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Bureau Asks Members to 20th Annual Meeting Farm

Behind the Wheel

With J. F. Yaeger, Director of Membership Relations

STATE COLLEGE

In its short course program, Michigan State College is more nearly ary at the annual convention in Chicarrying out the objectives of the cago, December 4-7. Federation officfounders of the institution than in jals are expecting one of the largest any other project. At least so say crowds ever to attend an annual meeta number of people interested in this ing of the organization. program.

I had occasion recently to discuss assistant to Ralph Tenny, director of short courses at the college. It's and discuss with them and their parents the matter of putting into practice some of the practical ideas gain-



J.F.YAEGER

agricultural agents and rural leaders. every indication that they will prove He is a busy man.

DEER HEADACHES

O'Neal Will Start It I had heard much about the deer President Edward A. O'Neal of the and the opportunity last week end to Federation will open the convention see for myself just how the deer of proper on Tuesday morning with his Oscoda county are eating the farm-ers out of house and home. I mean line the philosophy which has actu-that I saw 20 and the same line the philosophy which has actuthat. I saw a 20 acre field of alfalfa ated the policies of the Federation from which neither hay nor seed had from the beginning right down to the been secured for three years because present, and discuss the changing the deer have not permitted the crop trends in agriculture which have callto get more then a couple inches ed for a shift in method of attack on above ground. I saw a 10-acre tur- the farm problem from time to time. nip field on the farm of Milton Rog- None in America is better fitted to do ers near Fairview in which the crop this than President O'Neal, for he has had been completely eaten up in two been closely identified with the work weeks. I tried to find a whole turnip of the organization almost from the eginning. He has represented the in the 10 acres and, found not over a dozen such. The ground was Federation in working with Congress churned up as though a drove of hogs for 15 years; he has led the organization as President for eight years, and had been turned loose there. I saw a wheat field, seeded to al- he was vice-president and chairman falfa, in which one could not put of the Resolutions Committee for down his hand any place without many years before assuming the prestouching a deer track. A field of idency. Hull at Banquet corn was eaten and trampled as though a herd of hogs had been turn- Secretary of State Cordell Hull has ed in to hog-off the corn. It is be- indicated that he will be pleased to yond all understanding. I wouldn't accept an invitation to speak at the have believed it if someone had told banquet on Tuesday evening, national me without my seeing it. For three affairs permitting. The state of war years, Farmer Rogers hasn't secured existing abroad, the fight on the neua decent crop of any kind off his trality bill, and the ever-present danger of the United States becoming infarm. And the deer are moving south in volved in the conflict are all factors droves. I visited the Ted Bartow which will add tremendously to the farm near Mio and saw many similar public interest in Secretary Hull's things. There a foundation, put in in probable appearance at the conventhe winter and salt added to keep the tion. This quiet Tennessean, through concrete from freezing, was almost his never-wavering devotion to prinundermined and broken up by deer ciple, became one of the outstanding hungry for salt. I saw herds of 30 men in the national administration. or more deer in one field. We chas- Everybody realizes, of course, that ed them out only to have them re- Mr. Hull's acceptance will be continturn in 20 minutes. gent upon the trend of events abroad, I saw areas surrounded by barb but Federation officials are of the opinwire and electric fence but the deer ion that he would not accept the ineither went through or over it. Some vitation tentatively unless there is of the fence was eight feet high. very good chance of his making the Even where the barbed strands were trip to Chicago, and so they are conas close as eight inches, the deer fident that he will appear. still forced their way through even Wallace on Farm Bureau though the barbs tore their hides Secretary of Agriculture Henry A. and the electric charges were tre- Wallace will be on the program on mendous. Tuesday also. Mr. Wallace has with-How the farmers in those areas expect much longer to exist is be-veloping a real agricultural policy for yond my understanding. this nation than any man who has Recently I attended a meeting of held the agricultural portfolio in the Farm Bureau leaders in Indianapolis, Indiana, Governor Clifford Townsend of that state addressed the well established after court fights, gathering. Said the Governor, "I misunderstandings, administrative difwould like to see all people organized. ficulties and the troubles that are When I talk to the representative of an organized group, I know that he is expressing the wishes of a lot of of government. Although a federal people and not just the opinion of program for agriculture is beginning one person. People must be organ. to be generally accepted as a permaized if they expect to act effectively. nent feature of government, still there are fundamental questions still to be I like to work with organized groups and particularly with Farm Bureau answered concerning it, and there are grave problems still to be worked out. groups.' But then it isn't odd that Gov. Secretary Wallace will discuss some ernor Townsend should express him. of these problems, and what he has to self so. You see the Governor was say will be of great interest to every includes William Striker and Frank Adrian Honored For organization director of the Indiana farmer in the country. Gregory is a Veteran Farm Bureau before he became gov-Returning again to the strictly ernor. Farm Bureau phases of the conven- Cost of Feed

NATION'S LEADERS SPEAK TO AFBF AT CHICAGO

Cordell Hull and Henry Wallace, Sen. Capper, Marvin Jones Head the List

The American Farm Bureau Federation will celebrate its 20th annivers-

Special recognition will be given to members who were charter members a new portion of the program with of their state Farm Bureau or who Harry S. Wilt who has been named have been members for 20 years. "20-Year-Clubs" have been organized in many counties, and efforts are being Mr. Wilt's job to contact the short course students at their farm homes as many of the old timers as possible make the trip to help celebrate 20 years of Farm Bureau achievement. An amazing number of 20-year members have been found in a number of

counties, and the enthusiasm that has tion. He also ingone into the organization of the 20structs some Year Clubs indicates that maybe the classes during the old timers alone will make up a good winter sessions. sized convention in Chicago.

Secretary R. W. Blackburn of the and enthusiastic Federation reports that every effort go far to making is being made to arrange a program chap and should the work of the in keeping with the occasion. The short course de- commodity conferences which proved partment more so successful last year will again ocvaluable. Since cupy the first day of the meeting. Exhis appointment, he has visited 46 perience gained in arranging last lower Michigan counties, has con- year's conferences has shown the way ferred with hundreds of students and to greatly improved effectiveness in prospective students, with county staging these events, so that there is

even more popular this year than they were last year in New Orleans.

Place of Farm Bureau Annual Meeting, Nov. 9 and 10



MICHIGAN STATE COLLEGE UNION MEMORIAL BUILDING

PROGRAM

20th Annual Meeting Michigan State Farm Bureau

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9

9:30 a. m. Annual business meeting of the Michigan State Farm Bureau convenes at the Union Memorial Building, State College. Ample parking facilities nearby.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS JAMES J. JAKWAY

REPORT, EXECUTIVE SEC'Y CLARK L. BRODY

1:30 p. m. MEMBERSHIP.....J. F. YAEGER Director of Membership Relations Dep't

PRESENTATION OF FARM BUREAU RESOLUTIONS

Thursday Evening

6:45 p. m. 15th annual dinner and old time dancing party of the State Farm Bureau at the Union Memorial

At State College November 9 and 10

Two Day Program of Business and Entertain. ment Includes Good Speakers, Annual Dinner and Social Events

Thursday and Friday, Nov. 9 and 10, are the dates of the 20th anniversary annual meeting of the Michigan State Farm Bureau board of delegates at the Union Memorial Building at Michigan State College, East Lansing.

In the neighborhood of 500 to 600 delegates and visitors are expected from 43 County Farm Bureaus and 136 farmers' co-operative Assn's affiliated with the Farm Bureau. The two day program is published in this edition of the News.

Twenty Years of Work

Twenty years ago at this date the organization had just began to take form. While the State Farm Bureau was organized Feb. 4, 1919, it was not until October 15 of that year that the first of the County Farm Bureau-State Farm Bureau membership campaigns got under way. Oakland county was first. Eventually all but three counties were canvassed.

Twenty years ago the State Farm Bureau organization was largely an organization on paper. But the founders had outlined an organization for farm business services and farm public relations services whose power and influence they hoped would count for something in all parts of the State in every field in which it was to operate. And there were many such fields.

Today the State Farm Bureau is a power and an influence in the several directions indicated by the founders in 1919. The Farm Bureau has an impressive record in constructive farm legislation and in public affairs. It's business in a broad line of Farm Bureau brand farm supplies approaches \$5,000,000 a year or probably an eighth of the farm supplies business of the state. The Farm Bureau's interest in automobile insurance is measured by the fact that it has State Farm Mutual Automobile insurance on more than 47,000 Michigan cars and trucks, most of them owned in rural areas.

The founders of the State Farm Bureau looked forward to an organization that would not only represent Michigan agriculture, but would be a large part of its business life, and a force to be reckoned with. They've got it.

Founders Will Be There

WILLIAM V. DENNIS Mr. Dennis, professor of rural so-lology at the Dennerburge Official sociology at the Pennsylvania State build it in its early years will be at the 20th annual meeting. All who State Farm Bureau at its annual have been members from the early Dates of the annual meetings of

A REAL MEMBER For years there has been no or tion program, Mr. C. V. Gregory, assoganized County Farm Bureau in Man- ciate publisher of Wallace's Farmer istee county. But all through those and Iowa Homestead, has accepted an Advancing feed costs have stimulat- vocational agriculture departments. years Charles P. Keillor and Arlie assignment to sum up the progress ed dairymen to do more rigid culling were honored here the week of Oct. The 20th Anniversary Report of position in the economic life of the and 56.5% of the retail price of chick-Hopkins of Bear Lake have paid their that has been made for agriculture of their herds. This reflected in the 17 at the national convention of the the Michigan State Farm Bureau will nation.

membership dues.

(Continued on Page 2.) (Continued on page 2.) Building. Tickets 75c. President James J. Jakway, presiding.Dean E. L. Anthony TOASTMASTER State CollegeDR. WILLIAM V. DENNIS ADDRESS,. Pennsylvania State College

Old Time Dancing Party

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10

7:30 a. m. Breakfast and program for Farm Bureau women, main dining room, Union Memorial Building.

