#### **Behind** the Wheel

With J. F. Yaeger, Director of Membership Relations

AGRICULTURAL AGENTS

I have spent the past week meeting with the county agricultural agents of Michigan in a series of district meetings. I have had verified again what I've always known: That there is no more sincere and harder working group of farm leaders than the county agricultural agents. Practical men-always glad to listen to a new theory, but they sure can deflate an impractical idea in a hurry. Said State County Agent Leader

Clinton Ballard: "Every farmer should be a member of a general farm or-



making possible extension service to the farmer. The extension agents are the farmer. The extension agents are happy to have had a part in building ST. PAUL BANK such a program.'

#### REMEMBRANCES

Am happy to acknowledge a beautiful bouquet of glads from Gottfried Ottmer of Clinton county and a huge watermelon by Claude R. Hoffman of Barry county. The gladioli from Mr. Ottmer's farm brightened the office for many a day. The melon was one of the largest I've ever seen. Our family and some of the neighbors who dropped in one evening pronounced it as tasty and sweet a melon as they've

TOUGH TIMES of Livingston county said, "When building, Friday, October 13, starting times get tough, prices are low and with registration at 9 a. m. money is scarce, farmers get another cow or put in another acre of crops. has been of great help to Michigan's At the same time they curtail ex- commodity marketing exchanges, and penses by buying less fertilizer, etc." to many of the local co-operatives in der if in the long run the farmer isn't and facilities loans, etc. cutting his agricultural throat with The purpose of the October 13 consuch a program. When labor doesn't ference, according to President Hutzel Services, Inc. stockholder co-operative get a living wage (and sometimes Metzger of the St. Paul Bank, is to even when it does) the worker strikes discuss with co-op ass'n representa- cording to the State Farm Bureau byand refuses to produce until he is assured what he thinks is an adequate

sured for his product (labor). When the field the county for his product (labor). The field the county for the county f price for his product (labor). When Bank for Co-operatives. Directors and the manufacturer can't produce at a managers of borrowing and non-borprofit, he shuts down. Labor today rowing ass'ns are invited to take part has improved its income by 112% as in the conference, Mr. Metzger said: compared to the period 1900-1910. Industry is up 25% while the farmers' satisfactory credit are such important program has reduced his income 25% factors in the successful development during the years since 1910. I wonder of farmers' co-operatives makes it deif there shouldn't be some serious sirable for every co-operative to give thinking about this on the farmer's consideration to spending a limited

#### MEMBERSHIP

which farmers can see functioning at pose." all times is necessary for maintaining member is contacted oftener than Washington will speak. once a year and told about Farm Bu- Friday evening at the Union Mem-

latter project accomplished than ing program will be presented. through the Community Farm Bureaus meeting each month, and an an- Conference of Farmers' Co-operative nual membership and collection cam- Associations, Michigan State College, paign. All dues in St. Clair county come due October 1st. October is to be called "Membership Month", according to Dempster Cowles, membership committee chairman. He said, "Every member is to be contacted that month. In addition, we expect to put on a drive for new members. With every interested Farm Bureau member doing his part, we can get our membership all paid up in 30 days and spend the other 11 months doing constructive program building.".

The tangible part of the program includes an oil company, a merchandising program in co-operation with local dealers with Farm Bureau benefits limited to Farm Bureau members, and eight Community Farm Bureaus with monthly meeting attendance from 25 to 100 people in each group.

#### Canada Has Fourth Largest Wheat Crop

The 1939 wheat crop of Canada, harvesting of which is now practically completed, is estimated by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics in Ottawa at 449.000.000 bushels, the fourth largest crop on record in that country, according to a report by the Office of Foreign Agricultural Relations. Last season's crop amounted to only 350,000,000 bushels.

#### Barry 20 Yr. Club

Barry County Farm Bureau members will honor their 20 year members at a meeting at Hastings, October 19. William Otto, secretary of the Lansing Chamber of Commerce, will be the speaker.

#### Speaker



DR. FRANK D. SLUTZ

Dr. Slutz, former university professor, will speak to the Michigan ganization. The ex- Junior Farm Bureau at their annual tension service and meeting, Friday morning, Nov. 10, the Farm Bureau at State College on the subject, "You, were born almost Your Junior Farm Bureau and Deas twins. The mocracy." The Junior Farm Bureau agents had a large will have its annual convention durshare in the early ing the day at the People's church, building of the East Lansing. The annual dinner and Farm Bureau. In program will be at the church in reau has had an conclude with a dancing party at the important part in Michigan State College.

# **INVITES CO-OPS**

Meet at College October 13 To Discuss Credit Aid For Co-operatives

The St. Paul Bank for Co-operatives has invited directors and managers of farmers co-operative associations in Michigan to a conference at the Mich-County Agricultural Agent Thomas igan State College, Room 401 agr'l

The St. Paul Bank for Co-operatives You're right, Mr. Thomas, but I won- the matter of operating loans, building

"The fact that management and amount of its operating funds at various times for the purpose of providing In St. Clair county, Farm Bureau more intelligent direction and manageleaders are convinced of two things: ment. Some associations use part of (1) That a local, tangible project the educational reserve for this pur-

The conference program will include a membership, and (2) that there talks by representatives of several must be included in a county Farm associations, and by officers of the Bureau program a contact project St. Paul Bank. J. D. Lawrence, deputy whereby the individual Farm Bureau co-operative bank commissioner from

orial Building the conference group They see no better way to get this will attend a dinner, at which a speak-

#### PROGRAM

October 13, 1939

9:00—Registration of delegates. 10:00—Opening remarks, Hutzel Metz-ger, president, St. Paul Bank of Co-operatives.

19:15—"Financial Information Regarding the St. Paul Bank of Co-opera-tives", H. M. Knipfel, secretary, St. Paul Bank for Co-operatives. "Problems Involved in Servicing the Bank's Loans", Walter Oby, treasurer, St. Paul Bank for Coperatives; L. L. Ullyot, senior business analyst, St. Paul Bank for Co-operatives.

-'Farmers' Co-operatives in the Future', John Brandt, director of the St. Paul Bank for Co-operatives and president and genera manager of Land O'Lakes Creameries, Inc.

"Michigan Co-operatives and the State College", Ernest L. Anthony, dean, Michigan State College.

1:15—"Loan Policies of the Banks for Co-operatives", J. D. Lawrence, deputy co-operative bank commis-sioner, Washington, D. C.

"Some Operating Problems of the St. Paul Bank for Co-operatives". Hutzei Metzger, president, St. Paul Bank for Co-operatives.

:45-"Handling of Credit by Farm Sup ply Associations", A. J. Smaby eredit manager, Midiand Co-oper-ative Wholesale, Minneapolis,

Discussion:

(1) Harry Frank, general manager, Consumers' Co-operative of Walworth county, Elkhorn, Wis.

(2) Alfred George, general manager, Buchanan Co-ops, Inc., Bucmanan, Mich.: Three Oaks Co-ops, Inc., Three Oaks, Mich: Central Farmers' Ass'n, Cassopolis, Mich.

(3) Henry Larzelere, representative of Michigan State College.

Banquet (Provided by the St. Paul Paul Bank for Co-operatives.

#### FARM BUREAU ANNUAL MEETINGS NOV. 8-9-10

Three Days of Meetings and Entertainment; Services Date Changed

Twenty years of Michigan State Farm Bureau will be observed at the annual meetings Nov. 8-9-10 at State College, East Lansing. All Farm Bureau members are invited to attend the meetings in which they have an interest. This year the annual meeting of the Farm Bureau Services, Inc. stockholders has been moved forward to Dec. 14 at Lansing to avoid conflict with one of the Farm Bureau Insurance Agents Nov. 8

Three hundered or more State Farm

Mutual Automobile and State Farm Life Insurance agents will have their 13th annual meeting at the Union Memorial building at the college, Meeting starts at 10 a. m. Luncheon and program at noon.

State Farm Bureau, Nov. 9-10 The 20th annual meeting of the Michigan State Farm Bureau board of delegates will convene in the Union building ballroom at 9:30 a. m., Thursturn the Farm Bu- the early evening. The Juniors will day, November 9. Delegates will come from 45 County Farm Bureaus and 135 associated farmers' co-operative assn's. There will be a busi ness session throughout the day Thursday. That evening 7 or 8 hun dred Farm Bureau folk will attend the annual dinner at the Union, to be followed by a speaking program and other entertainment. The old time dancing party follows. The business sessions continue Friday. Reports will be made on Farm Bureau work in 1939, a program shaped for 1940, and directors will be elected.

> Junior Farm Bureau, Nov. 10 Friday, the Junior Farm Bureau will have its annual meeting at the Peo ple's church, East Lansing. Six hundred or more will attend. Their business session continues through the day. The church will serve dinner in the evening. After a speaking program, there will be a dancing party in one of the campus ballrooms. Credentials

County Farm Bureaus are entitled o one voting delegate in the State Farm Bureau's annual meeting for each 50 paid-up members, or major fraction thereof. Each Farm Bureau is entitled to one voting delegate, ac-

have their reservations confirmed ly. for certain dates by the hotel. There commodations.

#### Elevator Exchange Officers For 1939-40

Frank Gilmore of Parma.

Burkholder.

board are Carl Martin, Coldwater; Frank Gilmore, Parma: H. H. Sandford, Battle Creek; George McCalla, Ypsilanti; E. W. Irwin, Saginaw; Andrew Lohman, Hamilton.

#### 100 Michigan Boys At FFA Convention

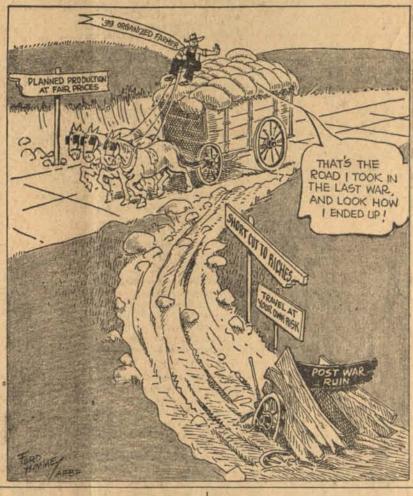
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#### Which Road This Time?



#### **ENGLAND TAKES** CONTROL OF ALL FARM LANDS

Broad Powers For Period Of War

the British Minister of Agriculture the Department of Agriculture. efficiency for the production of essentime.

