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DAILY HEWS

DAY PER TS CEN PROVIDES YOUR FAMILY WITH FARM BUREAU MEMBERSHIP AND MEMBERSHIP SERVICE

With J. F. Yaeger, Director of Membership Relations

MEETING

Mrs. Hazel Plummer, secretary of the South Battle Creek Community Farm Bureau, wrote us:

'We met Tuesday, March 12th, in the Lakeview school with Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Manby as hosts. About 90 attended, with much interest and enthusiasm displayed. We are at present planning two plays, "Polishing Henry" and "The First Day of School". These will be presented at future meetings. The last meeting ended our membership contest. Battle Creek and Leroy townships defeated Newton and Emmett townships by 7,200 points. The losers are to give us an oyster supper some time this month. We have a live group and excellent leaders and you can expect to hear from us."

That's excellent. How about hearing from other groups?

COMMENT

Too many farmers fail to realize the importance of organization among those engaged in the agricultural industry. They complain that the business of farming is

in the dumps, that

agriculture suffers

from inadequate in-

come, and that the

farmer is the forgotten man. There

are too many en-

gaged in farming

who prefer to mope

about their condi-

tion rather than to



J.F. YAEGER

of their diffculties. It is fortunate for this type of farmer that there are many others who get their living from the soil who work during the day but think and counsel with others during the night in an attempt to adjust themselves to the ever changing conditions that confront their business.

Recently the members of the Garfield Community Farm Bureau held their regular business and social meeting and among the subjects discussed was, "How Has the Farm Bureau Benefitted Me?" This group came to the conclusion that their organization had been of assistance to them in many ways. The benefits which

came to agriculture through these

WHAT ABOUT ACID TREATMENT FOR SEED?

Farm Bureau Believes Idea May Cost More Than It's Worth

By ROY W. BENNETT Farm Bureau Seed Service Will you have your alfalfa and clover seeds treated with acid, or brine, or scarified to hasten germination, particularily for those thicker coated and slower germinating seeds called "hard seed"?

Perhaps you'll want it and perhaps you won't when you have considered

Farm Bureau does not treat alfalfa, clover or other seeds with acid, or brine, or scarify them. The Farm Bureau knows that any of these processes breaks down the outside coat of seed and allows moisture to enter more readily. The Farm Bureau also knows that when seed is so treated and carried in stock for a comparatively short time, it doesn't do 1,500 miles of federal farm to market the vitality of the seed any good. The natural way for seed from

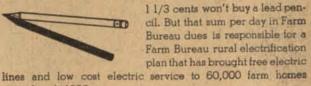
clovers and alfalfa is to ripen on the plant, fall off and lie on the ground and soak up moisture. When temperature conditions are right, the moisture soaked seed will sprout, A Conservative Test

The Farm Bureau delivers alfalfa and clover seed with nature's life protecting seed coat intact. We test such seed for the rate of germination by placing it in a specially controlled germinating chamber, supplying sufficient water and heat to hasten the natural germination period so we can have a quick test based on seven days in the germinator. In reading germinations for Farm

think their way out Bureau seed tags, we include only the sprouted seeds that show root hair growth. Broken sprouts are not counted. All seeds that fail to germi nate in the seven day period are classed as soft seeds or hard seeds. The hard seeds that fail to show any change during the seven days are classified as "probably live seed." This is because further germination

test work has shown that as a rule they are not dead seeds, but thick coated seeds and require more time for moisture to penetrate the seed coat. The constant germination of hard seeds in the ground has a tendency to thicken stands. The new plants often fill in where others have been injured by cold, drought or insects.

Requirements for Good Seed The great increase in alfalfa acreage in Michigan during the past 20 years has been due very largely to the sure shot stands from Michigan adapted alfalfa seeds, first introduced by the Farm Bureau. The most important quality for alfalfa or clover seed to have for Michigan farmers is to be northern grown, hardy, Michigan adapted seed. Of hardly less importance is the requirement that the seed be from a heavy yielding strain of alfalfa (or be good Michigan clover) of high germination and purity.



1 1/3 cents won't buy two sticks of gum. But it has protected Farm Bureau members and all farmers from being swindled on winter killing, unadapted foreign clover and alfalfa seeds. Once such seeds were sold by the millions of pounds. The Farm Bureau got the federal seed staining act in 1926 to stop it.

since Jan. 1, 1936.

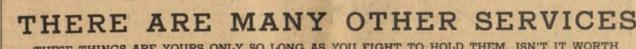
11/3 cents won't buy a bowl of corn flakes. But it is the daily cost per member of building a Farm Bureau that was important in drafting the Soil Conservation Act and fitting it to Michigan. The Act brings com-pliance payments of nearly \$15,000,-000 annually to Michigan farmers.

1 1/3 cents won't buy a half pint of motor oil. But 1 1/3 cents daily builds the Farm Bureau. Michigan is getting roads from the general road funds of the United States. The Farm Bureau worked for that in Congress.

> 1 1/3 cents won't buy a scoop full of good coal. But it sent the Farm Bureau into Congress in 1933 to reduce the interest rate on Federal Land Bank loans from 5½% to 3½%. Michigan farmers have been

11/3 cents won't buy a cigar. But on that daily income per member the Farm Bureau has worked effectively to increase farm income from the depression low of 1932. The AAA, soil conservation and revaluation of the gold content of the dollar were supported by the Farm Bureau.

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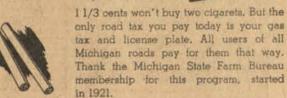
THESE THINGS ARE YOURS ONLY SO LONG AS YOU FIGHT TO HOLD THEM. ISN'T IT WORTH 11/3 CENTS PER DAY TO PROTECT YOUR INDUSTRY?

up to date machines for



11/3 cents won't buy a newspaper. But in terms of daily Farm Bureau dues, that's why you no longer pay 3% sales tax on seeds, feeds, fertilizers, machinery and larm supplies for agricultural production. We convinced the courts and legislature such purchases are for resale and should be exempt.

11/3 cents won't pay the postage on a letter. But it does keep Farm Bureau members represented every day in the legislature and before Congress.



1 1/3 cents won't buy a child's school tablet. But for several years your local school taxes have been a third to a half less than they were. Why? Farm Bureau membership at 1 1/3 cents per day made a strong organization to back the Thatcher-Saur Act for \$22,000,000

of state aid for schools. It is paid from

the sales tax.

11/3 cents won't buy a good razor blade. But you don't pay tuition any more for rural high school pupils. A Farm Bureau plank in the school aid act requires the State to pay rural high school tuition. It amounts to \$2,000,000

1 1/3 cents is important money just the same. It goes far toward buying the items pictured. As daily Farm Bureau dues it has built a Farm Bureau merchandising service that makes and saves money for members. Use Farm Bureau's guaranteed seeds, dairy and poultry feeds, high quality fertilizers, co op tractors and machinery, sprays, oils and gasoline, long life tence, paint, roofing, and low cost insurance.

annually.

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TABLET

969 Families Have **Joined Farm Bureau**

Berrien, VanBuren and Cass Co. Farm Bureaus Lead in Feb. & March Membership Work; Others to Campaign During April

Nine hundred and sixty-nine families became members of a County Farm Bureau and the Michigan and American Farm Bureaus during February and March.

This is the largest addition to the membership in some months. Most of these folk became members upon invitations extended by County Farm Bureaus in their spring membership campaigns. In these - campaigns the County Farm Bureaus each named one of their membership as county campaign manager. In some counties there were a dozen or two of volunteer membership workers,-men and women. In others there were 50 or more. At the appointed time, the workers went forth as teams of two or more persons to carry the program of the Farm Bureau to farmers in their territories, -and an invitation to become a member.

Berrien, Van Buren and Cass County Farm Bureaus took first, second and third place in a field of 27 County Farm Bureaus reporting new members during February and March, as follows:

Barry		Huron	23	Oceana	
Bay	43	Ingham		Saginaw	
Berrien	143	Ionia	9	St. Clair	7
Branch	1	Isabella		St. Joseph	1
Calhoun		Kalamazoo		Tuscola	
Cass	81	Lapeer		Van Buren	
Clinton		Lenawee		Washtenaw	
Genesee		Macomb	1		
Gratiot		Midland			969
Hillsdale		Oakland	24		

Branch, Manistee, Mason, Muskegon, Newaygo, Northwestern Michigan (Benzie, Grand Traverse and Leelanau), Shiawassee, St. Clair, and Tri-County (Antrim, Charlevoix and Kalkaska) and Ottawa Farm Bureaus have membership campaigns during April.

Campaign Manager's Statement +-David Bushman of Corunna, mem- eliminated charges to farmers for pership chairman for the Shiawassee farm lines construction in return for County Farm Bureau, opened their a monthly revenue of \$12.50 per miles April 2 and 3 campaign with a state- of rural line

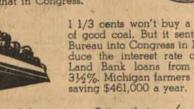
ment that was typical of the spirit of membership workers in all counties, said Mr. Bushman, include a membership workers in all counties. "This campaign," said Mr. Bush. state-wide seeds and supplies service,

man, to Shiawassee county farmers, an insurance service that serves 50,000 car and truck owners, a legislative "is put on by farmers who realize the mbition of farmers for a better liv. and tax service, and co-operation with 150 Community Farm Bureaus ing, for better homes, for better

Some National Accomplishments

Some Work in Michigan

Active in Many Fields



achievements are enjoyed by the just and unjust alike but the members of the farm groups which promoted these various proposals certainly do take some pride in the knowledge that the farm has made some advancement through their efforts .- Fremont Times-Indicator.

