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MECOSTA FARMERS BID PENNIES AT MORTGAGE SALE

\$2.06 Pays \$150 Obligation When Neighbors Take Action

Howard City—Approximately 700 in farm personal property and household goods of Ernest Jones, Pierson township, a farmer, brought prices like the above Jan. 30 at a chattel mortgage sale ordered to satisfy a \$150 debt. Farmer neighbors and their wives gathered—some 200 of them. No one bid more than 25c for anything offered. When the hammer had fallen for the last time, the bidders went home, leaving their purchases—where they stood. The taxes totalled \$150. Proceeds of the sale were \$2.06. Loss to the creditor \$147.94.

GOES AFTER HIDES OF 3 CO. OFFICERS

Ionia Bureau Asks Gd. Jury To Probe Salary-Fees Situation

Ionia—The Ionia County Farm Bureau in annual meeting at Ronald Grange near here Jan. 24, demanded a grand jury investigation to determine why the sheriff, county clerk and county treasurer of the county have not returned all fees to the county since the Board of Supervisors placed them on a salary basis with an agreement of record that fees collected should be turned to the county funds.

Truck, Bus Firms to Lose Sleep Over This

Lansing—A gigantic non-dues paying "Michigan Railroad Employees & Citizens League" is being organized. 1,500 signers have been reported from Traverse City. Its object is to support State and Federal legislation for regulation and taxation of motor buses and trucks carrying for hire, and to seek "equality in taxation and competitive conditions between the railroads on one hand and the motor and waterway carriers on the other and with due regard for necessity of liberal exemptions in connection with farmers hauling own products" and own supplies.

584 Bu. Potatoes Per Acre Was 1932 Record

East Lansing—John Eliola of Hancock, Houghton county, upper peninsula, has the new record of 584 bushels of potatoes produced from an acre of ground in Michigan. This was his production record for 1932, as recorded by the Michigan Crop Improvement association. Russell Tennant of Manistique county, upper peninsula, was sweepstakes winner in a field of 43 prize winners in the state's 1932 potato club production contest.

REPEAL STATUTES HOLDING UP LOCAL GOV'T EXPENSES

Costs Fixed by Law Block Economy, Farm Bureau Man Declares

Six Lakes—Boards of supervisors too often find their hands tied in the matter of economy by laws fixing salaries of public officers, fixing rates of payment for various other public expenditures, and requiring that various officers and programs be carried on year after year.

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Bill No. 20 Will Boost Auto Insurance Rates

Lansing—If Senate Bill No. 20 should be enacted by the Legislature automobile owners will be faced with legal liability in all cases for injury to a guest passenger in their cars in case of an accident or injury to the passenger otherwise.

Money Talks

"\$50 came off my taxes when the county took over the township roads with money from the State," said a new Farm Bureau member recently to Charley Scott of the Farm Bureau in acknowledging benefits received through the McNitt-Smith-Holbeck township road law, a measure supported by the Michigan State Farm Bureau as part of its long time program to remove all highway tax from real estate.

LIVE STOCK EXCH. TO CELEBRATE AT 10TH ANN'L MEET

Detroit and Buffalo Houses Return \$300,000 Savings In 10 Years

Lansing—The Michigan Live Stock Exchange will celebrate the 10th year of operations for its Detroit and East Buffalo terminal commission houses at its annual meeting at Lansing Feb. 23-24, according to President E. A. Beamer. Since 1922 the two houses have handled for Exchange shippers 117,000 cars of stock, valued at \$230,000,000. The net earnings of the Exchange have been \$440,000, of which \$300,000 has been returned to local shipping ass'ns in patronage dividends. This year the Exchange patronage dividend will be about \$20,000 or 10% of all commissions paid. The average annual patronage dividend to local ass'ns has been slightly better than 10% of all commissions paid.

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Tuition Bill Affects 4,000 School Graduates

Lansing—4,000 graduates of 1933 in Michigan High schools have advised 150 school districts that they want to return to school for a fifth year of post graduate study. The Commission of Inquiry into Cost of State Government has introduced an economy bill providing that a school district shall not pay tuition for more than a regular 4 year high school course. The bill also recommends that the maximum charge to a district for tuition shall be \$50 instead of \$50 as at present.

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METZGER SEES NO HOPE IN FARM AID OR AN INFLATION

Ten Thousand Farmers Week Visitors Do Not Take Kindly to That

East Lansing—Under the quieting influence of the uplifted hand of President Robert S. Shaw, Michigan's new Commissioner of Agriculture, Hon. Samuel Metzger, delivered his first official address to 10,000 farmers at the Thursday night general meeting of Farmers Week at Michigan State College. This was the first time in the history of Farmers Week gatherings, recognized for many years as the greatest assembly of farmers in Michigan had to temper the restlessness of a somewhat unrestrained audience so that interested listeners might hear what was being said.

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Skiis Three Miles To Attend Meeting

Three miles of snow drifts, snow knee deep on the level in places, only made it easy going for Albert Koskela of Calumet who traveled this distance on skis to get to a car in order to drive to East Lansing to participate in Farmers Week activities.

