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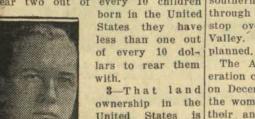
#### **Behind** the Wheel

with J. F. Yaeger, Organization Director

#### What Of The Future?

It was my privilege on July 20-21 to attend a meeting of Mid-west Farm

farmer makes up 25 percent of the time to take a real journey of this population and has invested over 20 kind. percent of the wealth of the nation in his land, tools, stock, etc.



15 percent in 1930 to about 20 per- Farm Bureau's special train. cent in 1935). In some of the south-

rural areas and later throughout the 11:45 p. m., on Tuesday, December 1 entire United States.

creasing population, (b) rising prices, cars (for there are no chores to do ters, (d) agricultural dependence up- Omaha, great distributing and busy conference of Farm Bureau leaders cultural crisis" and today we must ward in their search for new and live with the situation as it is, face it more fertile lands swam their oxen by Sec'y C. L. Brody and J. F. Yaeand act accordingly.

6—Our only hope is through a plot status of production, organization and banks before heading into the great gram of education, organization and banks before heading into the great Pearl Myus, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Welt grading of the wools in the 1936 Pool. status of production.

If The Demand Is Limited - ?

farmer increase his production until from Nebraska, Kansas and Colorado have joined, and now the journey is southward to Colorado Springs via the Denver and Rio Grande. Colorado til the time arrives when industry til the time arrives the definition of the Unitary til the time arrives the peakers emphasized the time arrives when the farmer makes to took favorable.

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Economic Equality states effective Friday morning.

"The states in which the price top.

### PLAN CALIFORNIA TOUR TO INCLUDE SCENIC WONDERS

Farm Bureau Going by Way Of Denver; Returns via New Orleans

Next December Farm Bureau mem-Bureau leaders at the Iowa State Col- bers from many states, including lege, Ames, Iowa. The farm problem Michigan, will be on the train for one was frankly discussed and some, to of the longest journeys that Farm me, rather startling facts brought Bureau members have taken to reach out. As one interested in organiza- an annual convention. Pasadena will tion as a means of securing for the be the host city to hundreds of delefarmer a "parity income", the follow- gates, guests and visitors. Several ing statements were illuminating, to days in the vicinity of Pasadena, Los Angeles and other beautiful coast 1-That the farmer's share of the cities at a time when they are really national income has been decreasing beautiful-during the winter months for the last 100 years until today it is will be a treat for many folks who less than 10 percent, even though the have never had the opportunity or the

The Michigan party-open to all Farm Bureau members-expect to be 2-That, although the farm women gone 16 days, and to return by a bear two out of every 10 children southern route that will take them born in the United through Texas, to New Orleans for a States they have stop over and up the Mississippi less than one out Valley. An all expense tour has been

The American Farm Bureau Federation convention begins at Pasadena 3-That land on December 8th. The day previous ownership in the the women of the Farm Bureau have United States is their annual meeting. For several gradually decreas- days prior to that the members of the ing. Tenancy has Farm Bureaus from many states will increased from 25.6 converge upon Chicago, some to stop percent in 1880 to there for a short visit to the Inter-42.4 percent in national Livestock Show before pro-1930. (It increased in Michigan from ceeding on their westward trek in the

Those who are coming the farthest ern States it is as high as 72.2 per- will be the New York State Farm Bureau members, the New England and 4-That the prosperity of the rural Massachusetts groups. Others from areas is the key to the prosperity of the southeast will probably journey the United States. Without a pros- through Chicago to join up with the perous agriculture, we can expect "big train" and enjoy the friendly little in the way of a lasting prosper- contacts and the hospitality of minity in the United States. We can look gling with farm folks from many forward only to a continuing series states. As arranged now, the Farm of depression periods with a gradual Bureau special train will leave Chilowering of the living standard in the cago by the Chicago-Northwestern at

The next morning, after a pleasant 5-That factors such as (a) an in- and leisurely breakfast in the dining (c) population moving to urban cen- this day), the special steams into on us by foreign countries, are no city of the Missouri. Here, some of from 12 middle western States at the longer here. There are no longer the first farmers from the east to lowa State College at Ames, Iowa, "new frontiers" to absorb the "agri- follow the Old Oregon Trail west- July 22. and their horses across the "big ger, director of organication, and in- Marketing Corporation at Boston, will sugar farming is a reputable business 6-Our only hope is through a pro- Muddy River" and camped on its cluded: Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Gwinn, come to Lansing, probably during the and should be encouraged to expand gram of education, organization and banks before heading to-operation "by the people, for the prairie regions. A short sight-seeing of Lapeer county; Mr. and Mrs. Ben trip around the city of Omaha and Hennink, Martin Garn and Lansing date for deliveries, the Wool Pool troduced to remove limitations on domestic production and to fix quotas

"Nowadays, most thoughtful per- ening is made in Nebraska, Colorado, and Mrs. Earl Johnson of Calhoun reach Lansing and consignments will to support this type of legislation. It sons who have no political, specula- Wyoming and other western states county; Charles Openlander of Clin- still be accepted until he arrives and seems, however, that foreign interests tive or other, special motive to ex- where irrigation is practiced. Here ton county; Harry Johnson of Gra- completes the grading. ploit, realize that only high standards at Grand Island is one of the sugar tiot county; Richard Christenson of of living, new uses of old products factories producing sugar from irriNewaygo county; Mr. and Mrs. Jay of the wool industry is quite encourstimulant have been powerful enough and the introduction of new products gated beets. A trip is made through Dodge of Van Buren couny; Charles will increase, to any large extent, the this plant and then off on the journey VanSickle of Sanilac county; Mrs. C. demand for farm commodities."-from to Colorado with Denver as the next L. Brody, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Ungren, the report of The Committee on Agri- stop. Denver, the mile high city, has Charles Whitney and George Marcultural Co-operation, June 27, 1936, much of charm and attraction for the son of Ingham county. Aside from National Association of Manufactur- traveler who stays only a few hours lowa, the Michigan group was the to look, or the visitor who comes to largest at the conference of some Why then, if the demand at the remain for a long time. There will 200 persons. present time is so limited, should the be an auto tour of the city. Delegates Prominent speakers emphasized the will assume the responsibility for in- Springs is a gay winter resort as well farm tenancy is increasing rapidly, til they are sold by the National Wool Recent announcements in the press creasing the buying power of that as a summer playground. A stop is to average nearly 50% for the na- Marketing Corporation at Boston. Then let us know that Reconstruction large percentage of the people whom large percentage percentage of the people whom large percentage percent ard of living, and finds new uses for Manitou. Pikes Peak, sublime in its condition is not sound. agricultural products or introduces mighty majesty, looks down from its

agricultural products, the farmer can- Along in the afternoon the train such conditions, "these never was a not be expected to produce plenty enters an apparent crease in the time we need more intelligent rural crust of the earth, a crease that has education than at the present." Production must be in line with been carved by the mighty flood and Other noted speakers to address the the ability of the people to consume. How of a river coming from the conference were Earl C. Smith of III-There is a definite relationship be- glaciers and melting snows of the inois, vice-president of the American tween the prosperity of industry and Rockies. The Royal Gorge of the Farm Bureau Federation, Mr.s the Nation and the prosperity of the Arkansas River is a miracle of nature. Charles Sewell of Chicago, Director farmer. It was Lewis H. Brown's How could water, running even for of Associated Women, American amazement in discovering how little centuries upon centuries, cut such a Farm Bureau Federation and Dr. T. the average business man appreciates chasm in the solid granite rock, rock W. Schultz, head of the Iowa State the economic importance of agriculthat takes the greatest engineering College economics department. the economic importance of agricult that the highest and strongest ture that proved a moving force in the skill and the highest and strongest Presidents and Secretaries of the establishment of the above named explosives of man to cut a ledge State Farm Bureaus, led a discuscommittee. Mr. Brown, who is chair- along its side on which to run a sion on "Responsibilities and Duties man of the committee, is president of the great Johns-Manville Corporation. the great Johns-Manville Corporation. the depth of this canyon is a chance bling Facts for Membership Purpos-News item:-"Standard Oil Com- to peer upward a couple of thousand es". Another Michigan Farm Bupany of Indiana will advance tank- feet to the canyon rim. And there, rean leader to speak was Benjamin wagon and service-station prices of way up above at the crest, man has Hennink of Charlotte, Director of the gasoline and napthas 1/2 cent a gallon thrown a great steel girded bridge Michigan Farm Bureau's Junior at all points in Illinois and nine other across the gorge so that people so in- League. Mr. Hennink spoke on clined may walk or ride across at the "Getting a Program Started."