EXPERIENCE vs. YOUTH

In Muskegon county the Farm Bureau board of directors is wrestling with the problem of developing new leadership and reviving the county organization. As President S. D. Mc-Nitt of Ravenna puts it:

"I'm getting along in years, I haven't been out of the house much all winter, and it's time some of the younger folks took over the job of keeping our County Farm Bureau going. But I'm not going to turn a broken down wreck over to them. Before that happens, our present board expects to revive the membership, hold an educational campaign to tell folks what the Farm Bureau program is all about, organize some Community Farm Bureaus, etc. Then I'm going to call the membership together, ask them to name new leadership that will plan and work as hard as we older folks did in our day, and give them my blessing."

Replied 20-year-old Robert Wagoner, also of Ravenna:

"OK, I'll do my part."

Several leaders met recently at Muskegon with County Agricultural Agent Carl Knopf to plan the program. Among them were representatives of Senior and Junior Farm Bureau, the A.C.P., the Ravenna Inc. Butter Co., and White Lake Marketing Association and the county school system. In fact, County School Commissioner James Ten Brink acted as chairman of the committee.

COLLAPSE

A month or two ago we wrote about the friendly rivalry between Ionia County Farm Bureau leaders, Stanley Powell and Mark Westbrook. How they razz each other about their respective cattle breeds! Stanley grows Milking Shorthorns and Mark sticks with Red Polled animals. Now, however, the boys have forgotten their kidding and have their heads together to worry about a mutual problem. You see the "roof fell in" the other day. Both breeds have been barred from showing at the International Livestock show at Chicago in the future. Now Mark and Stanley are wondering what to do. They've got good animals for their respective breeds and the boys want to keep them before the cattle buying public. Without the opportunity of showing at the big show, its going to be problem. But you can't stick Mark and Stanley. They'll find a way."

HARD SEEDS IN **ALFALFA & CLOVER**

Wisconsin Agricultural College Discusses Good and **Bad** Features

What about hard seeds in alfalfa, a very desirable feed. red clover, and sweet clover? asks bulletin for 1940.

for sale to farmers. This is a state the season. and federal regulation. The delay in germination varies between kinds of seed, and within the same kind of

Alfalfa

There is less delay in the germination of hard seeds in alfalfa, the

seed.

bulletin said. After sowing in the spring, some may germinate in two damage from the anthracnose fungus weeks-others in four to six weeks. Usually all will sprout before the end ries.

of the growing season. As much as 30 to 50% of alfalfa seeds may be hard without a re- controlled by sprays, it is explained is very susceptible to spray injury. by Donald Cation, fruit pathologist

duction in the final stand of spring or at Michigan State College. The deearly summer sown alfalfa, if the rate of seeding is above 12 lbs. per lay dormant spray applied when the leaves are just showing green in the Meet at Gd. Rapids acre. In fact, if seed is sown properly buds is the most important. and not too deeply, then the moder-

ate delays in germination due to hard The anthracnose fungus lives overseeds may thicken the stand by the end of the season if severe losses have occurred previously from frost, drought, insects or other hazards. Hard alfalfa seeds have an insurance value, especially with spring and early summer sown alfalfa . . . It is

seldom advisable to scarify alfalfa is tender. seed, that is, scratch or break the seed cost by a mechanical scratching

process. Scarification breaks down (Continued on page 5.)

with grass ensilage on our farm. dling grass ensilage are much super-That experience has been so good that ior to our equipment.

Feeding Program and Results we will not return to corn for ensilage again. We are glad to describe it for We began feeding grass ensilage the Michigan Farm News. in the fall of 1938. We had two silos Let me say that we began feeding of it for 15 cows, 30 head of young grass ensilage in the fall of 1938 when cattle, 60 head of sheep, and 6 horses. we were feeding 15 cows, about 30 Our cows were full fed on grass enhead of young cattle, 60 head of sheep, silage, receiving a feed of second cutand 6 head of horses. We have had ting alfalfa at noon. Twenty helfers no udder trouble in the breeding in the young cattle were beef type ewes and practically none for the animals. They got no roughage but cows. All the stock has been fed what they picked from their bedding. grass ensilage as will be set forth in With whole oats as a light grain ration, these heifers were fed out this near Bloomington, Ill., and an officer this article.

Two Advantages winter of 1939-40, receiving practically

ing under the stalks. This practice feed of hay at noon. They made a calls for more soil building crops, gain of 686 lbs. per head in 17 months. Our milk production has been satwhich works very nicely with our soil building program. Figuring the cost isfactory, and we have used a little of preparing a seed bed, cultivation less grain. In the fall and winter of 1922 he sat on the running board of and the harvesting of sorn for en- 1938 our breeding flock of 52 Oxford his car and wrote policy No. 1 for silage, I think our new way is a dis- ewes received practically no dry the State Farm Mutual Automobile tinct advantage for the farmer who roughage until three weeks before insurance Co. Today the Company is wishes to conserve his soll and have lambing. Then they were fed second

We have filled our silos with alfalfa grain ration of 2 parts oats and 1 part 1944. The Michigan State Farm Burthe College of Agriculture at the and grass for two years. We use the corn, getting also what grass silage eau is state agent for 50,000 State University of Wisconsin in a special first cutting alfalfa and some mix- they could clean up.

tures. We add about 40 to 60 lbs. of | The 52 ewes dropped 85 lambs and Hard seeds, says the bulletin, are sugar beet molasses per ton. Advant- raised 75, making an average of 122

live seeds which fail to absorb mois- ages in using the first cutting of lbs. of lamb per ewe in 135 days. ture and sprout when kept for the alfalfa include using the rather coarse Our horses and colts were fed what official time of 5 or 6 days in a growth of alfalfa as ensilage, and silage they would clean up, with a laboratory under good growing con- we're not alarmed by the catchy small feed of hay twice a day, and ditions. They must be reported on weather that makes curing hay a very little grain. We have followed the test tags used for labeling seeds risky business in the early part of the same practice this second winter and have yet to notice anything but

We save our second cutting of favorable results.

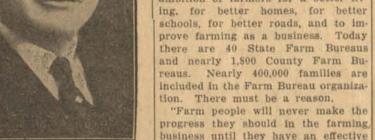
A second spray of weaker material does it. J. F. Yaeger, membership and the Horton act of 1932. bordeaux 4-6-100, should be applied relations director, described the lines vents infections on the young canes and laterals. Further summer sprays

Insurance Agents

One hundred and sixty attended the 3rd annual banquet of State Farm winter in the spots on the old canes, Mutual Automobile Insurance Co. The fungus produces spores very District agency No. 4 and agents in

early in the spring and these spores Grand Rapids territory at the Morton are carried to young shoots and fruit- hotel, Grand Rapids, the evening of ing laterals by rains. Infection is April 4. Hiram Andre of Jenison heaviest during early spring when has been the district agent from the the buds are unfolding and growth beginning in Michigan in 1926. Those attending were agents and their

The delayed dormant spray of wives, other district agents in Michstrong lime-sulphur safely burns out igan, and members of the Michigan the fungus overwintering in the old State Farm Bureau insurance depart-11 gallons of commercial liquid lime- C. L. Brody, executive secretary of Automobile Insurance Co.



G. J. MECHERLE

Twenty years ago G. J. Mecherle was a successful corn belt farmer and national programs affecting of a farmers' fire insurance company. We are picking corn now and plow- all silage and grain, with just a light His observations of automobile in-

surance in those days led him to as a way of living. think about a co-operative or mutual form of automobile insurance for farmers. One day, the summer of reduction of these rates in 1933. a national affair and has its stakes cutting alfalfa once a day, with a set for a million policyholders by Farm Mutual policyholders in Michdirection. igan.

Hamilton Farm Bureau **Community Meeting**

every public question affects the farm-Two hundred and fifty attended er and his business. For example: the meeting of the Hamilton Com-"In the 1920's the largest tax items munity Farm Bureau meeting at for the farmer were local road taxes Hamilton the evening of April 4. and school taxes. And they were Andrew Lohman, manager of the crushing burdens. The Farm Bureau sulphur to each 106 gallons of water Hamilton Farm Bureau, presided. The began a campaign to finance state, when the buds are just showing meeting was very entertaining and county and township roads from the green. This spray also prevents instructive. Stanley Powell explain- automobile weight tax and gasoline Whether the planting is for commer- much leaf-spot and kills many red ed the value of a farm legislative taxes. It was accomplished by the program, and how the Farm Bureau McNitt township road act of 1931

"A long campaign by the Farm of work of the Farm Bureau and Bureau and Grange and other interwhat they mean to the membership. ests for more state aid to rura Mr. Lohman described the part the schools became a reality in 1935 on raspberries but the disease can be are not advised as raspberry foliage Hamilton Farm Bureau has had in through the Thacher-Saur act which securing sales tax exemption on farm brings some \$22,000,000 of additional supplies, and how it has enlisted the state aid to local schools, and which help of the State and National Farm provides for payment by the state of Bureaus to protect farmers shipments high school tuition for rural pupils." Neither the highway nor the school of eggs and other products from problems has been solved permanent labor rackets. ly, Mr. Bushman said. Farmers need