9:30 a. m. Farm Bureau business meeting at Union Building Consideration of Resolutions Election of Directors New Business Adjournment

JUNIOR FARM BUREAU

Fourth Annual Meeting

Friday, November 10

9:30 a. m. Business sessions at the People's church, East Lansing.

6:30 p. m. Annual dinner of the Junior Farm Bureau, People's Church.

> Junior Farm Bureau Party at State College gymnasium.

> > Rooms

Room reservations for East Lansing or Lansing residences or Lansing hotels should be made early as rooms are in strong demand. The Farm Bureau will be glad to assist you in making reservations. See Membership Relations Dep't promptly on arrival.

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testing ass'n.

W. Sprague and L. H. Sandford.

What Every Driver Must Know

The state milk control board has "What Every Driver Must Know", a created a Battle Creek milk marketing booklet telling in brief form the many area to include the city of Battle changes in the state's new traffic law Creek, Bedford, Penfield, Battle Creek is now ready for distribution by Harry and Emmett townships in Calhoun F. Kelly, Secretary of State.

state.

county, and parts of Ross and Custer Thousands of letters have poured township in Kalamazoo county, and into the Department of State asking for information regarding the new

The control board will presently traffic laws. You may secure one of receive a request that \$2.45 a hundred- these booklets, "What Every Driver weight be set as the minimum price to Must Know", by sending a card or be paid to producers by all dealers for letter to Harry F. Kelly, Secretary of State, Lansing, Michigan.

The county milk board appointed Jones and Farm Bureau members W. **Best FFA Chapter**

The Future Farmers of America chapters which have contributed most to their rural communities surrounding the 10,000 high shools with

dinner Thursday evening, Nov. 9. days will be honored at the state Farm Bureau Services, Inc. Stock-His views on the purpose and future meeting as members of the 20 Year holders, and State Farm Mutual Inof farm organizations and his ability Club. They have been honored at surance Co. agents, have been changas a speaker have brought him be- County Farm Bureau meetings this ed.

for the ensuing year.

mittee itself.

fore the leading farm groups in the summer and fall. nation.



Program Speakers

J. J. JAKWAY

nual meeting of the State Farm Bur- cutive secretary and treasurer. eau Thursday with the president's several sessions.



CLARK L. BRODY

through 20 years of Farm Bureau fact that the cow removal of 524 head Future Farmers at Kansas City. be presented at the opening session -----Mr. Keillor said, "Farmers need an work. Mr. Gregory was one of the was at the highest level for the past In Michigan, the Adrian high of the annual meeting Thursday by report was delivered at the State organization to represent them in delegates to the Ithaca meeting in three month period for Michigan cow school chapter ranks as best in the Mr. Brody as the executive secre- Farm Bureau's annual meeting in must walk to the left, facing traffic. tary and treasurer. His first annual February, 1922.

Farm Bureau Services, Inc. stock-Thursday morning Executive Secre- holders will have their annual meettary Clark L. Brody will make his ing at Lansing, Thursday, Dec, 14. report for the year ending August 31, State Farm Mutual Auto Insur-1939, and will make recommendations ance Co. and State Farm Life Insurance Co: agents will have their The resolutions committee, which annual at the State College Union, will have been in session since Tues- Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 8-9, 1940. day, Nov. 7, will present its recom- For a number of years the two mendations of policy for 1940. The meetings have been held on the Wedreport will be a summary of recom- nesday just preceding the State

mendations made by County Farm Farm Bureau annual meeting. These Bureaus, by County Farm Bureau meetings, together with the Junior committees, by State Farm Bureau Farm Bureau annual meeting on Fricommittees at work during the year, day, have had two annual meetings and studies by the resolutions com- running simultaneously on Wednesday and Friday, with the State Farm The resolutions as completed by Bureau annual starting on Thursday. the board of delegates Thursday and The changes have been made to en-

Friday will constitute the policy and able all interested persons to attend working directions of the State Farm any of the meetings, and to facilitate Bureau and its staff for 1940. preparation of reports, etc., for each To Elect Directors meeting.

Friday the delegates will elect State Farm Bureau directors. At each Co-op Credit Unions eight members of a board of 16 for Have Grown Fast two year terms. Later the new board At Boston, Mass., the great depart-

organizes by electing its president, ment store is Filene's. It was found-President Jakway will open the an- vice president, and employes an exe- ed by Edward Filene and in the course of years became a great institution Thursday evening the delegates will and made him very wealthy.

address, and will preside at the attend the 15th annual dinner of the For a number of years before his State Farm Bureau at the Union death some months ago, Edward Filbuilding. Dr. William V. Dennis of the ene dedicated himself and his wealth Pennsylvania State College will speak. to movements in the interest of his

fellowmen. To Edward Filene belongs Women's Breakfast Friday morning at 7:30 a.m. Farm much credit for the great develop-Bureau women will breakfast to ment of co-operative credit unions gether at the Union building dining among all classes of people in this room. Their program will include county. In credit unions men and the finals of the State Farm Bureau's women found with their savings small speaking contest for women. The co-operative banks, which make loans winner will represent Michigan at the to their members only on the usual American Farm Bureau convention at security for small loans and at about Chicago in early December, one-third the interest rate called for

by commercial small loan companies. Junior Farm Bureau Friday, Nov. 10, several hundred The credit union system works. It young men and women delegates of is co-operative. The Detroit teachers the Junior Farm Bureau will attend credit union is the largest, with some their fourth annual meeting at the \$800,000 in deposits. Factory em-

People's church, East Lansing. Dr. ployes have them. Farm Bureaus Frank D. Slutz of Dayton, Ohio, edu- have them. Employes of the Michicator, will speak. The annual dinner gan State Farm Bureau have one. will be served by the church that Farmers co-operatives organize them, evening. The Juniors will conclude One of the largest in this state is the with a dancing party at the Michigan Buchanan Co-ops, Inc., credit union State College. with deposits exceeding \$100,000.

Farmers receive an average of The object of the Farm Bureau is to maintain farmers in their rightful 65.8% of the retail price of eggs TWO

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Our Twentieth Annual Meeting

At the twentieith annual meeting of the Michigan State Farm Bureau at State College November 9 and 10, a few will be present who have attended every annual meeting. Many others throughout the state have been members from the beginning and have been honored at County Farm Bureau meetings this summer and fall.

But those who have been members since yesterday, for a month, for a year, or for five, ten, or fifteen years have the same membership standing, rights, and privileges that belong to the founders and charter members of the Farm Bureau. It's that kind of an organization. Once one becomes a member, his right to leadership is dependent only upon his ability and upon the members acceptance of him for his qualifications.

The twentieth annual meeting will be that of a strong farm organization. It has survived two great business depressions. It has emerged from both stronger than before. The State Farm Bureau comes into its twentieth annual meeting as a powerful influence on the farmers' side in such matters as legislation, transportation and taxation policies, the price and quality of all farm supplies, a supporter of the best type of automobile and life insurance for farmers, and an organization interested in better farm living through improving farm prices, a rural electrification program, and an improved rural school program.

The strength of the Farm Bureau is the number of families who hold membership. By their memberships and their personal help, they have made their co-operative farm organization an important group in this state.

Iodized Salt Prevents Goiter

Fifteen years ago on May 1, 1924, Michigan became the first state to add iodine to salt to supply the natural iodine which is lacking in the water and foods grown in the "goiter belt" of the Great Lakes region.

The Michigan Department of Health made a survey of some 30,000 school children in four counties about that time. The Department found that 26 to 64% of the children had goiters.

After ten years of daily use of iodized salt by Michigan people under legislation prescribing the manufacture and sale of the salt, the Department of Health again surveyed the school children in the four counties. It found that the prevalence of goiter among school children had declined more than 75 per cent.

Renewed emphasis upon the daily use of iodized



I am prone to note, as I glance about, the ways of humankind We're the most absorbing race of folk that ever I hope to find. Comparisons may be odious, but I make them now and then Regarding the strength and weakness of the common run of men.

One ship sails east and one sails west, and the wind blows both along. One man growls hard and grits his teeth; another works with a song. One farm is tidy and trim and neat while the next one down the lane Has a sagging gate and a run-down look and a wagon out in the rain.

MICHIGAN FARM NEWS

Where I was raised a man was marked, and known to all thereby, By whether his tools stood in a shed or under the broad blue sky. A hayrake left in the meadow then to winter as best it could Was a plain reproach in the eyes of men; a shame in the neighborhood

While the man whose plow stood frozen in was marked for all to see With a nfark as plain as the brand of Cain - - - and mortgages 1, 2, 3. One farm went up and another went down by the very same rain and sun By the sign of tools housed snugly in or dropped when the job was done.

Yes, times have changed. The farm has, too. But the law of Nature ain't And the rains and snows are still the fees of wood and steel and paint. The big blue shed lets too much wind and too much weather through And waste makes want on the farm today the same as it used to do.

I have heard tail tales of farms Out West with wheatfields 2 miles square Of tractors bought for one year's work and then left standing there. But it don't seem proper nor right to me, and none of the folks I've known Have ever reaped in a general way much better than what they've sown.

I may be wrong but I may be right, so don't just think "so what?" For the only way to get on today is by tending to what you've got. So think when you read these pearly words of wisdom plain to see "What tools have I out under the sky? By Jimminy, that means me."



The ASSOCIATED WOMEN

of the AMERICAN FARM BUREAU FEDERATION Farm Bureau



BREAKFAST

WOMEN'S

MRS. PEARL E.MYUS

7:30 a. m., Friday, Nov. 10 Union Bldg., State College

LL Farm Bureau women attending the annual meeting A of the Michigan State Farm Bureau are cordially invited to the breakfast of the Associated Women of the Farm Bureau in the second floor dining room of the Union building at State College Friday morning, Nov. 10 at 7:30 sharp. Breakfast will be served at 35c per plate.

COLLOWING the breakfast will come the finals of the Farm Bureau women's speaking contest on the subject "The Farmers' Stake in World Peace." The winner will represent Michigan in the national contest at the meeting of the Associated Women of the American Farm Bureau at Chicago, December 3, preceding the American Farm Bureau convention December 4-8.



