

FARM BUREAU ACTS ON SCHOOLS, TAX, JUDGE PROPOSALS

OK's School Aid From State If Plan Will Reduce Local Taxes

Lansing—The Michigan State Farm Bureau board of directors, including representation from the Michigan commodity marketing exchanges, met here Jan. 30, and declared Farm Bureau policy on a number of matters now before or coming before the 1935 Legislature.

Appointment of Judges
The Farm Bureau board endorses the principle of appointment of circuit and supreme court judges in the interest of more equal justice. State Farm Bureau officers were instructed to co-operate with that movement.

Tax Board Policies
The Farm Bureau board opposes any attempt to inject politics into a reorganization of the tax collecting agencies of the state, such as abolishing one three man state tax commission and substituting another three man board. The Farm Bureau will favor bi-partisan boards wherever possible.

\$25,000,000 for Schools

The board endorsed the plan for a state appropriation of not less than \$25,000,000 per year, in addition to the primary school fund money, to equalize and reduce school taxes in cities, villages and townships and to provide a more reasonable standard of educational service in the poorer communities of the state. It was urged that this fund provide for high school tuition to be paid directly to the districts where the children are in attendance. Also, for an increase in one room school aid proportionate to the increase for city schools, and for the adoption of two mills for the basis of equalization instead of three mills as now provided by law.

County School Commissioner
The Farm Bureau board of directors resolved that it approves the principle of returning rural schools to rural control, with the county school commissioner responsible to rural school districts with more effective administrative control, as outlined by the Educational Planning Commission.

Income Tax—Mortgage Moratorium
The Farm Bureau will also support the principle of a state net income tax, as proposed in a bill introduced in the Legislature by Rep. Fred Holbeck.

The Bureau will also approve the principle of extending the present Michigan mortgage moratorium, known as the Bischoff-Munshaw Act. Senator Gorman and Representatives Boginski and Roosevelt have introduced legislation to extend the moratorium act beyond 1935. Originally the act was an emergency action to enable the courts to slow up the itch of many mortgage holders to seize property almost paid for.

President W. W. Billings of the State Farm Bureau heads this Board of Directors, all present and voting at the Jan. 30 meeting:

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Urges Alfalfa Seedings; Red Clover Is Scarce

East Lansing—Forage shortage calls for more alfalfa, for which seed is somewhat scarce, Prof. Howard Rother of the Farm Crops Dept. told a Farmers week crowd here Jan. 29. Recalling the good rains of September last, he predicted splendid first cuttings of alfalfa in 1935, providing we have an even break in weather.

The same week the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture pointed out the supplies of red clover seeds are the smallest in years, and the price double that of last year.

With the tariff on European red clover at \$8 per 100 lbs. and general knowledge in this country that European red clovers are unprofitable because they are so susceptible to winter killing and disease, no one expects imports of European red clover.

The number of farm bankruptcies dropped twenty per cent during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1934.

Nature and Man Cut Number of Hogs in Half in 7 Years

Nature Does Most in Drop From 63 to 30 Million Since 1928

Lansing—The numbers of hogs in the United States is the lowest in 50 years. If people were generally employed, pork prices would undoubtedly reach war time levels, said Pres. E. A. Beamer of the Michigan Live Stock Exchange to the Farm News this week.

According to Mr. Beamer, there are about 30 million hogs on the farms today as against 63 million in 1928. Forced liquidation because of ruinously low prices for all farm products in the early 1930's, the slaughter of 6,000,000 little pigs and some 250,000 brood sows, then the drought of 1933 with more forced selling, plus the corn-hog reduction program are the factors that have cut the number of hogs in half.

Pork prices are moving up, but the rise will be limited by the capacity of the mass of the population to buy. When pork gets too high for the average consumer's pocketbook, he will probably have to cut down on meat altogether, because a general shortage of meat animals is upon us, Mr. Beamer said.

The shortage of hogs brought about an extraordinary situation last week. Hogs delivered at Omaha, 600 miles west of Chicago, were bringing \$7.55 or more than the Chicago market. Not only that, but big packers began buying hogs in Illinois and shipping them west to Omaha and other western plants to keep them going.

Another feature of the week was two pronouncements on direct buying of stock at country points by packers as opposed to the long time practice of selling on the terminal markets. A committee named by Sec'y Wallace of the Department of Agriculture concluded a long investigation by reporting that direct buying has advantages for the farmer. At the same time, Prof. Robert Ashby of the University of Illinois, one of the noted live stock marketing authorities of the country, published a book and summarized three years investigation of direct buying at country points by declaring that it is not to the farmers' advantage.

When experts are as far apart as the poles, then the layman can only learn by experience and observation in his community as to what system may be best for him. It may be a combination of both.

LIKES CO-OPS



JAMES A. THOMPSON
"I deem it a pleasure to pledge co-operation"

Speaking to managers and directors of 50 odd farmers' co-op ass'ns, all stockholders of Farm Bureau Services and having dinner at the Farm Bureau at Lansing, Jan. 28, James A. Thompson the new State Commissioner of Agriculture, said:

"I deem it a pleasure to attend your gatherings . . . it is only by meeting with farmers and getting their viewpoint that we can get things done as you want them done . . . I pledge you the co-operation of the Department."

Mr. Thompson told the co-op men that no other State department has more contact with the people than his, through its food and drugs, dairy, animal industry, ag'l industry and inspection services. Originally, said Mr. Thompson, the Dept. operated without any income from its services. Later fees came into being, which he intimated may be too high in some instances today. He said that he believes individuals and firms benefiting by certain inspections for grade, etc., should pay accordingly for the service, but such general inspection services as those pertaining to quality and purity of foods, etc., should be paid from the general fund as of benefit to all.

Mr. Thompson commented upon the many instances in which the Federal government has deputized State men as federal inspectors to make both State and Federal grades apply. Fruit men believe that that idea may answer the spray residue question for Michigan growers engaged in interstate business. Fruit passed by federal men in Michigan could be sold on federal grade anywhere. At present the State Dept. of Agriculture is operating under some 80 Michigan laws.

Huron Co. Farm Bureau At Bad Axe on Feb. 7

Bad Axe—Huron County Farm Bureau is planning a big annual meeting and program with a potluck dinner at the American Legion hall here, Thursday, Feb. 7, beginning at 10 a. m. Election of officers, resolutions, presentation of a Farm Bureau program for the year and entertainment will occupy the day, according to Pres. E. T. Leipprandt and William McCarty, Jr., secretary.

