quarter in 1932. The first will be soon as No. 1 has his glass empty he the edges of stairs, move it and it will held at Portland, probably during the passes it on to No. 3 to hold for No. latter part of January.

Cooking Suggestions For

Cabbage, onions, and celery lose more of their minerals in cooking Plant publishers and commercial organiza- Land Banks to Get More than other vegetables lose. Cabbage needs only brief boiling, or just enough to make it tender. Cooking

their minerals and the greater part held for three or four months. The Federal Land Banks through of their vitamins. Celery boiled Then in the spring cut the top back I came to the conclusion that our their Federal Farm Loans now hold twenty to thirty minutes in a small to two or three eyes above the ground farm women had not heard of the one-eighth of the farm mortgages in quantity of water is good creamed and take it from the pot and shake

Unusual bits of entertainment for

Many do not care for cards, and it entertaining a mixed group.

Something that calls into action To 65 Pct. of Base every person present makes a good 'ice breaker" for a party. Simple Detroit-Effective January 1 the Inexpensive yet catchy prizes will add

Getting a Menu.

Or-Before the arrival of guests. write names of food on slips of paper and hide them about the rooms. Each word must have a mate. For instance bacon and eggs, corned beef and cabbage, sait and pepper, mush and milk, bread and butter, pie and cake, crackers and cheese, tea and coffee, peaches and cream. Give the Ionia-"Organized agriculture is one who finds the most complete now working with a united front. mates a prize of a box of matches. The master of the National Grange They may trade about until they se-

the lonia County Farm Bureau at to put each bean from his glass into the empty glass held by No. 2 by 2 to put his beans into. This process is continued until the end of the line s reached and the glass is brought back to the captain by the tail man. Give a prize of a jelly bean to each of

the winning side. Birthday Charades

Divide into three groups with those whose birthdays come in January, February, March and April in one group, May, June, July and August in another and September, October, November and December into last group. Have each group act a charade to be guessed by the other groups.

Washington Contest

Have a Washington party. Give each guest a sheet of paper and a pencil and allow them 10 minutes in which to find as many words as possible out of the name Washington. Give a prize of a pasteboard hatchet or a candy cherry to the one who has the longest list.

Nutting Party

Oh have a "nutting party". Give each guest a sheet of paper on which is written the following questions and ask to have the answers written.

Onestion—What nut is: Ans.:

(1) A beverage? Cocoanut
(2) A girl's name? Hazel nut
(3) Goes with good bread?Butter nut
(4) The most popular? Dough nut
(5) A vegetable? Fen nut
(6) For bad boys? Hickory nut
(7) A fence? Walnut
(8) A sandy shore? Beech nut
(9) A strong box? Chest nut

Hickory nut Walnut Beech nut Chest nut Brazil nut Doughnut

Give the winner a prize of a small sack of nutmeats.

Hang up the frequently-used kitchen utensil whenever possible. It is much easier to find a small utensil like an eggbeater when it hangs on the wall than when it lies on a shelf or in a drawer among other utensils.

Farmers' Buying Guide

Rates on Application

Hotel Kerns—At Lansing. Many years farm organization headquarters. Comfort at easy orices. N. Grand at Mich. Center of city. Cafeteria, garage, Rates \$1.50 to \$2.50.

Monuments—BEAUTIFULLY
DESIGNED
monuments of the most beautiful granite
and marble. Call or write. We employe

ToSave Your Cabbage, Onions and Celery Poinsettia

If one is so fortunate as to be the cabbage for an hour leaves it not possessor of a poinsettia do not disonly brown and unattractive, with a card it when its flowers or colored Washington-It is expected that disagreeable and unnatural flavor, bracts begin to fade, but set the pot I found that over 75 of the prizes Congress will enact the bill before it but also makes it difficult to digest, away in a dry place with a temperayears back. I really did not have had been awarded to women of Mich- authorizing the United States Treas- If correctly cooked, cabbage is deli- ture of around 50 degrees. This is the first hand information to give to igan during 1931 and that fully as ury to buy \$100,000,000 of Federal cate and delicious in flavor when advice given by one who has had those making the inquiry but deter- many had been their lot for the year Land Bank stock, thus making it creamed, scalloped, or served merely much experience with this Christmas

off all of the old dirt from the roots. Repot it in a rich sandy loam and feed applications of liquid fertilizer occasionally through the growing season and the reward in size of bloom will more than repay the trouble.

They need plenty of water and full sunlight during the summer - and should be brought indoors as soon as is becomes cool in the fall.

to the home Christmas decorations. Cuttings about four inches long may is well to plan something else when be taken from the old plant during the resting period and can be soon rooted by inserting the dry cutting in a pot of damp sand and covered with an inverted tumbler which should never be removed until growth has started.

Despite the machine age efforts Try a "balanced menu" for a to push him out of the picture, Old

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5. Builders Building 6. Chicago Temple 7. City Hall—County Building 8. Steuben Bullding 9. Foreman State Bank Bldg.

