

FARMERS' TAX, ROAD, LEGISLATIVE PROBLEMS INCREASE

LEAGUE OF MICHIGAN CITIES STANDS ALMOST ALONE AS OUT STATE TURNS THUMBS DOWN ON DYKSTRA BILL

Farm Bureau, Supervisors Ass'n, Good Roads Ass'n, Northern Mich. Road Commissioners, County Road Engineers and State Highway Department Object.

After three weeks of maneuvering, unparalleled in its intensity in a non-legislative year, lines are more sharply drawn on move of the Municipal League, and its "angels", the big city politicians of Grand Rapids and Detroit, to divert a large share of state funds into city hall treasuries.

Every effort of the Welsh-Nagel forces to break down the solidarity of out-state groups meeting in annual session at Lansing, East Lansing, and other points in the State has failed. Governor Fred Green, Highway Commissioner Grover Dillman, Tax Commissioner M. B. McPherson, and Attorney General Wilbur Brucker, have plunged into the fight against the Dykstra bill and promise that an equitable adjustment of road and street tax difficulties will be worked out and presented to the next Legislature as an administration measure.

The proponents of the Dykstra three-way split of the highway funds, now find that in addition to the Farm Bureau and State administrative leaders, they face the combined opposition of the Michigan Association of Supervisors, the Northern Michigan Road Commissioners Association, and Michigan Good Roads Association, and the Association of County Road Commissioners and Engineers, as well as other farm and civic groups.

Administration leaders presented their cause before numerous farm organizations meeting at East Lansing during Farmers Week as well as the Supervisors and members of the Michigan Press Association. Commissioner Dillman announced that he was in favor of the principle that road costs should be apportioned according to the origin of the traffic, and that steps were being taken to induce the U. S. Bureau of Public Roads to co-operate with State officials in making a comprehensive survey of traffic on Michigan's roads—State, county, and township—to determine the extent to which city owned cars contribute to the traffic which these roads carry.

The traffic counts follow the action of the Michigan Farm Bureau last year in instituting similar counts in several Michigan counties. The Bureau has been invited to co-operate with the State highway department in planning the new official survey.

Meanwhile, officials of the League of Michigan Municipalities have definitely determined to circulate initiative petitions to force the Legislature to pass a bill drawn on the lines of the Dykstra measure, and to force a referendum on the bill if the Legislature should balk.

Although Municipal League officials assumed an air of injured indignation over the charges of Commissioner M. B. McPherson that they have used "highwaymen's methods" in their attack upon the State Treasury, it was reported in the daily press that the League officers had recommended the abandonment of the attempt by Wayne county officers to disrupt State Highway finances through court action

that would have relied upon a technicality to secure the apportionment to the counties of the entire weight tax, instead of one-half, as was generally agreed to have been the legislative intent at the time the weight tax law was passed. This proposed suit previously had been privately condemned by many League supporters and was hailed by opponents of the Dykstra plan as a dead giveaway of the selfishness behind the big-city movement.

Administration leaders have succeeded in establishing the fact that the chief bone of contention is the desire of certain municipal chiefs to

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Grand Ledge Reports Its Live Stock Year

The Grand Ledge Co-operative Association, in Eaton county, reported to its members at the annual meeting, Jan. 2, that during 1929 it shipped 196 cars of stock, containing 360 cattle, 5,470 hogs, and 7,374 sheep and lambs to Detroit for net receipts of \$275,817.70. Fees and Michigan Live Stock Exchange dividend increased that to \$277,468.49. The Association paid shippers stock returns of \$272,734.72 and had a balance of \$1,338.80 on hand Jan. 2, 1930. Operating expenses, including the manager, labor and repairs, taxes, insurance, annual meeting, etc., speak for good management. The Association owns its yards, scales and buildings. Grand Ledge is a member of the Michigan Live Stock Exchange.

PLUMBING CODE PROPOSAL UNFAIR TO FARM HOMES

Bureau Fears Gouge Under Act Drafted By Master Plumbers.

FARM RULES SEVERE

Plumbing Costs Likely To Increase Under The Code.

"The proposed plumbing code prepared under the direction of the State Department of Health is unfair to Michigan farmers, and the Michigan Farm Bureau urges that it be re-drafted and that the provisions applying to plumbing on farms be simplified," said R. Wayne Newton, director of taxation, to health department officials at a public hearing in the Senate Chamber February 7. Mr. Newton challenged the statement of Major William C. Groeniger consulting engineer of Columbus Ohio, and author of the Code, that in the interests of health the same regulations should govern plumbing no matter whether it is installed in the city or in the country.

The proposed Code is the outgrowth of an act passed by the last Legislature, providing for the licensing of plumbers. It also provides that the commissioner of health shall have general supervision over plumbing in all buildings, residences and structures and shall prescribe and publish a code of minimum standards therefore, which shall be uniform. The Act gives the commissioner of health power to order inspection of rural plumbing and to require the removal of plumbing that does not meet the specifications of the code.

The Act in question was drafted by the Master Plumbers Association without consulting the Department of Health. Commissioner of Health Guy D. Kiefer, stated in opening the session that he was doubtful as to the wisdom of the legislation which has placed the administration of plumbing upon his department.

In addition to the Farm Bureau Real Estate boards, builders associations and manufacturers of plumbing supplies throughout the state entered objections to the new code

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LIVE STOCK EXCH. ANNUAL MEETING AT LANSING FEB. 21

Mich. Loss Prevention Ass'n To Meet Preceding Afternoon.

BANQUET THURS. EVE.

Two Day Programs Expected To Attract Several Hundred.

Announcement is made by Pres. E. A. Deamer of the Michigan Live Stock Exchange that the 12th annual meeting will convene at the Hotel Olds, Lansing, Friday morning, February 21, at 10 o'clock, for a business session which will be completed that day.

Preceding the annual meeting the Michigan Live Stock Loss Prevention Association will meet at the Olds Thursday noon, February 20, at 1 o'clock.

Thursday evening at 6:30 o'clock the Live Stock Exchange and the Loss Prevention Association will hold their third annual dinner at the Olds. A splendid dinner and program of entertainment and addresses has been prepared, to be followed by a dance, at which the modern and old time dances will be given. All farmer members of the Live Stock Exchange are invited to the meeting. Tickets for the annual dinner and entertainment program are \$1. Mr. Byron Schermerhorn of Detroit will be the principal speaker. Jules Klein's orchestra will play for the dance.

At the annual meeting it will be reported that the Live Stock Exchange's sales agency at the Detroit yards, the Michigan Live Stock Exchange Commission Merchants, during 1929 sold for farmer shippers, 55,881 decks of stock valued at \$9,960,000, a gain of \$1,500,000 over 1928. This was 35.1% of the total receipts at Detroit, as against 34.3% of the total receipts handled in 1928. The Detroit sales agency net profit for 1929 was \$18,400.

The annual meeting of the Producers Co-operative Commission Association, the Buffalo Sales Agency of the National Live Stock Producers, which is operated by the Live Stock Exchanges of Michigan, Indiana and Ohio, was held February 10th and 11th.

During 1929 Buffalo handled 6,708 decks having a value of \$10,716,000, which was 32½% of the total receipts, a gain of 6% over 1928. The net profit was \$19,500 or \$6,000 more than in 1928.

There are 18 firms on the Buffalo market. Growth of the Producers at Buffalo since opening in 1922 is shown by the following percentages of the total volume of live stock receipts handled:

1922—15%
1923—17%
1924—20.5%
1925—20.8%
1926—21.8%
1927—24%
1928—26%
1929—32.5%

Both Detroit and Buffalo sales agencies (Continued on page three)

PRESIDENT



M. L. NOON

Feb. 7. Mr. Noon was re-elected president of the Michigan State Farm Bureau by the new board of directors and began serving his fifth term as president. He served a two year term from 1924 to 1926 and has been re-elected each year since Feb. 1927.

CROSWELL FARMERS HAVE ESTABLISHED OWN MILK CONCERN

Two Hundred Producers Join Co-operative To Sell Own Milk.

To own and operate their own milk receiving plant, 200 farmers around Crosswell have joined to ship their milk as an independent sales unit, subscribing \$10,000 in stock for purchase and equipment of their plant, the Crosswell Farmers Milk Company.

The new concern, operating for a few weeks now, has a membership identical with that of the local co-operative elevator. Purchase of plant and equipment is on the installment plan, each shareholder allowing deduction of \$1.04 each two weeks from his milk check to apply on each share of stock in the concern. In this manner it is planned to have the stock paid up in about nine months.

The local is shipping about 250 cans of milk daily, finding a sales outlet for their products on the Detroit market.

Mr. Helm has general supervision of the plant and the elevator; management of the milk plant is handled by Howard Levett, one of the stockholders of the new concern, who is a farmer-producer of the community.

The plant is equipped with one of the newest type, sanitary can washers, scalds and dries each can and replaces the covers automatically before and handling devices which wash fore delivering them to the loading dock.

Experience

Store Manager: "They say that brunettes have sweeter dispositions than blondes."

Clerk: "Well, my wife's been both and I can't see any difference."