Behind the Wheel

(Continued from page 1) the effective fashion. The Farm Bureau does the job, they need it Entry Lists Large I buy Farm Bureau seed because I For International all the time, not just now and then. all the time.

Mr. Keillor is a bachelor living on Yards, December 2 to 9.

ied by Mrs. Hubbard on the plano dividual fat stock classes of the exand did so good a job of it that he position will be accepted until Nov-

son was the first short course stu- ternational Grain and Hay Show, the Mr. Anthony, dean of agriculture at Michigan State College, will pre-dent at Michigan State College ever largest annual showing of corn, small side at the annual dinner of the State to play in the college band, I am grain, seeds and hay in the country, Farm Bureau Thursday evening, Nov. told. He is the son of Jerry Hub- exhibits may be entered until Novem-Mr. Anthony, once a student at bard, president of the County Farm ber 20.

Bureau. FERTILIZER SAVINGS In 1938, Michigan farmers bought

132,000 tons of fertilizer, according to Word Co-operative

the Federal Trade Commission. If the The Michigan legislature should commission's printed statement of adopt a law prohibiting the use of some years ago that the Farm Bur-1 the term "co-operative" except by eau had much to do with the co-oper. truly co-operative associations or corative merchandising program which porations, in the opinion of delegates reduced the farmer's fertilizer cost to the Michigan Milk Producers anapproximately \$12 per ton is correct nual meeting at State College Nov. 2. (and I know it is), that means the By resolution they asked the state Farm Bureau program saved Mich- board of directors to press for such

If YOU INJURE Someone



on Basis They Are Temporary

E. L. ANTHONY

the Pennsylvania State College, will

present his friend, Professor Dennis

of Pennsylvania State College, to his

first Michigan audience.

IF WAR TIME

Toastmaster

The Sugar Beet Journal of the Farmers & Manufacturers Beet Sugar Ass'n notes that with the outbreak of the European war and immediate increase in demand for farm commodities, there should be a considerable improvement in American agriculture's income from the 1939 crops. To project such optimism on a long-

time basis is folly, the Journal continues. Developments in Europe can turn too swiftly, and the impact of their course on the prices of 1940 and subsequent crops can be assayed by no one with anything more than a guess.

No lasting boom is assured. This war also presents to American farmers the opportunity to take for themselves part of the home market that has been supplied by foreign countries, the Journal said.

"Such expectations should not be the signal for extensive changes in equipment and production to meet temporary advantages. Prudence should be the watchwords. Be calm, and if extra profits come, follow the safe course and get out of debt, for history is rich with proof that after the big boom comes the big bust.'

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get better stands then those of my Predictions that all previous recacquaintance who use other seeds. ords for number of entries will be The Farm Bureau had a lot to do broken are made by the management wth bringing us rural electricity. I'mr of the International Live Stock Exfor the Farm Bureau first, last and position for this year's show, which will be held at the Chicago Stock

a farm with his mother. His parents More than \$100,000 will be awarded to the stockmen in cash prizes. The premiums will be spread over settled there in 1883. TALENT

Orson Hubbard, Shiawassee county competition for 30 different breeds farmer, does an excellent job of play- of cattle, horses, sheep and swine, ing the trombone. At a recent Farm which will total well over 12,000 Bureau meeting in the county, Mr. head.

Hubbard rendered a solo accompan- Entries for the purebred and inwas called back several times. Or- ember 1st, he says; and for the In-

salt in all homes where there are children is now necessary in the opinion of the State Health Department. In some areas sales of non-iodized salt are beginning to exceed the iodized. A new generation of parents must be told the remarkable story of how iodized salt has prevented the enlargement of the thyroid gland known as simple goiter, with its associated symptoms of mental dullness and physical underdevelopment. An increase in simple goiter can be prevented if iodized salt is used as the only salt on the table and in cooking.

War Time Prices and Farm Debts

Outbreak of the war in Europe caused Michigan beans to advance from \$2.50 to \$3.50 per hundred to the farmer during the hysterical week of September 1 to 8. In that time the price of beans to canners and wholesale grocers increased by \$1,300 per carload. By October 24 beans were back to \$2.50 and the price to the wholesale trade was down accordingly.

During September nearly 1,200 carloads of Michigan beans were sold by farmers and elevators to the grocers and canners. That's twice the amount sold in September of 1938. The bean trade overbought and bean producers had their first taste of war time prices.

War time prices are uncertain. Those who had beans to sell and sold them in the neighborhood of \$3.50 did well in the light of today's market. We believe that, regardless of how America decides her neutrality problem, the war will stimulate demand for our farm products and that prices will rise accordingly, perhaps to be very good prices indeed.

We believe also that war time prices should be used by farmers to get out of debt. Those who expand too much and on borrowed money will be ruined by the post war crash. That happened after the World War and brought with it the era of heavy farm taxes and indebtedness and decreasing income. It will come again. The farmer who is out of debt is in the best position to take it and get along comfortably.

County Agent Lists Live Stock Breeders

County Agr'l Agent Earl C. McCarty have stock to sell. of Port Huron, St. Clair county, has The service is a time saver for farm- bulk of the activities of the Ameri- ever to be offered to annual conv bred horses, dairy cattle, beef cattle, ers. hogs, and sheep,

Mr. McCarty obtained his lists from hand too a supply of the papers for

mation concerning pure bred stock, harvest a small alsike clover seed have been a major factor in bringing niversary one of the notable mile-If any farmers in the county, or in crop this year.

POLL will be taken on the subject for next year's speak-A ing contest. Any remaining time will be devoted to discussion of activities for the coming year.

E sure to read "We and Our Neighbors" in your last D edition of the Nation's Agriculture. It outlines the program for the national conference of the Associated Women of the Farm Bureau to be held at Chicago, December 3 and 4.

Balance for Agriculture Nation's Leaders Speak It is therefore important that t To AFBF At Chicago subject of economic balance be give adequate consideration at the 20t (Continued from Page 1) adequate consideration at the 20t 1919 which led to the organization of anniversary meeting. Federation offi the American Farm Bureau Federa- jals count the organization extreme tion. As a farm paper editor, he fortunate in being able to annound maintained close contact with the or that Dr. Raymond Leslie Buell, roun ganization throughout its entire exist- table editor of Fortune Magazine, w ence, and for many years he has been discuss this subject at the conventio a trusted adviser to the official Farm One of the great forums conducted Bureau family. As a long-time cham- by Dr. Buell was one last summ pion of the farmer, Mr. Gregory on "How Can the U. S. Achieve Fu knows as few men do the contribution | Employment". In this discussion] that the Farm Bureau has made to Buell came into intimate contact wi agriculture, and his address will be the ideas of leaders of all the group one of the high lights of the meeting. and naturally the problem of he U. S. Commissioner of Education The Farm Bureau movement has agriculture can be brought into be ance occupied a prominent place been primarily an educational move- the deliberations. Therefore ment among farmers, and rural edu- Buell comes to the convention excee cation is one of its foremost consider. ingly well equipped to discuss this a

ations. The changes that have taken important subject. place in this country as a result of the Capper and Jones from Congress gradual industrialization of the na- Farm legislation is always impo tion have had serious consequences ant at a Farm Bureau convention for the country school. One of the Senator Arthur Capper of Kansa most important developments now in whose name is on a large number the offing is the proposal for greatly agricultural laws, has agreed to d expanded programs of federal aid for cuss farm legislation during the fi education. Dr. John W. Studebaker, 10 years of the American Farm Bt U. S. Commissioner of Education, has eau Federation, and Marvin Jon accepted an invitation to address the Representative from Texas and cha convention. His subject will be: man of the House Agricultural Co Democracy Shall Not Be Plowed Un- mittee, has been invited to take t der". It should be added that at a subject of the last 10 years in far

other counties, has an interest in pure recent conference on Education for legislation. Mr. Jones has not bred stock, Mr. McCarty can tell him Democracy held last summer at Co- learned definitely if he will be a the nearby breeders, and may have lumbia University, Dr. Studebaker to accept the invitation. knowledge of whether or not they gave one of the outstanding addresses. The program as a whole is one It might be fairly said that the the finest, one of the best-balance

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and other groups. It has come to be terest. It is hoped that all of the John Haas. accepted as a truism that permanent living ex-officers, and members of the Geo. E. McKim. The hay shortage in many parts national prosperity cannot be attainseveral breeds of dairy and beef cattle, of New York has encouraged drastic ed unless agriculture, which is basic, tendance. A special program of recborses, swine and sheep. He has on culling of inferior cows in that state. is brought up to parity with other ognition for these men and the 20-year groups. Without question, the efforts members is being planned. No effort a pound.

registering transfers and other infor- Michigan is one of four states to of the Federation through the years is being spared to make the 20th anpublic recognition of this fact.

The Michigan State Farm Bureau welcomes to membership Governor Luren Dickinson of Eaton county, enrolled by Keith Tanner, and Charles Downing of Monroe county, member of the State Board of Agriculture, and other new members, as follows:

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College Bulletin 206 Carries Much Good Information For Farmers

"Michigan's agriculture is very direrse.'

With that brief statement backed up by a map indicating 17 different types of farming areas in the state, B. Hill proves in a new Michigan State College bulletin now available for distribution why it is important to know the state thoroughly in order to farm profitably.

Wide variations in soil types, topography, climate and economic conditions prevail. Because of these factors, the author, who is head of the college

advantageous to follow types of farm- song and all that it implies! ing best adapted to the particular During these beautiful October engulfing some of those old nations

Casually one might think Michigan at the dining table I can look out generations before they can again be Manager B. F. Beach told the repreregions in which they live. can be classed as a dairying and gen- across the farm and see first a field what we term normal. When we sentatives of 16,054 member shippers can be classed as a dairying and gen-eral farming state. But only in nine south central counties is this classifi-cation typical of the predominating the de that not only and just beyond that is a field of green alfalfa of a darker the predominating the past year they marketed 981,529,959 lbs. of milk that we must not content counties that during the past year "God Bless America." Our Need is General Employment But we must not content counties of the predominating the past year they marketed 981,529,959 lbs. of milk for which they received \$16,317,324.62.

the most complete preparations avail- the coming year. Then beyond that our country at its best.