#### What Gov't Can Do

credentials for their delegates and defense purposes, to see that it is ance in the Danube countries, par-livence agreed that as County rai alternates soon to C. L. Brody, Sec'y, used solely for the production of food, ticularly in Rumania, Hungray and Bureaus take over the membership Michigan State Farm Bureau, Lans- and to issue such directions with re- Yugoslavia, is harvested mainly from program, collections, and records, spect to the cultivation, management late September through October, should be done on an agreement be Room reservations should be made in and use of land as he thinks neces. Potatoes and sugar beets, the prin-tween the County and State Farm advance of arrival for the annual sary for the purpose of increasing or cipal European root crops, are har- Bureaus that shall state the relationmeeting, and as early as possible to maintaining production. He may ter. vested during September and October, ship and responsibilities of the two assure accommodations. Persons want- minate the tenancy of any holding not Root crops are important both as food organizations in membership work. ing hotel accommodations should being cultivated in accordance with and feed in Central Europe, notably write either the Hotel Olds, the Roose- good farming practices and may dis. Germany, Poland and former Czechvelt, the Strand, the Wentworth, or possess an owner-occupier whenever oslovakia. the Detroit hotels in Lansing, and the latter fails to farm his land proper- This year's total production of small membership relations dep't, discussed

#### Conservation in Reverse

persons to occupy each room, the date of arrival and number of nights each wales, at 250,000 acres for England and Wales, at 250,000 acres for Scotland, and at 250,000 acres for Northern and at 250,000 acres for Northern and in northern Europe. until last minute regarding room ac- Ireland. To expedite the realization and in northern Europe. of that objective the Government will Unfavorable weather conditions tive service, public relations, Junior

Directors of the Michigan Elevator Farmers are being urged to sow as The 1939 wheat crop for all Europe, Exchange on Sept. 6 re-elected Presmuch winter wheat as possible and exclusive of Russia, is now estimated upon motion by Roy Stevens of Cass ident Milt Burkholder of Marlette: to make large increases in the acre- at about 1,700,000,000 bushels com-Vice-President Carl Martin of Cold- age devoted to cats, barley, flax and pared with 1,858,000,000 bushels last worth of Shiawassee county, voted water; and Secretary-Treasurer potatoes next spring. In thus urging year and with the average of 1,580, that it is not sound to continue spendfarmers to go on a war basis, it is ob- 000,000 bushels for the 5-year period ing sums of money in excess of mem-The Exchange stockholders re-electivious says the Office of Foreign Agri- ending with the 1937 crop. ed directors Waldo Phillips of Decatur, cultural Relations, that the Gov. In most European countries food ganized, but it may be necessary Del Protzman of Elkton, and Milt ernment hopes to bring about the supplies on hand at the present time necessary shifts in agricultural pro. are somewhat larger than normal. Other members of the Exchange uction much more rapidly than during This is especially true of the bread the last war.

#### Speed the Plow

of Agriculture to regulate and con-might occur in next year's harvest. stockholder of Farm Bureau Services, Wesley gated by the Minister to other agencies acting under his authority. It Monroe Honors Its At FFA Convention appears that County Agricultural Ex-One hundred or more Future Farm. ecutive Committees will play an impests and plant diseases.

Agriculture.

#### **GOOD CROPS** REPORTED FOR WARRING NATIONS

Minister Of Agriculture Has U. S. Representatives Abroad Report Large Reserve Stocks Stored

issued under the National Defence food and feed crops were ready for Act of the United Kingdom have plac. harvest in September and October in

assure that farm land in the United should be able to meet their essential Farm Bureau will be operating al

oats and spelt, is reported around bership with the conference. They grains such as wheat, rye, barley, are no hotels in East Lansing. The

State Farm Bureau will assist con The program calls for placing in average or slightly above for most of the members of State Farm Bureau will assist conrenting visitors in gatting records vention visitors in getting rooms in acres of farmland before December season's record or near record yields, ings of the several State Farm Burneys to home where the several state farm burneys to home the several private homes. When asking for 31, 1939. The planned increase in till-however, some reductions are noted. room reservations, give the names of ed area for the 1940 harvest is placpersons to occupy each room, the date ed at 1,500,000 acres for England and for wheat, took place in France, Ger- which most members assume is paid of arrival and number of nights each Wales, at 260,000 acres for Scotland, many, the United Kingdom, Holland, by the membership dues. Such ser-Mark R. Westbrook.

pay a subsidy of \$8.08 per acre on during the harvesting period, par- Farm Bureau, and other services. Of approved grassland that is ploughed ticularly in central and western these items the cost of maintaining up before the end of the current Europe, were an important factor in the membership roll is by far the the reduced wheat yields this season. heaviest.

grains, wheat and rye. Germany, for example, has nearly twice as much The powers given to the Minister should help offset any deficiency that or of Farm Bureau merchandise, the wheat on hand as a year ago and this

ers of America chapter presidents in portant role in the "speed the plow" | Monroe County Farm Bureau honor-Michigan, or their representatives, campaign. Sub-committees have been ed its 20 year members at a picnic in pledge its loyalty. will attend the 12th annual conven appointed in most counties to deal late August at the Sterling State Park tion of the FFA and the Royal Fat with various special phases of the near Monroe. Charles McCalla of the chandising units, the county extension Stock Show at Kansas City, October accelerated production campaign, Washtenaw Farm Bureau Store at service, the Smith Hughes education- Harry such as the organization of cultiva- Ann Arbor spoke of the record made al leaders, and the Junior Farm Bur-The trip is sponsored by the State tion and cropping; the recruiting of by the organization during its 20 eau to co-operate with the County Board for Control of Vocational Ed. labor; the distribution of feedstuffs, years. His address stamped him as Farm Bureau is a program to be deucation, the Michigan Ass'n of Future fertilizers and machinery; drainage one of the organization's best speak-sired.

Some of the boys will assemble at The County Executive Committees why they had held fast to a contin-benefits from its program that they Mrs. Michigan State College, Friday, Oct. were informed last week that large nous membership. One replied, "I be. should also assume the duties of build-13. They will entrain at Lansing, reserves of fertilizer are in store as lieve in farm organization because I ing, financing and being loyal to the the morning of Oct. 14. Others will well as a national reserve of tractors know we can never have our right. leadership and program of the orboard the NYC train at Jackson, Bat. and agricultural implements. Arrange- ful place if we stand alone as in. ganization. ments have also been made to assure dividuals." Others said their Farm Jesse Treiber of the Tuscola Counthat farmers will not be faced with a Bureau dues had been returned to ty Farm Bureau was chairman of the Approximately three thousand cross shortage of gasoline. Farm tractors them many times by the savings and conference. E. D. Cheney of the Hillsties are used for each mile of rail- vehicles and draft animals normally improvements accomplished by Farm dale County Farm Bureau was secused for agricultural purposes will Bureau efforts in equalizing tax bur- retary. Present from the County not be requisitioned for any other dens, road improvement, rural elec. Farm Bureaus were: Vision is the art of seeing things in- service, according to the Minister of trification, better seeds and feeds and other supplies.

# Consider Changes in Membership System

County Farm Bureaus Move in Direction of Assuming Full Responsibility for Membership Maintenance

Michigan County Farm Bureaus are moving in the direction of assuming complete responsibility for maintaining and increasing their membership, and for keeping their own membership records.

September 26 leaders from 34 County Farm Bureaus and the State Farm Bureau staff met at Lansing and agreed unanimously that interested County Farm Bureaus should be permitted to assume that responsibility. It was agreed that such counties should have a larger share of the Farm Bureau dues, and that the take-over of responsibility should be on a plan that will insure a continuing Farm Bureau membership

During the first five years of the Michigan State Farm Bureau's history, 1919-24, the County Farm Bureaus attended to the collection of annual membership dues and kept the membership records in their offices at the county seats. New members were secured largely by local volunteer membership workers, with help in setting up campaigns, etc., from the State Farm Bureau membership dep't, as is done now.

In 1924 the County Farm Bureaus asked the State Farm Bureau to organize a central membership dues collection and membership records division. The counties have continued to assist with membership work and dues collection. The State Farm Bureau has always maintained a separate set of records for each County Farm Bureau. During the years a uniform system of County Far Emergency regulations recently Average or better than average has been built, something they

Should Be Beneficial So, as the best organized county ed the entire agricultural industry of Europe, according to reports made Farm Bureaus arrange to take over that country under the control of by U. S. representatives abroad to their membership records and col lactions, they should strengthen their during the war, according to a cable In addition, many countries in work in their counties. The members to the Office of Foreign Agricultural Europe have been laying up reserve and the membership records and Relations from the American Em- stocks. Consequently, the reports record keepers will be within easy bassy in London. The objective is to indicated, most European countries means of communication. The County Kingdom will be used to its maximum food and feed requirements for some phases of its membership work. The State Farm Bureau membership re On September 1 the European har- lations dep't will continue with al vesting of small grain and hay crops other membership services that are Included among the powers con was mostly completed but corn and now being rendered to the County

The Membership Problem

Secretary C. L. Brody and J. F. Yaeger of the State Farm Bureau the history of the Farm Bureau memeau departments are required to carry

On this last point, the conference W. E. Wiley Richland Niles Hagelshaw Climax bership dues to keep the farmer or- Keith temporarily, and should be continued Dale R. Hostetler..... as long as it is necessary.

Other Recommendations Other recommendations adopted by the conference were:

That the local co-operative distribut. H. H. Inc., should assist in financing the Loyal S. general organization program, and that in turn the County Farm Bureau F. J. should concern itself about the problems of the local distributor and George That getting local co-operative mer-

That as farmers are granted the H. R. Andre.....

The veteran members were asked rights of an organization and secure

ALLEGAN COUNTY Mr. & Mrs. Nelson J. Ransom ..... Pullman

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| y didn't have in the early years. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 4                                 | BERRIEN COUNTY   |  |  |  |  |  |
| 7                                 | J. C. HollenbeckBerrien Springs  |  |  |  |  |  |
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James Harris OAKLAND COUNTY

OTTAWA COUNTY

OCEANA COUNTY H. Birdsall ......Pentwater Peter Young.....

SHIAWASSEE COUNTY Walworth ST. CLAIR COUNTY

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#### Which Road This Time?

The American Farm Bureau cartoon on page 1 of this edition, and articles elsewhere in the paper, "England Takes Control of All Farm Lands" and "British Government Controls Food Imports and Prices" are indeed signposts of the times that we should pay attention to.

The people of the United States are as one in their determination to keep out of this war. The neutrality provisions under which we shall live are now being debated at Washington. We believe that world demand will rise for our farm products, and prices and farm business will be better under whatever neutrality legislation is adopted. As long as we keep out of the war, the American farmer may use his best judgment in operating his farm to produce the best return. The experience during and after the last war, and during and after the Civil war, indicates that war time prices should be used by farmers to get out of debt. Those who expand too much are never prepared for the post-war crash and are ruined.