SEC'Y BRODY TELLS 12TH ANNUAL MEETING OF STATE FARM BUREAU; CONVENTION RAPS DYKSTRA BILL

Governor Green, Sec'y Winder of American Farm Bureau Address Delegates; Bureau Makes Good Report For 1929; Moves Annual Meeting Ahead to November.

A dignified, hard working, thorough going convention that got over a lot of ground in two days time was the characterization given the 12th annual meeting of the Michigan State Farm Bureau at State College, Feb. 6 and 7 by newspapermen and other experienced observers.

Secretary Brody in his report said that "Farmers tax, highway, legislative, oil lease, co-operative marketing and other problems are increasing and that 75,000 farmers have come to depend on the Michigan State Farm Bureau for help along those lines," and the convention acted accordingly.

Mr. Brody's report on State Farm Bureau activities for 1929 is presented in full in this issue of the News, as are the resolutions adopted by the convention. It will be noted that not only did the Farm Bureau resolutions fix Farm Bureau policy on state and local tax matters, highway matters, etc., but the Secretary's report shows that it has well organized and functioning departments or movements for the purpose of carrying its policies to a successful conclusion.

The Bureau reported itself and its business departments in good financial standing, with a net worth of \$229,114.94, including \$31,512.31 of cash on hand, and land, buildings and equipment in Lansing. Total assets of the State Farm Bureau were reckoned at \$526,012.66.

Important among the Bureau's resolutions was one changing the date of the State annual meeting from Farmers Week to the second Thursday and Friday in November at the college. The matter had been under consideration for two years. It was thoroughly discussed at this meeting before being given unanimous approval.

Many considerations brought about the change. Chief among them is the constantly growing importance of the Bureau's legislative work. Heretofore, the State Farm Bureau meeting has come in February, whereas the legislature convenes January 1 and is well into its work before the State Farm Bureau can register farmer policies. Now the State Farm Bureau resolutions will be completed six weeks or more before a legislature convenes. The same situation applies to the opening of Congress in December and the annual American Farm Bureau meeting in December.

Tremendous growth of the Farmers week program, with some 40 organizations meeting that week and obligation of farmers to sacrifice either their Farm Bureau annual for Farmers Week meetings or programs they want to take in, or the reverse, were other factors that caused the delegates to move the Bureau's business session ahead. While this situation has been understood, it was not until delegates from all parts of the state gave opinions and experiences in the matter that full appreciation of the conflict of interests was had.

It was brought out too that the long distances that many Farm Bureau members come and the uncertainty of

weather conditions, resulting in icy, drifted, or impassable roads, affects attendance at the annual meeting in February. It was agreed that good roads and favorable weather conditions could be expected early in November, that there are no other conflicts, that County Farm Bureaus could arrange large tours to the annual meeting, and that attendance at the annual could be increased. Everyone at the meeting decided that the change would be most beneficial and it went through unanimously.

The resolution on highways vigorously re-affirmed the Farm Bureau's opposition to the proposed Dykstra bill.

Another important change was made in the by-laws when the term for all State Farm Bureau directors was made two years instead of one year, with part of the Board outgoing each year. Heretofore, the entire Board has been re-elected each year.

About 700 attended the fifth annual dinner and old time dancing party held at the Union Building Thursday evening, Feb. 6. Guests of honor were Governor and Mrs. Fred W. Green, President and Mrs. R. S. Shaw of State College, Mr. R. S. Baldwin, director of College Extension Work, and Mrs. Baldwin, Pres. E. A. Deamer of the National Live Stock Producers Ass'n, Dr. N. A. McCune of the Peoples Church, East Lansing, and Miss Mary Mims, community extension specialist of Louisiana State University.

Governor Green addressed the convention, declaring that in his opinion the outlook for agriculture is better, and should improve. He defended the State property tax of \$29,500,000 as an emergency measure to care for Michigan's unfortunate mental and other institutional cases. Referring to the Turner law, backed by the Farm Bureau, and which appropriates \$2,000,000 annually for the poorer school districts, Mr. Green said, "You are not going to lose anything by that law. There are schools all over Michigan in which there would be no teachers today were it not for the Turner school law."

Dr. McCune told the convention his remarkable experiences while at Geneva studying the operations of the various branches of the League of Nations (Continued on page 4)

75,000 Are Interested In Farm Bureau's Work

Sec'y Brody Explains In Report for 1929

By CLARK L. BRODY

Sec'y-Mgr. of Michigan State Farm Bureau

Twelfth Annual Report Made to Delegates at Annual Meeting of the Michigan State Farm Bureau at State College, February 6, 1930.

Annual reports not only serve to inform the delegates and members of the year's activities, but their preparation causes us who prepare them to pause long enough each year to look both forward and backward and take stock of our organization's progress.

The writing of the annual report stimulates us to make a searching and critical examination of our policies and activities of the year. Squarely facing the problems and trends of the organization clears the vision and is bound to result in much good to the Farm Bureau.

The importance of such an examination of organization policies is not to be under-estimated when we consider that the organization, feed, seed, fertilizer, twine, coal, wool, clothing, automobile and life insurance, traffic, publicity, legislative work, taxation and oil leasing and other activities of the State Farm Bureau have brought some 75,000 Michigan farmers to be interested in and to depend upon the Michigan State Farm Bureau for such services.

Business Services

In reporting on the business activities of your State Farm Bureau for the year, I shall not repeat the experiences common to other years, but rather point out the new developments and important changes since the last annual meeting.

One of the most important features has been the re-organization, consolidation, and incorporation of the Farm Bureau Supply and Seed Services into the FARM BUREAU SERVICES, INC., with \$250,000 of common stock owned by the Farm Bureau and authorized \$50,000 non-par stock, and \$300,000 preferred stock. The preferred stock is provided to finance our constantly growing business operations.

The non-par stock probably will not be utilized under present conditions but is provided in case changes in our merchandising system should make it desirable. Other helpful results have been the simplification and consolidation of our business records and office force, resulting in greater economy and efficiency. This re-organization has not involved any changes in the responsible personnel or the submerging of any of our business services.

Farm Bureau Stores

The further development of the centrally controlled and operated Farm Bureau store system is also one of the important features of the year's operations. In addition to our places of business reported last year at Saginaw, Midland, and Lansing, an additional unit was opened at Woodland (Barry Co.) and another at Hart (Oceana Co.). In each of these instances, as is now our common policy, the interested farmers in the vicinity voluntarily raised among their neighbors a sufficient amount of money to finance the operations at the points concerned. When the money is all paid in, the Farm Bureau Services, Inc., hires a manager, and starts operation of the business.

We are establishing such units only where there is no local distribution of Farm Bureau merchandise, or where the local association urgently request the Farm Bureau to take over the management of the business on the above basis. While these places are established primarily to provide an outlet for Farm Bureau seeds and supplies, we are finding it necessary for them to care for all of the co-operative business needs of the farmers of the locality.

So in addition to the local distribution of Farm Bureau supplies, all of these stores are marketing beans, grain, and other products grown in the community.

In the marketing end we have received most helpful co-operation from the commodity exchanges concerned. The plan seems to harmonize with the policies of the commodity exchanges as the local association is maintained intact, and the exchange knows that under Farm Bureau operation it is certain to receive the grain, beans, fruit or potatoes handled co-operatively at that point.

We have many requests from local organizations and County Farm Bureaus to start more of these centrally managed units, but we are proceeding slowly in order to accumulate the experience necessary to operate them successfully. With careful supervision from F. B. Headquarters and the right type of local manager, there seems to be little question of the successful operation of our Farm Bureau stores.

The Farm Bureau Services, Inc., as in previous years, has continued to distribute seeds, fertilizer, twine, feeds, and coal. The year's business has shown an increase in volume of \$156,763.00 over 1928. Besides \$29,000.00 returned to Farm Bureau members and local organizations as patronage dividends, the net earnings of the corporation for the year have strengthened its operating capital.

At the close of the year, the distribution of Farm Bureau machinery was discontinued as at present the resources and efforts of your organization can be more serviceably devoted to the lines of staple supplies it has handled from the beginning, with which the matter of quality is paramount and which the farmer uses throughout the year.

Farm Bureau Wool Pool

The Farm Bureau Wool Pool made progress this year, the volume of wool pooled showing an increase of 130,616 pounds as compared with 1928. Returns on the medium wools have generally ranged (Continued on page two.)

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CONGRESS FACES FARM TARIFF REVOLT

Dissatisfaction of organized agriculture with the treatment that has been accorded the so-called agricultural tariff revision in the present Congress came to a head February 2, and in a manner that struck consternation among the Old Guard steering the tariff bill.

Seven leading national farm organizations, in a letter addressed to the Senate, announced that unless agricultural rates were raised materially on important products where such protection has been asked and denied, the following farm organizations would withdraw their support:

The American Farm Bureau, the Farmers Union of America, the National Milk Producers Federation, the American Cotton Growers Exchange, the National Live Stock Producers Association, the American National Live Stock Producers Association, and the Central Live Stock Producers Association of St. Paul.

Such withdrawal would take support of western Senators—the old farm bloc—from the bill. Hence the old guard uneasiness.

The letter said that adoption of President Hoover's agricultural tariff in its present state would prevent a restoration of a balanced agriculture, and that farmers would be better off with the present tariff.

