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## URGE TEXT BOOK ON COOPERATIVE MARKET SUBJECTS

One of Shortest Resolutions Has Great Possibilities, Say Those Who Have Given It Study

## TEACH IT IN SCHOOL

Matter Has Been Brought Up Before, but Nothing Definite Has Been Done; Locals Discuss It

One of the shortest of the resolutions submitted and adopted at the state convention of the Kansas Farmers Union at Beloit, and one which received as little thought, perhaps, as the part of the membership as a whole, is one that holds about as great possibilities as any of the resolutions adopted, according to some of the members who have given it study. The resolution referred to is the one submitted by the Resolutions Committee, dealing with the authorization of a text book on cooperative marketing by the state legislature, and the subsequent placing of this text book in the elementary schools and high schools in Kansas.

Just to refresh the memories of the readers of the Kansas Union Farmer, the text of the resolution, as it was adopted, is printed here:

"We ask that a text book on cooperative marketing be authorized by the Legislature, and taught in the elementary schools and high schools of Kansas."

For several years, this matter has been before the state conventions of the Kansas Farmers Union. It has found its way into the list of resolutions, has been adopted—and promptly forgotten. Only a comparative few have seemingly paid any attention to it.

Mr. A. D. Rice, active Farmers Union member living near Delphos, Kansas, and president of the Ottawa Co. Farmers Union, while in the office of the Kansas Farmers Union secretary, treasurer recently, made the observation that if the young folks of the Kansas farms could receive the proper training and education in cooperative marketing of farm products, and get this training under the sanction of the educational work of the Farmers Union, would be accomplished while the young farmers are in school, and it wouldn't be so difficult to get the older farmers to see the advantages of marketing their products cooperatively.

That is about the sentiment of several other thinking members with whom the writer has talked. Certainly it is a fact that the young farmers should be informed on a subject which later in life is sure to command their attention and thought. That is the idea which has prompted the submission of this resolution to the different conventions.

It has come to the attention of the writer that this subject is to be discussed in several local meetings over the state. Of course, every resolution adopted at the state convention is receiving attention at the local meetings, but it is believed that this resolution relating to the text book on cooperative marketing will receive more attention this year than ever before.

One good member, in discussing the resolution and the idea back of it, declared that it gets right at the bottom of the whole cooperative movement. "This is an educational institution," he said, speaking of the Farmers Union, "and we should carry this education right into the Kansas school room. There could be no better way to do it than to secure the adoption of a text book on cooperative marketing, and give our Kansas children an opportunity to

## MARKETING ACT AVERTED COLLAPSE IN CREDIT

The November issue of "Fortune," one of the outstanding business magazines, points to the achievements of the Federal Farm Board in the following language: "In two years the Farm Board has put the cooperative stamp on the greater commodity tonnage than the cooperatives alone were able to accumulate during their sixty-five years of existence."

"Its wheat stabilization activities in the winter of 1930-31 averted what threatened to be a major collapse in agricultural credit—a collapse which carried with it the definite prospect of a national panic."

In business magazines, commercial and financial organizations, in fact from every unit of industrial and business life east of the Mississippi River the Federal Marketing Act has been on an equal basis with the subject of continuous and venomous attack.

So far as the records show this is the first time an eastern magazine has looked upon the Marketing Act with any favor.

The people of the middle west—farmers and business men are beginning to realize that the Marketing Act was created to place agriculture on an equal basis with other business activities.

The time is not far away when the farmer and the business concerns that depend on agriculture in the middle west will fight as hard for the principles involved in the Federal Marketing Act as do the bankers for the Federal Reserve, labor for the Department of Labor, and industry for the Department of Commerce. Understanding is coming to the farmers and with understanding will come a militant defense of the rights as established in the Federal Marketing Act.

## HACKBERRY LOCAL VOTES \$25 FOR DROUGHT RELIEF

By voting to give twenty-five dollars to the needy Farmers Union members of North Dakota and Montana, the Hackberry Farmers Union local No. 1392, in Gove county, Kansas, demonstrated the real spirit of brotherhood which is so prevalent in the Farmers Union. Other locals have done the same thing, and no doubt more will follow.

A letter from the secretary-treasurer of the Hackberry local is interesting, and printed here:

Quarter, Kans., Nov. 12, 1931

Dear Sir:

At a recent meeting of our local we voted \$25.00 to send to the needy Farmers Union members of North Dakota and Montana.

Will you kindly let me know where I can send the money so that it can get into the fund that is going to the Farmers Union members in the drought area? Thanking you for the information as soon as possible, I am yours truly—J. M. Tuttle, Sec-Treas.

Mr. Tuttle has been informed that the money is to go to North Dakota Farmers Union Drought Relief, Jamestown, N. D.

STATE OFFICER ON RADIO

The Farmers Union hour Friday evening, November 20, on radio station WIBW, Topeka, will be under the direction of one of the state officers of the Kansas Farmers Union. An effort will be made for one of the officers, who will have attended the national convention, to give a report of the convention at 7:30. The program starts at 7:30. Tune in.

learn something definite on the subject while their minds are in the formative stage."

In this connection, the Kansas Union Farmer invites the members over the state to write their ideas on the subject and send them in.

