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Behind

Wheel

Organization Director

with J. F. Yaeger

PIGS AND PIES

ence Reid, president of the County

Farm Bureau and vice president of

the Michgan State Farm Bureau, has

many humans do, as far as feed is

concerned. Every day those pigs get

their ration of cakes, pies and other

pastry. Much of it is cellophane wrap-

hogs by the barrel. The pastry is

day-old material that a baking com-

pany finds it impossible to dispose of

through the regular channels and

sells it for hog feed. Clarence says

the hogs sure like it and are thriving.

In fact, even the cows and horses

SCHOOLS

take a fancy to the desserts.

J.F. YAEGER

older. What a pity.

Over in St. Clair county, Mr. Clar-

the

ped.

Published Monthly

Wools in Michigan Pool Get Government Loan Automatically Alfalfa Pastured Last

The Nat'l Wool Marketing Corp. warehouse at Boston is the first to be approved by the Commodity Credit Corporation as having facilities to qualify wool for parity price loans. These non-recourse loans will net the grower from 18 to 20 cents per lb. on average fleeces.

September Has Heaved **RECEIPTS AHEAD** Alfalfa has come through the winter in good shape, except that which was cut for hay or pastured heavily in September. Those fields have been

damaged by heaving of the alfalfa.

the State College Farm Crops Dep't,

pasturing in September starts new

growth which weakens alfalfa and its

root system. Since the plants have

less anchorage, they heave out in

winter. Left alone in September,

alfalfa may be pastured in October.

During October the plant hardens for

Heavy Crop, Without Acreage

Reduction, Means Low

The question of accepting, or not ac-

cepting, the corn acreage adjustment

plan is not now a matter of politics,

said the Prairie Farmer to corn belt

"Abstract questions of 'regimenta-

tion', 'dictatorship' and the like are

just words in the wind. Before the

farmers of the corn belt is a very spec-

ific and definite situation, a turning

point which may have consequences

"Acreage allotments require a sub-

stantial reduction in corn. That re-

Prices

the winter.

CORN BELT

FACES 1938

farmers April 23.

for years to come.

he does not.

spot so many times before.

ly price?

WITH FULL CRIBS

OF OTHER SEASONS According to Prof. C. R. Megee of U.S. Loan Stimulates Interest; Number of Large Clips

Received

WOOL POOL

By STANLEY M. POWELL Michigan Co-op Mktg. Ass'n In addition to all the services accorded consignors in recent seasons, the Michigan Co-operative Wool Marketing Ass'n has completed arrangements whereby all poolers are automatically given the full benefits of the Government's new \$50,000,000 wool stabilization loan which is being made available thru the Commodity Credit Corporation.

This means that over and above the substantial cash advance made immediately upon the arrival of wool at the Lansing warehouse, there will be a second installment of several cents a pound payable to the grower after his wool has been graded and appraised by a C. C. C. inspector.

> The initial cash advance on breeding flock wool is 14c a pound. The advance on fed lamb wool is 10c a pound. The full net Government loan value will depend on grade and shrinkage, but for all the wool in the 1937 Michigan



duction is a shock to many when they C. J. FAWCETT Pool for example come to comply. At this writing, par- it would have averaged 18.3 c a pound ticipation is in doubt. No man is re- to the grower. On the best grades the quired to comply, but he should realize net loan value would exceed 20c a the full significance of his action if pound.

New Loan is Popular

"The cribs of the corn belt are full. Several factors combine to influ-If there should be a heavy crop this ence a greatly increased number of year, on top of the present carryover, growers to fell that consignment ofit would normally be expected, under fers them their best opportunity to the old-time rule of every man for himrealize full value on their 1938 fleeces. self, that the price would drop way They are naturally dissatisfied with down, with corn a drug on the market local offers which are considerably out of line with Boston prices, which

"Livestock feeders, who might be inin turn are many cents below importlined to say they would rather see ing parity levels. ow-priced corn because they buy in-

Then, too growers who have given tead of sell it, should remember that careful study to the provisions of the low-priced corn means low-priced livenew Government loan program feel stock. Through the years, the live- that it offers them a "sure bet". It stock producer makes more money in is an non-recourse loan. They are not years of good prices for corn than Hable for any possible over-advance. when it is almost too cheap to shovel On the other hand, they retain their

equity or interest in the wool up un-"It is possible for the corn acreage til the time of final sale and hence control plan to fail if enough growers would profit by any improvement in refuse to comply Then would come market conditions. When the wool harvested any time during the fall. the matter of a marketing quota. It is is sold, they will receive all that it possible for that to fail, too, if more nets above the loan, on which the in

MICHIGAN HURT BY GROUPING WITH CORN BELT STATES Soil Depleting Acreage Cuts

For Corn Belt Forcing Our Farms Out

Unless the federal farm program is iberalized and localized, participation by Michigan farmers is destined to grow smaller with the passing of a herd of hogs that live better than time, writes D. L. Runnells, agr'l editor of the Grand Rapids Press. Reports from the country indicate many farmers can no longer afford to make any more diversions from soil None of the pastry is over a depleting crops to soil conserving or day old. Clarence buys it for the building crops.

For three years the AAA has set the soil depleting bases lowerabout 15 per cent a year-and the 'goals" now are so low that many farmers find it impossible to qualify for soil conserving payments in 1938. Land owners report they would lose money by making further diversions of fields from soil depleting crops. One of the finest and best equipped They explain that reductions in cer-

small town schools that I've ever seen tain crops below a fixed acreage is located over at Middleville, Barry would throw production out of balcounty. It's a W. K. Kellogg Founda- ance, force them to purchase feed tion school. That is, the school was for their livestock and upset their built and is quite largely financed by farm programs. the Kellogg Foundation, Sup't Julius For example, the AAA has an-

Skipper, who pilot nounced that Michigan's wheat acreed me through the age allotment under the 1938 farm buildings (yes program had been fixed at 765,831 there's more than acres. This compares with 1,011,000 one), says that the acres harvested in 1937 and 889,680 school is one of acres planted for harvest this year. about a half dozen Michigan Suggest Plan in the state. As

To relieve this situation, the AAA no more are to be eventually may find it advisable to erected, he thinks follow Michigan's two-year-old sug his community is gestion by giving states broader GOOD PASTURE very fortunate. I powers in devising their own soil conagree with him. serving programs. This proposal, at

Wouldn't it be a first outlined at the middle western Should Never Be Pastured fine thing if the income of folks living conference in Chicago by C. H in small communities and the rural Bramble of Lansing, master of the areas were such as to provide such fine schools for all boys and girls? of Lansing, then president of the The Federal Trades Commission in Michigan Milk Producers association, a recent report said "rural schools was based upon the belief the govare so inadequate that illiteracy in ernment could not devise a satisfacthe rural areas is twice that of urban tory farm program for the entire areas" for children 10 years and country. Farm conditions and practices differ by states.

OUTSTANDING Michigan has been grouped with a Outstanding, that's the word that large number of corn-hog-wheat states fits best when describing the farm in the north central region. These and home of Jesse Treiber, president states have large acreages in soil deof the Tuscola County Farm Bureau. pleting crops to divert land to soil con- know when it is good and when it sults. Located in a region of fine, black, recognize that it is a praiseworthy isn't fertile soil with the land all tillable effort on the part of the government and well drained, Mr. Treiber makes to encourage their growers of soil dethe most of his opportunities. He pleting crops to divert land to soil con- Sudan grass at one stage in its life Farm Bureau program of the national, mature much earlier and may be grows certified grains and heads a serving crops by whittling down the contains hydrocyanic or prussic acid. state, county and community groups. a reputation for fine seeds. Rarely year.



The Michigan Wool Marketing Ass'n is now receiving wool at Lansing. It makes a cash advance, and ships wool by carlots to the National for grading, storage and sale. Poolers will automatically receive the CCC loan, from which the initial advance is deducted.

SUDAN GRASS

HANDLED RIGHT,

Nor Cut When Under

One Foot

for them. If Sudan grass has a high

prussic acid content, cattle will leave

off eating it within 15 minutes if they

are not too hungry and are in good



Bureau Personal Comment About Young People

ACTION The Michigan Jr. Farm Bureau

Sudan grass is one of the most radio program over the NBC climaxed popular and effective emergency pas- a season of unparalleled activity among our young people. The size 20 in Michigan, according to obserture and hay crops in Michigan. Very of the gatherings varied from small vations by the State College Farm little if any trouble has been reported with it since Michigan practice seems committees and individual efforts to Crops department.

Junior

Farm

commodity schools and social affairs to be pasture only after it is a foot or more in heighth. Hay is cut when it is three or more feet tall. However, since the use of Sudan hard work on the part of hundreds of That is still pretty good having is steadily increasing, it is well to young people that created such re- weather. But three weeks later can

The Jr. Farm Bureau as a whole to Prof. C. R. Megee. Like the cassava root of South Amerunder the leadership of Lloyd Ruesink ica, the West Indies, and Africa, this year has worked its way into the production of seed too. The seed will group of seed growers who have built soil depleting goal 15 per cent each which is poisonous. Cooking the The younger element is now recognizcassava root removes the poisonous

News papers.

"MISTER PRESIDENT, I-"

QUEST FOR KNOWLEDGE

water Creamery, pictured the history

Farm Bureau on "Feeding Dairy Cat-

Mr. L. J. Bassett, manager of the

Monroe County Fair, spent an evening

telling the Monroe Jr. Farm Bureau

about the history and problems in

Peculiar accidents and general high-

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for farmers' co-ops.

refreshments.

Mr. G. S. Coffman, manager of Cold-

PLANTING TIME

The best time to plant soy beans is early corn planting time, May 10 to again.