New York state has nearly four and one-half million acres in farm woodlands.

\$25,000,000 STATE AID FOR SCHOOLS SEEMS PROBABLE

Supervisors Endorse Plan; Smaller Schools May Benefit Most

By R. WAYNE NEWTON

Lansing—While the 1935 legislative session is still in the formative stage it is already apparent that the major issue of interest to farmers and other property owners will be the school relief legislation which has not yet been finally drafted.

The main principles which have been agreed upon include the guarantee of an additional \$50 per school to small one-room schools, a reduction in the local tax requirement for full aid from 3 mills to 2 mills, State payment of \$60.00 tuition for rural high school students and increased allowances for transportation expenses. The plan will materially increase State aid beyond the present law.

It is recognized that at least \$25,000,000 in addition to the primary fund is needed to carry the plan into effect, and state-wide organizations which are active on legislative matters are almost unanimous in supporting the plan.

Some opposition was indicated in legislative circles when Rep. Vernon J. Brown of Ingham County, chairman of the committee on general taxation in the House of Representatives, appeared before the State Association of Supervisors to oppose a resolution that would put that body on record as favoring "not less than \$25,000,000" for this purpose. However, after talks by Chairman M. B. McPherson of the State Tax Commission, William J. Thomas, former legislator from Kent County and former chairman of the same committee, Rep. Maurice Post of Kent County, Rep. Charles M. Myers of Cass County and R. Wayne Newton of the Farm Bureau, the Supervisors unanimously approved the resolution.

Governor Fitzgerald has not publicly accepted the \$25,000,000 figure since his inauguration, but he did support it in his campaign and has since asserted the schools should have whatever is necessary. Rural leaders are united in the opinion that a reduction below \$25,000,000 will lead to a serious curtailment of the aid for rural schools and for this reason are supporting the figure named.

Another bill in process of preparation and which has been developed with Farm Bureau and Grange assistance would place the control of the office of county school commissioner in rural hands and provide means for reducing local school costs where rural people are able to work out plans for temporarily closing schools having extremely low enrollments.

MUSKOGON ANNUAL FEBRUARY 15

Annual meeting of the Muskegon County Farm Bureau is called for February 15 at ten o'clock at the court house at Muskegon. Usual business, election of officers and development of a program for 1935 will be considered. Talks will be given by County Agr'l Agent Carl Knopf and a representative from the State Farm Bureau.

South African railroads are coordinating motor and rail service as a measure of economy. They are building no more branch lines and are using large six-wheeled pneumatic-tired trucks as feeders, instead.

BUY PRIZE BEEF FOR LIVE STOCK EXCHANGE DINNER

John Brandt Will Address Farm Group at Lansing February 21

Lansing—President Elmer A. Beamer and Sec'y John O'Mealey of the Michigan Live Stock Exchange were prowling about the early days of February, buying prize steers at the State College, and making arrangements for the annual dinner of the Live Stock Exchange at the Union building, State College, at 7 o'clock Thursday evening, Feb. 21.

The annual banquet, always a tremendous affair which attracts nearly 1,000 co-op shipping ass'n managers, directors, members and their wives, will be addressed by John Brandt, nationally known as the president of the Minnesota Land O' Lakes Creameries, and as the author of a much discussed plan for control of farm surpluses. Mr. Brandt is a speaker and entertainer of no small ability. Another on the program is W. C. Dornfield, live stock man and humorist from Australia, the land of Uncle Bim. The music program includes a double male quartet from Chicago, and the usual old time and modern dancing party. Tim Doolittle Mountaineers will play the dance.

Directors and farmer members of the Exchange are invited to come and bring the wife. Tickets for the dinner and evening's entertainment are always very reasonably priced.

The prize steers purchased at the State College live stock show and sale were of the following breeds and were produced by the men named:

Reserve Grand Champion Angus, Owner, Alex Minty, Ionia.
Second Prize Angus Steer, Owner, A. T. Boyd, Homer.
Premium Hereford Steer, Wm. McCarty & Son, Bad Axe.

Friday morning, Feb. 22, the annual business meeting of the Exchange starts at the Hotel Olds at 10 o'clock. During the morning officers will report. New business will be considered and directors may be named. Employees will report during the afternoon session.

A. F. Potter, manager of the Producers Co-op Commission Ass'n at Cleveland will speak on "Truck Transportation for Shipping Ass'ns." Over a period of years he has saved most of the shipping ass'ns in his territory by teaching them how to use trucks in getting business.

The Live Stock Exchange's Detroit and East Buffalo commission houses continued to handle about a third of their market receipts during 1935 and made a substantial savings or profit for their member ass'ns on the business done. Both paid patronage dividends.

The Producers Co-op Commission Ass'n at East Buffalo will hold its annual meeting Feb. 11-12 at the Lafayette Hotel, Buffalo. M. E. Farley of Albion and Forrest King of Charlotte are delegates to represent the Michigan Live Stock Exchange.

LECTURER



MRS. EDITH HOSTETLER
Mrs. Edith Hostetler of Adrian, R-2, leader in Lenawee county Grange activities, is the new Lecturer of the Michigan State Grange and editor of the Michigan Patron. Mrs. Hostetler was elected Lecturer at the 1934 State Grange convention. She succeeded the late Miss Jennie Buell, who was in state Grange work for more than 50 years.

Plants in the Home Have Some Odd Health Values

Plants add to beauty in the home, and contribute to the health of the family.
A cineraria plant in a five-inch pot, for instance, gives off an average of nearly a pint of water a day.



HENRY A. WALLACE, SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

Sec'y Wallace to Speak at Lapeer, Farmers Day, Feb. 15

Lapeer County Farm Bureau Gets Secretary for Its Annual Event

Lapeer—Hon. Henry A. Wallace, Secretary of Agriculture, has accepted the invitation of the Lapeer County Farm Bureau and the Michigan State Farm Bureau to speak at Lapeer, Friday morning, Feb. 15 at the annual Farmers Day program for all Thumb counties, sponsored by the Lapeer County Farm Bureau.
Mr. Wallace is paying a flying visit to Michigan to accept his first speaking engagement in this state. He will arrive at Detroit Friday morning, the 15th, and with his party, will be taken to Lapeer in Lincoln cars furnished by the Ford Motor Car Company. A Detroit police escort will accompany the party. He is to speak at Lapeer High School, starting between 10 and 10:30 o'clock. He will return to Detroit immediately thereafter to go to New York. To date Mr. Wallace has not announced the topic of his address.