Right along the same lines of thinking, and recognizing the same conditions and remedies needed, as are apparent in the above quotations, the Kansas division of the Farmers Union adopted as the first resolution presented by the Legislative Committee, at the state convention in Beloit, the following, which deserves your close attention:

"The outstanding problem of agriculture is recovery from the greatest depression in our history. Over a million farmers have lost their homes. We demand the immediate enactment into law of the National Farmers Union Farm Relief plan substantially as follows:

A great program of construction of useful improvements to give employment to idle labor and stagnate industry and furnish a market for farm products—this construction program to be financed by United States legal tender money until prosperity is restored.

The present dishonest inflated dollar must be stabilized down to 1926 price levels so that debts may be paid in the same kind of dollars in which they were contracted.

Protected behind a tariff wall that gives a reasonable minimum price for farmers' products, agriculture must be limited by national law its sale and production to American demand, so that profitable prices may be maintained in Germany, France and Italy at about \$1.80.

## MANAGERS PASSED SOME RESOLUTIONS WITH REAL WALLOP

Seek to Build Up, Rather than Tear Down, Only Existing Legislation Helping Cooperatives

## FAVOR INCOME TAX

Vote for Membership in Committee of Farm Organizations; Re-elect Officers; Continue \$5 Dues

Some very interesting resolutions, carrying a real wallop, were formulated and adopted at the annual meeting of the Kansas Farmers Union Managerial Association. This meeting was held in Beloit, Kansas, on Tuesday afternoon, just preceding the annual state convention of the Kansas Division of the Farmers Educational and Cooperative Union of America. Other matters of business which were handled before the reading of the resolutions included election of officers, determination of amount of dues, the matter of application for membership in the Committee of Farm Organizations, and the decision on the place of holding the spring meeting of the Association.

All the officers were re-elected, all directors were re-elected, and O. C. Servis of Winfield was elected vice-president. Harry Neath was chosen delegate to represent the Association in the state Farmers Union convention. The body voted to continue the collection of \$5 dues from each member, and to turn any unused portion of the money thus collected to the state organization to be used in educational work.

According to the result of a vote

## MARKET PRODUCE AND CREAM COOPERATIVELY

Farmers Union Cooperative Creamery With Plants in Kansas City and Wakeeney, in Member of the Regional Cooperative

Kansas is most generally known as a wheat and livestock state. But the sale of dairy and poultry products produced amounts to large proportions. These crops, the same as others market their own marketing organizations.

The Farmers Union Cooperative Creamery of Kansas is a member of the Dairy and Poultry Cooperatives, Incorporated, Chicago, Illinois, which is a sales agency for such cooperative regional in the central states. Through this agency the members of the Farmers Union Creamery are marketing poultry, eggs, and butter at lower sales cost with order and efficiency.

The Farmers Union Cooperative Creamery and Produce Association of Kansas, is reorganized as the marketing association for the sale of dairy products for the greater part of the state. This organization operates plants at Wakeeney and Kansas City and soon will be operating others in Kansas. The Federal Farm Board has given financial assistance to aid in the development of the producer association's program in Kansas.

Poultry producers of Kansas, who are members of the Farmers Union Cooperative Creamery Association with headquarters in Kansas City, have received financial aid from the Federal Farm Board. On January 1, 1931, the membership of this creamery association was 5,027. From this membership in 1930, the association received, graded, packed and marketed 2,225,151 dozen eggs and handled 259,814 pounds of poultry, all marketed by the association to a good advantage for the producer. The poultry has been handled principally through the Wakeeney plant.

## WARD EMPHASIZED FACT THAT FARMERS HAVE TO ORGANIZE

Kansas Farmers Union President in Report to State Convention Put Matter Before Farmers

## HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY

Must Stick Together to Get Benefits of Legislation; Can Accomplish Nothing As Individuals

Complying with many requests that have reached the Kansas Union Farmer, the text of the address given at the Farmers Union state convention at Beloit on Wednesday, October 28, by Cal A. Ward, president of the Kansas Farmers Union, is published in part here. Mr. Ward had prepared no manuscript, and spoke just as the ideas occurred to him. The address was taken down in shorthand by Miss Pauline Cowger, and is printed here from her notes. Mr. Ward was introduced by W. P. Lamberton, vice president of the Kansas Farmers Union. The principal parts of Mr. Ward's address follow:

Brothers and sisters of the Farmers Union:

I am certainly delighted to come before you this afternoon and in my humble way to say a few words. I have been so extremely busy the last few weeks I have not taken time to give any special preparation to this annual address. We were very fortunate in having come to our state C. C. Kilian, president of the North Dakota Farmers Union. We made five meetings just in advance of this meeting, with large crowds and splendid interest.

## MARKETING CORN THROUGH LIVE STOCK THIS YEAR

Early husking returns reveal that Kansas' corn crop is yielding less than expected a month earlier. The crop is estimated at 116,078,000 bushels compared with 119,394,000 bushels a month ago, 82,908,000 bushels produced last year and 126,793,000 bushels the 1925-29 five year average according to the November crop report released today by E. K. Reed of the U. S. Department of Agriculture and J. C. Mohler of the Kansas State Board of Agriculture. The yield per acre is placed at 17.5 bushels against 12.0 bushels last year and the ten year average yield of 21.4 bushels. Frost dates were unusually late and all corn matured without frost injury. Yields were highest in northeastern and east central Kansas. Husking is further advanced than usual at this date due to the drying weather of September and October, and moisture content is below normal.

Eighty two per cent of the crop is reported as being of merchantable quality. Only 65 per cent of last year's crop was merchantable while the ten year average percentage is 82 per cent.

