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# ACTIVITIES AMONG THE FARMERS

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First Hand News of Farm Bureaus of Northern Indiana and Lower Michigan Fully Covered.

## National Conference Expected To Relieve Farming Situation; Politics May Hasten Benefits

### Program to Include Demand for Long Time Credits, Co-operative Marketing.

Farmers of this district view with hope that something definite will result from the conference called by Pres. Harding to convene in Washington, Jan. 23 to consider remedies to relieve the existing agricultural depression.



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According to announcement the conference is to be headed by Sec'y of Agriculture Wallace and will include representatives of the American Farm Bureau federation, economists and others who have an intimate knowledge of conditions following a nation-wide survey. Advice from the capital say that this conference will not waste time in the discussion of remedies designed to bring relief after a protected period of existing conditions. On the contrary, it is declared, a plan will be worked out which will afford some sort of immediate benefit. It will inform the farmer, it is generally conceded that the wheels of industry will respond and an era of stability inaugurated.

### Quick Results Expected.

If predictions of those who are in a position to know count for anything, it is refreshing information that the conference is to be shorn of the usual "red tape." It is declared that both Harding and Wallace are agreed upon one thing—that a quick program which will not require months to be put into operation. Wallace has indicated that he has a number of suggestions to offer, the adoption and application of which may result in lessening the present tension.

Members of the farm "bloc" of the senate during recent conferences with the president have made it plain that the paramount problem before the nation is certain and immediate relief of the agricultural situation. It has been represented to Harding that the entire machinery of the government should be coordinated in an effort to bring this about. The president, it is declared, is in full sympathy with any plan which will make this possible within the shortest time.

### Legislators Concerned.

While the question of politics should not be allowed to enter into a problem which affects the entire nation at the very source of its existence, yet it is apparent that majority party leaders are alarmed over the situation. It has been brought home to them that their constituents cannot live on faith alone. They see in dissatisfaction sentiment which will not take very much to crystallize into resentment at the polls next November. The tremendous power of the agricultural and industrial class must be appeased. Promises will not do. Farmers must obtain a fair price for their products and the countless thousands who gain their livelihood in the great manufacturing plants must have employment. The two classes are intimately related in the cycle of business. They cannot be segregated because they are dependent upon each other. Politicians are beginning to recognize this fact now as never before, and as a consequence are perfectly willing and anxious to get behind any movement which promises a step in the solution of these big problems.

For these reasons, if for no other, it is obvious that a plan of action will be decided upon and carried out. Senators and representatives in perfect sympathy with the farmer and industrial worker can muster sufficient strength in either branch of congress to rush a program of remedial legislation through an enactment.

### Plan of Relief.

Senators conspicuous for their activities in promoting the cause of the farmer have declared that a plan of co-operative marketing guaranteed by the government would prove one of the most effective factors in solving distribution of farm products. It is understood that every member of the agricultural "bloc" is favorable to the proposal. This senatorial group has a voting strength of 25. It is bi-partisan in character and may be depended upon to cast its solid vote for any proposition seeking to stabilize prices.

The legislator of the south is just as anxious to establish steady markets for cotton, tobacco, rice and other products of that section as the senator or representative from the middle west or northwest is to see that corn and wheat growers are not neglected and the livestock industry is recognized.

The operation of such a system, it is pointed out, would be soon felt by the capacity reumption of the textile mills, movement of crops by railroads, while all industrial lines would be included in the general demand for manufactured articles and commodities.

### Farmers Needs Supplies.

Cursory investigation in St. Joseph and Marshall counties discloses that practically every farmer needs some sort of farm machinery or equipment. They do not disclaim they are repairing old equipment to tide them over. It is also emphasized that they are eager to purchase new machinery, but point to the fact that "prohibitive prices" which manufacturers are asking for necessary farming implements, prevents buying. Manufacturers on the one hand, contend they have dropped their prices. That is true, but buyers hold not in the same proportion as they have been compelled to take for their products.