Lapeer Planning Big Day

The meeting is sponsored by the Lapeer County Farm Bureau for farmers and their wives, but is open to the general public. The high school auditorium seats 1600. Overflow crowds will be accommodated in adjoining rooms equipped with loud speakers. The Lapeer Farm Bureau, the City of Lapeer, the Chamber of Commerce and Rotary Club and other civic groups will be hosts. They will have a staff of ushers to handle the seating of the crowd. Local farm folks and those coming from a distance will be given preference in the matter of seating, insofar as possible, according to the Lapeer committee.

Michigan Farm Bureau members in all Thumb counties will receive individual invitations to the Wallace meeting as follows: Huron, Tuscola, Sanilac, St. Clair, Macomb, Oakland, Livingston, Lapeer, Genesee, Shiawassee and Saginaw counties.

Bolander General Chairman

C. L. Bolander, Lapeer county agricultural agent, is general chairman of the Farmers Day program. Sec'y C. L. Brody of the State Farm Bureau will introduce Mr. Wallace. Guests to be invited by Lapeer will include Gov. Fitzgerald and members of his official family, including James A. Thompson, commissioner of agriculture; President Shaw and officials of the Michigan State College; the State Board of Agriculture; State Farm Bureau officers; officers of the State Grange and Farmers Union; officers of the several farmers' commodity marketing exchanges.

Dinner at Noon

The Lapeer Farmers Day program is an all-day affair and gets off to a good start with Sec'y Wallace. At noon at the High School the Lapeer County Farm Bureau will serve at 40¢ per plate a dinner from certified, Lapeer county grown crops; Angus beef, certified potatoes, beans, milk, etc. Tickets may be secured at any Thumb county agent's office or from the President or Secretary of the County Farm Bureau. Farm Bureau members will have first crack at the dinner tickets.

C. V. Ballard, with and State leader of county agricultural agents, will have charge of the dinner and afternoon program. It is possible that Chester Gray of the American Farm

SUPREME COURT HEARS ITS FIRST SALES TAX SUIT

Manufacturer Machinery Case Has Parts of Interest To Farmers

Lansing—A sales tax suit of interest in part to farmers reached the Michigan Supreme Court for arguments on Tuesday, Jan. 29.

It was the Boyer-Campbell case from Detroit, in which many Michigan manufacturers have asked sales tax exemption on machinery, oils, fuel, gasoline, coal, etc., entering into the production of personal property to be sold. Such goods are now taxed when sold to manufacturers.

The manufacturers insist that when such goods are used they become part of the goods to be sold. Their cost accounting passes the tax on to the consumer who pays it, together with the regular retail sales tax on the finished article, thus pyramiding tax upon the consumer.

Farm Machinery Taxed

The farmers' interest in the Boyer-Campbell case outcome is that the farmer now pays sales tax on farm machinery, implements, spray materials, harness, trucks, and other goods. He can argue and does argue that such goods are gradually consumed in the production of crops, and that farm cost accounting will show them to be a part of the cost of the completed crops.

The Farm Bureau Services sales tax suit for exemption of seeds, feeds, fertilizers, machinery, etc., and backed by 180 farmers co-ops, is on its way to the Supreme Court. The Farm Bureau won an exemption decree in the Ingham circuit court in November, 1934. The state is appealing.

The State Supreme Court considers argument an evidence submitted in brief and argument form only from the standpoint of correctly interpreting the law in question. No witnesses appear before the Supreme Court. Counsel for both sides file their cases in printed brief form and are permitted to argue or present an oral statement to the eight members on the bench. The jurists may ask many questions of the counsel during and after his argument.

After Deputy Attorney General E. H. Shepherd for the State Board of Tax Administration and Mr. Raymond Berry of Berry & Stevens, for the manufacturers had turned their heaviest legal artillery on each other's case, we expect it would take a legal mind to say definitely who had scored most.

Some of the Argument

Mr. Shepherd, as expected, denied the plaintiffs had a case or that there is any confusion in the application of the law. He wound up in part by arguing that in his opinion the case boiled down to whether manufacturers consumed or did not consume machinery, chemicals, etc., in their manufacturing processes. He sought to make absurd the statement of cost accountants that machinery becomes part of the finished product by cost accounting methods. The State lost the Boyer-Campbell case in the Wayne county circuit court and appealed it.

It must have heartened Attorney Berry when one just e in questioning Mr. Berry agreed that oil used in tempering castings becomes a part of the casting. Another justice is asked to be enlightened as to how a hammer or a lathe could become part of an automobile. Mr. Berry replied that cost accounting principles declare that fuel, and tools consumed become a part of the cost of the finished articles and are so shown by cost accounting. The justice agreed that the reasoning is sound.

The Sales Tax board, by its component parts ruling, holds the oil, hammer and lathe are not in any way part of the finished product.

Many, many questions were asked on the wording of the law. The Deputy Attorney General insisted that the law is clear and no injustice exists. The manufacturers sought to prove otherwise. The Supreme Court will decide.

Both sides have another 25 days to file a final set of briefs. The court's decision will come later, and will have an important bearing, perhaps, on part of the Farm Bureau case for exemption of all farm supplies for production purposes.

tempted coercion by any local official while the case is pending before the Supreme Court. In fairness to the State Board of Tax Administration, it should be said that it has not and appears not to be the policy of the State office to harass the Farm Bureau or co-ops in what has been a friendly suit for an interpretation of the law. Once in a while a local inspector decides to get tough, probably not realizing that he may be in a fair way to run his head into a court injunction.

CO-OPS TOLD TO CALL ANY BLUFFS

Sales Tax Suit Decision Protect Against Force

Lansing—Farmers co-ops associated with the Farm Bureau in the sales tax suit are advised by their attorneys, Berry & Stevens of Detroit, not to be frightened if a sales tax inspector threatens a sheriff's lien or other action to compel delivery of sales tax hold while the suit is awaiting a final decision by the Supreme Court.

Statements have been made that Judge Carr's decision in favor of the Farm Bureau is "temporary" and "not binding" and "not retroactive", but Berry & Stevens advise that Judge Carr's decision is permanent unless reversed by the Supreme Court, is fully binding and is retroactive. The attorneys also point out that in his decree Judge Carr reserved exclusive jurisdiction to hear and determine any and all controversies . . . that shall hereafter become necessary or proper with regard to the case.

