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## NOV. 12 SET FOR FARM BUREAU'S SALES TAX SUIT

Atty. General Denies Anything Wrong; Wants Case Dismissed

Lansing-The Michigan State Farm Bureau's sales tax suit against the State Board of Tax Administration goes to trial here Nov. 12 before Judge Carr of the Ingham county circuit

Since July of 1933 the Farm Bureau has sought by petition-denied without a hearing-and by other peaceful means to get the State sales tax administration to reconsider certain regulations. These, the Farm Bureau declares, compel farmers to pay sales tax on farm supplies for production purposes-contrary to the sales tax itself, and contrary to the intent of the legislature which enacted the law.

Last May the Farm Bureau and 180 farmer owner elevators, co-operative ass'ns and co-operative creameries joined forces to go to court for an interpretation of the sales tax law as it applies to farm supplies bought to produce goods for sale. Also, for a court ruling on certain rules and regulations of the sales tax board.

What Farmers Are Paying At that time, 83 farmers' elevators reported they were collecting from farmers an aggregate of \$10,000 per month in sales taxes on seeds, feeds fertilizers and other farm supplies, contrary to law and the intent of the Legislature, in their opinion. They quoted the 1930 U.S. census to show that in 1929 Michigan farmers bought \$39,000,000 in farm supplies for production from 1,339 Michigan dealers. On that volume of business the sales tax would amount to \$1,170,000 a year.

The Farm Bureau's suit was filed June 29, 1934. Hearing set for July 31, was postponed to Sept. 12 and again to Oct. 8 on request of the Attorney General. October 8 he made reply to the Farm Bureau for the sales tax board. He denied farmers have any cause for complaint and asked that the Farm Bureau case be dismissed. By agreement the trial date was then made Nov. 12.

Fitzgerald's Reply In the meantime, Frank Fitzgerald, member of the State Board of tax administration and a defendant, filed with Judge Carr in July an individual reply to the Farm Bureau's suit. Mr Fitzgerald agreed that the Farm Bureau's complaint was just and urged the court to grant the sales tax exemption on farm supplies.

Oct. 8 Attorney General O'Brien filed with Judge Carr a State Board of Tax Administration petition asking that member Fitzgerald's individual reply be thrown out of court as without standing. The Farm Bureau sued the State Board individually and collectively as a Board. And the Attorney General replied for them individually and collectively. So it remains to be seen what will happen to Mr. O'Brien's petition.

The defendant members of the State Board of Tax Administration are: State Treasurer Theodore I. Fry; Auditor General John K. Stack, Jr., Sec'y of State Frank D. Fitzgerald, and James E. Mogan, managing director of the sales tax board.

Farm Bureau's Argument The Farm News presents in this edition the Farm Bureau petition for sales tax exemption on farm supplies for production, presented July 25, 1933, and denied without a hearing. The Farm Bureau argues that farm-

ers buy seeds, feeds, fetilizers, etc., for resale as crops, live stock and poultry and their products. The Farm millions of America's rural popula-Bureau holds that the sales tax tion. board's rules on taxing farm supplies for production are in conflict with the provisions of the act itself, and that such rules result in double taxation of farmers, contrary to the State Con-

O'Brien Replies for Board

In his reply Oct. 8, Attorney General O'Brien held that sales of seeds, feeds, fertilizers, etc., to farmers can "properly be regarded as sales for consumption by the farmer . . . and subject to sales tax." He denied that such purchases by the farmer "are not for his individual use and enjoyment."

The Farm Bureau in its statement to the court contends that seeds, feeds, habilitation and industrial developfertilizers, spray materials, etc., "are | ment. used up in the productive processes of agriculture and must be regarded as Rail Rates to Nashville sales for purpose of resale." Cost of such goods becomes a cost of the product, and standard accounting requires such expenditures to be taken into accounting to determine whether or not the farmer has realized a profit on the sale of goods produced by him, the Farm Bureau complaint says.

How Attorney General Sees It The Attorney General in his reply denies such statements and said: . . That such merchandise and wares . . . are not resold . . . but are used . . . and by such use and chemical action and the process of nature lose their identity so that such goods

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## **Three Big Days**

17th Annual Meeting MICHIGAN STATE FARM BUREAU

8th Annual Meeting State Farm Insurance Companies Agents

#### PROGRAM '

WEDNESDAY, Nov. 7

9:30 a. m .- State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Co. and State Farm Life Co. agents in all day meeting at Union Memorial Bldg., State College, East Lansing.

12:15 p. m.-Agents' luncheon, Union ball room. Adlai H. Rust, Executive Vice President of the State Farm Mutual Auto Ins. Co.; Morris Fuller, Vice President of State Farm Life Co., and Ralph Ewry of Chicago are on the after-

7:30 p. m .- Open House at State Farm Bureau, 221 N. Cedar St., Lansing, for all insurance agents and early arrivals to State Farm Bureau meeting. An evening of visiting and entertainment. Farm Bureau Women's speaking contest

THURSDAY, Nov. 8

9:30 a. m.—Annual business meeting of Michigan State Farm Bureau at Farm Bureau building, 221 N. Cedar St., Lansing. Ample parking facilities nearby.

President's Address Executive Secretary's Report

2:00 p. m.-ADDRESS-By Mr. Chester Gray, Washington representative of the American Farm Bureau. Presentation of Resolutions

THURSDAY EVENING

6:30 p. m .- 10th Annual Dinner and Old Time Square Dance of the State Farm Bureau at Union Memorial Bldg., State College, East Lansing. Tickets 50c.

Ford Dixie Jubilee Eight Singers Humorists-John Krause, Prof. E. S. King. Old Time Dancing Party

FRIDAY, Nov. 9

9:30 a. m.—Farm Bureau business meeting at State Farm Bureau. Resolutions

Election of Directors New Business Adjournment

#### ROOMS

Rooms in East Lansing residences are available as usual at 75c to \$1.00 per night per person. Peoples Church, East Lansing, handles rooms there. You may stop at church, or Farm Bureau will arrange rooms anywhere for you on your arrival for the annual meeting. Kerns Hotel, Lansing, near Farm Bueau, \$1.50 up, single; \$2.50 up, double.

#### DINNER TICKETS

For Farm Bureau dinner and square dance Thursday evening are 50c each. Early reservations will be appreciated by the committee.

## AM. FARM BUREAU ANN'L DOWN SOUTH

Sixteenth Annual Meeting is Scheduled to be Held Dec. 10, 11 and 12

Chicago-Farm Bureau leaders and members who represent county and state farm organizations in all parts of the United States are planning to attend the sixteenth annual meeting of the American Farm Bureau federation in Nashville, Tennessee, Dec. 10, 11 and 12.

At that time, according to officials of the federation, national policies for agriculture will be formulated. Scheduled to attend are: cabinet members, high government administrative officials, authorities on monetary reform, on rural credits, on trade treaties affecting agricultural products; and Farm Bureau leaders. They will discuss the economic, social, governmental and tax problems that directly affect the welfare of more than fifty

Full and free debate from the convention floor is mentioned as a feature of the program. It is said that this year's meeting is particularly important because 4,000,000 farmers have taken part in the program of the agricultural adjustment act. It is pointed out that representative leaders among farm women also have an opportunity to take part in the discussions.

In connection with the meeting, ex cursions are being planned for interested persons to visit the Muscle Shoals development in the Tennessee River Valley, where the government is engaged in a program of rural re-

# For Am. Farm Bureau

The Michigan Central railroad advises that the round trip from Detroit to Nashville, Tenn., for the American Farm Bureau Federation convention early in December will be \$24.78 for here Oct. 17. Of 18,000 bushel capacthe round trip by coaches. Pullman from Detroit to Cincinnati and return On the return trip, interested persons Cave, Ky., at \$5 per person.

between 7 and 8 P. M.