Mr. Koskela showed the potato boys how to produce a real crop last season, turning out 587 bushels of Green Mountain spuds to the acre on about two acres. To qualify as potato king of Michigan he would have had to show an acreage of at least five acres instead of two acres, according to official rules of the Michigan potato club.

ELEV. EXCH. GETS A \$200,000 LOAN FOR BEAN OWNERS

To Loan 5% Cash to Farmers And Elevators on Their Beans

Lansing—The Michigan Elevator Exchange announced Jan. 27, that the Reconstruction Finance Corporation had approved a loan of \$200,000 to the Exchange at 5% which the Exchange plans to re-lend to farmers and elevators on beans at the same rate of interest. Any farmer or elevator who would like to borrow on a stock of beans should write or see the Michigan Elevator Exchange at Lansing for particulars and arrangements as they would apply to his location, etc.

Purpose of the Exchange in seeking the loan is to assist farmers and elevators in marketing their beans in the usual normal flow to market during the crop year. Also, to relieve the immediate pressure to dump beans in order to get some money. Farmers or elevators may sell their beans under loan any time and pay the loan from the Exchange if they wish.

The Reconstruction Finance Corporation loan to the Elevator Exchange for Michigan's bean industry is believed to be the first R. F. C. loan in Michigan to other than banks, railroads or insurance companies. The Elevator Exchange will not use any part of the R. F. C. loan, it said, since its finances are ample for its business.

The Michigan Elevator Exchange is a co-operative organization of 80 farmers elevators handling grain and beans. It is also sales agent for the Michigan Bean Growers, Inc., with some 20 bean handling units and several thousand bean producing farmer members.

How Farmer May Borrow Under this arrangement the Elevator Exchange does not loan money to anyone without collateral. He must have the beans in a bonded warehouse or a negotiable warehouse receipt for beans in a bonded warehouse.

In order for the farmer to obtain money on his crop, he must deliver the beans to an elevator, which in turn ships them to the Elevator Exchange to some bonded warehouse. There is no such thing as a direct loan to farmers with beans in their own possession.

HARDEN ALFALFA FOR THE WINTER

Late Cutting and Pasturing Injures Winter Hardiness

East Lansing—Nourish alfalfa so the plants will be able to establish themselves for resisting the rigors of winter and a long stride will have been taken to protect the crop. Prof. C. R. Megee, of State College crops department, told an audience at the college during Farmers' Week. Nourishment and care alone, however, will not make a plant winter hardy, he stated. Southwestern alfalfa, such as Arizona seed, and seed from Hairy Peruvian strains will not give winter hardy plants for Michigan conditions. He explained that winter hardiness is developed through a hardening process that takes place within plants at the close of the normal growing season. Late cutting or heavy fall pasturing of the crop interferes with this hardening process and leaves the plant unprepared for the extremes of weather. Mr. Megee pointed out. He recommended selection of dependable seed, liming and otherwise feeding the soil in preparation of the seed bed and then giving the crop a chance to "get set" in the fall.

COMSTOCK'S TAX PROGRAM LOOSED UPON LEGISLATURE

Sales-Income Tax to Replace Property Levy; Other Big Changes

Lansing—Governor Comstock presented the Legislature Feb. 2, with a financial program involving many changes which, he said, will relieve real property taxpayers some \$65,000,000 annually by apportioning that much of the burden elsewhere. Changes recommended: 1. Gross Sales and Income Taxes: a. Retail sales, 3% b. Manufacturers', 3/10% c. Mining, etc., 2/10% d. Public Utilities, 3% e. Amusements, 3% f. Professional services, 3% A general exemption of \$4,800 is provided. Taxes on public utilities would be credited to the primary school fund. All other of the above taxes would go into the general fund.

Salaries and wages are not taxed. Other exemptions under the gross income-sales tax would be school book sales, insurance payments, building and loan credits, income of labor, agricultural and horticultural societies operated not for profit.

A \$1 privilege fee to do business would be levied on all businesses and go into the general fund. It is estimated that the gross sales and income taxes will raise \$35,000,000 annually which will replace the present state property tax of \$23,000,000 and leave a balance for the primary school fund.

Aids \$15 Tax Limit If the State property tax of \$23,000,000 more or less is not levied, said the Governor, those funds will be available for city, county, village and township governments and school districts under the \$15 per thousand tax amendment limitation.

Local governments would divide the \$15 per thousand for current operating expenses. Local officials, serving without salary, would decide the division of local real estate tax levies.

In counties under 30,000 population, the Governor's plan places that responsibility on the county clerk, a citizen appointed by the board of supervisors, and a third citizen appointed by the State sup't of public instruction. In counties having more than 30,000 population, the commission would be the county clerk, two supervisors, a representative of the city, and the school commissioner.

Abolish College Mill Tax? The Governor would also increase local real estate tax funds by abolishing the mill taxes for support of the University and State College. A bill will be offered soon providing for their support from other funds, measured by property valuations. In this bill, said Gov. Comstock, all State institutions of higher learning will be placed on the same appropriation basis from the general educational fund. Economy will be had and educational duplications avoided.