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| Wm. McCarty, Jr. | | Bad Axe |
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| Mrs. Frank Myus | | Lapeer |
| C. D. Parsons | LIVINGSTON | Fowlerville |
| Fred Hillman | | Howell |
| William Hagan | MACOMB | New Haven |
| Wm. Sutherland | | Romeo |
| Fred Beckman | OAKLAND | Clarkston |
| Mrs. Iva Miller | | Clarkston |
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An Invitation to Battle

Senator Andrew L. Moore of Pontiac has introduced a 4 cent gasoline tax bill in the Legislature, with the proviso that the anticipated \$7,000,000 increase in gasoline tax revenues shall be diverted to the State's public schools in accordance with the terms of the Thatcher-Sias Act, by which sales tax money is now being turned to the schools. The Thatcher-Sias Act provided \$15,000,000 from the sales tax for local schools, but only a few millions have been available.

Senator Moore's bill will stir up a number of hornets. Plenty of influential State groups are of the belief that the present highway taxes are enough and that there should be no diversion of highway funds for other purposes.

Senator Moore has offered a companion bill which would reduce the annual weight tax from 35c to 25c per hundredweight. Since the counties receive all the weight tax, earmarked to retire road debts, provide maintenance of roads and build new roads in that order, there will be a serious loss in revenue to them if the Moore bill is adopted. In November of 1934 the people decisively rejected a proposed amendment to the State Constitution to limit the weight tax to not more than 35c per hundred, as it is now.

Senator Moore is accustomed to having some of his bills stir up a great deal of opposition. During the 1933 session farm organizations, school groups, civic assns, and the House of Representatives strenuously opposed his bill to grant relief to delinquent taxpayers by forgiving the delinquency rather than expect them to pay it eventually. Finally, after a winter of controversy, the measure was combined with Rep. Holbeck's bill as the Moore-Holbeck bill, which suspended tax sales and provided tax relief by permitting delinquent taxpayers to retire their obligation in installments over a period of 10 years.

HOW THATCHER-SIAS ACT SEEKS THREE MILL SCHOOL LEVY

Asks \$15,000,000 from Sales Tax to Equalize School Costs

Lansing—\$15,000,000 is provided for relief of local school taxpayers under the Thatcher-Sias Act of 1933, if and when provided by sales tax collections, or by the Legislature making other revenues available.

Just what does that mean to a local taxpayer? Here's an explanation:

A Sound Education

Purpose of the Thatcher-Sias Act is to provide every child with a "sound" grade or high school education at not more than 3 mills of local school tax. Local districts may exceed that mill tax to provide the "frills" of education if they like.

The Thatcher-Sias Act would, (1) Add \$15,000,000 in State sales tax money to the primary school tax fund as a "Primary Supplement Fund." (2) Deduct from the \$15,000,000 10% of the sum of the primary school fund and the Primary Supplement Fund. The 10% would be called an "Equalization fund," to be explained later.

The Division of Funds

That sounds more complicated than it is. However, in practice the Primary school fund and the balance of the \$15,000,000 in the Primary Supplement Fund would be allocated to school districts on a child census basis according to the following formula:

Not less than \$40 for each attending child in the elementary schools.
Not less than \$65 for each attending the High School.

If a local property tax levy of 3 mills for schools, plus the district's allocation from the primary school fund and the balance of the \$15,000,000 in the Primary Supplement Fund, plus tuition collected is not enough to operate the school system on a 3 mill property levy limit, the district would receive additional aid from the 10% "equalization fund."

Equality for Taxpayers

The Thatcher-Sias Act attempts to apportion the school equalization funds on a basis of economy rather than on the amount of expenditures in the school district, which was the Turner bill result. The Thatcher-Sias Act repeals the Turner bill.

The Thatcher-Sias Act attempts to guarantee a minimum standard of good education for every child in the State at an equal expense to the taxpayers of the several districts. The Thatcher-Sias Act is Public Act No. 236 of 1933.

Act. No. 1 Provides '35 Auto License Stickers

First act of the 1935 Legislature authorizes the Secretary of State to issue each year license stickers in place of license plates to motorists at half price up to August 1. It is understood that the stickers will be on sale by Feb. 18. Motorists must have sticker or license plates by March 1.

Van Buren Co. Farm Bureau Meets at Lawrence, Feb. 7

Lawrence—Van Buren County Farm Bureau members are planning a general meeting at the Lawrence town hall 7:30 P. M., Thursday, Feb. 7th. Sec'y Brody from the State Farm Bureau and talks by Harry Lurkins, and Arthur Edmunds and music will feature the program, Waldo E. Phillips announces.

Uncle Ab says half of us would be happier if the other half were not utilizing us.

Marthy, on Butchering

By R. S. Clark

We used to butcher lots of pork when Hiram kept a hand. But since we're here alone we just kill one, and My Good Land, The day that Hiram kills that pig—the waitin' on it takes! Seems like I have to help him from the moment he awakes.

He comes in when the stock is fed, and like a helpful wife I turn the grind-stone handle while he sharpens up the knife; And then he asks for various tools, like where's the hog-hook gone? And I must help him fix the chain to hang the kettle on.

He fetches wood, and starts the fire, and pumps the kettle full; He pulls the pole up in the tree, (and Marthy helps him pull); He searches for the gambrel, and the scrapers, and the nails; He borrows one of my best tubs and several of my pails;

He puts the dump-boards on the bobs, and wedges up the bunk; He sinks the scaldin'-barrel till it's just correctly sunk So it will tilt against the boards the way it has to be— And when he can't find what he needs he simply calls for me!

He makes his preparations in his characteristic way, And all the thousand things he does comprises butcherin' day. He stokes the fire, and shovels snow, and fixes all his rig, And then he takes an ear of corn and goes to catch the pig.

I'll not relate how Hiram does what next he has to do, (One year I helped him catch the pig, and once was plenty, too) But somehow Hiram manages to get him caught, and then, After the squealing quietes down I come out-doors again.

We turn the pig; we scald the pig; we scrape him to the soul; We fix the gambrel in his heels, and shove him up the pole; Then, when he's hangin' off the ground, and clean as we can scrub, Why, Hiram takes the butcher knife, and Marthy holds the tail!

I've told enough so you can see that when it's butcherin' day I'm really Hiram's helpmate in a big and helpful way; So, just to pay me back for all my help out in the yard, Hiram lets me do the riddlin' and try out all the lard!

GROWERS SEEK TO LIST POTATOES AS BASIC COMMODITY

Michigan Among the States Favoring Legislation For Crop Control

Washington—A potato advisory committee representing producers in 16 states has recommended to the Agricultural Adjustment Administration a number of principles it desires incorporated in a national program for potatoes. The committee has requested the Adjustment Administration to aid in drafting a tentative bill which the committee will submit to Congress.

