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Behind the Wheel with J. F. Yaeger, **Organization** Director

In behalf of Michigan producers of maple syrup and maple sugar, the Michigan State Farm Bureau has joined with the Vermont State Farm Bureau and others in protesting a proposed reduction of duty on those products when imported from Canada,

The present duty on Canadian made

syrup is 4c per 1b. and 6c per 1b. on

HAMILTON MAKES

Builds State's Best Market

For Eggs; Has Several

Enterprises

Hamilton-Eggs are 28 cents a

dozen to the farmer in this Dutch

A GREAT RECORD

Canadians Should Pay

Maple Syrup Tariff

He Can't Afford Not To

No farmer is so poor but what he their maple sugar. 1935 was a year of would have been poorer had there large production in Vermont. The been no such organization as the Vermont Maple Co-operative has a Michigan State Farm Bureau. Can large volume of syrup to market, and farmer afford to belong to the Farm wants no rush of Canadian stocks to Bureau? He can't afford not to. The interfere.

Michigan Farm Bureau in 1933-34-35 Vermont, largest maple products conducted the fight that won exemp- producer, estimates that each 100 tion for farmers from the 3% sales maple trees in production on Vermont tax on supplies for production farms are worth from \$25 to \$40 anpurposes nual income. Maple syrup and sugar

State Aid For Schools production in the United States has The Farm Bureau in 1935 helped declined from an estimated 52,000,000 secure the Thatcher-Saur Act for lbs, annual yield in the years 1859 to State aid to rural schools. It helped 1889 to nearly 19 million pounds in place upon the State the burden of 1933. Canadian production about paying high school tuition for 8th equals that in the States. grade graduates who wish to attend

high school. That is enough to justify farmer support. The annual tuition FARM BUREAU AT savings to heads of many rural families and to taxpayers in the rural districts would pay Farm Bureau membership dues for many years at \$5 per year. Spread \$65 of annual State aid per rural high school pupil among 160,000 farm families and you have the idea of the total local school

tax relief. Membership in the Michigan State Farm Bureau made it possible for the organization to help mightily with this program.

Counties Plan Picnics

town, Michigan's No. 1 egg market. A number of County Farm Bureaus The price to the producer is higher are planning picnics. All farmers here than in Detroit, Grand Rapids, are invited. The time and places for Flint and the other large industrial these already set are as follows: Au- centers in the state writes D. L. Rungust 2, Branch County, Waterworks nells in the Grand Rapids Press.

Park, Coldwater; August 6, Kalama- The Hamilton Farm Bureau has zoo and St. Joseph Counties, Jo-Lo made this thrifty community the Island Park off US-12 between Com- state's leading egg market. By costock and Galesburg; August 22, operative grading, candling, packing igan. One of the many such is the from 7 a. m. to 1 p. m.; evening hours Barry County, Gull Lake; August 23. and shipping the Farm Bureau has Mason County, Amber Grove near taken the eggs from the 202 Dutch Scottville; August 27, Hillsdale, Cal- farmers' hen coops in this section Farm Bureau. houn and Branch Counties, Marble and made them top the New York Lake near Quincy. Other picnics are market,

Van Buren Counties. Time and place report, carries a statement like the had sponsored the project for one later



Photo courtesy Clinton County Republican News

Among the cattle handled by the When purchased as feeders on Oct, chased and shipped to eastern mar-Michigan Livestock Exchange the 18 last, they weighed 622 pounds kets. In addition, two cars (160 head) opening day of its daily live stock Monday they tipped the beam for farmers in this community, and orders market at St. Johns, July 15, were the an average of 1,129, or a gain of ap- taken for many more. 20 head of Hereford steers shown proximately 2 pounds a day aplece "We are well satisfied with our

for the 9-month period.

Marketed by State Farm Bureau The bulk of their rations consisted "We were busy the entire day, and Director C. S. Langdon of the Stone- of cooked culled beans, said Mr. Lang- not only enjoyed good patronage from house Farmstead in Lebanon town- don. The selling price per pound was farmers in Clinton and surrounding ship, the score of "white-faces" caught more than double the purchase price. Mr. Langdon, wearing a cap, is shown of the state as well. One truckload the eye of every farmer visiting the at extreme right. was brought here from as far north

yards that day, and well they might. Several cars of livestock were pur- as Alpena.

Muskegon Co. Farm Bureau Runs Farmers' City Market

And Consumers; Now in 14th Year

above.

Muskegon-Sponsoring projects in increased. Attendance by city pathe interests of farmers is one of the trons had grown tremendously as the many activities of County Farm Bu- popularity of the farmer-to consumer reau organizations throughout Mich- plan increased. Morning hours are

Washington-The average cost to

their business is only \$10,320, yet

.... 235.00 7.05 ...1.060.00 31.80

Grain binder...... Tractor

The market in that city was taken a peak of 180 having been reached ceed in having their amendments will pay profits on their investment. from buying, Mr. Bramble said.

West Farm Bureau Conference at usual selection sold up to the top This year the market is to be used consists of three consumers, three Adjustment Act. Chicago, July 22, 23, 24, was the larg- quotations for Pacific coast whites. every day. Morning and evening mar- producers, the secretary of the Coun-

Well Patronized by Farmers to be open every day this season after June 15 as compared to three days a week in 1934. The charge for stands has been reduced in recent

market. Invariably the Producers' Price-Vorme according the market in that city was taken over by the Farm Bureau board 13 its way in spite of the very low rates its way in spite of the very low rates igan region and for Berrien, Cass and Van Buren Counties. Time and place report, carnies a statement like the following in reference to car lot egg to prevent it going into private hands to are both to prevent it going into private hands to are both The market committee of the Coun- to say about the price the farmer re- Farm Bureau plan recommends that rates, but made no suggestion as to

LIVESTOCK EXCHANGE OPENS AT ST. JOHNS FARM BUREAU PRESENTS A PROGRAM FOR BRINGING ELECTRIC POWER TO FARMS AND FOR INCREASING ITS USE

> Farm Groups, Power Companies Discuss Rural Lines; Farmers Believe Utilities Should Finance Lines; They Seem Agreeable If Revenues Will Justify It

> Rural electrification is the coming thing in Michigan, but its accomplishment is going to require the investment of a great deal of somebody's money. Thirty million dollars have been invested so far in bringing power to some 48,000 farms, according to Henry J. Gallagher of Michigan State College.

Farmers want power companies to finance rural power lines, rather than require that interested farmers join in raising up to \$1,000 per mile for their line. The power companies, whether they finance the line or not, want volume sales of electricity that will be profitable.

These were facts and policies brought out July 16 at Lansing when 200 farmers and power company officials met with the Michigan Public Utilities Commission to determine ways and means of bringing power to all M. B. M. PHERSON interested farmers on a plan satisfactory to both farmer and power company.

Farm Bureau Offers a Plan

When the meeting adjourned after six hours of discussion, the Public Utilities Commission had received a carefully considered plan from the Michigan State Farm Bureau. The plan proposes to satisfy the desires of farmers and power companies, and to safeguard their interests.

The Farm Bureau plan, presented by Mr. M. B. McPheryears and the demand for space has Declares League Represents son, provides that power companies shall construct the lines without cost to the customers where the average is not less than 5 customers to the mile for the entire line. Farmers shall furnish the right of way.

Farmers' City Market in Muskegon, from 4 p. m. to 7 p. m. Farmer at- ground over the future of the Agr'l Power companies declared that they its way, and that electric lights alone Farmers' City Market in Muskegon, County Endance ranges from 40 to 50 per day Adjustment Administration. If the during the height of the season with AAA and the farm organizations suc-

REA Interests Union

Mr. Graham of the Farmers Union among the processors and have more and other equipment on the farm. The objected to both initial costs and The Mid-West Conference The Mid-West Conference The Mid-West Conference The Mid-West Conference The Michigan delegation at the Mid-Storage packed candled whites of un-

to destroy, so the Farm Bureau sug- along the lines of government projects gests that assessing officers apply to in the South. He was much interrural electric lines a reasonable val- ested in the U.S. fund of \$100,000,000 uation, which should remain uniform for rural electrification, none of which, over a period of years. The text of he said, should be loaned to any the Farm Bureau proposal is given power company, and then charged in this edition. against farmers. Appoint a Committee Chairman Smith of the Public Utili-To investigate possible aid for Mich- ties Commission said that the several igan rural electrification from the farm organizations would be considfederal \$100,000,000 Rural Electrifica- ered as representing Michigan farm tion program, the meeting appointed interests. He reminded the meeting a committee consisting of one repre- that while rates were not under dis-

LIBERTY LEAGUE'S ATTACK ON AAA **ASSAILED BY DAVIS**

opening," said Carl Smith, manager.