Delinquent Tax Relief For delinquent tax relief the Governor recommended installment privileges of equal payments over a period of 10 years beginning in 1933, providing current taxes and annual installments are paid promptly.

Another bill proposes the State buy in tax titles sold under present laws and hold them for property owners desiring to regain their title. The Governor warned that since no part of the primary school fund tax levied against public utility properties has ever been used for debt retirement, the \$15 tax limitation amendment might be limited to \$15 there with great loss to the schools. He urged a constitutional amendment to avoid that possibility.

500 Attend Calhoun Farm Bureau Annual

Battle Creek—Five hundred attended the annual meeting of the Calhoun County Farm Bureau and dinner at the Postum Cereal Company clubhouses here Jan. 25. Lucius E. Wilson of Pinckney spoke on money, credit and debt, urging a controlled inflation based on a managed currency as a means of raising and stabilizing prices. A play was presented under the direction of Mrs. Elmer E. Ball.

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Letters From Our Readers

Urges Tuition Law Repeal

Farmers are beginning to rebel against the tuition law as regards to tuition of 8th grade pupils as found in Section 452 Chapter 18, page 199, General School Laws.

When the first tuition law was passed requiring rural districts to pay the tuition of those who passed the eighth grade and wished to attend high school, the amount of tuition was fixed at \$20 per pupil per year. Farmers did not object for times were good. But the law was changed in 1921 and tuition raised to \$60 per year.

In many school districts this causes real hardship. I know of one poor district that paid \$75 each for 17 pupils (several resorted with a few dollars tax each) which caused real hardship to the farmers in that district.

Teacher's wages in the high schools should be cut at least 50%. We did it in our rural school. Yet in spite of this fact we had a choice of among a dozen applicants for our school last summer.

A poll of our school district shows 23 for repeal of the tuition law and 10 opposed, but those opposing (except two) all had children attending high school.

If there ever was an unjust law this tuition law is one. People who can ill afford are paying tuition for life to those who are abundantly able to pay their own tuition. It is argued that the public owns a high school education to the poor but how about the widow with a farm that she rents on the 50-50 plan, and was compelled to borrow money to pay taxes for the last three years? Another case two old people on an 80 acre farm have paid tuition for

Hiram on Quilting

By R. S. CLARK

I guess I told you Mable's folks are staying with us now. She and Ben and Emmy Lou and Junior and the Pup. Makes us quite a family but we manage it somehow. At least we'll get to know them before the kids grow up.

When they packed their baggage, Mable she put in Lots of little odds and ends (You know how women do) And with the rest some pieces, mostly bright and thin, Of various dress materials of her and Emmy Lou.

Well, here today she brought them down, and Marthy was so glad. She and Mable spread them out—and lots of Marthy's too. But her's was not so showy because the clothes she's had. She chose for wearing qualities instead of style and hue.

Then Marthy got the quilting book and looked it through and through. Deciding on a pattern for the quilt that's going to be, And they held lengthy conferences until the air was blue. Why, they even asked opinions from yet as Ben and me.

Ben was diplomatic. He never really said That he preferred the Irish Chair or the Crazy Ann. Or thought the Dutchman's Puzzle made up in green and red. Was nicer than the Lone Star in rose and brown and tan.

But when they asked my notion about the right design I up and told them plainly—I told them word for word. That all these fancy patterns are just a monkey-shine, And a good old fashioned crazy-quilt is much to be preferred.

It makes me boll to see them work and sort the colors out. And stew and fret and argue on how they ought to go. And take the nice big pieces and chop them all about. And then just cut and cut and cut and sew and sew and sew!

They snip and snip and stitch and talk and talk for hours. They've cut those little dinky scraps in stacks six-inches high. They say it takes six hundred blocks to make the sixty flowers. And I'll just bet it's six long weeks before I see a pie!

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Why Our Holstein Edition?

Praise and gratitude were in the wake of the second Holstein-Friesian Honor Roll Edition published by the Farm News Jan. 14. Having no preference for the Holstein breed as against any other breed, the Farm News sold space to the energetic Holstein-Friesian Ass'n and leading breeders who wished to record in public print the production records of their cows and where more like them may be produced. Articles offered the editor were published if their general news value warranted publication in any edition. Privilege to purchase space in the Farm News for the same purpose is open to any other breed association, group or individual. Such publicity is good for any breed of live stock, whether the breed association members publish it themselves in book form, or hire space in a farm publication.

Our Quaint Customs

In Jackson county, for example, 80% of the votes that elect the county school commissioner come from the city of Jackson. He is elected by the city vote and has no jurisdiction in the city. Further more, in any county he has little authority to determine who is qualified to teach and who is not.

Twenty-five per cent of the rural schools in Ingham county, wherein is the State capital, could be closed and save 25% if the citizens cared to apply better management. Few children would be beyond walking distance of a school and those that were could ride in school busses that now pass their doors without picking them up. So says the committee of citizens who as the Commission of Inquiry into Local Government went looking for economy, good points and bad features in our local affairs.