The program recommended by the committee contemplates designation of potatoes as a basic commodity and control legislation similar to the Kerr-Smith Act for tobacco. Neither processing taxes nor benefit payments are included.

Recommendations for Crops

Recommendations of the Advisory Committee include: Determination by the Secretary of Agriculture of the advisable size of the annual crop to be marketed with a view towards establishing and maintaining a parity price level for potatoes; a flexible basis of allotment to States, using a production average computed from the three highest yields and acreages of the five year period, 1930-34; allotments to individual growers based on State allotments; a tax of half a cent a pound on all potatoes marketed which are not covered by tax exempt certificates; marketing of all potatoes in closed packages; transfer of tax exempt certificates between growers, and between districts with their value to be determined by the supply and demand for them; provision for a reserve to care for new growers; and a referendum on the plan after one year of operation.

The recommendation of the committee regarding the basis of allotments to states, from which individual allotments to growers will then be made by state committees was:

"As a basis for allotment to states, it was moved that out of the 1930-34 period there shall be computed from the official estimates on the potato crop for each State, the average of the three highest yields, computed to hundreds of acres and the three highest yields computed to tenths of a bushel, and use the product of these two averages for each State as an average production base. The acreage and yields selected need not necessarily be for identical years."

The committee recommended that the rate of tax on excess marketings of potatoes not covered by tax exempt certificates should be 50 cents per 100 pounds.

Under the committee's recommendation a producer would apply for his allotment and would receive tax exempt certificates for the amount of his allotment. Before marketing potatoes in excess of the amount covered by these tax exempt certificates, he would have to secure tax paid certificates.

The advisory committee which made its recommendations to the Agricultural Adjustment Administration represented growers from: Maine, North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, New Jersey, South Carolina, Ohio, Kansas, Alabama, Michigan, Louisiana, Connecticut, New York, Florida, North Dakota, and Minnesota.

Isle Royale History

Isle Royale has been a part of three different counties in the upper peninsula of Michigan, according to the Department of Conservation. It was attached to Ontonagon county when it was established in 1843. Later, in 1845, it was made a part of Houghton county and in 1861 it came under jurisdiction of Keweenaw county. The legislature of 1875 made it an independent county, but 16 years later returned it to the jurisdiction of Keweenaw.

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St. Johns Co-op Annual

St. Johns.—When the St. Johns Co-operative Company had its annual meeting here Jan. 5, it not only told the 213 members and guests present their business story for the year, but it invited directors from the Grand Ledge Produce Co. and the Fowler Co-operative Co., to speak briefly regarding the neighboring farmers' co-ops. George Bateman did such honors for Grand Ledge and Ignatz Koenigs-knecht for Fowler.

Secretary George Brooks of St. Johns Co-op reported a good business year and a good financial statement. President Floyd Anderson and six directors of the Clinton County Farm Bureau were guests. President Anderson of the Farm Bureau and Sec'y Brooks of the Co-op spoke well of the good relations between the two groups. The Co-op stockholders elected Directors C. L. Shafley, Howard Pope and John Becker to succeed themselves.

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Mrs. Wagar Tells Hopes of Associated Women of A.F.B.F.

Explains New National Group Which Was Organized at Nashville

By MRS. EDITH M. WAGAR

The position of the farm woman when compared with other groups of women of our nation has been a burning question with the women of the American Farm Bureau Federation for some time.

There seemed to be no one in authority to speak for her when occasion demanded. There are several organized groups of city women such as the Federation of Women's Clubs, the League of Women Voters, Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Daughters of American Revolution and many civic groups, but there was no national organized group of rural women whose primary interest is to represent farm women.

We Are Many

The women of our State Farm Bureaus and Home Bureaus and Extension Clubs and Councils scattered over the United States if brought together would number well over a million. Many of them saw the need of bringing their power and their influence together in some general organized way.

It did not seem quite so necessary, or at least the need was not so pressing, when things were going along smoothly with the farm folks. All were satisfied with the program builded around a richer and fuller rural life.

But after a period of distress such as our country has experienced of late, it seemed imperative that our farm women unite in one great group to give consideration to economic questions, for farm women everywhere were faced with the fact that there could be no fulfillment of wishes for high ideals and beauty and culture when farm income does not keep pace



MRS. EDITH M. WAGAR

At the Nashville meeting held in December such an organization was put into effect and was christened the Associated Women of the American Farm Bureau Federation.

Purpose of Group

This organization is not the "shelving" of our women from the Farm Bureau but rather it is broadening her scope of power and it is to be the means of drawing to a common denominator, the influence of all rural women towards such activities of the Farm Bureau as naturally interest the women, such as better educational advantages, supporting extension work, rural electrification, maternity and infancy legislation, recreational advantages and world peace.

The Michigan State Farm Bureau years ago voted to be on the family

membership plan. One membership in the family places all members of that household into the organization. The wife is a part of the family and under the new plan she continues just as much a member of the Farm Bureau as before. She also automatically becomes a member of the associated women of the American Farm Bureau Federation with no added dues whatever.

Sees Great Possibilities

Not only has this latest movement united the women of the many State Farm Bureaus but it has made possible a manner in which any state wide group of farm women may affiliate with this national group in order to have national expression on many interests common to all, just as our Michigan commodity marketing exchanges affiliate with our State Farm Bureau, working together, yet each preserving its own individuality.

We see in the future, great possibilities for this organization; it will be the means through which the American farm woman can lend her influence to the women of the world in hastening the day of greater world peace; it will be a means of an opportunity to tell the agricultural story to American women in other walks of life.

Not only must we know our own problems and formulate plans to promote our cause, but it is just as necessary that we find a way to reach the ear and gain the sympathetic attention of those outside our sphere. We hope this new united group may assist materially in this manner.

We have been told many times that "the farmer can have anything he wants if he wants it bad enough." We believe it, but in order to get what we want we must unite on a definite plan and then go after it, not as a mob using force, but as an intelligent group knowing what is best for all concerned.

Oceana Farm Bureau Activities Win Support

Shelby—The annual meeting of the Oceana County Farm Bureau here Jan. 12 was well attended. The Oceana organization has added many members during the year and added 50 or more just before the annual meeting.