change will be made are Michigan, In- Rolling over the great Continental President of the Michigan Farm Budiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Divide, over 10,000 feet elevation, as reau Junior League, and five other Iowa, Missouri, Kansas and the Dako- midnight strikes the hour and then Junior League, and five other League down the western slopes of the leaders attended the Mid-West Rural ization for the American Farm Bu- by what may be called artificial ef- wood or concrete corn cribs are whop-"The new retail prices in Chicago will be 15.5 cents for third grade, river courses, passing through the with the Farm Bureau meeting.

Youth Conference held in conjunction to forts, reciprocity or otherwise, will pers for size . . . silos are scarce . . with the Farm Bureau meeting. 16.5 cents for regular, and 18.5 for great fruit section of western Colo-

#### Women in the Far Places of the World Do Fine Things

the Stories Heard at Their World Conference

By MRS. EDITH M. WAGAR Last month we told you that there would be more to follow concerning the recent triennial conference of the Associated Country Women of the World

At this time it seems fitting to explain somewhat in detail how this organized group of farm women function in other parts of the world.

This group is now made up of members in 69 national, provincial and state organizations in 27 countries. Each organization can select a representative to sit on the Executive Committee and each can have voting delegates to any international convention. This is the outcome of a farm woman's movement started just 10 years ago.

Always a part of the business of

inferiority complex and assert the superiority of rural standards until they are accepted as the foundation on which civiliza-

tion must build henceforth.' While no formal resolution on peace was presented during this con-

FARM CONFERENCE

Bureaus

igan State Farm Bureau attended a

The Michigan delegation was led

President Friley of Iowa State Col-

Harry Johnson of Gratiot County,

lege told the group that in face of

Thirty representatives of the Mich-

30 ATTEND IOWA

Mrs. Wagar Tells Some of vention yet we feel that the increase in genuine good will was the strongest contribution that could be made to this great cause. The convention itself was a monument to the spirit of sisterhood.

In many of the countries repre sented, the government is granting an appropriation to assist in further ing the work being promoted by their farm woman's organization. haps many of our readers have no heard that Congress appropriated \$10,000 to help defray the expense

of the recent Washington conference.

Women of Other Lands We heard much about the market stalls established in England where 90% of the consumer's dollar goes back to the producer; in Manitoba home crafts have been revived and returns. In Ceylon women are concentrating on the prevention of malaria; their country has suffered a scourge during the past two years. agriculture, the farm woman is now In Australia each local women's unit truly an equal part-ner, not only in our when she is compelled to enter a own country but hospital; in one province in Austrathe change is very lia thousands of trees have been pronounced in planted along the highways through many other nations. the influence of the rural groups. Mrs. Watt, the In New Zealand a housekeeper's bupresident, challeng- reau has been established; during ed the women to the past year over 1,000 housekeepdetermine what is ers and nurses were sent into the most needed in back country homes having sickness family life. She and urgently in need of help. The urged the country family assisted pays whatever it can women to "shed her and the balance is met by the Community Chest Fund. In Devonshire England, parcel post rates were reduced through the influence of the rural women's groups who had been handicapped in disposing of their home products.

Throughout Canada an educational campaign has been waged for the

### **GRAY RAPS SUGAR QUOTAS AND TRADE** TREATIES AT YALE

Congress Tips Farm Balance With New Laws That Are Far Reaching

f dollars annually, the Farm Bureau's part in securing excise taxes on a Farm Bureau people from 12 middle long list of imported fats and oils will equal the increased income which may be expected from the Soil Conservation Act," Chester Gray, Washington representative of the American Farm Bureau, told 2,500 farmers from eight County Farm Bureaus of the thumb at their picnic at Yale July 16.

"Important as the Soil Conservation Act is" said Mr. Gray, "its financial



CHESTER GRAY

foreign imports. This is of particular importance to dairy farmers who produce butterfat, and is likewise of importance to cotton, corn, livestock and other producers of various farm products from which oils and fats are sold."

Producers Want Sugar Market The Farm Bureau follows the derelopments at Washington in regard to Government policies on sugar. In 1933 our sugar and sugar producers were considered as being uneconomic in that sugar could be produced in certain portions of the world cheaper than American farmers can produce

"When it was pointed out, however, by the Farm Bureau that corn, dairy products, cotton, fruits and vegetables, and in fact most all farm crops, can be produced in the tropics or else-Board of Directors of the Michigan where on the face of the globe cheaper

"The Farm Bureau maintains that

And the question that I wish to ask the train whistles out for Grand Coplin of Eaton county; Wesley officials announce as this issue of the mestic production and to fix quotas and oats . . . the fields are large . . . tric service. During June the Con-And the question that I wish to Mr. Island via the Union Pacific railroad. Island via the Union Pacific railroad. Hawley of Mason County; Wester only on imported sugars, lessening the fewer silos . . . low feeding type of sumers Power Co. approved applica-Sugar from beets. Plenty of sweet- and Mrs. Arthur Edmunds and Mr. Parker, the grader, as to when he will creased, the Farm Bureau was quick McCalla of Washtenaw county; Mr. word has been received from Mr. imports as the domestic production inand the general thought that reduc-All in all the outlook for the future tion of production is an effective price aging. Despite the fact that July and at Washington to continue for another August constitute vacation period for year the limitation plan first put into almost the entire wool industry, nev- effect in 1934 on sugar. Some day the ertheless there is a better feeling and sugar producers of the nation will asmore confidence in the market is no- sert themselves and demand that not ticeable recently. Growers and deal- one-fourth, but four-fourths, of the ers who have wool on hand are hold- domestic market be given them to

rates of interests to practically all the 3½ per cent rate can be made Charley: permanent or should be made permanent, it does undoubtedly fit into the current trend of affairs in reducing the he met up with a lady who insisted

"Foreign trade is an attractive matter to all people, especially when do-mestic prices are not good. Most peo-ple rush to the conclusion that there is some formula to rebuild and regain is some formula to rebuild and regain foreign trade which can be put into that you never want to depart from effect instantaneously. Ordinarily, it your principles, observed Charley has been proven true in American his- with a sharp nod. tory, that efforts to rebuild foreign trade by reciprocity treaties have been the low spot."

#### We Rode to Iowa

Editorial Correspondence

Charley the Openlander, Jack the Yaeger, and Ungren the editor had never seen the Mississippi river. Yale, July 16-"Measured in millions Then along came an invitation from the west to attend a conference of west States at Ames, Iowa.