Entrenched Interests Of Privilege

Washington-Congress is a battle Power Companies Want Consumption+

four were registered from this State. Pacific coast specifications." All day and evening conferences kept heat in the big city was almost un- is paid for each grade. bearable. Even a continuous stream Farmers are being paid 28 cents

room at the top of the Sherman Hotel grade. These eggs have light colored brought little relief. Meetings were volks, clear whites, chalk-white shells, finally held in some of the air-con- and weigh around two ounces each. ditioned dance halls in the hotel. One They are the very best eggs produced. night of rain brought no cooler wea- They are graded, candled and sorted ther. Speakers perspired profusely,- by machinery.

just as though they had been working. Producers are paid 24 cents a dozen It was an inspiring affair. The Mich- for the second and third grades, known igan group came home resolved to as "crystals" and "specials." Quotawork even harder in the interests of tions for other grades are: Standards, organized agriculture.

Women Show The Way

Two of the most active county Farm Bureau organizations in Michigan are led by women. They are Mrs. Frank made in New York by Cornell uni-Myus of Lapeer County who is sec- versity H. E. Botsford, the investiretary and organization worker there, gator, placed Michigan eggs from and Mrs. Roy Brumm of Barry Coun- Hamilton in first position. Nearby ty, president of that organization. shipments from Massachusetts, Con-Mrs. Myus and a small group led a necticut and New Jersey followed in fight that secured for Lapeer County second, third and fourth places, rean agricultural agent, a county Herd spectively. Pacific coast eggs were Improvement Association and two well down in the list. Farm Bureau service stores. Mrs. Brumm's county has the second larg- in the egg business, other communities est membership in the State and can do also," said Andrew Lohman, recently went "over the top" in secur-

ing its 1935 membership quota.

Embrace Youth Movement Two counties that are enthuiastic

about the newly organized Farm Bureau youth program are Eaton and Ingham. Eaton County, under the and Secretary Geo. Mikesell, recently increased its membership nearly 150 bers signing as Sons and Dads. The through five depression years, boys have sponsored a winter discussion group and have a playground to ask for a similar program. The against Old Man Depression. The co- ments. two counties are planning a picnic together after the threshing season. in three of the depression years than retary.

Timothy Yields

Fertilizing timothy meadows with a high-nitrogen fertilizer has shown that hay yields can be practically doubled, according to tests at Purdue Agricultural experiment station.

Zebulon Pike discovered Pikes Peak, Colorado, in 1806.

Premium for Hennery Whites the center of the second largest city clearness of whites, shell texture and some city limitations.

gree of wondering all the higher, the graded separately. A different price shown by the fact that the market is Knopf,

of water on the roof of the meeting a dozen for their "hennery white"
 Com. Alfalfa, bu....\$ 15.90
 \$.48

 Clover, bu......
 18.00
 .54

 Egg Mash, owt.....
 2.60
 .08

 Bran, ½ ton
 15.00
 45

 Midds, FI. ½ T....
 16.00
 .45

 Oil Meal, ½ T.....
 19.00
 .57

 Cottonseed, ½ T.....
 18.00
 .54

22 cents; creams (tinted shells), 23 cents; pullets, 21 cents; trades and checks, 20 cents. Michigan Eggs Place First

In a midwinter quality survey

"What Hamilton has accomplished manager of the co-operative. "By giving a little more attention to mar- co-operating farmers for the local Earl L. Martin, Co-operative keting, egg and poultry production in administration of the wheat adjust-Michigan could be doubled and tripled ment program during the first year

with safety." of its operation was 1.42 cents per pinch of the depression quite as much pecked and egged this community of

Sales Show Depression Battle operative enjoyed a larger business

Fiscal Year Gross Amount ...\$312,000 1926 414.000 1929 516,000 1930 417.000 1931 389,000 1932 379,000 1933 487,000 1934

583,903 1935 Besides the egg business the Farm the company in the 12 years of the co- wife?" Bureau also operates a grain elevator, operative's operations.

est from any of the States. Twenty- These are packed according to the kets are permitted with a small ty Farm Bureau and one city comcharge of 25 cents made for one stand missioner. The advisory committee or 40 cents for an entire day. The assists in moulding the policies reeveryone busy. There was no time Each egg entering the Hamilton market is leased by the Farm Bureau lated to the market, but the adminifor "seeing the city", Many wondered Farm Bureau's warehouse is graded from the city and maintained by them. stration of the market is still the full why a farm conference, was held in according to weight, color of yolk, They also regulate the market under responsibility of the Farm Bureau committee. Much help is given by

in United States. To make the de- color. Each producer's eggs are The progress of the project is County Agricultural Agent Carl

Weather Report and **Crop Summary July 30** Sales Tax Savings Under Flynn Act East Lansing-The United States Average 3% Price to Sales Farmer Tax Aug. 2 Saved Weather Bureau office here summarize Michigan weather and crop

conditions for the week ending July 20 -The weather was hot and sultry most of the week with showers on several days. These were generally light, however, and some localities,

mainly in the northern counties, received no rain during the week. It was excellent growing weather for corn, which is now tasseling and forming ears in southern Michigan.

Potatoes, beans and sugar beets made good progress and are now generally in fair to good condition. Wheat and neply: rye are now being threshed in south-

Av. Cost of Wheat Adj. To Farmers 1.42c Bu. raspberry crop is excellent.

Mr. Earl L. Martin, general man- the opposition to the amendments that per cent with many of the new mem-Holland farmers into prosperity farmers during the fiscal year 1933-34 Martin founded the Mid-West, which heard of it. in administering the wheat program came to include 22 large co-operative

through their local county wheat as- creameries in Indiana, Michigan, Illi-

CHESTER DAVIS'

The American Liberty League, headed by nationally prominents, has been blasting away at the AAA. Recently

have been cut; the crop is heavy and Act constitutes an attempt by a nummany fields are down from heavy erically small but financially powerful rains and winds. Cherry harvest con- group of men and corporations to dictinues with yield fair to good. The tate governmental policies affecting six and one-half million farmers and more than one hundred million con-

"To my mind, nothing could demon-

This community has not felt the bushel of the farmers' allotments. ager of the Mid-West Producers' are being asked of Congress by the The average cost of 1.42 cents per Creameries, Inc., passed away sud- farmers and their responsible leaders. as most others, thanks to the chicken allotted bushel compares with adjust- denly early in July. In 1932, after "If a more powerful aggregation of leadership of President Keith - King industry. Big flocks of White Leg- ment payments received by farmers long experience as manager of co- special interests ever has been amasshorn hens have literally scratched, amounting to 29 cents per bushel. operative creameries and as the own- ed against any legislation in the his-The expenditures are those made by er of creameries in Indiana, Mr. tory of this country; I never have

creameries at meetings. He was ad- makers, large bankers, public utili-

FARM BUREAU PROPOSAL To Promote Rural Electrification in Michigan

Extension of rural electric lines without cost to the customer, on a basis of an average of not less than 5 to the mile for the entire line. Right of way to be furnished by the farmers.

The electric companies should make available at reasonable prices and easy terms of payment refrigerators, ranges, motors, water heaters, coolers, etc., in order that the revenue from the consumption of electrical energy should be sufficient to defray the carrying charges of the line, including taxes and some return on the investment.