Due to low prices it is expected that more than the ordinary amount of corn will be marketed through livestock. In years of short corn crops from 15 to 20 per cent of the crop is marketed as cash corn, in years of about average production like this year from 22 to 26 per cent of the crop is so marketed while in years of large production from 30 to 40 per cent is sold for cash and shipped out of the county where grown. I farm stocks of old corn are small, the carryover from the 1930 crop being estimated at 2,487,000 bushels which is 3.0 per cent of the crop produced in that year. This is the smallest quantity of corn carried over into the new crop year since the short corn crop of 1926. Stocks of old corn on farms last November totaled about 3,204,000 bushels or 3 per cent of the 1929 crop.

Grain sorghums yielded the same as indicated a month ago and production is estimated at 23,760,000 bushels compared with 14,300,000 bushels last year and 19,638,000 bushels two years ago. The yield per acre is placed at 18.0 bushels, last year's crop averaged 13.0 bushels. Late frost dates together with drying October weather permitted the crop to mature well. Most of the crop was in the shock by the end of October and much threshing and combining had been done.

Sweet sorghum cane yields averaged 16.0 bushels per acre this year compared with 15.0 bushels last year, 15.3 bushels in 1929 and 18.7 bushels in 1928. Sweet sorghum cut for forage or hay averaged 2.65 tons per acre this year. Last year's crop averaged 2.50 tons and the 1929 crop 3.20 tons.

The average weight per measured bushel of small grains harvested this year is: winter wheat 60.0 pounds, spring wheat 57.0 pounds, oats 34.0 pounds, and barley 43.0 pounds. Last year's crops of these grains averaged 59.2, 55.0, 34.0, and 44.0 pounds respectively. The weights of winter wheat and oats were above average while barley and spring wheat were below average this year.

The total apple crop is estimated at 1,111,000 bushels compared with 601,000 bushels last year. Production of commercial apples totals 462,000 barrels against 132,000 barrels last year. Carlot shipments of apples from Kansas to the end of October total 1,056 cars. Cars shipped during the entire season last year totaled only 249 cars.

The estimates of seed production this year are: last year (revised) are alfalfa 144,000 and 185,000 bushels; red clover 9,000 and 19,200 bushels; sweet clover 48,100 and 46,800 bushels. Yields per acre are about average.

Steel melts at a temperature of 2500 degrees Fahrenheit, but it takes 2700 degrees of heat to form the clinkers for Portland cement.

## SPENCER TALKS ABOUT KANSAS TO THE KANSANS

President-Manager of the Farmers Union Mutual Insurance Company Delivers Address Over WIBW

## FOR MORE INDUSTRIES

Points to Fact that 31 Kansas Insurance Companies Get 11 Percent of 18 Million Dollars of Premiums

Kansans heard a lot about Kansas in a few minutes last Friday evening, when they tuned in on radio station WIBW, Capper Publications broadcasting station at Topeka, and heard Mr. Ward J. Spencer, president-manager of the Farmers Union Mutual Insurance Co., on the regular Farmers Union hour, beginning at 7:30 p. m.

Mr. Spencer's address follows: The Mutual Insurance Companies of Kansas are very much interested in the welfare of the State of Kansas as a whole, as much as any other business or industry operating in Kansas; and as a representative of the Farmers Union Mutual Insurance Company of Kansas, I wish to talk about Kansas.

Sometimes one hears a lot of talk about hard times and the depression, and being a wheat farmer, I fully realize that the financial depression has been very acute. However, I am inclined to look on the bright side of life and to treat this depression as something that must be endured, and I believe that prosperity is bound to return.

Kansas is one of the most progressive states in the Union and has many natural advantages, which include good water, a fertile soil, and that can be farmed as economically as that found anywhere in the world. Consider the wonderful pastures in Central Kansas, where cattle fatten for the market; the great wheat belt further west which is the heart of the slogan, "Kansas Grows the Best Wheat in the World." Kansas has its oil and gas fields in nearly every section of the state, from which gas is piped to thousands of homes, and from which trainloads of oil are shipped to refineries. Then, too, consider the great milling industry which grinds the best wheat in the world and distributes flour and its by-products to the people of our great country and many foreign countries. Another thing is the poultry and dairy industry, which brings in large revenue to the Kansas people; and there are many more industries that might be named.

One may travel to the East, the West, the North and the South, and nowhere can a better highway system be found than that of Kansas, and since the road program of Kansas is expanding rapidly, it is now possible for the Kansas people to drive on good roads anywhere they wish to go. There is also much beautiful scenery in Kansas. Kansas is noted for its sunsets, so one does not need to go out to California to see a beautiful sunset. Just go to Western Kansas. Sometimes we do not appreciate the beauty by which we are surrounded. We cannot see the forest because of the trees. Is there anyone listening in who is not thrilled in the springtime at the sight of thousands of acres of wheat gently rolling in the breeze? It reminds one of the I Chuan. Have you ever driven past a growing cornfield or a field of new mown hay in the evening, and smelled the sweet perfume that is in the air? Have you ever been in Western Kansas when the prairies were blazing with beautiful flowers? Have you noticed the many beautiful scenes along the Kaw river and in the Solomon Valley? Have

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## Doesn't Like the Light



The Farmers Union of Kansas, by resolutions adopted at the state convention held recently in Beloit, Kansas, has gone on record as favoring certain changes in the general taxation system. These changes which are proposed do not meet the approval of those who have been in the forefront of payment of taxes because of the fallacy of the present system. Such interests as those who have been allowed to get by without payment of their share of taxes will no doubt fight the oncoming changes. They do not like to have the light of general understanding turned on the present system. The Farmers Union, representing the farmers of Kansas in their organized strength, is determined that the light shall be turned on. This organization snapped the light

on at Beloit, much to the discomfort of certain interests, when it adopted the following resolutions:

"We favor an income tax, providing it will go to the general fund for defraying the expenses in place of the general property tax levy, and graduated payment of taxes because of the fallacy of the present system. Such interests as those who have been allowed to get by without payment of their share of taxes will no doubt fight the oncoming changes. They do not like to have the light of general understanding turned on the present system. The Farmers Union, representing the farmers of Kansas in their organized strength, is determined that the light shall be turned on. This organization snapped the light

"We heartily endorse the income tax amendment submitted by the last legislature, and appeal to voters to ratify the same. We believe with the National Farmers Union that the substitution of an income tax system for the property tax system is the real solution of our tax problems, and will bring real relief to real estate. We instruct our President or whom he may appoint, to cooperate with other farm organizations in a campaign to secure the adoption of the income tax amendment."

"We favor the building of all roads from the motor vehicle and gas tax, and that the property tax for road building purposes be eliminated."

## MRS. J. C. GREGORY PASSES

The membership of the Farmers Union over the state will be grieved to learn that Mrs. J. C. Gregory, wife of J. C. Gregory, member of the Farmers Union state board of directors, passed away Wednesday night, November 11, shortly before midnight, at her home in Osborne, Kansas. Mrs. Gregory had been in poor health for some time. The Kansas Union Farmer extends its sincere sympathy to the entire membership. Funeral services were held in Osborne at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon, November 13.

## GOMER SMITH ON RADIO

A telegram from John A. Simpson, national president of the Farmers Union, informs the Kansas Union Farmer that Gomer Smith, of Oklahoma City, will speak over NBC on the Farm and Home Hour, November 18, between 11:30 a. m. and 12:30 p. m. central standard time. Readers of this paper are urged to listen to this address.

The United States bureau of standards has instruments so delicate as to weigh accurately to within one part in 100 million, and to note the deflection in a five inch steel beam due to the pressure of one finger.

## Lincoln Could See It Coming

### LINCOLN'S PROPHECY

Near the close of the war, in reply to a letter from a friend in Illinois, President Lincoln said:

"Yes, we may congratulate ourselves that this cruel war is nearing its close. It has cost a vast amount of treasure and blood. The best blood of the flower of American youth has been freely offered upon our country's altar that the nation might live. It has been indeed a trying hour for the Republic; but I see in the near future, a crisis approaching that unnerves me and causes me to tremble for the safety of my country."

"As a result of the war, corporations have been enthroned and an era of corruption in high places will follow, and the money power of the country will endeavor to prolong its reign by working men and prejudices of the people until all wealth is aggregated in a few hands, and the Republic is destroyed. I feel that this moment more anxiety for the safety of my country than ever before, even in the midst of war. God grant that my suspicions may prove groundless."

John C. Calhoun, noted statesman and student of American economics, once said:

"No one can doubt but that the credit of the Government is better than that of any bank, more stable and safe. I now undertake to affirm, and without the least fear that I can be answered, that paper money issued by the Government with promise to receive it for all dues, would not be abused by the Government; that it would be uniform with the metals themselves."

## In Memory Departed Leaders

One of the most impressive parts of the state Farmers Union convention at Beloit was the memorial service, which took place Wednesday noon, October 28. It brought out the real feeling of brotherhood which exists in such rich measure within the ranks of the Farmers Union organization. The service was in honor of the memory of four leaders who had passed during the year: C. C. Kilian, who at the time of his death was president of the Farmers Union Mutual Insurance Co.; E. L. Bullard, who was field representative of the Kansas Farmers Union and who had been closely identified with the development of the Farmers Union Cooperative Creamery and Produce Assn.; C. A. Broom, who was secretary-manager of the Farmers Union Mutual Insurance Co., and H. D. Collins, formerly a member of the executive board of board of directors of the Insurance Co., and lecturer and organizer for the state organization.

W. J. Spencer, now president-manager of the Farmers Union Mutual Insurance company, spoke in part of the work of Mr. Kilian, who resided at Green, Kansas:

"It is rather a hard matter for me to get up here and talk about Chris Kilian. He was a personal friend of mine and a very good friend, too. We all go the same route sooner or later, and at some future time, some of our friends will be doing this for us. It is well we should take a few minutes to think over the past. Mr. Kilian was not a man who was showy. He was kind. When he was once your friend, he was your friend forever. I do not suppose there was anybody else more about C. C. Kilian than the insurance family did. He was born Ap-

ril 9, 1880, and departed on April 13, 1931, at the age of 51 years. He came to Kansas in 1885, and was a pioneer of this state, and a pioneer of the Farmers Union. Such men as C. C. Kilian are outstanding and few. We feel it is an honor to know such men."

Mr. A. W. Seamans, manager of the Farmers Union Cooperative Creamery, was next to speak. His words were in memory of Mr. Bullard. Mr. Seamans said:

"I appreciate this opportunity to speak a few words in memory of our late friend and brother, E. L. Bullard, whose face will be missed at this convention for the first time in a great many years."