Copies of the publication are available through offices of county agricultural agents or by writing the Bulletin Room, Michigan State College, East Lansing.

William E. White

William E. White, 70, president of the Kalamazoo Milk Producers Ass'n, a member of the state milk marketing study commission, and a long time member of the Farm Bureau, was killed October 18 when his automobile was struck by a train at a road cross-MRS. WAGAR ing south of Kalamazoo.



We Have but to Look Abroad to be Convinced; However, with our Blessings We Have Ouestions to Answer

> "While the storm clouds gather far across the sea, Let us swear allegiance to a land that's free. Let us all be grateful for a land so fair As we raise our voices in a solemn prayer.

Gcd bless America, land that I love Stand beside her and guide her Through the night with a light from above From the mountains to the prairies To the oceans white with foam God bless America, my home sweet home."

By MRS. EDITH M. WAGAR | them; we know that hundreds of several methods of attack, and charg-How many times during the past thousands of dollars are being de- ed efforts to prevent the attorney genfarm management department, shows flow many times during the past how Michigan farmers have found it advantageous to follow types of farm, song and all that it implies! stroyed daily by warring nations; eral's office from advising the state we realize the fearful blight that is milk marketing board.

days as I sit at my accustomed place again, and know that it will take In his annual report Secretary-

MICHIGAN FARM NEWS

As a picture of the state's agricul- crop of hay followed by a wonderful with conditions as we find them in has become the largest co-operative As a picture of the state's agricult, crop of hay followed by a wonderful ture, the illustrations and information offered in the 100 pages from one of will do its bit in soil conservation able to farmers or prospective farm is the field that gave us the best There's a great army that's unem- charge of two cents per hundred able to farmers or prospective farm is the field that gave us the best purchasers. The issue is Michigan corn yield we ever had, and abundspecial bulletin 206, "Types of Farm-ing in Michigan." and from the same place I can had, and abund ences that smack of radicalism. There's many in this great country marketing service, supplying 85% of Forty-three dot maps scattered look up the road and admire the of ours who are hungry, many who the milk delivered to Detroit, and through the pages give graphic pic- beautiful colors of the oaks and the through the pages give graphic pic-tures of weather, crops, livestock, population by counties, land values and other details peculiar to the state. to the surround- want jobs more than anything else. members in those sales areas. The to the surround-ings but promise us all the fuel we may need through-one to find a nor way act discussion of the fuel we may need throughone to find a new way of distribu- the Ass'n has an organization surplus out the remainder tion and new methods of employment of more than \$200,000, and has a of our stay here on earth if we choose to use it as such. Union and new methods of employment to the extent that all can be fed and all can have work. If everyone have what they wanted a dealer fails to pay. In that case,

full barns, and to eat even, there'd be no need of the farmer receives full pay and the granary and controlled production. But the farm- Ass'n undertakes to recover. Since the granary and the flocks of live-stock and the celturns do not warrant any greater \$144,208 to farmers under such cirstock and the cellar over-flowing cumstances. expense on his part. with fruit and

A Problem in Values Only a few days ago there came our efforts and it gives one a feel. to my attention a story that to me is ing of satisfaction and security that indeed disturbing. It is about a farm just does not exist any other place boy just recently out of high school, the only son of a painstaking, indus-

trious farmer, who really needed the son's help on his well kept farm but If I were to give advice to farm who felt he could not afford to pay community gatherings, I'd say to the boy what he knew he could give just as much time and thought earn elsewhere.

in the discussion periods to the ad-In fact, he well knew he couldn't vantages of farm life as is usually when the boy announced to the fath-

given to its drawbacks. I've often wondered that there are as many farm boys and girls as there are who have elected to live on a are that he had accepted a Just a steel mill at \$1.23 per hour. Just what will that do to a young lad just out of high school? And farm, for in far too many cases, they have had to listen to the constant have had to listen to the the little have had to listen to the constant, walling of their elders about the little cash that comes in. About the hard work that's staring at them all of the time and the lack of opportunities, If we keep America at its best, of components of the law

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that we have something to show for

Speak of the Advantages

but on the farm.

given to its drawbacks.

and absence of comforts, and no va- serious thought must be given to would be most active. They included, It's all too true but why discourage others? Any farmer could correct a lot of these things if he would only go about it in a systematic way and not of these things if he would only go about it in a systematic way and the bigs of these these pressing problems. America is different from any other country in the world. It is made up of a sprinkling of all other nations. Most of them came here for the rea-Referring to legal difficulties that many of these pressing problems. work with others. Much lies with son of oppression in their own coun- beset the organization in its markethim alone if he would only will to try. We care nothing here of racial ing program, and particularily to the origin. It doesn't matter who you recent comment of the Federal Trade were or who your folks were, or Commission crediting a Detroit cash Thoughts on Thanksgiving How short sighted some of our where you came from, but it does and carry firm with paying better farmers are about those two Thanks- matter what you are. prices than the Ass'n, Mr. Beach read givings this country will celebrate-We Must Reason from a Trade Commission Report to Why bless you, if we were onto the Clear thinking, aggressive leader- the effect that in July, October of game of farming as some people are ship will do much to offset the 1938 and January and April of 1939 with their businesses, we'd be advo- radical element we find at every the commission investigations showed cating a Thanksgiving every week turn, but it means that the reason- the dealer to be paying 1/2 to 3/4 cent during the winter months, for ing people must keep everlastingly per quart less to farmers than was Thanksgiving means feasts and on the job and not allow the other the Ass'n at the same time. feasts usually come from farms.

TO MILK ACT Nearly 500 Delegates Attend 23rd Annual Meeting at College

PRODUCERS

PLEDGE SUPPORT

Nearly 500 delegates to the 23rd annual convention of the Michigan Milk Producers Ass'n at State College Nov. 2 pledged their support to the new milk market control law, and to the milk control board in its efforts to administer the law properly. The delegates pledged support in a

resolution which called attention to efforts by certain private dealer and politicians to block the milk bill by

Sales Near Billion Pounds

If everyone had what they wanted a dealer fails to pay. In that case,

For the past year, on action by the 1938 annual meeting, the Ass'n has been deducting a third cent in the Detroit area to promote milk sales through radio and other types of advertising. Secretary Beach said that an increase in fluid milk sales of 11/2 % would pay the radio advertising cost. However, sales are up 11%.

Hot Contest Coming

The most important event for the Ass'n membership this year has been the milk marketing control act. It has begun to work. Mr. Beach said, and it will be contested hotly. It became effective in the Detroit market area September 1. The better price

Mechanical corn pickers are in the| The New York World's Fair will operate in 1940 at much lower prices. increase in Michigan.

N. P. Hull of Lansing has retired Grand Rapids distributors are payas a State Grange officer after 41 ing farmers 25c per cwt, more for milk years of service.









Here's fence that winter sleet and snow can't faze - fence you can install now without rust worries. Spring thaws will find the bethanized coating smooth and tight, free from the slightest trace of rust.

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\$95,000,000 WORTH of farm property was destroyed by fire during 1938, and . . .

3,500 PERSONS in rural areas of this country were burned to death, while thousands of others were injured by fire!

The farm family that has telephone service is prepared to summon aid instantly, day or night, in case of fire or any other emergency. Just one such call easily might be worth more than the cost of telephone service for a life time.



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side to acquire a firm hold. "No investigation that has been Allegiance to this land that's free made has shown the Ass'n program While the proclamations always stress a day of prayerful Thanks- means to help to keep our country to be wrong or costly to farmers," Mr. giving for the Divine care that has free from foreign controlled agitators Beach said.

been so generously bestowed upon and their methods, but we should not The meeting was a harmonious afour nation, the day has become so expect the Almighty to guide us fair. Reports made by the officers commercialized that it usually means through the storm clouds if we re- and other actions taken were approved group gatherings anxious to be over- fuse to determine sound leadership unanimously in most instances. fed.

Other Resolutions

and follow it. But Thanksgiving this year should Let's sit down at the conference The delegates approved a resolution mean by far more to all of us than table and listen to all sides of our to authorize the Producers to carry it has for some time past. We look perplexities, then formulate a policy on a campaign of education advertisupon the pictures of school children that protects the best interests of all ing in Detroit and other cities to ac carrying gas masks in other parts of concerned and pledge our loyalty to quaint city consumers with the facts the world; we read about the ration- it. There'd be no radical leagues concerning the price of milk they buy, ed food and clothing, so limited that or false issues if our leadership and to present a true presentation of we marvel that people can exist on would keep well balanced.

the farmer-producers position.

A resolution asking the state to appropriate funds to carry on Bangs disease eradication in the southern milk producing areas until the next regular session of the legislature failed to carry. Later Rep. Post explained that the legislature was in sympathy with the campaign but cut the Bangs disease appropriation with others in an effort to balance the budget at the 1939 session. The Ass'n unanimously re-elected as

REGISTERED GUERNSEY BULLS directors: President Fred W. Meyer ady for service. Double grandsons of directors: President Fred W. Meyer instay of Oronoko (his daughters have of Fair Haven; Vice President Elmer Ansity of Orohoko (ins daughter and the for and information) of the formation of the format

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Ever try to figure who uses the crops you raise?

MAYBE that question looks Did you know that most fresh easy. Most farmers haul fruits and vegetables from the their crops to town-sell them and get the money.

But the fellow you deal with in

town is a long way from being

Grain has to go to mill-cotton

has to be made into cloth-live-

stock has to go through the pack-

ing house-before they're ready

And did you know that the big-

gest single milling center is hun-

dreds of miles from the wheat

belt-in Buffalo, N. Y.? Did you

know that a dozen cities mill

two-thirds of all the grain milled

Did you know that the biggest

single cotton spinning center is in

New England, in Bristol County,

You probably knew that Chicago

was the biggest packing center-

in the United States?