Fuel efficiency in railroad freight their organizations to hold the imservice was 35 per cent greater in provements they have gained. 1939 than twenty years ago.

fields for its membership, Mr. Bush-The average speed of freight trains in 1939 was 62 per cent greater than man said, pointing to its help with in 1920.

the Farm Bureau, Alfred Bentall, states for rural electrification. We state director of insurance for the have 122,516 farms receiving electric Farm Bureau, Mr. Andre, and others. service from rural power lines. Most The Michigan Farm Bureau is state of that construction has been built the seed coats and reduces the hard canes, says Cation. Use from 10 to ment staff. The speakers included agent for the State Farm Mutual since 1935 when the Farm Bureau offered a rural electrification plan that

They Joined and nearly 1,800 County Farm Bu-reaus. Nearly 400,000 families are Farm Bureau included in the Farm Bureau organiza-tion There must be a reason. in February

The Michigan State Farm Bureau welcomed to membership 276 families and wide-spread organization of farm during the month of February. We people who are active in local, state list the new members and their County Farm Bureaus, and their homes schools, highways and government in in this column. general. These are all problems that

NTY Bay City R-1 Bay City R-2 Bay City R-2 Bay City R-4 Cit affect agriculture as a business and Henry Born Ba Born Bros. Walter Kasemeyer... Alvin Kernstock..... "Before Congress today, said Mr. Norman Kernstock.... Steve Kernstock.... Walter Leinberger.... Edwin Schindler..... Bushman, is a proposal to reduce interest rates on federal farm loans and Edwin Schindler.... Wm. DeWyse..... George Meyer..... Herber Heimreich.... Adam Oswald.... Adam Schindler.... O. H. Schmidt... Erwin G. Wegener... Spyhalski Bros.... commissioner's loans to 3%. The Farm Bureau has supported that program, and worked effectively for the first For 20 years the Farm Bureaus Essexville R-1 Essexville R-1 Essexville R-1 Essexville R-1 Essexville R-1 have worked for a national farm pro-George Badour..... John DeWyse..... gram. The AAA and the soil con-Janes Walraven Janes Walraven Jans, R. Wilson servation program are steps in that Essexville R-1 Essexville R-1 Essexville R-1 "The Farm Bureau has been active Leonard Heimreich, Jr., Freeland, R.1 Adolph Walter......Freeland R.1 Andrew Rueger.....Freeland R.1 Otto Schlicker Freeland R.1 in Michigan public affairs for more Adolph Walter. Andrew Rueger. Otto Schlicker... Freeland Freeland than 20 years. It believes that almost John Kelpinski. John P. Nowak Linwood R-1 Kawkawlin R-1 Walter Schultz... Ernest Benson Ernest Benøon..... George Eisenman... Emil Leonard..... Walter Moeller..... Herbert Ott.... Louis Ott. Raymond Rasmer... Byron Ruhstorfer... Leonard Schwab..... George J. Wegener. Peter Whyte..... Kawkawlin R-1 Kawkawlin R-1 Kawkawlin R-1 BERRIEN COUNTY Sprague Dowagiac R-4 Tice & Sprague..... ...Eau Claire Fred Seel...... Frank Grow.... Orville Welbaum. Galien Herman Epple..... C. Kniebes O. R. Van Drasek. Jonathon Warren... Waterviite Waterviiet ...Watervliet CALHOUN COUNTY Louis Palmiter......Battle Creek R-1 L. O. Powers......Battle Creek R-2 GENEBSEE COUNTY L. E. Mastin East LeRoy R-1 Atlas Wm. Clapsaddle.....Davison R-3 M. T. Cooney.......Gaines R-1 Geo. & John Gillespie......Gaines R-1 The Farm Bureau is active in many

Joe Myers Grand Blanc Frederick Dieck....Swartz Creek R-2 Frank Beckman...Swartz Creek R-1 Elmer Gundry....Swartz Creek R-1 Corwin Claxton...Swartz Creek R-2 Dieck Bros....Swartz Creek R-2 rural electrification in Michigan. Today Michigan is fourth among the HILLSDALE COUNTY Fred Clark Hillsdale R-2 Frank Lemunyon Hillsdale R-2

Fred A. Barber Augusta R-2 Cilmax R-1 Geo M. Ebinger Maurice Burns Fulton R-1 Willis Smith Fulton R-1 (Continued on page 5.)

Sprays Stop Fungi **On Raspberries**

cial marketing or for home use, two mites. simple sprays can reduce possible

which plagues red and black raspher. one week before blooming. This pre-

Anthracnose generally is present

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Farm Bureau Will Visit Baltimore

The historical city of Baltimore, Maryland, will be the scene of the 21st annual meeting of the American Farm Bureau Federation December 9-12, 1940. Directors of the American Farm Bureau settled that last month.

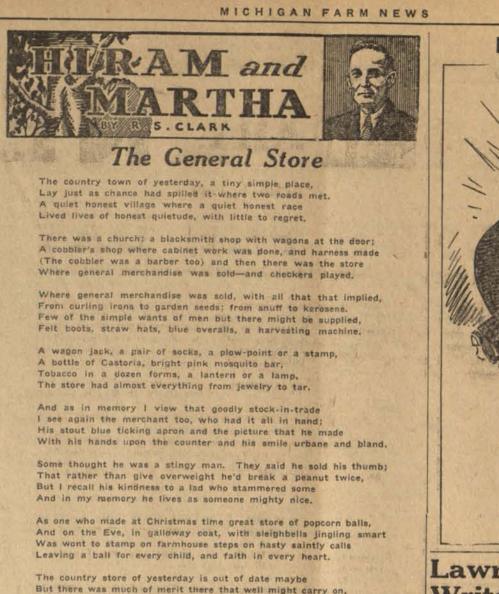
For a number of years it has been the custom of the national Farm Bureau to hold its convention in alternat years at Chicago, which is the nation's farm capital, and the headquarters of the American Farm Bureau. In other years the East, South or West Farm Bureau States entertain the annual meeting. Such conventions have been held at Atlanta, Nashville and New Orleans, Boston, and Pasadena, California.

The regional conventions are largely attended. Nearly all the State Farm Bureaus arrange tours. It's not unusual for delegations from several states to become part of the same train en route to the convention. The number in each group assures Farm Bureau folks of the lowest round trip rates and savings in other travel accommodations. Attractive routes are selected for the going and return trips, with short stop-offs at points of interest. A lot of Farm Bureau people will be interested in a convention at Baltimore.

Going Into 1940 With the AAA

Nationally, our Farm Bureau leaders are rightly interpreting the most pressing need of the hour to be that of securing a balance between the supply of and demand for farm products, so that the farmer may receive parity prices. In view of the great and growing surpluses in many staple farm crops and a possible production increase during a war boom period, we further stress the need for this program not as an application of the "economics of scarcity," but as one of intelligent balance between supply and demand. We pledge our continued support to the American Farm Bureau Federation in its efforts to preserve and improve a national farm program that will restore and maintain parity prices and parity income for American agriculture.

We feel that there may be a tendency in the administration of soil conservation associations for the development of a bureaucratic organization unless the farmers who are recipients of the benefits of this program evidence more interest in the affairs of their local organizations and particularly unless they attend and participate in the annual elections which are held in each township. We regret any move that might tend to divide what should be a mutual interest between extension and agricultural adjustment. Further simplification of the program would aid in its administration.



And as I tread fond memory's path it all comes back to mewonder where the General Store of Yesterday has gone.

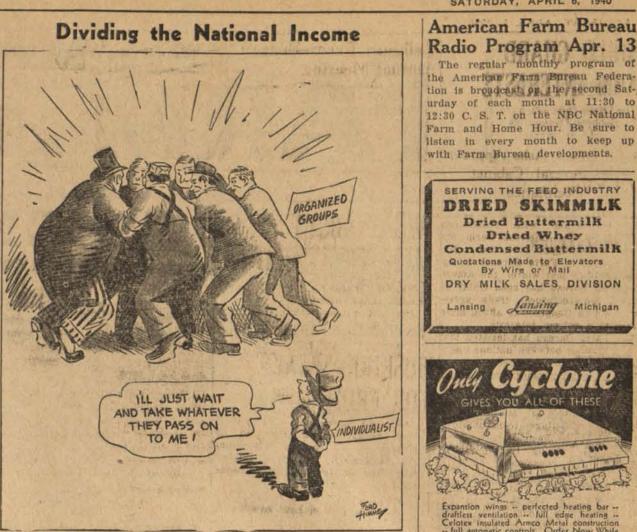
Will Pay Rural Tuition in Full

When the last legislature set \$39,000,000 as the amount of state aid to Michigan's schools instead of \$45,000,000 that they expected, it became inevitable that cuts would have to be taken.

The large city districts demanded that the reduction should be applied in the same percentage to all state aid for local schools. The small town and rural districts insisted that payment by the state of high school tuition for rural pupils is required by law to be made in full. The large districts read the law differently. It affects some 50,000 children attending rural high schools, and involves about \$3,500,000 a year. The Farm Bureau supported the smaller districts in their interpretation of the law. That was understood when we supported it before the legislature.

However, both sides have agreed to a compromise, which we understand was developed with the aid of Dr. Eugene B. Elliott, state superintendent of public instruction.