In order to get the most out of the rip, we decided upon a division of labor . . . Jack was to drive; Charley was to look at the country, to speculate concerning it, and to deliver himself of observations . . . and Ungren the editor was to write it down. And so we set out to have a look at northern Illinois and central Iowa through benefits to farmers the eyes of a Clinton county, Michigan

#### It Was Hot

thermometer in the high nineties. We sion, the Farm Bureau, Grange, State pointed for a region that for two College and power companies working weeks had been baking in tempera- together as the Michigan Committee tures of 100 to 110 or more daily, and for Rural Electrification, was desperate for rain.

in the heat. At Benton Harbor we eral companies. This is the program boarded the Roosevelt, built in 1906, for farm electri; service under the and let a 5,000 horse power steam Michigan plan: engine short cut us 60 miles over to Chicago to save 120 miles of driving. It's a cool ride on such a day . . Charley went down to the engine room Detroit Edison. and put his gold, hunting case watch in a vise and made minor repairs.

We holed up for the night in Chicago's Y. M. C. A. hotel. Very good accommodations for



drove west on Roosevelt road. through miles of hard looking store

#### Northern Illinois

. a little rolling at first . . . 330 but willing to guarantee the \$150 revmiles west to Cedar Rapids, Iowa . . . Corn looks thrifty, said Charley. Tall "In 1936 when measures were in- big leaved and bushy . . . some firing June exceeds all previous months barns appear . . . looks like about tions totalling 363 miles and which 90% of the crops are soil depleting, will bring service to 2,076 customers, rural town . . . we're heading into a cations totalling 172 miles, to bring thunderstorm . . . very few roadside service to 783 new customers, principgas stations . . . Haven't seen a potato ally in its Lake Huron division, servpatch, but two fields of barley, and ing Huron, Sanilac, Tuscola and part here and there some alfalfa . . . How of Lapeer counties. clean the fence rows are! . . . corn Following is the new construction and oats, and it looks good . . . Pelt- approved and largely under way by ing rain for a bit, then steady . . . | the Consumers and the Detroit Edison chickens are out in it . . . it'll be a for the first six months of 1936. Nearcool rainy day.

Rochelle, Ill., . . . hens still prowlgus . . . there's two big plants of the borrowers from that federal agency. It is high time that the farmers of the nation get lower interest rates on the nation get lower int . . . For some reason the sight of all Consumers with 60 line crews and 12 their farm mortgages. Whether or not that waving asparagus reminded the 3½ per cent rate can be made Charley.

Of a friend who abhorred pickles Doubts Value of Reciprocal Tariffs that he try some of her pickles. It was easier to down it than refuse it. erage of 5 customers per mile.

#### The Barns Are Sided

Well, well, there's the first wind pany. so slow that public sentiment, either mill I've seen in a long time that colhere or abroad, has turned against lapses like a wind blown umbrella to such efforts. The fact of the matter throw it out of action . . . there's a is that the United States foreign trade few French barns in here, the kind with practically all foregin countries that project over the basement wall is slightly on the increase and has been on one side. They are the largest so increasing since 1932, which was Illinois barns we've seen . . . Nearly all the barns and buildings so far are "It is doubtful if any effort to speed well painted and the premises are Vern Vaniman, director of organ- up the growth of our foreign trade clean . . . all barns are sided . . speak on the Farm Bureau-Grange materially effect the sum total of fore- so are fruit trees. The gardens are program at the Ionia Free Fair, Fri- ign trade. It need not be denied, how- somewhere else than near the house Gas & Electric Co. and the Michigan

#### **52,500 FARMS IN** LINE FOR POWER IN NEXT 2 YEARS

In First 6 Months of 1936 Ten Thousand Farms Are Assured of Service

According to a survey made by the Public Utilities Commission, Michigan power companies are prepared to extend farm power lines to 52,500 farmers in 1936 and 1937 under the Michigan plan.

The companies are prepared to invest \$13,300,000 in building these lines at their own expense, wherever an average of five customers per mile of line will agree to guarantee a revenue of \$150 per mile per year. For each of the five, that will average \$2.50 per month. That is the essence of the Michigan Plan, which was proposed by the Michigan State Farm Bureau We left Lansing July 18 with the and developed by the utilities commis-

Michigan was green and looked good report on plans submitted by the sev-

The utilities commission based its

1936 1937 New Farm New Farm Customers Customers Consumers Power 13,500 20,000 5,500 5,500 4,000 23,000

## Farm Having Electric Service

Michigan has 196,000 farms, according to the U.S. census. When the foregoing construction is completed more than half of them will have electric service. This is the picture:

Farms electrified up to Jan. 1, 1936. 29,500 1937 extension program..

97,500 The possibility of assuring 52,500 farmers electric service in 1936 and fronts . . . They 1937 greatly exceeds what the memsuggested the need bers of the Committee for Rural Elecfor a plowing un- trification considered as a reasonable der and something expectation. It is a tremendous unwholesome appear- dertaking. It means the construction ing to take their of considerably more than 10,000 miles Co-operative Wool Marketing Asso- than those products can be produced places . . . We noticed so many shoe of rural line. It is more than likely ciation as the final date for the deliv- in Continental United States, it sud- store windows and doors guarded by that long before 52,500 farmers have ery of wool to the 1936 pool for mar- denly dawned on those who had been steel lattice-work . . . learned that been assured of service, the "average keting this season through the ass'n. calling sugar uneconomic to stop the some in that part of Chicago steal of five customers per mile" will be exshoes, even off sleepers in the parks. hausted and the Michigan Plan will come into application for communi-Ten miles out and in the country ties averaging less than 5 per mile,

#### enue per mile, as provided in the plan. Construction So Far

Geneva, Ill., is the first good looking The Detroit Edison approved appli-

ly all of it is under the Michigan Plan. The country flattens out into a beau- The two companies serve more than

Line construction and connection to service necessarily drops quite a ways behind the total of applications approved. Lines have to be surveyed, to serve 1,752 customers. That's the same as building a rural power line from Lansing through St. Ignace in the upper peninsula and having an av-

The number of farm customers receiving service from the Consumers Power Company on June 30 was 22,559. Their average consumption for the month was 74.6 kilowatt hours-gradually moving up- and the average cost per kilowatt hour was 3.24 cents, according to Herman J. Gallagher, farm service supervisor for the com-

#### Trend of Farm Service Cost

In 1935, said Mr. Gallagher, the average farm customer of the Consumers purchased nearly twice the amount of electricity for \$28.37 than was purchased in 1927 for \$41.10. The increased use or consumption of electricity has not kept pace with the decreasing cost of electricity to the farmer.

The Public Utilities Commission is still negotiating with the Michigan 

# 1936 WOOL POOL

#### Consider Matters Before the Grader Coming Soon to Put Medwestern Farm Fleeces in Condition For Sale

Saturday, August 1, was set by the

Glennes Parker, federally licensed use of that word. ader employed by the National Wool first week in August, to complete the rather than to be held at its present

ing firm. The foreign wool markets supply.



VERN VANIMAN

# Speaks at Ionia



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If a man does not make new acquaintances as he advances through life, he will soon find himself left alone. A man, sir, should keep his friendship in constant repair.-Samuel Johnson.

#### The Farmer and the Land

It has come to be that nearly one-balf of the farms in the United States are operated by others than the owner. Heretofore, tenancy has been regarded largely as one of the steps toward ownership. But now the number of farmers who operate their own farms is decreasing and has

In a recent series of editorials the Des Moines (Iowa) Register attempts to explain the steady increase in farm tenancy, and to show that the unhappy financial conditions of tenants in one part of the country can react upon farm living conditions elsewhere.