Mass.?

the final buyer.

for the final user.

Pacific Coast, the Southwest and the Southeast must travel 1,000 to 3,000 miles to find their consumers?

When you look at such figures as these you can see that the farmto-market road is a long, long trail that doesn't end at the local railroad town.

But this is not the end of the story. After grain or cotton or meat or dozens of other farm products are processed - their final market is the whole United States.

And most of these products travel to market - their real market by rail.

That's why you, as a farmer, have an interest in this rail part of your farm-to-market road - in seeing that it gets equal treatment with other forms of transportation and a fair chance to do for you the work which it alone can do.





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MICHIGAN FARM NEWS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1939

THE CO-OPERATIVE WAY

Solution for the Farmers' Problems

State Farm Bureau Presents Background Material for Discussion by Community Groups During November

By J. F. YAEGER **Director of Membership Relations**

AST month's discussion entitled, "What's Wrong L With Agriculture", attempted to analyze the causes leading to the agricultural problem. It naturally follows then that we seek to find remedies for these difficulties.

In the October discussion, Parity, the objective of the Farm Bureau program, was defined as a state of balance between a farmer's income and expenses or a condition of balance between the farmer's income and the incomes of other classes. The Farm Bureau maintains that the farmer must therefore concern himself with a program which will allow him to control to some extent at least not only the price of the things he has to sell but the price and quality of the items he buys. This, the Farm Bureau argues, can only be done by co-operative action in business projects. The following article deals with this division of the program.

1. What is a co-operative?

b-Sets Standards: Webster's dictionary defines co-oper-Co-operatives having for their slo-

to work together. In rendering a

ative as "operating jointly to the same end, as; a co-operative store, one gan, "The most for your dollar." chases and share in the profits and advertising", set a merchandising However, under proper management who have been used to having favors losses."

Co-operatives are based upon the other types of business. This high rather then asking for excessive ser- More education is needed. realization that groups of people standard in a competitive merchanworking together in their common in- dising field is bound to force other possibility of some financial saving terests can accomplish things which handlers of like commodities to meet to those who use the co-operative. individuals standing alone cannot these standards thereby benefiting the This function, however, is no longer hope to accomplish. And having made farmer who buys from any agency. regarded as one of the major possi- types of co-operatives: (1) producer producers. the effort and sacrifices necessary to This "yardstick" function is thought bilities of a co-operative except in co-operative, (2) consumer co-opera- 2. That 50% or more of the busibring about this group activity, those to be one of the major benefits. c-Serves: who participate shall share in the Usually people turn to working with ings, in a true co-operative, are shared Among American farmers the problem 3. Members or stockholders of the fruits of this project as well as be

willing to accept whatever reversals each other only when necessity de- in proportion to the individuals parthere may be in bringing about a suc- mands. That seems to be human na- ticipation in the program. cessful conclusion of the particular ture especially when years of educa- 3. What are the limitations of coco-operative project in which they are tion have taught people to get ahead of others rather then going ahead 2. What are the possible benefits of with others. However, there are times when people are forced by necessity co-operatives?

a-Teach Co-operation:

interested.

As people become interested in the marketing or buying service, a co-opsuccess of their co-operative, they be- erative often serves the community in gin to realize the necessity of working a fashion not to be had in any other together for the common good of all way.

participating. In this process they d-Saves:

In the minds of many people, the learn to "give" as well as "take" and unless they understand that "individto consider the other fellow. This, only function of a co-operative is to from the humanitarian point of view, save them money and to return diviperity". Many co-operatives carry on is considered one of the greatest bene- dends. This, however, is possible only educational programs in order that

"FOR EVERY RIGHT, A DUTY"

As a member of your co-operative you enjoy certain rights and privileges which are inherent in Co-operation and no one should deprive you of these rights. In becoming a member of your co-operative you have accepted certain responsibilities, also inherent in Co-operation, which you are obligated to discharge if you are to keep faith with your fellow members. It is only by each member exercising his privileges and discharging his responsibilities that your co-operative can grow and prosper. The following illustrates the fact that for every right there is a definite duty.

- 1. Attend meetings regularly, participate in dis-1. Take part in meetings and help to determine policies and make decisions regarding the cussions and voting and make full use of new growth, development and service of the coservices as they are developed. operative. 2. Support the officers, directors and committees 2. Have a voice and vote in the nomination and after they are elected.
- election of officers, directors and committees.

RIGHTS

- 3. Have free access to the books and accounts of the organization at all times and full reports from officers, directors and committees as often as desired.
- 4. Listen to complaints about the co-operative and its finances and services.

5. Share in the savings of the co-operative in proportion to your patronage.

MEMBERSHIP PARTICIPATION IS THE LIFE BLOOD OF YOUR CO-OPERATIVE

where the owners make their pur- "Quality above price", and "Truth in operative are no longer possible. loss of business, especially from those set aside to carry on educational work. Capper-Volstead Law The Capper-Volstead Law, under standard not to be found in many and with patrons serving themselves and long time credit extended them.

others.

there with regard to their insists on the following: functions?

Generally speaking, there are four the co-operative must be agricultural practices do not creep in. All factors

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ternal revenue departments, etc., use

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This type of loyalty can only be se-

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when it means personal sacrifices.

of marketing first aroused interest in co-operative are entitled to only one

the co-operatives. Through the mar- vote regardless of how much stock keting co-operative, farmers are able they own unless the dividends on business has doubled in the last five to provide for themselves at cost the that stock are limited to the legal years. There exists in this country services usually provided for them rate, usually 7% or less. In the latter today about 16,000 farmer co-ops of a-No Favors: A co-operative business is founded at a profit by the middleman. These case, they may be organized to vote all types, serving about three million

marketing co-operatives include hand, each share of stock. ling of milk, fruit, eggs, cotton, to- 4. Co-operatives are granted in- the net worth of all co-operatives is a member of United Co-operatives, bacco, nuts, in fact, to a greater or come tax exemptions under certain close to two hundred eighty-eight which in turn, is a member of the lesser degree,-practically all the conditions in addition to those im- million dollars. Gross sales by far-There shall be no price cutting or farmer produces. posed by the Capper-Volstead law, mers' co-operatives in 1936 were 2 More recently the purchasing and Co-operatives desiring the benefits of 7/10 billion dollars. Patronage divimeans that those seeking special priv-financing co-operatives have gained a tax exemptions must do 85% of their dends amount to about \$25,000,000 of the United States and did a volume lleges or benefits will trade elsewhere foothold in America. business with patrons who are either a year. 65% of all co-operatives

Purchasing co-operatives are based members or who are agricultural pro- are over ten years old. 2,000 are over upon individuals pooling their pur- ducers. chasing power to buy any and all 5. In the case of federations of co- tives are on a firm financial founda-

must realize that they have an educa-year, approximately 3,000 of them betional responsibility as well as that of ing in operation.

just selling goods across the counter. Michigan

They must become imbued with the In Michigan the large marketing codesire through their activities to operatives include the Michigan Elemake the co-operative successful. patronize it and are loyal to it. Creameries, Michigan Farmers and in seeing that the management at all sociation.

times is as efficient as it should be The Farm Bureau Services, Inc., is and tends towards the objectives for one of the large wholesale buying cowhich the co-operative was set up. A operatives.

co-operative is as good as or as bad as ployees make it. Must Be Sound

A co-operative must employ the tives have stabilized the market and same sound business principles that brought to the farmer a price which, any business must employ if it is to on the average, is much better than be successful. Its policies must be farmers have received otherwise. policy than is employed by other busi- sold in Michigan's larger cities.

interested in the success of the co- is the largest handler of grain and operative should not only be tolerant beans in the state, having 92 co-operof this but should be insistent that ative elevators as stockholders. It such be the case even if it means per. represents 20,000 farmers. It has sonal sacrifice, at least, until such carried on in its 18 years of existence time as the co-operative has operated a one hundred million dollar busilong enough to be assured of a suc- ness and has returned to its patrons cessful future. Even then the board and stockholders \$500,000 in diviof directors must be continually vigi- dends.

lant to be sure that improper business must work together to make the cooperative a success which gives rise to the slogan, "Co-operation never million pounds of butter a year. fails; it's the lack of co-operation that causes failure.'

United States In the United States co-operative

farmer members. It is estimated that

25 years old. Most of the co-opera-"But greater than any financial

vator Exchange, Michigan Milk Pro-Patrons and members must realize ducers Association, Michigan Potato that their co-operative can be success- Growers Exchange, Michigan Liveful only to the extent to which they stock Exchange, Mid-west Producers

Those who are elected to supervise Manufacturers Beet Sugar Association, the management, the board of direct- Farm Bureau Fruit Products Comors, must realize their responsibility pany, Michigan Wool Marketing As-

Co-operative action on the part of its members and the board of direct these farmer groups has improved ors and the management and em- materially not only the price but also the quality of those products in which

they deal. The marketing co-opera-

such so as to at all times keep its The Michigan Milk Producers Assomanagement and financial matters on ciation is the largest co-operative firm foundation. Where operating milk marketing agency in the state capital is limited this many times with 17,000 members in 24 counties. means an even more strict financial They market 65% of all fluid milk

ness. Patrons, therefore, who are The Michigan Elevator Exchange

Mid-west Producers Creamers, Inc., markets for its 22 creameries and 20,000 farmer patrons in Michigan, Indiana, Illinois and Tennessee 26 The Cherry Growers Association at

Traverse City cans one-quarter of all he cherries grown in the world. Three hundred or more co-operatively owned elevators in the state

buy for farmers a large portion of everything that farmers in the state of Michigan purchase, The Farm Bureau Services, Inc., is

National Co-operatives.

This latter group of wholesale buying co-operatives represents all parts of business last year totaling 18 billion dollars.