In a central Michigan county no less than 13 separate organizations conduct welfare work, each with a central office and staff, including investigators. Some families receive aid from several sources. Some of the work is done with public funds, the rest from funds from the public. Similar situations prevail to more or less degree in other counties. Two years ago a bill was offered in the legislature to provide one responsible head for welfare work in each county and a single relief organization. Three times 83 is 249 and that's the number of county poor commissioners in Michigan counties. Their objections were successful.

The great majority of youngsters who complete high school courses do not go on to college. They never have. They never will, even though the average high school course of study prepares them for entry to most colleges or universities without an entrance examination.

Most high schools strive to get on the University approved list and stay there. That means college preparatory courses, higher requirements for the teachers, possibly more teachers than otherwise, and other requirements that call for considerable outlay of money. If Jonestown is on the accredited list of universities, Smithtown high school near by would be there or bust a tug.

Of course, one never knows which of the youngsters will go on to college for further education, but we can't see why they shouldn't take entrance examinations if it is good economy back home to do so. Some of the outstanding educational institutions in the land today oblige all candidates for entrance to be examined.

Suggested Changes in Public School Law

Authorily over the expenditure of school revenues provided by taxation within the district for the support of the public school has to a great extent been given over to the State Dept of Public Instruction, said the Commission of Inquiry into State Government Expenses to the 1933 Legislature.

The Commission is of the opinion that some of this authority should be returned to the school officials in the district where the tax is levied and collected. To accomplish this end the Commission has offered three bills providing:

1. Amend Sect. 7104, Laws of 1929 requiring transportation for pupils of closed schools and dictating equipment therefor. Amendment would leave matter of transportation to judgment of local authorities.
2. Repeal of Sect. 7194. Law requires all rural agricultural school buildings to be used as community centers. Twelve months janitor service is required to hold building in readiness for community meetings, etc.
3. Amend Sect. 7551. Maximum high school tuition to be charged to a district would be \$50 instead of \$60, and no tuition could be paid for more than a four year high school course.

Legislative Club Plan Is Favored By Co-ops

Lansing—Farmers Legislative Clubs continue to organize in southwestern Michigan. At a general meeting of county Farm Bureau and co-operative ass'n men at Lansing Feb. 1, arrangements were made to start organization of legislative clubs around other co-op ass'ns in Michigan.

Clubs organized are holding regular meetings. Early in February the State Farm Bureau will start weekly legislative letters to the Clubs, stating the position of legislation farmers are interested in, etc., so that the local clubs may take action. Clubs organized to date:

FARMERS LEGISLATIVE CLUBS
Domestic Farmers Co-op Ass'n
Eau Claire Farmers Exchange
Lawrence Co-operative Company
St. Joe Ship. Ass'n—Buchanan
Central Farmers Ass'n—Cassopolis
Porter Twp. Club, Van Buren Co.
Three Oaks Legislative Club
Gobles Legislative Club
Lawton Co-op Ass'n
Lawrence Co-op Ass'n
Paw Paw Co-op Ass'n

393 Michigan Co-ops Do Business of \$61,358,000

Washington—Three hundred and ninety-three marketing and purchasing associations in Michigan, with a total membership of 133,000, did a total business of \$61,358,000 in the year 1932.

The report of the division of co-operative marketing of the federal farm board shows that the largest number of such associations was in the grain division, where there were 98 associations with a membership of 28,000, which did a total business of \$14,700,000.

The second largest was in the division of livestock where there were 80 with membership of 23,000 doing a total business of \$13,800,000.

There were 54 associations in the fruit and vegetable class, with membership of 6,550 doing a total business of \$4,300,000.

Program of the Clubs

To support legislation for:

1. State and local govt. economies.
2. Apply 15 mill tax limit.
3. Favor income tax for school aid if any new tax is required. Will oppose general sales tax.
4. Limit school expense to auto license and gas tax revenue.
5. Cut school costs.
6. Lower telephone, power, rates.
7. Lower interest on Federal loans to farmers, as low as given any other industry.
8. Long time redemption privilege for delinquent taxes; installment plan privileges with reduced penalties.
9. Limit any one county to 25% of House or Senate in any apportionment of the Legislature.

Truck Shipments Make More Live Stock Work

Detroit—in 1932 4% of the stock received at the Detroit yards came by truck; in 1932 72% came by truck. Handling truck shipments means handling all sales accounting for many individuals and is much more expensive accounting for the terminal market houses, said President Beamer of the Michigan Live Stock Exchange in speaking of changes in marketing conditions. One check and one account disposed of a carload of stock. As many as 30 checks and accounts sales are required to handle the same amount of stock arriving by truck.

71% of Chicks on Michigan Farms from Hatcheries

Commercial hatcheries furnish 80 to 90% and up of all chicks raised for farm flocks in 12 leading poultry counties in Michigan. Hatchery chicks represent 71% of all chicks raised in Michigan annually, according to the Michigan State College Poultry Department.