The assessing officers should recognize the fact that the taxes would be one of the major items of expense, and fix a reasonable valuation which should remain uniform over a period of years,

Presented before Michigan Public Utilities Hearing, at Lansing, July 16.

sentative each from the Farm Bureau, to raise or lower electric rates, de-Grange, Farmers Union, Public Utili- pendent upon the facts involved. He ties Commission, one from the pri- said that the Commission cannot vately owned and one from the mu- force a company to operate at a loss, nicipally owned companies, one from The courts will upset any such rulthe Michigan State College, and the ing. Mr. Smith added that popula-

State Commissioner of Agriculture. tion, business and other conditions This committee of eight shall also make rates higher in one section than consider the Farm Bureau proposal, another, and that a rate should be the and the information given at the full determination of all the facts. The Commission welcomes inquiries July 16 hearing.

Farmers Object to Line Cost on rates which are in the public in-Four-fifths of the farmers present terest.

were without electric power. They Mr. Bramble asked if under Michwere unanimous in saying that plac- igan law farmers may organize an ing the cost of a power line upon electric district to build lines and buy farmers discourages them. It may current wholesale and retail it at a mean \$200 or more per family for the price to permit retirement of the line. Under some power company bonds, etc.

plans farmers get their investment Chairman Smith replied that he didn't know but doubted it. He said back in part, or all of it. Under all plans, the farmer still that it has not been done in Michigan. has his house and barn wiring to

Company Built Lines Coming? finance, and likewise the purchase of There are 44 electric power comelectrical equipment. His closely panies in Michigan and 50 odd municimired for his knowledge of the busi- ties, corporation law firms, food pro-H. F. Bullen is president of the Ing-ham group and Walter Carven is sec-ham group and Walter Carven is sec-ham group and Walter Carven is secstation, feed and coal business, ferth- ite was born at barton in 1877. His first experi-izer factory, garage and gasoline sta- ty, Michigan in 1877. His first experi-large corporate enterprises. An arti-reau and C. H. Bramble, Master of the Statements made by utility represenstation, feed and coar displaying station, feed and coardinate out of the displaying station, feed and coardinate out of the displaying station, feed and coardinate out of the displaying station. In 12 years operations the co-operative has done a gross business in excess of \$4,000,000, with an op-erating cost of less than 3½ per cent. If the business standards he set. If the business standards he set is the business business business business is a set the business business is a set the business are set the business standards he set the business business business business is a set the business is a

sets of more than 37 billion dollars. that the power companies must have The Detroit Edison Company, servtheir business is only \$10,320, yet they have received more than \$104,000 In cash and patronage dividends from the company in the 12 years of the co-wife?" Salesman: "What do you think of a man who will constantly deceive his the contact of the co-the company in the 12 years of the co-

Chester C. Davis, Administrator of the Agricultural Adjustment Act, said in "The attack by the American Libern and central Michigan and some erty League on the pending amendgood yields are reported. Some oats ments to the Agricultural Adjustment

sumers. Creamery Leader, Passes strate so clearly as the League's attack the intensity and character of

Any Farmers in League? "The American Liberty League's Sales records of the Hamilton Farm sociations. These payments have been nois and Tennessee. Eleven of the executive committee and advisory movement under way this summer. Bureau give an indication of the made by the farmers through de- creameries are located in Michigan. council includes executives or repre-Ingham County liked the idea enough effective battle biddy has put up ductions from their adjustment pay- Mr. Martin became well acquainted sentatives of meat 'packers, power with farmer members of Michigan companies, textile mills, munitions

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3, 1935

Don't ridicule the yearning for easy money. If old-timers hadn't felt

HOTEL

In the heart of Chicago's

Rialto - close to stores, offices and R.R. Stations

HOTEL

700 ROOMS

Favorite Chicago

Home of American

Business Men

DRIVE

Your Car Right Into 9.9 the Hotel

Sherman

HOME OF THE

VALUE



If the AAA Goes,-Then What?

On page 3 of this edition we present a statement by Michigan's Commissioner of Agriculture, Mr. James F. Thomson, Jackson County farmer, on the Agricultural Adjustment Administration processing taxes and benefits to farmers as they apply in Michigan.

We also present a comment on the AAA, and upon Commissioner Thomson's stand on the AAA from Mr. Theodore Bengel, Clinton county farmer. Both are members of the Farm Burean.

In our opinion, somewhere between the widely divergent viewpoints of these two men lies the appraisal of the AAA.

Certainly, the AAA is the only man made farm production control program in this nation's history that has worked. Drought is not control. It is disaster. The AAA has recognized that farmers can't stop or even regulate production and the major expenses incident thereto in the middle of a crop. Harvest tells the story.

As this is written, the great Oldsmobile plant at Lansing, probably turning out a completed car every two minutes during each twenty-four hours, is running so close that the motors were molten iron and steel three to seven days ago. By cancelling uncompleted orders for material, such a plant can shut down in a few days and have its inventory shelves quite bare. In August the Olds expects to shut down for an indeterminate period. Several thousands of workers will be plowed into the street until the plant can use them again. Farmers have to go about meeting supply and demand in another way.

All consumers pay processing taxes on certain farm products. Processing taxes finance the AAA benefit payments to participating farmers. We believe that benefit payments are properly rental for land in most instances, rather than pay for not producing, since other crops may be grown. However, a familiar attack on the AAA is on the basis that farmers are being paid for destroying or failing to grow foodstuffs.

All consumers pay more for manufactured goods than they would if we did not have one of the highest protective tariffs in the world. We don't complain, since we have been told that were it not so, American wages, our standarrd of living and our general price level could not be. But the AAA, apparently performing in the same manner and for the same purpose for farmers, seems to be another animal.

Critics of the AAA offer nothing in its place, although they know the productive capacity of our agriculture. They know also that our foreign markets have become small indeed.

As it is, individual farmers can accept the AAA program, or go it alone, as they please. It's true, no doubt, that in Michigan 30% of farmers are in the AAA and are being paid according to their participation. In the midwest States that percentage runs up to 50 and 60%. In the East, the percentage is very small. It is also true, but not emphasized by AAA critics, that the 70% of Michigan farmers outside the AAA are benefiting by increases in price that all farmers in the AAA have helped bring about for wheat, corn, hogs, sugar. All farm prices have gone higher from the beginning of the AAA in 1933,

The 1934 drought should have credit for its powerful effect on prices. But who wants another drought like it?

It is also true that when by reason of unmanageable surpluses wheat is 30c, corn 20c, oats 12c, hogs \$2.50 and so on, city consumers are pleased by their lower grocery costs, rather than alarmed or even interested by a situation that can have only one end. Busted farmers and idle factories.

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MICHIGAN FARM NEWS

The Camp-Meeting Ground

By R. S. Clark

Say, Marthy, (Oh, hello, Mis' Farmer. I didn't see you sitting there. I've just had a talk with our neighbor, and kind of had that on my mind. It's something will interest you though, or I miss my guess, I declare) Why, Marthy, Glem Hicks was just over to ask if we might feel inclined To meet them at Camp-meeting Sunday and do some projectin' around And all have a pionic together, right there on the Camp-meeting Ground.

Don't mind how he acts, Mrs. Farmer, my Hiram is never polite. Just take what he says as he means it. I learned that a long spell ago. Yes. Cinthy she phoned me about it. I told her I reckoned we might. Have you ever been there, Mrs. Farmer? It's the loveliest spot that we know. We wish all our neighbors would go there, and hear Dr. Bishop expound. There's a blessing for all who accept it, right there on the Camp-meeting Ground.

There's a grove of green trees at the roadside, so thick that you scarcely can see. The roof of the big Tabernacle up there on the ridge in the grove, But there, of a Camp+meeting Sunday, come two thousand people, maybe, To hear from the best in our conference the doctrine of brotherly love. And listen, Mis' Farmer, there's recess at noon, and I've most always found That Marthy just does herself noble for the feast on the Camp-meeting Ground.

Hush, Hiram! The music is lovely. Three choirs, Mrs. Farmer, or four; Just singing together in chorus, or leading while all the crowd sing. Then after the service is over (most always I wish there was more) We visit and chat with our neighbors and go for a drink at the spring. That wells in the white marble basin and flows with a gurgling sound To a broad shallow pool that's the prettiest spot on the Camp-meeting Ground.