## TO EXPLAIN SUGAR **BEET PLAN SOON**

Seventeen Thousand Michigan Beet Growers Offered Standard Contract

Explanations of the government's plan to aid Michigan sugar beet growers will be made at district and local meetings throughout the beet growing area as soon as contracts are received from Washington so it is certain what til the sea of hands went up against Detroit Only Large City provisions are in the contract, according to the director of extension work at Michigan State College.

More than 17,000 state farmers have qualify them to sign contracts. Every county south of the north Manistee-Iosco line has beet growers except Wexford, Roscommon, Iosco and Lake The counties having more than 1,000 growers are Bay, Huron, Tuscola, Saginaw, and Gratiot. Bay has the most beet producers, 2,303.

No reduction in acreage will be plant in the state was given a quota by President Hull and Secretary Beach of beet acreage last spring and this for the Milk Producers. They offered acreage is alloted among the farmers no statement of their own. It was adaccording to their past years' records journ to the other meeting, or nothing, of acreage grown. New growers are and nothing it was. eligible for the allotment of acreage only when previous growers do not ask for the entire amount available. Control boards of farmers will not be organized by counties but by factory districts. This will reduce the number of boards and is expected to keep local expenses down to a min-

Total benefit payments and tax refunds which may be paid on Michigan beets may exceed \$1,600,000 if all eligble growers sign contracts. Local expenses will be deducted from that total and no benefit payments will be made until the contracts are in Wash-

#### Coldwater Elevator

Coldwater-Two-thousand attended the formal opening of the Coldwater Co-operative Company's new elevator ity and perphaps the most modern elevator in Michigan today, it replaces would bring that amount to \$32.28. a structure that burned last spring. Speakers were L. E. Osmer, manager could stop off for a trip to Mammoth of the Michigan Elevator Exchange, Roy W. Bennett, manager of the seed division of Farm Bureau Services at his own fault. The meeting wound up Most fatal auto accidents occur Lansing, and H. C. King of the King at 6. p. m. Seed Co. of Battle Creek.

## **FARMERS UNION GETS NOWHERE AT MILK PRODUCERS**

Expected Fight for Control Is Squelched by Delegates

East Lansing-Months of effort on the part of the Farmers Union to seek control of the Michigan Milk Producers Ass'n at its 18th annual meeting at State College came to nothing at

the annual meeting Nov. 1. Delegate support for the present officers and their policies, as explained to the convention, was overwhelmingly in their favor. President Hull, much criticized by the Union, was given a tremendous vote of confidence and returned as a director for three

The Farmers Union had strength in the meeting, but at no time did their voting power rise to better than the short end of 3 to 1 ratio of the 458 delegate votes cast.

Pre-Convention Campaigns The 18th annual meeting of the Milk Producers was preceded by months of attack on Milk Producers policies and the President, Secretary, and attorney for the Producers by Farmers Union representatives. Many meetings were called by the Farmers Union in its campaign for delegates. Some of them large mass meetings. The Producers administration presented its side with vigor to the milk producers locals.

Just prior to the annual meeting the Farmers Union secured a court injunction at Adrian in Lenawee county barring 38 Michigan Producers Dairy delegates from seats at the annual session on the grounds that their selection was not regular. The local Farmers Union delegates went up to the annual meeting and were rejected by the credentials committee.

Both Groups in Session On the day of the Milk Producers annual meeting, limited to voting delegates, Farmers Union leaders appeared with a mass meeting of their members at the other end of the college campus. Where they had had 3,000 out for an earlier mass meeting on the milk question, some 700 turned out for

State police patroled the grounds and the building in which the Milk Producers met. Farmers Union people had free access to the lobby, but none but properly identified voting delegates were pe convention hall. The police had a dull day. Both groups kept to themselves except at noon when the Farmers Union crowd gathered around the Producers meeting hall out of curios-

ity while on their way to lunch. Farmers Union Strategy Strategy of the Farmers' Union was to adjourn the Milk Producer delegate can Farm Bureau, and termed by all meeting over to the Farmers Union groups in Washington as perhaps the mass meeting at Demonstration hall. best posted man on the relation of all Farmers Union delegates tried that legislation to farmers' interests. He three times, but it was no go. The moment the meeting opened, they tried nual meeting Thursday afternoon, Nov. it. They tried twice after lunch. They | 8. had what seemed sizeable support un-

the proposal. The Farmers Union delegates didn't do well by themselves in the Producers meeting. That is, their spokesmen grown sugar beets in the years that didn't. They sniped, and sniped frequently with parliamentary law shots that didn't get anywhere. When the convention refused to pick itself up and go over to the mass meeting, and refused twice to urgings to listen to Walter Nelson, attorney-organizer for the Farmers Union, the Farmers Union spokesmen appeared to have shot their wad. They offered no debate on asked under the contracts. Each sugar the reports and future programs given

The last important sally by the Farmers Union delegates was offered by Mr. Wesley Reid of Monroe county. He proposed substituting James Atchison as director in place of N. P. Hull. The motion lost 323 to 129. Several other skirmishes, not all of Farmer Union origin, to substitute others in place of director candidates named by the nominating committee, lost by similar majorities. Final vote on the directors elected:

For Against 

At the opening of the meeting, on suggestion of Mr. Hull, each county caucused and named one member each to the credentials, nominating and resolutions committee. Several times during the meeting the convention backed up and reconsidered adopted motions to permit further discussion, or new nominations, etc. It was this paper's observation that all delegates had ample opportunity to express themselves at the proper time and place in the proceedings, and that if any left with his piece not said, it was

## Vote "NO" on All **Proposed Amendments**

TO BE VOTED ON NOVEMBER 6

The Farm Bureau and 13 city and rural groups on Oct. 29 decided to ask you to reject the following proposed amendments to the State Constitution as not in the best interests of the public. They have been analyzed in articles and editorially in this and preceding editions of the Farm News. Most of them should be handled by the Legislature. Legal authorities say those which are Constitutional amendments by nature are so loosely drawn as to promise unexpected and even disastrous results for the public.

To provide for non-partisan elections for all judicial officers.	X	
To limit the tax on gasoline and to exempt the business and income of the oil and gasoline industry from any other form of taxation except for police license fees.	_ x	
To limit the registration license fees on motor vehicles and to exempt the business and in-		1

Amendment to permit the adoption of home rule government by counties. X

form of taxation, except for police license fees.

SPEAKER

CHESTER GRAY

Chester Gray, is the veteran Wash-

ington representative of the Ameri-

is to address the Farm Bureau's an-

Giving Welfare Fresh Milk

Detroit is the only large city in the

country where fresh milk is given

the Detroit Dairy & Food Council.

milk, said Mr. Grubbs to the Michigan

Milk Producers convention at State

the fact that today Detroit has 46,000

families on welfare and that number

is being added to at the rate of 1,200

Barry Farm Bureau Ann'l

Hastings-Nearly two hundred at-

tended the annual meeting and dinner

of the Barry Farm Bureau at Hast-

ings, Oct. 31. The proposed amend-

ments were discussed by the editor of

the Farm News. Barry County Farm

Bureau has over 100 new members.

Mrs. Nellie Brumm of Nashville is the

The kangaroo babies, when first

Sales Tax Paid

On Farm Supplies

For Food Production

Price to 3% Farmer Sales Aug. 15, 1934 Tax

County Farm Bureau president.

born, are only one inch in length.

per week at this time.

To abolish the uniform rule of taxation and to permit the classification of property for taxation purposes and an income tax for public schools. Amendment permitting raising of jurisdiction of justices of peace in cities of more than 250,000 population to \$1,500.