Regarding the why of farm tenancy and its disturbing long term increase the Register said:

"Everywhere, under industrialism, farming has become largely commercial. The farm producer raises crops to sell for cash in general markets. In exchange, he gets through the general markets, the things that others produce. He is no longer self-sufficient. He has specialized and he has become dependent on market prices.

"Furthermore, he has by the nature of things been a small scale producer and a long-cycle producer. He has been unable to establish any control of the prices at which he sold, and he has had to pay prices that were more or less determined by industrial producers, through tariffs and other devices. The steady trend of industrialist civilization has been to sacrifice the economic interests of agriculture to the economic interests of other groups. The farm has been looked upon as a provider of raw materials for industry, and of food for industrial workers. Cheap raw materials and cheap food have seemed 'right'.

"The net result has been that, though a basic part of the industrial machine of wealth production, the farm has been denied a rightful share in the distribution of that wealth. As a commercial vocation, farm owning has been difficult. Except where there is temporarily an abundance of free land, it tends to be easier to slip from ownership into tenancy than to rise from tenancy to ownership."

As to the possible bad effects of conditions of tenancy upon farmers in all parts of the country, the Register presents an Iowa viewpoint which fits Michigan and other States. The Register said:

"Iowa is but part of a continent-wide nation, which, economically, is a free trade empire. Goods move without tariff restrictions. Populations move without migratory barriers. If tenant conditions elsewhere in the country are worse than in Iowa. Iowa must always face the danger that its standards will be pulled down.

"A South, for instance, in which tenancy is on unspeakably low levels-the share-croppers being in reality but peons, property-less, almost income-less-is not something to which Iowa can be indifferent. The surplus population of the South must compete for some kind of a living, either in industry or in agriculture, with people born in the North." . . . . .

We believe that nearly every tenant would like to own a farm. We believe that every man who now owns and operates a farm would enjoy a greater security in that ownership. If a fair share of the national income and a position of equality with industry is the answer, as suggested by the foregoing editorial, how else can farmers better help themselves than by joining their strength in a national farm organization that has strength and a sound, progressive program directed toward that end?

> Political parties think in terms of votes. They act largely on the advice of organizations that represent many votes.-George E. Metzger of the Illinois Agr'l Association.

#### These Proposals Are Bad Medicine

Two important tax amendments to the State Constitution will be on the ballot Nov. 3. A majority vote will place either or both of them into the Constitution.

Two of them propose tremendous and possibly disastrous changes in our present taxation system. They are presented to the public without an opportunity for decisive debate. This is being done through the now familiar procedure of going around the legislature and attempting to write purely legislative matter into the State Constitution in the form of an amendment. If the amendment should be a bad one, it can't be remedied until another general election.

One of the amendments proposes to write into the Constitution a prohibition against the collection of sales or other tax upon the sale of food. That is a matter that should be determined in the legislature. None of us would object to it as a taxpaver unless it should have disagreeable consequences. It is estimated that such an action would reduce sales tax collections by \$12,000,000 annually. It should be remembered that we are now depending upon sales tax revenues to pay the expense of State government, and quite largely if not entirely for the State aid to local schools, and for about \$12,000,000 annually for welfare purposes. Sponsors of the amendment say nothing about these companion problems.

The other tax amendment proposes to eliminate all property taxes and substitute for them a State tax on income from real and personal property and from all other sources. The legislature would be required to determine by general law the allocation of the proposed income taxes back to the local governments.

It has been contended by legal friends of a State income tax that our State Constitution must be specifically amended in regard to the uniform taxation clause to permit of a graduated income tax. A flat rate of income tax would place the burden on those of small income and touch those of large income very lightly. The amendment proposed would abolish the main support of local government without the certainty of having anything to replace it.

The amendments run true to form. The ideas are those of obscure but probably well meaning groups. They are ideas that properly deserve consideration of the legislature. But the sponsors want none of that. So backers of the amendments go out on the street corners and get the casual signatures of thousands of passersby. Everyone is in favor of less taxes and - - - better highways, and schools, and more public improvements, and so on.

The Michigan State Farm Bureau can see no good in these amendments. We believe that lower taxes can be achieved through the legislature, through economy in government and as surpluses manifest themselves. Such amendments as these can take away from farmers much if not all the highway and school tax reductions we have gained in the past thirteen years. Nevertheless, they will be on the ballot in November.

> World production of gold is increasing tremendously, which points to rising prices for probably the next ten years.—Dr. T. W. Schultz of the lowa State College Economics Dep't.

#### When Selling to a Lady

Whenever you have occasion to sell an idea or property of any kind to a woman, take it from O. J. McClure who has trained thousands of commercial salesman, that women go on intuition. That's nothing to laugh at,-it's merely a more direct route to a conclusion than more or less cumbersome reasoning.

Remember, that with her a good presentation that the idea is in style, or is generally accepted by her society, is three times more winning than with a man. Don't support your argument with technical statements or statistics. They're poison.

Remember too, said Mr. McClure, that a woman is more likely to be keener than a man in judging common sense values; that usually she is a keener judge of people than a man; and that when she is sold to an



#### Summer Morning

This morning Hiram dressed and went out doors Just like he always does, before the sun Was up, and went about his morning chores Whistling a tune, as he has always done;

While I, who always sleep another wink Could not compose myself again somehow. Then presently a drowsy bob-o-link Chirped once or twice upon our window

Fluttered his feathers, tried a note or two, Then sang his heart out while the dusky

With every blade and leaflet drenched in dew, Burst into sparkling life to greet the dawn.

Then, with a shrill crescendo peal of sound, My Plymouth-rock's loud challenge clove

He clapped his wings and strutted 'round and He dared the world-and none would take

The stable door squeaked on its rusty track, And Hiram, with a halter on his arm,

Went out to catch the team. His rounded back Bespeaks right well the labor of the farm.

The smell of waking field and curing hay Came through the open window to me then, Bringing the promise of a sultry day; Sultry alike to women folks and men.

A day to work, to sweat, to do the things That go to make up life upon the soil-Life in the service of the King of Kings Who sends the harvest to the Sons of Toil.

Yea, in that service any man may be Delighted in the Law-sustained, serene; Planted by streams of water, like a tree; Bringing forth fruit; his leaves forever green And whatsoever he shall do shall bear

God's blessing, and shall prosper, saith the Book. Almost I had felt sorry for him there-Trudging along with that round-shouldered

Sorry for Hiram? I am proud to tell That we are rooted in the good brown land; Proud of our work, and proud to do it well; Proud to have earned the bounty of God's

#### idea, she sticks and goes farther than a man will to get more people And finally, when selling to a husband and wife together-don't ever Presidents of

make the mistake of assuming that because the lady may not be saying much, that she isn't the boss.

> A great objective of the Farm Bureau is to impress the viewpoint of Agriculture upon the President, Congress, the Governors, the Legislatures and upon others in positions of responsibility in the United States .- J. S. Jones, secretary of the Minne-

#### **Behind** the Wheel

When farmers get organized to the

Locusts and More Locusts

the 500 acre Farley Fruit Farm over in Albion township, Calhoun county, or decrease. that entomology and extension specialists from the Michigan State College of the locusts. One, placing his hand on the ground and marking around it, counted 17 holes from which the ket which is already developing and While the infestation was at its ments in reciprocity, has not been height the air was filled, day and night, with the humming of the millions of insects. The ground and Fears Effect of "Economic Colonies" trees were literally alive with locusts and anyone going into the infested area was immediately covered.