The letter pointed out that the Senate has failed to increase duties on sugar, blackstrap molasses, fats and oils and other products and has failed to put a duty on hides. The letter said that the combined import value of such products exceeds \$472,000,000 annually.

Farm Bureau News readers will remember that when President Hoover called a special session of Congress for the purpose of revising the tariff upward on agricultural products for the purpose of improving the position of agriculture, the opening of the tariff question was the signal for hordes of industrial interests to descend on Washington to get tariff increases for their several products.

They were so successful and so monopolized the tariff stage the agriculture was practically crowded out. Out of it came such scandals as the lobby to keep the sugar tariff down. Indus-

trialists seemed to get about what they asked for. Agriculture got fractions of its requests as a rule.

The seven farm organizations declared in the letter that never has the need for agricultural protection been greater than now when all major farm products face a gloomy outlook for the next few years. Significant excerpts from the letter to the Senate follow:

"In recent weeks representatives of general farm organizations and co-operatives who have been called here by the situation which has arisen, have noticed that the objective for which tariff adjustment was begun appears to have been forgotten. In our estimation this objective is the placing of American farmers, who must meet competition from low cost, low living standard producers abroad, in a position to enable them to supply the domestic market as completely as possible and to enjoy the benefits of so doing.

"But the lack of consideration afforded agriculture is even greater than appears on the surface; for there are many items of an agricultural nature on which duties were given which will not respond to tariff influence. Such are the products which we produce considerably more of than is sufficient for our domestic requirements.

"Effective rates on agricultural commodities such as are advocated in this communication and have been presented in detail by the principal farm organizations will increase very materially the buying power of the largest single consuming group in our nation—agriculture.

"It is not too late for the senate to rectify these injustices. In the senate are many loyal and devoted friends of agriculture. We appeal to them to renew their efforts. To those senators who have not yet been able to see the wisdom of a tariff policy that will protect agriculture, we urge further study and a spirit of concession."

DEATH DANCE

There is an old saying that a person who is bitten by a tarantula will dance himself to death. The career of City Manager George Welsh of Grand Rapids since he was bitten by the gubernatorial bug reminds us of this legend.

Apparently the virus of the "bite" has only recently gained full strength, for after securing a following among the city officials who are pushing the Dykstra weight tax bill, we now find Mr. Welsh proposing that the cities throw caution to the winds and go out after an even greater share of the State highway funds than the Dykstra Bill would grant. At the same time, it is reported from Grand Rapids that he is demanding that the entire Kent county road tax, which he opposed so strenuously last fall, shall be spent in the cities.

The proposal that Kent county farmers be taxed to build city streets has exasperated many of the staunchest supporters of the Moses of Grand Rapids, who volunteered to lead the cities out of the wilderness and away from the domination of those who live "in the stumps". The Grand Rapids Herald warns that "the manager won't get anywhere trying to divert the country as well as the city share of the tax into the city hall treasury."

Many ardent supporters of the Dykstra plan have bewailed the evident lack of generalship in presenting the issue to the public. If the Welsh-political death dance continues to gain momentum in the future as it has been in the recent past, thousands of city voters are going to question the kind of movement which must depend upon that sort of leadership.

A DETROIT INSTITUTION GONE

Most people read with surprise recently a Detroit Free Press article stating that creamery companies in that city have acted to eliminate the "commission" allowed janitors, superintendents and managers of apartment buildings who were in a position to dictate the distribution of a single brand of milk in any given apartment house. Janitors usually secured their milk free for their service in distribution. Apartment managers supported the system on the theory that there would be more wear on their building if a number of milk retailers were allowed to circulate therein. The creamery companies have decided that each tenant should have the right to select the brand of milk he wants. Co-incident with the amputation of the janitor's profit, the creameries announced that milk would retail at 13 cents instead of 14c per quart, and the pint would remain at 8c.

75,000 Are Interested in Farm B. Work

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from 3c to 5c a pound above local offerings last spring. At this writing the fine wools have not been entirely disposed of on account of the slowness of the market for these grades. We feel confident, however, that our Ohio connection will realize the best possible value for our growers.

In addition to the field man regularly employed for a few months in the spring, Vice-President Billings rendered the pool valuable assistance and his efforts contributed materially to the increased poundage.

Automobile Insurance

The business activities discussed so far are carried on as subsidiary corporations of the F. B. The automobile insurance work while one of your most important business projects, is handled as a department of the State Farm Bureau rather than a subsidiary corporation. Our auto insurance agency has shown an encouraging growth, 22,826 policies having been signed during the past twelve months. These added to what were previously on the books bring the total policies sold in Michigan to 46,662.

In addition to the commissions on new business written, the insurance work has also shown substantial earnings on renewals on last year's business.

In a little over 3 years' time the Farm Bureau has built a most efficient insurance sales organization comprising eight district agents and 425 local agents. Not only has this work brought serviceable automobile insurance to the farmers of the state, but at the same time, it has been one of the most beneficial projects to Farm Bureau morale and the other activities of the organization.

This large increase in business has resulted in the company's placing a resident attorney adjuster in Michigan, which has strengthened the service to our policy holders. During a recent month claims handled by the Michigan Department at Bloomington averaged over thirty per day.

The Minnesota State Insurance Department made a thorough examination of the books and resources of the company the latter part of the year and reported both the State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Co. and the State Farm Life to be in very good financial condition.

Life Insurance

In July life insurance was added to the activities of our Insurance Department. This is coming slowly but gives promise of becoming one of the most helpful and best appreciated projects of the organization, for it has

a definite relationship to the farm mortgage and directly serves the human interests of the farmer's family. While just nicely started with the life insurance work, it shows promise of considerable earning power for the Farm Bureau as well as becoming one

of our most serviceable activities.

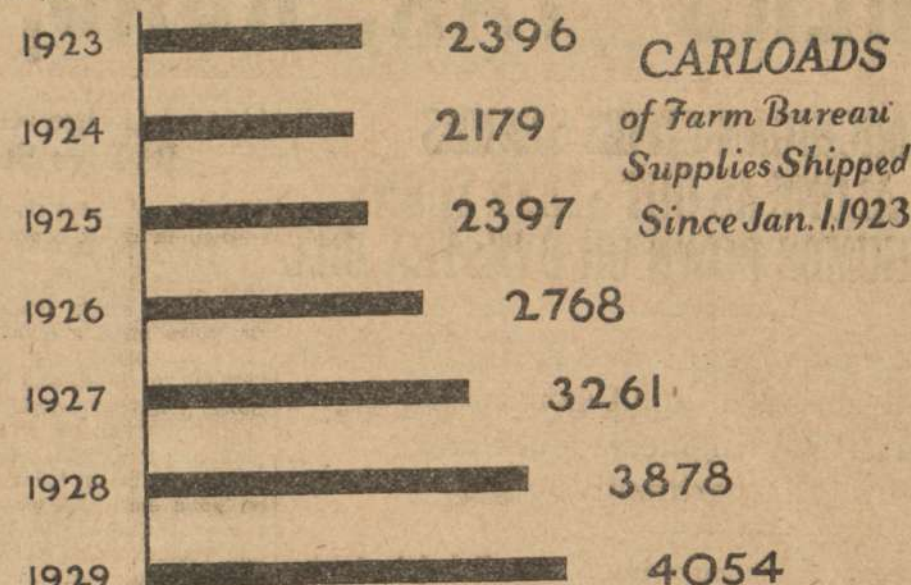
Clothing

The State Farm Bureau Clothing Department experienced a good year, showing an increase in the volume of business of \$9,410.00. That Farm Bureau members appreciate this service is shown by the fact that during the year about 700 members from 49 counties patronized the department, securing the 6% advantage to members over non-members. The members' business constituted one-third of the total sales for the year.

paired at the following points: Grand Blanc, Mt. Pleasant, Portland, Stanton, Constantine, Weidman, and Wayland. Drains were repaired by the Grand Trunk Railway adjoining the Philip Weber farm near Fowler; by the New York Central Railroad through the F. C. Morgan farm near Ypsilanti; by the Pennsylvania R. R. on the M. Pelton farm near Byron Center. A new crossing was obtained for H. G. Ray near Albion; railroad fences rebuilt and repaired on the farms of Floyd Atherton near Gaines, W. E.

your organization to secure this help so much desired by the farmers of the state did not result in the enactment of the measure.

On the other hand, the efforts of the Farm Bureau to carry out your instructions with the township highway bill served to block the attempt of the larger cities to secure a three-way split of the weight tax, as provided in the Dykstra Bill. This bill which the Farm Bureau had such a large part in defeating, would seriously reduce the portion of the weight tax going to



Growth in Farm Bureau supplies business since Jan. 1, 1923, as expressed by carloads shipped. A large annual less than carload business has also enjoyed large growth.

The management has also brought about still further improvements in the quality and arrangement of the stock, so that the beginning of 1930 shows the inventory to be in the best shape in the history of the work. Approximately 1,800 farm people have visited the department the past year.

Federal Farm Board

So much for the business activities controlled by the Farm Bureau. In addition, your organization has endeavored to be helpful in every possible way to the commodity marketing exchanges affiliated with it. This has included assistance with their taxation, legislative, publicity, transportation, and organization problems.