## CHERRY M'RKETING AGREEMENT AIM OF

Yes No

FARM BUREAU

Michigan Starts Action That Brings Progress at Chicago Chicago-Mason, Oceana, Grand

Traverse and southwestern Michigan County Farm Bureau leaders and Sec'y Brody of the State Farm Bureau made important contributions here Oct. 25 toward an AAA cherry start in 1935.

The meeting was held under the 3, and is in opposition to them both." suspices of the American, Michigan, M. R. Keyworth, superintendent of it to go forward with the project,

#### **ANTHONY ADVISES** those on welfare rather than canned milk, according to M. S. Grubbs of What this means to producers of fluid

College Nov. 1, can be gathered from Make Good Roughage Last; Certain Feeds Good Bargains

> "If you appear to be short on alfalfa or other good leguminous roughage, don't feed full ration of it until it's sone, but rather spread it over the entire feeding season is possible. It's better to feed one light feeding of good roughage daily throughout the season and fill with less desirable roughages than it is to run out of alfalfa at Christmas or in January and have to go the rest of the time on | bean pods and the like," said Dean Anthony to the Milk Producers at State College Nov. 1.

> "To get at that, one should make forms we have worked out for calculating the amounts of hay, silage, etc., on hand and showing the requirements of each for cows over certain periods. They are handy and are Yours for the asking," said Mr. An-

hay, but at more than \$12 to \$14 per ton its too high. Wheat bran is too high, so are oats. But there are some feed bargains today," he said. "Cull beans are cheap and will substitute for corn up to 20%. Corn gluten feed is favorable in price. Brewers grains When not over 10c per 35-45 lb. bushel are economical. Molasses is a good substitute for corn and does well on chopped straw."

The stars rise and set like the sun.

## 14 STATE GROUPS SAY VOTE NO ON **ALL AMENDMENTS**

Farm Bureau, Manufacturers, Others, Rap Legislation By Amendment

Lansing-A "NO" vote on all constitutional amendments on the Nov. 6 ballot was recommended by representatives of fourteen city and rural organizations meeting at the Michigan State Farm Bureau October 29 to discuss the amendments.

After reviewing all the amendments at length, the organizations decided to oppose all of them and said:

'We are of the opinion that the best interests of the State are not being served by the growing practice of initiating ambiguously drawn

"We are opposed in principle to enacting legislation through the medium of constitutional amendments, which are likely in some instances to conceal private selfish motives.

"Taken as a whole, the amendments to be voted on this year are not of such outstanding merit that they warrant our support. We therefore believe the best interests of the public will be served by voting "NO" on all six of the amendments.'

The decision was unanimous, except for the Michigan Real Estate Ass'n, which said resolutions committed it to support No. 5, but it was op-

posed to the others. Score Methods Used

The organizations scored the practice of placing constitutional amendments on the ballot by having petitions circulated, for which hired petition circulators get two cents per name. They held each of the six amendments "ill advised" as constitutional law. The gasoline and weight tax proposals, Nos. 2 and 3, were roundly criticised as "being inspired by unworthy motives."

Auto Firms Oppose 2 and 3

An outstanding development of the industry marketing agreement to meeting was the assertion by John L. Lovett, manager of the Michigan Michigan proposed the meeting at a Manufacturers association, of which Farm Bureau conference in Chicago every large motor manufacturer in in August. To the Chicago meeting the state is a member, that "the gas Oct. 25 came representatives of cherry and weight tax proposals are not fagrowers, growers-canners, and can- vored by the industry. They were ners from Michigan, from the Sturg- placed before us last spring. We foreon Bay, Wis., district and from New mally refused to associate ourselves York state to meet with Mr. Banks with the movement. The motor inrepresenting Sec'y Wallace dustry does not favor reducing or of the Dep't of Agriculture and the dodging any tax at the expense of government. The motor industry seeks Building on work done at previous no tax exemption - on the contrary, meetings on this subject at Buffalo, a instead of seeking special favors, the good start was made on a marketing industry is inclined to lean backwards agreement. It is to be presented to in our desire to support government Sec'y Wallace shortly. If satisfactory costs. The reduction of 36 percent of there, the next step will be public the weight tax last spring was accomhearings on the proposed plan, which plished in the legislature. The Autois designed to insure growers and mobile Club of Michigan, which takes canners a steadier market and better credit for it, had nothing whatever prices for their goods, and to avoid to do with it. The motor industry is market gluts as nearly as possible. not associated with proposals 2 and

Wisconsin and Michigan Farm Bn- schools at Hamtramek and an official reaus. Other interests present, both of the Michigan Education association, canners and other farm organizations, asked Lovett if his views were official, adopted a resolution thanking the as coming from the automotive in-Farm Bureau for its work and asked dustry, and if the statement could be officially quoted. To which Lovett answered: "You certainly can quote that-it's official." Carlos J. Jolly, legislative repre-

sentative of the giant General Motors ON FEED STOCKS corporation, listened in complete agreement, as Lovett spoke, and later raised his hand to indicate opposition to all six proposals. That leaves the Michigan Automo-

bile Ass'n and the petroleum industry as those supporting the campaign to adopt 2 and 3.

No. 4 Lacks Support

County Home Rule proposal, No. 4, got no support from the city interests present, representing Detroit, Flint, Grand Rapids, Port Huron, Jackson and Lansing. It was criticized as offering no definite programs for replacing the county government we now have, but only the certainty of making it possible for every minority group to have a try at evolving a county government according to its notions. Such county governments would be responsible only to themfeed inventory. County agents have selves. Home rule cities, which sponsors of No. 4 hold up as patterns. must submit proposed charters to the Governor and State authorities for examination in the people's interest, Now and then charters come up which are no government at all. One failed to include a tax power. No such safe "There's nothing better than alfalfa guards are provided in proposal No. 4. The organizations urging a NO vote

on all amendments, at the Lansing meeting, were: Michigan Education Ass'n: H. Steele, Jackson, President; E. T. Cameron, Lan-sing, Executive Secretary; M. R. Key-worth, Hamtramck, Chairman Legista-

Michigan State Farm Bureaus Billings, Davison, President; C. L. Bi Secretary, Lansing; Directors M. B. Pherson of Lowell; C. S. Langdo Hubbardston; Charles Woodruff of H ings; M. D. Buskirk of Paw Paw; J Bussey of Lake Leelanau; W. E. Phi of Decatur

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#### Why We Say "No" on the Six Amendments

Since the Farm News agrees with the Michigan State Farm Bureau and many city and rural organizations that all six of the proposed amendments to the Constitution should be voted down November 6, a statement of reasons is in order.

To begin with, Amendments Nos. 1 and 2 and 3 deal with matters that properly belong to the Legislature as statutory matter and have no place in the Constitution. Interests behind these amendments would write legislation into the Constitution in order to avoid inquiry by the Legislature into the merits of their proposals.

Amendments 4 and 5 and 6 propose a new section and two revisions to existing provisions of the State Constitution. They are properly Constitutional amendments. A principal criticism of them as amendments is that they are so drawn that the public won't find out what they may mean until they are hard and fast as part of our basic law, and extremely difficult to correct or repeal. We're asked to take too much for granted in these efforts at direct legislation by groups who can get enough names on a petition to get their ideas on the ballot.

Leaving the sponsors of the amendments to argue the good points of their several proposals, we raise these specific objections, as propounded by the Farm Bureau and other students of the amendments:

#### Amendment No. 1

There is no guarantee that the non-partisan election of judges will give us judges of greater or lesser ability than we now have. The Legislature could provide for non-partisan elections. M. B. McPherson, an authority on State government costs, estimates that adoption of No. I will cost the taxpayers about \$500,000 every three years in the added expense for such elections.