If Manchu Soy Beans are planted at with several hundred adults as well that time, you'll probably be cutting as young folks attending. It is only soy bean hay about September 1. be a very different story, according

nomical method for soy bea

Early planting is good for the

PLANT SOY BEANS **AT EARLY CORN**

Advantages

Whether For Hay or Seed, There Are Important

can they supply the demand for their exceptional product.

large city home. Finished in the fin- Michigan farm leaders have signicellent taste, the house impresses one mands for a "new deal" in the group- pasture or cut for hay. Second growth with its richness and moderness. The ing of states in the hope that eventwithout the inconvenience of hurry- sound farm program adapted to the and in the dangerous stage. ing up and down stairs. The oms region would work more equitably are large and comfortable. The among all participants, and where the cattle for an hour after they have grounds are in process of being land- objectives sought by the government scaped with drives arranged so as to -a more permanent and prosper- the animals stop eating or start lookgive easy access to the various build-ous agriculture-would be reached ing around for other grass, it is a ings. Outstanding is the right de- more speedily and satisfactory. scriptive word.

HORSES

you should visit the Joe Bell farm in Urges 31/2 Pct. Interest Tuscola county, especially if its Bel- At its meeting April 25 the Isabella gian horses. Mr. Bell is proud of County Farm Bureau board of directthose animals and he should be; they ors asked Congress to continue the are fine animals. Starting seven years lowered interest rate of 31/2 % on fedyearling class at the horse show dur- County Farm Bureau is planning a ing Farmer's Week, Michigan State county meeting for the membership college.

A reputation for honesty is one enjoyed by few horse traders but Mr. Bell has not only a reputation for Looks Like a Lot of honesty but is very highly respected Wheat On the Way in his community. And what else would one expect . . . he's a Farm Bureau member.

- SLOW DEATH Your Co-operative-Is not a Bank. Is not a Credit Union.
- Is not a Loan Agency.

Is not a Relief Agency.

But-!- Sometimes, some people use it for all of the foregoing. A continuation of that policy will eventually wreck the co-operative.

Ceresan Benefits Why should your co-operative sell you merchandise "on time" and by so doing become a Bank-Credit Union -Loan Agency or Relief Agency?

They are not set up to perform that type of service and it is an inpay CASH for their merchandise,

Keep your co-operative in a sound financial position-Pay your account now-then start paying CASH when you receive the merchandise-You will feel better-so will the Stockholders, Directors and Manager of your co-operative.

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Fits Others, Not Michigan juices.

Just to illustrate the methods used the corn-hog-wheat states, it is con- Waiting until Sudan grass is at least on the 120 acre Treiber farm: all sidered unfair to dairy and diversified one foot in heighth makes it safe for three months of Jr. Farm Bureau grain is brought indoors so that it farming states like Michigan, Wiscon- pasture and hay purposes. will be bright and clean at all times. sin, Minnesota and New York, where The Wisconsin College of Agricul-The farm home is as fine as any corn-hog-wheat belt.

> It is a good plan to keep an eye on been turned into Sudan. If some of sign that the grass may not be ready

It its fine horses your interested in, Isabella Farm Bureau

condition. Cattle will usually stop eating before they get too much. But when the grass is more than a foot high, it's safe for pasture and ago, Mr. Bell has built up a reputation eral farm loans. R. Wayne Newton hay. Michigan State College tried ors. Generous applause was given to for a dealer in fine horses. His ani- of the State Farm Bureau discussed the to poison stock by pasturing them on presentations by Paul Heussner, Eumals have won firsts at many a fair American Farm Bureau's work on the heavily frosted Sudan well over a and show. A mare won first in the farm loan interest matter. Isabella foot in heighth, but nothing happened.

in May.

First, get the stock accustomed to man, Eugene Smaltz, Marjorie Web-It looks like a big wheat year, un- grass pasture. Second, when the ani- ster, and Lloyd Pajot were elected less the usual summer dry spell shows mals are full of grass, turn them into to the board. up in the wheat country. The indica- the alfalfa pasture. Third, leave them tions now are for a winter wheat crop on the alfalfa pasture continuously day of 725,707,000 bushels, the biggest and night, rain or shine. Fourth, have

since 1932. In the period from 1909 water and salt always handy in the on, only two crops have been as large pasture. as this year's winter wheat crop prom-Grass in an alfalfa pasture or some ises to be. One was in 1932 and the dry roughage such as a straw stack other in 1919. in the field helps to prevent bloat.

Potato Cutting

Avoid Bloat in

Cattle on Alfalfa

Sugar Beet Seed Even a seed potato can be cut up The Iowa State Agr'l College reports right or wrong. Proper cutting of that damping off or black root of sugar seed potatoes should leave a thick, beets has been very materially reduced blocky piece about the size of a pulby treating the seed with 4 to 7 ounces let's egg. It should have at least one justice to those patrons, that always of Improved Ceresan per 100 lbs. of good eye, though more do not matter. This is true even on the "Blossomseed.

end" piece. Do not cut away extra conducting a county fair. Despite a score or more of avail- eyes. able varieties, peach growers are still looking for the perfect peach. The time and money spent in fight-

ing weeds-the poorer quality of weed Michigan State Police to Lenawee Jr. Pasture experts say there is nothing infested hay-can be done away with Farm Bureau. After his talk everyone like a top-dressing of manure and sup- if you buy Farm Bureau seed, making drove home quite a bit slower! erphosphate to pep up an old meadow. it the cheapest seed in the end.

The remaining starch is a which communities the Jr. Farm Burd as a vital part of the rural life in ing to Mr. Megee. While the present program may fit foodstuff, and from it we get tapioca. eau has a group.

Following is a record of the past Convenience Plugs activity: 28 Junior Farm Bureaus At Two State Parks The 120 foot barn houses a dozen fine the percentages of land in soil con-ture has completed a study of Sudan uary 1st to April 1st of which 139 of the state's parks this year will be

grass with regard to its use for pas-were regular meetings. Total mem- supplied by underground wiring. ture and hay. It emphasizes that the bers present at the 139 meetings were This type of electrical installation short, dark green Sudan grass under 2,832 or an average of 18 to a meet- is going in at the Otsego state park at est of woods and furnished in ex-fied intentions of continuing their de-one foot in heighth is dangerous to ing. Nine hundred and seventy-six Otsego and at the Grand Haven state guests were present at these meetings park. At Grand Haven the system is basement is fitted with cooking facil-ually Michigan will become a part of crop is dangerous to pasture until one the 49 special meetings, 44 were spon-Grand Haven board of public works,

threshing times may be fed there practices are comparable, where a Drought keeps Sudan plants small for adults. Four thousand sixty-two purchase of materials. The installasored by the Junior Farm Bureaus which has authorized \$3,750 for the adult people responded to these meet- tion will serve outlets for 240 trailers ings, or an average of 116 to each along the new section of the parking meeting. The Juniors assisted or oval which will be completed before were guests of 10 adult meetings, 217 the opening of the summer season. Juniors attended these meetings, or The installation will supply 2,000 watts an average of 21.7 young people per for cooking, heating, refrigeration, meeting. The total inches of public- lighting, radio and other electrical deity, news clippings and news articles vices. equal 3,126 inches. This is equivalent

to the publication of 10 State Farm **Artillery Range in** Au Sable Forest The State Council meeting resem-

Permission has been granted the bled a convention of budding legislatstate military board for the use of 4,327 acres in the Au Sable state forest as an artillery range and for other Michigan's Pearl gene Smaltz Margaret Hensley, Burton military training purposes.

Richards, Alton Reavy, and George **Button Industry** Due to dense forest growth the Han-Schleder and Margaret Runzel. Moson military reservation is no longer Action by the state conservatio tions adopted included regional suitable as a range, while the tract commission to give the lowly muss camps after Waldenwoods, recreationin the AuSable forest is only sparsely a respite by reducing the open seaso al schedule, home talent shows, and

covered and is crossed by few roads. on it from three months to July only election of a board of directors. Here's a plan to avoid bloat in cat- Burton Richards, Lloyd Ruesink, Lyle The same arrangement by which calls attention to the decline of what tle on alfalfa or other legume pasture. Clack, Niel Weirick, Maurice Gieruse was made of the Hanson reserva- was once a sizeable business in Mich tion will prevail in the Au Sable gan.

agreement, with the state retaining In 1929 more than 61/2 millio all mineral, oil and gas rights, and pounds of mussels valued at \$301,61 oversight of game, fish, fire and for- were taken. In addition, pearls wort estry interests and public hunting \$16,375 were found in the mussels rights. clams.

The ebb was reached in 1935 whe

the total haul produced only \$8,71

worth of mussels and \$183 in pear

and present functions of co-operative Origin of the marketing to St. Joe Jr. Farm Bureau The group agreed with him on the ef- Name Michigan

ficiency, value, and the bright future of two Algonquin Indian root words, pearls, both of which figures are less signment offers them their best op-J. G. Hayes, M. S. C. Dairy Exten-"machi" or "michi", meaning great than those for 1936. sion Specialist, spoke to VanBuren Jr.

or vast, and "gan", meaning lake. The Of the clams found in Michigan, combination were variously Machini- 80 percent are from the Grand River plan deserves the careful consideratle". Incidentally, this group has a ganing, Michiganay, Mishigane, Mech- and its tributaries. The shells are tion of the average Michigan wool shipped to button manufacturers out grower.