"While I deem it an honor to be called upon to speak in memory of him whose friendship I valued highly and whose counsel I sought frequently, I feel incapable of giving expression in words that would do justice to his life. He was an ardent worker in the cooperative movement. He lived firmly in the principles of cooperation and practiced them in his daily life. Quoting his own words, which I have heard him repeat often, 'The only hope for improved conditions of agriculture lies in the field of cooperation among farmers.' It was through active service in the Farmers Union that he gave full expression to this belief. I think we would be thoroughly justified in saying that next to his family, he loved the Farmers Union best."

"He first became a member of the Farmers Union in Ness County, Kansas, about 1910. In 1912, with his family, he moved on the farm at Vassar, Osage county Kansas, where he resided with his family of wife and sons at the time of the fatal automobile accident."

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### IT'S TIME TO ENLIST

A few 1932 dues are coming in. Of course it is too early to expect a great volume of 1932 dues to be paid, and yet this is a mighty good time to be starting with them. A good early start will be a big help, not only to the local secretaries and other local and county officials, but to the organization as a whole. When a local sends in 1932 dues early, it marks that local as one that is very much alive. We can expect big things from such locals.

Right now is a very good time to be laying plans for the next year's program. A mighty fine, inspiring state convention just has been completed. The attendance, the interest shown, and the activity and enthusiasm displayed by the many delegates and visitors prove beyond a doubt that the Farmers Union in Kansas is full of the vital spark of life, and ready to go ahead and accomplish much that will be immeasurably to the advantage of the average Kansas farmer.

The program of the Farmers Union, as outlined in the resolutions adopted at the convention in Beloit, is a militant program. That is as it should be, for the Kansas Farmers Union is a militant organization. It is made up of a membership of a class of people—substantial Kansas farmers—who always have enjoyed the reputation of being militant, who are ever ready to push forward regardless of temporary setbacks. These Kansans of the farms are realizing more and more that their forward progress depends on organization. They have seen other groups advanced through organization—sometimes to the disadvantage of the agricultural group.

No doubt it would be a good idea for every friend of the Farmers Union in Kansas to refer to the Kansas Union Farmer issued under date of November 5, and study the resolutions adopted at the state convention. General discussions of these resolutions, which comprise the program to which we aspire, should be held at the various local and county meetings. Study them as individual farmers and as groups. You will see that your organization has a program which is well worth putting over. It calls for the best there is in each and every one of us. If this program is put over, Kansas farmers will have won a great victory. The one thing required to carry out this program is WORK—work on the part of every secretary, every president, every officer in any capacity, as well as of every member of the Farmers Union in Kansas. Surely every member will be wanting to do his or her part.

The Farmers Union in Kansas not only needs you, but it needs your neighbor as well. Without organization—without members—the Farmers Union is powerless to go ahead and do any good. Your organization must depend on YOU and other good members of your unit to see that we go into 1932 with a strong membership. If farmers fail to organize, they cannot expect to receive any attention when they make demands for the betterment of agriculture. Agriculture as a class has been slipping—losing ground. It is mortgaged to such an extent that it bears the relationship of a slave to other industries. It has slipped because it is not organized sufficiently. But it is inconceivable to believe it will remain that way without a struggle to have its just rights. Only one avenue of escape from its present condition is available—and that is through organization and cooperation.

Instead of 15,000 members in Kansas, the membership should be at least 50,000. Just think of our strength with such numbers unitedly fighting for our rights! Just think what we could do! Is it too big a thing to try? If we admit it's too big a thing to attain, then we admit our inferiority. We can do it. There should be no question about it. Don't you think, with such a definite and constructive program laid out as a plan of procedure, that more farmers in your neighborhood should identify themselves with the Farmers Union?

Do you realize that your dues, and initiation fees in the case of new members, constitute a very small INVESTMENT, considering what can be accomplished through organization? Laborers are organized—and behold the results. Laborers pay a great deal more into their unions than the farmers are having to pay into their Union. Laborers have found it well worth while in the long run.

There is more to membership in the Farmers Union than the mere social part apparent in your local. That is important, but the big thing in holding a membership in the Farmers Union is knowing that you are enlisted in a nation-wide fight for farmers' rights. You owe it to yourself and to your neighbor to enlist in this great fight. Think it over—then act.

### THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

By the time this issue of the Kansas Union Farmer reaches its readers, the national convention of the Farmers Union will be in session at Des Moines, Iowa. The dates of the convention are November 17, 18 and 19. The Farmers Union of Kansas is represented by three very able men, who were elected as delegates by virtue of the election at Beloit, during the Kansas Farmers Union convention. These three men are Clifford Miller of Brewster, W. P. Lambertson of Fairview, and Tom Wells of Elmdale. Many other people of the Kansas Farmers Union, including your state president, Cal A. Ward, and your secretary-treasurer, Floyd H. Lynn, will be in attendance.

Just as the Kansas convention was one of great significance, so is the national convention. The time is here when the eyes of the entire nation are focused on the outstanding militant farm organization. Every one knows that it is squarely up to the farmer to do something about his present economic condition. Every one knows that whatever is done will be done through organization. That is why they all are watching the Farmers Union, for it is the very essence of farm organization.

In our next issue, we hope to be able to tell you something of what takes place at Des Moines. The convention is one that will likely go down in the history of the Farmers Union organization as one of the most important ever held.

### The President's Column

By CAL A. WARD

#### AN ENJOYABLE TRIP TO NORTH DAKOTA

It was my pleasure this week to attend the North Dakota Farmers Union State Convention, and to be on the program as one of the speakers. I left Kansas City Sunday evening, November 8, and arrived at Bismarck, North Dakota, the place of the convention, late Monday evening.