And all round the side of the basin are carved Jesus' words, deep and plain, That He told the Samaritan woman who met Him at Jacob's old spring, Whoever shall drink of this water shall surely grow thirsty again, But they who partake of the Water of Life in the message I bring Will find in their hearts such a fountain of grace and of blessing to pour That their spirits shall never be thirsty, but life shall be their's evermore."

Oh, I hope you can come, Mrs. Farmer, and bring your good husband along, And pack a nice lunch in the basket to eat in the shade of the trees. am sure we shall all be the better for a season of worship and song. It helps when our need is the screet, in puzzling times such as these, There is fellowship there of the friendliest sort, and a blessing profound. Yes, and Clem's going to bring that big melon to eat on the Camp-meeting Ground.

This poem refers to the Crystal Springs Camp Ground near Niles, Michigan.

provide for eventual replacement.

State College Comment

REA Program

Henry J. Gallagher, engineer for

Farm Bureau Presents | reported itself anxious to serve, but

(Continued from page one.) power companies stand ready to serve rural customers and that the problem is entirely one of cost and a profitable

return. In the early days of Detroit Edison sion service on electric power, said rural line construction, said Mr. that farm electrification in Michigan Snow, farmers paid \$1,500 per mile dates from 1923. Since that time elec-

to \$1,000, then to \$750. Today where Michigan farmers. In 1932 36% of all panic, widespread mortgage fore- 23. there are 5 rural customers to the farms connected with power lines that mile, the Detroit Edison finances the year were in Michigan; in 1933 Michrural line extension, Mr. Snow said.

igan connected 47% of the total, ac-Income and Charges cording to Mr. Gallagher. In the Detroit Edison area, said Mr. Mr. Gallagher is of the opinion Snow, are 20,000 farms, according to that farmers in Michigan enjoy averthe U. S. census. The Detroit Edison age lower rates for electricity than do

serves 14,000 of these farms. Its city patrons. The average rate for average revenue per farm customer farmers is 4 to 5 cents per kilowatt cept the dictation of the Liberty is \$30 per year. Interest, taxes, and hour. setting aside a fund to rebuild the line in 20 years, makes an annual

overhead charge of \$24 per year ment's Rural Electrification program against the average \$30 return, leav- and \$100,000,000 for that purpose ing \$6 to cover manufacture of the Mr. Gallagher said that if that amount electricity, line maintenance and were divided between the 48 States other costs of doing business, Mr. according to population, Michigan snow said.

Mr. Snow said their farm custom- far Michigan farmers and power comers pay an average of 4.4c per kilowatt panies have invested about \$30,000,000 iour.

Construction Costs 30% of te total in the State, In reply to a question, Mr. Snow Purpose of the REA, said Mr. Galsaid construction cost of rural line lagher, appears to be to serve areas extensions varies considerably accord- not now served by utilities. No coming to the nature of the country and petition is contemplated. The REA other factors. The rate of \$1,000 per property to make loans for rural line

League Has No Plan

"The reasons for the Liberty

declared policy of Congress, the Agri-

cultural Adjustment Act is designed,

first of all, to serve the farmers. Ad-

the farmers, from whom the food pro-

the past twenty years.

amendments.

vert the Agricultural Adjustment Ad- betterment of agriculture as a whole, ministration into a processors' ad- farmers will have trouble with their ministration. The Liberty League is national legislative programs." responsible, NOT to the vast numbers

added that it had rejected cash for Electric Power Plan lines where it believed the operating property rights, not for human rights.

> than earn large profits. The Farm which are milestones in the nation's Bureau through its organization and Michigan State College rural exten- recovery from depression. It has program is the greatest protection nothing to propose but policies, which co-operative business has ever had,' in my opinion, would simply go back Sec'y C. L. Brody of the Michigan

to the days of 1932; to five-cent cot- State Farm Bureau told the Midwest for line construction. That dropped tric power has been brought to 48,000 ton; 32-cent wheat; 3-cent pork; to Farm Bureau States at Chicago, July closures and to the conditions under

SHORE LINE DISTANCE which millions of factory workers were plowed out of their jobs and The shoreline of Lake Michigan is 1,304 statute miles, of which 381 miles onto the streets. borders on Wisconsin, 823 on Mich-"I have every confidence that the

igan, 60 on Illinois and 40 on Indiana. Agricultural Adjustment Act amendments will be enacted. I do not think the nation and the Congress will ac-Uncle Ab says that the man who goes to bed gladly is likely to be

happy. With reference to the U. S. govern- Hog Slaughter Is Small

KILL WEEDS And Will Continue So by complete penetration Fewer hogs will be slaughtered this

ummer in the United States than for many years, according to the Bureau would receive about \$3,000,000. So of Agricultural Economics in its current report on world hog and pork prospects. in bringing power to 48,000 farms or

League."

Average weights of hogs marketed have increased since last December, chiefly because the ratio between hog prices and corn prices has been more favorable for hog feeding.

Mason County Picnic

Scottville-The annual picnic of the

at Amber Grove, 3 miles west of Scott-

EGG PRICES

Eggs and poultry prices are likely

STATE'S PIVOT POINT

included in the program.

Is Assailed by Davis Farm Bureau Purpose that way, America wouldn't be discovered yet. To secure and maintain an equality cessors and distributors buy, and the of opportunity for farm people is the CHICAGOS consumers to whom they sell. Out of purpose of the Farm Bureau, accordevery three dollars spent by con-sumers for food, more than two dol-60,000 Farm Bureau members in Illi-GREATEST

lars go to the processors and dis- nois. The greatest weakness of farm tributors, and less than one dollar organizations in general has been reaches the farmer. The League's their inability to take advantage of stand against the amendments is opportunities because of lack of memidentical with the stand taken by big bership and inadequate finance, Mr. processors and distributors of food Smith said. which have opposed every important Four essentials for a successful plece of farm legislation offered for organization as listed by Mr. Smith: (1) A purpose or program; (2) an

"The Liberty League tries to create organization set-up that will carry alarms among businesses which, out the purposes of the group; (3) aside from the stimulus to their trade control from the individual members that would result from increased pur- up, never from the top down; (4) chasing power of farmers, have not capable leadership and adequate fithe faintest direct interest in the nance to carry out the program of the organization.

League's attacks are clear. Under the A Divided Agriculture Can't Win Congress

"Agriculture in the United States justment contracts with producers of basic commodities already total 3,700,- is a national matter, and that's the 000. The pending amendments are way Congress looks at it," said Presisought to help two million more pro- dent O'Neal of the American Farm ducers of milk, potatoes, fruits, vege- Bureau to mid-west Farm Bureau tables and other special crops who people at Chicago July 24. "Until cot must look to marketing agreements. ton, wool, live stock, grain, fruit and other groups forget their special and "The Liberty League wants to con- sectional interests and work for the

Liberty League Attack Illinois Leader States

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should be to serve farmers rather FLY PRAY Guarantees

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of the farmers and the consumers, Farm Bureau Program but to a small group of wealthy men The League speaks primarily for "The aim of co-operative business "The Liberty League goes to agriincome could not keep up the line and culture with hands empty of aid, or hope of aid. It opposes measures

Make a Gain, and One We Can Hold

How much is Michigan's farm mortgage debt today, and how does it compare with that of our neighbors?

Today, Michigan has a total farm mortgage debt of 721/2 million dollars. Wisconsin has more than 117 millions, Illinois nearly 150 millions, Indiana 98 millions, and Ohio 78 millions of dollars of farm mortgage debt, according to the Farm Credit Administration.

Great changes have been wrought in the character of the farm mortgage debt as a whole by the action of the Farm Credit Administration. Its federal land banks and the land bank commissioner loaned an average of \$2,300,000 every day for two years after the bank holiday. Today, nearly one-third of all farm mortgages have been refinanced by the Farm Credit Administration; usually on terms much more favorable to the farmer than he had before. The pressure for liquidation in agriculture has passed, since the federal land banks are once more doing a normal business.