In connection with the last, the Farm Bureau has been active in assisting the Exchanges in getting help from the Federal Farm Board. An interview was held with the Federal Farm Board at Baton Rouge, La., last August regarding the interests of the fruit and bean growers. This was of a preliminary nature but afforded an opportunity to advise the Board of the needs of Michigan farmers and the relationship of the various groups in the state.

In December, at the request of the Michigan Cherry Growers Association and the Michigan Fruit Growers, Inc., the secretary of the Farm Bureau co-operated with these two organizations in interesting the Federal Farm Board in granting a line of credit of \$1,550,000.00 for the purchase of facilities and otherwise financing the big mergers known as the Great Lakes Fruit Industries, Inc., and the Northern Michigan Cherry Growers' Association.

Also at this writing, assistance is being given the Michigan Elevator Exchange in its plans to extend and perfect its grain and bean marketing

Hoover near Whitmore Lake, and Ivan Lepard near Lake Odessa. The department assisted the farmers near Clio and Caro in getting satisfactory telephone service.

Assistance was given the farmers near New Buffalo in preventing the abandonment of a grade crossing.

These are only a few of the many services rendered by the department, and show what can be accomplished when technical and competent knowledge and experience are combined with the power and influence of a large farmers' organization.

It is interesting to note that more and more the results accomplished are due to co-operation between the railroads and the Farm Bureau rather than by opposition.

Since the last annual meeting the position of the Farm Bureau in transportation matters has been strengthened by the appointment of President M. L. Noon to the executive committee of the Great Lakes Regional Advisory Board.

Information

Our work along this line has included 34 radio talks over WJR on Farm Bureau services, the printing and distribution of 300,000 Farm Bureau Service booklets, the writing of advertising for business departments, the compilation of more than 300 dealers' lists totaling 40,000 names, and the mechanical preparation and mailing of 600,000 letters.

Through the operation of our multi-graph letter and printing equipment, we have been able to print thousands of letterheads, envelopes, and other forms at considerable savings. Very appreciable economies are made by having the experienced personnel of this department buy the printing, stationery, and postage for all depart-

ments of the organization.

The data secured will be compiled to support the Farm Bureau's road program and protect the interests of the farmers at the next session of the Legislature. Observations made so far indicate an appreciable amount of travel on our township roads by state and foreign owned cars.

Other State Legislation
The potato grading bill of so much importance to the Michigan Potato Growers' Exchange and co-operative potato marketing organizations everywhere, was another measure receiving the aggressive support of the Farm Bureau. This with some modifications became a law.

Also, the Farm Bureau Drainage Bill, by Senator McConnell and representative Goodwine of the Sanilac County Farm Bureau, providing for a deferred tax for draining of farm land, was actively supported by your state and county organizations and was enacted. This I am informed has already been of service in Gratiot County.

The Farm Bureau also sponsored a measure for the establishment of a traffic man in the State Department of Agriculture.

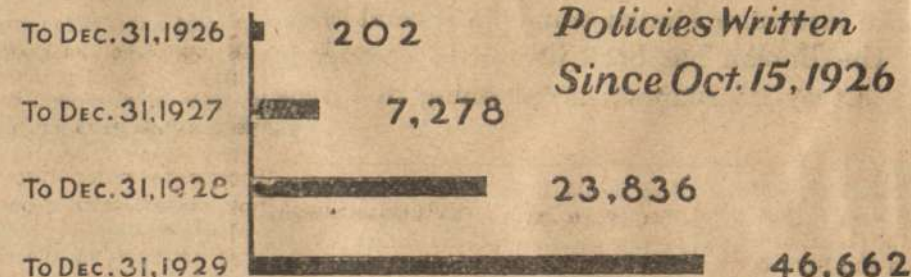
National Legislation
The Michigan State Farm Bureau was also active in national legislative matters, particularly in regard to higher tariffs on agricultural products. Shortly following the last annual meeting, President Noon testified at Washington before the Ways and Means Committee, urging the enactment of a higher tariff on agricultural products.

Timely work was done with other national measures in advising our Senators and Representatives regarding the farmers' interests. One of the most important was the strong demand by the State Farm Bureau that aid for fruit and vegetable marketing be included in the Federal Farm Marketing Act. But for the timely work of the Michigan Fruit Growers, Inc., and other fruit organizations of the country, co-ordinated by the Farm Bureau, it would not have been possible

Auto Insurance

Policies Written

Since Oct. 15, 1926



Growth in Farm Bureau automobile insurance work as shown by total policies written in State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company by Michigan State Farm Bureau, since Oct. 15, 1926.

activities, including arrangements for a conference with the Federal Farm Board, January 27, 1930.

The worthy effort of these commodity organizations to improve their marketing services to the farmers of the state merits the active support of the Michigan Farm Bureau. Our work with them in this regard the past year constitutes a splendid illustration of the mutually helpful relations existing between the commodity exchanges of the state and the Michigan State Farm Bureau.

Traffic Department

Your Traffic Department rendered a highly useful service to Michigan farmers and co-operative associations. One of its important lines of work has been the collection of 419 railroad claims for loss, damage and overcharge, amounting to \$11,729.00. Claims are collected for Farm Bureau members without charge. In addition to the amount of the claims the saving in collection charges per member ranged from \$1.00 to \$600.00.

The department has been active in number of agricultural freight rate investigations. It has recently co-operated with the Michigan Elevator Exchange and other bean interests in securing the temporary suspension of increased freight rates on beans, thus saving from \$106.00 to \$120.00 per car approximately \$125,000.00 annually or the bean growers. Final disposition of the case will probably be made by the Interstate Commerce Commission in the near future. The department has opposed an increase in rates on potatoes from Upper Peninsula points. Decision of this case is also pending the action of the Interstate Commerce Commission. Following re-illustrations of the large variety of services performed by this department:

Through our efforts, the Michigan Central Railroad has continued freight service between Richland Junction and Hooper, Barry County. This service is indispensable to the onion growers of that section.

As a result of the co-operation of the department with the railroads, stock pens and scales have been re-

make further counts this year.

The Michigan Farm Bureau News has added 12,000 subscribers through the co-operation of local co-operative associations. This plan helps both the local association and the Farm Bureau through the type of farm organization news presented, and is of great value in maintaining and developing membership.

It is the aim of your Farm Bureau News to keep the members and farmers informed about what is developing in co-operative marketing, taxation, legislation, oil leases, and Farm Bureau services and other matters important to the farmers' welfare.

Legislation

The highway bill providing for the return of a portion of the gas tax to the counties for use on township roads was the leading legislative measure sponsored by your state organization during the last session of the Legislature. Our efforts were aggressively supported by members in all sections of the state, and with the exception of the original gas tax itself, no other measure has been so popular with the farm people as this effort to aid the farmer with his township road problem. Members of the Legislature informed us that they had never received so much mail in behalf of any other measure.

Our efforts to secure the enactment of this legislation included the calling of a state-wide highway conference attended by representatives from twenty-eight counties. Also, your special legislative committee, consisting of President Noon, Vice President Billings, George McCalla, and Stanley Powell, together with your Board of Directors, was active throughout the session interviewing the State Administration and legislative committees in their efforts to register the great interest and concern of our membership for local road assistance. The support of the state organization of Highway Commissioners and Engineers was also enlisted, and some of its representatives gave helpful assistance.

Like our initial struggles for the gas tax in 1921, the first effort of

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75,000 Are Interested in Farm B. Work

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for the big trust merger now in process of organization, to receive aid from the Federal Farm Board.

The Federal Farm Marketing Act provides aid only for co-operative marketing, and the Michigan State Farm Bureau has joined its forces with other large co-operative buying organizations to secure an amendment to the law which include assistance for co-operative purchasing along with co-operative marketing.

Two conferences for securing this aid of such growing importance to the farmers of the eastern and central states were held at Washington and Chicago during the year, with the Eastern States Farmers Exchange of New England, the Grange League Federation of New York, and Ohio, Indiana and other State Farm Bureau Purchasing Departments.

Other national measures upon which your state organization is working in-



Map showing how Farm Bureau Services, Inc. has lower peninsula districts for its sales representatives to co-ops and other distributors of Farm Bureau supplies. Six Farm Bureau salesmen travel the respective territories.

clude increase in the duty on wool, removal of the import duty on ammonium sulphate, and opposing increase in the duty on manila and sisal rope.

It becomes more imperative every year that in order to be successful in securing legislation, we must thoroughly analyze our legislative requests and be thoroughly informed. Not only is this important from the standpoint of securing legislation but to avoid supporting measures that would prove harmful.

Appreciable progress has been made since the last annual meeting in improving the equipment and strengthening the personnel of your State Farm Bureau to meet these needs so that we are now better fortified than ever before to serve the members' interest in legislation and other public relationships.

Taxation
The demands of our members for assistance with their taxation and legislative problems and advisory ser-



Map showing how Michigan State Farm Bureau Insurance Dept. has the lower peninsula districted for automobile and life insurance purposes. Each district is in charge of a district insurance agent. The eight district agents supervise and co-ordinate the work of 425 local agents.

vice with oil leases, rights-of-way for oil pipe lines and power and light corporations, and numerous other semi-legal problems have increased very rapidly during the past twelve months.

