

Behind the Wheel

with J. F. Yaeger, Organization Director

COMMUNITIES

"Community Farm Bureaus are the heart of the Farm Bureau..."

I had the good fortune to attend two gatherings of Community Farm Bureaus not so long ago...

Both gatherings were well conducted, potluck meals were served, local folks furnished entertainment...

All of which goes to show that can be done where there is a will and if the folks decide to cooperate...

A report shows that inspectors gathered 93 samples of Farm Bureau seed in various places throughout the State during 1937...

Last April, according to Bureau of Labor statistics, prices of raw material stood at 90.9 percent of the 1926 average...

This growing disparity has left producers of raw materials without sufficient purchasing power to take the finished goods...

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MEMBERSHIP GAINS AT RATE OF 800 TO 1,000 A WEEK

Totals Step Up Fast as Many Counties Put on Winter Campaigns

By J. F. YAEGGER, Farm Bureau Organization Director

With four County Farm Bureaus adding a total of more than 600 farm families to their memberships during the last week in February...

One township in St. Clair County, St. Clair Township which has had few Farm Bureau members in the past few reports farmers enthusiastically becoming members...

Other counties that have added materially to their membership include Cass where 54 families were added and Kalamazoo where 56 families joined the organization...

In each campaign the workers are entirely volunteers. Hundreds of earnest farmers are carrying the story of the Farm Bureau to their neighbors out of a realization that only through a strong farmer organization can their interests be protected and promoted...

Other county Farm Bureaus that will complete membership campaigns during the balance of March include Shiawassee, Ingham, Bay, Huron, Tuscola, Missaukee, Ionia, Oakland, Jackson and Barry...

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DON'T DIE ON THIRD!

The following editorial was written by W. J. Cameron on May 19, 1909.

"The Tigers were playing the team from Cleveland. 'Moriarty was on third base. 'Around the chalk-lined arena 18,000 persons strained themselves in tense expectancy..."

"There he stood, alert and active, with the fate of the game in his quick eye, his quicker brain and his running legs. If he failed, he failed not alone, for the team failed with him..."

"Much as it meant to have advanced that far, nothing had been accomplished by it. Three-quarter runs are not marked up on the score boards. Third base runs never raised a pennant..."

"The 18,000 spectators that kept ominously silent at that moment could be changed into a vortex of cheering hero-worshippers or into an animated groan to the kind of work a man did between third and 'home'..."

"It is 90 feet from third to home. Sometimes that 90 feet is a leaden mile, sometimes a mere patter of lightning-like steps. If it is a mile to you, you are a failure..."

"Moriarty was intent on dwindling that 90 feet instead of lengthening it. How many things converged in the few moments he stood there? He watched the signals of the Cleveland catcher..."

"Mullin was up at bat. Moriarty knew that Mullin has a batting average of something like .250, which means that Mullin hits safely about one in four times at bat..."

"There is a white streak across the field! 'A cloud of dust at the home plate! 'The umpire stands with his hands extended, plans downward..."

"Organized agriculture for Shiawassee County is our baseball diamond and we are the players. Through a series of meetings for instruction, we are on third base. The Victory will be—Shiawassee County the first County Farm Bureau in the state to reach its 1938 quota..."

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Acted Promptly



LEON D. CASE, Secretary of State

Secretary of State Leon D. Case has revised the gasoline tax refund blank for gasoline consumed on the farm. At the Farm Bureau annual meeting in November the Resolutions Committee told those protesting objectionable features in the then current form that undoubtedly the difficulty could be corrected by taking it up with the Dept. of State...

LIVE STOCK EXCHANGE IS 20 YEARS OLD

Has Largest Annual Meeting In Years at Lansing Feb. 22

Co-operative marketing of live stock through the facilities of the Michigan Live Stock Exchange observed its 20 year anniversary February 22 at the annual meeting at Lansing...

Upwards of 1,000 representatives of 10,700 farmer members came to hear about the general work of the Exchange. Also, about the live stock sales, buying, and financing services given them through their Michigan Live Stock Exchange Commission Merchants office at the Detroit yards, and the Producers Commission Ass'n at East Buffalo...

In the 15 years since these sales agencies were founded, Exchange members have made these remarkable records on the two terminal markets:

Table with 2 columns: Location (AT DETROIT, AT BUFFALO) and Live Stock Value. AT DETROIT: Head Handled 5,250,000, Value of Live Stock \$120,000,000. AT BUFFALO: Head Handled 7,500,000, Value of Live Stock \$172,000,000.

During the past five years the Exchange has supplied 400,000 feeder lambs and cattle to stockmen, and has provided finances to live stock feeders amounting to \$1,000,000.

The live stock men and their wives enjoyed their largest annual meeting in years. Their annual dinner was a colorful event, well supplied with entertainment features, and topped by excellent addresses by President Frank W. Peck of the Federal Land Bank, and John Strang, state commissioner of agriculture.

Oppose Rate Increases In its resolutions the Exchange vigorously opposed the proposed 15% railroad freight rate increase now before the interstate commerce commission. Delegates were of the opinion that such an increase would promptly be reflected in lower prices for live stock.

They took notice too of railroad labor's bill in congress to limit freight trains to not more than 70 cars. "This bill," said a resolution which was adopted, "proposes to increase the cost of railroad operations with no apparent benefits to the shippers."

Another resolution urged that the packer and stockyards act be amended to rid the terminal markets of "mushroom" companies that clear their live stock business through other firms. "On some markets," said one delegate, "half the sales agencies don't have an office or a sales force, but are here today and gone tomorrow for the sake of a quick commission."

Tremendous imports of fresh and canned meats are helping depress live stock prices, and should be off set by higher tariffs, another resolution said. (Continued on Page 4.)

For the sheep industry, Directors H. E. Powell of Ionia, H. P. Roach of West Branch, and R. N. McLachlan of Ewart were re-elected. Other directors include Forrest D. King (president) of Charlotte; F. F. Walworth, of Corunna; W. C. Kempster, of Coldwater; and W. D. Alber of Grass Lake. Alfred Bentall of Lansing is secretary, and Stanley M. Powell of Ionia is field representative.

FARM BUREAU LEADERS GENERALLY FAVORABLE TO 1938 FARM ACT AT MID-WEST CONFERENCE AT CHICAGO

Dairy States, Including Michigan, Wonder About Effect on Feed Prices; Principles of Act Explained in This Article

By R. WAYNE NEWTON, Legislative Counsel, Michigan State Farm Bureau

Chicago—Farm Bureau leaders of the Mid-West meeting here March 1 and 2 completed a study and interpretation of the agricultural adjustment act of 1938.

The sentiment of Mid-West Farm Bureau leaders is generally favorable to the act. However, representatives of four dairy states, including Michigan, expressed misgivings as to the effect of the act on feed prices. There was also indication that corn growing areas may oppose the imposition of a wheat marketing quota, because wheat fed to livestock and poultry is not subject to quota and may compete with corn.

There also was strong sentiment to the effect that genuine tariff protection is necessary if domestic prices are to be brought to a higher level. President O'Neil stated that the Farm Bureau would stand firm for full tariff protection, up to parity price levels for all farms.

The new act has numerous features involving the principles of parity prices, loans, and marketing quotas for five major crops: corn, wheat, tobacco, cotton and rice. Farm Bureau attention was also directed to numerous other provisions.

Prominent among these is the creation of an insurance plan to insure wheat growers against losses due to unavoidable causes. These include drought, flood, hail, wind, winter killing, lightning, tornado, insect infestation, plant diseases, etc. Wheat crops are to be insured for 50 to 75% of the average yield. Premiums and loss indemnities are payable in wheat or in cash to an equivalent value.

Aid in Freight Rate Battles The act also places the resources of the Department of Agriculture at the disposal of co-operative marketing associations when engaged in interstate commerce Commission. The Secretary of Agriculture may also initiate freight rate reduction proceedings and be made a party to all actions before the Commission involving rates on farm products.