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WAR FINANCE PLAN TO AID BUSINESS

War Finance Corporation's Work Recalled By Hoover Plan

Washington - President Hoover proposes to establish as a financial elief measure a Reconstruction Fiance Corporation similar to the War 'inance Corporation of 1918-22.

In the 1931 depression the War 'inance Corporation advanced \$538,-000,000 to 4,317 banks in 37 states, to 114 live stock loan companies, 33 o-operative marketing ass'ns in 20 states. At one time the Finance Corporation had \$700,000,000 outstanding. It repaid the treasury all ous matter in a bag of the money advanced and enough more to cover operating expenses. The Reconstruction Finance Corporation would be clothed with broad powers to relieve critical banking conditions in various localities by making loans on commercial paper neld by such banks.

The formation of a Reconstruction Finance Corporation with broad Brown of Arizona is known throughpowers to discount paper is likely to out the country, is coming back to have a dampening effect upon the Michigan this month to speak on the tion of the line would require two numerous proposals to change the work of the Federal Farm Board. He years, and many feared that the Instandard of bank paper acceptable to spoke before the 14th annual meeting dians would tear down the lines and the Federal Reserve Banks for dis- of the Michigan State Farm Bureau roaming herds of buffalo would break count. Senator Vandenberg of Mich- in November. Mr. Brown is of the down the poles. It proved, however, igan has been urging a proposal that Federal Farm Board staff. He is well that these were pessimistic fears. The would broaden the powers of the worth hearing. The time and place of construction of the line actually re-Federal Reserve with respect to real the meetings will be announced local quired less than five months, and of paper not now acceptable and ule: which are normally an important part of most banks' business.

EXPLAINS MOISTURE ON STABLE WALLS

If Heat Is Retained, Moisture In Air Will Not Condense

Ithaca, N. Y .- A cow breathes out approximately 51/2 quarts of water each 24 hours, and a herd of twenty cows would breathe out 110 quarts,

heat does not escape easily, the heat from the animals keeps the stable walls and ceiling warm with the result that the moisture does not condense. However, in that part of the stable where only small amounts of nasium, program, animal heat are given off, as in box stalls and calf pens, or where heat may escape readily, as through bare crete walls, the air is chilled and deposits its moistures.

It may seem strange that around the calf pens where only a small animal breathes out moisture, the walls Process Cuts Oil Content; are so much wetter than around the Value Equals Linseed dairy herd where so much moisture is breathed out, but the above explains it.

Another cause for unnecessary moisture is hay chutes which are left meal in hog feed is becoming more open. The warm, moist, light air is generally accepted in Michigan than forced to rise up these chutes and in previous years, due, apparently, in if the loft siding is tight, this air will no small measure, to experiments in usually leave its moisture on the sid- hog feeding at Michigan State College.

ing and on the under side of the roof.

What is the effect of all this moisture? It causes soggy, mouldy, de- meal as a protein supplement has been caying timbers,-warped ceiling and found the equal of linseed oil meal. siding,-swollen and sticking doors Feeding soy beans, Mr. Freeman and window sash, and a miserable said, has a tendency to produce a soft, place in which to work and keep live oily pork because of the high oil constock.

healthy stables can be entirely cor- the process of producing soy bean rected by proper ventilation, says meal. This meal, when combined Professor Goodman.

The distance by water from Du-falfa or alfalfa meal, makes an exluth-Superior to Montreal is 1,337 ceptionally good hog feed. Some commiles; from Port Arthur 1,215; mercial feeds are now carrying soy from Milwaukee, 1,179 miles; from bean oil meal instead of linseed oil Chicago 1,244 miles; from Gary meal, because of the high food value 1,256 miles; from Detroit 612 miles; of soy bean meal. from Toledo 605 miles; from Cleve- Use of the soy bean oil meal in comland 528 miles; from Erie 433 miles; mercial feed mixes was given the O. from Buffalo 390 miles; from Toron- K. of feeding experts of Michigan, to 338 miles and from Ogdenburg Ohio and Indiana a short time ago, 120 miles to Montreal.

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COMING BACK



"Farmer" Brown, as Charles S. graph line.

Jan. 27, afternoon, auspices of the Saginaw Supply Store, County Farm Bureau. Supply Store, Saginaw Sibley's tact did much to avoid opposition by the red men. He made

Battle Creek

Feb. 2, Tuesday, 3 p. m. at the gymnashum. State College, Farmers Week

GOOD HOG FEED

Oil Meal

· East Lansing-Use of soy bean oil

tent of the bean. Its 14 per cent oil The condition of these damp, un- content is cut to about 5 per cent in with tankage or some other animal protein supplement and fed with al-

according to Mr. Freeman.

Unless alfalfa meal can be had at a cost but slightly above the cost of good alfalfa hay, the college does not recommend the expense of grinding the hay. Feeding experiments using good alfalfa hay in racks have proven successful, which indicates but slight advantage of use of ground feed over rack feeding of the alfalfa.