Long before I arrived at Bismarck I knew the convention was in session. As I sat comfortably in the observation car of the Northern Pacific train I caught the voice of Charley Talbott as the attendant dialed the radio. I immediately became interested and asked that this station be tuned in and I found I was, by that time, listening to A. W. Ricker who had just then started talking, and who was giving a very descriptive address on the drought situation of Dakota and Montana. At the conclusion of his address, E. E. Greene, Secretary of the North Dakota Farmers Union, went on the air and I listened to him until I had a row with one of the passengers who was also enjoying the accommodations of the observation car.

The opening gun of the row was fired when this guy said he was tired of listening to the farmers belly-ache about their condition, and asked to have another station tuned in. He was well dressed and wore on his finger that which looked to me like a diamond worth a thousand dollars or so. He told me he was going to Seattle, Washington. I suggested to him that possibly the drought situation of Montana and North Dakota was worse than he thought and maybe these gentlemen were sincere in giving their descriptive account of the situation. I didn't waste my breath talking to this bird long, but I talked to him long enough to get his number and to definitely determine in my mind that he belongs to the same gang and class as a lot of other fellows I have met, and you have met, in the last several months, who don't know beans about the farmers, their conditions and their problems.

I am sure I cannot impart to you readers my state of mind as I heard this fellow rave. I did say to myself, that if the thousands of farmers all over the country who are unorganized would have heard this fellow, and got his number as I did, it would spur them into line of action and every one of them would join the Farmers Union.

Really folks, what are we going to do about it? Are we going to stay by our organization and get our neighbors to join to help straighten out general conditions and set fellows, like this one just referred to, right? Or, are we going to just drift along and expect providence to take care of us, cure all of our ills, and solve all our problems?

I am telling you people if you had heard the nasty, dirty insinuations about the farmers that I have heard, there isn't a farmer in Kansas or any other state but what would show fight and be ready to get behind our program.

I met another bird since the state convention who was about a half-brother to the one I have just been telling you about. I spoke at a meeting some days ago—and not a Farmers Union meeting by a long ways. I tried to give them a good Farmers Union talk in my own manner and style. As I spoke I thought maybe I was making a hit, and I guess I did "hit", for when I sat down a big burly fellow in the rear of the room rose to his feet, and he, too, suggested he was tired of hearing the farmers yelp. I had briefly touched on taxes, and evidently he took exceptions to what I said on the subject, for he called the chairman's attention to the fact "that others' taxes were more burdensome than the farmers' taxes."

Just as the first referred to occasion, my ire was raised again and I was saved the trouble of making a speech to him because another gentleman got the attention of the chairman and had the floor first. He soon told the man who took exceptions to my speech a lot in a few words. He told this man that the farmer was about the only man who could not pass the tax on. Public Utilities, Corporations, and the Business Men figure the tax in before they price their goods, and the consumer pays the bill.

Well, I could say a lot about the tax question, but will wait until later. I want to burn into our thinking the fact that if we farmers ever expect to get anywhere we will have to look after ourselves and our own interests. May I suggest now that every Farmers Union member take this to heart and go out after some of his neighbors to join hands with us.

#### The North Dakota Convention

The North Dakota Farmers Union convention was a great success. About a thousand men and women were congregated together discussing their problems. The North Dakota Farmers Union is not as old as is the Union in Kansas. In fact, it is only a few years old, and this depression has hit them hard. We don't know what bank failures are in Kansas, as compared to North Dakota. Probably the worst is not over yet, because of the bad drought situation and the low prices farmers receive for their products—if perchance they had any to sell. The people up there are discouraged but they have a determined spirit that causes them to push on.

Charley Talbott is the state President and has been for a number of years. He was re-appointed at this convention. Ed Greene is the State Secretary. Their complete program seems to be going forward nicely, under the existing depressed conditions.

Speakers on the program included National President John Simpson; National Secretary Jimmie O'Shea; M. W. Thatcher, Manager F. U. Terminal Association at St. Paul; A. W. Ricker, Editor Farmers Union Herald; Charles Egle, Manager F. U. Live Stock Commission at South St. Paul; and several others. All gave good messages—messages which should and did cause all present to determine anew that they would be more loyal to the organization and work for greater efficiency in all the activities.

I came back from the convention with a new inspiration that the Farmers Union will go on and grow and develop into a real body of militant farmers who are ever interested in saving our people and our industry. As we go to Des Moines for the National Convention all of us should be determined that we will come through this convention more unified and united that we might present a strong defense looking toward agricultural betterment.

### TAX RELIEF DEPARTMENT

By JOHN FROST, Blue Rapids, Kansas

No. 9

#### CHARLEY SCOTT'S TAX PLAN FOR KANSAS

No one ever accused Charley Scott, former Congressman and long a recognized Kansas statesman, of being a radical. He has been a conservative, a standpatter of the Old Guard. Here is his tax plan:

1. Let gasoline and automobile taxes pay all costs of roads and bridges.
2. Let a graduated income tax pay all costs of schools and education and state administration.
3. Let tangible property pay the balance for local administration.

In a recent issue of his Iowa Register announcing this plan, Mr. Scott looked clearly into the future for a tax plan that means real relief. "The income tax amendment to the constitution will in all probability be passed at the next election. But after that it will be up to the Governor and the Legislature to shape a program of tax reform around it that will really do Kansas some good. If such a program (as just given above) could be put into operation in Kansas, people would hardly know that they were paying taxes, aside from those with big incomes who could well afford to pay."