New Crop Uses Stock Four new regional laboratories are to be established with annual appropriations of \$1,000,000 each, to develop new scientific, chemical, and technical uses and new markets for farm commodities and their products and by-products. One million dollars is also authorized to search for new foreign markets.

Increased Pay for Small Farmers For the general farming regions the act continues the soil conservation and allotment act, but increases the benefit payments to co-operators. Farmers eligible to receive \$60 or less under the old schedule are increased 40% on the first \$20 of the old schedule; 20% on the second \$20 and 10% on the third \$20. A flat increase of \$14 is given all farmers formerly entitled to receive \$60 to \$186, while those who receive from \$186 to \$200 will be raised to the \$200 level.

No increase is provided for any farmer who was entitled to \$200 or more under the old schedule. A new top limit of \$10,000 for benefits payments to any one farmer has been added to eliminate the high checks received previously by a few very large farm companies.

There is no change in the present allotment provisions for Michigan crops other than corn and wheat. Parity Defined The general purpose of the remainder of the act is to provide growers of the so-called "basic crops" with incomes that will have a purchasing power comparable to that of the same crops in years of farm prosperity.

For wheat and corn the act establishes the period of 1914-1919 as the base years. "Parity" is defined as "that price which will give to the commodity a purchasing power with respect to articles that farmers buy equivalent to the purchasing power in the base period." In addition to commodity purchases in excess of interest payments, mortgage debt, real estate taxes and freight rates since the 1914-1919 period are to be considered in fixing "parity" prices for corn and wheat.

For 1938 parity will be 84c per bushel for corn and \$1.16 per bushel for wheat. Wheat Acreage Allotment Three separate devices are used to achieve "parity" for the basic crops. The first of these is the annual acreage allotment by the U. S. Secretary of Agriculture.

For wheat the Secretary of Agriculture is required to estimate annually the domestic consumption exports and carry-over from the previous year. After deducting the carry-over he must add 30% to remainder to establish the years requirement in bushels. This figure is reduced to acres by dividing the total number of bushels so established by the average production per acre for the previous ten years. The total figure for 1938, however, is established by law as 62,500,000 acres, compared to 69,198,000 acres planted last year. The national figure is then apportioned among the counties on the basis of average number of acres seeded during the preceding ten years, making allowance for previous acreage reductions in compliance with the old AAA and soil conservation programs. Also the effects in certain areas of abnormal weather, and for regional trends in acreage, up or down.

New Basis for Allotments The county allotment is then apportioned through local farmers' committees and to the individual farmers. This apportionment for wheat farmers is no longer on the basis of past history of planting but is to be on the basis of tillable acres, crop rotation practices, type of soil and topography. Not more than 3% of the county allotment may be given to farms which grew no wheat in the last three years. To qualify as co-operators wheat farmers must limit their seedings to the number of acres each is allotted, but compliance is wholly voluntary. The decision rests with each farmer.

Corn Acreage Allotments Corn growers are divided in two classes for allotment purposes. Those living in areas not officially designated as "commercial corn producing areas" have no specific allotment for corn and are considered co-operators if they comply with the general provisions of the soil conservation program. Counties producing corn at an average of 450 bushels per farm and 4 bushels per acre of farm land, exclusive of silage, constitute the commercial corn producing area, and are subject to an acreage allotment similar to that imposed on wheat farmers. Only five Michigan counties are in the commercial area: Branch, Hillsdale, Lenawee, Monroe and St. Joseph.

The total allotment for the commercial area is to be determined by the Secretary of Agriculture as soon as possible in 1938 and by February 1. Thereafter, by adding 10% to the total estimated domestic consumption, plus export, and deducting the estimated production in the non-commercial areas. The remainder is the total allotment of corn for the commercial corn producing areas, and is divided among the counties on the basis of acres in corn during the last preceding ten years. Tillable acres, crop rotation practices, type of soil and topography are to be the basis for apportioning the county allotment among the individual farmers. They are free to comply or not as they may individually decide.

Parity Payments to Co-operators An amount of money yet to be determined is to be set aside for distribution to co-operative producers raising any of the five "basic" commodities, for the purpose of supplementing the market prices of these products and bringing the total as nearly as may be to "parity."

These funds are in addition to the soil building payments received by other co-operative farmers. Cooperating corn growers in the commercial areas will receive these parity payments, while those in the non-commercial area will receive soil conservation payments only.

All co-operating wheat farmers will receive parity payments. Parity payments on corn are fixed at 10c per bushel this year. Those on wheat are 12c per bushel. Both will be materially increased if expected new appropriations carry. These estimates are based on the assumption of general (Continued on Page 5.)

DAIRYLAND CO-OP CREAMERY Dairyland Co-operative Creamery Co. at Carson City has invited its 1,200 patrons to its 12th annual meeting at Carson City, Wednesday, Mar. 9. An all day meeting with a complimentary dinner at noon. The co-op manufactures nearly 1,500,000 lbs. of butter annually. It paid an average of 37 1/2c per lb. for butterfat in 1937.

Wool Marketing Ass'n Holds Annual Meeting

Believes 1938 Presents Good Opportunity to Help Producers

Confidence that 1938 will be a good year for the Michigan wool pool and that extraordinary opportunities for service to growers are at hand were views expressed at the well attended annual meeting of the Michigan Co-operative Wool Marketing Ass'n at Lansing, March 3.

Resession, hand to mouth buying by mills, tariff uncertainties with respect to British woolsens and worsened goods and other items converted the very promising beginning of the 1937 season to a headache for all producers and holders of wool. The fact that the pools were strongly financially and not forced to dump has saved their fleeces from being sold at unreasonable prices.

"There is every indication that the Michigan Ass'n can render special service to growers in 1938," said the secretary's report. "Many wool buyers lost heavily on 1937 operations. Reports indicate dealers will be un-

usually conservative in offers made to growers this spring. Wool dealers lost about \$15,000,000 last year and naturally will try to make it back this season."

The volume of wool pooled with the Ass'n in 1937 was nearly twice the volume handled in 1936. Phil Evans of the National Wool Marketing Corporation and D. H. LaVoi, sheep specialist at State College, were the speakers of the day.

Resolutions adopted urged all growers to use the Ass'n to market wool by grade and in accordance with market needs for best results. The Associated Wool Industries advertising in behalf of wool garments was endorsed. Congress was asked for truth-in-fabrics legislation for woolen goods. The legislature was commended for increasing the bounty on coyotes. County officers were asked to enforce to the letter laws regarding stray and sheep killing dogs. The Ass'n opposes any reciprocal trade agreement that will reduce tariffs on woolen goods. Michigan State College was thanked for its excellent extension program (Continued in next column)

CO-OP MARKETING MEET AT COLLEGE MARCH 22-24

Managers, Directors, & Help Invited to Three Day Course

Managers, directors and employees of farmers' co-operative ass'ns will meet at Michigan State College March 22-24 for the Third Co-operative Marketing Institute, to which this group has been invited by the Economics Dept. of the College.

Previously, this meeting was announced for March 7-9, but the date has been set forward to March 22-24. At morning, afternoon, and evening sessions, representatives of Michigan farm co-ops will hear State college staff men, executives of large and small co-operative businesses in Michigan, and out of state speakers on matters of interest to their business. Round table discussions follow.

Out of state speakers include Dean C. L. Christensen of the University of Wisconsin at the dinner Wednesday evening; C. G. Randall of the live stock division of the Farm Credit Admin.; Peter Taylor, marketing agreements sections of the AAA; J. H. (Continued on page 2)

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Management is the Factor

It is our firm belief that in times like these good management counts more than at any other time. We all have knowledge and experience to call upon. The best of times generally will see many individuals and businesses that have fallen upon evil days. On the other hand, when business is not good for most of us, you will find individuals and businesses, even some new businesses, doing well.