Many of the farmers who obtained federal farm loans during the past two years were burdened with debt, and were on the verge of foreclosure. Farmers used 90% of the money to pay off existing obligations, according to the land banks. Today holders of farm property and farm mortgages are more confident about the value of farm investments.

The policy of the Farm Bureau with respect to aiding farmers through the federal land banks and federal farm loans is worth recalling. The Farm Bureau policy has been to make use of all existing facilities, and to strive for improvements, to be made retroactive insofar as possible. Thus the Farm Bureau supported legislation to broaden the loaning powers of the land banks. It supported other legislation to include the commissioner type of loans. It wrote legislation which has reduced the rate of interest on all farm loans to 31/2% for the year beginning July 1, 1935, and to 4% for the two years after July 1, 1936. Not a word has been raised about the soundness nor the constitutionality of the Farm Bureau's farm mortgage finance program. It's working, and the Farm Bureau is in position to make another advance and consolidate the gain.

0 When the Railroad Quits

Jacob Select

This week we attended a hearing before the Michigan Public Utilities Commission. The Grand Trunk railroad petitioned that it be permitted to withdraw its agents at Smith Creek, Lum and Pompeli on the grounds that freight and passenger business at these points had dwindled so that the agent is an unwarranted expense. Delegations of farmers and local business men were present to protest the inconvenience and delays in delivery that loss of the agent would bring. They would be obliged to go to the next town five or ten miles distant to pay freight on a carload of goods before it would be sent on. Delivery would not be had until the next day. Incoming small lots of freight must be prepaid. With the passing of the agent would go local information on rates and shipping by rall and the telegraph office.

At Smiths Creek, for example, railroad testimony was that income accruing to the Grand Trunk had dropped from \$12,906 and \$9,636 in two good years since 1930, to around \$1,500 for 1933 and 1934. Not enough to pay the local office expense. Smiths Creek pays more rail freight than that, but in railroad accounting, the station is credited only with that portion of the freight paid that comes to the Grand Trunk. For example, for that part of the haul that is over Grand Trunk lines. Smiths Creek's largest shipper of freight sends pickles to New York State. Ten miles of the haul is over the Grand Trunk. Notwithstanding the marked improvement in volume of agricultural and merchandise freight in and out of Smiths Creek for the first half of 1935, the citizens face the loss of their railroad agent.

In the past communities and the railroads fostered each other. The automobile, the truck and the improved road have made great changes in that relationship, and the end is not yet. If the bulk of railroad freight is to be bulky or heavy goods of agriculture and industry not suited to truck hauling, we must expect to see railroads petition to replace a \$1,500 to \$1,600 item for agent and office expense with a \$150 to \$300 per year caretaker for the station. On the other hand, railroad passenger and freight rates have not been reduced to court volume of business. Until that is done the cheaper truck and bus and automobile will continue to get business the railroads once had.

proposes to make loans for rural line reau reports, were the smallest for mile was taken as a fair average. construction, in terms of \$1,000 per Consumers Power Company's George mile. The loans must be retired with-Clark said lines in flat unobstructed in 20 years. No grants will be made Clark said lines in flat, unobstructed in 20 years. No grants will be made. areas might cost \$800 or less per Loans may be made from the fund spected slaughter in May was the mile, but in rough, hilly or other- to finance electric equipment for wise unfavorable areas the cost had gone to \$1,600 per mile. M. B. Mc-cate that the rural line policies now 35 years.

Pherson, speaking from State Tax in effect in Michigan and the improve-Commission knowledge, said that the ments in prospect, insofar as the farmlowest of the sworn tax statements er is concerned, are equal to or better he had seen covering power lines was than the foregoing features of the Mason County Farm Bureau will be one for a transmission line. No trans- REA program. formers were involved, and the cost

The Michigan State Farm Bureau ville, and just off US-10 all day Friwas \$600 per mile. Consumers Power Statement

gineer, for the Consumers Power News. Company, reported that they have

16,000 farm customers. Their onetime plan of charging \$1,000 per mile to the customers for new rural line Mr. M. B. McPherson, vice president; \$1,000 per mile. When service be- North Branch, from the Lapeer Coungins the five are returned \$100 each. ty Farm Bureau. Mr. and Mrs. Roy the original farmer underwriters, ac- Farm Bureau; Alfred Greuber, Frank- of Cadillac.

To filustrate farmer consumption of electricity, Mr. Clark quoted a rural houn County Farm Bureau. line out of Zeeland, Ottawa county. having a total of 165 customers, averaging 7 to the mile. The average revenue per customer is \$26 per year.

Michigan-Indiana Statement The Michigan-Indiana Power Com-

pany, serving farmers in Berrien, Van Buren and Cass counties, began rural extensions 20 years ago, according to their Mr. Calvert. Since 1928, said he, the company has furnished the power line, leaving the customer free to buy equipment to use electricity in quantities paying to the company. The new customers are asked to guarantee the company 11/2% per month on the line investment. Thus, if a rural line serving 5 cus-

omers were set up as having cost \$1,000 per mile to construct, each of the five customers would begin by guaranteeing 11/2% per month on \$200. That is \$36 per year or \$3 per month. If the customer uses \$3 or FOR SALE_MISCELLANEOUS more per month of electricity at regular company rates, he pays his power bill and that's all there is to it, according to Mr Calvert. If the customer uses less than \$3-if that is the guarantee,-he pays the \$3 or what-

ever the 11/2% guarantee per month Michigan Public Service Statement The Michigan Public Service Comoany, serving western Michigan from Montague to Mackinaw and the Mich-

igan Gas and Electric Company, serv-

ing the Dowagiac and nearby areas,

will be active in Michigan's rural elec- day, August 23rd. Picnic dinner at trification program. Future develop- noon, music by the Mason County Mr. George Clark, distribution en- ments will be reported in the Farm Farm Bureau band, other entertainment features and a good speech are

Farm Bureau Representatives At this meeting the Michigan State Farm Bureau was represented by

construction has been modified so R. Wayne Newton, tax counsel; J. F. to continue at higher levels the rest that there is a refund to farmers Naeger, organization director; E. E. of this year than for the same period financing the line for each new cus- Ungren, editor of the Farm News; a year ago, according to the U. S. tomer coming on the line. If 5 farm- Mrs. Pearl Myus, Lapeer; Roy Ma- Bureau of Agricultural Economics. ers under-write the line, they put up berry, Lapeer, and Arthur Martus,

For a five year period thereafter, for G. Brumm of Nashville, from the according to the United States de-The geographic center in Michigan, each new customer coming on that Barry County Farm Bureau; A. N. partment of the interior, is in Wexmile of line, \$60 is refunded among Brown, Jonesville, Hillsdale County ford county, five miles west of north

> enmuth, Saginaw County Farm Bureau; Garfield Farley, Albion, Cal-The desk telephone was first used in 1886.

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This Year

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Of the 1,000 men at age 40, mortality tables say that 10 will die within that year.

STATE FARM LIFE INS. CO. Bloomington, Ill.

State Agent

Michigan State Farm Bureau



SATURDAY, AUGUST 3, 1935

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Composer Sigmund Romberg took a

fancy to the hotel harpist, asked her TALK PEPPERMINT ORGANIZATION to play Deep in My Heart from his Peppermint growers in the Clinton Expense of Modernizing Farm pression in a different light than the home, although here's also a chance Student Prince. The harpist did not and Shiawassee county areas are conknow it. Could she play Only a Rose? sidering an association for marketing No. His Auf Wiedersehen? No. Com- their annual crop.