> wrest triumph from defeat."-Theo- ting or stamping button-sized pieces cently issued by the Department of out of the shells. dore Roosevelt.



than one-third of the growers .vote terest would be 4%.

against it. If that came to pass, the During the past week warehouses corn belt would be right back where of the National Wool Marketing Corit started, with no corn loans, no orporation, in which the Michigan poolderly marketing, the possibility of ed wool is to be stored, have been apthose same 'feast and famine' condiproved by the CCC. These were the tions which have put farmers in a hot first warehouses so approved in the

entire United States, Mr. J. Dings, "Each corn grower should remember for many years head grader for the that it is not corn that he uses to pay National Wool Marketing Corporation, bills, interest, mortgage payments. It's has been appointed by the CCC as money. What will it matter if you chief appraiser These developments have cribs overflowing with corn, but are good news to Michigan consignors only a dribble of money from a beggaras they indicate prompt and friendly treatment from the CCC authorities. "Prairie Farmer says now, as we

Big Clips Are Pooled

POUNDS

said when this law was passed, the Deliveries to the Michigan pool are thing to do is give it a real trial run. running well ahead of those for the Maybe it will break down in some corresponding dates in the last sevplaces. Maybe it isn't as good as some eral seasons. This is due in part to people think it is. But here in the an increased number of consignors corn belt we have been talking, making and also to the fact that several speeches, writing protests, demanding, breeders and feeders with large year after year, that somebody do clips have brought or sent their wool something. Well, this is something. to the pool. Among the larger con-It may work. It may lift the income signments received at the pool Lanlevel of all Middle West agriculture. sing warehouse thus far are the fol-Are we going to take the medicine and lowing:

find out, or are we going to throw the dose in the ashcan, fire the doctor and Wm. J. Clarke expect another relapse?"

ia	Eaton Rapids	12,230
	Porter Bennett, Milford	2851
	C. H. Oxenger, Reading	2,792
	Harlan Wilt, Blissfield	2,139
m	Howard Lake, Gaines	1,627
el	Ellis Haynes, Mason	1,436
n l	Mikesell & May, Charlotte	1,205
at	Earl Ivory & Son, Lapeer	1,195
ni-	Kermit Pierce, Williamston	1,227
m	A. T. Cornell,	
50 th	C. A. Bigelow,	1,186
or	Milford	1,143
en	Saline, R-2	1,054
59	A. C. Behling,	1,003
ls.	Albion If these leading growers who	1,001 pro-
1000		

Last year, mussel fishermen got \$18,71 The name Michigan is a combination worth of the clams and \$493 worth of duce such large clips feel that conportunity to get the greatest return

from their wool, then certainly their

Wool Supplies Below Normal

Growers' sentiment in favor of con-Commerce. It placed wool stocks in this country at a much lower point than had been generally anticipated. (Continued on Page 5.)

treasury and refused to spend it for igan and Michigami.

of the state. There are two small "The world wants the kind of men blanking plants in the state. These who do not shrink back from tempor- perform the first process in the mak- signment was greatly stimulated by ary defeats in life, but come again and ing of buttons, which consists of cut. the quarterly wool stocks report reTWO

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Farm Bureau's Position Sound

The American Farm Bureau Federation is on sound ground in urging an end to tax-exempt securities, said the editors of the Country Gentleman in their May number. It is a system that is working to the detriment of the public in a number of ways. The greater part of the nearly \$55,000,000,000 of public debt consists of tax-exempt bonds and credits issued by our various forms of government.

It is perpetrating a wrong upon other groups of taxpayers to provide refuges for such an enormous amount of capital. But there are other still worse features, said the Country Gentleman. So long as idle capital can enjoy such special privileges it will not be put to work financing needed enterprises and pay rolls. And, so long as they are allowed to enjoy the special privileges of lower interest rates that go with tax-exempts, our governmental bodies are tempted to go deeper into debt

Tax-exempt securities may have been all right in the earlier days of development, but they are sand in the economic bearings now.

More Barmaids Than Co-eds

There are more barmalds in America today than there are young women in all the colleges and universities in the nation. Something should be done about it, said Miss Maria Leonard, dean of women at the University of Illinois, in addressing middle west states educators recently.

Not only that, said Dean Leonard, but it is to be noticed that education against the use of alcohol has practically disappeared from our public schools. That, she said, might indicate a serious fault in the modern American educational system. We agree.

Most of us will recall that in our early grade school days there was a course in physiology, long since supplanted by something else. Those old physiologies were harsh in their discussion of the bad effects of alcoholic beverages on the human body. They were not friendly by any means to the use of tobacco, and especially by the young.

We agree with Miss Leonard that the educational system may be neglecting an important phase in the education of youth. Surely, the world has plenty of high powered advertising in behalf of liquor and cigarette interests.

Farmers Exonerated in Deer Case

It happens that hereafter and under proper regulations Michigan farmers will have the right to shoot deer in defense of their crops.

In late April Judge Miles at Allegan dismissed a charge of illegal killing deer, preferred against farmers Jerry and Byron Arndt, celery growers at Hamilton. The charges were brought by the State Conservation department.

Judge Miles ruled that a farmer has as much right to kill a deer in defense of his crops as he has to kill a dog caught in the act of killing or injuring his livestock. He warned, however, that a farmer must show proof of damage to crops before shooting at or killing a deer. Conservation officers have said that permits to take deer will be issued where proof of crop damage has been shown.

In our February edition, when this trouble developed, we quoted Col. William A. Bergin of the Conservation Dep't, as urging farm organizations not to permit sportsmen's organizations to plant herds of deer in their counties. Such plantings lead to trouble. The annual increase in a herd is 50 to 70%. It doesn't take very many deer to destroy a lot of celery, alfalfa, corn, or grain, or fruit trees. One of the defendants in the Allegan county deer case estimated the damage to his celery crop at \$800. Deer belong in the north woods.

Watering the Milk . . . Profitably

A good supply of running water can increase milk production, says



The Handy Man

A handy man is Edgar Barnes. His versatile career Consists in labors neatly done, for clients far and near. No limit has been found as yet to all his stock in trade Of simple art and artifice. Friend Ed is not afraid To tackle any job a tall. He does the best he can And all Hicks Street pronounces Ed a downright handy man.

He does not move as fast as some, but every move he makes Applies to what he's working at in all he undertakes. In case the clock declines to run why Ed can make it go, In fact, he made a wooden clock here not so long ago. Twas Ed who built our new back porch, and screened it in so tight That not a fly can enter now (to Marthy's huge delight).

His gentle ski.I in shearing sheep is known for miles around, He does not deal in button holes nor mop the fleece around. And he can wield an agile brush at painting, new and old; Nor does he slobber paint about, to make the housewife scold. When Fd lays in a run of tile he swings a dexterous spade, And when he's through, I tell you what, that run of tile is laid.

He tinkers with a camera, too, when other work is slack, And harvests fruit, in season, from the woods behind the shack. He's mighty good at stretching fence and every kindred art Like splitting posts and grubbing roots and taking stumps apart. At butchering time comes great demand for handy men like Ed To stick amain the shrieking swine and scrape him, hoof and head.

In fact, as I recall to mind his multitudinous labors It's very plain that Neighbor Ed lives but to serve his neighbors. His home is mean, devoid of paint, his premises untidy He cannot serve himself and still be everyman's Man Friday. And yet he does not live in vain, for it is truly said That Hicks Street is a better place because of Handy Ed.



PARITY PRICE LAW NOT ANSWER FOR PROSPERITY

Calhoun County Farm Bureau Member Suggests New

Editor, Michigan Farm News: The answer to the economic proolem desired by everyone is economic

Measure of Value

balance and universal prosperity. What is economic balance?

If industries were kept in operation continually at reasonable profit, if guaranteed employment at wages necessary to provide a market for all

tained.

economic value.

the products of industry; if governncome necessary to economic balance, without resort to borrowed omic balance.

employment may be kept. This means that all groups must receive parity prices-not the farmers only.

But, having a limited currency, if any group takes a profit, that group or groups, hence, parity prices depends on a revision of the currency first, and the recent enactment cannot give parity prices to farmers.

Points of Agreement In arriving at an acceptable solution to any problem, there must be certain obvious factors to which everyone can agree. In the economic problem these factors are:

1. If Industry is to produce, there must be a market for its products, and it is the masses of individuals that must furnish the market for mass-production. Therefore, if Inagriculture received parity prices dustry is to operate continually, govwith urban industry; if labor were ernment must guarantee employment at adequate wages as a market for adequate to provide the buying power industry, if the latter fails to provide

ment could finance relief and old-age for the unfortunate incapacitated, must be the medium of exchange (and security without burdensome taxa- ignorant and victous in their midst. nd if expenses of government Therefore, the federal government were limited to that certain propor- should finance relief, education, first received by anyone. Any credit tion of the national (and individual) health and police protection, and security for the aged, to provide econ-



is what we make it

Life

Most of us Must Go into Debt to get Ahead, but When to do it and What for Are Important

By MRS. EDITH M. WAGAR

UR hind sight has always been better than our foresight. The greatest redeeming feature to a hind sight regret is a determination to never let it happen again.

Notwithstanding the hardships, disappointments and discomforts suffered practically by everyone through those terrible years of depression and again in the present recession, the experience has value if we will only allow ourselves to admit it.

There was a time when we said, "Never go in debt until you have taken out life insurance sufficient to cover it."

· That was a grand idea. But those years of falling prices, no extra jobs, high taxes and increasing responsibilities on the property owner, emphasized the fact that future life insurance does not care for present demands. Therefore, it behoved everyone to consider the problem from other angles. Just what have we developed as a policy to offer those to follow us?

just go and tumble in debt any old There Are Good Debts We cannot say "Never contract a time for anything we take a fancy to. debt." The great majority of up and It has been proven to us that it is coming folks must go in debt somea dangerous thing to bank on the futime or they would never have anyture to much. One might far better thing. It is through that system that contract for less, even when more we have fine farms and fine homes. seems attractive and easy. Its foolhardy But we should know when to go in to contract a debt at peak prices, debt and why we should go in debt, not knowing full well if there is to be any

With guaranteed employment and a market for Industry provided there remains to be found the economic must take money from another group, income of other groups. What part value of Government in relation to the of the national (and individual) income can be appropriated by government and result in economic balance?

Many estimates agree that Government now takes between 20 and 30% of every dollar of income; and, if the debts are paid, it must take a much greater proportion; which precludes any chance for economic balance under the present monetary system.