The Farley farm is owned by Minard and Garfield Farley, brothers, and Farm Bureau members.

15 Percent "About 15% of the farmers are Each 15% after that depends more and more upon service in return for its- co-operation, until you get down to the last 15% who wouldn't cooperate under any circumstances. They are just negatives-people who hugh, president of the Texas Co- market. operative Council.

## Plan California Tour

(Continued from page 1) Drive. A pause is made near the dependence shall have been granted he gazed upon the Great Salt Lake curacy of this statement, and the sloping lands, remarked:

traveler to the west, the wide, clean for school purposes by half, as well territory will be considered. streets, the lack of wooden buildings as equalize the cost of educating chiland the atmosphere of business that dren throughout the State. Mr. Newseems to prevail. As the special ton described the general legislative leaves this metropolis, built on a program of the Farm Bureau. desert, one wonders what may come lake in the world, will be seen. More bership applications in a gift box. will be told about the town in our September edition.-A

#### Farm Bureau Picnics

The Eaton County Farm Bureau announces a basket picnic and general program of sports and entertainment at the Miller Dairy Farm picnic grounds at Eaton Rapids, Thursday, Aug. 6. It is inviting Ingham County Farm Bureau members to attend. Robert H. Addy of the State Farm Bureau will speak.

#### 500 AT MARSHALL JULY 30

Marshall-About 500 attended the annual picnic of the Calhoun County Farm Bureau held here July 30. John Lacey of the American Farm Bureau nad editor of the Nation's Agriculture and J. F. Yaeger of the State Farm service. Janesville Film, A-43, Janesville Wis. Bureau, were the speakers. A fine sports program and music by the Calhoun County 4-H club orchestra were enjoyed.

#### Gray Raps Sugar Quotas And Trade Treaties at Yale

(Continued from Page 1.) point where they can "announce" a modity. But, generally, when one par-50c or \$1 increase in the price of fat ticular commodity develops a larger Wouldn't the sheriff of any one of steers or hogs, or other products "ef- export market, other commodities are those counties have a lot of fun tryfective Friday morning" we'll have received in exchange for it, to an ading to serve papers on a man who is real economic equality in this country. vantage as great, and sometimes great- at home in four counties? Our guess -Illinois Agr'l Ass'n Record, July, er, than is received by the domestic is that the officers of the above four The building of foreign trade is a Kline is a law abiding citizen. So thick were the 17-year locusts on slow process, which usually takes a decade to measure in notable increase

"If foreign commerce, both exports and imports, is increasing, why not let visited the place to study the habits it alone, someone asks, rather than surrendering a part of the domestic market in order to get a foreign marlocusts had emerged within that area. which, according to previous experihastened by reciprocal trade agree-

have had over the Philippines and ness for Mr. Kline, naturally co-operators and will take dependence, but economically, by fav- since the organization was formed, some punishment for the cause. The orable treatment, reciprocal and oth- was named on the board of directors next 15% will co-operate if they can get better service through a co-op. States, feeding our people a lot of past two years he has been president cheap products. The Philippines' of that organization.

won't work together."-By L. T. May- ly dependent upon the United States man, lives in Sturgis.

American Agriculture will need to low in the fall. across the Utah Desert. Salt Lake watch for the next twenty-five years. City is the next city upon which a We have so much of our capital in- Detroit Edison Rate descent is made. Here an interesting vested in those islands that it will be sight-seeing tour is made of the city extremely difficult to separate them and the nearby Wahsatch Range economically, even after political inplace where Brigham Young with his them. The situation in regard to Cu-

Newton On School Aid

"This is the place". And so the trip R. Wayne Newton described the Visiting a city such as Salt Lake is the 1935 legislature. This is a matter

## Michigan County Farm Bureaus

A farm in four counties. So is located the 200 acre farm of Mr. S. C Kline, president of the St. Joseph County Farm Bureau. The homestead is in Leonidas township, St. Joseph sufficient measure that there will be a spurt upward in that particular commazoo and Calhoun. The post office producers of the exported commodity. counties are rather glad that Mr. Mr. Kline didn't

> always farm, For 18 years he was blacksmith at Factoryville, and a good one. But you can't shoe tractors, and Mr. Kline, thinking he saw the handwriting on the wall, decided to quit blacksmithing and go to farming.

S.C. KLINE That was 24 years "Looking forward again, the farmers ago. Today, Mr. Kline does general of our country need to be on guard farming with the income chiefly from that economic colonies are not allowed sheep and hogs fed on home grown to displace the protectorates which we feeds. No dairy cattle or milk busi-

Cuba, and still maintain over Puerto Four years ago, Mr. Kline who has Rico. We have given Cuba her in- been a Farm Bureau member ever

commercial situation is a similar one. Mr. and Mrs. Kline are the proud "Puerto Rico, which has not yet parents of two children, both grown taken the first steps toward political up and "on their own". The boy, independence, is daily taking steps Gaylord, is in business in Battle to become more and more economical- Creek. The girl, now Mrs. Elba Bow-

Recently St. Joseph County put on "This question of economic colonies a membership campaign that added of the three dependencies, Cuba, Phil- materially to its roll. Mr. Kline, along ippine Islands and Puerto Rico, which with other members of the county came to us at the conclusion of the board, took a leading part in that For Scenic Wonders Spanish-American War, is one which activity. Another campaign is to fol-

## Reduction Is Probable

Last March the Detroit Edison Company purchased the Michigan Light & Power Co., serving Huron, valiant group of Mormon pioneers ba, which has longest been indepen- Sanilac, Tuscola and part of Lapeer broke through the mountains and as dent as a government, proves the ac- counties. Electric rates were considerably higher in that territory. A reduction has been anticipated.

Late in July the Michigan Public continues and a visit is made to the help given by the Michigan State Farm Utilities Commission at Lansing set headquarters of the Church of Latter Bureau in getting \$20,000,000 annual- for Sept. 21 a general hearing on ly of State aid for local schools, from rate charges and practices of the Detroit Edison, intimating that many somewhat of a revelation to the new that should reduce the property tax in the old Michigan Light & Power of the rates could be reduced. Rates

#### Wildcat Oil Wells

Among oil men a "wildcat" is an oil well drilling operation in new or The Thumb County Farm Bureaus undeveloped territory, or "out among next. The morrow holds much in presented Mr. Gray and Mr. Newton the wildcats." The driller is known store. Colossal Boulder Dam, and with 927 new Farm Bureau members. as a "wildcatter." So if oil pros-Lake Mead, the largest man-made Each county presented its new mem- pecting is done next you, you're "out among the wildcats"

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ment useful in Michigan and in other Smith were named directors for states is resulting in new electrical three uses and is constantly adding more Co-op, the farmers of that part of and more load on the farm wiring Macomb and St. Clair counties own systems, it is pointed out by D. B. one of the oldest and most success-Ebinger of the agricultural engineer- ful farmers business enterprises in ing department at Michigan State the State. College.

"The farm wiring system should be installed not only to take care of immediate electrical needs but should have ample capacity to handle the future load that will be placed upon it," says Mr. Ebinger.

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#### Pasture is like any other farm crop Congress Acted Favorably on Leading Farm Requests

Soil Act, AAA Payments, Low Interest Rates Head The List

Washington-The American Farm Bureau asked for considerable in behalf of farmers in the Congress just closed. Twenty-four legislative projects having Farm Bureau support were enacted into law; 9 measures that the Farm Bureau opposed were defeated. Two measures the Farm Bureau favored were defeated, and two that it opposed were enacted, according to Chester Gray, its Washington

The Farm Bureau was interested in the fate of scores of proposed bills and was active concerning them. We present here a summary of 9 important pieces of national legislation sought by the Farm Bureau, and what Congress did about it.