For the year 1930 the total tax paid for all purposes in Kansas (not counting the U. S. income tax nor fees paid to state institutions) that is, the total tax paid to County Treasurers, was in round numbers substantially:

Total general property tax for all purposes.....\$ 94,000,000  
Total auto license and gas taxes.....15,000,000

Total taxes.....\$109,000,000

This total tax of \$109,000,000 was spent substantially as follows:

All roads—state, counties, townships.....\$ 29,000,000  
Common schools, high schools, state colleges—all schools.....43,000,000  
State government.....5,000,000  
Local government—counties, cities, townships.....32,000,000

Total taxes.....\$109,000,000

Now if the Scott tax plan had been used, of this \$109,000,000, the auto and gas tax would have paid the \$29,000,000 road tax. The income tax would have paid the \$43,000,000 school tax and the \$5,000,000 state tax. And only \$32,000,000, in place of \$94,000,000 under our present plan, would have been raised by our general property tax that is such a burden to real estate. This \$32,000,000 is only 34 per cent of the \$94,000,000 general property tax paid last year. That is, the general property tax would have been reduced to only one-third the usual amount.

### THE INSURANCE CORNER

By W. J. Spencer, President-Manager

On October 30th, 1931, our office received a report of a loss by fire from School District Number Fourteen, near Clifton, Kansas. When Mr. George Peak went to this school to investigate the claim, he found that the fire originated around the furnace chimney and in a closet back of the furnace. The total damage amounted to \$25.50. But the story is not yet complete. When Miss Evelyn Lyon, the teacher of this school, discovered the fire, she marched the children out of the school house to the roadside, then returned to the school house and closed the windows, emptied the fire extinguisher on the fire, closed the doors and then went after help. Through her efforts, the fire was put out, school was not interrupted, the school district did not sustain a loss, and the loss to the Insurance Company was nominal. Miss Lyons is to be congratulated for displaying courage and good judgment at a time when most people would lose their head.

Our agents meetings at Girard, Ottawa, and Holton were very successful. The attendance was good, considering the fact that the side roads were muddy and there was rain every day. Our agency force is improving all the time, and our goal is the best agency force in Kansas.

### NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES

#### WATERVILLE FOLKS HAD SPELLING MATCH PROGRAM

Farmers Union No. 782 of Waterville, Kans., meets the fourth Wednesday night of each month. Our last meeting was on Oct. 28. The regular order of business was conducted.

Since our president was at Beloit, attending the state meeting, our vice president took charge of the meeting. We had no program prepared for that evening, so the crowd enjoyed a spelling match.

Mrs. Harry Lamoreaux, Mrs. A. M. Papes, Mrs. Charles Copeland, were appointed as program committee. Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Shellar and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Meyers of the Blanchville local were visitors. We are all very glad to have visitors from any other local. Come when ever you can. You will always be welcome.

The ladies served a nice lunch at the close of the evening. At our next meeting, which is November 25, all ladies are requested to bring a sack for each member of their family and one extra sack. Each sack should contain enough for one person.

Folks, try and remember when these meetings are, and be present.

Reporter, Mrs. John Tommer.

#### UNION ELECTED NEW OFFICERS

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Osborne County Farmers Union Business Assn. was held November 4, at the Blair theatre. In the election of officers J. C. Wonderlich, Osborne, was chosen president and Lew Brent of Alton, vice president; N. A. Bessing, Covert, will be secretary and C. R. Bradley of Portis, treasurer, during the coming year. Directors elected were: Herman Raker, Downs, director at large; Lew Brent, Alton; John Yost, Downs; C. R. Bradley, Portis.

The auditor's report showed that the organization had done over a million dollar business in the preceding year, and had shipped 1,154,000 bushels of grain of various kinds. The gross business the past year amounted to \$1,037,886, which compares favorably with a gross for the year before of \$1,208,201. The lower prices which have prevailed a year past indicates that the Union has been right on the job all the time and just as alert as in the past.

The organization fields a tremendous force in maintaining markets and this aspect of their efforts alone is worth a great deal to members and farmers outside the organization as well—Osborne County Farmer.

#### GOING STRONG AT BREMEN

Hello Farmer Union Folks: I will write and let you know that the Bremen Local 2122 is still going, although not as strong as I would like to see it. I hope, however, that we all put our shoulders to the wheel, so we can reach the goal that was set for us by Uncle John Tromble.

On Wednesday night, November 1, our Local held its regular meeting. We heard the report of our delegate to the state meeting at Beloit. At this meeting we selected our delegates to our county meeting at Blue Rapids and I hope that all Locals of our county have a full delegation to this meeting. We have arranged for a joint meeting with neighboring locals for Friday night, November 13, to arrange an educational program and to discuss the welfare of our organization and plans as they were brought before us in our state meeting at Beloit.

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Now at this time of depression let us stick together and work together; that is the only way to get anywhere. Let us pay up our dues. Let us attend our meeting. Do not think that if you paid your dues you have done all your duty. You have not. Your officers can not put this big gigantic job over, if they do not get your support. So let us pull together and make 1932 the banner year.

F. C. Pralle, Secretary.

#### FRANKLIN COUNTY FOLKS DOING THINGS RIGHT

Listen to Reports of Delegates to State Convention and Pass Supporting Resolutions

Although the weather was a little uncertain Tuesday evening, Nov. 10, we had a nice crowd of around 150 persons present at our basket supper and meeting at the Masonic hall in Ottawa.