The farmer's tax problems particularly require increased attention on account of the creation of the Special commission of Inquiry into Taxation, by the state. All other organized interests are studying their tax problems as never before and it behooves the Michigan State Farm Bureau to fortify the farmer and put your organization into a position to co-operate with other groups to best advantage.

With this in view your Board of Directors employed R. Wayne Newton, tax economist of the Michigan State College, as Director of Taxation, effective November 1, 1929. This further development of Farm Bureau services is one of the most important steps taken by your organization and was made possible by the excellent co-operation of the following County Farm Bureaus that are helping to finance it to the extent of \$200.00 each per year beginning January 1, 1930, and thus take care of approximately one-half the additional annual cost: Barry, Berrien, Branch, Calhoun, Cass, Clinton, Genesee, Jackson, Kalamazoo, Kent, Lapeer, Monroe, Muskegon, Oceana, Ottawa, Saginaw, Sanilac, Shiawassee, St. Clair, Tuscola, Washtenaw.

The constructive attitude of all of these County Farm Bureau boards is one of the finest things I have experienced since being with the organization. Quite generally, their county directors expressed themselves as not being so much interested in deriving some special benefit for their own county as they were in co-operating in the solution of the tax problem on a state-wide basis.

Also, several of the boards hoped that their support of the project would not only aid the membership in their own county but would help the other County Farm Bureaus that were in a less fortunate position financially and otherwise; so the arrangement with

these twenty-one County Farm Bureaus in no way deprives other County Farm Bureaus of this service.

Oil Lease Activities
This is well illustrated by the investigation on the part of the State Farm Bureau Taxation Department of the state's system of selling oil leases on state lands in Midland and Isabella Counties.

In this instance, the Farm Bureau members in Midland county called attention of the State Farm Bureau to what they believed to be discriminating and unbusinesslike methods in the leasing of state oil lands by the Department of Conservation. Investigation was made by the Farm Bureau Department of Taxation, and as a result of its activities, a considerable amount of publicity was given to this matter, which unquestionably will have an effect upon future activities of the state in this line, and at the same time, has served notice that the Farm Bureau is ready to protect the interests of farmers wherever there is any reason to suspect that they are not now receiving all the protection that is due them.

Tax Problem Far Reaching
The farmer's tax problem is much more than a matter of finance. It goes much deeper than this and has to do with the very well-spring of human happiness and all that goes to make life on the farm livable and worth while. An equitable system of taxation is fundamental to the proper educational advantages for thousands of farm boys and girls. It is the determining factor in providing an adequate system of local highways which in turn is an indispensable adjunct to the rural schools and churches, co-operative marketing, general farm organizations, and all other rural institutions and advantages necessary to the standard of living demanded by the agriculture of this decade.



Map showing how State Farm Bureau Organization Dept. has lower peninsula districts for seven State organization men who reside in their respective districts and co-operate with the County Farm Bureaus therein in Farm Bureau organization work. They are employed and directed by the State Organization Dept.

An equitable system of farm taxation is, therefore, of interest to farm and city man alike, for it will determine in a large measure not alone the type of people on the land but the type of future citizen in the city, many of whom are sure to come from the rural districts. It is evident, then, that the solution of the problem demands the mutual understanding of farm and city or industrial groups. Prejudice erupting in demagogic utterances will not suffice. Deep and technical study of the question is needed and will bring about a general realization of the mutual interests of the part of all groups. Your Board of Directors regards the extension of this work through the co-operation of the County Farm Bureaus as one of the most important events of the year.

The co-operation of the County Farm Bureaus outlined above, and the associated discussion and explanation of the tax matter has not been important from a financial standpoint only, but has proved to be the best possible way to start an important project and stimulate interest to insure its success.

Organization
The delegate body of this organization has held steadfastly to the great fundamental: namely, the maintenance of an individual farm membership. Your Board of Directors has exerted the moral and material resources of the Farm Bureau to the utmost to this end, recognizing that the member farmer with an adequate membership fee is the very source of power and influence for the organization and the bed rock upon which its structure must continue to stand. This was very well expressed by the delegates in the resolution of your annual meeting of 1927 as follows:

"That a permanent membership is paramount if the Farm Bureau is to function in an educational, social and economic capacity; and that the Farm Bureau—County, State and National—must build its program personnel and budget with membership as the primary consideration. This resolution was also unanimously approved by the annual meeting of the American Farm Bureau Federation comprising delegates from forty-three State Farm Bureaus representing 1,500,000 members. The interests of these farm folks are diversified and complex in the extreme, as necessitated by the varying types of agriculture and living conditions from the rigorous north to the semi-tropical south, and from the Atlantic to the Pacific, yet individual farm membership is the great com-

mon platform upon which they have pledged themselves to stand. It is more than mere connective tissue; it is the basis for the very soul of your organization.

The maintenance of Farm Bureau membership has not been an easy task. It has required the teaching of thousands of individuals over the state to give, sacrifice, and struggle that such an organization might be realized. To establish in tens of thousands of minds the idea that the great and indispensable benefits of the Farm Bureau can only be achieved by the farmer himself putting his very heart and soul into it as well as his money, has meant hard work and persistence on the part of your local, county, and state leaders.

Nevertheless, a transformation of such magnitude has been slowly yet surely taking place through the years. This experience has shown that organization strength lies in the farm family that is so imbued with the co-operative spirit that it willingly expects to serve as well as to be served. The only permanent and fundamental source of life for the Farm Bureau lies in the person who steadfastly shares its adversities and discouragements as well as its profits and successes. It has been this type of loyal member, commonly spoken of as a "good Farm Bureau man", that has sustained the Farm Bureau through all its battles of the past decade.

Naturally, having discovered the real essence of membership strength we have sought in carrying out the policies established by the delegates, to bring into action such methods as would best promote this loyalty and understanding in an ever-increasing number of individuals and so build up the true membership of the Farm Bureau.

Trade-A-Day Campaigns
Without question the great factor in developing this priceless loyalty has been the voluntary activity of the members themselves in interesting their neighbors and converting them to the Farm Bureau. The fine effort put forth by 600 members in 27 counties last year has created a morale and sense of responsibility on the part of the participating members that has never before existed. The system we have followed is known as the voluntary "Trade-A-Day" campaign between two counties, or townships, or regions of the same county. Members of one county, township, or region spend a day in a neighboring district working in teams with an equal number of members there, signing new members. Then members of the territory visited return the favor by spending a day similarly writing members in the other locality. At the close of each day supper is served to the workers by the Farm Bureau ladies and a discussion of the experiences of the day is held.

This meeting together is one of the most helpful practices of the work and I think it safe to say that not a single person taking part regrets the experience or had anything but a pleasant and profitable time. The encouragement coming from working together makes an otherwise difficult job a pleasure.

This type of membership work has added from 19 to 110 members per county. In the light of the experience of 1929, I feel confident that the plans for 1930 approved by the State Farm Bureau Board of Directors February 4, 1930, will show continued progress.

In order to make Farm Bureau membership additionally attractive, patronage dividends and other advantages to Farm Bureau members have been provided. A 5½% dividend to members on Farm Bureau fertilizer, 50¢ per ton on Bureau feeds, an advantage of ¾¢ per pound on wool marketed, railroad and other claims collected free for members, 10% discount on seed cleaning, and 6% discount on clothing purchased, are the principal examples of a direct material benefit furnished the member. In numerous other matters we try in every way possible to show the member in good standing advantage and recognition.

For example, the leadership of Branch and Calhoun Counties gave their memberships a splendid recognition and appreciably strengthened the morale of their County Farm Bureaus by carrying out a tour for Farm Bureau members only to one of our state institutions. These were attended by over seven hundred members and their families.

Since the last annual meeting, three additional organization districts have been set up:

North Thumb District—Newell Gale, District Representative.—Saginaw, Tuscola, Huron and Sanilac Counties.

South Thumb District—Calvin Cheney, District Representative.—St. Clair, Lapeer, Genesee and Macomb Counties.

Southeastern District—Gilbert Scott, District Representative, comprising the Counties of Monroe, Lenawee, Hillsdale, Jackson, Washtenaw and Wayne.

The following districts were in operation last year:

Northwestern District—Earl Gale, District Representative.—Montcalm, Muskegon, Mason, Manistee, Osceola, Oceana, Newaygo and Mecosta Counties.

Southwestern District—Arthur Edmunds, Battle Creek, District Representative.—Berrien, Cass, St. Joseph, Branch, Calhoun, Kalamazoo, and VanBuren Counties.

Central District—Frank Wright, Wacousta, District Representative.—Clinton, Shiawassee, Eaton, Ionia, Gratiot, Ingham and Livingston Counties.

Combined Business and Organization District—David Woodman, Grand Rapids, District Representative.—Allegan, Barry, Kent, and Ottawa Counties.