Recently, Professor C. S. Dunford of the State College Economics department, spoke of the business recession in this way:

"It is a camouflage of words to declare that the present business recession is due to business 'uncertainty'. Every business man knows that earnings vary from year to year, and that profits are uncertain and fleeting. Between the years 1911 and 1915, forty-eight automobile concerns failed. In prosperous years thousands of businesses, large and small, fail. Every student of business knows that under a price system demand cannot be controlled. Furthermore, every student of business knows that management is the dominant factor in business success."

Young People's Money

Young people like to have the management of some money of their own. Some find ways to earn some money outside the home. Parents make it possible for others to have a small but regular income from the tasks they do at home. Others have a share in some of the home enterprises. Still others have a small allowance. The important point is that they learn to manage what they have to best advantage.

Recently we met an Ingham County Farm Bureau member who told us how his small daughters learned the management of money of their own. When the girls were about 12 and 14, the farm was blessed with twin Jersey calves, both heifers. The girls were given the calves with the understanding that they should have the income in due time. When the Jerseys became producing cows, father kept track of the milk from those cows for the girls' account. The girls received that money each month. What did they do with it? They bought their own clothes; they paid for their music lessons; they spent a little, and saved the rest. Both of the girls went on to college. They started with their savings, and the two Jersey cows back home helped them through.

Young people are just like ourselves in money matters. They're ready to do worthwhile things to earn it, and they'll do worth while things with it when they have it. Is it better for son and daughter to ask for this and that, or is it better at some time in their early youth to put them on their own and learn to use wisely a small but regular income, arrived at through some suitable arrangement?

For Safe and Certain Seeds

From a thoroughly reliable seed house you get what you pay for in field seeds. Very good seed costs more than average or below average seed. The reasons are plain, and they are even more obvious when the stand appears.

Eighteen years ago there wasn't a source of northern grown, Michigan adapted clover and alfalfa seeds in Michigan. The whole country was at the mercy of importers of Italian, French, Argentine and other clover and alfalfa seeds. They were bought cheap by the importers and sold at handsome profits in this country. Usually they were mixed with domestic seed. The stands from imported seed fell prey to disease and suffered terribly from winter killing.

In 1920 the newly organized Farm Bureau founded a seed service, dedicated to the distribution of only Michigan grown or Michigan adapted clover, alfalfa and other field seeds. These farmers, to show they meant business, attached an iron-clad guarantee to their seeds. They guaranteed to the farmer to the full purchase price of the seed that the origin, purity, germination were exactly as stated on the seed tag, when purchased in sealed bags originating in the Farm Bureau's seed plant. To our knowledge, no other seed distributor has met the farm group with a similar guarantee.

By 1926 the Michigan and other Farm Bureaus had secured the federal seed staining act. That put an end to the importation of absolutely unadapted forage crop seeds. Through the green stain it provides a warning regarding imported seeds of doubtful value.

The best alfalfa seed may cost \$1 more per bushel, or even more, than another offering. One dollar spread over the 6 acres a bushel will sow amounts to 16 2/3 cents per acre. Over a five year period the extra cost for the better seed you really prefer is around 3 cents per acre.

Three Farm Bureau Members

An event at Farmers Week at State College in early February was the recognition of three dairymen for their fine work in the industry. They were awarded plaques which carried the inscription: "Meritorious Award in Dairying, 1938, Michigan State College." It is interesting to know a bit more about Arthur Perrine of Rives Junction, Jackson county; James Harris of Traverse City, Grand Traverse county; and B. S. Knapp of Monroe, Monroe county.

Arthur Perrine, has been a prominent Holstein breeder in his county since his graduation from the State College in 1911. His sound dairy-crops program has given him an economical milk and butterfat production through his herd of purebred Holsteins. He has been a member of the county dairy herd improvement ass'n for many years. He has been president of the Jackson County Farm Bureau and active in its affairs for years.

James Harris, one of the organizers of the Michigan State Farm Bureau in 1919, is the premier Jersey breeder in northwestern Michigan. He bought his first Jerseys in 1896, and his first purebred Jerseys in 1903. He is recognized for his community spirit and his accomplishments in dairy work. He is president of the Northwestern Michigan County Farm Bureau, and last November was elected a director of the Michigan State Farm Bureau.

B. S. Knapp is a leading Guernsey breeder near Monroe. He started as a chemist at the University of Michigan, but turned to farming as a more satisfactory occupation for B. S. Knapp. Starting with two registered heifer calves, he built a herd of fifty Guernseys, based largely on the blood lines of one of the heifers. Mr. Knapp has followed a strong crops program and has fifteen years of county dairy herd improvement association work behind him. He has been active in Farm Bureau work, and has served as an officer of the Monroe County Farm Bureau.

From our knowledge of the Farm Bureau membership, we know that any County Farm Bureau could compile a worth while list from its membership of who's who in the agriculture of the county and state.

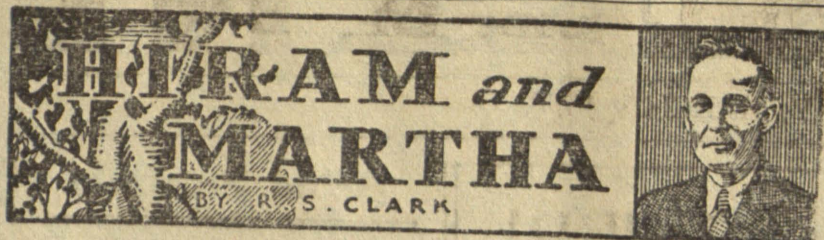
Ohio Farmers Say No

The State of Ohio has before it a proposal for a one house legislature. The Ohio Farm Bureau is opposing it for a number of reasons, among them the fact that it would permit one-seventh of the counties to elect nearly two-thirds of the legislature. Thirteen counties would elect 56 legislators, while the remaining 75 counties in Ohio would be presented by 38 legislators. The Ohio Farm Bureau and other groups believe that such a set-up could place their agriculture and small towns and cities under the possible domination of strong political forces in a few large urban centers.

That sort of an issue, as the question of whether or not to reapportion the Michigan legislature strictly according to population, is familiar to Michigan Farm Bureau members. At several general elections they have helped defeat proposals that appeared designed to concentrate legislative power in a few metropolitan areas. We had not heard that the establishment of a unicameral or one house legislature could be effective as a means to reapportion a legislature.

Another feature about the proposed unicameral legislature for Ohio that the Ohio Farm Bureau doesn't care for is the requirement that the legislature shall not be in recess or adjournment for longer than three

months at any one time. The Farm Bureau in Ohio believes that there is always more business and social unrest when legislatures are in session. It believes that the provision for an almost continuous session could offset every possible economy suggested by friends of the plan.



Hiram on Woman's Work

The mortal frame that cumbers us is fashioned middling strong; It takes whatever Fortune sends, and still it plugs along. Our bodies are designed for work, and how we put them through; Oh, man can do whatever he must—but only women do! Let any man who doubts my word pursue his memory back To when friend wife was sick in bed, and father held the sack.

Of course the work about a farm is mostly man's to do, But when she's sick you realize that she was busy too. That while you tear yourself apart a-choring all week long, Your wife prepares full many a meal; she darns full many a sock; She scrubs and cleans the whole week long till Saturday, and then She moves the chairs around a bit and does it all again.

She keeps the house and makes it home. She does it in her stride, And always she keeps handy by some knitting work beside, Or possibly a rug to hook, or else a quilt to quilt; Mankind can never comprehend how womankind is built, That she, the weaker of the twain, should thusly tireless be Will never cease to puzzle man; particularly me.

The other morning Marthy felt too miserable to rise (I think myself this tattling raised a ruckus with her eyes, At any rate her back was lame, her head was like to split, And several other places hurt which didn't help a bit) So it was plainly up to me to sort of buck the line And do, so far as in me lay, her work as well as mine.