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Pioneer Producers Are Honored at Meetings

East Lansing—Breeders of Michigan live stock of many years work came in for formal introduction to Farmers' Week visitors at the annual banquet of live stock breeders. Producers honored were Alfred Vincent of Durand, Jersey breeder; B. F. Anderson of Adrian, Percheron breeder; W. H. McCarty of Bad Axe, Hereford breeder; Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Shaw of South Haven, poultry breeders, and William E. Livingston of Parma, Poland China hog breeder.

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WASHTENAW FARM BUREAU YOUTHS PRESENT PLANS

4-H Club Members Make Up Cast of Detour Ahead

Ann Arbor—The Farm Bureau membership in Washtenaw county is developing its own entertainment this winter. Young people, members of Farm Bureau families, have organized a dramatic club under the direction of Miss Helen Stein, a graduate of the University of Michigan, and are giving the Farm Bureau play "Detour Ahead". The play has been given twice before audiences of 200 to 250 people. The play is supplemented by local talent, and additional entertainment features.

President McCalla Tells of Interesting Farm Bureau Story Preceding the Program

Following the program at Saline on Jan. 19, a progressive pedro party was held at which prizes were given and refreshments served. At the Pleasant Lake meeting dancing was enjoyed to music furnished by the Finkbeiner orchestra. The third meeting will be held Feb. 8, at Worden, as a feature of the Salem Farmers annual institute. Arrangements are being made to present the play in several other places in the county.

The cast of characters is made up of present and graduate 4-H club members and leaders who are not in school this year. They are as follows: Roland Stein (a member of the board of directors) takes the part of Mr. Stevens, oil station magnate; Raymond Gribach, Jim Moorhead, a tight wad; Carolyn McCalla, Jim's determined wife; Melvin Hartman, David Ramsey, a Civil War veteran; Eileen Gribach, David's charming granddaughter; Frank McCalla, county agricultural agent, a recent graduate of an agricultural college.

These meetings have been inspirational in their nature, as well as informational and entertaining. It is hoped by the president, and the board of directors that they will be the means of stimulating more interest in their farm organization on the part of the many who are attending who are not informed as to the many services it is possible for a Farm Bureau member to secure through a membership.

Two club members and leaders, Dorothy and Lowell Spike, have developed a "black-face" dialogue called "So This is Love" which is presented in costume after the play at each meeting.

EDITOR'S NOTE—A number of County Farm Bureaus are presented Farm Bureau plays adopted to their particular counties by Mrs. Edith M. Wagar of Carleton, Monroe county, Farm Bureau home and community chairman for Michigan.

WOOL MARKETING ASS'N REPORTS ON SETTLEMENT

1931 Final Soon; 1932 Nearly Sold; Sales Make 1933 Look Good

Lansing—Directors of the Michigan Co-operative Wool Marketing Ass'n meeting here Jan. 30 announced that final settlements on the 1931 wool sales by the Ass'n and Nat'l Wool Marketing Corporation will be in the members' hands shortly. Frozen markets, idle mills, slow consumption of woolen goods have made wool sales most difficult, the Ass'n said.

1931 wool sales carried over into the 1932 season. The 1932 clip sales by the Ass'n are nearly completed and final settlement should come soon, the Ass'n said, thanks to a reviving wool market.

The National Wool Marketing Corporation, sales agency at Boston, said Jan. 31 that it is now selling wools at the rate of 10 million pounds per month and should be able to dispose of all its remaining stocks in about three months. It will be May 1 before any volume of 1933 wool arrives at Boston.

Wool is getting into a stronger market position for American growers as time passes, the National said. Stocks are low and are held in strong hands, including the farm-wool co-operative National Wool Marketing Corporation and its 26 affiliated States wool growers assns, which constitute the largest wool handling group in the United States today.

The National and Michigan Co-operative Wool Marketing Ass'n announce that the 1933 wool pools will get under way early. Finances are assured for the usual advance to growers. Conditions seem to promise an earlier closing out of the 1933 pool and are favorable for organized farmer marketing effort to advance wool prices to higher levels.

Manufacturing Plants Get Half Our Milk Production

Fifty per cent of Michigan milk goes to market as milk while the remaining fifty per cent goes through channels of creameries, condenseries, ice cream factories and other processes, State College said Farmers' Week.

They Wail About the Times But Object to Any Changes

Fun to Watch Sky Rockets Going Up; Descent Recalls the Cost

By MRS. EDITH M. WAGAR

Just the other morning on the train, a young man, well dressed and sure of himself, was quite eloquent that good would come out of all of this depression.

"They'll be glad to go back to work again and will be willing to earn what they get. Why, even the farmers will tend to their business better and will work and keep on their job a bit closer."

I was most certain that this young fellow knew nothing whatever of the farmer's true situation, so I spoke out "in meeting" and asked him this question, "Why should the farmer work harder and longer when he cannot sell his produce now for cost of production? I'd have loved to have had him sit down and argue it out with me, but he gave me a look of resentment and went through to the next coach."

I was present at a gathering a while back and legislation was the topic. I was amused and then alarmed when I heard several men and women say they knew nothing whatever about the Domestic Allotment Plan but they were against it. Snap judgment! The fact that our national farm organizations support this plan should warrant a little personal thought.