A Currency With Velocity Inasmuch as neither expenses of Government nor national income can be anticipated, the only possible way to arrive at economic balance, is for the federal government to finance all governmental units with credit, and pay debts and replace present currency the same way. Cause this 2. No locality is alone responsible 10%. Checks (and certain tokens) credit to be recorded and discounted

streets looking for something to do. Years ago people spoke of "learning the trade." Everyone working for others had served a given time of apprenticeship under the watchful eye of a master in that trade. He made good, or he was let out to try something else. Three or more years of apprenticeship was the rule. But what did the World War and good times do to the majority of the working class? If the wages paid a

certain class of mechanic were greater than those of other kinds of work, multitudes claimed to be such mechanics. There was many a farmer, indifferent to the numerous tasks waiting for his hammer and saw or his mechanical ingenuity, who, when jobs were on every hand in the city factory or the nearby village, left his farm with its monotonous duties and developed into a mushroom carpenter or contractor or painter or what-not. All artists in their own line, so they claimed.

who have had their jobs through thick

and thin, perhaps not exactly as they

were during the flush times, but at

any rate, they were not walking the

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Is it any wonder that industry urned to machines to utilize the type of laborer it had to depend on? change, it will be downward. It's

Many of these workmen rebelled just as unwise to contract large reagainst a hard job or any work that payment installments over a short required skill or strength or perhaps period. Short period debts are splenboth. did when one can do it, but it's ever

Even today with the streets overso much safer to be tied to a long flowing with men unemployed, there's term debt, and then make hay a scarcity of trained workers along when the sun shines and pay it off certain lines. The trained man is the last to be laid off. What does all this

point to? As I see it, there should Not only did farmers buy land at be some form of apprenticeship trainunreasonable prices and build new ing established for those who really houses and barns when material and know the type of work they should do. labor were not in line with farm com-

Schools Have a Problem modities, but we found that it was I feel that our educational system bad judgment to sanction 30 year should be so revamped that certain road programs for our children to topics could be more thoroughly maspay after we are gone. We have all tered in high school. Students should learned that it's best not to go into be made self-supporting through the game of speculation. We are sound training.

farmers and the very best place to invest money is on that farm in the too wide an area. As a consequence, Today the curriculum spreads over line of comforts and conveniences, the student gets a smattering along fences and tools, paint and clean up a great many lines but in reality has work. There may be fortunes made mastered nothing. He should be over night in speculation, but these taught too that whenever he applies plums are rare indeed that fall in the for a job, he should do it with the

A Fair Question If the old farm is such a comfort- too often the money that is easily able refuge in times of adversity, why acquired is spent in the same way we've made them so. Too Many Lack Training A workmen. There have been a few

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spirit of giving a full measure of serv-

a current farm electrification advertisement.

A dairy cow in full production will consume about 3 pounds of water for every pound of milk produced, according to observations made by the Michigan State College dairy department. Cows need and will consume from 30 up to 70 and even 80 or 90 lbs. of water a day.

Milk production per cow on the average, can be increased 2 pounds per day by installing an electric water pump to supply water cups at the stalls. An additional 2 lbs. of milk daily for 300 days is 600 lbs. At \$1.75 per cwt. that is \$10.50 additional revenue per cow per year. A. C. Baltzer, in charge of cow testing activities for State College, says it is common experience for farmers to report that their dairy cows paid for the drinking cups from one to several times in the first year. Shall we call that watering the milk . . . profitably?

An electric pumping system will pump 1,000 gallons or 8,000 lbs. of water for less than a nickel for most farmers. It takes about 2 kilowatt hours for the job. For most farmers those kilowatt hours should be figured on the lowest step of their electric rate.

Drinking cups show how to make the pump pay for itself, and the cups. The system will supply the house and barn with plenty of running water. An electric pump is profitable and saves a lot of work.

Farmer's Dollar in 1938

The U. S. Department of Agriculture explains tighter times on the farm by saying that the farmer's dollar shrank 23 cents in buying power last year.

That means that the same quantity of farm products that brought a dollar's worth of industrial goods and services about a year ago will now buy but 77 cents worth.

Prices of goods farmers usually buy are said to be 30% higher than they were for the period 1909-14. In those years, economists tell us, farm products brought prices that were on an equality with the cost to the farmer for industrial products and services.

Prices paid for farm products are now said to be 25% below the 1900-14 period, and are at the lowest level since July, 1933.

The decline in farm buying power has resulted from the fall in prices paid for cotton, wheat, corn, hay, potatoes, hogs, dairy products, cattle, and lambs.

Plenty of Phosphate Rock

Land grabt colleges and United States Department of Agriculture report after a joint study, that United States possesses largest known deposits of phosphate rock in world. This indicates that there is a sufficiency for a long time to come of phosphate rock for production of superphosphate, according to the American Agriculturist.

Estimate of supplies is based on rock of high concentration. Development of mining technique will probably make available a much greater supply of super phosphate from a poorer grade of rock, if and when better grades become exhausted. It is estimated that Florida and Tennessee deposits alone are sufficient to last for 200 years, and western deposits will last for another 2000 years.

So They Did

of an incident that happened at a cele- to 100 miles. bration in Boston in honor of the landing of the Pilgrim Fathers. He speeches had been made by men, a woman got up and said: "I am tired of hearing so much praise of the Pilgrim Fathers. I want to say a word about endured and they had to endure the record except one. Pilgrim Fathers besides."

nearly \$900,000 daily.

The railroads operate car ferries throughout the year over nine routes are of different value to different in- value. Bruce Barton, the nationally-known on Lake Michigan, one route being dividuals. But economic value has writer and advertising executive, tells ten miles long and the others from 65 a different meaning. Economic value

says that after several laudatory producing cows. Without supple-Grass alone is not enough for highmental grain they will drop in pro-

The average train load on rallroads

money (which must eventually dis-It is only just that old-age assurrupt balance), everyone must agree ance should be provided by govern- culates, and compels the national inthat economic balance would be at- ment for the simple reason, that if a

person is supported for the first 20 From the above idea of economic years of life, then works 40 years to taxes and the expense of assessing balance it is evident that there are support himself and others; that perfour basic economic groups: Industry, son has 20 years more of support by Agriculture, Labor and Government. others, actually his due, beginning at The problem is to find the true rela- the age of 60 years.

tionship of each of these groups to 3. If parity prices and economic the whole economic body and to each balance are ever to be attained, equitother, and how to measure this rela- able taxation must be guaranteed by ionship. This is purely a mathema- limiting governmental expenses to a tical problem; and the prime neces- certain per cent of the national (and sity is to discover a right measure for individual) income, and all other taxes, license fees, etc., must be eliminated.

Without first acquiring a clear concept of the meaning of economic value 4. The expenses of an efficient govand of parity prices, there cannot be ernment can never be anticipated

a right conception of the nature of a with any more exactness than can the right measure for economic value, amount of the national income. But, which can result in economic balance. we do know that money-the measure

Prices of Equal Rank of both the expenses of govenment Parity prices, or prices of equal and the national income-changes rank, means equal reward for labor hands a certain number of times in a (according to skill) and equal profit given length of time; and this velocon investment for all groups neces- ity is governed by the quantity of sary for economic balance. As an money in circulation and the price Illustration: Farmers, being more levels.

than 1/4 of the total working popula-A Method For Economic Balance tion, and having at least 1/4 of the These four factors are the ones that otal true value of all industrial in- must be used in solving the economic vestments, in land, buildings, improblem to result in economic balance. plements, stocks, seed, etc., if they The method follows:

eceived parity prices, farmers must Inasmuch as the labor-income in get at least 1/4 of the total national every group of the economic body ncome. In 1937 the national income must provide the buying power for the was estimated to be 68 billion dollars; products of Industry, and this buying 1/4 of which is 17 billion dollars, which power must be adequate to purchase farmers should have received that the products of mass-production, so year, instead of the paltry 8 billion that they may be consumed and redollars that they did get. But, a limit- produced, ad finitum, the only logical ed currency will not permit parity sequence is, that a certain standard of prices. living must be the standard of eco-

What is Economic Value?

It has been said by some one that continuously, and result in economic everyone knows the price of any- balance. Conclusion: Government must thing; but no one knows its value." adopt a certain standard of living (em-This is very true, because value is a bracing all the products of mass-prorelative term, and most commodities duction) as the standard of economic

A Measure of Value

The measure of value must be the means value in relation to the naquantity of commodities (measured tional economy, to economic balance by a certain number of dollars) necesand prosperity. Hence, economic sary for the adopted standard of livvalues must be kept in constant rela- ing for a certain length of time-pretionship to each other, in order to ferably a week. The measure of value balance. must be adopted by the government

To illustrate: Industry must always as the minimum weekly wage for have a certain amount of raw ma- a certain number of hours for all the Pilgrim Mothers. They had to of the United States in 1937 was 796 terial, and a market for its products; Labor necessary in mass production, endure all that the Pilgrim Fathers tons, the highest for any year on Labor must have a certain amount of and if Industry does not supply such giraffe, gorilla, hippopotamus, rhibuying power, which is the market for employment, Government must do so noceros, water buffalo and muskox.