I've done it several times before, by stern necessity, But each experience brings anew this axiom home to me: That these companions of our lives are harder by far To carry daily what they must, than we, their husbands are; And we should bless kind providence and thank the brooding Powers That we are just our busy selves, and not these wives of ours.

For man may work, and often does, from rise to set of sun, But Woman, bless her tireless heart, her work is never done; I have it from an ancient sage, the much-wed Solomon.



Behind the Wheel

(Continued from page 1) compliments on their new home and its walnut finish. Even the doors are made of walnut. One doesn't see that sort of wood used much these days.

EDUCATION

Anthony Lehner, educational director for the Pennsylvania State Farm Bureau, has said: "Don't depend on emotional impulses to carry us through in the co-operative movement. We must bring home to our people in a definite way the proper appreciation and understanding of the things we are trying to do—and I would do that in three ways:

- 1—Get boards of directors, managers and employes of local co-operatives together for an earnest discussion of the co-operative problem, to understand where we fit into the picture and to be aware of the responsibilities we have assumed in furthering the co-operative movement.
2—Reach out beyond the confines of the business to those who own the institution,—the patrons and members and others whom we ultimately hope to make members. This can be done through community groups holding regular monthly meetings.
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Co-op Marketing School March 22-24

(Continued from page 1) Hatch, Michigan Surplus Commodity Corp., Commissioner of Agriculture John Strange speaks Tuesday morning, and Leo V. Card of the Bureau of Markets, Thursday morning. The farm business outlook, co-operative marketing of live stock, live stock packing, fruit marketing, packing, canning, bean marketing, creamery, problems and other subjects are on the program.

FREMONT CO-OP PRODUCE Co.

The Fremont Co-operative Produce Co., Newago county, did \$240,000 business in 1937, a nice increase over 1936. It paid farmers \$59,000 for eggs. George Myers is manager. Harry Stroven is president; Henry Kolk, vice-president; Mrs. Leah Rottler, sec'y-treasurer.

73% of the earth's surface is ocean.

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LIVE STOCK

REGISTERED HEREFORDS, BULLS and heifers. We have a nice selection. Sensible prices. A. M. Todd Co., Michigan. (14 miles northwest of Kalamazoo). (7-3-1f-22b)

POULTRY—CHICKS

QUALITY LEGHORN CHICKS AT reasonable prices. U. S. Approved. Blood tested. From heavy producing Mananar fed flocks. Mated to males from high record dams. Circular free. Lake Bluff Poultry Farm, Holland, R-1, Michigan. (3-5-2f-34p)

POULTRY LITTER—SERVALL—(Made from sugar cane) is dustless—odorless—absorbent—sterilized—bright. Helps sanitation in poultry house or brooder. Keeps floors dry. 100-pound bales. An American Farm Product. At most dealers. Descriptive booklet on request. Harry Gates Company, Jackson, Michigan distributors. (2-5-4f-43p)

U. S. CERTIFIED ROCKS FOR BROILERS and early pullets ready each week. Leghorns ready soon. R. O. P. Breeder Hatchery, Lowden Farms, P. O. Rives Junction, Michigan. Location, Henrietta (Cleansing Lake). (2-5-4f-43p)

BABY CHICKS—CERTIFIED S. C. White Leghorns. Breed stock. BOP males. We offer one breed, and one grade—the grade we use ourselves for our commercial egg production. Send for circular. Andrew Lohman, Mgr., Hamilton Poultry Farms, Inc., Hamilton, Mich. (2-5-4f-40b)

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CLARK L. BRODY

February

meetings and progress

Significance of Our Insurance Convention; Strong Gains are Being Made in Membership

By CLARK L. BRODY

Executive Secretary of the Michigan State Farm Bureau

IT was my fortune to attend the annual meeting of the State Farm Mutual insurance agents at Chicago, February 23 and 24. Over 2,000 auto, life and fire insurance agents met in the regular annual session to review the year's activities and plan the work for the present year. Our auto insurance company has grown to be the largest in the world. The reports showed that it had enjoyed the most prosperous year in its existence. More than ample financial reserves to take care of all possible contingencies are back of the policies written by our agents. The company's financial condition is of the best.

While this is important the human side of the picture impressed me greatly. As I listened to the agents and officials of the company as they carried on the program, I thought also of the thousands of farm homes from Florida to Washington and from Minnesota to the Gulf that enjoy the protection of our great national program. Many a farm enterprise has been saved from being wiped out because of our liability protection in connection with auto accidents. Many a widow and her family now have a measure of security as a result of the life insurance brought to them by this protection.

Farm Bureau's Part

In this program the State Farm Bureaus have played an important part. In a majority of the states the State Farm Bureau acts as state agent for this large company at Bloomington, Ill. In our own state, the Michigan State Farm Bureau has served for the past twelve years to bring Farm Mutual insurance service to the farm families of the state. In many sections our agents found that fully 50% of the farmers had no life insurance protection. It has been this combined Farm Bureau and State Farm Mutual program that has been responsible for bringing much needed protection to farm homes. On account of the interest of the various State Farm Bureaus from one coast to the other, at times it really seemed like a Farm Bureau convention as we met and conferred with the various State Farm Bureau officials. Also at the big banquet where the program and quotas were announced for the coming year, the

meeting was honored by the presence of President Edw. A. O'Neal and Secretary Richard W. Blackburn of the American Farm Bureau Federation. Having personally had the opportunity to be associated with this work almost from its beginning, I get much inspiration and encouragement from the meeting and the great progress that has been made.

In our own insurance program of the Michigan State Farm Bureau we now have over 43,000 automobile insurance policyholders and life insurance to the extent of a few million dollars each year, as well as a nice start with our fire insurance program. Not only has our Farm Bureau in Michigan made this great program possible but the insurance work itself has proved to be a real bulwark for the Farm Bureau.

Better Oil Service

Another encouraging event of the month was the oil school held under the direction of George Begick, head

of our petroleum department. In spite of stormy weather the meeting was well attended by representatives of our local distributing organizations. Some of the best petroleum and automotive engineers in the country addressed the meeting. Our oil and petroleum program is showing wonderful progress this winter. Our bookings of lubricating oils for the months of January and February are many times what they were for the same months last year, and in spite of the slow business conditions this winter the volume has shown a great increase over last year.

Farm Bureau Affairs

Much time in the month has been occupied at the office making one of the most thorough surveys of our status of our business operations that we have ever made. With some of our Farm Bureau service commodities, in spite of the depressed conditions the business volume has held up in an encouraging way, but as a whole it has been a difficult winter for any business. We are devoting our efforts to bringing about the greatest possible economy in expenses and tuning the whole organization up to be of the greatest service to our members and local organizations.

One of the most encouraging experiences we have ever had has been the response of the farmers to our membership activities. As a result of the campaigns being carried on in several of the leading counties in February and March new members are now coming in at the rate of 600 to 800 per week. This means increased power and influence in behalf of our membership and is the greatest support to our business activities that could be experienced at this time, as after all, the life of the Farm Bureau depends upon the interest and sentiment of the farmer himself. All that we do or accomplish at State Farm Bureau headquarters is made possible by the interest and support of the farm family.

Shakespeare is credited with a vocabulary of 24,000 words.

Meet a Customer of Yours

PERHAPS it doesn't seem like much to you when this woman drops in at her grocer's and says:

"I'll have half a dozen oranges — 25 pounds of flour — a peck of potatoes — a pound of butter — a dozen eggs — and how's your lettuce today?"



But stop and consider how all these things find their way to the corner grocer.

Instead of one woman, think of twenty-five million women who do the buying for their families—your customers.

Instead of a dozen oranges—think of 1,790,000 tons of oranges and grapefruit.

Think of 8,600,000 tons of wheat flour—3,500,000 tons of potatoes—440,000 tons of butter—330,000 tons of eggs—and you begin to see the amount of food moved by the railroads every year.