The Farm Bureau Supply Store at Hart with a general farm supplies and marketing service, including a new Farm Bureau oil and gasoline service with tank wagon routes, is bringing farmers and Farm Bureau in good working relationship. January 12 the store was unloading a railroad tank car for its lime sulphur business. The store will be able to handle lime sulphur in carloads, unload it by gravity and give its patrons the benefit of the lower handling cost.

At the County Farm Bureau meeting, the High School band played. Mrs. Henry Henriksen described the American Farm Bureau meeting at Nashville, Tenn., and Mrs. Fred Kerr spoke on the "Farm Woman and the New Deal." Directors elected were: Gerald Rouse of Shelby; Jake Heer, George Foster, and Max May, all of Hart. Other directors now serving are: Jesse Davis of Mears; Simon Rager of Montague; Fred Bunnell of Hesperia; Henry Henriksen, Mrs. Will Wenk of Shelby. O. R. Gale of Shelby, State Farm Bureau director, is an ex-officio member of the board.

Fun with the AAA

Recently, says Time, Senator Arthur Capper complained that one of his constituents in Kansas went to a local AAA office, asked for shorts for his hogs. Instead of giving help and sympathy, the young woman whom AAA had put in charge replied to him: "Oh yeah? What about some step-ins for your cows while you're at it?"

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CO-OP CREAMERIES BACK OLEO LAW

Midwest and Michigan Want No Easing of U. S. Tax and Law

Eleven Michigan co-operative creameries are members of the Midwest Producers Creameries, Inc., a group of Indiana and Michigan co-ops, which held its annual meeting at South Bend, Ind., Jan. 24. The creameries manufacture about 20 million pounds of butter annually. They are working together to improve and standardize quality, to market and buy supplies together.

Resolutions adopted oppose any weakening of the Federal oleomargarine laws or tax. They urge a State tax on oleo, similar to the state of Washington tax, which is designed to make also carry a share of the state tax burden proportional to that carried by butter and milk.

The Michigan and Indiana Farm Bureaus and the State Colleges were complimented for their work in behalf of co-operative creamery interests. The creameries resolved to increase their efforts for a program of paying for cream on a grade and quality basis. "No manufacturer can produce a finished product that will rise above the standard of the raw material used," the resolution said.

C. A. Brody, manager of the Constantine Co-operative Creamery Co., and G. S. Coffman, manager of the Coldwater Dairy Co., were members of the resolutions committee. Michigan members of the organization are: Marcellus Co-operative Creamery, Farmers Co-op Creamery Co., Marlon, Shultz Co-operative Creamery Ass'n, Lawrence Co-operative Creamery Co., Dairyland Co-op Creamery Co., Carson City, Coldwater Dairy Company, Constantine Co-op Creamery Co., Farmers Co-op Creamery, Nashville, Grant Creamery Company, St. Louis Co-op Creamery Co., Fremont Co-operative Creamery Co.

Farm Home and World Today Is 1935 Subject

Chicago—The 1935 national speaking contest for Farm Bureau women at the American Farm Bureau convention in November will be on the subject, "The Farm Home and the World Today." The contest in the States and at the national convention will be in charge of the Associated Women of the American Farm Bureau. Previous winners in a national contest will not be eligible. Orations shall range from 900 to 1,200 words. Mrs. Edith Wagar of Carleton, Mich., is in charge of the Michigan contest.

2,000 Brave Blizzard For Minnesota Annual

St. Paul, Minn.—Despite a Minnesota blizzard the annual State Farm Bureau meeting here recently attracted 2,000 farmers. Secretary Jones reported a stirring increase in membership the past year. In Minnesota Farm Bureau members want a gross income tax instead of property taxes; want the A. A. A. farm policies continued, but with more emphasis on raising farm prices; they oppose direct buying of live stock, and are ready for a legal limit on property taxes, similar to Michigan's 15 mill tax limit plan.

Farm Bureau Is Going Strong in Mason Co.

Scottville—One hundred and fifty members of the Mason County Farm Bureau attended the annual meeting here Jan. 11. The all day meeting included a potluck dinner and music by the County Farm Bureau band. Mrs. Wesley Hawley, third winner in the Michigan Farm Bureau speaking contest for women at the annual meeting in November, spoke on "The Farm Woman and the New Deal." Mrs. John Houk described the Michigan Farm Bureau tour to the American Farm Bureau convention at Nashville, Tenn., in December.

During the past year the Mason County Farm Bureau has increased its membership in a large way, and has founded the Mason County Farm Bureau Oil Company. The Mason County Co-op Ass'n at Scottville has become a stockholder in the Farm Bureau Services, Inc., and is active in the Farm Bureau sales tax suit. The Farm Bureau is doing things in Mason county.

Officers elected by the Mason Bureau are: President, Sam Hjortholm, of Ludington; vice president, Dallas Lehman, Scottville. Directors: Elton Colburn and Louis Hansen of Scottville; William Sommerfeldt of Custer. Other directors now serving are: John Houk of Ludington, William Tharow and Albert Langfeldt of Scottville.

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CORN-HOG PLAN OF 1935 CALLS FOR LESS REDUCTION

Payments Are to be Made on A Different Basis This Year

East Lansing—Plans for handling the 1935 Michigan corn-hog contracts were announced by John B. Wilson, AAA, Washington, D. C., at meetings for county agents and local allotment committees held at Flint, Kalamazoo, and East Lansing.

The major phases of the 1935 contract are similar to those of the 1934 contract which was approved by a majority vote of Michigan hog and corn producers. The government agrees to make certain payments to corn and to hog producers who regulate their production in accordance with the demand for these commodities.

Contract signers are asked to reduce their corn acreage at least 10 and not more than 30 per cent of their base acreage for 1932 and 1933. This is the same base period as was used for the 1934 contract. The reduction asked for corn this year is less than that required in 1934.

For the reduction in corn made by Michigan contract signers, benefit payments of 35 cents per bushel will be made upon the estimated yield of the land retired from production. The growers pro-rata share of the administrative expenses will be deducted from the benefit payments.

Signers of hog contracts are asked to reduce hog numbers by not less than 10 per cent of their base production. Benefit payments of 15 dollars per head on the 10 per cent reduction will be made by the agricultural adjustment administration. The base period for the 1935 contract is the same as for last year's contract. Pro-rata shares of administrative expenses are deducted from the benefit payments.

Signing contracts is entirely voluntary; local meetings will be held in each producing section to discuss the contract requirements and each grower will determine for himself if he wishes to co-operate with the controlled production plan. Local conduct of the plan will be in the hands of local men known to the producers.