#### Amendments No. 2 and No. 3

No. 2 and 3 would reduce the gasoline tax to 2c per gallon and make permanent the present weight tax limit of 35e per cwt, for pleasure cars. They would exempt the business and income of the petroleum and automotive industries from other taxes,-meaning sales tax and income

The gas tax will drop one cent if No. 2 is adopted, but none can say how long it will be before the gasoline companies will be getting the \$7,000,000 benefit instead of the public. Gasoline prices have changed about 16 times since Jan. 1, 1933. The range has been 51/2 cents.

Certain it is that highway revenues will shrink \$7,000,000. The countles now get ALL the weight tax of \$12,900,000. They get \$5,550,000 out of the \$20,500,000 gas tax collections. The State has statutory and fixed obligations of \$13,573,000 against its share of the gas tax balance of \$14,950,000. That leaves the State \$1,377,000 surplus for new construction, maintenance of new highways and for unanticipated maintenance costs.

If we take \$7,000,000 away from \$1,377,000 that means a shrink of nearly \$6,000,000 to come from somewhere. The counties are using their receipts of \$18,450,000 in highway funds to retire Covert road bonds, other debts, county road and township road maintenance totaling \$23,410,078 annually.

If \$6,000,000 has to be found to meet these fixed obligations, it will have to come from real estate taxes. Some \$16,000,000 of the State and local annual road debt interest and principal payments involved were all contracted before the 15 mill tax limitation law. What gasoline and weight taxes fall to pay must then be added to our road debt

At present many farmers have no road tax levy whatever, thanks to the McNitt and Horton Acts which return weight and gas tax money to the counties as at present. But farmers are in a fair way to pay real estate tax for highways again if No. 2 and 3 are adopted:

Adoption of Nos. 2 and 3 will prevent local schools from getting over \$5,000,000 annually just starting to come to them from the sales Adoption of 2 and 3 means that should a State income tax be enacted for schools, the petroleum and automotive industries will never contribute a cent. Only they will be exempt.

#### Amendment No. 4

No. 4 makes possible "home rule for county governments" but doesn't tell us what to expect. The Legislature, or two-thirds of the board of supervisors, or any number of groups in a county that can muster 10% of their voters' signatures to a petition for their pet plan may all have county government schemes on a county ballot at the same time. The process can be repeated at every election. Judge Carr, for more than 20 years on the Ingham circuit court bench, said recently that No. 4 makes no provision for anyone passing on the legality of a plan that may be submitted in any county. Home rule cities must have their charters approved by the Governor and the Attorney General to protect the people. Not so with No. 4.

In the name of economy No. 4 provides for abolishing any county officer, including the board of supervisors if so desired. However, their duties are all statutory and would have to be carried on by someone. Many believe it aims to replace the board of supervisors with a small group of office holders.

#### Amendment No. 5

No. 5, to repeal the uniform rule of taxation and provide for an income tax, is largely a permissive amendment, but if adopted would scrap the present system of taxation and compel the Legislature to work out an entirely new system, according to Judge Carr. He believes that the confusion and uncertainty regarding it today would probably cause trouble. General intent of No. 5 is approved by most farmers. There is uncertainty as to what its adoption may bring in the matter of unforseen complications.

#### Amendment No. 6

No. 6, to speed up civil suits in Wayne county by increasing jurisdiction of justices of peace there to \$1,500, has a fatal defect for the rest of Michigan by further cluttering out state circuit courts. It reduces

## **Hiram on Autumn**

I like the Autumn season—as seasons come and go—
When it's hazy round the edges and we've had a frost or so.
Then the weeds don't crowd the farmer. Then the harvesting is through,
And the clouds float high and fleecy in a sky that's mighty blue.
Then the glamorous wealth of coror that the woodkand leaves have got
Make a fellow feel poetic—if he ever was or not.
There's a kind of subtile somethins in the glory of it all
Makes me think, if I were choosing, I could almost choose the Fall.

Did you ever stop and wonder why it is the leaves turn red? Nature always has a purpose, some philosopher has said.

Now the brilliant flowers of summer, in perfume, hue, and size, bach exemplify the slogan that it pays to advertise!

Their lovely propaganda is delightfully refined,
But every lovely blosson has a lovely ax to grind.

Not so the Autumn foliage that's everywhere displayed—

There is no battle to be won. It's just a dress parade.

Just a dress parade of loveliness. A style show, if you please; Of the latest stunning fashions for well-dressed Autumn Trees. Sort of compensates us farmers, as I think you will allow, For some dusty days in August when we rode the sulky plow. Here I borrowed Marthy's bread-board, and took some blinder twine, And cut some strings this morning with this old jack-knife of mine, And with a hempen fox-tail about my middle tied Hud shucked out several bushels before the dew was dried.

I'm not a dressy figure as I sit here hasking corn,
For my old felt hat is floppy and my overalls are worn.
But as I work from time to time I cast my glance around
At the stretch of painted lowland and the farther rising ground,
And I do not feel downhearted at the lowliness of toil.
But I thank my Heavenly Father that my roots are in the soil—
That His world is mine to work in and appreciate and all.
Oh, I think of all the seasons I could almost choose the Fall!

jurisdiction of all other justices of peace from \$500 to \$300 and omits their right to try minor criminal cases. Circuit courts would get that

#### Farmers' Union Gets Nowhere at Producers

(Continued from page 1.) Pres. Hull's Remarks

"The purpose of this organization is to benefit its member producers," began Mr. Hull, "Delegates meet here each year to determine its policies. If any feel that the policies are not for the benefit of the producers, this is this body.

are subject to your approval.

Cost of Production "There isn't any member on our no profit in unsold goods."

ment milk license plan. We are not country either has the milk license have had it fluid milk has advanced journment of the meeting. to \$2.25 and we have good reason to cwt. from the low point."

Sec'y Beach's Remarks

groups name these men.

talk by Senator Peter Lennon, of for all milk would close every manu- Genesee county, who urged facturing plant in Michigan. How, he wrecking of the base and surplus asked, could the resulting 70c per lb. plan of milk marketing; short talks butter into Michigan at 30c?

## With Farmers Union

sales committee that doesn't want When the 38 Farmers Union delecost of production plus a profit. We gates from Lenawee county were de- tween dairy feeds and hay bought and have tried to get the highest price pos- clined seats in the Milk Producers milk sold is so insignificant as to have sible. The first law of successful convention, their supporters and sym- no importance. The same reasoning selling of any product is to keep the pathizers, in the Farmers Union meet is applied by the Attorney General as price as high as you can and move ing, started dollar contributions to a regards purchases of poultry feed and the goods. If you get the price too fund to help re-open the court case in eggs produced; as regards seeds and high, you violate that law and there is Lenawee county to enable the Farm- fertilizers purchased and the corn We are criticized by some because Milk Producers Association of that tables and fruit. we have accepted the U. S. govern- county to file a supplementary bill, "Wherefore," concluded the Attor-

While state police were stationed The Farm News will report in de-

Beach, any organization that could fight. The messenger was an ac-

## Farm Bureau's Position on 3% Sales Tax

STATE BOARD OF TAX ADMINISTRATION

fertilizers, lime, commercial dairy and poultry feeds, feedstuffs and grains for feeding, spray materials, poultry and live stock, fruit trees, plants, binder twine and other products purchased exclusively for manufacturing, assembling producing, preparing, or wrapping, crating and/or otherwise maintained to produce eggs, milk, or maintained eggs, milk, or maintained to produce eggs, milk, or maintained eggs, milk, or ma preparing all agricultural products maintained as breeding stock, finally produced by farmers for delivery to passes into retail trade as meat in be sold be exempt from the 3% retail the course of the business. sales tax now being paid by farmers

All seeds, fertilizers, feedstuffs and exclusively for producing a high qualsimilar goods are purchased by farm- ity of crop and to produce a large ers solely for the purpose of production of such quality goods to be WIII DAY UP to 22 00 CORN IS SOLD TO SOLD THE SOLD ing or manufacturing products which sold at retail. eventually will sell at retail. All We Quote From House Concurrent such purchases become part of the products sold at retail in the form of "RESOLVED, That the legislative vegetables, fruits, processed grains, intent, in passing Act 167, Public Acts milk or milk products, eggs, poultry, of 1933, was to exclude from the proor meats and the various by-products visions of the act any sale of anyof these industries. All such products thing used exclusively in the manuwhen sold at retail are properly sub- facturing, assembling, producing, preject to the 3% retail sales tax.