The rural high school tuition monies will be paid in full. That question is settled for two years, and perhaps permanently. Both large and small districts have agreed to a 17% reduction in all other state aid. About \$2,000,000 will become available to the schools this summer. It has been agreed that it shall be paid to the districts on a school census basis and to offset partially



Lawrence Community Group Writes Our U.S. Senators

The Lawrence group is also i

status under the administration of

Respectfully yours,

Thor A. Hagberg, Discussion Leader

Expresses Views on Parity Prices, Farm Credit, and Labor Bills

March 14 the Lawrence Community Mexico and Miller of Arkansas. Farm Bureau of Van Buren county authorized its officers to write Senator S-3840 is to restore the Farm Credit Arthur Vandenberg and Senator Prentiss Brown, as follows: Dear Senator:

bi-partisan board.) The Lawrence, Michigan, Commun-We also request that the Michigan ity Farm Bureau group at their regudelegation lend their support to lar meeting March 14 upheld and en- amendments to the wages and hours dorsed the following stand taken by act as are embodied in the Barden the Michigan State Farm Bureau bill, HR 7133, to protect agricultura board of delegates at their annual and farmers' co-operative organizameeting Nov. 8-9, 1939, in regard to tions from impractical and costly the Agricultural Adjustment Act, and regulation of labor employed by farmrequests support from the Michigan ers' organizations, delegation in Congress for the federal Trusting that the above bills and

farm program in its purpose to seamendments will receive your concure parity prices for agriculture: sideration and support. "We emphatically oppose a greater reduction in appropriations to carry Lawrence County Farm Bureau Group out this program than shall be taken Norman L. Boyer, Chairman,

by any other group or industry. M. S. C. Hands Out Wood Ties 783,957 Bulletins Still Lead

A total of 783,957 Michigan State vice say that although more than 2,500 Foresters in the United States ser College bulletins, of which 83 and patents have been issued in the last one-third per cent were sent out to fill 50 years for substitute products for requests of those desiring them, in- railroad tie materials, wood ties still dicates for a year's time the scope are most widely used. Nearly a bilof one service the college is provid- lion wooden ties are in service, it is ing Michigan agriculture. estimated. An annual renewal of 100 The total is sufficient to have pro- ties to the mile is considered average,

vided every Michigan farmer with an although some railroads have yearly average of four bull



NOT SPENDING 3¢

IS COSTLY

neglecting the inexpensive task of keeping oyster shell in hoppers is costly. a top speed laying hen will eat only about 3¢ worth of pilot brand oyster shell in a whole year.



SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 1940 American Farm Bureau

Radio Program Apr. 13

The regular monthly program of the American Farm Bureau Federation is broadcast on the second Sat-

with Farm Burean developments

This is the policy of the Michigan State Farm Bureau membership.

Three Per Cent Farm Loan Interest

There is strong support in and out of Congress for the Jones bill, H.R. 8450, which proposes, among other things, to reduce the rate of interest on Farm Credit Administration federal farm loan mortgages and on land bank commissioner's loans to three per cent, and to make that three per cent a permanent policy.

At present the interest rate is 31/2% on land bank mortgage loans, and 4% on commissioners loans. These rates are temporary and have been in existence since 1933 under emergency legislation, renewed by Congress at two year intervals. The basic rate of interest on Federal farm loans is 5%.

In the early days of the depression when money began to be cheaper in other fields of finance, the Farm Bureau opened a strong campaign for a reduction in federal farm loan interest rates. Congress granted the reduction in 1933. In a few years the Farm Credit Administration had more than a fourth of all farm mortgages, and is to be credited with the refinancing of many more on better terms to the borrower.

The American Farm Bureau has pledged support to a perpetual reduction of federal farm loan interest rates until such time as the money market calls for and justifies a revision of interest rates.

Secretary Wallace has endorsed the Jones bill to the House committee on agriculture. He also told Congress that he favored the Jones bill provision which would abolish the requirement that borrowers must take out 5% of their loans in federal farm loan stock.

The Jones bill suggests to us the recall of outstanding federal land bank bouds bought by the public as investments paying in the neighborhood of 5% interest. They would be replaced by bonds at lower rates of interest. At present the national treasury is subsidizing the bond holders for the difference between 31/2% and 5% interest.

the 17 per cent reduction.

The Associated ne Associof the American Farm Bureau

Mrs. Pearl E. Myus, Director for Michigan FIRST EXPERIENCE

works hard at her job of County Farm IN DISCUSSION GROUP Bureau president,-in the membership At the Bad Axe Thumb District campaigns, with committees, and in Farm Bureau rally several of the meetings.

women discussed producer and con- ATTENDS SCHOOL FOR sumer relations. Only two of them FARM BUREAU LEADERS had notice that they were to be mem-Mrs. Alvin Kersten, Mrs. Irvin Graybers of a discussion panel. All did biel, and Mrs. Fred Cook of the St

remarkably well. Clair County Farm Bureau represent-Mrs. James T. Hoover said she ed their Community Farm Bureaus at found the discussion very interesting the recent training school for Farm because of the good points brought Bureau secretaries, Community group out by members of the panel. Mr. and chairmen and discussion leaders. Mrs. Hoover live near Ubly and op- HURON ADDS SIXTH

erate a milk route in the town. She is COMMUNITY FARM BUREAU secretary of the local Gleaner Arbor Mrs. Hal Conkey, secretary of the and leader of an extension group, Huron County Farm Bureau, reports Mrs. Howard Nugent was another a sixth Community Farm Bureau group member of this discussion group. Her there. It was organized March 27 at husband is speaker of the House of the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Representatives at Lansing. The Nu- Schramke. Mrs. Conkey believes the gents farm near Bad Axe and have a future of the Farm Bureau lies in the herd of high grade Holsteins. Thirty. four are milking. Mrs. Nugent is Bureau.

active in community affairs. She is a Mrs. E. T. Leipprandt is secretary member of two women's clubs, is an of the Northwest Huron Community extension leader, and recreation lead- Farm Bureau. Mr. and Mrs. Leiper for the Bingham Community Farm prandt have also attended the Turner Bureau. Community Farm Bureau the past

Mrs. Glenn Wakefield of Kinde winter. The Turner group is comthinks such discussions are good for posed largely of young people. They improving ourselves. Mr. and Mrs. have plenty of pep. They answer roll Wakefield moved to their farm from call with an item of interest from the Detroit recently. She leads singing in Farm News. Mrs. Leipprandt says their Community Farm Bureau group, she reads the Associated Women col-Mrs. Fred Ostrom of Lapeer coun- unn first, so let's keep it interesting, ty, a member of the discussion group FARM BUREAU WOMEN'S

is keenly interested in a better under- SPEAKING CONTEST

standing between farm producers and | Producer-Consumer Relations is the onsumers in the cities. subject for the national Farm Bureau Mrs. Alfred Sturm of Turner Com- women's speaking contest, which con munity Farm Bureau of Huron coun- cludes with the State Farm Bureau ty speaks highly of the sound motion finals at the annual meeting in Novempicture of the December 1939 Ameri- ber. The winner will represent us at can Farm Bureau convention at Chi- the national finals before the Associ

THIRD TERM NOT NEW IN BARRY CO. FARM BUREAU

ated Women of the American Farm Bureau at the national convention at

Baltimore in early December. Mater-Mrs. Claude Hoffman is now serv- ial is available from, Mrs. Charl, s ing her third term as president of the Sewell, administrative director of the Barry County Farm Bureau. She has Associated Women of the American helped organize the four Community Farm Bureau, 58 East Washington Farm Buréaus there. Mrs. Hoffman street, Chicago,

The greater part of Michigan's soils | In the first six months of 1939, were not derived from the under- 26.75 per cent of all shipments hanlying rock but were brought here by dled in the refrigerator container serglaciers tens of thousands of years vice by the Railway Express Agency were serums and vaccines. ago.

ing the replacements of but 50 to 75 ties year, reports Mrs. Lois Knowlton, the mile. Three-fourths of the 50 bulletin clerk. million used annually are treated be-

What are the most popular bulle- fore they are laid in roadbeds. Women What are the most popular bulle-tins? First in demand poultry bulletins, next are those pertaining to landscaping and shrubs and flowers. In close order are three other popular subjects, dairying, gardening and fruit production.

> The average of more than 15,000 a week issued by the bulletin office could have been slightly larger. Not that any excess business is sought. But if those writing for bulletins sometimes wonder why no response is received, perhaps it is because no name or address was placed on the request mailed in to the college.





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SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 1940

WOULD GUARD FARM INTERESTS IN TRADE PACTS

By Several Cabinet Secretaries

reau, the Michigan State Farm Bunual meetings last winter, the Ameriments act in Congress to afford more tended and an interesting program protection to farm interests.

The Farm Bureau has insisted that in any trading between nations under the reciprocal trade agreements, the BUSKIRK SPEAKS ture and industry in the United States should be given equal consideration with the factors of statecraft and FOR FRUIT MEN diplomatic advantages to be obtained. diplomatic advantages to be obtained. To this end the Farm Bureau offered AT WASHINGTON amendments asking that no trade agreement be consumated hereafter except that it has the approval of Asks Marketing Agreement the Secretaries of State, Commerce and Agriculture. The amendment was rejected in the House. The Farm Bureau's effort was renewed in the Senate; but without success so far.

Other Amendments Fail trade agreement by the Senate by a ing matters. majority vote of both houses in Con- ments section in the Agr'l Adjust gress.

agriculture and for the nation.

vinced that the only way to negotiate blem. trade agreements is to do it through the U.S. Dep't of State and a similar office for the interested foreign na-Senate or House or any cabinet ofagriculture thinks it needs.