Benefits on the corn contracts will be made in two payments, the first 15 cents a bushel after signing the contract, and the second 20 cents per bushel on proof of compliance with the contract. The payments on hogs are made in two installments of \$7.50 per head on the 10 per cent reduction.

Restrictions on planting crops on contract acreages will be somewhat less stringent than in 1934. Each contract signer should talk with his local committee or with the county agricultural agent about the planting restrictions. The restrictions are subject to change by the secretary of agriculture in case of any necessity such as last year's drought.

Any bona fide producer is eligible to sign a contract. Owners of farm land who have ceased the production of hogs or corn can not sign contracts nor obtain benefit payments. Producers who did not sign contracts last year can do so this year if they wish.

Coopersville Farmers Own a Good Business

Coopersville—Ten or 12 years ago farmer directors of the Coopersville Co-operative Elevator Co. found their plant some \$20,000 in the hole and themselves holding a bear by the tail as signers of sundry notes.

They called in William Riemersma, farmer, father of a large family, industrious and frugal citizen, and put him in charge. Had he known how bad it was, he probably wouldn't have taken the job. But in a couple of years he had them out of the hole. Since then Coopersville has paid good annual dividends and has built up a large membership and patrons list. Recently they amended their by-laws and admitted 185 more stockholders. At the annual meeting Jan. 23 some 500 stockholders heard Mr. Riemersma report these items for the year ending Dec. 31, 1934:

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\$10 annual dues mature life membership; \$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.

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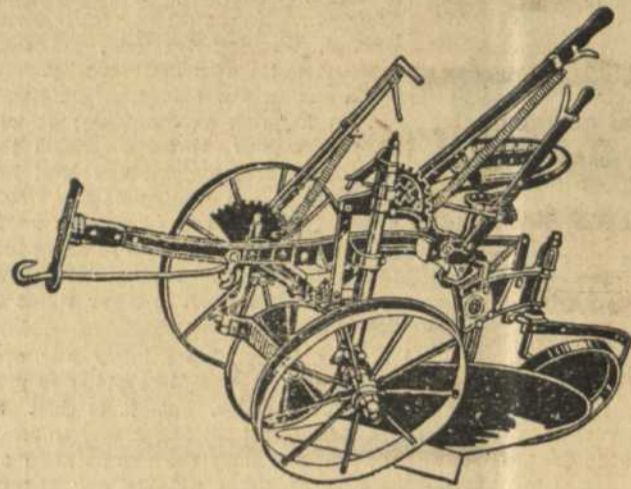
Farm Bureau Machinery for '35

Extra Strong and Designed for Efficiency and Long Service

Farm Bureau's complete line of tillage tools is manufactured by B. F. Avery & Sons Co. of Louisville, Kentucky, farm machinery manufacturers for 112 years. Avery operates in its large, modern factory, built within recent years. Our prices are competitive with other lines. We aim to give you greater value for your money in the best materials, extra features for strength and long wear. Four tools described below prove that point.

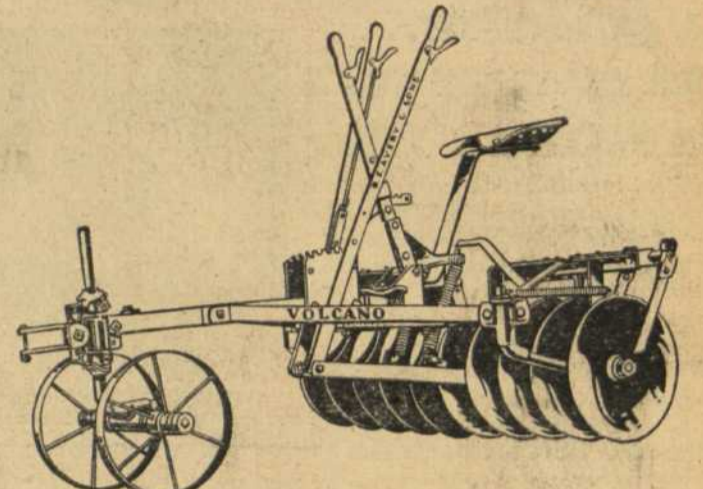
Torpedo Sulky Plow

With quick, detachable share. Front furrow axle bearing extra long to stand strains of turning. Levers conveniently located and easily operated. Long beam. Draft lighter than walking plow of same size. Can turn short without taking plow out of ground at corners; will use any shape bottom. Wheels extra large with large tires; holler rivet type spokes, adjustable. Large, true running coulter. Seat large and comfortable. Strong square cross axle. Made in right and left hand plows.



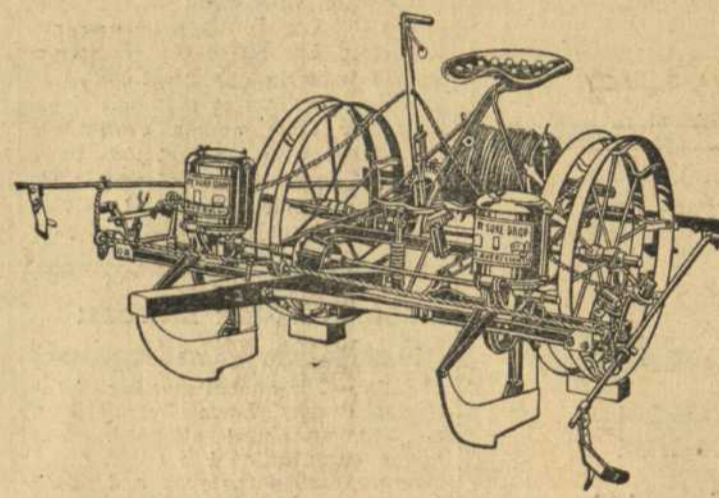
Volcano Disc Harrow

Horse drawn. Virtually all-steel. Spool flange prevents gang bolt working loose. Very important. Gangs easy to angle. Heavy angle steel frame is extra strong. Best 16 or 18 inch electrically heat treated steel discs. Narrow standards prevent clogging. High hitch point of rear tandem increases penetration of front gang where main work is done. Center lever keeps gangs down in center. Bearings lubricated from bottom, grease cup or Zerk. Interchangeable oil soaked maple bearings.