## Farm Bureau Asked For

1. Fulfillment of Federal government's existing contracts with cooperating farmers under the AAA.

2. Recovery into the Federal treasury of all processing taxes levied and unpaid up to Jan. 6, 1936-directed at processors and others intending to profit by the tax.

3. Soil conservation and farm price stabilization program.

4. Establishment and maintenance of a commodity dollar to provide a stable medium of exchange for goods and services.

5. Enactment of legislation to regulate commodity exchanges.

6. Continuance of the Wheeler amendment to continue federal farm loan interest rates at 31/2%, and amend farm credit laws to permit election of majority of directors of farm credit institutions by their farmer-borrowers.

7. Protection of consumers from excessive industrial tariffs.

8. Establishment of reciprocal trade agreements to promote farm exports without reduction in present farm tariffs which would reduce domestic price levels.

9. Co-ordination of administration of agricultural legislation under the U. S. Dep't of Agriculture.

What Congress Did 1. Congress appropriated \$296,-185,000 to meet obligations and committments under the AAA for

rental and benefit payments. 2. Congress enacted law to levy tax of 80% of the net income from processing taxes, unpaid and shifted to others,-which was the action sought to prevent processors to keep processing taxes collected but

not paid to the U.S. 3. Soil Conservation and Domes-

tic Allotment Act enacted into law. 4. Power of President to fix the weight of gold in a dollar under present legal limitations was extended for one year.

5. Commodity Exchange Act is now law. It is designed to hold in check speculation in farm commodities and penalizes certain practices in the wheat, cotton and other market exchanges.

6. Wheeler-Gillete amendment of 1936 will continue federal farm loan rate at 31/2% to July 1, 1937.

7. Resulted in both Democratic and Republican platforms declaring for such a policy.

8. Progress made along the lines suggested.

9. An undesirable bill was defeated, and progress made on the Kleberg bill, which would accomplish the end desired.

#### We Rode to lowa

Editorial Correspondence

(Continued from Page 1.) every field of oats is round-shocked

and capped. I'll tell you, continued Charley, these are nice lands and crops and buildings,

from Mrs. Ungren in the back seat: for some reason. That for seven days at Lansing the nor I had a better one.

The Mississippi

Crossed from Fulton, Ill., a village, to Clinton, Iowa, an important town in perhaps the leading live stock feeding county in the nation . . . The Mississippi was a smaller river here than we expected, muddy, and without show of current . . . evidently very low, as shown by the mud flats . . . about a quarter of a mile wide and navigable, and containing large wooded islands .. crossed by a high and long toll

Iowa . . . through the middle and half way across . . . solid with fields of standing corn, and oats in the shock... most corn about 6 feet tall, bushy leaved, thrifty looking . . . It's a solid wall of corn . . . you don't see the ground through it. The corn is as good on the knolls as in the lower places . . . The fields of corn and oats are tremendous. . . Illinois was mostly flat as I expected, but Iowa is a surprise; it's all long rolls, observed

#### Where's the Drought?

oats, we stopped for gas. asked the station attendant.

60 bushels to the acre." Charley swallowed a little. "The corn looks good in central and north Iowa, but it's real drought in Iowa, preceding that study on the subject.

He was right about the oats. At crop for the time being. Iowa State College they told us the average yield this year is 60 bushels

small streams are dry. Larger streams partment of music to lead it. have very little water in them. Marsh- "Whoosht! Charley, do you see that All of the bigger things will be the es are dry. Grass and pasture every- gray haired fellow leading the sing- result of innumerable local group

shrubs, bushes and some trees hung here. That's one of our unnecessary parched.

clover in that oat stubble.

We Missed These Landmarks

Maybe you have noticed that in this there. but I can take any of these people up country we have seen no stumps, no into Watertown township in Clinton stone piles, practically no weeds, even county and the cows will be better along the roadsides; no roadside ing town . . . a peaceful, plodding sort county and the cows will be better than the best we've seen . . . We are seeing some fine lots of Herefords and Angus as we go along, but I expected to see a lot more pigs.

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they're than the best we've seen . . . We are seeing some fine lots of Herefords and between towns; no woven wire fence, it's all three strands of barbed wire: to see a lot more pigs . . . they're it's all three strands of barbed wire; no hip roofed barns; no lakes; very Dixon, Ill., and rain coming down few billboards; no signs by farmers so fast that vision is poor . . . still offering eggs or other produce for raining nicely at Sterling . . . not far sale; no State parks, and very few now to the Mississippi . . . add to cars from other States, except Calirecent Michigan dry spell stories, this fornia, and there's quite a lot of them igan through Berrien county's trees,

"Maybe I can explain that," replied thermometer went to 96 or better. A the editor. "Iowa leads all other pouring rain broke the hot spell and States for the number of people comout into it walked the family cat from ing into California to take up permaacross the way and sat down. That's nent residence there. In fact, some two families, one on the land, and the her story. . . Neither Charley, Jack say that many farms in Iowa support other in California."

Drier and Drier

West of Cedar Rapids, there was in size with Grand Rapids. increased evidence of severe drought. "Well, Charley," we asked, "How Alfalfa fields began to appear and does Michigan look to you now?" fellow's cutting alfalfa hay.

course beyond displayed chocolate in no time." brown greens, all else was bleached white. But the corn continued tall Women in Far Places of the and luxuriant.

Up to Cedar Rapids, whenever Charley felt in need of the time, he pulled out his watch, opened it, then glanced at the four inch dial of the automobile clock on the dash and nodded. chances on the clock.

After a few miles of Iowa corn and We learned that we had arrived at the been carried out to check tropical "Where's the drought?" Charley 108 degree temperatures. However, blood transfusion has been compil-"Right here," said he, pointing into within two hours we had some rain convinced their government that a field of oats that came up to the and for several days the temperature greater interest should be taken in station. "These cats won't go over was down in the seventies and eighties. developing their sheep and goat bus-Comfortable Since 1894

far south of us and north in the Da- days we were there were declared to have common problems. have saved most of the Iowa corn

The Editor Observes

like that." Surely the Farm Bureau program

"What are you talking about?" "I'm pretty sure that 18 years ago was singing "The Long, Long Trail" and "K-K-Katy" and other war time songs for him in an army camp. His hair was black. When he led men in those songs, he raced and stamped and whirled around the platform, clapped his hands and fairly carried the men with him. It's one of the pictures of the army that stayed with me."

Afterwards I met Professor Tolbert McRae and asked if he had been a song leader in the army during the

His face lighted up. "Why, yes! At Chickamauga, Georgia!" And there you are. I was there

30 Miles South and Back We came back by way of Des Moines and U. S. route 6, or about 30 miles south of our westward trip.

Said Charley after a couple of hours on No. 6: This State of "Ioway" certainly has the right to sing about the

> I-o-w-a, I-o-w-a, State of all the land Joy on every hand We're from Iowa, Iowa

That's where the tall corn grows. I've heard them say here that they used to argue that this soil would never wear out. They tell me that before the depression they had gotten to applying as much as 200 tons of fertilizer per county. Now they've slacked off of that a little. . In Michigan 200 tons per county among an average of 3000 farms would mean about a sack of fertilizer for each farm.

There's times here when we're driving through tall corn on both sides of the road for a long ways; sometimes we see maybe 200 acres of corn in a batch where fields abut. It's the same way with the oats. We're passing a threshing crew every little ways. They don't sack it. There it goes from the thresher in a big truck. Come to think of it, we've seen only one or two oat fields that look like they'd been handled by a combine. I wonder why? All the oat fields are round shocked and capped. We've seen two fields of wheat in Iowa.