Michigan Farm Bureau's Position Michigan State Farm Bureau spoke or other processes that suits the its fears that farmers would be asked crop

Calhoun Farm Bureau Annual Meeting

At the annual meeting of the Cal-houn County Farm Bureau at Marshall in March. Frank McDermid was re-elected president; A. M. Johnson of Battle Creek was elected vice-Farm Bureau Asks Approval president, and L. J. Decker of Marshall, secretary and treasurer. Others elected directors were: Robert J. Sackett of Marshall, Mrs. Lillian Crandall, V. B. Greenman and Ray Flanders of Battle Creek. In Calhoun In accordance with resolutions county one director is elected from adopted by the American Farm Bu- each quarter of the county, one is elected at large, and one is elected reau and other Farm Bureaus at an- from the Battle Creek Farm Bureau Ass'n, and another from the Farm can Farm Bureau has been trying to Bureau Oil Company at Marshall. The amend the reciprocal trade agree- Calhoun annual meeting was well at-

was presented

For Fruit & Vegetable Growers

Carl Buskirk, Van Buren County Farm Bureau leader and fruit grower, ment to require ratification of any Dep't of Agriculture on fruit market-

two-thirds vote; Senator O'Mahoney's Before the Senate Committee on Five-sixths of the railway mileage proval of any trade agreement by a mony urging a marketing agree- vately owned.

ment Act for fruit and vegetable The American Farm Bureau study growers. He was called upon to reof the benefits and losses to agricul- butt opposition offered by the presture under the reciprocal trade agree- ident for the National Canners Ass'n. ments program indicates that while Mr. Buskirk represented the Farm no spectacular results have been Bureau Fruit Products Co., the Michachieved, the net result of the agree- igan Cherry Growers Committee, ments has been helpful rather than which has a fruit grower membership hurtful in stimulating business for from Benton Harbor to Traverse City. Mr. Buskirk also represented It appears that the administration the Michigan State Farm Bureau's and the Department of State is con- interest in the fruit marketing pro-

Others Have The Agreement Mr. Buskirk urged that the Senate committee write into the act a martion. In this country the proposed keting agreemnt for fruits and vegetrade agreements are subject to public tables to enable producers to deal hearings. Changes have been made as the result of information presented by business and farm groups. But there is no desire to go before the Senate or House or any colling of to do under marketing agreements. ficer for approval of a trade agree. If two-thirds of the growers of a comment. The price of such approval might be the right to amend. That is retary of Agriculture and the growprecisely the kind of protection that ers are authorized to invoke the provisions of the marketing agreement for orderly marketing of the At its 1939 annual meeting the surplus by withholding from market,

Mr. Buskirk told Senator Schwel-

committee that Congress has had

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When a Word from the Farm Helps ANTI-FARM INTERESTS AFFECTING FARM TERDE COOPERATE WITH YOUR FARM BUREAU BY PERSONALLY STATING YOUR STAND - WRITE OR WIRE YOUR CONGRESSMAN more he was impressed by the stand- Their Paint Numerous amendments along this Ihme have been offered to the reciprocal trade agreements act in this session

of Congress, but none have been As Michigan member of the Ameri- and House and the heads and staff Chippewa county, on the Lake Superadopted. The Farm Bureau would can Farm Bureau's fruit and vege- men of Washington departments. Our ior shore, takes its name from the have considered either of the follow- table committee he participated in men are well informed on farm pro- bright colored deposits of iron oxide ing an improvement upon the act: discussions with the Farm Credit Ad- blems before Comgress. What they there which were once hauled away Senator Pittman offered an amend- ministration and officials of the U.S. have to say gets respectful attention. by the wagon load, mixed with water and used for paint on barns.

amendment would have required ap- Agriculture Mr. Buskirk gave testi- in North and South America is pri- Lard adds flavor and savor to fried

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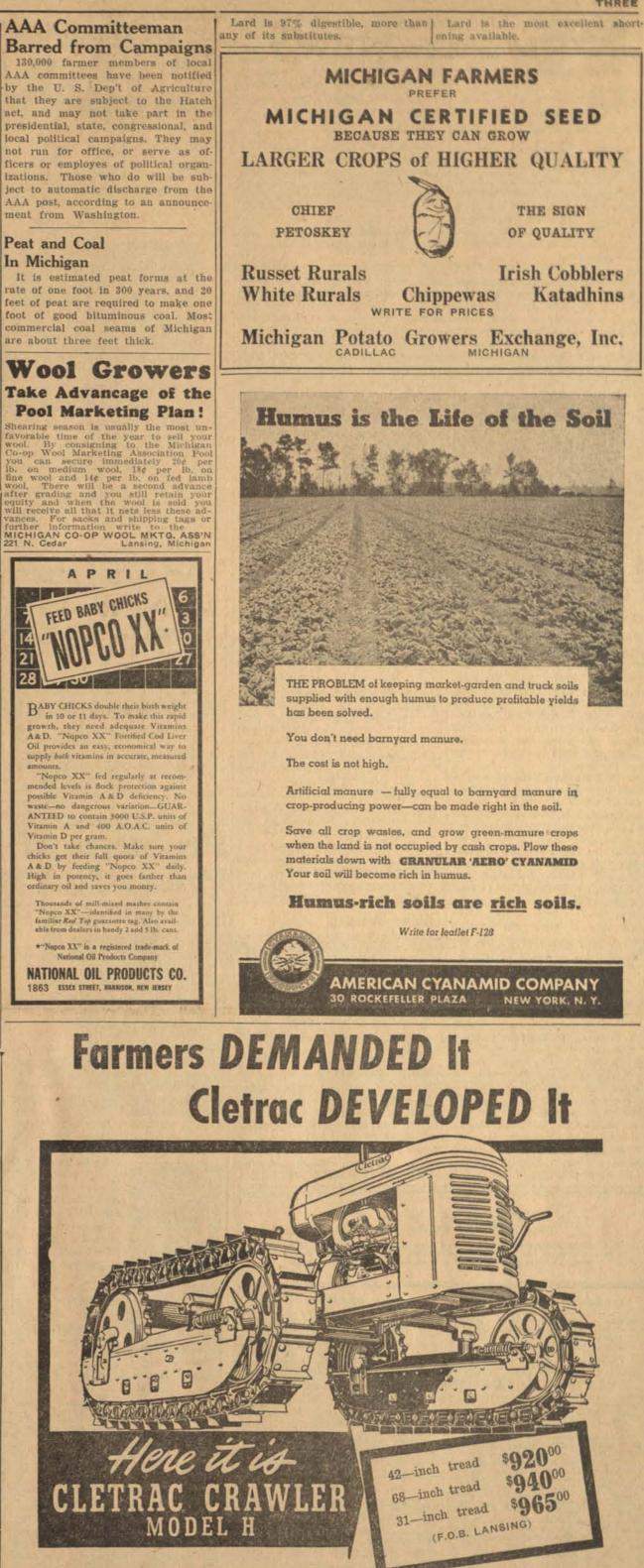
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to make the real concessions for U.S. interests in pending trade agreements. lenbach and other members of the The Farm Bureau resolution said:

"A restoration of rural purchasing some success in raising the price power is essential to industrial recov. of basic farm commodities through ery and permanent prosperity. We the AAA. Fruit people want the same demand that in the negotiation of opportunity. Only 7 Production reciprocal trade agreements with Credit Ass'n banks have failed and foreign nations the welfare of agricul- they're all in the fruit or vegetable ture be given greater consideration. production sections said Mr. Buskirk

nations, we endorse the principle of for fruit interests. Mr. Buskirk was reciprocity in trade, but oppose any considered a special representative application on a basis that would re- of the cherry producing interests. duce farm prices below parity. We urge the American Farm Bureau Fedindustry.

effect of the reciprocal trade agreement program.

"Specifically we protest certain trade agreements now pending between the questioning that exposed the weak-United States and South American countries, ratification of which would lower the tariff and increase the iman already depressed market. It should be borne in mind that the negotiation of a trade agreement with one nation automatically extends its concessions to all other countries agreement for fruits and vegetables. with which we have treaties containing the "favored nation clause." should be negotiated without full public hearings."

Tuscola Membership Workers Do Well

In the Tuscola County Farm Bureau membership campaign in March, 64 members were secured. The first seven among the volunteer membership workers for new members gained were: Henry Lane, Henry Roller, Besse Montei, Otto Montei, Jesse Treiber, Rube Harrington, John Horst. Fifty attended the membership workers potluck supper at the close of the campaign.