Experience has demonstrated conclusively that occasional membership campaigns, no matter how much effort and expense are put into them, or how much enthusiasm is generated, are not all that is needed to maintain a satisfactory membership. In earlier years membership campaigns have in the main shown fairly good results as far as names on the membership roll were concerned, but our methods lacked the facilities to furnish the service and contacts to keep the member informed and enable him to function. With the many changes that have taken place in our relationships, it has required time to develop the organization machinery that would actually hold the member after he was signed. The district organization set-up is the best means to this end that we have been able to devise. Membership money and morale are the only fundamental source of strength the farmer has for relief from the basic problems confronting his industry.

Conclusion
The experience of the year 1929 shows more clearly than ever that the farmer must look to a general membership organization such as the Farm Bureau, for the solution of his legislative, taxation, transportation, and highway problems, the development of an adequate environment for his co-operative marketing and business activities, and the very essentials of all progress in maintaining an adequate standard of living and satisfactory farm life.

After all, the real essence of the Farm Bureau lies in the minds and hearts of the farmers themselves. The very noticeable rise in the morale of our members and others is an outstanding feature of 1929. Not only is this true in farm circles but your organization is now generally recognized as ranking with the most influential and useful economic groups in the state. The prestige and influence of the Michigan State Farm Bureau were never higher than they are today.

Coming as this does after ten years of struggle against opposition and adversity, I feel it constitutes the strongest proof that the major policies which the delegates have established from year to year have been constructive and sound.

ARE POLITICIANS PLANNING TO SINK THE TURNER ACT

Detroit Official Questions Aid To Poorer School Districts.

Taxpayers in approximately 1900 school districts scattered throughout the 83 counties of the State have by now had the good news that the Turner Act school funds apportionment has been made, and that the distribution of funds should follow in due course.

Although it is generally believed that the most of the sum of almost \$2,000,000 to be appropriated under the act will be received by districts genuinely in need of this assistance, sufficient time has not elapsed as yet, to permit a systematic check-up of results.

At least one complaint has been registered, however, which will command the attention of farmers. The act was intended to provide assistance to school districts with tax rates in excess of 10 mills and with less than the average valuation per child, on the theory that the majority of these districts are in especial need of assistance. Since the City of Detroit does not classify as a "poor district" it seems to have occurred to some of the same crowd that is pushing the Dykstra weight tax grab that it would be good local politics to kill off the Turner Act by a resort to the same kind of technicalities that were attempted in the effort to compel the State to distribute the entire weight tax.

At any rate a Detroit councilman has requested the city Corporation Counsel to render an opinion as to the constitutionality of the Turner Act. It is not known whether this move is in line with the announced plans of certain big city officials to attempt to block all legislation until the State has handed over the cream of the weight tax to the politicians of Grand Rapids and Wayne County.

Live Stock Exchange 12th Annual Feb. 21

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cies are part of the National Live Stock Producers co-operative live stock marketing system on 12 main terminal markets. In 1929 the 12 agencies sold \$9,000 cars, having a total value of \$161,000,000, a gain of \$16,000,000 over 1928.

Both Buffalo and Detroit have an interest in the National Order Buying Company, a subsidiary of the National Live Stock Producers. The National Order Buying Co. is a separate institution which accepts orders from packers and killers for stock at the terminal markets and from country points. Instead of each having a buying representative on the various markets, the packers and killers file their orders with the National Order Buying Co., which gives the Producers co-operatives the first chance at the business. During 1929 the National Order Buying Co. office

at Buffalo bought \$3,420,000 worth of live stock. Its total operations at four markets and country points totaled \$11,000,000, an increase of \$4,000,000 over 1928.

Every man in charge of live stock shipping operations should make it his business to attend the Live Stock Loss Prevention Association meeting at the Olds at 1 o'clock, Feb. 20. Through 14th association work b shipping losses are being cut down. At Detroit alone, in 1929, losses on dead and crippled cattle were cut 30%, calf losses 18%, sheep losses 6%, but hogs showed a 10% increase. On the other hand, in August only five dead and eight crippled hogs arrived on the Detroit market, as the result of work by the association.

The art of life is to know how to enjoy a little and to endure much.

Classified Ads

Classified Advertisements will be charged at the rate of 5 cents a word. Where the ads are to appear twice, the rate will be 4½ cents a word and for ads running three times or more, 4 cents a word, each insertion.

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Let us handle your railroad problems for you regarding drains, station facilities and equipment, freight rates, fences and so forth.

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That mortgage worry for those who are to carry on for you

Purchase Life Insurance

Do not rely on good luck to help you meet all your financial obligations. Build up a real and absolutely indestructible estate to serve in case of adversity and to meet your needs in later years.

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No. 105

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FARM BUREAU OIL NO. 105 is the oil of Model A Fords. Salesmen covering large mileages every week tell us that it stands up splendidly. They are satisfied that it's good for 1000 miles or more.

The price and service will cut your oil bill. The savings increase with the quantity bought.

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SINCE 1923 TO

85 Farmers' Co-operative Marketing Associations with a membership of more than 1,250,000 individuals

THESE loans have been made upon warehouse receipts covering the following commodities to enable co-operatives to carry out their orderly marketing programs:

Wheat, barley, rye, flax, cotton, tobacco, wool, rice, broomcorn, red top and alfalfa seeds, evaporated milk, beans, cheese, olives and olive oil, canned and dried fruits, cold pack fruits, canned vegetables, hay, peanuts and other nuts, and honey.

The interest rate on these loans has averaged approximately 5%. In addition these banks have discounted agricultural paper (farmers' notes) for agricultural credit corporations, for banks—both state and national—for livestock loan companies and other financial institutions amounting to more than \$400,000,000 including renewals. The Intermediate Credit Banks do not make loans directly to individuals.

The 12 Federal Intermediate Credit Banks located at
Springfield, Mass. New Orleans, La. Wichita, Kan.
Baltimore, Md. St. Louis, Mo. Houston, Tex.
Columbia, S. C. St. Paul, Minn. Berkeley, Calif.
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You can depend on Farm Bureau Adapted Seeds to give you large hay crops and do it regularly.

FARM BUREAU SERVICES, INC.
Lansing, Michigan

RED JOCKEY A Fine Farm Bureau Coal

When you want flour, coffee or other household necessities of satisfactory quality at a right price, you order BY NAME.

Likewise, ask your co-operative association for Farm Bureau RED JOCKEY coal and you'll get

A high grade, southeastern Kentucky coal for cooking, heating stove, or furnace. Easy kindling, burns vigorously and evenly.

Red Jockey doesn't have to be coaxed to get under way and puts up a big blazing, heat-radiating fire under very little draft. Is long burning, holds fire—an all night coal.

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Red Jockey is one of our most popular general purpose coals. It ALWAYS comes from the same mines in that field which assures uniform quality. (Shipments of any coal from different parts of the same field frequently differ in performance.) We know you will like Red Jockey. In egg and lump sizes.

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Lansing, Michigan

RAISING CHICKS

Our check-up on the baby chick crop of 1929 brought replies from poultrymen in 16 counties, covering many thousands of chicks raised on Chickalmash or Farm Bureau Chick Starter.

The average loss from all causes was 12.8%. Sixty per cent of the total losses was caused by chilling, or overheating; 18% by miscellaneous diseases; 12% by bacillary white diarrhea, 9% by accidents and animals, and 1% by coccidiosis.

Chick raisers losses ran from less than 1% to 25%. Below are a few comments made by good poultry raisers—

Harvey Main, Munnich—"Well satisfied with Chickalmash."
Mrs. Burton Partridge, Ionia—"Chicks weigh from 1½ to 3 lbs. at 11 weeks."
Ed. H. Havelock, Monroe—"Very good results with Chickalmash."
Mrs. J. H. Vance, Bersey—"Hard to tell pullets from hens."
D. C. Senman, Jackson—"They grew well on Chickalmash."
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J. R. Wieland, Ellsworth—"Liked Chickalmash fine."
W. C. Sorensen, Holt—"I think your mash is fine."
Mrs. John Fry, Holt—"Pullets laid first egg at 4 months, 18 days."
Mrs. John Fry, Holt—"Pullets weighed from 3½ to 5 lbs. at 5 months."
Alex Campbell, Jr., Grant—"Your Chickalmash is a splendid feed—never had a sick chick."
Geo. Bateman, Gd. Lodge—"Finest bunch of chicks we ever raised."

Here's proof of satisfaction, results and safety. Find out the price and realize the economy and worth of Farm Bureau chick feeds.

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FARM BUREAU SERVICES, INC.
Lansing, Michigan

Resolutions Adopted at 12th Annual Farm Bureau Meet

BUREAU ACTS ON MANY ITEMS OF PUBLIC INTEREST

Takes Annual Meeting Date From Farmers Week To November.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

PREAMBLE
Your Resolutions Committee submit the following for your consideration. We have aimed to avoid duplication of stands taken in previous years except insofar as a re-statement seemed advisable. We remind the delegates that the adoption of these resolutions constitutes a practical adoption of policies for the organization to work upon for the current year.

PART I FARM BUREAU PROGRAM

A. F. B. F. Resolutions

We heartily endorse the resolutions passed by the American Farm Bureau Federation at its recent annual convention and hereby make them a part of our own resolutions in their entirety.

Membership

Believing that there is no substitute for membership, neither is there a substitute for individual responsibility, we recommend that all emphasis be placed upon membership maintenance and to further this effort we ask that each county within a district co-operate to its utmost with the district representative in making every county a standard Farm Bureau county the coming year.