Down here we see considerable more alfalfa. Little of that goes into the barn. There's little barn room for hay. So there it is, raked into big stacks in where is bone dry. . . Leaves of many the field. They don't pitch much hay

jobs. They horse rake it into the We're seeing mighty little waste stack. . . Here comes a load of ear land, said Charley. Almost every foot corn. They're not so particular about of it is cultivated. They tell us their husking it clean . . . Have you norotation is corn two years, then oats ticed that Iowa does have some rough seeded to clover, then back to corn. I land now and then, but not much, for wonder if they ever forget to put in there's corn and oats again . . . Do the clover? We've hardly seen a field you know that in 400 miles on these of clover and very little alfalfa since main highways-all concrete-that in we left Chicago. Nothing but corn the country we haven't crossed a railand oats. Yet we can see signs of road at grade once? Everytime the road has been carried over the tracks

. . Rock Island is the railroad over We crossed the Mississippi at Dav-

enport, a river traffic and manufactur-

Michigan and Trees

Illinois added soy beans to the corn and oats picture. Then back in Michwith a look at the blue Lake Michigan -and so on into our regions of smaller, diversified farms, and the walloping big barns . . . The land of grass, and the dairy cow, of fruit, live stock, grain, beans, potatoes, manufacturing, ant towns and cities . . . Des Moines is Iowa's principal city and compares

they were green, although stunted. . . "Pretty good. You know we get There's the first man we've seen work- along here and over a period of years ing in the field on Sunday in Illinois we do pretty well. Those Iowa fellows or Iowa, said Charley. Probably it's are doing what they have to do. Our too hot for man and horse, but that farming wouldn't work there, and our country isn't fitted for their style of The baseball diamond near Marshall- farming. They must have their troutown was chocolate brown earth like bles too, for if they didn't it seems as the rest of the country side. A golf though they would get sinfully rich

World Do Fine Things (Continued from page 1) use of vaccines and serums as preventatives against contagion, and notable results were reported; in New South Wales local libraries and play-After Cedar Rapids he took several grounds have been established and wireless transmitting sets have been We broke into Ames, Iowa, our des-installed in places where people live tination, through corn and oats on hundreds of miles from medical aid; both sides of the road to the horizon. in East Africa health campaigns have end of 17 consecutive days of 100 to diseases and a list of volunteers for Charley's chickens were right, for ed; in South Africa the women have iness, and as a consequence a repre-At Ames we were told that the last sentative was sent to Scotland for

You can readily see that farm woright in the critical stage. Unless we of 1934 was the drought of 1894. They get rain and cooler weather soon, the have had several years now that have tassles are done for, and so is our been dry, and they don't like it. The crop of corn. The real drought is rains and cooler weather the several above all also that

If in ten years of group gather ings, farm women can change from women with only individualistic At the opening of the Farm Bureau ideas into an international organiza of good quality oats, but they usually conference the editor had a pleasant tion striving for such things as safe expect 80 or more. Charley swallowed experience. The conference opened motherhood, rural development, full with community singing. Up got the use of natural resources and world Drought signs across Iowa: All head of the Iowa State College de-peace, who can predict the outcome of the next 10 years effort?

ing? Watch him! . . . Yes, there's gatherings, each aiming to developifits into this world-wide planning only one fellow that claps his hands their own home community with the just as we hoped it would larger interest in view.

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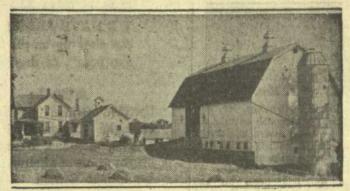
First Company to write a blanket policy on farm personal property which often pays double the amount of classified policy. First Farm Mutual Company in Michigan to employ full time Inspectors. Careful underwriting and systematic inspection eliminating undesirable risks and fire hazards. Insurance classified and assessed according to hazard. Assessment rate as low as \$2.94 per \$1000.

Insurance Department writes "Your members are to be congratulated on the efficiency of your management of their business. The progress shown in the increase of insurance and the very moderate cost of procuring the increased business is evidence of thorough knowledge of the business and attention to detail." Michigan State Board of Agriculture carriess insurance on State Experimental Farms in this Company. Policies accepted by Federal Land Bank, Home Owners Loan Corp., or other Loaning Agencies. For further information write Home Office.

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## Farm Bureau

House Barn Roof Enamel Varnishes



ONE GALLON OF FARM BUREAU HOUSE PAINT will cover 300 sq. ft. two coats on average surfaces. It's a job that settles the paint question for many years. Our house paints are a combination of lead, zinc, and inert with pure linseed oil and thinners. Good paint makes the best wearing and the cheapest Job.

FARM BUREAU QUICK DRYING 4 HOUR ENAMELS come in 14 colors, Including black and white. Brilliant gloss . . . no brush marks . . . washable . . . not expensive . . . and cover well.

OUR PERSIAN GOLF RED OXIDE BARN PAINT is bright red and will not fade. We have a fine line of roof paints . . . wall paints . . . aluminum paint . . . and floor paints. BUY FROM YOUR FARM BUREAU DEALER

Farm Bureau Services, Inc., Lansing, Michigan

## See Champions at Play in Michigan

Consider this when planning your vacation—it is unnecessary to go elsewhere to see champions at

Right here in Michigan, you can watch the play of champions in your favorite sport. For Michigan residents hold an amazing list of present-day athletic championships.

Michigan also provides the finest of facilities for your own play, whether it be golf, tennis, horseback riding, touring, or camping. Five thousand lakes, and many streams, provide the best of fishing, swimming and all the other water sports. Scenic beauty, perfect highways, excellent tourist's camps combine to make Michigan a champion vacation state.

Spend your vacation in Michigan. Persuade friends and relatives to do likewise. You will get more pleasure at less cost in your Native State. This advertisement is one of a series devoted to popularizing Michigan's attractions for the vacationist. It is published in the interest of all by your telephone company, an institution which sees reason for both pride and prosperity in anything that promotes the welfare of Michigan.



MICHIGAN BELL TELEPHONE CO.

#### Presidents of Michigan County Farm Bureaus

A farmer, president of the Macomb County Farm Bureau and county superintendent of the poor, is Mr William J. Hagen. (No relation to Walter Hagen the golf star). Mr Hagen's farm lies in Chesterfield township and includes 75 acres. Dairying and general farming is practiced.

Mr. Hagen has been a Farm Bureau member ever since the organization was formed in this State. He first became a member of the County Farm Bureau board as a representative of the Board of Supervisors, be ing a supervisor from Chesterfield township for 12 years. For the past three years he has been president of the County Farm Bureau.



WILLIAM J. HAGEN

Born in Lennox township, Mr. Hagen has lived in Macomb county all his life. Well known and a leader, he is president of the county Milk Producers local, is vice-president and director of the Farmers Elevator at New Haven and has been on the board of that institution for the past 10 years. He is a director of the farmer's co-operative telephone line at Meade and is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. At present he is working with other farm and co-operative leaders in reviving the Farm Bureau in his county. A quota of 200 new members for 1936 has been set. A large number

of these have already been secured. There are three children in the Hagen family, two boys and a girl. All are married; the oldest boy lives in Detroit, the youngest is on the farm. Aside from his duties as superintendent of the poor, Mr. Hagen goes threshing in the fall.