It is no exaggeration to say that farmers of this section are not in the market for supplies, except those absolutely necessary, such as fertilizer, seed, etc. Still there is no tangible evidence of federal aid and a wide recession from the prevalent prices of farm machinery.

## MEMBERSHIP OF FARM BUREAU IN COUNTY GROWING

### Campaign for Enlistments With Federation Meets With Much Success.

Officials of the St. Joseph County Farm bureau declare that interest throughout the county in the campaign to increase the membership of the organization proceeds unabated. Determination to make the county unit one of the strongest and outstanding in the state is brought out at the township meetings, it was said. Prominent speakers are emphasizing the benefits of the county bureau and its relation to the American Farm Bureau Federation of which it is an important factor. Farmers who have hesitated to join the movement are now responding. It was asserted, as a result of the campaign stressing these facts. At a meeting of Liberty township unit last night, held in the high school at North Liberty, Chairman Earl Betcher, outlined a program of action to cover his territory in school districts. Team captains were appointed and Betcher said he believed that the membership of the unit would be increased by at least 50 before the close of the drive which will extend through next week. A member of one team declared that he had received several applications from farmers without solicitation. They had been convinced of the advantages, he said, and were satisfied that they could not afford to be classed as "outsiders." H. J. Longley, chairman of Clay township addressed the meeting and told how he had organized the membership campaign in his district which resulted in reaching every farmer. The method had proved gratifying, he said, and expressed the belief that a substantial number of enlistments to the organized farm movement would follow.

Unusual interest attaches to the stirring meeting scheduled Saturday evening in Gleaners hall, Greene township, which will mark the close of the second week of the drive. Lem Robinson, chairman of that unit, has arranged a program of merit. It will comprise not only business but social features. Women of the home economics club will serve a hot supper. Jerry Hildebrand, one of the best informed farmers in the county on farm bureau work, is on the program for one of his characteristic talks. He will explain something of the inception and development of the national, state and local operations of the coordinate organizations. Other prominent speakers will review various other phases of the movement.

Thomas H. Jackson, president of the county bureau, urges a large attendance at this meeting for the reason, he explained, that a number of new angles in connection with the activities of movement will be brought out on entirely new and original lines.

## MARSHALL FARMERS RELATED WITH 'COOP' PLAN OF SHIPPING

### Plymouth Association Shows Substantial Profits During Year.

According to reports of officials of live stock shipping associations in Marshall county the success of the co-operative plan of marketing is beyond the experimental stage and its success appears assured. The report of Manager Richards, of the Plymouth association, shows during 1921, 67 double decks and 29 single decks of hogs were shipped by the organization which returned \$163,267.34. These shipments were supplemented with a number of car loads of cattle.

The figures of the Plymouth organization only represent the volume of business of one unit of the county. Reports of the other seven indicate proportionate results.

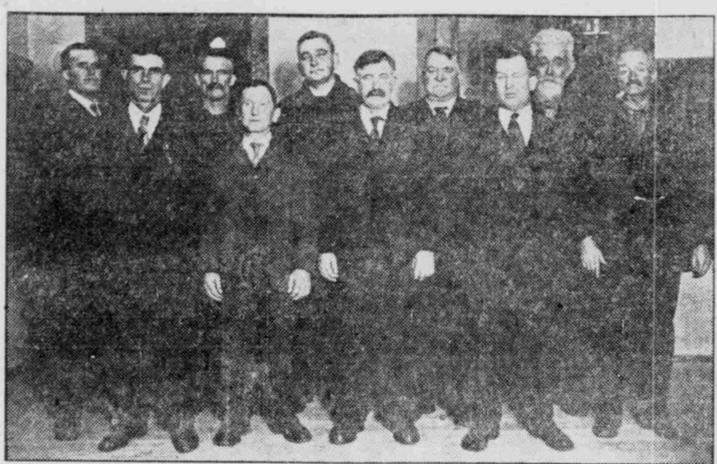
A satisfactory profit to the farmer was received last week in one single shipment when 15 shippers netted \$449.50 over the buyers' prices. Farmers who have shipped independent of the association, it was declared, have not fared so well, and are becoming more strongly impressed with the effectiveness of the co-operative plan of marketing their stock.

