

# FARM LOAN RATES SINK TO NEW LOW

Land Bank Now Can Take  
Michigan Mortgages at  
3½ Per Cent.

(By Staff Correspondent.)

Lansing, July 3.—The interest rate on Michigan farm loans sank to a new all-time low today with the farm credit administration's announcement that the Federal Land Bank of St. Paul, serving this state, now is authorized to take farm mortgages bearing interest at 3½ per cent through local loan associations.

The new rate, representing a reduction of 1 per cent, is the government's answer to farmers' demands for easier agricultural credit. The reduction was made possible by the recent passage of the farm credit act of 1935 by congress. Besides slashing the interest charge the law enables the land bank commissioner to make loans to finance the purchase of farms.

Since the government embarked on its "emergency" agricultural credit program two years ago the interest charge on farm mortgages has been slashed by a series of fractional reductions until 2½ per cent has been lopped from the farmers' debt service. The latest cut is the third reduction made since March of this year and probably marks the "bottom" of credit easement for farmers as the law provides that the 3½ per cent shall continue in effect only for one year.

## Rate Advances in 1936.

Interest payable in the two years beginning July 1, 1936, will be 4 per cent. Thereafter the rate will be that stipulated in the original loan contracts. Farmers having loans made directly by the federal land bank pay interest rates one-half of 1 per cent higher than rates charged farmers borrowing through national farm loan associations. The interest rate on land bank commissioner's loans will remain at 5 per cent.

Another provision of the new farm credit act enables the land bank commissioner to make first and second mortgage loans to farmers to finance the purchase of farms. Previously such loans were made only to refinance farm debts, provide working capital and repurchase farms lost through foreclosure. The time in which the commissioner can make loans to farmers has been extended to 1940.

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## Easier Credit for Co-ops.

Under the new act the interest rate charged by the banks for co-operatives on loans secured by commodities is reduced. Formerly many co-operatives that were financed in part by such banks, obtained commodity loans from the federal intermediate credit banks or other institutions, which gave the co-operatives more favorable interest rates than the banks for co-operatives could offer. The amendments to the old laws also provide that the banks for co-operatives may rediscount such loans in the federal intermediate credit banks.

The act also allows the banks to make loans on security of physical facilities to farmers' co-operative associations engaged in purchasing farm supplies. Physical facility loans can now be made in amounts not to exceed 60 per cent of the appraised value of the security offered, rather than 60 per cent of the facilities financed by the loan as provided in the former act. Co-operatives supplying farmers with various business services are now eligible to borrow from the banks as well as those engaged in marketing farm commodities or purchasing farm supplies.

# MR. AND MRS. PARDEE MARRIED 50 YEARS

Couple at Alma Observe Anniversary Sunday in Honor  
Of Tuesday Event

Special to The State Journal:

ALMA, Nov. 20 — Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Pardee, of this city, who on Tuesday will have been married 50 years, entertained relatives and friends at dinner Sunday, and kept open house to other friends in the afternoon and evening.

John C. Pardee and Ellen H. Andrews of Vermontville were united in marriage in the First Congregational parsonage at that place, November 20, 1884, and the pastor, the Rev. Orange H. Spoor, was the officiating clergyman. Attending Mr. and Mrs. Pardee and married at the same time, were Edward G. Sprague and Ida A. Smith, the two couples being close friends.

This anniversary was celebrated Sunday in order that the family might all be present and all except one grandchild was in attendance. Mr. and Mrs. Sprague, who live in Lansing, were unable to be present, but they are observing their anniversary on Tuesday and Mr. and Mrs. Pardee expect to attend.

## MACHINE COMPANY

This honored couple lived near Vermontville for a time and their children came to their home at that place except their youngest. They came to Gratiot county about 36 years ago and for 12 years they lived near the Graham school, south and west of Alma, moving here about 24 years ago. Twenty-two years ago they purchased their home on East Superior street and started in the florists business, which was known as the East Side greenhouse. Both Mr. and Mrs. Pardee have been affiliated with the Masonic orders, and the former has acted as tyler for Alma Lodge, No. 244, F. and A. M., for the past three years. Mrs. Pardee filled a vacancy as chaplain in Alma Chapter, No. 43, O. E. S., in the year 1926 and in April, 1927, she was regularly installed and has acted in that capacity since that time. She is also a member of the First Methodist Episcopal church, and also of the Women's Relief corps of this city.

The Pardee home was very lovely with baskets of chrysanthemums throughout the rooms, making a lovely setting for the occasion. Mr. and Mrs. Pardee, assisted by their family, received the guests and late in the afternoon and evening, grape juice, cider, wafers and cookies were served in the dining room, with different members of the family presiding. Many lovely gifts were presented the honored guests, which were viewed by the visitors.

Among those present were their daughters, Ethel, who is Mrs. James Dean of Stanton, Mr. Dean and son, Russell; Alta, who is Mrs. Claude Beck of Sumner Center, Mr. Beck and two children; Hazel, who is Mrs. Delbert Pohlman of Bethany township, Mr. Pohlman and three children; Reva, who is Mrs. Russell Putnam of Alma, Mr. Putnam and daughter, Harriet; Margaret, who is Mrs. Harley Catherman of Detroit, and Mr. Catherman; Mr. Pardee's brother, Frank Pardee, and wife, son, Keith, and daughter, Mrs. Pauline Richmond; a brother-in-law, Luther Bosworth; Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Bosworth and son and daughter, all of Delta Center; Mrs. Ann Beck of Sumner Center; Mr. and Mrs. George Taylor and daughter, Joyce, of East Lansing; Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Larson of Chicago, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Reynolds of DeWitt.

## FUNERAL SERVICE OF MRS. ARZA BARNES WILL BE HELD AT TWO O'CLOCK FRIDAY

Hazel Teressa Barnes, 47, wife of Arza Barnes, passed away at her home on South Main street, July 6th at 1:30 p. m., after many months of suffering.

She is survived by her husband, Arza; one sister, Mrs. Pearl Briggs; one brother, Fred Lake, and her mother, Mrs. Art Lake.

Funeral services will be held from the Ward Chapel Friday at 2:00 p. m. with burial at the Free-mire cemetery, Rev. Kearney Kirby officiating.