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MICHIGAN FAMM NEWS

poser Romberg ripped off his collar, Farm Women Are Ready for such a program have been beneficial to all! Conveniences of Electricity Electrical equipment can be pur-

Homes Has Been the Drawback

By MRS. EDITH M. WAGAR By MRS. EDITH M. WAGAR Having had the privilege of read-the farmer had not done his part. ng in advance the article on rural Utilities without a doubt lost much lectrification appearing elsewhere in this edition, I had an urge to express my sentiments on this timely subject. through under-consumption on ac-Without exception electricity is the count of their continued "good times" greatest blessing that has been ex- rates. tended to the farm home, for through it homemaking can be completely rev-

olutionized, although there are instances where an edequate water sup-ly has changed home duties into a ply has changed home duties into a I can guarantee that the utility com-

> and delivery of advantages have

MRS. WACAR ever did.

they will endure privation, disappoint- capacity service to a large patronage. ment and actual drudgery if they can

but see a ray of hope for modernizing their home life in the future. But ies are not entitled to pay for the exvery few of them delay installation of tensions of their lines, for I know they conveniences one day longer than nec- cost good money. But, for years the essary. But it has always taken mon- charge was way beyond the income of up to the same standard of the most ual charge of \$1,000 per mile was over modest city dwelling.

depression was the necessity of "cut- the high cost of wiring before the use ting out" electricity after the family of any electricity could be enjoyed. had made the great effort to get it This was just another example of how and had experienced the joy of hav- the farmer's income reflects on all ing its comfort for a while.

Again it wasn't the easiest thing to | How many times I have wished dur-

along. **Comments** on Rates

James F. Thomson

State Commissioner of Agriculture

in distribution of federal benefits un-

Michigan is not getting a fair break Mr. Editor:

My only quarrel with utility com- overrun and at its lowest ebb so far as of what is just and right, and working panles was that they accepted the de- returns were concerned. Might not to that end.

Com. of Agr. Attacks AAA; Bengel Takes Him to Task

make shift method in order to get tions, as was given them to grow through any particular political party

far below cost of production and if was within reach. I have often thought that electricity no doubt has always been within universal grasp just as the radio, but it money, but it was not through a systook thousands of years before the tem of overproduction but rather latter was made available to us. Could it be possible that some day electricity can be made so common that it

We all realize that the more electricity a patron uses the less per unit heat!

The city sister Danies would have no complaint to

accepts electricity, make about the amount of "juice" the water, sewerage, and delivery of once the farmer got caught up and goods as a matter on his feet again after parity prices of course. These were granted him,

There is much need of a closer cobeen hers for sev- operation between the power comeral decades. These panies and the farmer. Each must same city advant- have a better understanding of the a more uniform system in operation ages in years past others problems. The farmer should and we felt we were to be congratuturned more coun- appreciate the up-to-date serviceable lated in many ways for the strides try women city- type of line that is being built in our State has made in this respect. ward than Henry Michigan as well as the constant ser-Ford's wage scale vice. On the other hand, the company

concerning New Hampshire. This must admit that to operate a system state has the highest percentage of Farm people love the country, and satisfactory they must render full farms receiving electrical service of any State in the Union. Mrs. Sargeant, Line Cost and Income

President of the Associated Women I am not saying the power companof the American Farm Bureau Federation, tells us their Farm Bureau handles equipment co-operatively in a way that has been most gratifying to its members. No doubt but this serey in large sums to bring a farm home the average farmer. In fact, the us- vice has been the means of installation in many farm homes where otherwise twice for annual income of the averthe cost would have been prohibitive. One of the greatest hardships of the age American farmer. Added to that It behooves our Farm Bureau to give the entire subject unbiased thought with a view to greatest good to the many without injustice to any. What happiness could be found in business of our nation. American farms if the common con-

veniences of urban living were made adjust affairs back to the old way ing the past few years that as much either, for which ever way was de- encouragement could be given wel- possible and coupled with a modest yet cided upon, it required money that the fare and border line clients to enter decent income for effort made! It patron didn't have. Many had traded into the field of the electrician and the in or discarded the old equipment and barber and the home decorator and they were forced to resort to most any the undertaker and many other voca-

Theodore Bengel

Farmer at Fowler, Clinton County

Recently Mr. James F. Thomson,

would be a life not to be compared to that of any other group. How to attain it, do you ask? Not

thrift gardens and back to the land nor through mob action but through projects when that field was already sane organization, with a realization

Shiftless

hereafter. And that's a lot of water.

Lost 43 Years

Three thousand tons of hard coal

sank with a freighter in Lake Mich-

John D. at 96

John D. Rockefeller, Sr., perhaps

of age July 8. Greatest enjoyment

bookkeeper in a Cleveland produce

Michigan a Leader

ers reporting. There appeared to be

We were interested in the report



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mid-west training school in Chicago ence has indicated that this is the most and it was quite evident that Michigan economical and satisfactory type of and livestock for a long time to come: was far ahead of the other States in this group so far as electricity in all-purpose farm fence. rural areas was concerned. There seemed to be a far better understanding between the power companies and the farmers in our State than in oth-

your convenience: And after you've Why not order your supply now? It set it up, you can be certain that it will keep! And what's more, when will be there to protect your crops up, it will last!

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chased a piece at a time just as the average farm woman furnishes her farmer was forced to do. Farmers for argument concerning the continfor years supplied all the food that ned high price fo most of it. Much

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rease the purchasing power of the no more than \$3 worth of water would Thomas claimed that the processing farmer. Here are some plain, indisputable and related taxes collected in the

State of Michigan since the AAA went facts: In the winter of 1932-1933 into effect amount to \$9,790,476.17. wheat was 40c, pats 12c, beans 90c, live hogs \$2.60. The purchasing pow-Benefits paid equal \$4,978,178.39. "The benefits which have been re- er of the farm dollar had shrunk to

eived in Michigan went to less than 52c. 30% of our farmers and accounted for There was no possibility for better igan 43 years ago in October of 1892. less than 6% of the farm income," times to come as long as these prices The other day Frank Blair, Chicago prevailed, because you cannot have diver, announced that he had located Mr. Thomson said. "But the entire public had to share prosperity without prosperous farm- the wreck of the freighter W. H. Gilthe cost of the AAA taxes. As far ers. What would Mr. Thomson have cher, and that he had written a as Michigan is concerned, the AAA done? Would he have urged farmers Buffalo coal company about salvaging has turned out to be something like to produce more surpluses and reduce the coal. Eleven men were lost when Huey Long's share-the-wealth move- prices still further? Did the unem- the Gilcher went down. ment.

ployed laborer get any benefit from "Poor workers in the city, who can these low prices? hardly get along, have had to help pay No, because the old administration AAA processing taxes. So have poor believed in pouring billions into the farmers who haven't been able to stay large banks with the silly notion that

on one farm long enough to be eligi- the benefits from it would "trickle the world's richest man, was 96 years ble for AAA benefits. And the bene- down the line". fits have gone to help more prosper- Mr. Thomson is shedding tears taken by Mr. Rockefeller on his 96th

ous farmers, who have an established over the destruction of some pigs two birthday was the fact that his health usiness and who don't need the help, years ago. Now does Mr. Thomson is the best in years, and that his an-"I am in sympathy with anything know or does he not know that, if nual examination showed his 19 which will help the farmers. If the the government had not taken these natural teeth are sound, Eighty years ago Mr. Rockefeller

AAA benefits were spread among all pigs, and paid the farmers a few dolfarmers instead of only that 30 per lars for them, that nearly all of them began as a \$50 a month assistant cent who need them least, as a farm- would have starved on the farm? er I couldn't kick. But even then I Mr. Thomson also deplores the commission warehouse. The price of could object, as an official, to a con- loss of our cotton exports. Well, yes, his great fortune was fragile health tribution by Michigan which is \$4,- when our cotton farmer was getting in his later years. Long retired from 812,296 in excess of the benefits re- 5c per lb. and was losing his farm in business activity, Mr. Rockefeller has ceived back."

rupt?

consequence, naturally, our exports learned that to feel well and have were larger, but of what benefit are a good appetite are prized possessions exports if the producer goes bank- indeed.