FACTS CONCERNING SUPPLIES

stock products. Feeds and Feedstuffs, Mill Feeds

milk or milk products, eggs, meat or other live stock products.

Even the by-products of crop and live stock operations are turned back on the land to produce crops and five stock and their products which are destined to find a final retail market.

July 25, 1933.

Michigan Elevator Exchange....Lansing Michigan Detroit Michigan Milk Producers Ass'n...Detroit Michigan Bean Growers, Inc....Saginaw Great Lakes Fruit Industries, Inc...Saginaw Great Lakes Fruit Industries, Inc...Senton Harbor Mich. Co-op Wool Mktg. Ass'n...Lansing Lansing Sugar Beet Growers Ass'n Commerce Ave., Grand Rapids, Mich Commerce Ave., Grand Rapids, Michigan Detroit Michigan Bean Growers Inc...Saginaw Great Lakes Fruit Industries, Inc...Saginaw Needs very quiet surroundings and plant of the first of work for elderly folks, with Commerce Ave., Grand Rapids, Michigan Detroit Michigan Bean Growers Inc...Saginaw Great Lakes Fruit Industries, Inc...Saginaw Needs very quiet surroundings and plant of the products of the first o

East Lansing-With an avowed purthe time to lay the objections before ducers meeting thrown open to non- by the plaintiff's vendee (farmer), and the time to lay the objections before ducers incerting thrown open to the proper committees for report to delegate members and Farmers' Un-"We are criticized for the base and Farmers' Union members assembled part of the goods and wares sold by surplus plan and about the sales com- on State College campus Nov. I as the the plaintiff's vendees, such part is mittee plan. Those plans were adopt- hour approached for the opening of the of such infinitesimal nature that the ed by such delegate bodies as this and milk association convention. They same cannot be held to be a resale college Demonstration Hall as their by the plaintiff." meeting place.

expect \$2.40. If that comes, we shall about the meeting places, following tail the Farm Bureau-State Board of have seen fluid milk advance 80c per earlier rumors of possible trouble, the Tax Administration law suit before Farmers' Union members were admon- Judge Carr Nov. 12. I hed by their state sercetary, Mr. Mr. Beach reported that the Pro- Graham of Grant, to refrain from any ducers have 18,000 members of whom demonstrations which might result kets \$17,000,000 worth of milk annual- receive news direct from the Milk often jump in front of a car. ly for members, and guarantees a Producers convention by a specially market and the pay for the milk. appointed messenger. The messenger, There are 49 men on the sales commit- however, broke in on the meeting but tee for the Detroit area, and 100 as- once during the day, and then took signed to the markets in other Produc- the floor to announce the rejection of er cities. The county milk producers the 38 delegates and suggest a move to render financial assistance to the Under present conditions, said Mr. Lenawee group in renewing its court enforce a demand of \$2.68 per cwt. credited Farmers Union delegate at

Spray Materials, Insecticides

Resolution No. 99

otherwise preparing for delivery any

tangible personal property to be sold;

compelled to pay and absorb sales

istration for a Trade Ruling exempt-

C. L. BRODY.

Executive Secretary.

Farmers purchase such products

PETITION

Presented to the on July 25, 1933

by the MICHIGAN STATE FARM BUREAU (Petition Denied Aug. 7, 1933)

In behalf of Michigan farmers and commercial feeds to produce poultry, in accordance with House Concurrent dairy and live stock products to be

Resolution No. 99, we petition:

That purchases by farmers of seeds, fertilizers, lime, commercial dairy and poultry feeds, feedstuffs, and grains live stock is provided to be a products to be a feed of poultry and live stock is provided to be a feed of poultry

on such purchases.

Seeds and Plants Seeds are purchased exclusively for and be it further producing vegetables, grains, forage crops or plants to be sold at retail in ducing as used herein shall include forms subject to tax:

1. As vegetables.
2. As processed grains for human consumption.
3. As constituents of milk, eggs, livestock and poultry products sold at retail.
4. As fruits, berries.
5. For other uses than food.

Fertilizers and Lime Fertilizers are purchased by farm- tax on ingredients which become part ers solely for the purpose of produc- of goods which are sold at reail and ing larger crop yields from the con- are taxable. The farmer must absorb tained nitrogen, phosphorous, potash a sales tax laid on his supplies for and other elements, which become production purposes since nearly all part of the crop, which may be sold of his production is sold for re-sale work on general farm. Two years farm directly at retail as with vegetables purposes. On that portion which the st., Lansing, Mich. (II-3) and fruits, or may be processed as farmer sells regularly at retail, he exwith grain, or undergo further farm pects to pay the 3% retail sales tax. processing by being fed to poultry, Therefor, the Michigan State Farm dairy cattle or other live stock, to be Bureau, for and on behalf of Michigan finally sold at retail as eggs, milk or farmers, and their organizations, a milk products, meat or other live list of which is here attached, peti-

Commercial dairy and poultry feeds, ing from the 3% retail sales tax purother live stock feeds, mill feeds, hay, chases of farm supplies by farmers meat scraps, and all other animal and for production purposes. poultry feeds, including oyster shell, MICHIGAN STATE FARM BUREAU grits and the like, are purchased by farmers solely for the purpose of producing dairy, poultry and live stock Lansing Michigan products, which are sold at retail as July 25, 1933.

destined to find a final retail market.

butter be sold when others will send on local milk marketing problems by several producers.

#### Nov. 12 Set for Farm At Demonstration Hall Bureau Sales Tax Suit

the Milk Producers' convention:

pose of seeking to have the Milk Pro- cannot be traced to the articles sold tion members, some seven hundred fertilizers, sprays, etc.) do become a were given the privilege of using the of goods, wares and merchandise sold

> No Important Connection In other words the connection be-

ers' Union members of the Michigan crop, wheat crop, sugar beets, vege-

seeking to nullify the results of the new General's reply for the sales tax was created in 1837 by Act 20 of the lonesome in that choice. Every im- Milk association's annual convention. board, "these defendants deny that first legislature. portant milk marketing group in the including the annual election of offi- plaintiff is entitled to any of the recers and board members. A pool of lief asked in this petition and ask that plan or is trying to get it. Since we \$248.09 was announced at the adfor naught."

Look For Wild Deer

Motorists driving through deer some 12,000 serve the Detroit area, in disorder. They were urged to cover are urged by the Department of 4,500 the out-State markets, and about carry on their program through- Conservation to proceed cautiously ,500 the Michigan Producers Dairy out the day in an orderly man- Deer are restless at this time of the plant at Adrian. The Producers mar- ner, being prepared all the while to year and bewildered by headlights

## **ClassifiedAds**

Classified Advertisements are cash with order at the following rates: 4 cents per word for one edition. Ads to appear in two or more editions take the rate of 3 cents per word per edition.