C.K.

benefit that may have accrued to its supplies and services to- operatives for the purpose of conduct- tion. Only half of the co-operatives members," says one outstanding co-

DUTIES

3. Contribute the amount of capital necessary to

4. Investigate such complaints and get the facts

5. Give the co-operative all your trade, thus

for yourself and your fellow members.

tive from which you benefit.

adequately finance the services of the co-opera-

before believing them or repeating them to

helping to reduce expenses and increase savings

which the agricultural co-operatives vices and credit, there is still the 4. What types of co-operatives are in the United States are organized.

1. That 90% of the members of

merchandising and marketing fields tive, (3) financial co-operative, and ness of the co-operative must be done

fits from co-operative effort. In fact, in activities where there is a big co-operative leaders argue that if the "spread" in the handling of the compeoples of all nations were schooled modity. Competition in many inin the co-operative way, there would stances has reduced this spread until great financial benefits through a cobe no wars.

The Record Is Inviting



this may be understood.

operative business?

on the principle that all shall be treat-

ed alike and no favors granted one

customer that can't be given all.

over-paying just to get business. This

of quantity and quality buying. It other purpose, each of the stockhold- money, b-Member Loyalty Needed: Not being able to use the many per may start first in a small retail way ers of the federated business must be Consumer co-operatives in the operation can do is teaching people

to build volume, the co-operative must it may buy a warehouse and become law if the federated body seeks the of about one-half billion dollars each gether." depend on the loyalty of its members a wholesaler. Eventually it may buy help of governmental financing agenfor support in depression times as a factory and produce the goods it cies or income tax exemptions. well as in good times. The member wants at cost,

must understand that the "co-opera-The finance co-operative, commonly tive way" is a business method ad- known as a credit union, is designed the Capper-Volstead stipulations in hered to under all conditions or it to meet the credit needs of people dealing with co-operatives. will fail. Only through an education- with small incomes. Usually this In speaking of co-operative organal program can this be taught the type of co-operative starts with a ization, Mr. C. L. Christenson, Dean group of people pooling their savings of Agriculture, University of Wisconmember. and through working together and sin, insists that four requirements

Setting the standards in a merchan- creating financial resources, which must be fulfilled before a co-operative dising field causes the co-operative to they do not have as individuals. The can be successful. These are: (1) it build up its own competition. Other credit union makes loans to its own must fill a real economic need; (2) members at low interest rates. business cuts price, serves its cus-The producer co-operative, where and soundly financed; (3) it must be ity of merchandise sold until the dif-ference between the co-on and its labor, produce together and share the competitor is not great. Then patrons income from their labor, are very few that this is brought about; (4) it and members are apt to desert the co-op unless they understand that the co-op must be maintained if there is The Rochdale pioneers set down and education going hand in hand can to be a true "yardstick" in the field. This again indicates the need for an certain basic principles that they gen- succeed. It is equally true that a erally agreed were sound. These basic co-operative without education can educational program.

d-Business Limitations: principles are as follows: 1. Low par value stock, so that all possibilities. Those who would bene-Co-operative business is operated with the idea that benefits can be may participate. had and savings made in a program by which people serve and finance 3. The current interest rate paid that co-operative at all times even themselves. This means that exces- on stock. sive services and credit business can- 4. Such profits as may be made

not be conducted by a co-operative. shall be divided among the patrons cured out of a deep conviction Usually the people who are members in proportion to the business done, brought about through education and of a co-operative are not wealthy and with only a one-half portion being a thorough understanding of what the with small operating capital it is divided among non-stockholders. more necessary then ever that co-op- 5. All business should be for cash. factors that tend to make it successful erative business be operated, if there 6. The current price shall be are given every opportunity to funcis to be any savings, on more or less charged so as to eliminate price cut- tion properly.

Employees of a co-operative under of a "cash and carry" basis. This, ting practices. unless it is understood, may cause 7. A portion of all profits shall be the leadership of the management

the Indians. Dead river, Rivere du the French Seule Choix, only choice, the same principle as does a radio. Are consumer notions somewhat to evening.

Mort to the French, was Nekomenon which referred to the fact that here The tester draws a sample of grain, blame for long price spreads in some

to the Indians. All the names have was the only place for a landing. weighs a cup full, inserts a thermo- instances? What can farmers do to

the same obvious derivation as the But even the surveyors, after care- meter to determine its temperature, get a larger share of the prices paid

ern a co-operative?

One vote per stockholder.

gether. This group has the advantage ing a wholesale business or for any in the United States need to borrow operative leader, "is the fact that this practical demonstration of what co-

culiar methods used by other business and as it grows in size and resources considered co-operative under the United States do an annual business to work together and to think to-

He Will If He Listens



INDIANS HAD A NAME FOR THE PLACE

Names of Some of Our Lakes, literally "dead man found at its who first named Laughing-fish river, chamber, sets the machine and trips ing carried on by economists of Rivers and Places Are Descriptive

may be surprised by the results of a refers to the building a line of fence kind of a fish it was or what he was to L. W. Faulkner of the seed trade interest of all the people. recent "early place name" survey of across the river. This was done to laughing about. the department of conservation which concentrate the deer at one point. discloses that the French knew Green The Indian equivalent of a modern High Speed Grain

Bay as Baye des Puans, or the bay of deer drive would result in large num-the not-so-clean Indians. Deers of deer piling up along the line Tester Invented the not-so-clean Indians.

The French knew it as Riviere du a trigger. By observing a dial read- Twentieth Century Fund, established One unusual survival in a place Poisson qui rit, literally "river of the ing and comparing it with a conver- by the late Edward Filene of Boston, mouth. name was discovered in Fence river. fish who laughs." No one has yet sion chart, the percentage of moist- to determine and make public the

Beautiful Torch lake was Ba-ki-na- nia d'aigle," or eagles-nest-river. Seul analysis.

the lake of the Illinois Indians.

Are Retail Costs of Food Justified?

Good Music at

French named the stream "La Rivere 30 to 70 minutes to make the same sales expenses? How much is due the banquet. Another group of ten to the voting delegates.

to the average waste due to spoilage? ollege musicians will play for the mang or "to fish by torchlight" to Choix point was directly derived from The new tester operates on much Are profits of distributors too much? old time dancing party later in the Good Time To Have Seed Cleaned The Michigan State Farm Bureau

Buskirk Heads

Indian names which, translated, mean ful study, were unable to find out pours the commodity into the testing by consumers? These are studies be Resolutions Committee has one of the most modern seed Carl E. Buskirk of Paw Paw, Van cleaning plants at the Farm Bureau Buren county, is chairman of the building, 221 North Cedar street, Lan-State Farm Bureau annual meeting sing. For some weeks, and continuresolutions committee again this fall, ing until Dec. 31, it is custom clean-Residents of the Green Bay area The Indian name was Mitchikau and found who saw the fish laugh, what ure is readily determined, according interast of all the neonle annual meeting resolutions commit- seeds for Farm Bureau members and tee marked him for the job once others at fair rates for the work. more. The committee convenes at After December 31, the Farm Bureau the State Farm Bureau Tuesday Seed Service has to stop custom morning, Nov. 7 and will continue in seed cleaning to prepare for the



Farm Bureau Annua! Good music will be a feature of session until Wednesday night. Their spring rush for seeds. Members may Lake Superior was Lac Superior, of the fence and becoming, in conse- A new automatic electrical grain How much of the price write-ups the annual banquet of the Michigan job is to correlate resolutions from learn the cleaning needed and the

the upper lake, to the French. The quence, much easier prey for the ester has been invented that accur- on common articles of food above State Farm Bureau sources, and to pre- cost by forwarding an eight ounce ately determines the per cent of what the farmer got for the produce November 9. Musicians from the ent a written set of recommended epresentative sample of seed to the great water. Lake Michigan was The name of Eagle river, the sur- moisture content of grains, beans, an be justified? How much goes College students of marked ability. esolutions of policy to each delegate arm Bureau. Seed mailing envel-Mich-gummi or vast water. The vey shows, was derived from the seeds in less than a minute. Current for necessary processing, transporta-land who are students in the school at the convention. From there on, opes will be furnished on request. Extra for Organization

Week" for the 50,000 Clubs. The term

that throughout the United States,

there are 50,000 Farm Bureau mem-

bers who, in this 20th anniversary year

of the Farm Bureau, are doing some-

interests of the organization.

as eligible to the 50,000 Club:

20th anniversary program.

bership campaign.

thing extra to build and further the

In a spring meeting at Lansing,

county Farm Bureau leaders adopted

a resolution designating the following

1. Any member who pledges him-

2. Any member who participates

3. Any member who, before No-

vember 25th, secures two new, paid-

up memberships in the Farm Bureau.

Bureau "open house" in his home be-

fore November 25th, or who has been

otherwise active in the county Farm

Bureau program for the year. An

"open house" consists of inviting at

least five non-Farm Bureau members

into one's home and discussing the

organization program with them. This

is purely an educational project and

The slogan of the 50,000 Club is,

Four Carnation Farms, Seattle

Wash., Holsteins at the San Francisco

Fair have averaged above 33,000 lbs.

of milk for the past year and well

over 1,200 lbs. of butterfat. Carnation

Ormsby Madcap Fayne produced 313

lbs. of fat from 36,851 lbs. milk. She

is producing between 90 and 190 lbs.

of milk a day in her eleventh month

on test. The four cows are sisters.

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Parsons M

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33,000 lbs. of Milk

"We get things done."

4. Any member who holds a Farm

for at least a full day in a 1939 mem-

self to assist in sponsoring a county

GET GOING

CONSUMED

STRUGGLE-

ROAD

OR-PROFITS

· · projection

It's Not too Late to Turn Back

THIS CAN'T

BE THE

RIGHT ROAD)

PEACE

For the crop season ending with the 1939 harvest, 200,000 Michigan farmers bought 125,000 tons of com-

were selected from among more than 207,000 men students of vocational agriculture in the United States for outstanding awards at the national Michigan and American Farm Future Farmers of America convenion here this week.