Why cannot we have confidence enough in our non-partisan farm leadership, whose sole purpose is to get agriculture on its feet once more, that we will pledge ourselves to speak no harsh word against their best judgment, that we will resolve to inform ourselves correctly on the subjects in question, and that we will pass on our information to our neighbors less able to get it?

I heard a woman rave about the high taxes and she was quite communitistic about it too, yet she would not consider merging some county offices. She was very emphatic in her opposition to a plan of tax collections through the county treasurer in place of the two dozen township treasurers now on the job. It seems as though there has been suffering enough to convince everyone that it is high time for us to change wasteful policies that have helped to bring these times about—they never just happened—there is a reason behind them.

It takes all the grace one can muster sometimes to see how instant some folks are that something must be done, yet, they themselves make no effort. The indifference of people to the alarming situation is really pathetic.

Groups of women will sit by the hour and compare quilt patterns and complain because they cannot have and do as they did a few years back, yet they will not draw a quick breath over the question of being able to keep their school open another year or not. We hear on all sides that it is time they did something, but we find

Patriarchs Are Honored At Poultry Meeting

East Lansing—Michigan poultrymen, assembled at State College during Farmers' Week, paid tribute to one of the patriarchs in the poultry industry, at their annual banquet, Tuesday evening, Jan. 31. Mr. and Mrs. Elmer E. Shaw, of South Haven, Van Buren county, were the honored guests who were given distinction of being the poultry patriarchs of Michigan this year.

With nearly a full 50 years of married life, this couple have been in the poultry business for 40 years, finding a profitable market outlet for their eggs in recent years through parcel post deliveries to consumers in Chicago. They began business with a dozen Barred Rocks, costing a dollar a piece, back in the days when a dollar was a lot of money for a hen. This couple also secured the first premium ever paid on the Chicago market for white eggs, it is claimed.

Sees 1933 Dangers in Corn and Oats Seed

East Lansing—Do not cut corners in purchasing seed this year, is the advice from the crops department of State College.

Roy Decker, extension specialist in farm crops, addressing one of the groups during Farmers' Week, told the group that seed germination tests made in various parts of Michigan this winter show corn, especially, has a high moisture content, meaning that only the very best corn seed should be relied on for the 1933 crop.

With only about one-half as much certified seed corn and one-third as much certified seed barley as was available last year and with a lot of light oats, the suggestion Mr. Decker offered was "Be very careful this spring in choosing the source of your seed supply."

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the job is left for about one out of a hundred to push. The other 99 sit still and say it should be done. They are willing that those doing the work should bear all the expense also. They expect results to fall in their laps unsolicited and free of charge.

Dr. Warren tells us times must be worse before they can be better. That is a bitter pill. I wonder if we can't look at it that perhaps we got our medicine before others did and cannot go worse! But I do think that there are industries and charges upon the public which have not felt the hand of depression as we have. If all should be served alike, there must be a way to touch those untouchables.

A short time ago, I lost my temper when a fellow said this country owed it to the children to give them educational advantages no matter what else happened. No one has been a stronger advocate for education than I, but I feel our educational system can do much revamping and still turn out men and women who can be self-supporting and able to work out life's problems as they come along. This proponent of untrammelled education has a family of little ones getting advantages along cultural lines that are denied the average farm child, yet he pays no direct school tax and holds a job that is made possible only through school taxes. He has had no substantial cut in wages. He can spend more than usual because some living expenses are lower. He sees no cause for alarm.

At a dedication of a fine new high school recently the only disturbing feature was the utter disregard given the taxpayers, the people upon whom the real burden was to fall. Great credit was given the board of education, the faculty, the State Department of Education, the contractors and even the fine group of boys and girls attending but no mention was made of the sacrifices, the worries and the utter distress and inability to pay on the part of the home-owners of that community.

It is a splendid building and if times were normal everyone could rejoice that it could be their's to enjoy—but there are many features connected with it that's entirely out of place these days.

Don't you think it is high time to slow up a little on thought on spending for the coming generations and give more thought to grey-haired old dads and mothers?

LAND BANK CHIEF DISCUSSES POLICIES ON FARM LOANS

Grant Necessary Extensions; Put Brakes on Other Creditors

St. Paul, Minn.—"At the present time there are approximately 33,000 borrowers living in the states of Minnesota, North Dakota, Wisconsin and Michigan who have loans with this institution, the Federal Land Bank of St. Paul," said President Klawon recently. "A very large number of these borrowers, even during these very trying times, are finding it possible to make the payments on their loans as they become due."

"Many borrowers have not been so fortunate. Those who have been unable to make their payments when due have been and are now being shown every reasonable consideration by the bank. It is not the policy of the bank to foreclose where it appears that the borrower can work out his difficulties and will put forth an earnest effort to do so if given an opportunity."

"In an effort to co-operate with borrowers whose loans have become delinquent, the bank during the past year has granted formal extensions to more than 10,000 borrowers and has granted temporary indulgence to many others. These extensions have all been granted after a thorough investigation of the applicants' records to determine their probable ability to pay out providing fair commodity prices are received for agricultural products during the next several years. In this connection, the promptness with which borrowers have paid their loan installments in the past is also given consideration."