#### LIVE STOCK

REGISTERED HEREFORD BULLS, "Répeater," "Woodford," and "Panama" blood lines. Twenty-five bulls to select from at sensible prices. Cull your herd and try a Hereford bull and the veals from dairy cows, You can't afford to feed scrubs. A. M. Todd Co. (14 miles N. W. of Kalamazoo) World's Largest Mint Farm. (10-6-tf-50b)

SHROPSHIRE RAMS: YEARLINGS Farm located 4 miles south of Ithaca, Michigan, (11-3-2t-21p)

### FOR SALE-MISCELLANEOUS

FOR SALE-CHOICE LEAFY PEA-

### HAY FOR SALE

FOR SALE—ALFALFA HAY AND traw. Reynolds Hay & Grain Co., Cenerville, Mich. (10-6-tf-13b)

#### WANTED-TO BUY

#### TOBACCO FOR SALE

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#### POWDERED MILK

FARMERS, ASK YOUR CO-OP TO "RESOLVED, That the word 'producing as used herein shall include agricultural production."

We hold that the farmer purchasing farm supplies for production purposes is a producer or a manufacturer of tangible personal property to be sold at retail. He should not be

#### WANTED-FARM WORK

MARRIED MAN, 46, WANTS STEADY work on farm. 1 child. Can manage a farm. Orie Moore, 1919 Bement St., Lan-sing or call 2-5591 at Kelly's. (11-3)

SINGLE MAN, 19, WANTS FARM SINGLE MAN, 27, WANTS WORK ON general farm. Raised on farm. Can handle tractor. George Erkman, 1060 N. Cedar St., Lansing, Mich. (11-3)

WANTED-WORK ON GENERAL OR dairy farm by married man, 28. Has 2 children, 4 and 6 yrs. Has had all kinds of experience on farm, also with machinery and tractor and milking machine. Also good milker. Can give the best of references. Leonard W. Campbell, 1060 North Larch Street, Lansing, Michigan. Telephone 7505. tions the State Board of Tax Admin-

EXPERIENCED, SINGLE MAN. 22, Smith, 1708 Lansing Ave., Lansing, Mich

WANTED-WORK ON FARM BY

EXPERIENCED, SINGLE MAN, 41,

Live Stock and Poultry

Live Stock and Poultry

Tarmers purchase poultry and live dealers in farm supplies also endorsed stock to consume home grown and the State Board of Tax Administration.

Lansing

EXCHANGE LABOR FOR FARM produce, potatoes or wood. Ernest Gardner, 2004 West Willow St., Lansing, Michigan.

#### Mrs. Wagar Asks You The day's program included a short To Program on Nov. 7 introductory address by Mr. Graham, a

By MRS. EDUTH M. WAGAR. Farm Bureau members and their friends are invited to attend the open house program at State Farm Bureau headquarters on Wednesday evening, Nov. 7th.

After visiting the Farm Bureau departments, which will be operating; the company will assemble in the audtorium and enjoy the privilege of hearing the several women who are contestants in the Farm Bureau speaking contest on "The Farm Women and

Surprise numbers will be given by the Farm Bureau districts of the State. After the program, refreshments will be served.

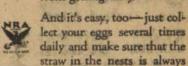
Every effort is being taken to make this evening one of the big times of the year for Farm Bureau folks. Try to attend the annual meeting this year. We urge the county and co-operative association delegates to bring along the ladies. Fill the automobile with members anxious to come. This is your meeting. You are doubly wel-

The Geology Division, Department of Conservation, is one of the oldest administrative units in the state. It



# lean Eggs Unclean Eggs

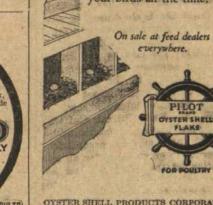
Clean eggs bring you more than twice as much as the dirty ones. That's why it's good business to prevent eggs from getting dirty.



This simple practice will mean a big increase in your profits.

The use of PILOT BRAND OYSTER SHELL-FLAKE is another profit pointer. It is pure and clean and greatly increases egg production. Contains no poisonous matter, or waste.

Keep PILOT BRAND before your birds all the time.



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are assured of these important and essential Services when live stock is sold on the Open, Competitive Terminal Live Stock Market; where both large and small Packers, knowing there will be ample supplies of all grades of live stock available every day come and pay the Price by bidding against each other for their killing needs; where Weights are good because all live stock is properly fed and watered and not sold empty; and where all Checks issued for payment of live stock sold are Guaranteed by a Bond meeting Government requirements. Why take a chance on any other system? Secure all these services by Consigning your live stock to

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East Buffalo, N. Y.

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Hudson, Mich.

# IN CASE OF FIRE Telephone!

Telephone service provides outstanding fire protection for the farm.

For by telephone, help can be called the instant fire is discovered. In many cases, lack of telephone protection has resulted in destruction of house, barns and stock.

In any emergency, such as fire, sickness, accident or prowlers, just one telephone call may be worth more than the cost of the service for a lifetime.



MICHIGAN BELL TELEPHONE CO.

#### Names Farm Bureau Resolutions Committee Over-Advertised on Economy

President Billings of the State Farm lot, will not effect major economies Bureau has appointed a Resolutions its friends suggest," says R. Wayne Farm Debt Committees Find The taxes were delinquent for three year and the buildings were in such Committe for the 17th annual meet- Newton, tax counsel for the Farm Bu-The committee meets at the reau. Farm Bureau at Lansing, Nov. 6 to "Most county expenses are brought begin classification and resolution of about by statutory law. Changing the the proposals that have come from form of government will not change County Farm Bureau and co-opera- the expense of such work much. It Bureau meeting. The committee is: ing one title or another. Mrs. Edith Wagar.

from London down to the smallest omy," Mr. Newton said. hamlet, one may enter a co-operative store and buy anything one needs.

## Thinks Amendment No. 4 is

"The proposed county government reform amendment. No. 4 on the bal-

consolidating the overlapping of city, who also is a victim of these distresscounty and township officials and em- ing times; the very fact that he was ployes, but we don't believe amendment ambitious and progressive was the In almost any town of England, No. 4 provides for that sort of econ- reason nine times out of ten that he

P. J. Hoffmaster, appointed director And ten chances to one, it will have of conservation to succeed the late heen produced in a co-operative George R. Hogarth, was Michigan's of things outside his own line fences first superintendent of state parks.

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in event of your death, if each six months you will pay us \$5 or \$12.50 or \$17.50 in premiums for our PAYMASTER Life Insurance policies in the above amounts.

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STATE FARM LIFE INSURANCE CO.

STATE FARM LIFE INS. CO. MF 4-14-34 Michigan State Farm Bureau, State Agent, 221 No. Cedar St., Lansing, Mich.

Without obligation to me, please send more information about your Paymaster life insurance policies. NAME

## **Juries Are Generous** With Other People's Money

Sentiment and sympathy are likely to influence a verdict in a damage suit arising out of an automobile accident. Consequently juries are often very generous with other people's money in the damages awarded, in the opinion of the defendant.

The most careful driver may find himself involved in an accident and have to prove in court he is not to blame. He may fail to make his word stand in court against the testimony of persons in the other car. An unfavorable verdict may ruin him . . . unless he carries good insurance.

Why not let the State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company, a strong legal reserve company, assume your driving risk at its very reasonable rates? Let us show you how strong this legal reserve company is, and how very reasonable are the rates for protection against loss by fire, theft, collision, property damage or public liability. There is no obligation, of course.

We have more than 500,000 policyholders and 7,000 agents in 35 states in this national Legal Reserve Company. Let our local agent explain our policy to you.

#### STATE FARM MUTUAL AUTO INSURANCE CO. Blomington, Ill.

MICHIGAN STATE FARM BUREAU, State Agent-Lansing

## **Bed Blanket Sale** THIS FARM BUREAU VIRGIN WOOL 70x80 INCH DOUBLE BED BLANKET You may order from this advertisement. Satisfaction guaranteed. Shipped prepaid. Choice of colors as below. Soft, thick, carefully woven. Binding, 4 inch sateen ribbon. Weight 4% lbs. Mich. State Farm Bureau, Lansing, Mich. Please enter my order for.....blankets to be shipped postage prepaid. FARM BUREAU SPECIAL Double-Plaid 70 x 80 ...Rose and White ............ Peach and White ............ Red and Black .......Green and White ......Orchid and White (CHECK BELOW) .....Ship C. O. D.