Hindled and they had to y and except ones. Highing Fathers besides." Highing Fathers besides." Railway taxes in 1937 averaged of freight trains had to y add of freight trains between terminals was higher in 1937 that the balance in production and value) and a medium of exchange. Highing fathers besides." The dollar would be merely a unit the railwould and individual) income, that the balance in production and value) and a medium of exchange. Highing fathers besides." The dollar would be merely a unit the railwould farm. Strocke MAN, 25, WANTS WORK ON the railwould farm. Strocke MAN, 25, WANTS WORK ON the railwould farm. Strocke MAN, 25, WANTS WORK ON the railwould farm. Strocke MAN, 25, WANTS WORK ON the railwould farm. Strocke MAN, 25, WANTS WORK ON the railwould farm. Strocke MAN, 25, WANTS WORK ON the railwould farm. Strocke MAN, 25, WANTS WORK ON the railwould farm. Strocke MAN, 25, WANTS WORK ON the railwould farm. Strocke MAN, 25, WANTS WORK ON the railwould farm. Strocke MAN, 25, WANTS WORK ON the railwould farm. Strocke MAN, 25, WANTS WORK ON the railwould farm. Strocke MAN, 25, WANTS WORK ON the railwould farm. Strocke MAN, 25, WANTS WORK ON the railwould farm. Strocke MAN, 25, WANTS WORK ON the railwould farm. Strocke MAN, 25, WANTS WORK ON the railwould farm. Strocke MAN, 25, WANTS WORK ON the railwould farm. Strocke MAN, 25, WANTS WORK ON Strocke MAN, 25, W

cannot be transferrable) and must be recorded and discounted 10% when that is not spent within one year from date must be discounted 10% annually. This plan liquidates all governcome to be ten times the expense of

that energy Congress so often wastes in formulating tax laws, which never truly balance the budget.

There are several excellent reasons which prove that governmental ex-

penses should be limited to 10% of the national (and individual) income, which are obvious to any intelligent person. The first is that it provides a method by which economic balance can be attained by mathematical law which cannot be refuted. The second is that it provides a foundation for equitable taxation. The third reason (which in fact is the primary one) is that it provides a just measure of commodity value, a true commodity dollar. The economists, who advocate a

commodity dollar, have taken merely the important factors-the effect of the important factors—the effect of time and use on commodity value. A little study will show that the time factor causes an average depreciation of 10% annually in the value of com-modities, while the use factor causes an average depreciation of 10% with each turnover of the currency.

The, fourth reason is historical

Moses discovered the economic law governing balance, when he establish-ed a complete economic system for his people, limiting governmental exhis people, limiting governmental expenses to a "tithe of the first fruits of the increase." This first tithe was for the governing tribe of Levi. The Levities tithed their tithe to the priests, and the people brought gifts, offerings and sacrifices for religious nomic value, if industry is to operate cermonies.

> Economic law and mathematical principles never change; but methods must change in applying principles to changing conditions. Unless the first victims farmers and laborers -understand these principles and demand a change in method to fit conditions, they can never be free

Climax, Calhoun County

Most of the largest animals in the world are vegetarians; elephant, SINGLE MAN, MIDDLE AGED, WANTS

not appreciate its possibilities in times and to the detriment of the individual. of prosperity? And if farm prices and We need industrial systems that will farm living are not comparable to develop real men out of the labor the prices and living of other classes, employed, that will create within each during any or all times, it is up to individual the desire to do his task us farmers to have that our main well and to know just a little more objective and never give up until about the job every day until he is outstanding in his class.

There's another thing that the de- Public places need efficiency in em-Industry needs good skilled labor. pression brought to light and that is ployees. Farmers need good intellithat there are too few real good Class- gent farm help, homes need experi-(Continued on Page 3.)

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EARLY PASTURING HELPS CONTROL DOWNY BROME

Wild Oats, Troublesome Forage Crop Pest, Spreads Only By Seeds

Downy brome grass, frequently Farm at Augusta, the State College spoken of in Michigan as wild oats, is Farm Crops Dep't. observed that al a troublesome weed. It spreads rap- falfa plots grazed during late April idly in alfalfa fields, fence rows, and and the first half of May were almost waste places, especially on sandy soil. entirely free of downy brome. Plots This pest should not be confused that were not grazed until May 15 or with the very valuable, productive later were badly infested. Alfalfa and palatable smooth brome which is plots grazed during September be-

meeting with favor for pasture and came almost entirely brome the next hay when seeded with alfalfa. ay when seeded with alfalfa. Most downy brome plants, or wild jured by the September pasturing. oats, behave as winter annuals. The This gave the downy brome an apseed germinates during late August portunity to take possession of the

and September when the fall rains land. start. The plants live over the winter and mature seeds just before the first

prolific seed producers. **Clean Cultivation Controls**

ods for controlling downy bromegrass other than clean cultivation. Since downy brome is an annual or

mix with alfalfa. winter annual plant and propagates by seed only, it can be controlled easily on cultivated land. Late fall

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cultivation or early spring cultivation or plowing will destroy the seedlings and prevent further seed production. The plants should be destroyed by the time they reach the early blossom stage. The plow, the disk harrow, and the spring toothed harrow are effective for controlling downy brome grass

Spring Grazing Helps Downy brome plants are very unpalatable to live stock except in the seedling stage. On demonstration plots at the Kellogg Demonstration

MRS. ROY G. BRUMM

Mrs. Nellie Brumm, wife of Roy G. Alfalfa Management Brumm, passed away at the farm home The thicker the stand of alfalfa and near Nashville, Barry county, April 24. alfalfa crop is harvested. The brome the denser the bottom growth, the Mrs. Brumm had many friends plants are very winter hardy and are more difficult it is for downy brome- among Farm Bureau people throughgrass seedlings to become established. out Michigan. For many years she was Smooth bromegrass is drought resist- president of the Barry County Farm There are no well established meth- ant and makes a relatively good Bureau, and took an active interest growth during July, August and Sep- in building the State Farm Bureau. tember, and is an excellent grass to She gave generously of her time and Other practises which assist in pre- Barry county an ideal Farm Bureau.

serving the stand and vigor of alfalfa Several hundred families responded and in keeping out downy brome are: to her leadership to achieve an inter-

of three times a year. gram had something for all members (2) Not cutting, nor grazing heav- of the family. Attendance and the enily during September. joyment at the frequent Barry County Downy bromegrass matures seed at Farm Bureau Family Night programs least a week or 10 days before the are experiences that live with those

usual time of cutting the first crop of who participated in them. Mrs. Brumm alfalfa hay. It is a good practise to was a good friend and an inspiration cut the alfalfa when the earliest ma- to a great many people. turing downy bromegrass seeds have

reached the early dough stage. Then **Junior Farm** they will germinate less than 50%, and seeds are not scattered about the field so much. This is earlier than Bureau alfalfa should be cut. The next cut-(Continued from page 1) ting of alfalfa should be allowed to

WELCOME TO THE CIRCLE! reach approximately the full bloom We've another addition to the famstage in order to prevent injury to ily! The Bartlett home south of Allen in Hillsdale county was the scene of the election of officers for a new group. Wm. Moore, president; Guy Hill, vice-president; Evelyn Donehue, publicity chairman and Alice May With a grasshopper infestation that Wells, secretary-treasurer. Our State may prove more serious than any President, Lloyd Ruesink and Med-

ford Pfeister of Adrian were present steps are being taken to catch up early to explain the aims and purposes of with the young hoppers with poison the Jr. Farm Bureau. pait. Advice from the United States A group led by Ivan Kurrle has Department of Agriculture indicates been meeting lately in Shiawassee that farmers in Michigan had better county. They plan to organize a Jr. stick to poison baits. Reports from states farther west had indicated that Farm Bureau soon.

CANDID AND OTHERWISE "Here Comes Charlie" was the play

able of protecting other crops by poisoning and controlling grasshoppers. that netted Montague Jr. Farm Bur-The federal department has tested out eau actors \$100.00. the theory and claims that castor bean The schedule for the recreation plants are not the answer to the farmleague is almost ready. It calls for

inter-county contests, softball for the boys, volley ball for the girls. All strangle holds are barred.

Kalamazoo and St. Joe groups got together in Max Hayward's barn loft. When noses were counted between

MICHIGAN FARM NEWS

Junior Players Do Well Over National Hook-up

Farm & Home Audiences Everywhere

You thought very well of the Mich- the room were sound proof balconies. gan Junior Farm Bureau's broadcast At the front of the room, to the right So did listeners throughout the From the left side of the stage jutted nation.

From many states, the National Boardcasting Company has had letters praising the dramatization of Willow Valley Junior Farm Bureau activities. They praised the players, and they cast the orchestra director had one praised the kind of an organization hey have in the Junior Farm Bureau. Finally, the National Broadcasting Company's program director and his tain sections of the orchestra at times,

thought very well indeed of the Michigan Junior Farm Bureau radio play, and the excellent performance given before the microphone in a big-time studio.

National Broadcast Experience The young people had participated n 20 radio plays over Station WKAR at State College under direction of Don Buell of the college speech dep't. strength to build and maintain in They had had several hours rehearsal under his direction for the April 9 show

At Chicago on the Saturday morn-(1) Cutting alfalfa twice instead esting, progressive group. Their pro- ing of the broadcast, they had three more hours of rehearsal in the National Broadcasting Co. studio in the Merchandise Mart building under direction of the NBC staff. Their hour length program was timed by stop watch for each paragraph of the scrip,

program director handled the re- Borghart. hearsals from a sound proof booth.

Stuttgart, Ark,-A fine group of the Wheel young people. We have nothing here (Continued from page 1) THINK IT OVER. to compare with your organization. Wm. Hagan. Wibant, Mont .-- It was music to room about 50 by 100 feet, with a 30 hear all those young voices. . . . I am foot ceiling. There were seats for an old woman, raised in Saginaw

service to 250 young people of this

200 persons. Around three sides of county. Mrs. Hugh Lockray. Kingston, Pa .- If this is typical of the work you are carrying on, please

> Woodlawn, Md .- Well planned. I have never heard its like. Dorothy

hand signals, facial expression, and formation to inspire people here. Mrs. ing. \$1,310; unskilled labor, \$795;

faded it, and got other effects he Mr. and Mrs. Frank Overhiser.

Bureau; Helen Shanahan and Ruth Caroline Burney. Shueller of the Isabella Jr. F. B.; Margaret Runzel, Francis and Henry Ranthum, and J. M. Chapman of the Muskegon Jr. F. B.; Gerhart Gettle of enawee Jr. F. B.; Marvin Osborn,

college, and Ben Hennink, director of he Junior Farm Bureau. Notes From the Audience

Excerpts from letters:

He heard the rehearsal by loud speak- like to borrow the script. A great American Farm Bureau Federation. ing only 1.3 cents for each loaded car.



community. D. S. Finkelstein.