Isabella Members Meet

Isabella Junior and Senior Farm fruit. It asked also that terminal Bureaus entertained 125 at their pot. fruit market facilities at large cities luck supper and meeting at Mt. Pleas. be required to make improvements ant March 12. President Clarence that will eliminate expensive unload-Reid of the State Farm Bureau was ing practices.

the speaker. Prof. George Wheeler of Mr. Buskirk said that he expected the State Teachers college was toast- to find Farm Bureau legislative men master. There was a splendid pro- at Washington who knew their way gram of music and entertainment. around, but the more he observed the

"In the interest of peace between in illustrating the need for action

Canners Object

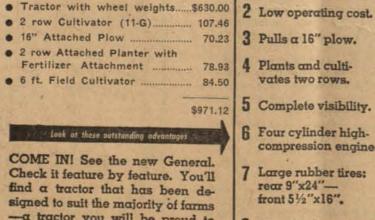
The president of the National Caneration to continue to scrutinize all ners Ass'n asked the Senate comreciprocal trade agreements, so that mittee to provide that marketing the interests of American agriculture agreements, shall not be effective for will be as adequately protected as is fruit or vegetable unless 50% of the "We applaud the efforts of the Ameri-tonnage basis, in favor of invoking canning industry as calculated on a can Farm Bureau Federation in co- the marketing agreement. This, Mr. operation with the Economics Depart- Buskirk told the committee would ment of the Iowa State College in permit a very small group of canners their present project of securing a to block marketing agreement anycomplete and impartial analysis of the time. Representatives of the American Farm Bureau and the U.S. dept of Agriculture developed a line of

ness of much of the canners' objec tion. The principal objection appeared to be against the growers having portation of agricultural products on anything to say about stiffening prices under conditions of surplus. Individual members of the Senate committee appeared to be very friendly to the idea of a marketing Mr. Buskirk said. The American Farm Bureau was represented by President We insist that no such agreements O'Neal and Mr. Ogg of the Washington office. The Farm Bureau will follow through with briefs and other work to help the fruit growers.

As a member of the Farm Bureau's Fruit and Vegetable Committee of 7, Mr. Buskirk discussed with Farm Credit Administration chiefs better help to fruit growers, and especially to those dealing through fruit cooperatives.

The committee met with research men of the U.S. Dep't of Agriculture to suggest study of new uses for fruit and vegetables, especially promotion for apple juice and new vegetable juices.

The committee asked the Department to do everything it can to abolish trade barriers between states and restore the free movement of



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MEMBERSHIP **REPORT FOR** MARCH

Meetings Are Well Attended; Interest Good in All Activities

so that the possibilities may be more J. F. Yaeger, director of member- definitely understood. ship relations for the Michigan State Farm Bureau, made the following report to C. L. Brody, executive secre- Crow Has Some tary, for the months of March: **Good Points** Mr. C. L. Brody:

Meetings-Attached you will find a After perhaps the most complete summary of meetings attended during study ever made of the food habits the month. You will note that, ex- of the crow, E. R. Kalmbach of the clusive of Saturday and Sunday, I U. S. Dep't of Agriculture, says that averaged a meeting per day. These it is not as bad as it is painted. The were as far away as Charlevoix on the crow does a lot of harm, and is a north, Eau Claire and Coldwater on worse actor in some regions than in the south, Muskegon on the west, and others, but it does do some good. Port Huron on the east. All together Kalmbach looked into thousands of a rather thorough covering of all crow stomachs and nests from all sections of the state. You will also the states and from Canada. He note that the meetings varied from thinks that the appetite it has for small committee meetings to larger grasshoppers is the greatest service one from 300 to 800. It renders man. The crow consumes

director

Farm Bureau membership campaigns;

18 are insurance agents for the Farm

Bureau; 23 have helped organize Com-

munity Farm Bureaus. Many have

been attending the adult meetings

regularly, and 75% of the County

Farm Bureau boards have a Junior

Mr. Hennink has been spending time

further exploring the possibilities of

a Junior Farm Bureau camp in Mus-

kegon county, and is making a drive

o get actual committments on paper

What makes the best windbreak?

tension forester at Michigan State

College, are divided into two phases.

wide on the north and west sides of

75 to 100 feet from the nearest build-

ing. For a field or orchard, the wind-

break need be but two rows, planted

on the west side. Spacing in either

type windbreak should not be less

than 10 feet between trees in the rows

and the rows at least eight feet apart.

Wider spacing is suggested when

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white or red pines are planted.

Every place I went I found much many May beetles and other destrucpraise of the Farm Bureau program tive insects at a time when their with leaders very optimistic and destruction results in the greates elated at the fine attitude of the rank and file farmers toward the organiza-and is destructive to bird life, and tion. should be curbed when necessary,

Membership—We have paid-up at this time 38% of our AFBF member-ship quota of 10,000. This with but vices of which it is capable. Mr. 33% of the time elapsed in the Dec. 1, Kalmbach believes that the extermi-1939 to Dec. 1, 1940 year, which is the membership year of the AFBF, nation of the crow would result in You will note that the above percent. more harm than it would do good.

ages are based on a 2,000 increase over last year. If we were to base "L" Shaped our percentages on the same total as last year, we would, in one-third of Windbreaks Best the time, have secured approximately 50% of our year's quota. Recommendations by W. Ira Bull, ex-

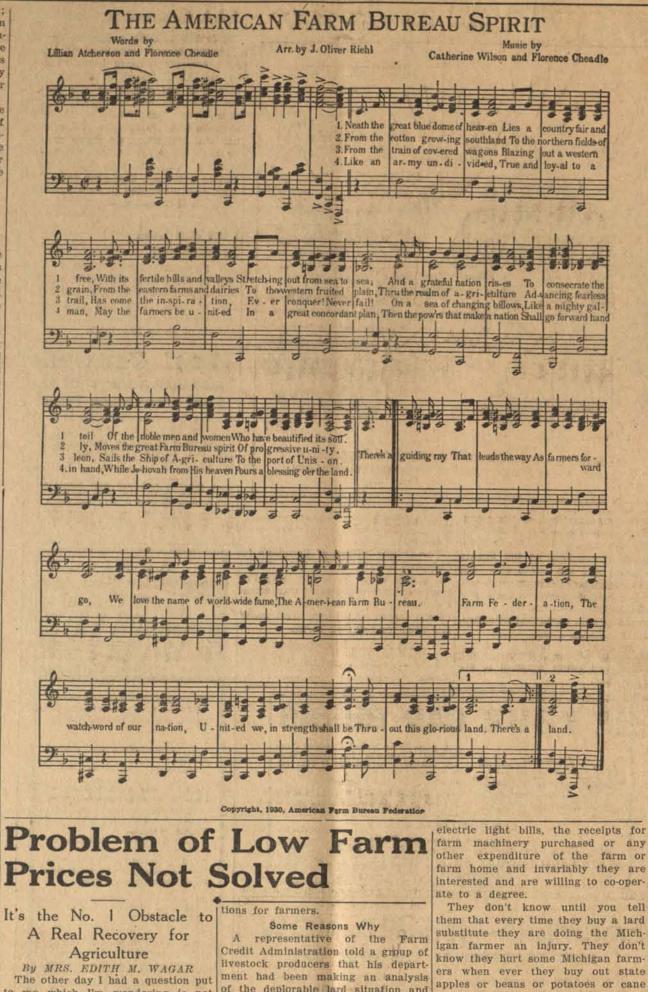
Practically every County Farm Bureau either already has or is conducting a membership campaign this If the protection is for the farm home, spring. This they are doing "on their an "L"-shaper planting three trees own" which should make them well prepared for taking the work over the buildings will be most suitable. completely before the next year's The trees should be planted in rows activities start.

Informed Employes' Meetings-This second series of meetings for getting employes better informed as to the Farm Bureau set-up and program and the co-operative movement was especially well attended by the employes of the stores and managementcontract points. The employes seem very much interested, some driving 80 miles to attend the meetings nearest them. They participated in the Million Farms discussions and were much better posted than in earlier meetings. A' quiz is to complete the project this

farms, wheat is an important source Community Farm Bureau-The Com. of cash income. These growers have munity Farm Bureau leaders met at 10 participated in recent production points with Mr. Tanner to discuss which has enabled the government their work. The average number at ever-normal granary plan to place 300 to me which I'm wondering is not each meeting was 20. They were million bushels in reserve above do-just the question that might well be

keenly interested in their leadership responsibilities, which is an excellent sign for future progress. Mr. Uhry and Mr. Nash of the College coop-erated in this project. Junior Farm Bureau—A report from Mr. Hennink shows 23 of the older Junior Farm Bureau leadership responsibilities in the world) is used for blast furnace flux, road metal and concrete

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The Farm Bureau will discontinue the flour milling business, but will come They tell us nothing stands still, make use of the storage capacity of there must be a change. Well, we the mill, which is 12,000 bushels. The hope if conditions for the farmer Farm Bureau is scheduled to take change, that they'll be for the better. possession of the Mill June 1.



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a let up on low prices for what he sells and high prices for what he He remarked, "You've preached the value of organization and told us all

It seems to me that we have enough that's been accomplished thru or- farm organizations, agricultural col-Mich. (3-2t-Sp) ganized effort. With me it has been leges, departments of agriculture, exthe Grange and the Farm Bureau and periment stations, investigating comthe Milk Producers and the Sugar mittees, research institutions and BEE HIVES, SECTIONS, COMB FOUN. Beet Association and the local co-op. what not, that if they all had for dations, etc. Outfits for beginners. Send for catalog. GRAFTING WAX for or chardists. Both hand and brush wax. BERRY BASKETS AND CRATES, Send for prices. M. H. HUNT & SON, 511 N. Cedar St., Lansing, Michigan, (4-2t-39b) think times wouldn't be any worse Consumers Will Listen

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kids a few dollars once in a while sumer group meetings and I find the great majority of those in attendance This man's story is no different are eager to know our problems than we are experiencing on our and willing to co-operate. I usually bors are going thru. But he threw out sale slips for livestock and poultry (3-tf-25b) a challenge to me and to all farm and eggs, or wheat or any other stateleaders. I truly believe he spoke the ment showing what the farmer actsentiments of the majority of farm- ually receives. Then I show them our

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By STANLEY M. POWELL Michigan Co-operative Wool

Marketing Ass'n

know the least and which they market costs have been reduced. in the most careless manner, the attendance and interest at the annual meeting of the Michigan Co-operative Wool Marketing Association held at Lansing on March 6, 1940, indicated that there is a very definite trend toward the improvement of this situation.