FARM BUREAU MEMBERS: You may use mailing card sent you some time ago. In addition to this special price, a patronage dividend will be credited on your next membership dues.

## Case of Those Who Think U.S. Should Pay Their Debts

This Idea is Being Promoted

By MRS. EDITH . M. WAGAR. Having served on a farm-debt adtives for attention of the annual Farm still has to be done, by persons bear- I have been faced with many different problems.

found himself trapped when the blow

Seldom have we found the man who never ventured or who never thought and who let others worry about progessive measures. Seldom have we found him needing our assistancehe neither gained during the better days nor did he have to worry during the dark ones,

A Case in Point But the case that tries one's patience and that is the most persistant in demands is the man who is in the mire so deep that nobody could hope to salvage anything for him. Yet he

clear of obligation and care. For example, just the other day my could start the Frazier-Lempke law things for the good of agriculture and attention was demanded by a man working in his behalf then he would developing a spirit of stability. Clear who had been attending some sort of again be a free agent on that farm thinking among its followers is not meetings where he was led to think that was part of the old homestead the least of its many good qualities

the country owed him something. On investigation I found his real He demanded that the farm deb state covered by mortgage at least adjustment committee get busy and one-third above its assessed valuation, adjust his debts; he said he's written The mortgage was long past due. The the President for assistance against nterest was unpaid for some time. his tormentors. He prophesied that

Open House, Annual Dinner

Social Events of the

Convention

elevators, co-operative creameries and farmers ass'ns affiliated with the

Michigan State Farm Bureau will at-

Bureau headquarters Nov. 8 and 9.

Preceding the Farm Bureau meet-

companies in Michigan will have their

annual convention at the State Col-

lege. The Farm Bureau represents

Wednesday evening at Farm Bureau

headquarters will be "open house."

for the inspection of Farm Bureau visi-

tors. When the evening program opens

the annual speaking contest will de-

termine the State champion. Grand

prize is a trip to the American Farm

Bureau Federation convention at

Nashville, Tenn., early in December.

Entertainment and refreshments will

feature the evening. Last year State

headquarters was crowded with Farm

Bureau folks renewing acquaintances

modern dancing is before the dele-

gates and Farm Bureau folks and their

Thursday afternoon Chester Gray,

Washington representative of the

American Farm Bureau, will speak to

the delegate body on what may be ex-

pected in the coming Congress. Few

interesting numbers are scheduled for

The meeting follows the important

State and National elections of Nov. 6.

The fate of the six amendments will

be known. Congress convenes Jan. 1. So does a new Michigan legislature,

and a new State administration, re-

gardless of which party wins. The

Two State wide farmers' commodity

marketing exchanges have applied for

rectors will be elected. The board of

delegates will have two busy days.

Visitors will have quite a show to

Hold 18 Meetings

on themselves to hold meetings in

the State Constitution.

affiliation with the Farm Bureau. Di-

the annual meeting sessions.

and making new ones.

these companies in Michigan.

is anticipated.

chattel mortgage against it, double food for his family of three adults,their worth. Another creditor held a all able to work justment committee for the past year, chattel against every implement on

This man cursed the Federal Land



MRS. EDITH M. WAGAR

has listened to the extravagant talk the local bank holding the mortgage of some of the would-be farm emanci- because they threatened eviction. He respecting their country and its some agency to pull him out and set outlawed. Yet this same man had that our country will depend for cohim on top of the world free and been encouraged to think that all he operation in all things. needed was to find some one who he had inherited.

#### 14 Groups Say Vote No On All 6 Amendments (Continued from page 1.)

Michigan Manufacturers' Ass'n: H. M. allaferro, Grand Rapids, President; Fred C. Moore, Port Huron, Director; John Lovett, Detroit, Manager. Michigan Railroad Ass'n: Ray C. Van-ercook, Lansing, Secretary; John Dan-off, Detroit, Counsel.

Michigan Live Stock Exchange: Charles Toodruff, Hustings, Director.

Michigan Potato Growers Exchange: T. Bussey, Lake Leelanau, President. Great Lakes Fruit Industries: M. D Delegates and visitors from 145 Michigan Wool Marketing Assn: W. W. County Farm Bureaus and farmers

Michigan Elevator Exchange: W. E. Michigan Bureau of Highway Educa-on: O. S. Hess, Grand Rapids. State Ass'n of Supervisors: John Karel, rand Rapids, Vice-president; J. C. cheppers, East Lansing, Secretary. tend the 17th annual meeting at Farm The largest annual meeting in years Michigan Good Roads Ass'n:

Timber and mining interests: George McCallum, Ann Arbor. ing some 300 agents of the State Farm General Motors Corporation: Carlos J. Mutual and State Farm Life Insurance

R. Wayne Newton, taxation specialst of the Michigan Farm Bureau, led discussion of the six amendments. Mr. Billings, president of the bureau, presided at the meeting.

The above groups decided to orquestions and to ask other State organizations to join them. Sec'y C. L. Brody of the Farm Bureau was named Farm Bureau women contestants in secretary.

#### Inventors of Radio

Although many inventors were at work on the theory of wireless, Mahon Loomis, an American, successfully transmitted signals between two kites about 1865 and patented his system in 1872. He failed to develop it, however, and Guglielmo Marconi, who Thursday evening the Farm Bureau patented and put to practical use his will have its annual dinner and old system of wireless communication in ime square dance at the Union Me-1898, is considered its inventor or norial Building at State College. This discovered. Dr. Lee DeForest is reyear the Farm Bureau has sworn off garded as the father of the modern speeches at the annual dinner. The radio as he perfected the audion tube, evening will follow a hard day's work in 1916, through which the voice was in the convention, and the purpose of successfully transmitted. First reguthe dinner program is relaxation and lar radio broadcasts were made from entertainment. Two Michigan hum-KDKA, in Pittsburg, in the fall of orists of note, some splendid music 1919.—Pathfinder Magazine. and the old time square dance and

#### Westbrook Ionia President

Ionia-Mark Westbrook was elected president of the Ionia County Farm Bureau at the annual meeting here Oct. 25. Stanley Powell and William Toan headed the resolutions commitknow Washington as Gray does. Other tee, charged with making recommendations to the State Farm Bureau annual meeting Nov. 8. C. F. Openlander spoke on the accomplishments of the Farm Bureau and suggested program ideas for the future,

#### Repossess Their Farms

Farm Bureau will have much to dis-Washington-By aid of loans from cuss before adopting the resolutions the Farm Credit Administration, some which will determine its policies for 7,275 farms have been repossessed by 1935. But the people's mandate on the owners in recent months. Nearly Nov. 6 will have erected unmistakable half were redeemed after tax sales, guide posts for the convention to read. others were re-purchased or redeemed At the 17th annual meeting, Sec'y after foreclosure of a mortgage. Re-C. L. Brody will report for the Farm demptions after foreclosure of a mort-Bureau's management in 1933-34. Imgage were frequent in the district portant new policies may be offered. which includes Michigan.

#### Many Hunters Disqualified

Deer hunting licenses will be denied this fall to 739 residents of Michigan who have disqualified themselves either by a violation of the deer hunting law or by being guilty of wounding or fatally injuring another hunter, according to the Field Lapeer-Nine directors of the La- Administration Division, Department peer County Farm Bureau took it up- of Conservation.

To a great many citizens, Amerievery township-18 in all- the evenings of Oct. 29 and 30 and Nov. 2 to canism is just a word. They pay it oppose the proposed amendments to lip service—but they have a very poor knowledge of its actual meaning.

were made to protect him, etc.