Soy bean oil meal used in making a mix equal to the commonly accepted REGISTERED JERSEY BULLS, SIRed, son of World's Champion cow. Dams,
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(12-26-2t-p)

Trinity Mix (two parts tankage, one
part linseed oil meal) has the O. K.
of State College. Two parts of tankage, one of soy bean meal and one of alfalfa or alfalfa meal make a "mix" equal to the Trinity Mix, Mr. Freeman

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First Continental

Union, felt that a telegraph line their words truly. The story spread should span the nation. When he among the tribes and the telegraph beproposed that the Western Union came almost sacred to the Indians. tions of Fremont were not far in the immunity was partly because the past, and the vast extent of the coun- wires did not kill the buffalo and try west of the Mississippi was re- waste the Indian's food supply and garded as a wilderness people with threaten his livelihood.

him, he embarked upon the project by graph Company to build a line east to War the government, realizing the Omaha by the Pacific Telegraph Commilitary and administrative value of pany, organized for that purpose. quick and dependable communications

Omaha West-5 Months

It had been expected the construcestate mortgages and other classes ly. Following is Mr. Brown's sched- while buffalo found the poles convenient to rub off their winter coats and Jan. 25 in the evening, under the aus-dices of the Ludington Fruit Exch., fason County Farm Bureau and busi-Jan. 26, afternoon, auspices of the tanwood Co-op Ass'n and the Mecosta ounty Farm Bureau.

Jan. 28. Auspices Farm Bureau Sup-ply Store. See article page 2. the Indians his friends and sought to impress them with the wonder of the Jan. 29, afternoon. This date is tentative: positive announcement will be made locally at a later date. Meeting will be under auspices of the Holland, Hudsonville, Byron Center Co-ops and the Ottawa County Farm Bureau. chief of the Sioux at Ft. Laramie. The or 27½ gallons of water in 24 hours, according to Professor A. M. Goodman of the agricultural engineering Kalamazoo County Farm Bureaus.

Battle Creek
Jan. 29, evening, auspices of Battle two chiefs exchanged telegrams and were deeply impressed. They were deeply impressed. They were deeply impressed told that the wire was the voice of department at Cornell University.

In that section of the stable where most of the stock is kept, and where the walls are well insulated so that the walls are well insulated so that the walls are well insulated so that the wire was the voice of Manitou, the Great Spirit. To consider the work of the stock is kept, and where the walls are well insulated so that the wire was the voice of Manitou, the Great Spirit. To consider the work of the stock is kept, and where the walls are well insulated so that the wire was the voice of Manitou, the Great Spirit. To consider the work of the stock is kept, and where the walls are well insulated so that the wire was the voice of Manitou, the Great Spirit. To consider the work of the stock is kept, and where the walls are well insulated so that the wire was the voice of Manitou, the Great Spirit. To consider the work of the stock is kept, and where the walls are well insulated so that the wire was the voice of Manitou, the Great Spirit. To consider the work of the stock is kept, and where the walls are well insulated so that the wire was the voice of Manitou, the Great Spirit. To consider the work of the stock is kept, and where the walls are well insulated so that the wire was the voice of Manitou, the Great Spirit. To consider the work of the w told that the wire was the voice of

ences. Though the two forts were Obesity Not a Disease; 500 miles apart, the chiefs started out Wire a Neglected Saga on horseback and on meeting each other found that the line had carried should undertake the construction of They might raid the stations and kill the strongest opposition. The explora- ed the wires. Perhaps, however, this

savages and almost impossible of de- Edward Creighton of Omaha, later a millionaire philanthropist, surveyed But Sibley had faith. Undaunted the route west from Omaha and arby the company's refusal to follow ranged with the California State Telehimself. At first he had little success, Sal's Lake City to meet a line to be but with the outbreak of the Civil constructed west to that city from

Pole Supply A Problem with the West, agreed to subsidize the A handsome reward was offered to work. Forty thousand dollars a year the first to reach the Mormon capital for the first ten years of operation and a fine spirit of rivalry developed was voted by congress. Additional in the race between the eastern and funds were raised and a route select- western forces. The dramatic story of ed through Omaha and Salt Lake City this race has never been written, deto San Francisco. When the Union spite the great flood of western histor-Pacific, the first railway to the West, ical works which has come in recent was constructed later it followed prac- years. There are only some reministically the same route as Sibley's tele- cences of men who engaged in the work to be found in the files of old newspapers. In some cases, poles had to be hauled as far as 240 miles by wagon, for there were no trees on the plain and the railroad was yet to fol-

As the two lines progressed, the pony express filled the gap and the time for communications from coast to coast lessened day by day. The line from Omaha, started July 4, 1861 reached Salt Lake City October 18 Four days later the western crew fin ished its part of the job. There re mained only to join the two and the great task of constructing the 1,150 mile Chanscontinental line was completed

October 24, 1861, less than five nonths after the work was begun Stephen J. Field, chief justice of California, opened the service with this significant message to President Lin-

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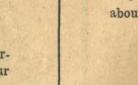
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