"In connection with our extensions, borrowers often give the bank, as additional collateral, a chattel mortgage upon their personal property. In most instances this is done as much to protect the borrower as the bank. The impression sometimes prevails, not so much with the borrower as with others, that the chattel mortgage is taken so as to put the borrower out of business. This, of course, is not the intention, as the bank is interested primarily in seeing that the borrower continues to farm and to pay the installments on his mortgage loan. If others take chattel mortgages they may demand payment from current income and the Federal Land Bank and the borrower would be found 'holding the bag', leaving the farmer with nothing with which to keep his home, his job, and means of a livelihood."

"In those cases where, because of a combination of circumstances and an accumulation of obligations, borrowers were unable to or uninterested in retaining possession of their farm homes, the bank has been obliged to acquire farms through foreclosure proceedings."

GAS COMPANIES' SALES AT 79 PCT. OF THE 1929 PEAK

1932 Good as 1926; Retreat From Cities Shown in Customer Losses

Ann Arbor—Michigan gas companies sold approximately 30 billion cubic feet of manufactured gas in 1932, according to the Utilities Information Bureau. This compares to total sales of 33,643,000,000 cubic feet in 1931, the decrease being between 10 and 11 per cent. Sales were about 21 per cent below the top record of 37,962,500,000 cubic feet in 1929. Sales reached practically the level of 1926, which was the largest for the Michigan gas industry up to that time.

The decreases in the various classes of sales were due directly to the effects of industrial conditions. The industrial load was cut down during the year and employment conditions caused a heavy migration of population which resulted in losses among domestic and commercial gas customers. Total customers at the end of 1932 were approximately 593,200, as compared to 639,690 in 1931, and to 730,030, the high peak in 1929.

The largest loss in customers has been among domestic consumers due directly to families moving out of industrial centers and away from gas service zones. The smallest loss in number of customers has been among industrial and commercial customers, and in this class the number of persons and concerns going out of business has been well balanced by the number of additional persons and concerns who have found uses for gas in their businesses. The number of industrial uses for gas has increased during the year. The volume of industrial and commercial sales has, of course, reflected the conditions of the times.

Editor's Note—Public interest is growing in demands made by consumers in various parts of Michigan for reductions in public utility rates. Few have been made since the beginning of the depression.

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BEET CONTRACTS SEEN APPLICABLE TO OTHER CROPS

Sugar Association Officer Is Hopeful for Important State Industry

East Lansing—An agreement to sell beet sugar at 20 cents per hundred pounds under cane sugar, adopted by beet sugar interests many years ago, must be abandoned to give the beet growers of Michigan the returns they are entitled to, Dr. J. A. Brock, secretary of the Michigan beet growers and manufacturers association, told an audience of more than 2,000 persons, Feb. 1, at Michigan State College.

Doctor Brock expressed belief that participating contracts, along the lines of contracts adopted by beet growers and Michigan sugar refineries the past year, may be adopted in the successful marketing of other farm crops.

Lowering of tariff protection on sugar from the Philippine Islands and Cuba was opposed by this speaker who charged that beet growers have too great a battle today in trying to meet competition of Cuban and Philippine sugar production with sugar retail prices beaten down to very low levels.

Answering questions from his audience, at the close of his address, Dr. Brock explained that cane sugar is dumped on the market just before canning time in this part of the world because the Cubans and Philippines do about as Michigan growers do: sell their commodities at harvest time. Heavy marketing at their harvest time, coupled with an effort to break the sugar market so as to destroy the industry for beet growers, in order to return absolute control to the cane sugar interests of the east, was given as the obvious reasons for low sugar prices at a time most disadvantageous to the Michigan beet farmers.

One grower asked why he had to pay more for sugar, direct from the factory at St. Louis, Michigan, than his local grocer was charging for it, was informed that the factory's price for sugar was the price warranted by the market for that particular date and not a price based on "bargain purchases" of the "dumping period".

Michigan factories have rated capacities sufficient to take care of the state's total sugar consumption, the speaker said, in answer to a specific question, but, to date, he explained, beet production has been sufficient to run only about 70 per cent of the state's needs.

The participating contracts of 1932 allowed growers and manufacturers a 50-50 division in the returns from the products of the sugar plants.

PUBLIC TAXATION MAKES TRUCKS GO, VANDERCOOK SAYS

Busses, Trucks Boost Road Costs Farm More Than They Pay

Lansing—"An attack on the railroads seems to be the main weapon to be used by truck and buss owners against fair taxation and proper regulation of motor car transportation," says Col. Roy C. Vandercook, manager of the Michigan Railroads Association.

At a recent meeting in Detroit, automobile executives told Wayne County's new legislators that higher bus and truck taxes would not solve the financial problems of the railroads and that because motor carriers "provided cheaper transportation, business would follow the dollar sign despite what the railroads do."