No law on earth that is fair to all. He didn't even attempt to help him-On top of that the live stock had a self, for he didn't grow the necessary

Farm Bureau's Help Constructive How truly thankful I have been all through the past year that the Farm farmers into demanding impossible governmental protection; one that spent its time and finances towards Federal Farm loans and other sound, progressive measures for assisting the embarrassed farmer rather than arouse anarchistic tendencies.

It is to be regretted that any one claiming to be a farmer will encourage his listeners to write to an already overtaxed President or to demand attention of any governmental agency, unless the appeal is just and

There's plenty of worthy cases around us that should have our best attention. It's a pleasure to serve them and find a plan whereby they can work themselves out of their difficulties in the course of a reasonable

Such farmers are a grateful group, pators and expects the government or boasted that some of his debts were agencies and it is upon such as they

The Farm Bureau has done many



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when his group once became strong | Every once in a while we hear we hope, given to bragging. Neverenough, no farmer in his circum- someone declare that the "Farm Bu- the-less, we don't have to exaggerate stances would be harrassed, for his reau has never done anything." More in order to make a showing

organization would see to it that laws than likely he has never been in con- During these days of anxiety and tact with the organization in any way. trouble among our farm folks, I have I'm thankful we are a group that found that in many instances their year and the buildings were in such could ever help that man. He had may be called conservative. We make troubles have been aggravated and poor condition that insurance was less than bothing left in that place. no rash promises of what we're going enlarged through the false ballyhoo o do. We are giving service, but not, of born ballyhooers.



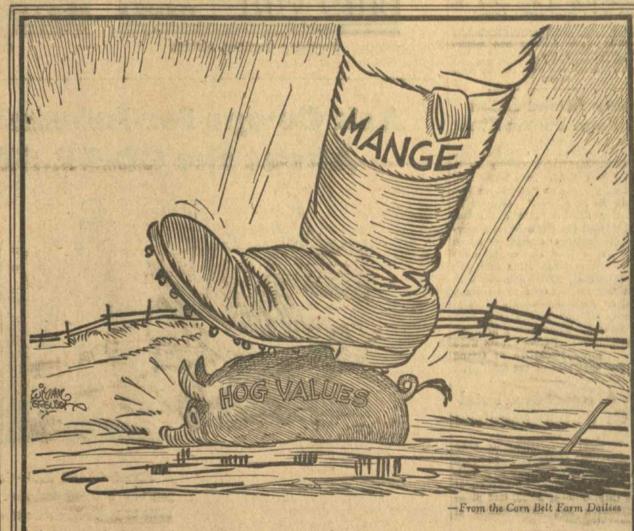
## Protect Them

CHILDREN are the joy of parents, the hope of the nation, and the concern of all. One of the perils that beset them on the road of life is tuberculosis. Nine million children under fifteen years of age in the United States today are infected with the germs of the disease. These children may be protected, however, by safeguards such as are provided by Christmas Seal funds - tuberculin tests, X-rays, clinics, preventoria and nursing service. Your purchase of Christmas Seals to decorate your holiday letters and packages will help protect children from tuberculosis.



The National, State and Local Tuberculosis Associations of the United States

BUY CHRISTMAS SEALS



## Fight Hog Mange Now...

ACCORDING to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, hog mange is increasing throughout the Corn Belt States.

Mange in hogs causes stunted growth, wasted feed, and a high rate of mortality.

Since mangy hogs cannot be turned into quality products, they must sell for less than hogs free of mange.

September and October are the months in which to combat hog lice and mange. The U.S. Department of Agriculture tells you how to do it in Farmers Bulletin No. 1085, entitled "Hog Lice and Hog Mange."

Swift & Company

# HOW AUTO ASS'N GOT AMENDMENT TITLES CHANGED

First Headings Too Clear, So They Had Them Well Scrambled

Most unusual feature of the coming election was the success of the Michigan Automobile Ass'n in inducing the Secretary of State to re-draft the titles of Amendments No. 2 and No. 3 to a form approved by the automobile association.

The net result was to change the titles from a clear statement of what they really mean to a lengthy legal phraseology that rather obscures their real intent.

The changes were made after instruction ballots had been printed and sent throughout the State. It was done over the objections of all opponents of the measures and the Attorney General. They fought the change all one day.

It was accomplished three days later at a "conference" of interested parties at Detroit, presided over by Paul Voorheis, former attorney general. No opponents of the change received notice of the meeting. Neither did the Attorney General. Legal forces of the Automobile Ass'n were there.

Attorney General O'Brien took the case to the Supreme Court which ruled that the Secretary of State may redraft amendment titles as he sees fit. Herewith are the original titles, and as redrafted to suit the Auto Ass'n.

NO. 2, ORIGINAL TITLE

Amendment to limit tax on gasoline and
to exempt the business and income of
the oil and gasoline industry from any
other forms of taxation, except for police
license fees.

NO. 2 TO SUIT AUTO ASS'N

Amendment limiting the specific taxes upon gasoline and like fuel sold or used to propel motor vehicles upon the public roads and highways of the State, prescribing the purposes for which such taxes may be used, and providing exemptions of certain other taxes for those engaged in the manufacturing, refining, selling, importing, storing, transporting or distributing of gasoline and like fuels.

NO. 3, ORIGINAL TITLE

Amendment to limit the registration license fees on motor vehicles and to exempt the business and income of the automotive industry from any other form of taxation, except for police license fees.

NO. 3 TO SUIT AUTO ASS'N

Amendment limiting registration license fees or taxes on all motor vehicles except commercial motor vehicles and motor-cycles, prescribing the purposes which such fees or taxes may be used, and providing for exemptions from certain other taxes.

#### Seventy Attend Eaton Farm Bureau Event

Charlotte-Seventy attended the program of the Eaton County Farm Bureau here Oct. 24. Mrs. Leafy Dell Montgomery spoke on "The Farm Woman and the New Deal." Charles W. Openlander of the State Farm Bureau discussed the Farm Bureau services that farmers accept with no thought as to how service is made possible. He mentioned the sales tax suit, legislative service, and the fight against the amendments to be voted on Nov. 6. Also, the benefits of Farm Bureau completion in the farm supplies business. There was a program of entertainment. Refreshments were served. George McMullen of Grand Ledge was chairman of the meeting.

#### F. F. A. Reaches a Total Of 82,000 Members

The national association of farm boys studying agriculture in high schools, the Future Farmers of America, meeting in annual convention at Kansas City, October 20-25, laid plans for expansion and improvement of their organization.

Enrollment in the Future Farmers now totals \$2,000 boys, it was announced at the meeting. This membership, attained in only six years, includes one out of every two boys taking vocational agriculture in 5,000 high schools.

Sell State Oil Rights

Oil and gas rights on 4,008 acres of state-owned lands were leased by the Lands Division, Department of Conservation, at a sale held at Lansing in October.

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NOTICE TO MEMBERS: Purchases of Farm Bureau Brand dairy and poultry feeds, seeds, fertilizers and fence from your local dealer; also, purchases from our clothing and blankets dep't at Lansing, are eligible to membership credits when declared.

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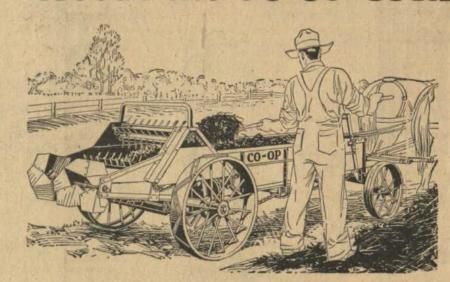
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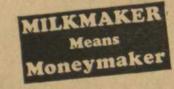
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