The awards are known as the "American Farmer" degree, and for the year 1939, only 166 farm boys were A number of County Farm Bureaus elected to this honor over the entire

Four Michigan Boys

record-keeping; and must have been

Each boy must have earned a mincultural project work and have that amount invested in permanent farm-

Successful applicants from Michigan this year were: Cleo W. Buxton, Haslett; Herbert Elder, Deckerville; Robert McLachlan, Evart; Harold D.

At the national convention each State Association of the Future Farmers of America is permitted two official delegates. Michigan was represented on the convention floor by Dean Radtke, Morrice, and Frank Merriman, Deckerville. Their State

Win Top FFA Awards Four young farmers from Michigan mercial fertilizer.

years of high school vocational agri-1. An award to the county with culture with high scholarship; must

2. An award to the county with outstanding in his school, commun-

3. An award to the membership imum of \$500 in his high school agri-

Mitchell, Holly.

has 4,526 members.

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FARM BUREAU'S BENEFITS 50,000 CLUBS Of The AMERICAN FARM BUREAU FEDERATION They Include Those Who 1919 - 1939 Have Done Something

tion of 20 per cent in winter wheat acreage for 1924 harvest. In 1923, paved way for commodity "50,000 Club" originates with the idea 2 loan programs of 1930's by securing amendment to Federal Warehouse Act to enable farmers to store surplus grains on farms. In 1925, conducted campaign to encourage greater consumption of

corn surplus.

surpluses abroad. and dispose of farm surpluses. 6 through acreage reductions.

In 1935, secured legislation proities Corporation to purchase surplus farm products for relief distribution.

In 1936, following outlawing of AAA by Supreme Court, secured passage of the Soil Conservation and domestic Allotment Act to encourage production of soil conserving crops in place of basic commodities.

In 1937, secured passage of Marketing Agreements Act to promote orderly marketing of surpluses. In 1938, secured passage of second Agricultural Adjustment Act to restore program of controlling

surpluses at their source. Secured inclusion in federal farm programs of provisions for commodity loans to enable farmers to hold surpluses on farms. Secured inclusion in the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938 of

provision for establishing four federal research laboratories to develop new uses and markets for surplus crops.

Secured passage of the Federal Crop Insurance Act of 1938, providing for crop insurance on wheat to enable farmers to maintain stable supplies and orderly marketing of wheat.

SURPLUS CONTROL 1 In 1923, urged farmers to hold 200,000,000 bushels of huge 1923 County Farm Bureau leaders are wheat crop until period of disastbusy at present organizing 50,000 rous price decline was over and Clubs with members included "who campaigned for voluntary reducget things done". November 20-25 has been designated as "Mobilization

corn products to dispose of huge In 1926, and again in 1928, secured passage of McNary-Haugen Bill, providing for disposal of farm

In 1929, supported passage of Agricultural Marketing Act, creating Federal Farm Board to purchase In 1933, secured passage of first Agricultural Adjustment Act to control surpluses at their source

viding for use of tariff funds to enable Federal Surplus Commod-

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Farm Bureau are taking of farmers in that county. They hope to call on every farmer. As they go along they are acquiring a new knowledge of the participation and interest of Oceana farmers in farmer-owned co-operative enterprises. They are giving them an opportunity to express an opinion on a number of important questions in the field of farm organization . . . and to accept an invitation to participate. The survey idea is extending to other counties in that part of the state.

OCEANA FARMERS ARE ASKED THESE QUESTIONS Form for Farm Survey to be conducted by the Oceana County Farm Bureau in September, 1939. For purpose of obtaining information that will be helpful in building a good Farm Bureau program of activities in Oceana County.

Name..... Poultry Truck Has income been sufficient during past 5 yrs, to keep up payments of interest, principle, insurance, taxes and make a good living?...,..... What do you think the farmers should do about bettering conditions for agriculture?..... Are you a member of any farm organization ?...... If not, why ?...... Which are you a member of 🖂 Farm Bureau 🖂 Grange 🗋 Gleaners 🖸 Shelby Có-op, Inc. 🗆 Farm Bureau Fruit Products 🗋 Junior F. B. 🖸 Community F. B. 📋 New Era Creamery 📋 Claybanks Creamery

How has it helped you?..... Are you a co-operator in the AAA program?.....

IF NOT A FARM BUREAU MEMBER Do you know of the work of the Farm Bureau for Agriculture?..... Do you think the Farm Bureau has helped Agriculture?.....

WORKING FOR ANNUAL AWARDS

Bureaus to Recognize Membership Work

COUNTY GROUPS

are planning on participating in the nation. To be eligible for considannual State and American Farm eration for this award, the candidate Bureau membership contests this year. must have completed at least three State contests include:

300 or more members that secures by actually be launched in a successful November 5th, the largest percentage farming enterprise embodying modof its quota, or is the first to secure ern, scientific practices and efficient its total quota.

under 300 members that secures by ity an state's rural life in leader-November 5th the largest percentage ship, community service, and agriof its quota or that is the first before cultural activities. that date to secure its total quota. worker who secures the largest number of Farm Bureau members on a

volunteer basis. American Farm Bureau Federation awards for which the counties are ompeting include:

1. An award for each county Farm Bureau represented at the American Farm Bureau Federation meeting at Chicago, December 5, 6, 7, 2. An award to the county having the largest paid-up membership in Michigan and represented at the Chicago meeting.

The Michigan State Farm Bureau is to secure an award if each county is represented at the A.F.B.F. meeting.

Early Rationing of Food, by Combatants May Indicate Coming Demand

Wars do pretty well by the farmer while they last. The present war brought commodity price rises in the United States on the first day of hostilities. The farmer, therefore, became a beneficiary from the start. During 1914-18 war, farm income in the United States did not rise sharp. ly until the second full year of the conflict. In fact, average farm prices were a little lower in 1915 than in 1914. The reason was that the commodity price inflation did not get going at the outset as was the case this time.

large proportions in the first year of

WARS DO WELL **BY FARMER** WHILE THEY LAST

Wars put up food prices and increase the demand, largely by reason of army consumption and destruction. Farm prosperity in turn raises the value of farm lands and usually gets the farmer (and other businesses) into such an over-extended production position that he is an easy victim to the sharp recession that marks the end of the war boom. Since the amount of munitions that will be purchased in this country. is not generally expected to reach

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What is your estimation as to the most important thing which the Farm Bureau should work on ?... Do you think that all farmers should join an organization like the Farm Bureau and help put over a good sound program for the betterment of Agriculture?...

Do you know of any organization other than farmers that has done anything to build a program to help Agriculture?

Do you think that any other group would be apt to help work out a program satisfactory to the farmers ?.....

Wouldn't you like to join the Farm Bureau?.....

Name of Worker.....

1,500 See Electric Eye **Bean Pickers in Action**

Elevator Exchange Has Open Amsterdam and Antwerp, Holland. House at Port Huron Property

The Port Huron elevator employes about 100 persons, 60 of whom are women. Installation of 120 electric eye picking machines did not throw Some 1,500 bean growers and other the hand pickers out of work. They members of the Michigan Elevator were retained and the output of the

Exchange inspected the new machin- plant has been greatly increased ery and other facilities at the Ex- by the machines. The 120 machines stand side by change warehouse and picking plant at Port Huron, October 28 and 29. side in two rows. Beans come to the The plant is the largest bean elevator machines through pipes. After passin the world. Principal attraction was ing through the picker, they drop to 120 electric eye bean picking machines a belt conveyor and are carried to a Charlevoix Junior Farm Burean who in operation. They were installed a large bin, from where they are drawn drove 50 miles to help out. One hun few weeks ago in a two story brick off to automatic weighing and bagging dred persons were employed to help addition to the property. machines.

Michigan is the navy bean center of Each machine employes two photo the world and the Thumb area leads cell electric eyes and a photo electric banquet had been served and they the world and the Thumb area teams cent electric cyts and the yes focus a in production. From 9,000 to 10,000 amplifier. The electric eyes focus a carloads are shipped each year from Michigan to wholesalers and canners in single file. If the bean is of perfect in single file. If the bean is of perfect who prepare the best known brands color and quality the electric eye ma- 150 cherry pies and 150 dozen parker of nationally advertised products. Beans bought and sold by the Mich-the bean is even slightly discolored or Members of the Traverse Junior

igan Elevator Exchange are handled otherwise imperfect, that affects the Farm Bureau in charge were Presat Port Huron. They come from the intensity of the electric eye beam of ident Harold Fromholz, Katherine Thumb counties and all bean growing light. When that happens, the ma- Witkop, Josephine Shimek, Fred Neusections of Michigan. The elevator chine flips the offending bean out of man, Carl Bjork, and C. B. Carey, has on hand some 9,000,000 lbs. of line and routes it to another bin. navy beans, dark red kidney, light red Upon arrival to the electric eye sentative. has on hand some 9,000,000 lbs. of line and routes it to another bin.

kidney, cranberry and yellow eye pickers the beans are picked up by beans. They have been carefully ex- a rotating wheel, from the outer edge business, and are available on a amined by handpickers or the electric of which protrudes a row of small rental basis only. Constant room eye sorting machines and bagged in suction tubes. By means of suction, tempertaure of 71 to 72 degrees is 100 lbs. lots, ready for shipping. the wheel picks up a constant row of required for perfect operation of the The Port Huron plant, 300x70 feet, beans which pass through the beam electric eye sorter. At Port Huron was built about 15 years ago, and of light from the electric eye. Imper- that temperature is maintained by an has been managed for 10 years by fect beans are rejected. Perfect automatic gas furnace.