The British government's action in regimenting agriculture and controlling food prices is typical of the nations AT WAR and is prophetic for us.

#### The First Five Weeks

The European war that was in the making for nearly a generation is now five weeks old. So far we have seen a series of important successes for Germany. On the easier eastern front, Poland has been destroyed, and partitioned between Germany and Russia. The German non-aggression pact with Russia not only brought Russia into the war to finish Poland the quicker for a large share of the Polish spoils, but promises to reveal Russia soon as the military ally of Germany. German shipping has been driven from the high seas, except in the Russian and German controlled Baltic. On the other hand, Germany has had early and important success with her submarine and aircraft attack on British shipping and warships. From behind the Siegfried western defenses, and the mined and fortified approaches to the very limited navigable lanes into the Baltic sea, Germany and Russia have suggested peace on the base of their present accomplishments and other terms not yet mentioned.

Britain and France have announced that any such peace proposal will be rejected. They appear determined to carry out to a finish the issue once joined in Poland. Theirs is the job of attack under an uphill set of circumstances. Only Italy among the European powers has not taken sides. World opinion is that Duce can't determine this early the probable winner.

While this has been going on, and overshadowed by the enormity of the changes in world affairs, thousands of German, Polish, French, and English sons and fathers, farmers and townsmen have lost their lives. Countless families are refugees. And this is but the beginning . . . the first five weeks.

#### What's the Matter With Agriculture?

The short answer is that farm products have sold too cheap in comparison with prices for what the farmer has to buy. But for a discussion of the subject by men, newspapers, and organizations of national reputation as sources of worth while information, turn to page 4 of this edition. It is a presentation of cause and effect and suggested remedy. Perhaps it is a bit long for one sitting . . . but don't do it that way. Take several shots at it. You'll digest it more easily. If the organization of farm business for better farm business and returns, isn't the right answer, we'll be glad to have your sug-

#### Consider Changes in Membership System

TRI-COUNTY FARM BUREAU

TUSCOLA COUNTY

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Frank Kleinschmidt:

Ann Arbor
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weather to make up the drop in

vice traveled an average of 178 miles plenty of grain on poor pasture. They daily in 1938, the highest on record.

More than ten million trains are operated annually over the railroads of

the United States. If you want to help your own industry, you need the help of an organiza-

tion like the Farm Bureau. An organization that does not at 000 persons. tract youth soon becomes a dying

organization.

The success of any endeavor is Isadore Greiner, Farm Bureau memlargely dependent upon inspiration ber of Weare twp., Oceana county, is and enthusiasm.

542 inhabitants.

# They Follow The

Boss's Example

Hot weather is behind us . . . but here's an item that's worth tucking Richard DeYoung Ellsworth away against next summer.

Cows graze less when it's very hot. They follow the boss's example Treiber Unionville and beat it for a shady spot to cool off. Feed intake decreases as cows loaf in the shade . . . and of course, to do with it.

These things can be balanced by feed intake out in the pasture. Cows Passenger locomotives in active ser- need some grain on good pasture and require a pound of grain for each 4 lbs, of milk produced daily.

#### Farm Population Nears All Time High

#### Coming Up

becoming well known as an exhibitor of registered Brown Swiss cattle, freight train each 24 hour day in For every mile of railroad in the O. I. C. hogs, and Lincoln sheep. He the first six months of 1939 was 405 Russet Rural potatoes for seed. first half of 1920.



#### The Old Paring Knife

It is fine to have nice things and new things, Or so I have heard people say, But I am right grateful, for my part, That I'm not constructed that way. In the midst of the race with the Joneses Which paces our tempo of life I cherish the things I am used to-For instance, this old paring knife.

A worn-out old stub of a case knife, But a partner of years in my hand; I could not compute if I tried to The bushels of fruit we have canned The handle is dingy old walnut, The blade is just common bright steel, But this is my choice of weapons Whenever there's apples to peel.

It used to be three inches longer, And rounded, and cunningly shaped, But too many licks on the stove pipe And too many spuds it has scraped Have worn it in two in the middle And polished the stub mighty thin; And Hiram has added a washer Right here where the rivet goes in.

Of course he would get me another But I've never wanted him to. For no other knife I have worked with Will do quite what this one will do. The handle just fits in my fingers, And that thin little point you see Will twitch out the eyes of potatoes With scarcely a gesture from me.

It will carve out the core of an apple Or pry out the pit of a peach; It will skin out a scalded tomato And the stem-hole that's down out of reach. It will slash out the stump of a cabbage Or haggle the hide off a ham; I wouldn't trade this for a gold one, And that's how old-fashioned I am.

# The ASSOCIATED WOMEN

#### AMERICAN FARM BUREAU FEDERATION



THE preceding articles have been a re-I print of "Partners in the Farm Bureau," issued by the Associated Women of the American Farm Bureau as a summary of the ideals of Farm Bureau Women.

THE annual women's speaking contest I is one of the specific ways in which the Farm Bureau women are attempting to achieve their ideals. The speaking contest MRS. PEARL E. MYUS subject this year:

#### "THE FARMERS STAKE IN WORLD PEACE"

VERY farm woman can help the cause of world peace by L speaking her views at the Community Farm Bureau meeting. She can help attain the goal of world peace evermore by entering the speaking contest in her district.

S you know, elimination contests are held in the various A districts of the state, and the winners of the district contests will hold an elimination contest at East Lansing just prior to the opening of the State Farm Bureau annual convention, Nov. 8-10. The winner of the state contest goes on to the American Farm Bureau national district contest. Finally, an elimination contest is held at the time of the national convention to determine the national champion.

THROUGH these speaking contests, are not the farm women I of this nation rolling up a powerful wave of sentiment for world peace by pointing out to their fellow farmers the vast benefits to be gained by peace?

EVERY woman is anxious to do everything in her power to keep our country at peace with the world and to help educate the peoples of other nations to see the folly of con-

EVERY newspaper and the radio broadcasts are brimming with material that can help you in presenting your ideas. Enter this contest and do your part in this most important job we have before us.

ONTACT your Farm Bureau district man for rules and regulations governing the contest. The several State Farm Bureau district representatives, their addresses and the counties they serve are:

ARTHUR EDMUNDS, 1370 West Michigan Ave., Battle Creek. Branch, Calhoun, Hillsdale, Jackson, Kalamazoo, St. Joseph

CHARLES OPENLANDER, Grand Ledge, R.-3. Barry, Clinton, Eaton, Ingham, Shiawassee.

KEITH TANNER, 31 Pope St., Lapeer. Genesee, Lapeer, Oakland.

RAY SMALLEY, Ypsilanti, R-1. Lenawee, Livingston, Monroe, Washtenaw.

C. B. CAREY, Traverse Hotel, Traverse City.

Antrim, Benzie, Charlevoix, Grand Traverse, Leelanau, Kalkaska. GEORGE SCHULTZ, Paw Paw.

Allegan, Berrien, Cass, Ionia, Kent, Ottawa, Van Buren,

WESLEY HAWLEY, Ludington, R-3.

Manistee, Mason, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana, FRED REIMER, Saginaw, R-7.

Bay, Saginaw, Tuscola.

ROY WELT, Goodells. St. Clair.

MEMBERSHIP RELATIONS DEP'T. State Farm Bureau, Lansing. Gratiot, Huron, Isabella, Missaukee, Sanilac.

### Michigan Crops Well

There are today slightly more than According to the Federal Crop Re- orange, and better yet, provides valu- large portion of the wheat belt is 32,000,000 persons living on farms porting Services at Lansing, Michigan able vitamins and minerals at low shown by recent surveys made by the in the United States. The all time crops of grain and fruits are even cost. A potato is 11 to 12% starch Bureau of Entomology and Plant high was reported in 1910 at 32,077, larger than the bumper harvests of and 78% water. Baked, boiled or Quarantine in co-operation with State 1938. The European war has upped steamed, the potato retains most of experiment Stations. The pest is prices from discouragingly low levels its food value when cooked in the present in moderate to extreme num-In August to gains of 25 and even skin. 50% at times for some commodities.

have 11,351 air-conditioned passenger ka and eastern Kansas. The average distance traveled per cars in operation.

Score for Potatoes!

I country weighs nearly one ton.

#### BRITISH GOV'T **CONTROLS FOOD IMPORTS & PRICES**

Gov't Will Buy Abroad And Limit Imports And Prices At Home

The British Food Defence Department, to be known in the future as the Food Ministry, is to have sole authority over the importation of all essential foodstuff into the United Kingdom, according to a cable to U.S. Office of Foreign Agricultural Relations from the American Embassy in

Organization of the new Ministry is still incomplete, but it has been announced that among its functions will be the acquisition of foreign supplies of foodstuffs, the imposition of domestic price control measures, and the organization and control of distribution. The new Ministry will have a complete monopoly of the British import trade in foodstuffs.

Order Centralized Buying Responsibility for the acquisition of foreign supplies has been delegated to a General Supplies Division. That agency is now conducting preliminary consultations with representatives of supplying countries, according to the dispatch.

It is understood that centralized buying will be adopted for important staples, especially for those which government agencies are seeking in the exporting countries. Certain individuals already have been designated as buyers. Importation of other foodstuffs will continue under licensed control.

Plans are still incomplete, but it is understood that the British desire is o purchase at once the better part of a year's supply of all of the essential food imports while prices overseas are still reasonable. The matter of actual delivery, however, is to be deferred until the products are needed and as the shipping situation permits their importation. Subsequently the Government will seek longer term arrangements wherever a more satisfactory condition of payment can be

Would Control Food Prices Foodstuff price control is likely as the second major activity of the new Food Ministry, says the dispatch. It has been clearly indicated that the British authorities intend not only to control British wholesale and retail prices of food stuffs, but to exert British buying power and control of shipping, in conjunction with France, in order to check speculative and other forces making for high and fluctuating world prices.

The steps already taken to control food prices in the United Kingdom nclude the assumption of Government control over stocks in the United Kingdom and supplies in transit of all foodstuffs for which the country is on an import basis and the fixing of maximum prices in pounds sterling for a long list of products.