"The motor carriers claim they are willing to pay their just share of taxation," says Col. Vandercook, "but they don't agree with the highest authorities on what just taxation is. They are wearing out expensive highways built by the state and counties on an initial investment of more than \$200,000,000. They are taking a terrible toll in human life through careless operation and faulty equipment. They are causing the state to spend millions more in road construction and maintenance than is necessary for ordinary motor vehicle traffic. And they are paying but a negligible part of the cost of all this."

"At the recent Detroit meeting one of the truck manufacturers told the Wayne Legislators automobiles paid \$45,000,000 taxes last year. This gave an entirely false impression. Heavy duty trucks and inter-city and interstate motor busses which are solely responsible for the high costs of construction and maintenance of the highways did not pay their share.

"I can now show you territory in Michigan where the motor trucks and busses have driven the railroads from the field with the result that the motor transport has immediately boosted rates out of all proportion to anything the railroads ever charged. Passenger fares in some instances are five cents per mile and hauling charges are equally exorbitant. One farmer writes: 'You never know how much you miss the railroads until they are gone. It now costs me \$10 per head to get my cattle to Detroit. Before the railroad was driven out by the trucks it used to cost me 32 cents per hundred weight.'

"Now if the bus and truck operators

will pay the interest on an investment made solely for them plus the million dollars a year maintenance, the railroads will be satisfied. As it is now the railroads, paying \$9,727,436.00 per year in state taxes, are asked to help subsidize an industry which is contributing to the ruin of the railroads. The railroads do not use a bit of public property in their operations. All their right of way is owned by them."

According to Mr. Vandercook, the Royal Transport Commission in England, in determining a just share of taxation to be borne by the motor transport industry, recommended in addition to the 13 1/2¢ per gallon gasoline tax, the following annual taxes on trucks with pneumatic tires:

	Annual Tax
2-Ton truck	\$150
5-Ton truck	\$250
7-Ton truck	\$320
10-Ton truck	\$425
For each additional ton, unladen weight	155

Sympathy is allright in its place, but it is a poor substitution for a meal when a man's hungry.

Dairy Breed Groups Take Dinner Together

East Lansing—Several dairy breed ass'ns joined in a banquet at State College during Farmers' Week this year. About 175 attended the combined gathering. Michigan Guernsey Breeders Association staged its own party with 80 guests attending.

All the associations, including the Guernsey breeders, would have been together had the Guernsey men not made their banquet plans before the joint banquet was decided upon.

Combining several associations for meetings of this nature simplifies the general program for Farmers' Week. The associations taking part in the big dairy banquet were the Michigan Holstein-Friesian association; Michigan Jersey Cattle club; Michigan Brown Swiss Breeders' Association and the testers of the Michigan Dairy Herd Improvement association.

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Evergreen Sweet Corn Most Wilt Resistant

East Lansing—The best weapon in combating wilt disease in sweet corn, according to Prof. Howard Rather, head of the Farm Crops department of State College, is development of wilt resistant strains of corn. This was given in answer to a question regarding control of wilt in a Farmers Week meeting of seed growers, many of whom complained of sweet corn wilt losses. Evergreen strains are more resistant to wilt than Golden Bantam strains, Prof. Rather said.

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With nature pointing the way and furnishing the materials man has been able to propagate fish on a large scale artificially. More than 300 million fish of one variety alone have been hatched by the Wisconsin fish hatcheries and planted in state streams and lakes.

Oakland Farmers Club Asks Moratorium on Foreclosures

Clarkston—Members of the Oakhill Farmers Club, Oakland county, adopted a resolution recently calling for a two years moratorium on mortgage and contract foreclosures on farms and homes. The club said to those who may buy foreclosed property that they "will not neighbor with, change work, loan tools or machinery, or otherwise assist," and will withdraw patronage from any individual or company that deals with them. Some time back a Farmers club in Ionia county adopted a similar resolution.

Feeding Cottonseed Meal

East Lansing—As much as 11 lbs. of cottonseed meal per day have been fed individual cows in heavy production through a three generation feeding test at State College, and with good results, it was said Farmers' Week.

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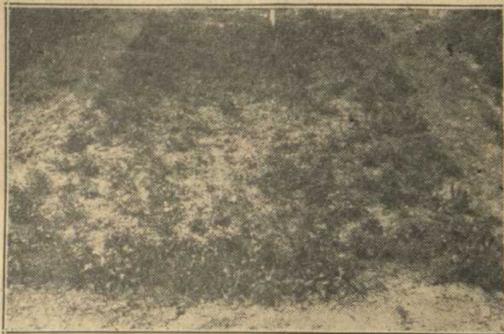
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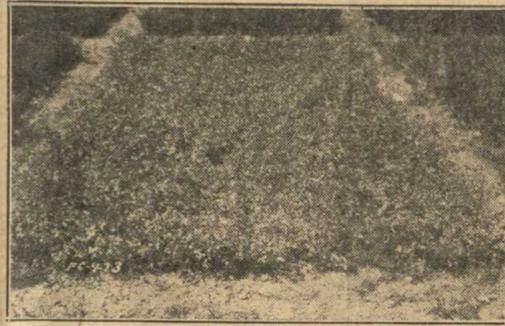
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