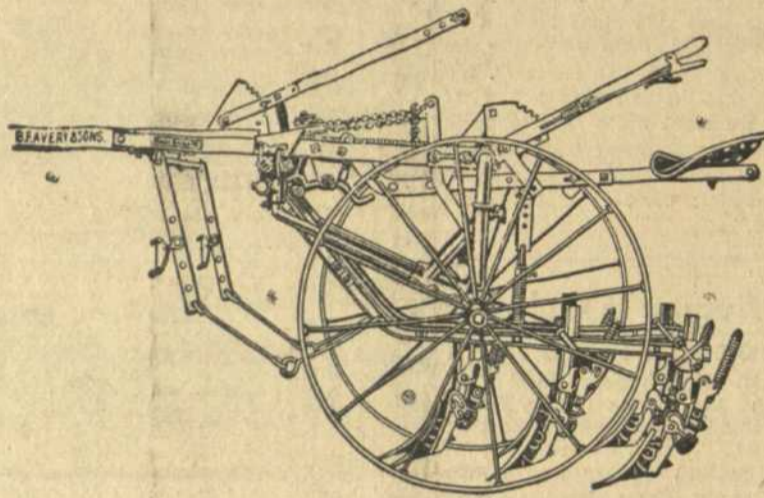
Sure Drop Planter

Takes name from valves constructed to prevent clogging. Positive action always. Easy lever change from check to drill. Six drilling distances. Heavy positive clutch operates planting mechanism, disengages in transport position. Variable drop clutch permits 2-3-4 kernels to a hill. Opens runner or single disc types. Four adjustments. Frame heavy steel, always in alignment. Fertilizer and other attachments available. This planter is designed in every part for long life and convenience.



Jack Rabbit Cultivator

Weight of operator balances frame and weight of gangs when raising, an exclusive feature for easy operation; axles always vertical. Triangular rigid frame very strong. Much longer gang bearings machined, eliminating side play of gangs. They cut or plow up weeds, never push by. Shifts easy to operate. Draft arranged to pull gangs into ground. Master lever raises and lowers gangs. Individual levers regulate depth. Gang spacing by crank and worm gear. Shovels the best with good penetrating angle.



EARLY SPRING SEED NEWS

RED CLOVER UNDOUBTEDLY IS CHEAPER NOW than it will be. Alfalfa is scarce. We expect an unusual demand for red clover. Those who lost clover seedings in the spring of 1934 and didn't make a fall seeding, had better do it this spring or face a second shortage of forage. Farm Bureau Brand Red Clover is Michigan grown, selected, high germinating and cleaned to A-1 quality and purity. The best to be had.

THE ALFALFA SITUATION. Supplies of certified Hardigan and Grimm are rather small. Many were disappointed last summer. Michigan Variegated is in great demand by local dealers. For the best common alfalfa buy on the market, we recommend our Kansas Common. Limited supply, well adapted to Michigan, according to State College test plots. Good yielder.

SWEET CLOVER. At today's price for Farm Bureau sweet clover seed, you can buy lime, have good pasture, build up your soil and save money on the deal as against some other forage crops. 8 lbs. of timothy and 15 lbs. of orchard grass with 15 of sweet clover makes fine pasture.

ALSIKE. Scarce and very high. Rape cheap for sheep and hog pasture. Buy Farm Bureau seeds for adapted, selected, high yielding, strains.

These Things Make Our Fertilizer Good

1. Nitrogen carriers which are quickly soluble in water. Nitrogen is thus quickly available to the tiny plant when needed most. Nitrogen in Farm Bureau fertilizer is 95% water soluble. 70% meets State law. A vigorous start for the plant is the purpose of nitrogen in fertilizer.
2. Acid Phosphate made from Florida rock, and potash from the world famous German mines. None better than these.
3. Fertilizer that is extra dry, finely ground and easy to regulate in the drill. That saves time, prevents waste.

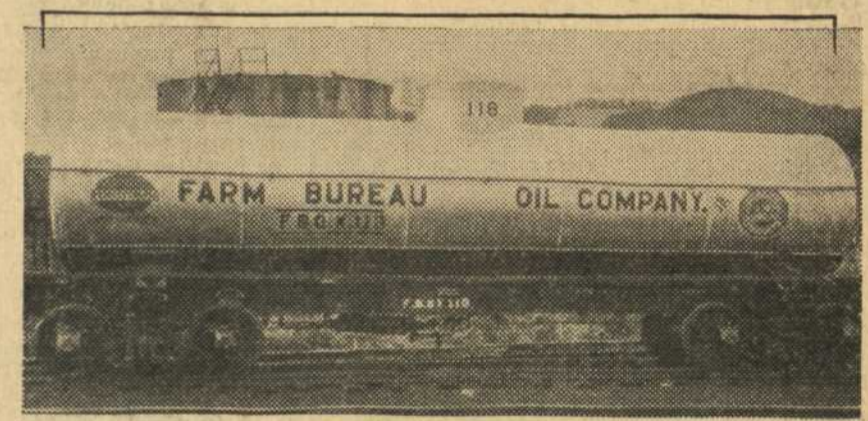
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MILKMAKER Means Moneymaker

MILKMAKER FORMULAS 16, 24 and 32% Protein

USE FARM BUREAU WINTER OIL



Farm Bureau oils cost you less than their high priced brothers the great oil firms take from the same fields, because the Michigan, Ohio and Indiana Farm Bureaus own a co-operative blending plant and distributing system. See your local co-op. ass'n.

Farm Bureau Zero Grade Oils start easy and lubricate perfectly in the coldest weather the Old Man from the North brings to us

MERMASH FOR BABY CHICKS



MERMASH RAISES BETTER CHICKS



Mermash

YOU WILL RAISE BETTER CHICKS at lower cost with Mermash 16% protein ration. It is a lifetime ration,—fed to baby chicks, pullets and laying hens.

MERMASH CONTAINS THE BEST home grown feedstuffs, and also Manamar, a combination of Pacific Ocean kelp and fish meal as a source for mineral foods poultry need. Chicks raised on Mermash grow fast and feather soon. Pullets cost low and make good laying hens.

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 deficiencies 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."

GUARANTEED ANALYSIS
Protein (min.) 16%
Fat (min.) 3 1/2%
Fiber (max.) 5%

OPEN FORMULA
1000 lbs. Ground Yellow Corn
300 lbs. Pure Wheat Bran
300 lbs. Flour Middlings
100 lbs. Meat Scraps
100 lbs. Alfalfa Leaf Meal
200 lbs. Manamar (Fish Meal, Kelp, Calcium Carbonate)

2000 lbs.
Mermash is made with or without cod liver oil. 5 lbs. of our Nopco XX oil has the vitamin D value of 40 lbs. of ordinary cod liver oil. The gain is yours.

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