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state-wide average of only 7.9 per cent.

"There are very few modern school buildings in the rural areas" . . . "since 1918 only 700 new rural school buildings have

been constructed, although 1,300 have been modernized in recent years."

"Many districts are not levying as much tax for school purposes as they can and should. In 1912 there were 847 districts which levied less than four mills for school purposes. (A mill is one dollar per \$1,000 assessed valuation.) A total of 114 districts levied no tax whatever for school purposes, while 902 districts levied seven mills or more."

Remember the old World War I song, "How you gonna keep 'em down on the farm after they've seen Parer?"

More quotations from the challenging study:

"In the years between the wars (World Wars I and II) no more than half of Michigan's youth were employed in agriculture. Hundreds, uncertain of their fu-

tures if they stayed on farms, sought the opportunities for education and employment offered by urban life."

"In spite of the many excellent programs now active in Michigan (4-H club work, high school vocational agricultural or vocational homemaking courses, etc.) the overall educational program is undeveloped. It does not reach effectively the majority of rural youth."

"It is frequently stated that farmers give more attention to their livestock and crops than to their youth. What do you think?"

One of the cultural advantages of city life is ready access to books and magazines through public libraries.

Not so, however, with many people who live in the Michigan rural communities.

"Two-fifths (42 per cent) of the rural people of Michigan are without public libraries. Scarcity of libraries is partly associated with sparsity of population. South of the Muskegon-Day City line 26 per cent of the rural people are without public libraries. North of this

line the percentage is 57, while in the Upper Peninsula two-thirds (64 per cent) have no public libraries."

The State Board for Libraries recommends a local per capita tax of \$1 to \$2 to be supplemented by grants from the state.

Rural health in Michigan is not what it should be.

"Among rural youths rejections (military service) for physical reasons were higher than among those residents in cities. Many of their defects were associated with faulty nutrition."

"Cities have had full-time health departments for many years, but only since the county health department law was passed in 1927 have Michigan's rural areas begun to enjoy the same advantages. With modern transportation, rural and urban health problems have come to much the same."

The study points out that a county or district health department may be established by the local county board of supervisors.

Social insurance is provided for most urban residents, but not for the average farmer.

"Only a small proportion of Michigan farmers and rural people are included in the nation's social security program. Farmers, together with all other self-employed persons, are completely excluded from the social insurance."

"Social insurance is a sound business program the objective of which is to provide a safeguard against economic hazards which are unpredictable in the case of a single individual but are predictable in the case of large groups."

"Many elderly farmers continue to operate farms because of inadequate provisions for current income, thus preventing younger men from obtaining a start in farming."

Recommendation: That social security benefits be extended to rural citizens.

All this may be true, you add, but the fact still remains that the average person gets what he pays for. What is the answer to the above challenges — more taxes for farmers?

If we are to interpret rightly the rural study, the solution consists of two things. First, a better income for farmers. Messrs. Ruthven, Hannah and Elliott refer

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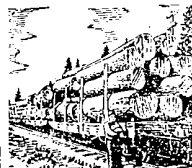
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