Annual Meeting

WHEREAS, we believe the Farm Bureau would greatly benefit in many ways if the State Annual Meeting was held at a time when other state meetings are not in session, and recognize that our program prevents the participation of our members in many of the fine things planned by the College for Farmers Week visitors, and

WHEREAS, we believe an earlier annual meeting would be advantageous in planning our legislative program as well as to our business departments in closing their annual year at an earlier date, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 1, Article 8, of the By-Laws be amended to read as follows:

Section 1. The annual meeting of this association shall be held the second Thursday in November of each year, at the Michigan State College, East Lansing, Michigan. The notice of the meeting shall state the time and place of the meeting, and shall be mailed to each local Farm Bureau Unit at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of such meeting.

Home And Community

That greater encouragement be given our women to participate in the work of our organization, our recommendation would be, that our County Farm Bureaus grant the women, under the family membership plan, full voting power within their respective counties.

County Home And Community Chairmen

In order that the Home and Community work of our state may advance and function to its best, our recommendation would be, that the Chairman of Home and Community work in each county be a member of the county board ex-officio when not elected a regular member.

Oleo

Much criticism is being extended towards the farmer's continued use of butter substitutes to the great detriment of the dairy interests of this country, and we urge an intensive campaign of education be inaugurated at once against this unwise, unethical, unhealthful practice.

PART II RELATIONSHIPS

Extension

We heartily endorse the activities of the Boys' and Girls' Club Extension Department and recommend that our organization take a greater interest in this branch of Extension work.

Michigan State College

We express our appreciation of the service and assistance rendered our organization by the Michigan State College and we recommend a continuation of the same especially stressing economic and marketing lines as advocated recently by the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

WKAR

We urge the continuance of programs over radio station WKAR and hope for a readjustment in the near future of the time and power granted by the Federal Radio Commission. In the event of new stations being established in Lansing, we recommend co-operation between them that would make that possible.

PART III STATE AFFAIRS

Taxation Policy

We ask for no special favors for agriculture in the field of taxation. We instruct our Department of Taxation to pursue a policy that will promote equity and justice for all classes of taxpayers, urban and rural, in the belief that such a policy will secure for the farmers of Michigan the full measure of tax relief which they desire.

We instruct the State Farm Bureau

to work for tax legislation that will secure the following results:

Economy

We favor the development of machinery that will control the rise of public expenditures. Every proposed tax law should be scrutinized to determine whether it will stimulate or discourage increased expenditures, and we instruct our State Farm Bureau officers to work for the defeat of bills which tend to an unwarranted increase in the total burden of taxation.

Budgeting, Auditing and Accounting

We favor (1) Detailed, understandable, and uniform state and local budgets; (2) A state audit of every dollar of public money spent in the State; (3) Uniform and reliable accounting practices throughout all public offices; and (4) Adequate annual reports to some central office of the financial operations and condition of all taxing districts.

The General Tax Law of 1893

We believe the General Tax Law with its amendments should be rewritten in its entirety in order to secure a uniform rule of assessment throughout the State, and to promote more efficient collection of taxes. We consider the further strengthening of the authority of the State Tax Commission to be an indispensable step in this direction.

School Taxation

We reaffirm our interests in school legislation that tends toward the equalization of the school tax burden for all classes of school districts. We commend the legislature for the great forward step taken in the passage of the Turner law and we urge that this recognition of the state's responsibility be preserved inviolate. Further, that through continued study and legislation the principle shall be extended until a system shall be provided which will insure suitable educational opportunities for all the boys and girls of Michigan, and that will provide for a more equitable distribution of the resulting tax burden.

Highway Taxation

We favor legislation that will relieve property owners, both urban and rural, from the present excessive taxes which both now pay for the maintenance and improvement of local roads and streets. We believe that a portion of the State Highway funds should be set aside for use in relieving these local tax burdens, and that the benefits of such a plan should be apportioned in an equitable manner among all districts. We are opposed to all measures drawn on the Dykstra Bill principle, because that plan does not provide for an equitable distribution of benefits.

New Sources Of Revenue

We favor the judicious introduction of new and just forms of taxation into our revenue system, and the use of the proceeds of these new taxes to reduce and equalize local tax levies, under such control from the State as shall be necessary to insure economy and efficiency in their use. We specifically commend to the voters of the State Senator Lennon's cigarette tax, for the proceeds of this tax were originally designed to be used in meeting the cost of the Turner Act for the relief of school districts.

Special Privileges

We oppose the practice of extending special privileges to any class of taxpayers through the medium of exemption and favoritism. We urge that tax exemptions and special treatment be resorted to only where necessary to prevent double taxation; or where special legislation is necessary to secure the full measure of taxation which is properly due to the state and local districts.

Hunting And Conservation

It is apparent that there is being formulated a changed public opinion relative to the rights of hunting on private and state owned lands. The Horton Anti-Trespass Law was an expression of this viewpoint. We reaffirm our endorsement of it. We recommend that the Board of Directors of the Michigan State Farm Bureau take measures to instruct farmers relative to these new proposals and determine the views of its members before endorsing or rejecting sweeping changes in our hunting and conservation laws.

PART IV NATIONAL AFFAIRS

A. F. B. F. Tariff On Cane and Sugar

We endorse the stand taken by the American Farm Bureau Federation pertaining to tariff on agricultural products. We especially call attention to the need of our Dairy Industry for protection on cane. Argentine whole milk has a value of around 72 cents per hundred pounds. With the importation of over 25,000,000 pounds of cane in 1929, American dairy farmers are thus brought into competition with cheap Argentine labor. We also re-affirm our stand for a sugar tariff.

Farm Board

We commend the Federal Farm Board for the helpful co-operation it is showing Michigan farmers. We refer particularly to the loan and assistance given the Michigan Fruit Growers, Inc., and the Northern Michigan Cherry Growers Ass'n.; to the Michigan Potato Growers' Exchange; Mich. Livestock Exchange; and the recognition of and loan to the Michigan Elevator Exchange.

We pledge the hearty co-operation

of the Farm Bureau to our commodity marketing organizations and the Federal Farm Board in furthering the farmers' marketing interests in Michigan.

Rural Light and Power

In view of the fact that the form of contract offered by the electric light and power companies to the rural residents who must pay for the construction of these lines is unjust and has a tendency to retard the construction of rural lines.

Be it resolved that the State Farm Bureau does hereby petition the State Board of Public Utilities to so change these contracts as to provide that each customer connecting with the line after its construction shall pay the original builders of the line a sum equal to the amount subscribed by each original builder. This condition to continue in effect for a term of five years from the date of completion of each section of electric line.

Washington Office

We express our appreciation for the untiring efforts and fine service rendered in behalf of American farmers by Chester H. Gray, our legislative representative in Washington.

PART V Conclusion

Among the major issues demanding the attention of the Michigan State Farm Bureau are taxation and township roads. We recognize the importance of continued effort for other measures covered by resolutions of the past years, prominent among them being the development of the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Deep Water-Way, truth in fabrics, and fruit juices, etc. We appreciate that many topics of interest have been left untouched by specific resolutions. Most of these, however, are covered by general statements of policies in these or past resolutions. We believe we have more to gain by centering our efforts on a few major activities than by scattering our efforts in too many directions.

Farmers' Tax, Road Problems Increasing

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Its operations in preventing armed conflict, in getting the facts and suppressing through international co-operation such evils as international traffic in women and children, in narcotics, in slavery, in investigating the world labor situation and other matters were a revelation to his audience.

Miss Mary Mims is a remarkable community organization specialist and her address on the transformation of Louisiana parishes through the economic and other benefits developed through community work was inspirational.

Thursday morning Miss Mims met with 125 Farm Bureau Home and Community women who had breakfasted together and a special program. Mrs. Wagar was chairman.

Thursday afternoon Mr. M. S. Winder, secretary of the American Farm Bureau, addressed the business meeting. Regarding attacks on the co-operative movement and particularly on the activities of the Federal Farm Board, Mr. Winder said:

"Board of Trade, commission houses and others which have for years profited at the expense of the farmer are out of step when they try to check the spread of the agricultural co-operative marketing movement which is under the guidance of the Federal Farm Board."

"These agencies should either adjust themselves to the new order, or in the interest of progress, they should withdraw from the field."

"It is exceedingly significant that the country is being flooded with propaganda sent out by old line commission firms, denouncing the activities of the Farm Board, the co-operative associations, and those other agencies which are endeavoring to set up a sound marketing program through which the farmer producer will be able to secure a larger share of the consumer's dollar."

When the delegates elected directors, the following directors at large were re-elected, for the two year period:

Mr. John W. Goodwine of Marlette, Sanilac county; Mr. J. J. Jakway, Benton Harbor, Berrien county; Mr. V. F. Gormely, Newberry, Luce county, Upper Peninsula director.

For one year: Mr. M. B. McPherson, Lowell, Kent county; Mrs. Edith M. Wagar, Carleton, Monroe county; Mr. W. W. Billings, Davison, Genesee county.