The number of growers present exceeded the attendance for other ecent annual meetings. Throughout the day the growers evidenced a great deal of enthusiasm in learning how to produce better wool and market it more advantageously. College Staff Helps

Much helpful information on flock management was given by Professors C. L. Cole and E. L. Benton of the out of four years prices declined seri- the pressure of his other work. M. S. C. animal husbandry depart- ously during the shearing season, and ment. The addresses of these men then strengthened gradually during being received daily at the Associawere very practical and timely, and the latter part of the year. He ex- tion warehouse at 728 East Shiawasgave the assembled wool growers the plained that this was because manu- see street, Lansing, and a substantial benefit of a short-course of instruction facturers have neither the finances on feeding, management, parasite con. nor the facilities to absorb a season's Information regarding this method trol and the handling of their wool to wool clip during the three months of wool marketing may be obtained by make the most attractive and salable shearing period. If the wool pools writing the Association at Lansing fleeces.

were taken out of the picture the Michigan Clark L. Brody, executive secretary growers would be at the mercy of of the Michigan State Farm Bureau, this situation. Poolers can receive a substantial gave a thought-provoking speech in which he mentioned that new problems advance when their consignment is But Under Control In production and marketing are con- delivered and still retain an equity stantly arising. He complimented in their fleeces so that they are in a the growers upon their interest and position to profit by better wool prices attendance. He emphasized that farm- which usually occur later in the seaers must control the marketing of at son. He presented figures to show least a minor portion of each com- that consistent consignors have modity in order to have anything to averaged more than 3c a pound higher say about price levels. Unless this prices for their wool than those who

is done the man who will sell the sold locally at shearing time, cheapest actually sets the price for the commodity. Mr. Brody warned the growers that they would pay for mittee consisting of Colin P. Campthe cost of maintaining the Associa- bell, Caledonia; Francis Gunder, Riga; tion 100 times over if they didn't and Tracy Crandall, Howell, made

recommendations regarding the conhave one. trol of predatory animals and dogs in **Objects of Grower Program** Reviewing the developments of co- order to reduce flock losses from these operative wool marketing in the United sources. The resolutions favored States, Mr. James M. Coon of the prompt enactment of the federal the silo and garden trash is clean-Farm Credit Administration, Wash- Truth-in-Fabrics legislation, express. ed up and burned. These processes

Mattawan R-2 ...Paw Paw ...Paw Paw Clarence Stapish. .. Chelsea W. K. Wilson... W. C. Wylie... Grover Colby, Jr Emil A. Ruhlig. Earl Doletzky... .Dexter Paw Paw Dexter R-1 Paw Paw Dexter R-1 Dexter R-2 Paw R-11 Walter J. Rawson...... Manchester R-3 Clyde Sweet. Northville R-2 Ciyde Sweet. Emanuel Lambarth... Duncan A. Robinson. Oscar Weber... Robert Lambarth... Finis Noble Chas. J. Schultz... Lawrence Weber.... Edward Wild. Saline Saline Saline Saline Saline Saline R-2 Saline R-2 Saline R-2 Edward Wild......South Lyon R-2 John Bakhaus.....South Lyon R-2 Richard H. Roome.....South Lyon R-2 Clarence O'Conner Clarence O'Conner Whitmore Lake R-1 Ypsilanti R-3 Paw Paw R-2 Paw Paw R-3

MICHIGAN FARM NEWS

Growers' Goal is Better **Fleeces, Higher Prices**

James Coon Shows How vantageous time of the year and to Co-op Marketing of Wool

growers and the woolen mills. He emphasized that the present spread between prices received by the growers and these paid by the mills is only from 1/2 to 1/2 of what it was before the

development of co-operative wool mar-Although it has frequently been keting in the United States. Many said that wool is the Michigan farm growers fail to realize what spread Mr. McLachlan as vice president, and

price trends showing that in three

Resolutions

The report of the Resolutions com-

efforts in securing federal loans on lyears. corporation for the past two years.

Election of Officers In the annual election, W. C. Kempster of Coldwater and F. F. Walworth

of Corunna were elected to succeed themselves as directors for three remove all possible toll between the year terms. Hold-over directors include W. D. Alber of Grass Lake, F. of Evart, H. E. Powell of Ionia, and

H. P. Roach of West Branch,

Michigan Exported

Black Bear Skins

D. King of Charlotte, R. N. McLachlan | were shipping skins of Michigan black | ation.

Following the annual meeting the Board organized for the coming year by electing Mr. King as president and product regarding which producers they formerly paid or why marketing Stanley M. Powell of Ionia as secretary-treasurer to succeed Alfred Ben-

relieved of these duties because of

Consignments to the 1940 Pool are

cash advance is paid upon delivery.

There are infestations of the borer

known in 31 southern and central

Michigan counties. Comparing 1939

with 1938, there were definite in-

Mice, skunks and the downy wood-

pecker have found the borers make

good eating. Farmers and gardeners

take precautions whenever an infesta-

tion appears heavy and the following

Corn Borer Here,

corn borer? He's still here.

Wayne and Monroe counties.

bear to Russia. Officers of the Ruswool through the Commodity Credit Entomologists would like to see sian Imperial army wore greatcoats the control measures used more re- and high hats fashloned from them, gularly, even when horers are not too according to N. H. Winchell who served as assistant to his brother, numerous. Alexander Winchell, then state

Nearly 12,000 air-conditioned rail-In the 1860's, Michigan fur dealers road passenger cars are now in oper-

geologist, in 1869-70.







creases in Washtenaw and St. Clair Here's why we're sure bethanized fence counties, a decrease in Lenawee will be 'way ahead of other wire fence. county and no change in Macomb,

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ington, D. C., stressed that among ed appreciation of the services rend- and dry summers help control the the objects of the co-operative wool ered by the M. S. C. and extension pest. Huron county's summer showers marketing program was to make pos- workers and commended the National are the exception, resulting in recent sible the sale of wool at the most ad- Wool Marketing Corporation for their increases for several successive Hard Seeds in Alfalfa & Clover (Continued from page 1.) seed content, but seed so treated does not keep well after one year of

A GOOD FARM FLOCK IS A MONEY MAKER Mr. Coon presented charts of wool tall of Lansing, who had asked to be

storage. Red Clover Hard seeds in red clover are harder and slower to sprout. They accumulate in the soil and a reserve of them often helps to thicken stands. thinned by adverse conditions. Volunteer stands are due to hard seeds.

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of seeding is more than 8 lbs. per

acre and the seeds are not sown too

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deeply, no increase is needed.

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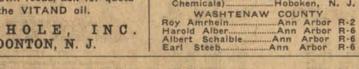
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of the letter.

A Community Farm Bureau News Letter

letter circulated among members of the Henrietta-Waterloo Twp. Com-munity Farm Bureau in Jackson county. Lowden Farms Hatchery. Following are extracts from a news

Farm Bureau members, paid the cost of sweet clover in fields of alfalfa and red clover grown for seed, or

Do you know that your Community when such plants occur in hay fields Farm Bureau is making a survey and small grains where they interthis month to find out what you will fere with harvest and reduce the lo to help, what you think should be quality.

ione to help, what you think can be Hard seeds may be very desirable lone to help our business of farming in permanent pastures where the volin Henrietta and Waterloo Town. unteer plants benefit the soil and the hips. When we have all these ideas pasturage. In unhulled sweet clover ve will work out plans to do the If one-fourth or more of hard seed is sown in permanent pastures in late hings that need doing We hammered for four years on fall or early winter, a high percentsetting a better M-106. There is no age of hard seeds is very desirable. way to tell whether it helped or not. Scarification is usually needed to Anyhow we will have one of the best reduce the hard seeds of spring and oads in the State soon. early summer sown sweet clover.

The individual hammers and cus- present in sweet clover, ordinary ses, hollers and discusses alone, but rates of seeding may need to be when we get together to do these increased.

hings we get results. Hard Seeds & Seeding Rates The State Farm Bureau took the If all the seeds of alfalfa, red clovead in lowering school taxes, elimin. er, or sweet clover could be sown at iting local road tax and the low exactly the proper depth, and if conax on farm trucks. The County ditions were so ideal that each seed Farm Bureaus make up the State Or. would produce a strong healthy ganization. The local Farm Bureaus plant, only two pounds of seed per nake up the County Farm Bureau. Acre would be needed, the Wis-So we go from bottom to top clear consin College of Agriculture said in nto national legislation. its bulletin.

So it goes with Lowdens chix. Such a low rate is impractical for From bottom to top care, expertness, broadcast seedings, it continued. The intelligence and every method is field losses from natural hazards are used to produce the best for day old so great as to require an increase of birds that can be had. We are proud from 3 to 6 times the theoretical seedto have one of the very best, probab- ing requirement. Hard seeds do not ly the best, producers as a member ordinarily affect practical rates of with us. Lowden Farms pay for this seeding for alfalfa and red clover, letter about the Farm Bureau. We but may necessitate increase in the appreciate this. We in turn say all rate of sowing sweet clover.

we can to boost this member's bus-Hard seeds are variously delayed iness. He believes in us. We believe in germination though soil conditions in him. are very favorable for sprouting.