GUESS WHO'S LAST Doctors, with an annual average income of \$4,850, were the best-paid professional class in America from

1920 to 1936, a recent survey disclosed. Lawyers, the second best paid group, averaged \$4,370 and engineers \$4,410, according to Harold F. Clark, professor of educational economics at Columbia university, who conducted the survey.

Behind

THREE

Average income in other fields:

Dentistry, \$4,170; architecture, \$3,-Grafton, W. Va,-I believe this type \$20; college teaching, \$3,050; journalof young people will be the leaders of ism, \$2,120; library work, \$2,020; ministry, \$1,980; skilled trades, \$1,430; Ada, Ohio-I should like more in public school teaching, \$1,350; nursfarming, \$580; farm labor, \$495.

SURPLUS?

Vern H, Church, senior statistican for the state co-operative crop reporting service, said recently:

"The Michigan farmer receives an average of 7 per cent less for each item of his crop than a year ago, and pays 1 per cent more for the things

Church cited higher wages to farm machinery, and other equipment as

commented.

Chicago, III .- The program you put Claims resulting from robbery of wound effect, orchestration. The NBC was much interested. George E. on was a great radio success. I don't freight paid by the railroads of the recall when we have had so many United States and Canada in 1937 Jamaica, L. I., N. Y .- We should enthusiastic letters. John Lacey, were the smallest on record, averag-

Kalamazoo Jr. F. B.; Don Buell, State good. Jule F. Talley.

stepped up the pace of the program, in your Junior Farm Bureau work. The Players

over the National Farm and Home of the stage, sat a 17 piece orchestra. send be a copy of your program, Law-

rence Lambert.

Avendorf.

tomorrow. Mabel B. Peters.

Bath, N. Y .- Interested very much

The Michigan Junior Farm Bureau mensely. Mrs. Victor Fulton.

Pawhuska, Okla .-- We enjoyed your Junior Farm Bureau program im-Rome, Georgia-Am glad to commend your splendid program today. he buys."

Mexican border. About 90% of neigh-

Palo Alto, Calif .--- I found your pro-

lavy, Stanford University, Fairfield, Vermont-It was very in

Alice, Texas-Here I am on the hands, higher cost of paint, fencing, bors are Mexicans and mighty good items the farmer should compute as he Huron group; Lloyd Ruesink, neighbors. I got the latter part of additional overhead, yet cannot beyour broadcast and it did my soul cause he has too much produce to sell

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es and square dances there wer enced maids, all business needs men 73 present. with executive ability.

Berrien will hold a hay loft party Hard Work Makes Success May 21st. This group is also plan-Even with the great hordes of peo- ning a canning plant rally at Coloma. ple out of work, there's still places Lloyd Ruesink was elected vice. going without necessary help just be- president of the student section, and cause the right kind is not available. Ben Hennink vice president of the We've made a bad mess of life itself senior section of the Michigan Counby thinking too much of getting away ty Life Association at their recent from hard work and kidding our- meeting.

selves in thinking that the best is "The house across the street" is none too good for us. We will move the place where Ben has his office heaven and earth to prevent our chil- now. Jack Yaeger and the Farm Burdren having the hard struggle we had eau organization department are to the right. The Fruit Products is up-Every class has contributed a share stairs. There's a large parking lot to these times we are now experienc- in the rear of "The house across the ing. We cannot truthfully place the street".

blame entirely on the other fellow, An M. S. C. picnic spot with a grove but if each class would attend to its of white pine trees was the scene of own business, I believe affairs would a wiener roast preceded by a canoesoon straighten out. Labor and in- ing trip on the Red Cedar. About 30 dustry could solve their differences of the studious Jr. Farm Bureauites if each would do what is just and fair showed up in bright spring outfits. to both and the farmer could be Our Jr. Farm Bureau director, Ben master of his own craft if he but Hennink, has been inviting everyone to visit his new home in East Lansing. The Livingston Jr. Farm Bureau came in on Ben in a body. The group came as he was gardening, and with honest sweat upon his brow. He was presented with a hybrid lilac shrub which promises to be one of rare olossoming beauty. Ben countered COATIN by inviting the guests in for games

ollowed by ice cream and cake. L. D. Marshall, re-asserted himself as champion for quantity stowed away. No one was even a close second. We are sorry to hear Grace Moore's ill fortune. The peppy girl from

electric current deposits the zinc-atom by atom-as Quincy lost her home by fire lately. the wire goes through a solution. It just isn't possible Her Jr. Farm Bureau records went up in smoke as did other property.

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sufficient amount of the plant food County Farm Bureaus have reported spring membership campaigns add- necessary to grow corn. ing over 2,000 farm families to the roll. Out of the 43 organized county seed that is best adapted to your local Farm Bureaus in Michigan, 26 have completed spring campaigns. Four conditions. others are under way at the present and treat it with a mercury dust to time.

The counties that have completed guard it against disease 5. Use an accurate planter. their campaign and the number of 6. Follow an effective system of culnew families added are as follows: Berrien 261, Washtenaw 237, Sagi- livation.

7. Use dependable harvesting equip-Hillsdale 101, Ingham 70; Shiawassee ment to cut down your costs and get naw 205, Van Buren 125, Lapeer 109, 68, Kalamazoo 67, Sanllac 65, Barry your corn harvested when it is in the Ionia 61*, Cass 58, Gratiot 53, best condition. 8. Provide yourself with adequate Isabella 50, Northwest Michigan 50*, St. Clair 44, Jackson 43*, Bay 40, Tus- storage facilities, thus protecting your cola 34, Livingston 31°, St. Joseph 29, crop from weather and from rats and Lenawee 28, Oakland 25, Missaukee mice.

22, Huron 15, miscellaneous 73. The four counties having member- Pasture Cheapest ship campaigns at the present time are Oceana, Newaygo, Muskegon and Source of Feed Ottawa. Countles planning fall campaigns include Ottawa, Emmett, Alle- dairyman comes from pasture grasses gan, Eaton, Calhoun, Branch, Genesee so it is shown by the U. S. Department and Monroe.

*Reports incomplete.

New Weed Pest

out more desirable alfalfa in hay fields and oats \$2.02. and pastures, can be controlled, where

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MICHIGAN FARM NEWS

Credit

for co-operatives

How Canneries, Elevators, Creameries, Livestock, Insurance and Tractor Organizations Use Funds From the St. Paul Bank for Co-operatives.

By RALPH L. HARMON Farm Credit Administration of St. Paul

LMOST as varied as Michigan's agricultural enterprises, A are the uses to which various farmers' organizations are

putting the funds they borrow from the St. Paul Bank for Co-operatives. Loans outstanding to farmer co-operatives in Michigan on January 1 this year amounted to \$1,880,000.

This aggregate sum is financing co-operatives handling general farm supplies, such as feed, seed, fertilizer, spray materials twine and wire; co-ops packing fruits and vegetables grown by their members; other engaged in selling beets to the sugar factories; co-operatves buying and selling small grains and beans or turning milk and eream into butter. ice cream, milk powder, cheese and other products; co-ops supplying hail insurance, marketing livestock, manufacturing tractors.

Three Types Used in Michigan Jlars. Whether large or small, it is a Not only are these varied farm in- firm policy of the bank to know the would be wiser to use its capital in lustries being financed, but every type repayment program is definitely work- buying material and paying for distri

of loan the bank is organized to furn- ed out by the borrowing co-operative bution of the much needed tractors ish is being used by farmers' co- and that past performance in business rather than to invest it in a plant at operatives in Michigan on a scale gives evidence that the co-op will be this time. Satisfactory arrangements that is increasing year by year. Long willing and able to make the pay. were made with the manufacturers term "facility loans" are being used ments. Where operations and associby elevators, creameries and fruit ation policies are such as to justify company is manufacturing tractors packing plants to build additions, put a modification of this plan the bank that are plowing the fields of Michin machinery, enlarge and modernize sometimes grants additional loans Igan, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Kansas their plants. "Operating capital" loans during the season. This is not a uni- the Dakotas and Montana, as well as are providing funds for co-operatives versal policy of the bank, but the fact other states of the nearer northwest. to advance thousands of farmers the that it can be done under certain confirst returns on their marketed prod- ditions illustrates the bank's flexibilucts and pay for the labor and ity, the way in which it can readily of the depression of 1920-21 by setting material used in co-operative plants; adapt itself to the needs of co-opera- up plants to handle surplus milk

while "commodity loans" are helping tives. to regulate the flow of finished farm products onto the market through cooperative channels so as to realize of marketable commodities on hand dozen years when they decided the most for producers. Facility loans, secured by notes creameries, sometimes obtain a third expand their operations.

and first mortgages on the projects financed are furnished to farmers' cooperatives at 4 per cent a year, and under certain circumstances may be made for periods of several years.

Like Repayment Plan Usually this type of loan is made repayable on a monthly basis out of the income from the operations of the co-operative. Interest is payable every three months. This method of repayment is convenient and meets with the cordial approval of sound, progressive co-operatives, since the size of payments goes up or down according to the current income of the organization. Sometimes deductions are made of a certain small percentage of the monthly turnover, sometimes they are made on a unit basisso much per head of livestock marketed, so much per bushel of grain handled, so much per case of canned



Facility loans enable elevators to install needed machinery, enlarge and modernize their plants to serve farmers better.

coods sold. Farmers' co-operatives type of loan from the bank for co-opera- | Co-op Funds Help Dairymen

waing, and Standish, some of them

Starting with a small loan in 1936,

this co-operative has been able to

make good use of funds from the

bank for co-operatives both for carry-

ing on its operations and for expand-

ing its facilities to produce more and

better products from milk. The com-

pany had previously had a loan from

the Federal Farm board before the

Farm Credit Administration was

formed with its special division em-

The loan had been nearly paid off

when the St. Paul Bank for Co-opera-

tives began operations late in 1933,

and the balance was transferred to

the bank. Then followed other loans

and at one time this dairy co-operative

had a commitment of \$100,000. The

bracing the banks for co-operatives.