Price Fixed on U. S. Items Among the products of est to American agriculture for which maxium prices have already been fixed are bacon, hams, lard, wheat and flour, dried fruits, oilseeds, and vegetable oils. Other products for which maximum prices have been set are butter, cheese, eggs, tea, sugar, potatoes, canned salmon, margarine, hogs, cattle, sheep and fresh meats. The prices have been fixed temporarily at about the levels prevailing shortly before the outbreak of hostil-

A third major activity of the new Food Ministry, according to the dispatch, is the organization of distribution. Activity under that heading thus far has been confined largely to a decentralization of the physical handling and storage of essential

Ration Cards Coming Ration cards are ready but the Food Ministry announced on September 8 that they would not be in troduced for three or four weeks. When introduced they are expected to allow for virtually normal consumption except, possibly, for butter and

In general, rationing is held to be iecessary chiefly to secure a fair dis tribution incident to widespread evacuation and other war maladjustments. While emphasis at the present time is not upon a reduction in consumption, says the Office of Foreign Agricultural Relations, reliable sources indicate that sharp curtailment through the medium of rationing cards is likely to be ordered sooner or later in meats, fresh fruits, imported luxuries and possibly sugar and fats. The extent of such curtailment will depend upon a number of factors Included among them are the supplies on hand, world prices, the nation's ability to obtain foreign exchange, or to provide for other means of payment for essential foodstuffs, and the question of adequate shipping facili-

#### Hessian Fly Increase Noted

Cornell university tells us that a An increased infestation of the Above 10 Yr. Average potato is no more fattening than an hessian fly this year throughout a bers in many localities in Pennsyl vania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, The railroads and the Pullman now southern Iowa, southeastern Nebras-

A freight locomotive now performs The heaviest standard length steel one and one-half times as much work United States there is an average of has also become a grower of certified miles compared with 247 miles in the rail in use on the railroads of this for each pound of fuel consumed than it did in 1920.

#### My Country 'Tis of Thee

This editorial, published in the Portland Oregonian, October 2, 1338, won the Pulitzer Award for the most distinguished editorial published by an American newspaper in 1938. It was written by Ronald G. Calvert, associate editor of the Oregonian.

In this land of ours, this America, the man we choose as leader dons at no time uniform or insignia to denote his constitutional position as commander-in-chief of armed forces. No member of his cabinet, no civil subordinate, ever attires himself in garments of military power.

In this land of ours, this America, the average citizen sees so little of the Army that he has not learned to distinguish between a major and a lieutenant from his shoulder straps. When the Chief Executive addresses his fellow countrymen they gather about him within hand-clasp distance. Goosestepping regiments are not paraded before him. When he speaks to the civilian population it is not over rank upon rank of helmeted heads.

In this land of ours, this America there is no parade of military boots to entertain the visiting statesman. There is no effort to affright him with display of mobile cannon or of facility for mass production of aerial bombers.

In this land of ours, this America there is no fortification along the several miles of the northern border. In the great fresh water seas that partly separate it from another dominion no naval craft plies the waters. Along its southern border there are no forts, no show of martial strength.

In this land of ours, this America, no youth is conscripted to labor on devices of defense; military training he may take or leave at option. There is no armed force consistent with a policy of aggression. The Navy is built against no menace from the Western Hemisphere, but wholly for defense against that which may threaten from Europe or Asia.

In this land of ours, this America, one-third of the population is foreign born, or native born of foreign or mixed parentage. Our more numerous "minorities" come from 14 nations. The native born whatever his descent has all political and other rights possessed by him who traces his ancestry to the founding fathers. The foreign born of races that are assimilable are admitted to all these privileges if they want them. We have "minorities" but no minority problem.

In this land of ours, this America, the common citizen may criticize without restraint the policies of his government or the aims of the Chief Executive. He may vote as his judgement or his conscience advises and not as a ruler dictates.

In this land of ours, this America, our songs are dedicated to love and romance, the blue of the night, sails of the sunset, and not to might or to a martyrdom to political cause. Our national anthem has martial words; difficult air. But if you want to hear the organ roll give the people its companion-"America . . . of Thee I sing." In lighter patriotism we are nationally cosmopolitan. Unitedly we sing of Dixie or of Iowa, where the tall corn grows, of springtime in the Rockies or of California, here I come.

In this land of ours, this America, there is not a bomb-proof shelter, and a gas mask is a curiosity. It is not needed that we teach our children where to run when death hawks darken

In this land of ours, this America, our troubles present or prospective come from within-come from our own mistakes. and injure us alone. Our pledges of peace toward our neighbors are stronger than ruler's promise or written treaty. We guarantee them by devoting our resources, greater than the resources of any other nation, to upbuilding the industries of peace. We strut no armed might that could be ours. We cause no nation in our half of the world to fear us; none does fear us, nor arm against us.

In this land of ours, this America, we have illuminated the true road to permanent peace. But that is not the sole moral sought herein to be drawn. Rather it is that the blessings of liberty and equality and peace that have been herein recounted are possessed nowhere in the same measure in Europe and Asia and wane or disappear as one nears or enters a land of dictatorship of whatever brand. This liberty, this equality, this peace, are imbedded in the American form of government. We shall ever retain them if foreign isms that would dig them out and destroy them are barred from our shores. If you cherish this liberty, this equality, this peace material and peace spiritual-then defend with all your might the American ideal of government.

#### BENEFITS

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FEDERATION

1919 — 1939

EFFICIENT PRODUCTION

The Farm Bureau, has represented farmers at each session of Congress since 1920 to secure necessary increases in appropriations for the research and educational bureaus of the Department of Agriculture or to prevent reductions in appropriations which would seriously curtail the research and educational functions of the Department.

2 Secured establishment of Bureau of Dairy Industry in the Department of Agriculture in 1924.

3 Secured passage of the Purnell Act of 1925, authorizing additional federal appropriations of \$60,- 10 000 a year to each state experiment station.

Secured passage of Gooding-Ketcham Seed Staining Bill of 1926. to protect farmers against imports of unadapted clover and alfalfa seed and has secured adequate appropriations for enforce 991,900 employees,

ment of domestic seed laws.

Secured passage of the Capper-Ketcham Act of 1928, authorizing additional federal appropriations of \$1,500,0000 annually for support of state extension services.

Secured passage of the Bankhead-Jones Act of 1935, authorizing additional federal appropriations for support of state experiment stations and extension services and for establishment of federal research laboratories.

Has secured adequate appropriations for the Department of Interior to provide vocational agriculture education in public schools.

Has secured adequate appropriations for the control of crops and livestock diseases and pests, and for federal indemnities paid for animals slaughtered in campaigns against bovine tuberculosis and Bangs' disease.

Has supplied the county organizations through which agricultural extension work in many states is carried on.

Has provided approximately \$1,-000,000 annually from membership funds for support of agricultural extension work in the counties of many states. (Continued in our next edition)

Class 1 railroads in June 1939 had

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creation leader, Mrs. Howard Bent-

ley; discussion leader, Mrs. A. H.

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#### COLLEGE INVENTS NEW APPLE SPRAY

A Control for Codling Moth That Solves Washing Problem

Science at Michigan State College has been invoked over a five year experiment in apple orchards to find a new spray combination which controls the codling moth, prevents wormy apples and yet does not leave spray residue containing so much rsenic that the apples need washing

before going to market. Nearly 500 orchard owners in the state have been using the new type spray in 1939, helping to prove with other 1939 plot tests by the college that a less harmful spray still protects

And this is important this year, says Professor Ray Hutson, college entomologist, for crop reports indicate a harvest of more than eight million bushels in Michigan. To wash that many apples would be costly, to have that many wormy would be ruinous.

The secret lies in a combination of nicotine sulphate with bentonite, type of clay found in large deposits in Wyoming and other states.

Ordinarily, says Professor Hutson, he nicotine sulphate has the immediate power to kill the codling moth but is so volatile and soluble that insufficient residual effect re mains. Sufficient amounts of the clay are mixed to force a suitable percent age of the nicotine to remain volatile and soluble while the remainder con tinues to provide a residual protection over a period of days until growth of the fruit requires another application.

Present federal food standards limit the amount of poisonous residue of the arsenic. Over that limit the fruit must be washed. With two of Michigan's most popular varieties, the Mc-Intosh and the spy, washing induces bruising of the fairly tender apple skin. A heavy arsenical residue also brings blotching of the skin coloring because the residue spots permit only uneven coloring. Burnt foliage often is another effect of the now out-of-



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# Why be a Ham in Carving One? Expert Shows Easy, Modern Way

If they snicker when you start to carve, you'll be comforted by these kind words from Max O. Cullen, carving authority. "It's easy to learn the right way, and the right way is the easy way,' says Cullen, who is shown at the right explaining to Pete Smith, producer of motion picture shorts bearing his name, and Ann Morriss, M-G-M player, the fundamentals of carving a ham, during the recent filming of "Culinary Carving," an educational short in which Cullen was featured.

Proper tools and a sharp knife are of first importance, says the expert. Then you can proceed with confidence, if you will follow his simple directions as shown by the diagrams and instructions below.

1. Place ham with fat side up, shank end to carver's right. Cut two or three slices parallel to the length of the ham from the

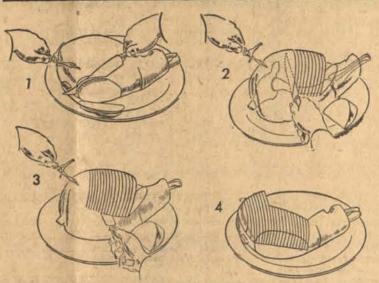
smaller meaty section.

2. Turn the ham so that it rests on the cut surface. Holding firmly with the fork, cut a small wedge shaped piece from the shank end. Then proceed to cut thin slices down to the leg bone until the aitch bone is reached.

3. With the fork still in place, release the slices by running the knife along the bone and at right angles to the slices. For additional servings, turn and carve other side of ham.

4. If more servings are required, the ham is turned back in its original position on the platter with the fat side up and the slices are carved at right angles to the bone. These slices are not so large as those from the cushion section, but they make attractive servings for second helpings.





#### Our Hard Won Tax Savings Seen in Danger

Here; Shall We Allow Old Taxes to Return?

By MRS. EDITH M. WAGAR There has never been a time during the life of the Farm Bureau when I be using its watchful eye more than ember 1st next. If ever there was a at present.

ability to assist in lowering and equal- back to the old obnoxious patronage izing the property tax for the farmer, system where the politicians get For years school taxes were so bur- theirs first and what is left goes to lensome that many wanted to go the needy if they vote right. The rewards this fall. back to the days of "readin', writin' dear taxpayer pays the bill. When and the hickory stick" if there was the federal and state governments winter meals from the plump birds any assurance of lower taxes.



Frills in Education Nevertheless there's many a farm along. family having high school students I predict a curtailment of WPA prowho fear they will be called upon to jects out in the rural areas and that pay the amount that is expected to will mean more people thrown back be lacking when the state tuition to direct relief, which under the new money does not cover the amount re- law will be a much greater burden quired for their children's school at on the local taxpayer. tendance. This deficit cannot be It's a case where we have wanted to thrown back on the district as a eat our cake and still have it. whole until it is voted by the electors During a recent conference conof the district. The state attorney sidering the relief situation, one man due. So much for schools.