The crops you raise are worth real

money only when they can be delivered to the ultimate customers—wherever those customers happen to live in the United States.

And if it were not for the railroads stretching from your farm or shipping point to every corner of the land—and their ability to carry tremendous amounts of farm products—you could raise only crops that nearby communities could use.

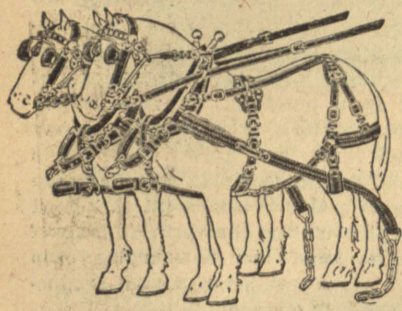
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What they said and did at the February MEETINGS

KALAMAZOO COUNTY

Two hundred attended a pre-membership campaign school held by the Kalamazoo County Farm Bureau at the Portage School in late February. R. Wayne Newton spoke on legislative work by the Farm Bureau. Fifty persons volunteered to serve as Farm Bureau legislative minute men.

LENAWEE COUNTY

R. Wayne Newton, legislative counsel of the Michigan State Farm Bureau, addressed the Junior and Senior Farm Bureaus of Lenawee county at Adrian in late February on such subjects as the national farm bill and rural electrification problems in Michigan.

OCEANA COUNTY

Oceana Junior Farm Bureau entertained the Oceana County Farm Bureau directors at their annual Washington banquet the evening of Feb. 21. On Feb. 17 the Oceana directors adopted a departmental organization under which each director reports for his department for the month. Membership Chairman E. Steen has nearly completed plans for the membership campaign the week of April 18. W. Gilliland,

community Farm Bureau chairman, announced a contest for four community bureaus. Points will be given for planned programs, attendance, etc. At these meetings the Oceana bureau honored Co. Agr'l Agent James Thar, who is leaving to operate a fruit farm in Berrien county.

MASON COUNTY

Free Soil—The Mason County Farm Bureau will conduct a membership drive April 12 to 14. Farm women in the county have been invited to compete in the women's speaking contest sponsored by the Michigan State Farm Bureau. The topic will be "Better Schools for Rural America."

ISABELLA COUNTY

Isabella County Farm Bureau now has a departmental organization to promote its work, under the general direction of Pres. John Murphy. Vice-Pres. John Farmer is in charge of membership acquisition. Loren Black will sponsor Junior Farm Bureau work. Charles Spencer will bring Farm Bureau commodities before the public. Ralph Collins is in charge of legislative work. H. C. Cazette is to keep all

groups better informed as to the needs of rural schools. Co. Agr'l Agent Harry Wakefield has been invited to assist in promoting the working relationship between the extension service and the Isabella County Farm Bureau. Secretary Mrs. E. F. Block is directing publicity for the bureau.

IONIA COUNTY

Ionia County Farm Bureau members enjoyed the fourth of a series of County Farm Bureau dinners the evening of March 1. The place this time was the Masonic temple at Portland. Robert Addy of the Farm Bureau Services at Lansing spoke on invisible losses in farming. He demonstrated that such losses can be lessened if not prevented entirely through farm organization. The Portland high school presented a quartet of young men who sang very well indeed. James Spencer, young Farm Bureau member from Danby Twp., sang solos. Visitors included Pres. Ernie Wonsler of the Eaton Co. Farm Bureau; Vice-Pres. King Lee of the Clinton County Farm Bureau. Stanley Powell and Charles Openlander discussed aspects of the coming campaign for new members.

Borton's Percheron Has Nat'l Standing

Howard Borton, Clinton County Farm Bureau member of Lansing, R-4, is among those members acquiring a state reputation. His Prince Echo, 3 year old Percheron stallion, took third place at the International Live Stock show last December, in a class of 22. Mr. Borton was the operator of the smallest Percheron farm to place that high in the judging.

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Farm Bill Aims to Make Farming a Better Business

There Were Objections Too to RFD Service and Good Roads

By MRS. EDITH M. WAGAR

The farmer has had a lot of printers ink devoted to him since the new farm bill was adopted by Congress! Isn't it strange that certain classes are so concerned over the poor neglected farmer just as soon as something comes up in behalf of that farmer that is intended to give him a little grasp on his own business?

How many farmers we find who fall in with them! Groups get together and pity themselves because they think their freedom has been taken away from them. From now on they will be told what they can grow and when they can sell!

How Independent? Well, I'd gladly listen to a little dictation if by doing so I could see farm prices creep up a bit closer to those in other business.

I don't know as the farmer has been so much of a free lance as he claims to be. We've always let someone else tell us what they will give for our produce and we've always paid what someone else has said we must pay for what we have purchased. So, really, our independence has been largely imaginative anyway.

But, seriously speaking, I feel we should accept this farm bill as the beginning of orderly farming. It is not what anyone wanted in its entirety, but let's not condemn it, but rather keep it as a foundation and gradually amend it to fit our needs.

A Long Time Arriving It's the farmer's own bill. They have asked for something along this line for years. It has taken a tremendous effort on the part of our leaders to get any kind of an agricultural policy enacted into law. A few years ago even, it couldn't have been done. It is not

the desire of great masses of people, to have the farmer be master of his own business. This new farm bill makes him, as a class, the controller of his own affairs,—the first time ever. Oh! I know these statements are contrary to the general reports, but time will prove that they are true in principle.

We can look back and recall the objections raised when the farmers were asking for rural delivery of the mails. The public in general objected because they felt that the farmer was going to be such an expense to the public! The small town merchant was sure he would be forced out of business and some of the farmers objected because they wanted an excuse to go to town!

When the good roads question began to take root, there was a great division of opinion among farm people. Now most of them insist upon an improved road in front of their place.

Farm Organization Needed Many of these misunderstandings could be ironed out before they are allowed to be common gossip if our farm folks were only properly organized and met in groups where such questions could be discussed freely.

The lack of proper organization slows up any help that is proposed for the benefit of the farmer. For almost to a certainty anything that is of material benefit to the farmer is something that steps on the toes of someone who has been personally benefitted by the old system. Naturally, he will oppose it, and the unorganized farmer will listen to his objections, and usually backs him up.

We have gained a lot along organization lines, but sometimes we get impatient because our progress appears so very slow.

Yet we can enumerate many really worth while things that farm organization has brought about, even if farmers are only about ten per cent mobilized.

Great national co-operatives have become established business; the farmers of one section no longer look on the farmer of another as a competitor, but rather as a co-operator in a common cause.

It is pleasing to notice that the tide is turning rapidly towards the new agricultural adjustment act. Farmers will accept it for what it can do for them and the politicians will have to hunt some other hobby to ride.

For Less of Politics

In our state there appears to be a movement to take the selection of Supreme Court justices out of political elections and the same change to be made regarding the Superintendent of Public Instruction. In my judgement, the courts and our educational system should be divorced from partisan politics at the very earliest moment. How much better our nation could function if all great policies could be considered from the standpoint of national benefit rather than as a talking point for or against some political party! The majority of organized farmers have modified their thinking to the point that the leadership can work harmoniously on legislative matters, regardless of personal party affiliation.

It may take another generation or two to get the rank and file of farm organization memberships to be non-partisan, but we are rapidly approaching that end in many things. Most of us have found good and not so good in all parties and most of us care for our homes and the comforts and advantages for our families far beyond our choice of party.

GRINDING CORN

A bushel of ground corn will be 20 to 25 percent more valuable as feed to the dairy cow than a bushel of ear-corn, according to Iowa Experiment Station. Coarse grinding is more satisfactory than fine grinding and is not nearly so expensive.

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Arthur A. Schupp, executive secretary of the Farmers and Manufacturers Beet Sugar Association has said:

"Since the amount of sugar each area will be permitted to supply, under the quota system now in force, will be determined on the basis of their respective production records it is very essential that a maximum tonnage of sugar beets be produced in Michigan, Ohio and Indiana this year."