Ward King. All stock in the company beans continue forward until the Elevator Exchange officers attendis owned by farmer-owned elevator mechanism causes them to be dropped ing the plant inspection included members of the Elevator Exchange, on the conveyor belt to take them to President M. J. Burkholder, of Marlette; Vice President Carl Martin of Members of the Exchange ship their storage.

beans to Port Huron for storage, Only a few of the machines are in Coldwater; Sec'y-Treasurer Frank picking, drying and other processing, operation. The Elevator Exchange is Gilmore of Parma; and L. E. Osmer The beans are marketed under Ele- one of two plants in Michigan having and Neil Bass, of Lansing, managers vator Exchange trade marks. Export- them. Three Nebraska elevators have of the Elevator Exchange.

ing of beans was resumed recently 110 electric eye machines in use. They Refreshments served to visitors inby the Exchange, with shipments to are a new development in the bean cluded 400 lbs. of baked beans,

the war, it may be what farm in comes will be the first to benefit through the war. France and England have been accumulating munitions and other supplies of war for a long time. The early rationing of food by all belligerents indicates that the supplies they have accumulated are not too plentiful.

JR. FARM BUREAU SERVES 1,000 AT **GRANGE BANQUET** Grand Traverse Group Aided by Members from Charlevoix

When 1,000 State Grangers sal down to their annual banquet at the 67th annual meeting at Traverse City the evening of Nov. 1, it was to a repast prepared and served by the Traverse City Junior Farm Bureau. It was the largest banquet Traverse City had seen in years.

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\$1,600 in Prizes to Growers; 31 Counties to Show at Traverse City

Potato and apple growers from 31 northern Michigan counties will send their best products here for the annual Northern Michigan Potato and Apple Show November 8, 9 and 10, to bid for \$1,100 in cash prizes and participate in the division of \$500 worth of merchandise awards.

There is little doubt but that the show this year, judging from the early response of growers, will be the most successful ever held in this part of the state, both from the number of entries and the quality of the displays.

Stanley Johnston of Michigan State College will judge the apples and H. C. Moore of the M. S. C. experiment service will be in charge of the potato judging.

Carl H. Hemstreet, Grand Traverse county agricultural agent, is carrying much of the load of preparing for the show and if it proves the success predicted he can share the responsibility with P. C. Morrison of Williamsburg, president of the show.

Other officers assisting include J L. Kraker, Beulah, vice president; Fred Hibst, Cadillac, J. D. Robinson, Pellston, R. B. Coulter, West Branch, and Frank Shipp, Gaylord, directors. Agricultural agents in the 31 coun-

D. B. Jewell of Leelanau, R. S. Lincoln of Emmett, A. A. Griffith of Cheboygan, J. A. Brown of Presque Isle, B. C. Mellencamp of Charlevoix, W. G. Kirpatrick of Antrim, A. W. Gliddin of Montmorency, C. H. Blivin of Alpena, L. W. Barnes of Kalkaska, Casper Blomer of Alcona, W. I. Crampton of Clare, J. B. Hughett of Gladwin, J. M. part of the milk has such a large per- would boom. Gorsline of Arenac, L. E. Tompkins of Oceana, C. C. Mullett of Newaygo, B. E. Musgrave of Mecosta and H. K.

of the show will be the "Styles of ever, dry milk products of low fat which put the clause "except for Wakefield of Isabella. Yesteryear", a fashion show of the content have become of increasing duties on imports and interest on the

styles of decades ago. Miss Lawain commercial importance. They have a public debt" into the greenbacks durstyles of decades ago. Miss Lawain Churchill and Mrs. Grace Gleason are in charge of this feature of the event which is open to residents of all which is open to residents of all other manufactured goods. The con- discussion as to "what ails agriculthe counties participating.

past five years in Grand Traverse. Born in Bellaire, Mr. Hemstreet graduated from Michigan State College in its references to the naming of milk father's fruit farm near Bellaire. In 1924 he went to Oceana county as every dairy farmer. A substantial seen.

first agricultural expert.



SELLS MORE THAN ties participating in the show include DRY SKIMMILK

New Food Law Brings This Home to Dairy Farmers

Michigan Farm News: I wish to congratulate you on the Wexford, H. L. Barnum of Missaukee, R. B. Coulter of Ogemaw, W. C. Finley of Jusce 1 of Ogemaw, W. C. Finley Centuries of skimming the cream of losco, J. J. Larsen of Mason, Ralph is the only part of milk which is understand the importance of its Trafelet of Osceola, P. D. Gibson of valuable, and because the remaining teachings, how the Farm Bureau

Editor.

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Timely Comment

in Readers' Letters

I contend that the pressure group

suming public knows little about dry ture."

Mr. Hemstreet has been engaged in county agricultural work in Michigan county agricultural work in Michigan ter acquainted as foods are labelled ter acquainted as foods are labelled food drug under the new federal food, drug added to the emphasis of this question, he spent in Oceana county and the and cosmetic law to show their in- but your paper of October 7 certainly tells of the effects of all of them with-

The new federal food law has by out naming all of them, I have read Mr. Yaeger's "What is 1923 and for a year farmed on his products made the new naming of Wrong with American Agriculture" dairy products a matter of concern to twice and think it is the best I have

county agent and ten years later was engaged as Grand Traverse county's first agricultural expert milk solids, and any action that will many billions of dollars in non-taxable restrict that market will have a bad bonds might have been a wise move on the part of the very rich people in effect on farm dairy income. Under the new law if the manufact- order to evade their fair share of the urers of food products who use dry risks of business. I wonder why our Huron County Farm Bureau had milk of less than 11/2% butterfat are Farm Bureau leaders do not suggest its 20th annual meeting and dinner required to label the milk as skim- that the income of all wealth bear its at the Volmer hotel at Pigeon, Oc- milk, there can be no doubt as to the share of the expenses of our government. member families attended. E. T. Leip- The dairy industry, according to I have been reading the Elementary prandt, former State Farm Bureau the co-operative Lansing Dairy Com- Economics school books of my granddirector presided. County Agr'l pany, a large distributor of cream, children, and while I find perfunctory Agent Emmett Raven was toast- butter, bottled milk, and dry milk, mention of the proposed attempts to is inclined to the belief that label stabilize the dollar by means of the Features of the entertainment pro- term "Dry milk solids, not over 11/2% index numbers. I also find the same gram included a play by the Central fat" is a much better term than "dry pressure group stand regarding investment in bonds that I noted in duct by Mrs. Wakefield and Hal The term "dry milk solids" with the studying elementary economics 55

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More Money

Huron Holds Fine Annual Meeting

tober 20. One hundred Farm Bureau bad effect on sales.

master.

Huron Community Farm Bureau; a skimmilk." Conkey, and readings of Edgar Guest fat limit shown, says the American years ago. poems by Mrs. Howard Nugent.

Howard Nugent, speaker of the formative and not misleading. This provement in the chapter entitled House of Representatives, and long term was first recommended in 1934 "Money"! I am interested not only in time member and officer of the and has come into increasing use. stabilizing dollars but also in stabiliz-County Farm Bureau, spoke well of It is said to have the favorable ac- ing farm land values. the Farm Bureau's work in the 1939 ceptance of consumers, and is endor-

legislature. George Bauer, regional sed by scientists. director of the Junior Farm Bureau

for three Thumb counties, spoke for A Reminder Of The his group. Secretary C. L. Brody of the State Farm Bureau discussed Road Taxes We Had the work of the state organization. Back in 1932 the State Farm Bur- By way of comment, I should like to These persons were elected as eau was a strong supporter for the say that both the American Farm Bu-County Farm Bureau directors: Horton Highway Finance Act. The reau and the Michigan State Farm Frank Iron, Ralph Brown, Alfred law returns to the counties the Bureau have urged for years that our Sterm, Mrs. Hal Conkey.

Burean annual meeting are: Herman joined with the McNitt-Smith-Holbeck This would subject the income of new Bucholz, Earl Jergus, Ted Leipprandt, township road money from the gas issues to the tax laws. Undoubtedly, Bruce Crumback. Alternates-Jacob tax to replace property taxes for it would bring an increase in the rate Gremel, Thomas Murray, William Mc- highway purposes. The money is of interest on such bonds to offset in Carty.

Since 1913, forty descendants of Seth Harrison have attended the Uni-November 1 the 3 Harrison Stranahan in 1895.

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MICHIGAN STATE FARM BUREAU Lansing, Michigan

Dry Milk Institute, is accurate, in- I must say that there is vast im-

Sincerely JOHN C. STAFFORD

Member. Van Buren County Farm Bureau, Lawrence, Michigan

Editor: Thank you Mr. Stafford . second half of the license plate fee local, state and national governments Huron delegates to the state Farm and more gasoline tax money, to be should call a halt on tax exempt bonds. used to pay off existing road debts, investors' minds the shrinkage in net and build and maintain roads on a income to them through eliminating the tax exempt feature. Local, state

November 1 the State highway and national governments still look wersity of Michigan on scholarships dep't announced that \$224,000 of with favor on tax exempt securities established by his daughter, Clara Covert road bonds would be retired because they have a ready market at under the act from gasoline tax re-ceipts. There remain \$4,211,871 of faith and credit of the taxpayers of

Covert road bonds to be retired. the present and the future. This debt was charged to the adjoin. In the 1939 legislature the Farm ing and nearby farm property own Bureau supported the McCallum bill ers until the enactment of the Horton which now imposes a tax on intang-Act. It explains why farmers now ibles wealth, such as bank deposits, pay little or no property tax for mortgages, and other securities.

Manistee Has

Paid-up Membership

Check Identity of Young Stock

practice in the past.

roads.

The Manistee County Farm Bureau An excellent practice for dairymen now has a membership that is 100 per to follow at this season of the year is cent paid up, according to Wesley S. to check the identity of the young Hawley, Farm Bureau district reprehelfers which have been brought in sentative. Officers of the Bureau are from distant pastures. Occasionally H. H. Helman, president; Theodore an ear tag will be lost and if this is Schimke, secretary. These together discovered at the earliest date possible with Ed. Sellers, Ralph Lehman, David and the identity re-established, diffi- Joseph, William Schimke and William culties in the future will be avoided. Anderson are the board of directors. Cow testers find that the identity of They are laying the foundation for many valuable animals has been lost a strong organization.

permanently by not following such a Drive to the right of the road. Don't straddle highway lanes, and don't cross the yellow line. That calls for

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