Clubbing the Wrong Folks state on account of the large de else. linquent state hospitalization due the state from our county. What this Now the question that disturbs me will do to our road system is still a is, how long are we as members of an question to be answered.

The hospital bill should be paid interests of the farmer going to It should be paid to a great extent by keep quiet on the matter?

A Road Tax Again?

public purposes.

Sales and Other New Taxes is to invite a return of the old system of property tax in its entirety. Leave well enough alone and look for other means toward road improvements, even if it must be of a slower nature

Our New Welfare Legislation An last but by no means least is the change necessitated through the rehave felt that the organization should lief law that takes effect on Novneed for a referendum it is on that We have prided ourselves on our law. It is another example of going lost their farms the state for local control, something would not be earning their chicken and many more that every thinking person knew feed.

state were to con- whether he can afford it or not. Why He Was Furious

it was a day for Just a few days ago, I was approachrejoicing when the ed by a farmer friend who had benestate granted aid fitted by a county wide WPA drain. above boiling inside a can or jar. This to local schools He wanted the drain continued, for and assumed the the lower end if it had not been com- ia which otherwise might cause dangtuition for rural pleted and he wanted to create public erous food poisoning, or at least prescholars into high support towards that end. He had acschool. This legislative action not cepted this assistance which meant until used. Water baths, steam withonly made it possible for hundred of the saving of a lot of hard work and out pressure or oven canning are not farm boys and girls to continue in also a good many dollars. Yet he had high school where otherwise they been quite free to condemn the procould not, but it relieved the rural position because WPA condemnation districts from that heavy tuition ex- is popular. He failed to see that he pense. It saved many a high school was the man who was really on WPA from the ills of a depleted treasury, and not the fellow who was obliged to accept such a job in order to keep But what are we now threatened soul and body together, for he got with? The school appropriation was something for nothing and the man reduced when the state budget was in the ditch at least pretended to set up last spring on account of those work for what he received. When I in power feeling that some of the told him that under the new law, all "frills" might well be eliminated dur- people who received benefit from a ing times of needed economy. That's proposed WPA project must pay 25% well and good, but we feel that rural of the cost, he was furious. But it tuition cannot be classed as a "frill." was just what he had courted all

general has recently ruled that the who has opposed the new law said, parents can be billed for the amount "Well, let these politicians take their medicine now"-That's all right so far as putting the blame where it be-In Monroe county the gas and longs, but who's going to pay for the weight tax is being withheld by the medicine? It's you and I and no one

Our Responsibility organization created to look after the

those who were benefitted. A great Are we going to watch the savings majority of the recipients of state in taxes we have worked for and have hospital aid could make some pay-enjoyed for a short period, now be ment towards reinbursement each filched away from us through a poor year or more often if the system were economy school system? On top of handled in a business like manner, that are we going to have the high-But when we pay weight and gas way funds diverted into other chantax it is with the understanding that nels? Are we going to support a rewe are making a contribution towards lief system by local taxation just to the roads we travel and not for other keep unscrupulous politicians in a position to administer it?

Are we going to let our tax savings I understand there's some agitation slip thru our hands just because we in a few counties to fall for propag- have kept our eyes closed to the facts? anda for a small property tax again We can go out and write members for road construction and improve- without number on a "hands off" ment. In my judgement, this is a stand against these and other matters dangerous proposition, for once one that show an inclination towards reconsents to let down the bars for a re- turn to old tax burdens. People will turn to the old system, however small, listen to the truth and will believe in

our sincerety if we can once con vince them that we need their help in defense of their pocket book which in turn means their home and its comforts. But one county or a few counfies cannot do it alone, the entire state must campaign as one.

#### TWO REWARDS IN **CANNING CHICKEN**

College Makes Suggestions For Keeping Quality And Flavor

The farm process of canning chickens can provide two worthwhile

One is to provide some excellent supplied the funds almost in its en- put into jars or cans. Another is After many had tirety, there was a great howl all over to cull out those hens that otherwise

with could never be. All of this noise was Plump hens two years or a little the same, the leg- created by the dyed-in-the-wool poli- older are the best, it is pointed out islature was con- tican. We've now got the law that by members of the home economics vinced that relief those fellows were crying for and it extension service of Michigan State must be given, if means that the local taxpayer can College. But there is one essential the schools of the now pay a goodly portion of the bill that goes with a good product from these older hens; that is a steam pressure canner.

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are cooked to make broth. Meaty to start the second year. There was pieces are precooked, not fried, be a discussion of the purposes of the

fore packing in the containers which community Farm Bureau. These of-

then are filled with the broth, Giblets ficers were elected: President, Lyle

usually are canned separately because Short; vice-president, Joseph Berlin;

on or off is a matter of preference, Group Meeting

would be for immediate cooking. Skin

but excess fat should be trimmed.

of their distinct color and flavor.

The number may not be accurate

now, but estimates on January 1 of

this year credited Michigan farmers

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"How does it work?"

Marion-Producers Creamery

Through the Mid-West organization the local creameries have developed uniform manufacturing methods which to produce a standard, high quality product. That attracts large buyers of butter. The Mid-West finds new and better markets for butter. It saves money by centralized purchasing of all supplies.

"What is its purpose?"

Its program is to assist local creameries in selling their products at the best prices and further increase returns to their producer members, through lower operating costs.

#### BENEFITS TO CREAMERIES

Buyers are frequently willing to pay premiums for large volumes of butter having a standard quality. Mid-West member creameries by working together are getting that business formerly enjoyed by only the largest creameries.

#### BENEFITS TO PRODUCERS

When creameries produce fine quality butter and sell this butter for more money; lower their manufacturing costs by working together and save on supplies, then the producers receive more money in their cream checks.

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# What's Wrong with American Agriculture? -Farmers Work Sells Too Cheap

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

BY J. F. YAEGER Director of Membership Relations

THE FARM BUREAU maintains that the difficulty lies in a lack of "parity". Parity is defined as a fair price for what farmers sell as compared to the price of what they buy so that the farmer can afford to pay prevailing prices for industrial products and prevailing wages for labor. The period between 1910 and 1914 is used as a "yardstick". During these years the farmers' economic situation was most nearly in balance.

loss of parity in the last thirty years? the farmer's dollar had a buying believe to be contributing in a major relationship between farmers and sense to loss of parity are:

products in relationship to the de-years, 1916 to 1919 inclusive, but millions of cultivated land in the

fort to meet fixed expenses.

products since 1929.

creased taxes, etc.

sulted in 1. A loss of farms and rural homes for agriculture.

to at least 25% of farms owned ten

5. A gradual reduction of the great depression that followed the per capita consumption. Then if the would be approximately \$1,000. This prices of all farm products resulting stock market crash of 1929." in a lower income and lower standard of living for farmers as compared

#### FARM SURPLUSES

years has been to get rid of our surpluses. We have even subsidized exports and gave away to relief clients great quantities of our superabundance, and still we have had too cultural and Mechanical College of column on the left shows the puraverage buying power. Producers of

"The result is that even today, after markets have started up in response go before we reach parity. There can change in food habits of the peoples in the United States have displaced prices until they rise above parity. 20 million more acres of wheat. So

"When the last war struck, Ameri-Question-What factors caused the can agriculture was at parity position; Factors which Farm Bureau leaders power of 100 cents. It was the war and its effects which disrupted price other groups. It is true that farm 1. A surplus production of farm prices rose above parity for four mand of recent years, brought about those prices turned out to be apples of Sodom to the farmer, for they

a. Expansion of farm production were followed by disaster during the now." to feed Allied armies during the years to come. From above 100 in The Farmer, Agricultural Magazine, Year World War, and since then in an ef- 1919, farm buying power dropped Said: abruptly to 78 in 1920, to 72 in 1930, "Those who persistently believe a 1880 b. Reduced purchasing power on and to 58 in 1932, and for the first general business revival will be re- 1890 the part of the consumer of farm half of 1939, it was only 76. Those flected in better prices for farmers 1900 figures tell the story of the lack of over look the fact that, given average 1910 c. Loss of foreign markets before economic balance which has afflicited yields, there is an ever-present suragriculture for nearly 20 years. Let plus of all kinds of food which is 1930 2. A monetary system based on us not be misled by another specula great enough to absorb the 5% or 1935 gold, which in itself changes in value, tive war bubble which ballooned so from the depth of depression to the Year

3. Increased cost of farming; in "The bubble burst at war's end, as peak of prosperity and still leave we should have known that it would more than will be consumed in a given 1890 4. Organization of labor and mon-burst, if we had allowed reason and year. Of course, the size of this sur- 1900 oply of industry as compared to a common sense to guide us. Agricul-system of unorganized production in ture was put through the wringer by the Federal Reserve Board in 1920, in price in a given commodity if its 1930 Question-What has been the re- when it responded to the consumer's temporary scarcity happened to out cry against the so-called high match increased consumer buying 1930 census, 44.9% of all Michigan Today's records indicate that the cost of living. Farmers were in poor power, but, speaking broadly, the farm land from the standpoint of above economic conditions have re- condition to withstand the shock, and record shows that the slight increase value, was operated by tenants. the ensuing years were tragic ones in ability to purchase does not mater-for agriculture.

"Agriculture set out to rebuild, but advance to some extent when the farmers have increased from 12 to 40 it was a long, slow and heartbreaking general price level goes up, but they per cent in the last decade. 2. An increase of farm tenancy task; and the job had not been com- do not rise as rapidly, or go as far, as and mortgaged farms by 100% as com- pleted at the end of 10 years, when the price of goods. A business boom said Thursday that about 35 per cent the industrial boom began to crack usually results in advance of what of all farms in the United States car-3. An increase of corporation up. Farm products during that period farmers buy, including labor, which ried mortgages in 1938. The debt was farming with farm land owned by never reached parity level, which is more than offsets the advance in what estimated at about \$7,082,000,000. Fedbanks, insurance companies and other simply a fair exchange value, except they have to sell, for short periods; hence farmers were they have to sell, "The only condit 4. A reduction, as high as 50% in not only unable to pay their debts, but an increase in purchasing power of \$2,835,900,000. some States, of farm land values befurthermore they were not able to buy
low prices paid by the farmers 20
the products of industry and labor in
this condition

an increase in purchasing power of \$2,835,900,000.