Commodity exchange directors for two years: Mr. M. R. Shisler, Caledonia, Kent county, for Michigan Elevator Exchange; Mr. M. L. Noon, Jackson, Jackson county, for Michigan Milk Producers Ass'n.; Mr. Henry Curtis, Cadillac, Westford county, for Michigan Potato Growers Exchange.

For one year: Mr. Charles Woodruff, Barry county, for Michigan Live Stock Exchange; Mr. M. D. Buskirk, Paw Paw, Van Buren county, for Michigan Fruit Growers, Inc.

The Board re-organized by re-electing all officers: M. L. Noon as president; W. W. Billings as vice president; Mr. Noon, Mr. Billings and Mr. McPherson as the executive committee of the Board. Clark L. Brody was re-engaged as secretary, treasurer and general manager.

Just Before the Battle

She: "When I married you I thought you were a brave man." He: "So did everybody else."

HUNDRED WOMEN ATTEND FIRST FARM BUREAU BREAKFAST

Held Thursday, Feb. 6, Morning Of The Annual Meeting.

By MRS. EDITH M. WAGAR

Our first Home and Community Banquet and Round Table at the Union, State College, Thursday morning, February 6th, was a success in every way.

Besides having over one hundred women present we were gratified in having Mr. Nash and his district representatives as visitors. We invited them that they might see the women in session, discussing ways and means in building a bigger and better Farm Bureau.

Mrs. Helen Hill of Genesee County, told us "The Part Women Play in the Chicago Meeting". How women from all over our United States came together at this National Farm Bureau annual meeting and the training school held two days previous and how they assisted with every part of the program. How 17 women, as leaders from their states, participated in the discussions of farm to market roads, taxation and co-operative marketing, and also looked after the social features of such a gathering.

Mrs. N. W. Laird, secretary of Washtenaw County Farm Bureau, was unable to attend. She was assigned the subject of "How Women Can Help Make a Meeting a Success".

Our guest of honor was Miss Mary Mims of Louisiana State Farm Bureau, and she extended "Greetings from the South". She told us how different the community problems of her state were from those of Michigan, and in her opinion we could do most anything we wanted if we but put ourselves to the task.

Then Mrs. Brody told of the "Mission of Music in the Farm Bureau". The entire arrangement of music for this breakfast was left to Mrs. Brody with the request that she demonstrate the type of music to use throughout a program. She used the Doxology as "grace" before our meal. Then during the breakfast proper several selections were rendered on the piano by Mrs. Earl McCarty, Mrs. L. A. Thomas and Mrs. Roy Bennett.

It was indeed a pleasure to all present to have Mrs. Louise Campbell of State College to participate in our first state meeting. Previous to her coming to our state Mrs. Campbell had quite a bit of experience with the Farm Bureau in Iowa and in one of the Dakotas. She had solicited members, helped plan programs of work and in fact had done all that other members were doing.

She explained how the Farm Bureau had supported and encouraged and in many instances kept alive the Extension work in our state. In turn she told of the keen interest the Extension Department has always felt for our organization. Her plea was for a continuance of trust co-operation between our forces that we may reach our goal of "A happy and prosperous family on every American farm".

At this time Mrs. Ray Potts, with a few appropriate remarks, presenting Mrs. Campbell with a basket of spring blossoms in behalf of all of the Farm Bureau women in Michigan. We knew that you would all like to express to her your appreciation of her untiring efforts to lighten the load and to make brighter the road for our farm women.

Mrs. Geo. Felt of Mason County gave a splendid talk on "How Women Can Help with Membership Growth". She told how necessary it is to keep a Farm Bureau in every county and also its service was measured in proportion to its numbers and to its support by them.

Mrs. C. B. Cook of Shiawassee Co. explained the Forum plan of Farm Bureau community meetings that are so popular in their section. She told about the many different ideas they had worked out through these community groups and said while they had had dinners, suppers and luncheons, she now felt that they might arrange a breakfast table also.

The chairman explained the plans for the coming year, urging all women to offer their assistance in ways that they can best help, urging each county or district to put on a Farm Bureau pageant or play sometime during the year.

We cannot refrain from mentioning the great effort some of our women made so as to be with us on Thursday morning. Mrs. Harvey of Jones rose at 2:30 in order to reach us. Mrs. Bird of Dundee drove 90 miles that morning. Mrs. Myus of Lapeer looked about frozen when she greeted us that morning after her drive over. I know there were others who did two days' work the day before that they might come and it meant added work when they returned.

It all proves to us that our women are true blue earnest thinking women, anxious to have farm folks organized that farm homes may be more attractive and prosperous that the boys and girls of those homes can enjoy the blessings and comforts and advantages on the same equality with other classes.

We have no misgivings but that our women will do their part in making the Farm Bureau bigger and better during 1930.

Plumbing Code Held Unfair To Farmers

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pointing out many regulations which they contended, had nothing to do with public health, but would be sure to increase the cost of plumbing supplies and of plumber's charges.

Opposition of the Farm Bureau to the proposed Code was based upon three counts:

First, although neither the Act nor the proposed Code requires farmers to employ licensed plumbers for the installation of farm plumbing, the preparation and publication of the Code in its present form under the seal of the Department of Health will make it easy for irresponsible persons to convince farmers that they must comply with its regulations and will increase the cost of installing farm plumbing or discourage its use.

Second, while farmers retain the right to install their own plumbing both the law and the Code grant the power of inspection of this plumbing to the State with authority to order its removal if it does not meet the State's minimum requirements. City experience has shown that inspectors of this sort are usually union men, and that non-union installations are frequently subjected to extremely critical inspection. While health authorities minimize this danger, Farm Bureau officials believe that the best time to curb such a tendency is before it starts.

Third, because of the first two reasons, and because the adequate protection of health in the open country requires less stringent regulation, a greatly simplified set of regulations for farm plumbing would do more to promote sanitary development in rural Michigan than the Code as it now stands. It is reported that the first draft of the Code contained regulations that would have ruled out farm plumbing installed according to Michigan State College recommendations. Even in its present form it contains many regulations which competent engineers regard as unnecessary for rural needs.

Following the hearing, it was suggested by officials of the Department of Health that the Farm Bureau might be requested to take a part in a further study of the new Code, and assurance was given that such an invitation would be accepted.

League of Mich. Cities Standing Almost Alone

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participate in the handing out of contracts to be paid for out of State funds, as it was repeatedly pointed out that the State is ready and willing to recognize the legitimate claims of the cities as well as the townships to a greater degree of benefit from the taxes collected from motor vehicles, but would not sanction a plan which would throw these funds into the hands of local politicians, with no strings attached.

The supreme importance of this phase of the question was further demonstrated on January 21, when members of the Detroit City Council told a Citizens Committee on Finance that no substantial cuts in city taxes could be made unless the city was successful in drawing upon the State Treasury, under the Dykstra bill.

The Citizens Committee, headed by George M. Welch, president of the Detroit Board of Commerce, freely expressed the belief at this and later meetings that the Detroit officials could find other means for making substantial reductions in city taxes if they were willing to tackle the job seriously. The possibility of a 10 per cent reduction in the city's \$43,000,000 public payroll was brought up by Harvey Campbell, vice president and secretary of the Detroit Board of Commerce, and several other members of the committee indicated that large savings could be made in this direction by merely cutting out "dead wood." The Detroit News quotes Mr. Campbell as saying:

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make an inventory of all jobs, what are necessary, what are not; how and when and why the unnecessary ones got on the payroll. It would be a great picture, very revealing. It would be bad politics, but good for the taxpayers."

The insistence of these Detroit taxpayers upon a business-like administration before agreeing to further increases in the local tax rate has unquestionably added zest to the office holders' campaign to secure State funds, for the politicians are able to foresee that in the event of their failure on the Dykstra plan they are going to be compelled to do some housecleaning in order to make ends meet, and that, as Mr. Campbell has pointed out, "would be bad politics."

Farm Board Selects

Hibst of Potato Exch

The Federal Farm Board has approved plans for the development of central marketing programs for potatoes and apples as presented by representatives of co-operative associations handling these two products.

The potato group selected to work with the Board in carrying out the recommendations for the potato industry includes Mr. F. P. Hibst, general manager, Michigan Potato Growers Exchange, Cadillac, Michigan.

Beginning Feb. 14, Farm Bureau Services, Inc., local distributors are holding a series of sectional meetings for the purpose of discussing seeds and fertilizers in the interest of their communities. A specialist from the State College Farm Crops department will discuss origin and adaptability of seed, and the value of certified seed. Boyd Rainey will present new information on fertilizer. The local association managers and their directors and interested farmers will eat together and have their program afterwards at these points:

Feb. 14—Ann Arbor, Allen Hotel, 12:30 E. T.
Feb. 18—Three Rivers, M. E. Church, 6 P. M., C. T.
Feb. 25—Port Huron, Ch. of Com., 12:30 E. T.
Mar. 4—Grand Rapids, Y. M. C. A. room 203, 12:30 E. T.
Mar. 11—Saginaw, Fordney Hotel, 12:30 E. T.
Mar. 20—Traverse City, Park Place Hotel, 11 A. M., C. T.
Mar. 21—Ludington, Stearns Hotel, 12:30 C. T.

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