"In fact, if the farmers in the three states expect to continue in the business of sugar beet growing and hope to secure a worthwhile acreage allotment in the future it will be necessary to materially increase our production of beet sugar in 1938. Preliminary reports from the various beet growing districts indicate that fine progress is being made in contracting for sugar beets but it will be necessary to speed up contracting and materially increase the acreage planted to beets this year if we are to hold our own and justify our demand for an opportunity to supply a greater proportion of the sugar consumed in the United States."

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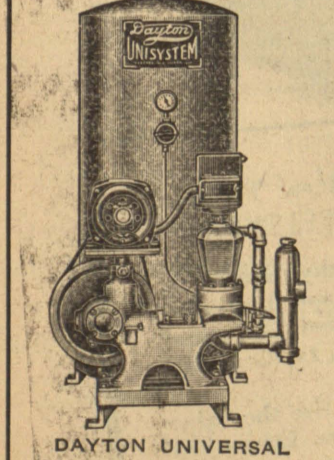
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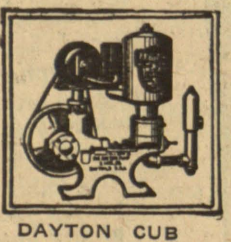
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Live Stock Exchange Twenty Years Old

(Continued from page 1) President Beamer in his report said that the Exchange is now serving 10,700 producers. The largest district is a seven county group having Kent county as its center and representing 1,268 shippers. Sparta is its largest shipping center.

President E. A. Beamer of Blissfield, Secretary John O'Mealey of Hudson, and Frank Oberst of Breckenridge were re-elected as directors.

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From scores of photographs submitted by rural residents to the publications department of Michigan State College, the above six were selected as most interesting photographs from a beautiful state. The pictures were offered in a contest for scenes best illustrating interesting phases of rural life in Michigan.

The photo submitted by Mrs. George Thompson, Saginaw, shows a baby trying to get a share of milk in a bottle from which a baby lamb is being fed.

From Lynn H. Grove, Pewamo, came a picture of a farmer near Traverse City plowing a garden with a Holstein bull for power. Feeding deer was the title given a

picture which came from the Upper Peninsula. William Harjits, Paynesville, submitted a picture showing his brother Emil feeding a young deer in an enclosure near Victoria dam in Ontonagon county.

Mrs. George Thorburn, Mason, submitted several photographs. "Pals" shows an attractive girl sitting on a fence over which a friendly farm horse stretches its neck.

Two other pictures rated a place in the contest because they are among the best that will ever be taken of similar subjects, in the opinion of the judges. One is by Florence Culver, Grand Rapids. Judges called it "Home-ward" as it shows a herd kicking up the dust as the cows go down the trail alongside a rail fence. The other is of Tahquamenon Falls in Luce county, submitted by Cora Shady, Newberry.

Junior Farm Bureau

Personal Comment About Young People

1,000 MILE CONTEST Since Oct. 1, 1937, twenty-seven Junior Farm Bureaus have been engaged in a contest for points in Junior Farm Bureau activities which shall determine on April 1, 1938, which group is the winner of a 1,000 mile trip to the several Farm Bureau industries in several states for all its members, with expenses paid. Junior Farm Bureaus that are runner-ups in the contest may send two of their officers on the trip.

OTHER SOCIAL EVENTS Washington, St. Valentine, and Lincoln banquets, parties, socials, and dances with appropriate decorations were found to be an activity of the Barry, Dryden, Gratiot, Newago, Saginaw, Bay, St. Clair, Monroe, Tuscola, Livingston, and Isabella groups.

MONROE CLEARED \$5.00 on its dance at the Woodman hall in LaSalle. "It wasn't the first and it won't be the last" commented several "weather experts" when Agnes Fredericks moaned over the absence of snow at the Mason sleigh-ride.

SEVERAL organizations visited the State Farm Bureau Farmer's Week. Largest groups were from Huron and Branch counties.

ST. JOE members are playing "Dart Ball"—for exercise? Heavy drama, classic tragedy, and light comedy will soon be staged at several places. Ionia and Muskegon are now working on plays. Incidentally, the Muskegon group has an abandoned church for a future clubhouse. Gratiot is all puffed up over their club rooms.

THE ANNUAL Jr.-Sr. Farm Bureau banquet supervised by the Isabella young folks attracted about 180 people. After a program of entertainment, Dr. D. M. Tront of Central State Teachers college talked on "Education for the Farm People". They didn't report how much money they made on the box social!

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Caribou meat, fish, seal meat, polar bear meat, rabbits, birds and eggs are the main foods of certain groups of Eskimos.

TROOPER James Valentine of Michigan State Police enlightened the Hemlock group on Michigan road systems and safety.

JUST to show everyone that they could think of other things besides apples, the folks in Berrien county helped many people learn about seeds and fertilizer. Lucien and Wesley Strong and their committee—Harry Nye, Harvey Letcher, John Cobly, Harold Steinke, Wade Martin, and Lloyd Zech—did a fine job. They had good support from all with 300 in attendance. By the way, this group suggested a Jr. Farm Bureau softball tournament for boys and volleyball for girls. How about it?

SEVERAL organizations visited the State Farm Bureau Farmer's Week. Largest groups were from Huron and Branch counties.

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STATE COUNCIL meeting, April 2. This will be an all important session. Plan to be there!

PREDICTS SUGAR BEETS WILL PAY WELL IN 1938

Declared to Be Non-Surplus Crop That Will Return Profit

Sugar beets will be the "most profitable major farm crop grown in Michigan, Ohio and Indiana this year," according to J. Arthur Brock, editor of the Sugar Beet Journal at Saginaw. "All authorities agree that sugar beets is the one non-surplus crop that can be grown in Michigan, Ohio and Indiana with a reasonable assurance that the return will pay production costs and provide the farmer with a profit this year. At the same time these experts predict that lower prices will prevail in 1938 on practically all other farm products such as wheat, corn, oats, beans and hogs."

When asked if he felt that the unfavorable price outlook for other crops would justify a departure from a well balanced rotation system, Brock said, "I do not favor speculation and under no circumstances would I advocate a departure from a well balanced crop rotation program even though it appears that this year sugar beets will bring good prices while the price outlook for other crops is far from being favorable."

"It is a fact, however, that there are thousands of farmers who could materially increase their sugar beet acreage without violating the principals of good farm practice. In view of the present outlook it appears that any farmer who can grow sugar beets should devote the maximum acreage to the crop that is consistent with good farm practice and thus provide himself with at least one non-surplus crop which gives promise of paying production costs plus a profit."

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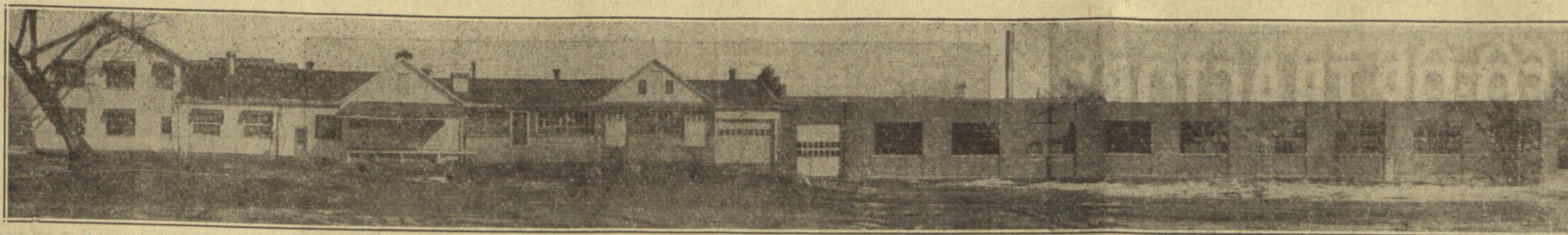
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Part of the crowd of 3,500 stockholders who came to the annual meeting of the Constantine Co-operative Creamery on Feb. 10. This group is seated in the 36x160 foot addition to the creamery. Other large groups were seated in other parts of the plant and offices where they heard the proceedings by loud speaker. So large was the crowd that many sat outside in their cars and listened by loud speaker.