At the April meeting to be in the Hard seeds, said the Wisconsin Colevening we will make 4-H club work lege of Agriculture, are not had seeds the subject. Agnes Moeckel will have in the sense that they are diseased charge of the program. The sum- or weak. They appear to be a promary of the survey we make will also vision of nature to safeguard the surbe made. vival of plants by keeping a reserve

of live seeds in the soil.

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Suggestions from Discussion Groups

COMMUNITY GROUP LEADERS PRESENT BACK-GROUND MATERIAL ON METHODS FOR DISCUSSION

By KEITH A. TANNER Membership Relations & Education

FOREWORD: "The Work of the phere among their members. Farm Bureau" is the discussion topic maintain an organization in which they can assemble and analyze the facts relating to their own problems -write their own program and make very essential in getting people to it effective through the strength of work and think together. The philosothat organization."

Farm Bureau is determined by the of expression, and learning to give dividuals participating in the discusactivity and progress of its members, and take was the goal outlined by just as the power from a gear is de- most of the discussion groups. pendent upon the strength of each of its cogs. The limitations as well as the scope of the Farm Bureau lies within the vision of each co-operating operation, people must be well member.-What is your vision for the acquainted and feel free to express future of agriculture?

The community group is a medium through which the State office learns desired atmosphere was expressed as of the thinking, desires and vision of its members. These groups should be so conducted by its members that the individual (who is in reality the Farm Bureau) can assemble materials and analyze the farmers' problems, make conclusions, and get a summary of the exchange of ideas through to the central office.

Now let's consider the discussion group as a medium for assembling and analyzing this material,

Suggestions From

Discussion Group Members Over two hundred Community Farm

Bureau leaders met in ten different localities to discuss the relative merits of a discussion group and the techniques involved, as well as the duties and responsibilities of their respective offices. Meetings were held in Imlay City, Saginaw, Cass City, Lansing, Dowagiac, Ann Arbor, Coldwater, Battle Creek, Traverse City and Hart.

Professor O. Ulrey of the agriculture economics department of the Michigan State College and Claude Nash, extension specialist of the same department, who are very interested in the discussion method and in agricultural problems, led the discussions.

During the series of meetings with Community Farm Bureau leaders, it was very gratifying to learn of the many practices that are being employed by County Farm Bureau groups



in order to make their meetings more | cussion methods. People should be ininteresting and to establish conditions vited rather than commanded to particomplementary to a friendly atmos- cipate in the discussion, especially the

more timid ones. Everyone is con-Just to summarize a few of the ex- sidered on the same level in a discusfor the Community Farm Bureau periences exchanged at these meetings sion group; as the leader remains seatgroups. The Farm Bureau is a mem- and to pass the material along to you ed while talking. Speaking slowly so all bership organization (you are the Farm Bureau) which is "founded on analyze it and use those portions that members can think along with the leader was stressed by the group as the principle that the security of farm-ers is dependent upon their ability to lowing report is being presented; well as making a summary in order to keep the members progressing uniformly. He should avoid talking too

much and making positive statements.

We the People Who Enter

Into Discussion A great deal of responsibility was

placed on the shoulders of the in-

sion because of the home like and

informal nature of the group. The members speak when no one else is

talking and do not have to be recog-

nized by the leader. They remain

seated while speaking and should be

careful not to monopolize the discus-

sion or talk too long at any one time.

One group stated that each member

of a discussion group should consider himself a potential discussion leader.

He should see that all sides of a ques-

tion are considered, should ask chal-

lenging questions as well as present

his own idea to the group to encour-

Subject Material

of meetings expressed the desire for

discussing local topics along with State

topics formulated by Community-Lead-

ers last fall. Challenging local sub-

jects seem to hold the interest of the

group when they have many of the

facts at their command. It was also

considered by the leaders that more

of the members should read the back-

ground material presented in the

Farm News in order to get a more

complete picture of the subject to be

Environmental Factors and

Arrangements

The conclusion of the groups on

discussed.

Most of the groups during the series

age friendly understanding.

A spirit of friendliness in a homelike atmosphere was agreed as being phy of mental and physical participa-The success and progress of the tion, the exchange of ideas, freedom

Breaking the Ice In order to develop the spirit of friendliness and the philosophy of co-

themselves. The techniques used by most of the groups to acquire this "breaking the ice". They listed such

items as: 1. Action games at the time scheduled to begin meeting. 2. Opening songs at the beginning

of the meeting. 3. a. Roll call: answered with a

current event: allow three minutes to explain the topic and one for discussion. b. Answered with benefit you have derived from the Farm Bu-

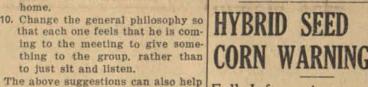
reau. c. Answer with article read in the Farm News. d. Answer with an agricultural topic you would like to discuss. e. Answer with suggestion as to

how the meeting might be improved. 4. True and false questions on articles read in the Farm News.

5. A completion test-(statement with blank to be filled in) on artiarrangements and environmental faccles in Farm News. tors was quite general, because of 6. Multiple choice test (a statement the different types of places in which

and several answers, the correct the Community Farm Bureau meetanswer to be selected) on articles ings are being held. They like to found in the Farm News, have all the people in one room, sit-7. Getting people to have something ting around a table if possible, so in their hands to make them feel the members are facing one another. physically active; pencil and If tables are not accessible they sugpaper, shears and paper, etc. 8. A suitable moving picture with a

gest sitting in a large circle. One should strive to have as friendly and planned discussion to follow. home-like an atmosphere as possible. 9. Reception committee to greet all (Suggestions for Discussion Group guests and to introduce new Members from U. S. D. A. publication) members and make them feel at 10. Change the general philosophy so



to get members to come to meetings Full Information on Hybrid Corn Most Important

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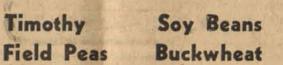


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a problem of the group itself They had not been in the habit of starting meetings as scheduled so people kept meeting hour with our groups and 1. Many varieties of hybrid corn let's try to start on time.

factors and arrangements.

The Discussion Leader

group should strive to see that they

to just sit and listen.

on time. Many of the groups felt

that getting people to be on time was

home.

The Discussion Group

The greater portion of the conver- choosing the hybrid corn to be sold sation at these meetings centered to his farmers.

around the discussion group, Most of the ideas exchanged might be classi- consin hybrid corns being offered to fied under the following headings: 1. and through Michigan dealers do not The discussion leader. 2. "We the bear a tag showing the growers People" who enter into discussion. name, Be careful! Hybrid seed corn 3. Subject material. 4. Environmental is no better than the man who grows

It was conceded by the leaders at for undesirable hybrid corn. these series of meetings that the success of a discussion is dependent upon the proper use of certain simple procedures, methods or techniques. These the name of the grower.

Farm Co-ops Need Help

sidered was to get people acquainted, to make them feel they have a great deal in common and are on the same level, and to know one another's interests. To accomplish this, the group went back to the items listed

under "breaking the ice". The group suggested many other interests and farmer' co-operatives duties for the discussion leaders, such as seeing that the members introduce themselves to the group; introducing

The Barden Bill, (a) modify the group which will motivate the members to think; ask questions with more than one answer, avoid "yes" and "no" questions; get the discus- fy the area of production problem sion to pass from member to member rather than from leader to member to definition promulgated by the Wage leader-his main duty being to infro- and Hour Administrator; (c) put a duce the topic and direct the conver-

to recover time and a half overtime The leader does not necessarily have to be an expert on the subject can be maintained. This is designed in order to lead the discussion but it was felt he should be generally versed tion of overtime with the resultant on the topic and he should know dis-

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To Grower

The Farm Bureau seed service has coming a little later each time, know- called the following information to ing the meeting would not start until the attention of farmers before and all were present. Let's discuss the wishes to do so again:

have them decide as to the time then are being offered to farmers at a wide range of prices. It behooves

each dealer to use extreme care in

2. A number of varieties of Wis-

it and the reputation behind it. Let's not have Michigan a dumping ground

The Farm Bureau seed service says that each lot of the Michigan grown hybrid corn it offers shows devices should not only be practiced by the leader but each member of the

are put in use. The first thing con- on Wage-Hour Act

March 14 Secretary Brody of the Farm Bureau asked all Farm Bureau legislative minute men to study the Barden amendments, HR7133 to the wages and hours bill, and write Michigan Senators and Congressmen regarding the need for protecting farm

from impractical and costly regulation of labor employed by farm cointeresting questions of value to the ops.

hour restrictions in certain agricultural trades and industries; (b) clarithat has arisen from the restricted statute of limitations period of six months upon the time in which action

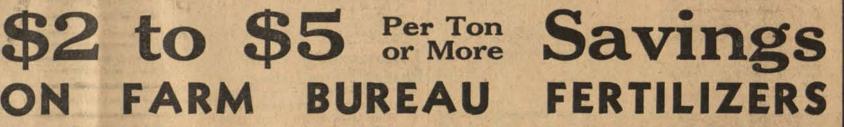
> to prevent the unwarranted accumulapossibility of complete ruination of business for any technical violation

higher salary brackets. **Dairy Products**

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of the Act; (d) exempt under certain

conditions employees working under



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