SATURDAY, MAY 7, 1988

it had been doing business on a sound ance of these expenses with a "facility basis for all those years. Its losses loan" from the bank for co-operatives were met promptly and its policy at 4 per cent and also obtained a subholders were prompt in paying their stantial "working capital loan" to enpremiums. The company operates on able it to pay cash to farmers for the principle of making assessments their wheat, oats, beans and barley according to the losses already sus- as they hauled it in. The elevator tained, but in order to meet heavy also handles various staple commodlosses coming close together it had ities for its members. Monthly rebeen customary for the company to payments are being made on the basis borrow from banks the funds needed, of a small percentage on the gross and to repay these loans out of its sales of merchandise, small grains and beans. premiums later.

Help Livestock Marketing Following the severe and widepread hail storms of 1936 the com- The Michigan Livestock exchange pany needed a large amount of cash of Hudson, Michigan, needed funds within a short period of time, and it two years ago for expanding its operaapplied to the St. Paul Bank for Co- tions and to refinance on more favoperatives for an "operating capital orable terms a loan it had negotiated loan". A commitment of \$100,000 was previously. The St. Paul Bank for made, after analysis of the company's Co-operatives approved the necessary history and methods, but this amount loans and has continued to finance it

in St. Paul, because the plant is with was never all needed, as premiums up to the present time. The associain the area served by the St. Paul were paid in such volume that they tion's working capital together with bank, and as a result a commitment went a long way towards meeting cur- the capital obtained from the bank is was made. The commitment followed rent losses. The loan from the bank used for the purpose of marketing an analysis of the financial stability for co-operatives is being repaid on livestock in the Detroit and other and business operations of the coa monthly basis at the rate of one- terminal markets. Funds are also operatives that owned the common half of the premiums received. The used to assist the association in stock in the manufacturing company, company is paying interest at the purchasing and distributing feeding as well as the operating plans of the rate of 3 per cent and reducing this cattle and sheep to its farmer members new company itself. The analysis item every 30 days, as the bank in all parts of Michigan. showed that the stockholding co-ops

charges interest only on outstanding had been conducting paying and servalances iceable businesses along well ap-Grain Trade Uses Co-op Funds proved lines for their thousands of When the Chesaning Farmers Ele- Crops as 'Conserving' nembers living in the region lying between the Ohio river and the Rocky

nountains. Benefits Reach Many States The loan was for operating purposes, as the company thought it

vator company had a disastrous fire Seed may be harvested from any of bout 3 years ago that destroyed its the conserving crops such as clover or entire plant it had to rebuild. Its alfalfa, and the acreage still will be first loans for this purpose were made considered nondepleting under the from other sources, but later the ele- terms of the 1938 AAA program, the vator refinanced the remaining bal- AAA has ruled.

AAA Classifies Seed



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From a Corn State

damental rules.

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has a few corn planting pointers which

A good crop of any kind of corn is

only produced by following eight fun-

1. Be sure that your soil has a

2. Prepare the seed bed with care.

3. Select the strain or variety of

4. Test your seed for germination

Downy brome, a grass that crowds clover hay 97 cents, corn silage \$1.50,



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in Michigan had facility loans of tives, the security for which is a lien The Michigan Products Dairy com \$431,000 outstanding at the beginning on their stored products. These so- pany with headquarters at Adrian has called "commodity loans", because of developed a far-flung outlet for vari-In addition to making facility loans the quick assets back of them and the ous products. Ice cream mix, milk of this year.

"Commodity Loans"

for expansion of marketing opera- ample margin for safety between the powder, cheese, and special products itons or manufacturing, the bank for amount of the loan and the current used by some of the nationally known co-operatives makes the same kind of market value of the pledged commod- candy makers are produced in its loans to help co-operatives refinance ities, draw an interest rate of only modern plant at Adrian. The company also has other plants at Imlay past improvements that are not yet 2 per cent. City, Kawkawlin, North Adams, Sebe-

paid for, on which they may be pay- In order to enjoy this low rate the pledged commodities must be stored Operating Capital, Chief Demand in a bonded warehouse and the bank doing a limited processing business, ing a higher rate of interest. Operating capital, however, is an must have warehouse receipts, bills ven more urgent need of many of the of lading or other title documents active co-operatives of the state. indicating the quantity and grade of When the cherry crop begins to move the commodity. Such loans are genearly in the summer there are hun- erally made on a basis not exceeding dreds of cooperative cherry growers 60 to 65 per cent of the current marwho must have advances on their ket value. Repayment is made when fruit as soon as it is delivered to the the products are sold. Seldom is recanneries. Then follow the later payment delayed beyond the season fruits and vegetables. Heavy demands for marketing the particular product for ready cash are made on such co- -although the flexibility of the operatives and many of them have bank's methods again comes into play not cash balances in banks large here. Sometimes the bank lets the enough to meet the sudden peak de- loan stand and permits a co-operative mand. It is then they apply to the to hold its product off a flooded or bank for co-operatives for finances to depressed market until such time tide them over the fruit marketing as the market will absorb the product season-or rather they have usually at normal and reasonable prices. completed their arrangements well in For Orderly Marketing-Not Speculation advance of the need. Dairy co-ops

commitment at the beginning of 1938 This leniency, however, does not need cans, butter tubs, salt, bags for was about equally divided between packing their milk powder; canneries extend to permitting any co-operative a facility loan and an operating capineed to overhaul their plants and put to "speculate" on co-op bank financ- tal loan, and the company is steadily in supplies of various kinds; an insur- ing but is administered so as to pro- reducing these with payments from mote "orderly marketing". It has its monthly income. ance co-operative may need certain

sums to pay losses before assess- happened in Michigan that producers Another cooperative whose financhave received substantially more for ing through the bank has touched the ments are all in hand. Loans for these purposes are called their products than they would have affairs of more than 20,000 Michigan 'operating capital loans". The inter- received if their co-op had been forced farmers is that made to the Michigan est rate is at present 3 per cent a to sell at a time when there was a Mutual Hail Insurance company with year. The rate is lower than for facil- slack demand for its product in order headquarters in Lansing. The loan ity loans because these loans are to pay off its loan. The total volume to this organization illustrates a type more liquid and are paid up sooner. of commodity loans outstanding in of service that was not provided when Operating capital loans often run for only a few months and are generally somewhat over \$247,000 and repre-ginning it was felt that a co-operative paid in full at the close of the season sented the products of canneries and bank would be chiefly useful in finance or soon after, the funds thus returned grain elevators. ing and refinancing cooperatives that to the bank being placed in readiness Manufacture of Tractors Financed needed such facilities as elevators, to lend to other co-operatives. Two-One of the most interesting loans manufacturing plants, warehouses, thirds of all the funds loaned to Mich-

made last year by the St. Paul Bank machinery, or were engaged in marigan co-operatives and outstanding at for Co-operatives was to help in the keting farm products. Later the functhe beginning of this year were the 3 co-operative manufacture and distri- tions of the bank were extended so it per cent "working capital loans", the bution of tractors. Co-operative could make loans to various sorts of amount being over \$1,200,000. wholesale organizations in Missouri, farmer "service organizations", such Borrowers Both Big and Little Indiana and Minnesota as well as as mutual fire and hall insurance Among the borrowers of this type Michigan had been working together companies, irrigation or telephone as-

of loan are the Farm Bureau Services and pooling orders for farm tractors sociations. of Lansing, the Co-operative Manufac- which were being made to their speci- Co-op Funds Pay Hail Losses turing company of Battle Creek, the fications in a machinery manufactur- The Michigan Mutual Hail Insur-Growers Packing company of ing plant at Battle Creek. For vari- ance company was started in 1911 and City, and the Michigan Ele- ous reasons the co-operatives decided gradually broadened its service until they would like to put this growing it is now protecting the property and xchange, Lansing. ver, it is not only the large business on a firmer cooperative basis, crops of 20,000 farmers throughout tives that find the bank help- and so they organized the Co-opera- the state. It has paid losses of more financing their operations. tive Manufacturing company with its than \$1,000,000. Of course a mutual re many co-ops whose loans managing office at Battle Creek, al- insurance company has no need for a few thousand dollars each, though the officers representing the very much property, and as a rule e of them have now paid back different participating organizations it has no great amount of capital on borrowings until on January live in different states. hand at any one time. But the finany owed but a few hundred dol- Application was made to the bank cial record of this company indicated



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MICHIGAN FARM NEWS

Nearly 12,000 Families in the Farm Bureau An average of 300,000 illegal train iders and other trespassers were jected monthly from railroad proprty in 1937. Approxi-mately 600,000 passengers two thousand new members this spring

If all the families making up the Michigan State Farm Bureau were to congregate at one place, it would mean the setting up of a temporary city the size of Battle Creek or Kalamazoo. Nearly 12,000 families represent in the neighborhood of 50,000 men, women and children.

Most of them live in the southern half of the lower peninsula, and are represented by 43 County Farm Bureaus. Having strong programs in rural communities, these people are a much greater influence in the state than are the citizens of any city in the state, hardly excepting Detroit. They are centers of influence in a thousand communities.

On April 25 there were 11,587 Farm Bureau families. Most of them take an active interest in farm and public affairs, local, state and national. Farm Bureau groups work together and thus multiply their strength. Since 1920 they have helped write new highway, school and other tax laws that have equalized and thereby lightened farmers' taxes. Farm Bureau members own a general seeds and farm supplies business that has become the backbone of farmers' cooperative merchandising enterprises in Michigan.

Farmers watch with interest the works of the Farm Bureau. A measure of that interest was taken this spring when 2,000 more families become members.