#### Traverse Cherry Growers

Lose Part of Protection The entire Michigan delegation in Congress was asked by Sec'y Brody of the State Farm Bureau to join in a protest against any reduction in duty on maraschino and candied cherries under any reciprocal trade agreement with foreign nations Michigan's Grand Traverse region has built up an important industry in brining cherries. A high tariff kept French and Italian cherries out. Notwithstanding the protests of the Republican delegation from Michigan, led by Rep. Engel, the duty on French maraschino and candied cherries has been reduced about onethird under the reciprocal agreement made with France. Under the favored nations clause in such agreements, the reduction extends to Italy. Italy is the largest exporter of processed cherries.

#### 120 Young People for Walden Woods Camp

About 120 young men and women will attend the State Farm Bureau's first rural young people's leadership training conference at Waldenwoods Camp, Hartland, Livingston county, Aug. 30 to Sept. 5, according to Benjamin Hennink, director of Junior

Farm Bureau work. These commodity marketing exchanges are sponsoring young people to attend and learn more about the farmers' co-operative movement in Michigan: Michigan Sugar Beet Growers Ass'n, Midwest Producers Creameries, Inc., Michigan district; Elevator, Live Stock Exchanges: Michigan Wool Marketing Ass'n, Michigan Milk Producers Ass'n, and Farm Bureau Services, Inc.

#### 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,"

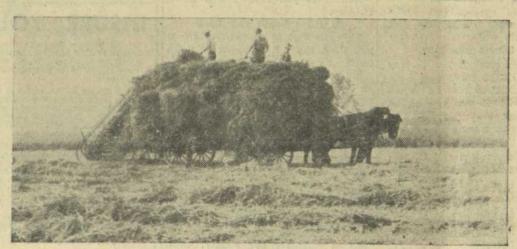
\$10 annual dues mature life mem-berships; \$5 annual dues do not, but participate in Membership Credits, which reduce the amount of dues pay-

Life members receive their Mem-bership 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

# Farm Bureau Seed Talk for August

## Summer Seedings and Fall Grains Are Before Us



FARM BUREAU ALFALFA MAKES YIELDS LIKE THIS

AUGUST IS THE BEST TIME for summer seedings of alfalfa, sweet clover, rye and vetch. Every time we run into a long, dry spell we notice that the fellow who smiles easiest is the man with alfalfa, and a good acreage of it. He may not cut so much per acre in dry times, but he has pasture and hay. Hay is going to be hay this fall and winter. When we get some rain, you put some alfalfa in. It's money in the bank. WE HAVE ABOUT TWO YEARS TO GO before the demand for Michigan seed vetch can slow up much. Southern states prefer to make vetch seedings rather than "nitrogen peas", as they call them. At your co-op you can buy these Farm Bureau seeds:

#### Alfalfa

Certified Grimm (limited) Michigan Variegated (limited) Kansas, Montana, Utah, Idaho grown common alfalfas and Utah-Idaho Grimm

#### Sweet Clover Vetch

Rape

Fall Pasture Farm Bureau rye, sown in August will make good fall pasture by October and again next spring. Sow bushel to bushel and peck per acre.



THE HARVEST TELLS THE STORY

CERTIFIED WHEAT AND RYE out-yield ordinary seed and produce top quality grain. The small extra cost of these certified seeds per acre is always a good investment. The varieties listed below are the best and highest yielding for Michigan, and are produced by members of the Michigan Crop Improvement Ass'n. Ask your Farm

> BERKLEY ROCK-Beardless, soft, red winter wheat. Big yielder, Resistant to lodging. Developed from Red Rock. RED ROCK-Old, reliable, bearded, soft red winter wheat. Holds many records for yield. Stiff straw; doesn't lodge. 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 production. Vetch, a legume soil builder.

#### WE BUY SEEDS—WE CLEAN SEEDS

LET US BID on your Michigan grown alfalfa and clover seeds. Send us an 8 ounce representative sample. Take equal amounts from each bag to make mixture from which to take sample. We supply mailing bags on request.

LET US CLEAN YOU SEEDS in our modern plant. Very reasonable charges. Send sample and we will advise cleaning needed and price. Have seed cleaned early.

## FEED YOUR PULLETS MERMASH

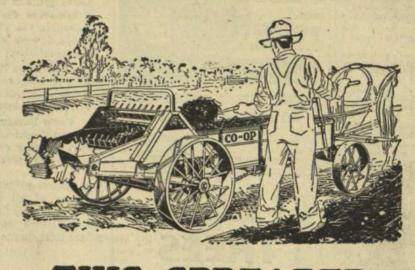


MERMASH PRODUCES HIGH QUALITY EGGS

ARM BUREAU MILLING CO. In THESE ARE THE WEEKS in which to produce large, heavy bodied hens

that produce eggs cheaply and steadily when eggs count up as cash. GIVE YOUR PULLETS on free range access to Mermash 16% and hard grains, both in hoppers if possible. Mermash is a life time ration for chicks, pullets

and laying hens. You can start with it anytime.



## THIS SPREADER Has Advantages That You Want

Easy to Load

Top of box only 36" from ground. Some spreaders up to 45". Our spreader has 14" of road clearance underneath. A low spreader with 60 bu. capacity. Regulates for 6, 12, 18, 24 loads per A.

#### Light Draft

Co-op Spreader weighs 1,200 lbs., of 100 to 500 lbs. less than some others. Two horses handle it easily. Wide tired wheels that track, continuous tread lugs, tapered box, self-aligning, closed bearings with oil chambers make for light draft. Alemite-Zerk lubrication. Front wheel turn is automobile style.

#### Superior Construction

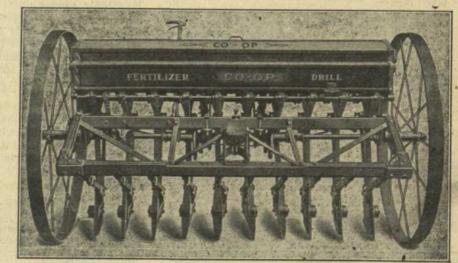
Steel angle construction for very strong, flexible frame. Heavy steel axles. Steel chains and levers. Spokes hot forged into wheels. Beater teeth cold riveted so they can't work loose. If one breaks you can replace it with hammer and chisel. No welding.

#### **Excellent Distributor**

Shreds and pulverizes manure and spreads it in a wide, even blanket of fertility. A real crop maker.

SEE THE CO-OP SPREADER and other Farm Bureau machinery at our branch stores and farmers' co-op ass'ns. It will pay you to investigate.

#### CO-OP GRAIN DRILL with Fertilizer Attachment



#### **Drills Perfectly**

THE FARM

BUREAU LINE

Plows

Discs

Drags

Planters

Mowers

Loaders

Wagons

Tractors

Rakes

Cultivators

Double run feed for any amount per acre. Fertilizer feed will do the same. Has positive fluted feed grass seeder attachment. You can depend upon it.

#### Disc Shoe

This exclusive feature avoids clogging. Disc cuts trash, penetrates hard ground. Hoe opens furrow and deposits grain properly in packed soil.

#### **Built to Last**

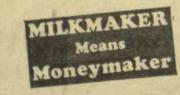
Disc bearings guaranteed for life. Chilled iron sleeves fit into chilled iron hub. Wheels are sturdy. iron or wood. Grease gun lubrication.



16-24-32-34% Protein

## Turn to MILKMAKER-**Makes Good Cows Better**

Milkmaker with home grown grains and roughage for high milk production at a low cost for feed. Ask your co-op about Milkmaker dairy ration.



MILKMAKER FORMULAS

16, 24, 32 and 34%

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16%



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