Constantine Co-op Creamery Serves Some 4,000 Farmers

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Back in 1915 the Constantine Co-operative Creamery Co. was founded with 163 stockholders and started business in a small and rather old building.

February 10, 1938, some 3,500 of a total of more than 4,000 stockholders came to Constantine for the 23rd annual meeting. They met in much enlarged quarters, but not large enough to seat all of them.

Under the same management all these years, they heard Manager C. A. Brody in his 23rd annual report say that during the year 1937 their creamery had received nearly 11,000,000 pounds of cream. It had manufactured and sold more than 4 1/2 million pounds of butter. The company paid for butterfat, net at the farm, an average of 36.6c throughout the year.

Butter manufactured at the Constantine creamery in 1937, said its Creamery Day Special bulletin to

members, would make a pavement 20 feet wide from Constantine to the Michigan-Indiana line, about 6 miles. The company draws cream from a radius of 37 miles. Forty routes are covered twice a week by 14 company trucks.

Last year the Constantine Co-operative sold \$1,250,918.21 of butter for its patrons. On this business at the close of the year it had only \$62.50 outstanding on its books. The stockholders bought \$103,854.12 of their own butter. Other sales, including dried buttermilk and merchandise sales brought the creamery income for the year to \$1,417,026.51. After payment of all expenses of plant operation, the patrons received \$1,253,158.96 for butterfat.

The creamery increased its surplus by about \$3,500 to \$58,438.52. The 4,000 odd stockholders own their plant free and clear. It is well financed.

Feed Prices Brighten 1938 Poultry Outlook

Continued low prices for feed makes it probable that poultry raisers will make fair returns in 1938.

Where there are a side-line, the tendency is to get chickens too late for early egg production in the fall. In the fall one dozen eggs has the dollar value of two or three dozen later on. Here's a few suggestions from the Farm Bureau:

1. Get vigorous chicks from pull-orum tested stock.
2. Hatch chicks early. April at least.
3. Use clean portable house with dependable brooder.
4. Use clean range, separate from mature stock.
5. The Farm Bureau recommends Mermaid 16% as a life time feed that has everything a chick needs.

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compliance of growers with the program.

The theory is that if farmers generally comply, prices will automatically advance toward parity, and large parity payments will not be necessary. However, if only a small percentage of farmers comply, the parity payments will be divided among a smaller number and will be proportionately higher, so that the co-operators will be substantially nearer to parity than their neighbors.

The remaining provisions of the act are called into play only when the sec-

tions so far described fail to balance production with consumption and establish prices reasonably close to the parity level.

Wheat Loans to Co-operators

When wheat is less than 52% of the parity price on June 15, or the July crop estimate is in excess of normal domestic consumption, plus exports, co-operators will be eligible for loans from 52% to 75% of the parity price at the beginning of the year. The loan is available on their total production.

Corn Loans to Co-operators

Corn growers are also eligible to loans whenever the November crop estimate indicates a production in excess of normal domestic consumption plus exports, or the November 15th

price of corn is less than 75% of the parity price. The following schedule shows the rate of loan on the basis of parity prices according to the extent of national over-production.

Percent production in excess of normal domestic consumption plus exports	Per cent of parity price which farmer may borrow
No excess production but Nov. 15 price less than 75% of parity	70%
Excess, 0 - 10%	75%
Excess, 10% - 15%	80%
Excess, 15% - 20%	85%
Excess, 20% - 25%	90%
Excess, over 25%	95%

Co-operators outside the commercial producing area may borrow up to 3/4 of as much as the amounts shown on the schedule.

No Deficiency on Loans

These crop loans constitute in effect a guaranteed price, for no farmer will be required to do more than turn over the corn or wheat upon which he borrowed if he does not sell at a price above the amount borrowed.

Wheat Marketing Quotas

If in any year the carry-over and estimated production of wheat is more than 35% above normal domestic consumption, plus exports, by May 15 the Secretary of Agriculture must issue a proclamation fixing a marketing quota for all wheat growers. This quota is arrived at by adding 30% to the normal domestic consumption, plus exports, and deducting from this total both the carry-over from the previous years and the amount that will be consumed on farms as seed or live stock feed. A referendum will be called for when supplies reach 940,000,000 bushels.

The Secretary must then determine the number of acres normally required to produce the remaining number of bushels, and fix the percentage which this number of acres is of the original allotment for the year.

All wheat growers will then vote by secret ballot as to whether they wish to have the marketing quota in effect. If more than one-third vote no, the quota is not in effect. However, if two-thirds or more vote yes the quota is in effect.

Under the quota each farm whose average production for the years excluding the drought years, etc., is less than 100 bushels may still market his entire crop, and no farm is required to market less than the normal production of half the original farm allotment, no matter if it required the entire acreage to produce this amount in the year to produce this amount.

Every wheat farmer is also permitted to feed any amount whatever of his crops, regardless of his marketing quota.

Aside from these exceptions, the wheat farmer under a quota, may market as many bushels of wheat as he normally grows of the acres included in his marketing quota, plus the number of bushels he could have marketed in any previous years, but voluntary carried over.

Loans Under Wheat Quota

In addition to marketing as much of their quotas as they may choose, wheat co-operators will also be able to borrow at the usual rate on the entire balance of their production. Thus they will be obtaining a virtually guaranteed price even on that portion of the crop they do not or can not market. Non-co-operators may borrow only on that part of their crop which is in excess of their marketing quotas, and then only at 60% of the loan rate which is available to co-operators.

Corn Marketing Quotas

Corn marketing quotas apply only in the commercial corn producing area. Co-operators and non-co-operators alike may market their entire produc-

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ANNOUNCES CONTEST FOR MINUTE MEN

Asked to Suggest a Farm Platform for Their Legislator

By R. WAYNE NEWTON
Farm Bureau Legislative Counsel
Four hundred fifty volunteers in four weeks! The Minute Men are on the march, and already are making themselves a vital factor in Farm Bureau affairs.

Minute Men rosters have been mailed to the county chairmen of Minute Men of Bay, Berrien, Emmet, Gratiot, Hillsdale, Isabella, Jackson, Mason, Monroe, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana, Saginaw, St. Clair, Sanilac, Shiawassee and Tri-county Farm Bureaus and are ready to be sent to the others as soon as headquarters is notified of their names and addresses.

This office is anxiously awaiting information as to how your local committees have carried out the demonstration against the advertising of oleo by radio. Be sure to report any resolutions or other actions executed or planned as early as possible.

Tax Sale
Authentic information of vital importance to every landowner concerning the 1938 tax sale will be available in a short while. The statement will bear the endorsement of prominent state and county officials. Every Minute Man will receive a copy. It tells you what to do, and how to help your neighbors.

Farm Bill
The analysis of the farm bill appearing in this issue of the News is an authentic guide for you and your neighbors. Preserve it for reference. Urge county and local Farm Bureau meetings to discuss it thoroughly. Then advise Headquarters of any questions you have, and the reaction of your neighbors after they have studied the bill.

School Buses & Consolidation
Mrs. Claude Hoffman writes to ask that we find out how the membership generally feels on the question of taking the 7th and 8th grades out of the primary schools. A study of this question has been made a definite order of business and Minute Men will hear more on the subject soon.

Standards For Legislators
Soon your county chairman of Minute Men will be arranging for suggestions as to what a good farm legislator should and should not favor. Here are some questions for consideration in your local meetings. Should a good legislator:

1. Favor compulsory consolidation of rural schools?
2. Favor a tax on oleo? Favor prohibition of the sale of oleo?
3. Be willing to vote for a return of property taxes for road purposes?
4. Favor legislation to stop building spite lines in the current power line dispute?
5. Favor adequate machinery to enforce reasonable rates reasonable expenses and equal treatment for all farmers desiring service of R. E. A. companies?