MEMBERSHIP BY FAMILIES IN THE MICHIGAN STATE FARM BUREAU

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Barry	Emmet 36	Jackson
Bay	Genesee	Kalamazoo
Branch	Gratiot	
Berrien	Hillsdale	Kent
Calhoun	Huron	Lapeer
Cass	Ionia	Livingston
Clinton	Ingham	Lenawee

costly at any price. However, Uncle

Sam buys and buys and buys, or at

least permits the importation of

burdensome surplus of our own. What

is the use of asking the American

farmer to reduce his planted acreage

if the harvest decrease will be more

than offset by foreign imports?, Logi-

cally, then, the American farmer

would be compelled to reduce his pro-

foreign goods long after we have a Unionville, Mich.

Tuscola County

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Mason County

communities where farm labor is

telephone service at rates compar-

Michigan State Farm Bureau:

history and civil government.

able to farmers' means.

A Farm Program For My Legislator

Farm Bureau Members Ex- he has no need of an article, it is too press Their Views on What Is Needed

The Farm Bureau legislative dep't in our June 4 editition will an-nounce the three prize winning letters on the subject "A Farm Program for My Legislator." We are publisding these letters in our May and June numbers.

Tuscola County

duction until he would have no in-Michigan State Farm Bureau: Nationally, I have but one suggescome at all. tion to offer as a farm platform for For our State farm platform, my legislator: American markets for would suggest: American agriculture. Normal tariff 1. Shorter and more active sessions rates with definite and enforced allot- of the legislature. Increase salaries ments for the various foreign coun- of our legislators. I believe long, tries. Quotas must be established to drawn out sessions at \$3 per day sallet American farmers produce norm- aries does everything but encourage ally. If American agriculture pro- good legislation. 2. Build one way traffic highways duces enough or more than our markets demand, then foreign limitations for all main throughfares. should go into effect. 3. A prohibitive tax on oleo and

Every business concern, every butter substitutes. housewife, and every farmer buys 4. Strict inspection of all dairy what he can use or dispose of. Be- barns and equipment where milk or yond that he doesn't buy, because if dairy products are produced for human

consumption. 5. An amendment to our seed taggasoline tax. ging law which would include the bulk of seed grains now sold for seed

..... 39

purposes but not termed seeds. They are sold without tag. The buyer legislature. Favor civil service to do service." should be protected.

away with spoils system. 6. Sound economy in the admini-7. Favor REA. Stop all building stration of our state government. of spite lines. Favor as nearly uni-JESSE E. TREIBER

form electric rates as possible. 8. State supervision of weed control measures. Need legislation to control spread of contagious diseases

Macomb 38

Missaukee 91

in animals. 9. Favor local administration My farm platform for my legislaof welfare. Oppose centralization in government. 1. Curtailment of relief funds in

10. Oppose tax on oleo which is unfair to consumer, but compel oleo

industry to discontinue false and un-2. No compulsory consolidation of fair advertising. rural schools. Stress practical sub-11. Keep vocational education in jects in the schools, with a thorough

the high schools. groundwork of Michigan and U. S. 12. Favor Ohio-Indiana-Michigan police system blockade, and favor

3. Promote rural electrification and strict rules for paroles, pardons, etc. HARRY MARTOLOCK Palmyra, Mich.

4. Seek better distribution of farm Lenawee Junior Farm Bureau, products rather than crop curtail- Lenawee County

5. Automobile license for the life 6. Eliminate real estate tax on

farm property. can work out their own problems in 7. Fewer government officials, and the production of food and fiber, but reduce cost of state and federal gov- as soon as they go out the front gate

Muskegon County Michigan State Farm Bureau: The farmer and his wife and family

on the road to market, they encount-8. Legislation for less expensive | er problems they are helple

Some of our greatest problems are

taxation, transportation, and distribu-

tion. Also the importation of farm

products, and substitutes which often

force farm prices below the cost of

S. D. MCNITT

single handed.

production.

highways. Finance highways from National Wool Marketing Corporation Pullman cars formerly were mountand its member agencies, of which the ed on wheels having a steel rim and 5. Favor consolidation of rural Michigan Co-operative Wool Market- sides with a core consisting of baked schools, but not make it compulsory. ing Association of Lansing, Michigan, strawboard paper. Increasing weight 6. Oppose unicameral or one house is one, stand ready to offer just that of cars, however, brought about the installation of solid steel wheels.

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settlement of estates. 9. Legislation to set major prices for farm machinery. G. PEARL DARR Sauble River Community Farm Bureau, Mason County

Barry County Michigan State Farm Bureau: I submit the following farm platform for my legislator:

1. Leave the sales tax on where it is for the time being. 2. Rural school consolidations should not be forced.

3. The discontinuance of the 7th and 8th grades, or either of these grades must not be made compulsory

in order that state aid be received for transportation of rural high school students. 4. No return to the property tax

pounds less than the corresponding for road purposes. 5. Forbid spite lines in rural power figure for a year ago. Another favorable factor is the line construction.

6. Easy installment buying should be curbed. 7. Tax oleo. MRS. CLAUDE R. HOFFMAN.

Dowling, Mich. Barry County Lenawee County

Michigan State Farm Bureau:

for the first 4 months of 1938 amounted to less than 4,000,000 pounds, which contrasted strikingly with imports of 95,167,000 pounds for the corresponding 4 months of 1937. There is little likelihood of our experiencing much competition with foreign wool as long as domestic prices continue

My farm platform for my legisla- so far below importing parity. A better tone in the wool market at

1. More strict regulation of liquor Boston is reported by C. J. Fawcett, sales; restrict beer gardens to cities General Manager of the National Wool and towns having organized police Marketing Corporation. Summing up protection and zoning laws: forbid an analysis of market conditions, he sale on liquor on premises on which concludes "we hold very strongely to a public dance hall is located; close the opinion that the man who refuses beer gardens at midnight. to sell at present prices and permits 2. Urge uniform traffic laws and the marketing of his wool in an ordermore restricted speed zones. ly fashion as the demand increases, 3. Lifetime license tag for each having it sold by trained salesmen, automobile. will be the man who receives the 4. No return to property tax for most out of his wool this year. The





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President, Muskegon County Farm Bureau, Ravenna, Mich.

Wool Receipts Ahead of Other Seasons (Continued from page 1) been kept which dates back to June,

1934, and the total held constitutes

less than a two months supply under

normal operations. On a scoured

basis total stocks in the hands of man-

ufacturers and dealers were 11,000,000

drastic decline in wool imports which

Seed Corn Information

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From the Seed Dep't. Farm Bureau Services, Lansing, Mich. HUSKING CORN M.A.C .- Grown near Bay City. Adapted to Bay City region and all territory south and west. GOLDEN GLOW-Adapted to south central and western Michigan. PICKETT'S YELLOW DENT-Adapted to south central Michigan. FERDEN'S YELLOW DENT-Adapted to south central Michigan. POLAR DENT-Adapted to south and and southwestern Michigan. For very early plantings. Not affected by spring frosts. DUNCAN YELLOW DENT-Adapted to southern and central Michigan. For any heavy type soil. WHITE CAP-A white capped, light yellow dent. For southern and central Michigan, and any heavy

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IMPROVED LEAMING-More grain in ensilage.

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with less grain. IMPROVED RED COB-A larger

variety of Red Cob.

EUREKA ENSILAGE-A large succulent corn.

1938 Pasture Calendar

From Farm Crops Dep't. Michigan State College

May 1-25 State pasturing alfalfa. Hold to 8-12 inch growth throughout summer or pasture off completely by July 5. Turn on 2nd year sweet clover when 8 inches high. Pasture closely as long as it lasts.

May 20-June 15 Sow Sudan grass.

Mid-June into July Start pasturing oats any time from § inch growth to heading. Graze off completely.

July into September Pasture Sudan grass. Never pasture unless at least a foot high when stock is turned in

July 1-September 1 Pasture 2nd growth alfalfa, September 1

Stop pasturing heavily-grazed alfalfa for 6 weeks.

Pasture 3rd growth alfalfa from hay meadows moderately. Sow rye, or rye and vetch for late fall and early spring pasture.

October 15

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1938 Forage Crop Suggestions

The Michigan State College farm crops department has prepared the following suggestions for 1938 seedings which may be made with reasonable economy and which will prove adequate for a very wide range of Michigan conditions.

Alfalfa

1. For well-drained soils on which winter-killing of alfalfa is infrequent: alfalfa 8 pounds per acre.

2. For soils on which alfalfa is moderately subject to heaving: alfalfa 7 pounds per acre; timothy 3 pounds per acre.

Mixtures

3. For moderately acid soils variable in character: red clover, 5 pounds per acre; alsike, 2 pounds per acre; timothy, 5 pounds per acre.

4. For uneven soils, in part poorly drained: alfalfa, 5 pounds per acre; alsike, 2 pounds per acre; timothy, 5 pounds per acre.

5. For meadows intended to be used at least in part, for pasture (a) when seeded without a nurse crop: alfalfa, 8 pounds per acre; smooth brome grass, 7 pounds per acre. (b) When brome grass is seeded through drill box with oats or barley insuring better distribution of this seed: alfalfa, 8 pounds per acre; smooth brome grass, 5 pounds per acre.

For Muck Soils 6. For muck soils that have been cultivated: this forage crop mixture: timothy 4 pounds, Kentucky blue grass 4 pounds, aslike 2 pounds per acre.

7. For sour muck soils: Reed's canary grass 5 pounds, timothy or red top 3 pounds per acre.

Peony Exposition at Lansing, June 18-19

The Michigan Horticultural Society, Florists Association, Farm and Garden Clubs and peony clubs are sponsoring an international peony exhibition at the boys vocational school field house June 18 and 19. Paul Krone at the Michigan State College, East Lansing, is secretary. Exhibitors should communicate with him.



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