Did you ever hear of a hen that lays rotten eggs? According to a report, Earl Kreiner, of Burnside, Lacalled him Aleck, presented him to The consumer was informed that this peer county, has one whose eggs have Owen. Owen built an alligator pool in his garden, house-broke Aleck, Does any manufacturer, if he canno yolk and whose contents have a very bad odor. Earl is laying for her, cherished him ever after. Last not sell all his output continue to and is determined that she will no nonth Owen was dead and most of manufacturer, if he must sell at a longer lay for him when he discovers New Orleans had forgotten Sarah loss? No, no one would expect him her identity.-Lapeer County Press. Bernhardt, when Aleck, grown ten to, for he would soon be out of busifeet long and weighing 300 pounds, ness. But our own Commissioner of

Talking Drums

farmers to follow this foolish plan. Do the political opponents of the Travelers in Africa have been astounded by the remarkable talking According to the Roscommon conservative nations, like Holland and drum communication between tribes Herald, a stork broke up a fishing Denmark, are also engaged in planned, Two drums of different pitches are party on Houghton Lake last week. and managed production of dairy and used. By combing high and low notes a drummer produces an imitation of Mrs. J. L. Thomas of Lansing were at If they do know, why do they not the spoken language of the tribe which an expert listener can interpret as rapidly and accurately as he would speech. THEO. BENGEL

HOGS ARE SCARCE

Fewer hogs in Germany, more hogs in Denmark, and the smallest pig French and American armies began crop in many years in the United heir march to Virginia August 22, States are prospects reported by the

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Michigan, in short, offers nearly all those beauties and advantages for which, year after year, many people will travel to foreign lands.

To enjoy what Michigan offers, you can, if you wish, travel on luxurious lake liners. But for these liners you need not bother with passports or visas! You can ride comfortably, speedily, safely, to your Michigan destination on up-to-theminute trains, busses and planes.

Spend your own vacation in Michigan. Let your out-of-state friends know what splendid facilities await them here. By doing so, you will assist them toward a happier holiday. In addition, you will help to promote the popularity and prosperity of your native state.

It is for the purpose of doing our share in this promotion that this series of advertisements is being published by the Michigan Bell Telephone Company, a Michigan organization that prospers only as the citizens of Michigan prosper.



MICHIGAN BELL **TELEPHONE CO.**

State Farm



the lake and alighted in the boat. Mr. Thomas quit fishing and started for shore. A ten pound boy was born

was auctioned off for \$1.

new deal know that even the most The Herald sets forth that Mr. and farm crops?

the lake for a day of fishing. They tell our farmers and assist them? had moored far out to the middle grounds and were pulling in a pike when a stork winged its way across Fowler, Michigan,

to the Lansing couple.

Stork

The Story of Aleck

Clinton County.

First railway trains reached Wash- 1781, where the British under Corn- E. S. Bureau of Agricultural Ecoington, D. C., in July, 1825. wallis were at Yorktown. nomics.

Lays Rotten Eggs Theodore Owen as guide, went alli-gator hunting in nearby swamps tax was added, the retail price of pork where she picked up a 6-in, baby, chops was raised from 6c to 8c per lb.





Agriculture practically advises our

Respectfully,

FOUR

Average Size of Farm **Increases** in the West

According to figures presented the United States Senate recently in considering Federal Farm Loan matters, the average size of Michigan farms is 101 acres. Ohio farms average 98 acres and Pennsylvania farms 88 acres. Illinois 143, Indiana 108 and Iowa 158. Surprisingly, little Vermont averages 156 acres per farm and Rhode Island 84, as against 68 acres for the average Albama farm and 58 for Louisiana.

In the west, the average acreage of farms is large: Colorado 481; Idaho 224; Kansas 282; Montana 940; Nevada 1,185; North Dakota 495; South Dakota 438; Wyoming 1,469 acres.

The average Michigan farm of 101 acres is valued at \$6,853 for land and buildings, as against \$1,952 for a 68 acre Albama farm, and \$12,919 for 1,469 average acres in Wyoming. In New Jersey the average 69 acre farm is considered to have an average value of \$11,766.

Booklets on Concrete Available For Asking

"Concrete Improvements Around the Home," 48-page booklet issued by the Portland Cement Association gives sketches and construction details of concrete steps, walks, driveways, porch floors, fence posts, garden and retaining walls, foundation walls, garden and retaining walls, foundation walls, well curbs, other improvements the handy farmer likes to build. Also summarizes methods of making strong, durable concerte.

"Guard His Health" is the title of a 12 page booklet with complete information and designs for building a concrete spetic tank. A third booklet shows how to design and build a concrete septic tank. These booklets are free on request to the Portland Ce ment Ass'n, 33 West Grand Ave., Chicago.

Most Cow Test Herds Got Grain on Pasture

Michigan cow testing ass'ns reported that 70% of their herds were receiving grain while on the splendid pastures afforded this summer. Fiftysix of the 70 herds were on common June grass pasture, 24 were pasturing alfalfa, 10 were on sweet clover, and six per cent were pasturing rye in June. In June 912 herds, totalling 13,434 cows were on test.

Farmers of Three Counties To Picnic Near Coldwater

Branch, Calhoun and Hillsdale County. Farm Bureaus and farmers' co-ops in those counties are sponsoring a picnic for rural folks at Marble Lake, near Coldwater, Tuesday, Aug 27. Entertainment features are a band concert, ball games and horseshoe pitching between teams representing each county and a picnic dinner. All farmers are invited.

OUR CO-OP SPREADER IS NEW Large Capacity, Low Down, Pulls Easily

Two-Horse Spreader

Here is a real two-horse spreader-light in draft. You can move it with one hand with the beaters in action. The light, strong steel construction and the wide, continuous tread of wheels which track make for lighter draft. The frame is all steel-angle construction, with all self-aligning bearings and Alemite-Zerk lubrication. $4\frac{1}{2}''$ front wheel tires, $6\frac{1}{2}''$ rear. Tire edges rolled.



Only Three Feet High

The top edge of the Co-op Spreader box is only 3 feet from the ground, front and rear. Takes 10 to 25% less work to load. Low enough for carrier systems. Will pass through ordinary doors. Road clearance has not been sacrificed. There is 14" clearance front and rear. With automobile-like front wheel swing, box sets low and spreader will turn around in a 17 foot radius.

We Have Made This Spreader Convenient, Strong and Durable

CO-OP SPREADER BOX HOLDS 60 BUSHELS. It's stronger. Extra strong steel angle sills are used. The bottom is flush with the strong steel angle frame. The result is a low spreader without reducing capacity. The tight bottom is equipped with corner molding. It's 2" wider at the rear than in front, which makes unloading easy. Bottom boards areosoted to prevent rotting. Top of box 36" from ground. Most spreaders 40 to 45". Ours loads easier.

STRONG BEATER TEETH COLD RIVETED to sturdy bars so they cannot work loose. Should one be broken, you can easily replace it in the field with a hammer and cold chisel. If we welded these teeth in, it would be a costly proposition to replace broken teeth. If bolted, the teeth could work loose. On the Co-op Spreader the teeth are cold riveted.

MAIN CHAIN DRIVE is extra heavy and drives both beaters. Only two chains on spreader. Main chain thrown out of gear by simple lifter shoe-when out of gear it can't catch on sprocket. Conyeyor chains tightened by adjusting screws at front end of spreader in easy reach.

LIGHT DRAFT. Spreader weight 1,200 lbs.-100 to 500 lbs. lighter than others. You can pull it with one hand with beaters in action. Two horses handle it loaded easily. Weight is largest draft factor. For light draft we provide:wide tired wheels that track, continuous tread lugs, tapered box, self-aligning bearings with oil chambers. Alemite-Zerk lubrication for all bearings is positive and easily done. Bearings are closed so dirt can't get in.

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HEAVY STEEL AXLES add strength and durability. Chains and levers are steel. High carbon steel distributor blades are riveted together so they cannot work loose. Driving mechanism is protected by heavy steel shields. Automatic take-up for wear or stretching of drive chain is provided. Convenient adjustment provided for taking up the conveyor chains

COMPLETE CONTROL. The Co-op Spreader gives you a wide choice of the amount you wish to spread per acre. You can set the lever to spread 6, 12, 18 or 24 loads per acre. Both levers are in convenient reach but when loading are out of the way. Seat swings forward out of way when loading. Always stays clean. Has spring support for easy riding.

RIVETED WHEREVER POSSIBLE. The steel angle construction forms a very strong and flexible frame. Steel angle sills, frame and side pieces are all securely riveted together, supporting the box in all directions. Long, selfaligning bearings eliminate binding. They allow the spreader to operate smoothly regardless of twisting strains, and give a maximum of bearing service at any angle, 'thus keeping wear draft at a minimum.

