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Michigan Mirror
NON-PARTISAN STATE NEWS LETTER

LANSING—Michigan farmers haven't put all of their eggs in one basket. When you count your blessings, one by one, don't forget the benefit of our diversified agriculture.

While industrialers are a litigium, awaiting for the much-needed spring return in business, the farmers have reason to smile over the fact that Michigan led all states in agricultural recovery last year. Cash value of all farm commodities rose from \$188,000,000 in 1936 to \$246,000,000 in 1937. In total average of farm land Michigan rates 26th.

to be both feasible and practical. We all have to eat; but we don't have to buy automobiles or homes. The annual minimum wage is a symbol of security. For that reason, we will hear more of it during 1938.

Half Billion Taxes
Who pays the tax bill?
The \$455,140,000 tax bill, paid by Michigan residents last year, was twice as much as the gross income of all Michigan farms.

Both Newspapers, sensing a public responsibility to tell the truth about taxes, delved into the records and found the half billion tax bill to be the largest ever paid by the people of the state. Twenty per cent of every dollar in income went by way of taxes. For a family of four persons, it is equivalent to having a fifth person at the table—and unless boneder to feed, clothe and house.

Michigan's tax breakdown for 1937 follows:
Federal.....\$261,814,500
Local.....146,300,000
State.....52,025,500

Happenings of Long Ago
Bits of News Gleaned From Old Files Of The Eccentric—The Items That Make Up The Historical Background Of The Birmingham Of Today.

Fifty Years Ago
Rochester has the measles.
Cy Jarvis has traded his house and lot in this village with John Ames Troy, for the Conley place. Cy is a good carpenter and the Troys cannot do better than to employ him.

Has anyone a silk umbrella that does not belong to him? If so the owner, Pector Charles Raymond, would like to have it returned, since he expects soon to be able to use it.

C. J. Mills recently broke a leg while tobogganing in Pontiac, on the natural slide, Dr. Galbraith attends the victim who is doing as well as possible.

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THE FINEST TRANSPORTATION BLUE GOOSE LINES OVER MICHIGAN'S SCENIC HIGHWAYS

Michigan ranks first in cherries, second in potatoes and field beans, third in grapes, fourth in peaches and pears, fifth in apples, sixth in sugar beets and tame hay, seventh in flaxseed and clover and timothy hay, eighth in winter wheat, ninth in wheat and oats, and tenth in corn and barley.

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