Note—If one divides the total debt
reflected in farm commodity prices,
of \$7,082,000,0000 by the 6,500,000 years ago, a condition prevailing only normal volume, and this condition would be a situation where food prowas a major factor in bringing on the duction was in balance with current that the mortgage on every farm

National City Bank of New York "It is a well known fact that over chases 5% above what they had been "Placing the survival of inde- the last 100 years the share of agri- taking, there would be an advance in at farming by farmers who own culture in the national income has prices of farm products. Unfortunate their own farms and maintain an been declining-Agriculture has been ly, such an advance would hold only of Farm Organizations, consisting of American standard of living in jeo- troubled ever since the (World) War, if food production were held at the pardy"-Report of Federal Trades and its over-expansion under the old level, which experience leads one State Horficultural Society, New York a decrease in taxes." Commission on Agriculture, April 20, war stimulus is a familiar story. Now to believe it would not be. The rising the need is for stability and co-oper- prices would stimulate production and New York State Federation of Home ation. There can be no limit upon the we would soon be back where we amount of useful employment until started." Edward A. O'Neal, president of the the entire population has everything American Farm Bureau Federation, it wants PROVIDED that the exchanges (between industry, labor and "Our biggest problem in recent agriculture) are kept in balance."

AT Texas Agricultural College

"During the World War we put into in 1910. The column on the right 000,000 during the same period." to war hysteria, our prices are con-cultivation 40 million acres of new shows the value of the same amount "Farmers and other basic producers siderably below parity. Corn on the land which we hadn't needed before, of wheat, in terms of things the comprise approximately 55,000,000 of farm is now worth 50 cents, while Following the war, we went into the farmer must buy, in 1938: parity is 81 cents; wheat is about mechanical age on the farm and the 70 cents, while parity is \$1.11; cotton tractor displaced 30 million acres of 1,600 bushels at 70c per bushel, \$1,162. urban unemployment." is only nine cents, while parity is cultivated land formerly used to grow 15.6 cents. We have a long way to feed for horses and mules. Then the 1,660 bushels at 60c per bushel \$996.

#### COST OF FARMING

The Chicago Daily News Has Said: books in the running brooks, tongues a very sharp drop in farm prices. Due but the total value of farm land and high prices of labor, high prices for national income 50%, and gross farm in trees, and whole volumes of en- to this monetary derangement, farm-Said J. H. Watson of Newcastle, lightment in the following table of ers of the United States have lost be- as compared to \$34,801,000,000. This our economic problem. Low prices Texas, while speaking at joint session figures, submitted by a member of tween 1930 and 1937, inclusive, \$32. of farmers and manufacturers at Agri- the North Dakota legislature. The 000,000,000 of their pre-depression

chasing power of a carload of wheat other basic commodities lost \$15,000,

"Sale price of durum wheat, 1910, come and buying power has caused er capital than in 1910." "Sale price of durum wheat, 1938,

ficient to build barn 48x22, 12

"Observe that the farmer of 1910 shown that while agriculture, indus- Nursing could sell his wheat, but the equip- try, and farm prices and the prices of Unskilled labor ment listed above, and be left with a small balance. Farming in ship during the war of 1917-1918, Farm Labor "But the farmer of 1938-who, there began a gradual slide which Farm Equipment Institute Reports:

despite billions of subsidies received resulted in a big drop in commodity dollars and cents-found his actual downward for all goods, with agri- 1913 base of 100%. buying power diminished by nearly 60 per cent. Having surrendered the leading the decline until 1936.

Cultural and unfinished materials. W. S. Elliott, vice-president of International Harvester Co., said: "Indusentire proceeds from the sale of his wheat, he would still have found it factors began to affect world prices. pared to 1900." necessary to contract a debt of \$1,269 The United States, which has lagged U. S. Department of Agricultural in order to buy the things that his behind all other countries in recovery, Economics: predecessor bought. This is the prob. showed little inclination to do any- "Prices of farm products average

New York Milk Producers

ture for New State State:

"For ten years all farmers have when the necessary leadership was Roger Babson, noted economist: been in continual distress, with lacking at about the same time that "Eggs would sell for two dollars



you can figure that we have 90]



agricultural products. It is true they total mortgage debt of American

"The only conditions under which missioners held mortgages totaling

buying power of food consumers en- aside from all tax debt, portion of the

abled them to expand their food pur- national debt, etc.



Occatur 1923-1924, 1935

ture gives us these figures:

FARM TENANCY AND

MORTGAGES

From the Detroit Free Press:

eral land banks, and land bank com-

VALUE OF DOLLAR

State Vegetable Growers' Association.

Farm Bureau Federation, says:

our population. This reduction in in-

From Vermont

1938 said August 23, 1939:

The Vermont Farm Bureau News

"A two-day meeting for the purpose

and to educate people in its effects came to a close Saturday noon in

of discussing the effects of price level average annual income:

"The government's holdings of the

S. Department of Agricul-

Tenancy in United

Per cent of Value

ated by tenants



Jackson 1924-1926, 1927-1934

Under These Presidents, the Michigan State Farm Bureau Has Fought this Problem

on Many Fronts and with Success

Note-If one divides the total debt fashion, centralization of buying

New York State Conference Board available for individual ownership. If he



together with introduction of labor on hand."

saving machinery. As an Illustration,

REDUCTION OF VALUES

activity operates today with a small-

COMPARATIVE INCOMES

lowest it had been since 1350.





textile and shoe operators.

Hoard's Dairyman



ed no medical care . . . . as compared to only 6.9 per cent in the cities. "The comparative inadequacy of farm school facilities is indicated by the fact that rural illiteracy is more than twice as great as urban . 6.9% of those 10 years old and over, as compared to 3.2%.

STANDARDS OF LIVING

prevented the farmer from keeping pace with the rising standard of liv-

ing of other Americans . . . in rural areas and towns of less than 5,000

population 12.8 per cent of the people

reported illness for which they receiv-

in its April 1937 report:

"(Economic) hardships

The Federal Trades Commission said

"In 1930, only 34% of the farms had telephones and only 9.1% had electricity. Although recent efforts have promoted and made available the statement that the gold price of no restriction on their hours or their the use of electricity on the farms,

wheat on the world markets was the pay scales (prices). On the other at the end of October 1936 only 13.2% hand we have groups of highly organ- of the farms were electrified.

were pointed out by the speakers, and—in some cases—limiting even . Think said: the government in its vaults. This what a farmers' union could do! Today

"In the study of the situation

out that everytime there is a large for less than "union" prices such as concentration of labor, history shows two dollars a dozen for eggs, one

| Farmers'<br>Share of<br>Food Dollar<br>53%<br>47%<br>33%<br>40% |
|---|
|   |

mason was the laying of 2,000 brick. This is a common statement and one in the cities to set more than 600 what are fair prices? Someone has ducts from the farm is below the 1913brick in the same number of hours, facetiously said that a reasonable while hourly wages at the same time price is ten per cent more than you 15 level, the retail price of the procan get for a product. We would above the 1913-15 level. cessed food stuffs is considerably

total yearly tax bill of the nation was such levels that there can be an ex- siderably higher in 1938 as compared approaching 25 per cent of the total change of labor or commodities or to 1913-15, the farmer percentage of for payment of interest, which in turn cause prices are on a comparable or

when processed and refined sells for "The dairy farmer with a good herd \$24.00."-The Nation's Agriculture.

power and wealth is created. The lowing recommendations were made:

1. The price of gold be raised by 50 per cent.

2. All gold in the United States except that necessary to guarantee the currency be released and made the currency be released and made wasted for individual ownership.

In the price of gold be raised by 50 per cent.

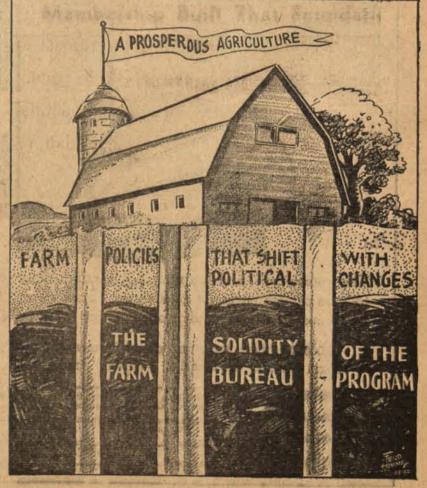
If be purchases labor or commodities imports from other countries. Since

"Between 1929 and 1933, the value \$31.16, appreciably less than in 1910. for labor or other commodities on a sion. Between 1929 and 1932 United "There are sermons in stones, of gold increased 140 per cent, causing Not only was the value per acre less fair basis. Too many reason that States foreign trade dropped 69%, buildings in 1935 was \$32,858,000,000 farm products, are the solution of income 55%. decrease in the total value of farm would solve the problem just as well

devoted to farming increased by 9.2%, ped if the prices of their products among farmers—an interest that of-So far as the commission is aware, were relatively lower than when they ficials here say dominates the think-"What we have in mind is this: in rural regions-over the subject ing of a very large number of people Neither high nor low prices solve of imports of competing farm proanything. It is only when prices are ducts."

cational economics at Columbia Uni- to create conditions that we can exversity, gives us this information on change commodities on an equal basis be put to use if only foreign farm

#### Membership Built That Foundation



#### Burlington, Vermont. The meeting, Doctors held at the Hotel Vermont, was at- Lawyers 4,370 tended by farmers, business men and Dentistry 4,170 others interested in the problem of Architecture 3,820 College Teaching 3.050 "The theme around which most of Journalism . 2,120 the discussion at the meeting center-Library Work 2,020 ed was the unbalanced relationship Ministry among the various branches of endea. Skilled Trades vor which make up a nation. It was Public School Teaching 1,350 1.310

"Prices of finished goods in 1937 less for his wheat even in terms of prices in 1931. The trend continued averaged 130% as compared to the

thing to help the situation, and as a 75% in 1939 as compared to the 1910 result of its tremendously important -14 base of 100%. Says Charles H. Baldwin, executive position in world economics, this at- Note-It will be seen that although

secretary, Metropolitan New York tltude acted depressingly on world prices of labor and industrial goods Milk Producers Bargaining Agency prices. European nations had gone as have materially increased, prices of and former Commissioner of Agricul far as they could without further agricultural products have actually action from the United States, and decreased.

prices far below the cost of produc- Germany began making threats, peo- a dozen, milk at 60c a quart, and tion. In this period one-quarter of all ple throughout the world once again steak at three dollars a pound if all American farmers have lost their began hoarding. This created a de- classes of labor were paid as much homes and their life savings by fore- mand for gold, with the result that as building tradesmen receive On dosure because of ruinously low de- commodity prices turned sharply the one hand we have millions of downward. In fact, one speaker made farmers absolutely unorganized with

"Numerous other factors causing ized labor unions strictly limiting

economic doldrums within this nation hours, unwisely raising pay scales,

"Another factor is the rigidity of "If farmers should organize, they

that that same group soon receives dollar a pound for butter, 32 cents a

a smaller total wage. The reason is pound for cotton. They would stick

higher hourly wages, which are re- to these prices regardless of the flected in less productive activity amount of eggs, butter and cotton

it was pointed out that before the war "Unless farmers receive fair prices

the average daily output for a brick for their products, they will go broke.

for purchases. A great deal of it goes may buy the products of another be-

property took place in spite of the if they were on a fair exchange basis.

with the various groups."

s used to pay premiums. In this rair basis of exchange.