### Obtain Federal Loans.

At the annual meeting of the Marshall County Farm Loan association Thursday, it was disclosed that 15 members had loans amounting to \$185,000. In addition 17 new members made applications for loans which have been approved by the local association. It is apparent that the Marshall county unit is obtaining its share of the benefits of the federal loan system throughout the active services of D. L. McKesson, secretary-treasurer.

Stockholders received \$506 in dividends, representing seven percent on their stock. Officials of the asso-

## Union Township Farm Bureau Officers and Workers



The Union township unit of the St. Joseph County Farm bureau is one of the best organized and efficiently conducted in the county. Officers and members of the executive committee are constantly on the alert and eager to support any undertaking for the extension of agricultural work and the development of the community spirit. Members of the unit have been untiring in their efforts to increase the membership in the campaign now being conducted throughout the county. A number of new members have been enrolled and before the drive is concluded it is predicted that the strength of the organization may be doubled.

Grouped in the picture, left to right: Ernest E. Logan, Edward Lavabitte, Edward Auer, Earl Herbster, George Shafer, Lem Shafer (president), E. C. Bird, agricultural agent, Jerry Hildebrand.

## Liberty Township Team Captains Get Instructions



Members of Liberty township farm bureau unite in the declaration that they are out to obtain a big increase in their membership during the county campaign. At a meeting in the high school, North Liberty, Thursday night Earl Betcher, township chairman, outlined to a group of team captains and workers a plan to enlist the desired quota of new members. The township has been divided into school districts and each team captain given a certain number of farmers to be interviewed. In other words, Betcher proposes to follow the method successfully employed in other communities of taking the benefits of the movement in person to farmers who have failed to become identified with the organized work.

Betcher declared that the campaign to eradicate bovine tuberculosis was being supported by practically every farmer in his township who have been educated to its value as a health move and its personal economic return.

The picture shows a group active in increasing the membership in that township.

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# FARMERS

Do YOU know Congress passed more farm LEGISLATION in ONE SESSION than in all its previous history. DON'T FORGET your influence, through your county organization and the National Farm Federation, was IMPORTANT in passing these measures.

Benefits of federal and state laws are becoming manifest, but we cannot afford to STAND STILL.

The organized farm movement is GOING FORWARD and needs your active cooperation.

A comprehensive program of activities has been formulated in the interest of Agriculture. YOU are expected to do your part in this national unit of action.

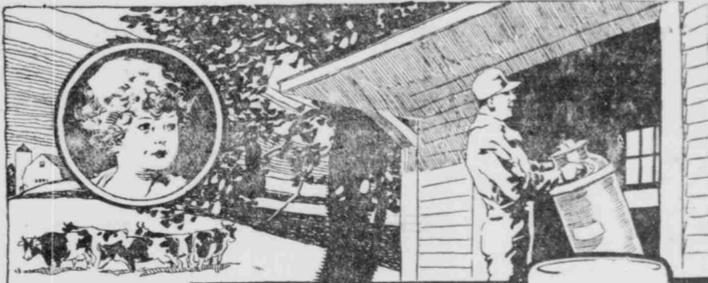
The campaign to make the St. Joseph County organization an outstanding factor in realizing GREATER PERSONAL AND COLLECTIVE BENEFITS IS ON. Nearly TWO MILLION FARMERS are helping to DO tremendous things.

IF you are not one of them, JOIN TODAY.

The small membership fee is constantly at work for YOU. Attend the Township meetings and hear first hand information covering Farm Bureau operations.

Take Part in the Rousing Community Gathering in Gleaners Hall, Greene Township, tonight. Good speakers, social features, good things to eat.

E. C. Bird, Agricultural Agent.  
Thomas H. Jackson, President.



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Dr. Julien, state veterinarian, and Dr. Hoskins, in charge of state work of the federal bureau of animal industry, recently declared in South Bend that the tuberculin test of cattle was the only CERTAIN PROTECTION the public had against the menace of bovine tuberculosis.

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