Minute Men in every county should take the lead in seeing that these and other similar questions are considered at all county and local Farm Bureau meetings so that your county chairman may draw a complete list of what Farm Bureau members in your county expect of legislators.

The season is already at hand for this information. Candidates are already in the field. Now is the time to put our program before them.

Contest Offer
To encourage early consideration of this matter, Farm Bureau Headquarters offers one year's membership worth five dollars (\$5.00) to each of the three persons who write the best letters on the subject: "A Farm Platform for My Legislator."

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Go to as many Farm Bureau meetings as possible, and hear the Farm Bureau program discussed by your friends and neighbors. Then write in your own personal ideas. Whether you are a winner or not, your letter will help shape the Farm Bureau program. *Every Minute Man should send in his ideas.* The contest closes April 25, 1938. Address your letters to the Minute Man Contest, Michigan State Farm Bureau, Lansing, Michigan.

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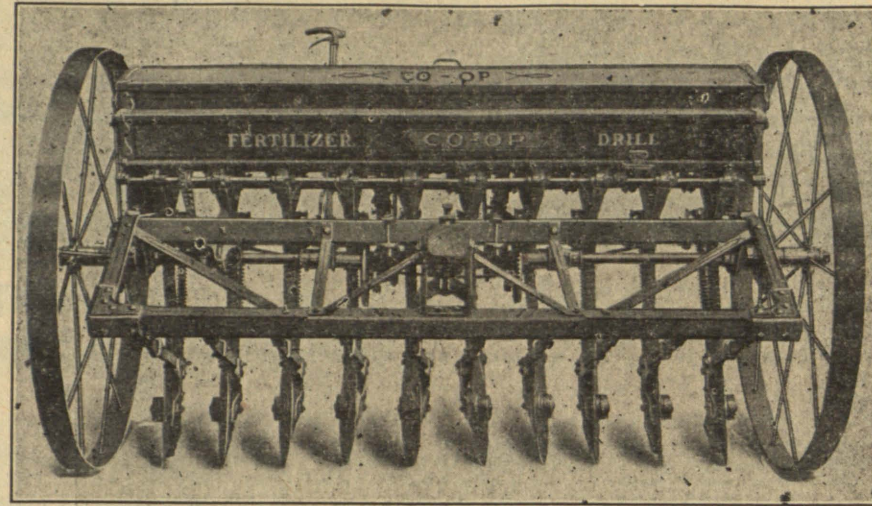


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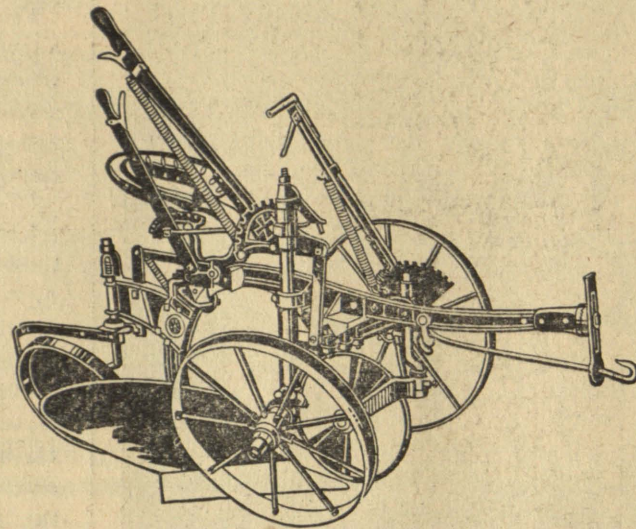
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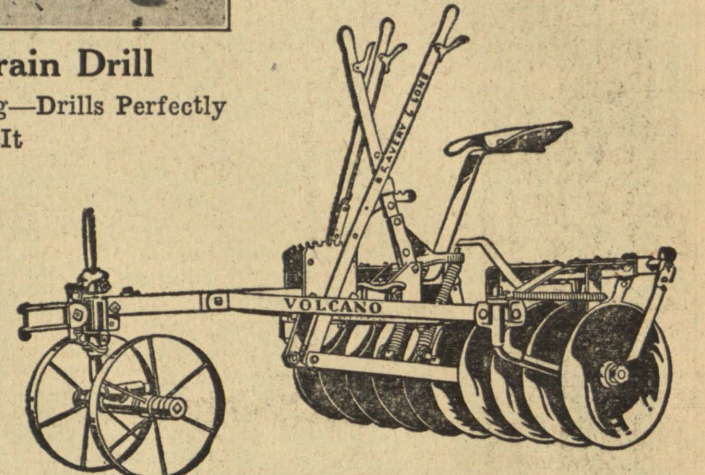
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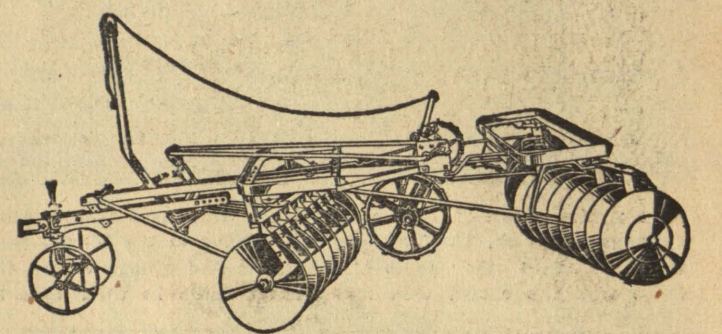
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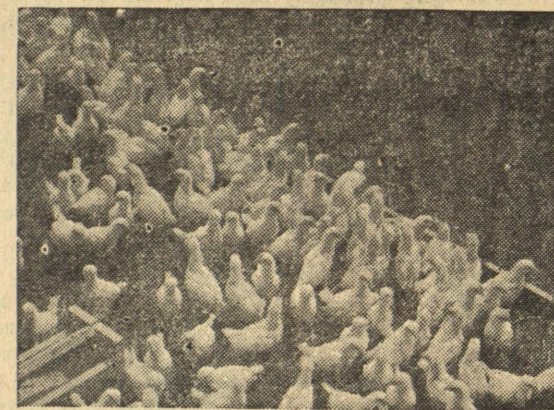
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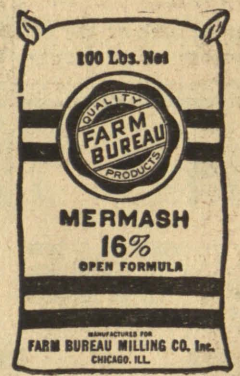


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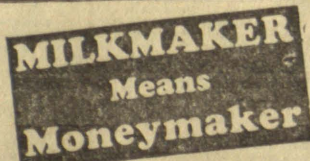
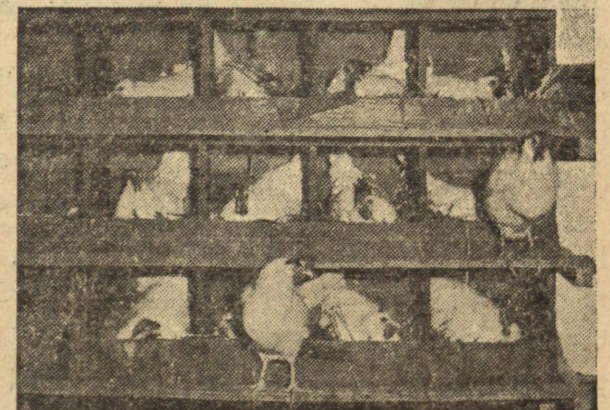
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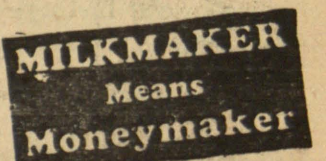
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