One is the huge gold hoard held by the work done an hour .

The Federal Trade Commission has

28.4 gold amounts to more than 16 billion farm labor makes about 20 to 25 of the handlers, manufacturers and dollars, and while only four billion cents an hour. This compares with processors of agricultural products, is necessary to back the nation's cur-\$1.35 for the building trades, 83 cents the Commission has observed the rency, it is a crime for citizens to for steel workers, and 50 cents for high degree of monopolistic control which, in some cases have been derived, in part at least by methods labor wages, and a speaker pointed would agree not to sell any products (anti-monopoly) law. contrary to the letter or spirit of the

| Year<br>(Average)<br>1918-15 | Farm<br>Value<br>\$135 | Retail<br>Value<br>\$256 | Share of<br>Food Dollar |
|------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1929<br>1932                 | 195                    | 415<br>270               | 47%<br>33%              |
| 1938                         | 130                    | 321                      | 40%                     |
| *Based o                     | n 58 foo               | ds consun                | ned annually            |

family.-U. S. Department of Agricul tural Economics. Today, unions prohibit a bricklayer that is true. The question arises, though the farm value of raw pro-Note-It should be noted that al-

"Taxes also came in for their share say that the prices of farm products, of blame, and it was shown that the or wages, are fair when they are at though the retail price level is con-

national income, and this money used farm products on an equal, or nearly the consumer's food dollar is confor tax paying purposes is not used so, basis. That is when one group siderably lower today than in 1913-"A bushel of wheat selling at 60c.

power and wealth is created. The fol-must labor nearly one hour to produce LOSS OF FOREIGN MARKETS

of Farm Organizations, consisting of 3. An attempt be made to lower New York State Grange, New York government expense of all kinds, with State Horticultural Society, New York a decrease in taxes."

If he purchases labor or commodities that require him to pay two or three or four pounds of butterfat to buy the product of one hour's work of some-desired from other countries. Since they made it impossible for their people to buy things they needed and desired from other countries. one else, then butter is not at a fair desired from other countries, they price, New York State Federation of Flome

The Federal Trade Commission and
Bureaus, Co-operative G. L. F. Exin its Agricultural Income Inquiry of change, Inc., Dairymen's League Co-operative, regardless of how high As world trade diminished, unem-

"Farm lands in 1910 averaged in prices of farm products may be, un-ployment and low incomes followed value \$39.60 per acre. In 1935 it was less these products can be exchanges and brought world economic depres-

From "The Farmer". Says the Washington Correspondfact that during this period the pro-portion of the total national lands otherwise in debt would be handicap-"Th ent of The Farmer in the May 6, 1939

Harold F. Clark, professor of edu- fair among all groups can we hope "Farmers ask: How many new

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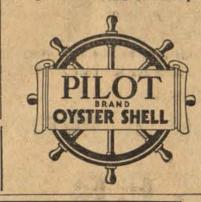
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#### Farmers in Business Have **Had to Travel Fast**

In Marketing

Excerpts from Managers' Report to fruits, etc. Investigation shows that Michigan Elevator Exchange Annual in most cases this trucker deals with STATE FARM Meeting, bansing, Sept. 6, by L. E. the grower and the retail merchant, Meeting, bansing, Sept. 6, by L. E. the grower and the retail merchant, Osmer and N. H. Bass.

gan bread grains were exported to passed laws to regulate this type of Europe. During the years 1921 to trucker, but so far Michigan has done 1926 this Exchange sold solid train- nothing to protect her elevators and loads of wheat and rye to seaboard jobbers from this unfair competition. year on wheat costing around 35c a "Freight Trains on Our Highways, bushel. We lost our export market which was most interesting. This due in no little measure thru foolish article recited some startling facts tariff walls built by very foolish Con- and figures. The laws of various gressmen. Europe retaliated by sim- states are most conflicting and dif-

completely revolutionized the market- There were for hire last year 600,000 As the meeting opened the State buy carloads of Michigan beans to 000 were highway freighters, an years exceeds \$40,000.000.

valuable help in marketing. surance, etc., etc. Trucker Narrows Market operated so closely on a "hand to Rockies of soft wheat, beans, rye, and Holland attorney. mouth" basis. Growers complain on oats and their barley equals the finest kinds of taxes now in effect can com- Michigan growers. pete with the gypsy running his own The world desperately needs a new troit; Dennis McGinn, Escanaba. truck by day, sleeping in it by night, set of leaders, men who will advocate Officials here from the State Farm who knows nothing, and cares less, about the Wage Hour Bill, Social Security, Old Age Compensation, Income Tax, Corporation Tax, Unemployment Tax, etc., etc. In several western states these gypsy truckers have run half the elevators out of business and more going every day. The railroads go bankrupt, tear up

their lines, leaving the farmer absolutely dependent on trucker service. The question of trucks and truckers and their effect on farm income is a deep study. We know with all our varied taxes we cannot compete with the "gypsy" trucker. We know it is impossible for us to demand the prices for Michigan beans our growers figure means a decent living wage for them, because now days the trucker is a big factor in making the market

price with his deliveries. Transportation and marketing machinery for Michigan grain and beans has undergone tremendous changes these past twenty years.

Growth of the Trucker The gypsy trucker has been a disturbing factor in business for the past few years and he seems to be getting stronger. He is an itinerant trucker who reports to no one, has no financial responsibility, skips from one

peace, friendliness, and international igan State College and the Michigan in the county if time permits, trade among nations. The present world leaders with their constant barrage of damnation year in and year out are undermining the moral fiber of men and making it increasingly Between Two World Wars part of the country to another, and difficult to restore that warm friend-To Keep Up With Changes deals in off grade commodities. ly fellowship so necessary to human-Among the commodities now being ity if prosperity is to return to the handled by the gypsy trucker are face of this earth. grain, hay, feed, coal, fence posts,

# which eliminates the jobber, elevator Twenty years ago our surplus Michand the wholesaler. Some states have

exporters. Now we ship to Europe A recent issue of the Saturday Eve-only on a governmental subsidy, this ning Post had an article headed. Claim; Lawyers Study Interests of Insured

Fifty Michigan attorneys associated with the claims division of the State flar tariff walls which killed a very ficult to enforce. A few weeks ago Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance fine outlet for surplus Michigan crops. a contract hauler in El Paso. Texas, Company met with home officials at Very few truckers were operating hauled a 66,000-lb. locomotive on a the Union Memorial bldg, at State when this Exchange was begun, truck built to handle 45,000 pounds. College, October 6. The Michigan whereas each succeeding year sees A Missouri coal company has a truck State Farm Bureau is state agent for more Michigan farm produce trans- with pneumatic tires which hauls 80 the Bloomington, Ill., insurance mutual, ported by truck. Modern truck trans- tons of coal at a time. From 1934 to which has more than 47,000 cars inportation is quick and efficient, no 1938, just five years, commercial cars sured in Michigan, according to Alquestion about that, but it too has increased from 3,405,355 to 4,188,315. fred Bentall of the Lansing office.

ing machinery. In 1920 we could trucks, which have now increased to Farm Mutual announced that it had count by the hundreds wholesale gro- 800,000. Last year's commercial car paid its millionth claim, and that the cers thruout our country willing to registration was 365,349 of which 73, total of claims paid during its 17

distribute to retail grocers. Now days average of 1,400 highway freight The new probate code and other a wholesaler willing to take on a full trains going into service every week, acts of the 1939 legislature have carload of beans at one time is quite This present year of 1939 also sees brought about important changes in rare. The trucker doing business with the government in the picture more rules and procedure in litigation aristhe retailer direct has largely elimin than ever known before, with their ing out of serious automobile acciated both the wholesaler and his buying programs, crop loans, crop in dents, said H. G. Fitz, supervisor of Michigan claims for the Illinois com-Michigan farmers continue to propany. This phase of the meeting was Never before has the food industry duce the best for quality east of the discussed by Clarence A. Lokker,

Attorneys here to discuss such matlow prices they receive for their grown for malting. So the Michigan ters affecting the motorist as the crops, but the trucker continues to producer is doing his part keeping financial responsibility act, and the market their crops, and his chief con- up the good name of Michigan farm problems of an unfortunate motorist cern is his trucking charge. We hear produce. Loss of world markets, and his insuring company in court, inabout regulation of trucks, but little changes in transportation, and the cluded: Carl H. Smith, Bay City; ever comes of it. No legitimate deal world wide ten year depression, have Clifford O'Sullivan, Port Huron; Paul er paying the fifty-seven different cut heavily into the farm income of E. Cholette, Grand Rapids; Frank B. DeVine, Ann Arbor; R. N. Weber, De-

#### Two Apples Show Old, New Sprays



These two McIntosh appres, sprayed in the old and the new ways, rhese two McIntosh appress, sprayed in the old and the new ways, illustrate what Michigan State College entomologists have found in a five year series of experiments. Neither of these apples is wormy, but the one at the left, protected on the tree with an arsenical spray, needs washing before it could be marketed. On the right, also protected and not wormy, is an apple with no appreciable residue and what little spray still remains is harmless because the spray was a nicotine product. Adoption of the new spray by Michigan apple growers is expected to aid in marketing a better quality apple without necessity of washing, which often bruises the skin and adds to production costs.

were H. G. Fitz, Fletcher B. Coleman, Brody said. superintendent of claims; George W. Johnson, ass't sup't of claims, and cutive board to build the program Royal J. Bartrum, home office legal and complete arrangements for the

#### INVITE NAT'L **CO-OP INSTITUTE** TO MICHIGAN

Farm Bureau Among Those To Entertain Probably 3,000 Leaders

Representatives of Michigan's farm rganizations, and farmers co-opera tive businesses, joined with the Mich Charles B. Holman, of Washington, were:

secretary of the institute, at a meet ing held at the Michigan State Farm wood Community Farm Bureau, Grand The convention of the institute will Mrs. Etta Karnmoat of the Brookbring to East Lansing between 1,500 side Community Farm Bureau, Neway-

and 3,000 executives and other officers go county. of state and national farmers' co-operatives, including representatives of Cloud Community Farm Bureau, Nethe California Fruit Growers Exchange, waygo county, the American Cotton Exchange, and Mrs. Mildred Bruns of the Albeeothers, said C. L. Brody of the Farm Spalding Community Farm Bureau, Bureau. Brody is general chairman Saginaw county for the convention arrangements, and Mrs. C. E. Welt of the Elba-Hadley Dr. R. V. Gunn of the State College Community Farm Bureau, Lapeer economics staff is secretary.