FRONT WHEEL SWING TURN, Like an automobile. As wheels turn they swing out away from box, never under it. Gives short (17 foot radius turn) without cutting under or raising box. Permits straight, solid attachment to axle with heavy gusset plates. Pull is direct from axle to frame. No brace rods required. Bearings completely enclosed. No dirt gets In.

BUILT FLEXIBLE. Modern design and conket. Conveyor chains tightened by adjusting The Co-op Spreader will go over bumps and rocks in better shape. It will not spring out of shape. The frame, box and bearings are built to twist without hurting them. One chain drives both beaters. Spring idler keeps it tight. Can't catch when out of gear.

SHIPPED COMPLETE with two horse evener and Alemite-Zerk grease gun. Extra equipment available includes brake attachment, 3 horse evener, tractor hitch and lime spreader attachment. Lime spreader easily installed. Two bolts hold it. Has 11 inches ground clearance-can be used in corn stalks. Gears are up out of lime. Shield keeps lime out of feed ratchet. Designed to spread lime finely and evenly. This attachment makes the spreader an excellent machine for applying lime.

BOILER RIVET WHEELS. The spokes are forged into hub just like boiler rivets and can't come loose. Wheels built from hub out, forming perfect circle with even tension on all spokes. Rear wheels have continuous treadspokes forged through lugs as well as rim. Front wheels have spokes set in grove to make smooth tread. All wheels have rolled in flanges.

THE DOUBLE BEATERS with sharp chisel pointed teeth tear the manure apart and throw It against the sharp corners of the swiftly revolving distributor. The Co-op Spreader will make manure valuable fertilizer in the shortest possible time. It cuts, tears and pulverizes,"



DRILL with Fertilizer

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3, 1935

John Ketcham to Address Kalamazoo-St. Joseph Picnic

John Ketcham, State Commissioner of Insurance, and former Congressman, will speak to farmer guests of the St. Joseph and Kalamazoo County Farm Bureaus and farmers' co-ops of those counties at Jo-Lo Island park, between Comstock and Galesburg, Tuesday, August 6. The occasion is the annual picnic of these organizations. Music, a sports program and a basket picnic dinner at noon are other attractions.

Pig-Tails

Ann Arbor- Ten tons of pig-tails were held here by sheriff officers for two days early in July on an execution order against a trucking company. They were en route to Chicago, where they will be used in flavoring sauerkraut.

The shipment was seized Tuesday and released Thursday when notice was received that the litigation had been settled.

Statisticians, working under the handicap of hot weather, estimated that at least 80,000 pigs died in Detroit to make the shipment of tails possible.

CREDITS ON PURCHASES Help Pay Farm Bureau Dues!

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.

MAIL YOUR DEALER SALES SLIPS to the Michigan State Farm Bureau, Membership Dep't, 221 North Cedar Street, Lansing, about every three months.

BE SURE Farm Bureau brand goods are entered on slip as "Farm Bureau Alfalfa," "Milkmaker," "Mermash," eto.

\$10 annual dues mature life memberships; \$5 annual dues do not, but participate in Membership Credits, which reduce the amount of dues payable.

Life members receive their Membership Credits in cash once a year.

We furnish addressed, postage pre-paid envelopes for this purpose on your request.

MICHIGAN STATE FARM BUREAU Lansing, Michigan



Sow Alfalfa in August

A Summer Seeding of Alfalfa

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from summer seeding

Use Michigan grown

is free from week

NOT FOR YEARS HAVE CONDITIONS been as favorable for seeding alfalfa as they have been this summer. We have plenty of moisture in the soil. On well prepared seed beds,-limed if necessary-prospects are very good for August seedings. Even in September, it is likely to pay to risk 40 lbs. or so of Farm Bureau alfalfa seed on five acres.

WE RECOMMEND FARM BUREAU'S CERTIFIED Hardigan or Grimm. They have no superior for yield or quality of hay. Eligible for producing certified seed. We also recommend highly our Michigan Variegated, which is seed produced from fields that were sown to Grimm, Hardigan, Ontario Variegated and other splendid strains. This seed is not certified, but it ranks with the best for hay and pasture, and the seed crop is in demand. The price is a money saver. These seeds are Michigan grown, thoroughly cleaned, high test, and guaranteed to their cash value to be as represented on the seed tag. Only Farm Bureau guarantees seed to its full cash value.

WE ALSO OFFER these reliable, high producing western varieties: Utah-Idaho Grimm, Montana Grimm, Kansas Common, Utah Common. We have some Michigan Variegated containing a little sweet clover and June. It's priced right. The first cutting eliminates the sweet clover. * martine to a discourse and

Rye for Fall Pasture

FARM BUREAU RYE sown in August will make good fall pasture by October, and again early next spring. Sow a bushel to a bushel and a half per acre.

FALL GRAINS

Certified wheat and rye out yield common stock considerably. The small extra cost for certified seed is a good investment. See your Farm Bureau Dealer.

BALD ROCK-Beardless, soft, red winter wheat. Big yielder. Resistant to lodging. Developed from Red Rock.

AMERICAN BANNER-White, soft winter wheat. Beardless. Stiff straw. Winter hardy. Heavy yielder. Best for lighter wheat soils.

ROSEN RYE-Outstanding heavy yielding rye. Large plump berries. Well filled heads. There is no better rye.

WINTER VETCH-Sow with rye. Excellent cash seed crop. Michigan is specially adapted to vetch seed producti on. Vetch, a legume soil builder.

WE BUY SEEDS-WE CLEAN SEEDS

representative sample. Take equal amounts from each bag to make mixture from which to take sample. We supply mailing bags on request.

sample and we will advise cleaning needed and price. Have seed cleaned early.

EXCLUSIVE DISC SHOE FEATURE of Farm Bureau's Co-op Grain Drill avoids clogging. Disc cuts trash and penetrates hard ground. Hoe opens furrow and deposits grain properly in packed soil which retains moisture, improving germination prospects.

DISC BEARINGS ARE GUARANTEED FOR LIFE. Chilled iron sleeves fit into a chilled hub. Lubricated by Zerk system and pressure grease gun.

WHEELS ARE HEAVY AND STURDY. Iron or wood, 47 inch, with 3 or 4 inch tires. Made to last.

DRILLS GRAIN PERFECTLY. Double run feed. Easily adjusted to sow any amount per acre. Fertilizer feed will do likewise. Drill is equipped with positive fluted feed grass seeder attachment. Ask your Co-op Ass'n about this drill.

Mermash Makes Good Pullets



MERMASH CONTAINS THE BEST Ground yellow corn, pure wheat bran, flour midds, meat and bone scraps, alfalfa leaf meal, Mermaker, which is Pacific ocean kelp and fish meal (Manamar formula) to supply essential mineral. elements in food form.

> AT THE CENTURY OF PROGRESS The U. S. Bureau of Fisheries exhibit at the 1933 World's Fair at Chicago said: "The ocean serves as a mixing bowl for the mineral elements washed from the land. Marine plants and animals face no deficiences and in time take these mineral elements and assimilate them into organic compounds which are needed by the inhabitants of the land to prevent or cure deficiency diseases."

THESE ARE THE WEEKS in which to produce large, heavy bodied pullets that produce eggs cheaply and steadily when eggs count.

GIVE YOUR PULLETS on range free access to Mermash 16% and hard grains, both in hoppers if possible. If they seem to be maturing too rapidly, close the mash hoppers for a portion of the day.

MERMASH 16% PROTEIN DRY MASH is a lifetime ration for chicks, pullets and hens. It contains Mermaker, a blend of ocean kelp and fish meal (Manamar formula) that supplies essential minerals in food form. You can start with Mermash any time. Ask your Co-op Ass'n for it.





RED ROCK-Old, reliable, bearded, soft red winter wheat. Holds many records for yield. Stiff straw; doesn't lodge.

LET US BID on your Michigan grown alfalfa and clover seeds. Send us an 8 ounce

LET US CLEAN YOUR SEEDS in our modern plant. Very reasonable charges. Send