Michigan farmers' co-operatives, said Mr. Brody, include some of the a basis of completeness of report for field should benefit from the discus- meeting for the entire year sent in sions, Mr. Brody said.

cluded: Michigan State Farm Bur- Bureau as told in the report. eau, Michigan Elevator Exchange, This is the second year that awards Michigan Live Stock Exchange, De- have been made. troit Packing Company, Michigan Beet Growers Ass'n, Mid-West Producers Co-operative Creameries, Inc., Mich. Oceana Farm Survey igan Milk Producers Ass'n, Michigan Producers Dairy Co., Farm Bu-

Mutual company offices at Bloomington | State Department of Agriculture, Mr.

The farm groups appointed an exe-

institute: C. L. Brody, chairman; R. V. Gunn, secretary; Nathan Hull, Lansing, Michigan Milk Producers Ass'n; Neal Base, Lansing, Michigan Elevator Exchange; G. S. Coffman, Coldwater, Mid-West Producers Co-on Creameries, Inc.; C. E. Buskirk, Paw Paw, Michigan fruit interests; Elmer A. Beamer, Lansing, live stock interests, and the state department of agriculture.

#### Community Secretaries Win Annual Awards

Five Community Farm Bureau secretaries won the annual awards given Community Farm Bureau secretaries igan State College Sept. 26 in an in- for making reports of their local orvitation to the American Institute of ganizations to the State Farm Bureau Co-operation to hold its 16th annual office. Those receiving the awards meeting at the college in August, 1940. for the September 1938 to September The invitation was extended to 1939 Community Farm Bureau year

> Mrs. Julia T. Lautner of the Elm-Traverse county

Mrs. Derexa Goyings of the White

county. The awards are made annually on

largest in the nation and serve some the year of 12 months, on content, on 75,000 farmers. Since the convention the mechanics of making the report is in the nature of a conference on and legibility. The two major facnew developments in farmer owned tors in making the awards are (1) a enterprises, Michigan's work in this complete monthly report for each promptly after each meeting and (2) Michigan farm organizations joining the interpretation of the thinking and in the invitation to the institute in- conclusions of the Community Farm

The Oceana County Farm Bureau is carrying on a farm survey during Ocread Services, Inc., Michigan State tober through Farm Bureau commit-Horticultural Society, and the Mich- tees. They will call on every farmer



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#### With Agriculture What's Wrong

(Continued from page 5) products could be completely eluded from this market wherever those products are in any way competitive?" "Government officials have set

themselves to finding an answer to "They have determined that if, in

the 1937-38 crop year, all competing foreign farm products could have been kept out of the United States, American farmers could have found use for 7.924,000 additional acres. And if all imported vegetable oils, in addition, could have been kept out, there would have been found a use for 13,815,000 additional acres.

"This means that imported food products and imported vegetable oils accounted for 21,739,000 acres.

"The acreage equivalent of imported food products and animal feed products is broken down as follows: "Sugar 2,872,000 acres; flaxseed, 2,837,000 acres; animal feed products

916,000 acres; wheat 50,000 acres; corn 15,000 acres; oats, barley, etc. 280,000 acres; cotton 497,000 acres; fruits 33,000 acres; vegetables 37,000 acres and others 407,000 acres. "Imports of foodstuffs in 1928-29

accounted for 11,716,000 acres, in addition to 10,893,000 acres involved in imports of vegetable oils. In 1936-37 imports-owing to drouth shortagesamounted to 18,563,000 equivalent American acres so far as foodstuffs are concerned and 12,153,000 acres so far as vegetable oils are concerned. This was a high of 30,716,000 acres. "But then there is the other side

to this picture—the side of exports— "Foreigners took the products of 36,720,000 American acres in 1937-38 as compared with 56,151,000 back in 1919-20 and 50,235,000 in 1928-29. In 1932-33 exports required the output of 34,025,000 American Acres."

#### ORGANIZATION

The Southern Agriculturist said in its June 1939 issue:

"The most consistent loser we know anything about is the unorganized, non-co-operating farmer. It is not Laws Effective Sept. 29 because the unorganized farmer is lacking in fighting spirit or in merithe legislature become operative three torious cause that he fails to win. It is due to lack of unity, understanding, planning and generalship among agricultural laws have been effect the multitude of unorganized individ-since Sept. 29: uals who have a common cause to battle for and a common enemy to overcome.

"Ever since civilization began, people have found it necessary to resort for Michigan. to group action in order to protect and secured the highest degree of co- cows than Jerseys. operation from the citizenship are the ones able to offer the greatest oned plants may be required. security for their citizens, the best education for their children and the must be vine ripened. highest standard of living for all classes. Farmers, as a whole, have trying to solve their many gigantic tons of freight and equipment a dis-problems without working together tance of one mile, compared with 172 lather completely in running water. in mutual accord. . Much progress has pounds in 1920. been made in organizing agriculture in recent years with many major to believe they can successfully fight their battles single-handed.

"The farmer of the future who insists that he can live to himself, is smart enough to make a success without aid from any other source, will soon be eating the heel-dust from the procession of organized farmers; for agriculture must meet efficient. closely-organized, well-directed industry and labor with like weapons-efficiency, leadership, organization."

Kentucky Farm Bureau News: "Business men and farm leaders agree that the farmers need an organization. As one editor of a county paper put it: Farmers are again doing the wrong thing at the right time.

"In looking back over agricultural history, it will be found that when farmers were in distress they realized that by working together it was easier to solve the difficult problems. When conditions began to smooth out they failed to remember that organized effort brought the almost miraculous change.

"If the farmers-and I don't mean a few leaders in each county, because they already know-could be made to realize that everyone is working to help them help themselves, they could help tremendously by giving the movement support. The farmers have a good program that is designed to give agriculture its proper place in the triangle of labor, industry and agriculture.

"An organization contains many advantages that an individual never hopes to attain.

"How about 'doing the right thing at the right time?' Get your neighbor to join the organization now

#### CREDITS ON PURCHASES Help Pay Farm Bureau Dues!

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BE SURE Farm Bureau brand goods are entered on silp as "Farm Bureau Alfalfa", "Milkmaker," "Mer-mash", etc.

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#### We Celebrate This Fall



Michigan Farm Bureau members will observe two Farm Bureau 20th anniversaries this fall. The Michigan State Farm Bureau was founded February 4, 1919, and the American Farm Bureau in early June of 1919. Michigan members will observe a 20th anniversary at the Michigan State Farm Bureau annual meeting at East Lansing, Nov. 8-9-10, and another at the American Farm Bureau annual meeting at Chicago, Dec. 4 to 8.

while many things are in his favor. This is a form of assurance for continued improvement for the farmers."

#### These Michigan Farm

Laws not given immediate effect by months after the close of the regular then: session of the legislature. These new

Warehouse law designed to protect farmers' interests in their beans and grain when stored with elevators. Federal egg standards are adopted

False advertising of dairy products themselves and further their common is a misdemeanor. Example: "Jersey interests. Communities, cities and Dairy Company" when in fact the nations that have been best organized milk is wholly or largely from other

> Destruction of diseased and aband-Tomatoes labelled as vine-ripened

The railroads in 1938 averaged 115 failed to learn this lesson and are still pounds of fuel to haul one thousand trying to solve their many gigantic tons of freight and equipment a dis. part of the skin, then rinse off the

benefits resulting therefrom, but the and, above all, selfishness are the three or four times, and pay special vast majority of farmers still seem great obstacles to peace in people, attention to the hands and finger groups, and nations .- Joseph A. Ty

> War is premeditated; neutrality is elective; peace is desirable.-Con are sometimes effective. One is to gressman Thorkelson, of Montana.



#### Laundry Soap First Remedy For Poison Ivy

Remember these jingles if you want o stay clear of polson ivy when you're off for a jaunt in the out-of-doors:

Leaflets THREE-let it BE." But if you suspect you've brushed up against the poisonous leaves,

"There is hope, in kitchen soap." This is not a guaranteed remedy, but t may relieve light cases.

You can tell poison ivy because its leaves are divided into three separate leaflets. When the leaves are mature, they're dark green on top, and lighter and sometimes velvety underneath. But in autumn they turn the most

beautiful shades of scarlet and orange. If you've come in contact with the plant, or have been cleaning it out, or even touch tools used to get rid of the plant, do this as soon as you can, suggests CONSUMERS' GUIDE, AAA publication:

Wash with plain yellow laundry soap, with an excess of alkali. Work up a heavy lather on the exposed a basin, change the water often. Re-Prejudice, ignorance, bitterness, peat the lathering process at least

> If you're too late and severe ivy poisoning develops, see a doctor.

Other home remedies on mild cases wash with kitchen soap, then swab with a solution of Epsom salts or The cricket's song can be heard for cooking soda. Or else swab with a 5 per cent solution of potassium per manganate. You can apply these with light bandages, keeping them moist and changing frequently. Burn the bandages when you're through with them.

If you have poison ivy or poison sumac around your home and want to get rid of it, write the Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. for its free bulletin, Poison Ivy and Poison Sumac and Their Eradication.

Hen Makes 21 Ounces Calcium for 12 Eggs

For every dozen eggs a hen lays, she must produce 21/4 ounces of calcium carbonate. She gets it from oyster shells or ground limestone provided in her ration. If the supply of oyster shell or ground limestone is inadequate, the hen will draw on the calcium in her bones for a while. This report is made by Dr. M. B. Altmann and Dr. F. B. Hutt of the Cornell university.

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#### FARM WORK WANTED

EXPERIENCED DAIRY FARMER wants job. Must be steady. Can give good reference. Melvin Wade, St. Johns, R. I, Mich. Phone 399 Green. (It)

MATURE MARRIED MAN, NO CHILdren, wants farm work by month or year, Good stockman. Have been hand-ling 37 head of dairy cows. Does own weterinary work. Can go ahead with all farm work. References. Cecil Murphy, Lansing, R-4, Box 440. Phone 19970, Lansing, R-4, Box 440. Phone

MARRIED MAN WANTS WORK ON dairy farm, dairy route or dairy. Ex-perienced help. References. Has chi-dren 13 and 15. Homer E. Gardne

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