Mr. G. N. Saylor, our county delegate to the state convention, gave a good general report of the convention. It was the first time Mr. Saylor had ever attended a Farmers Union convention and he was very much impressed with the fine quality of the entire program.

Messrs. T. G. Ramsey, Elson Thayer, A. R. Carpenter, L. A. Zerbe and Mrs. J. H. Young, who were some of the delegates of the various locals and business associations of the county, gave reports of the different business activities of the organization. We took the jokes they told on each other for what we thought they were worth and were glad they all had the privilege of being there. Mr. Robert Tulloss favored us with a nice vocal solo and Mrs. A. J. Nichols gave two fine readings which were a real pleasure to us all.

In the election of officers the present officers were reelected. I was in hopes they would select someone else to fill my office as I have had it for four years and surely there are others who would enjoy a change besides me. I certainly appreciate the courtesy that has been shown me and if in any way I have been of service to the Farmers Union, I know it has been for a good cause.

We are planning on making a canvass of the locals to secure shoes and winter clothing to send to the needy of the northwest and maybe do a little to help out.

Our next meeting is to be held in Ottawa with the head officials of the Farmers Union Produce Ass'n. and a member of the Farm Board meeting with us. Will have to send notice of this meeting later as we could not get a date for the hall so far in advance.

The following resolutions as presented by that committee were adopted.

We are against the legalization of beer and wish to go on record as being against the repeal of the 18th amendment.

We are in accord with the state Farmers Union in favor of the income tax amendment.

We are ready to join with the friends of the agricultural marketing act, so that it will become more effective in meeting the problems of co-

## THOWE TELLS OF MANY PROBLEMS OF THE MANAGER

Calls Attention to Fact that Managerial Association Proposes to Get Highest Prices for Products

### ATTENTION TO TRUCKS

Says Truckmen Not Favorable to Co-operative Marketing Take Live Stock from Farmers Union Firm  
One of the most significant talks heard at Beloit at the state convention of the Farmers Union was given by C. B. Thowe of Alma, Kansas. Mr. Thowe is president of the Kansas (continued on page 4)

operative marketing organizations. We appeal to the members of our locals to pay their dues and give their support to the Kansas Farmers Union in carrying out their program.  
Mrs. Harry Morgan, Secretary.

### RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY (Franklin County)

Whereas, It has pleased our Heavenly Father to remove from our midst our sister, Mrs. Lulu Hetzel. Be it therefore resolved that we, the members of Rock Creek Local, Farmers Union No. 2149, extend to the bereaved family our heartfelt sympathy in this hour of sorrow. Be it further resolved that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, a copy sent to the Farmers Union paper for publication, and a copy spread on the minutes of our local committee.

Mrs. Howard Kissingner, Mrs. T. G. Ramsey, Mrs. L. A. Zerbe, H. A. Kissingner, Secretary. Rock Creek Local 2149.

### CARD OF THANKS

We take this opportunity to thank the Farmers Union members of Grantville Local No. 1214, who so willingly helped do our work. They may rest assured that it was highly appreciated.  
—Mr. and Mrs. Aug. F. Trumpp, Riley, Kansas.

### BLANCHVILLE NO. 796 MARSHALL COUNTY, MEETS

The regular meeting of the Blanchville Farmers Union was held Tuesday night, November 3.

The meeting was of much interest to everyone there. Mr. O. W. Dam, our delegate to the state convention at Beloit, gave his report in fine shape and should be commended on the way he told the news to the members. The program was the musical kind which everyone enjoys.

Mrs. Rigney, Grace Rodkey and Melton Olson of Marysville sang and played some of Mrs. Rigney's own compositions. Mr. Trovante and Mr. Tommer of the Waterville local also gave short talks on the state convention.

After the program a lunch was served. The committee was Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Olson, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Vail and Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Dam.

The next meeting will be December 1st. Everybody come. —M. M.

### SPRING HILL LOCAL HAD GOOD PROGRAM AT MEETING

Minneapolis, Kansas.  
Floyd H. Lynn, Salina, Kans.

The Spring Hill Local No. 1570 held a good meeting Friday evening, October 23. The usual business was conducted, followed by discussions. The questionnaire was voted on. One new member was voted on to be initiated at the next meeting. J. A. Myers attended the convention of Cooperative organizations at Hutchinson last week one day and gave an account of the meeting.

After the closing ode was sung the meeting was turned over to the program committee. Every one present enjoyed the program which was the first of the season. We have a program once a month through the winter.

Mrs. C. E. Blades, Reporter.

### MARSHALL COUNTY ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Marshall County Farmers Union will be held in Blue Rapids, Tuesday, Dec. 1, commencing at 11 o'clock. A good program is being prepared along with our famous basket dinner. In accordance with a request from our honorable president, Cal A. Ward, all locals are urged to solicit old clothes or used garments from their members, who may have outgrown them, and have their delegates bring them to our annual meeting, where they will be assembled and sent to our suffering members in drought-stricken North Dakota.

Richard H. Mackey, Secretary.

### ANDERSON COUNTY MEETING

The Anderson County Farmers Union meeting will be held at Cedar Creek school house, four miles northwest of Welda, and two and one-half miles southeast of Mont. Ida, on Saturday, Nov. 21. This will be an all day meeting with basket dinner at noon. Mr. C. H. Gustafson will be the speaker and will speak in behalf of the new Colony Farmers Union creamery. Every one is invited to attend.

C. A. Watkinson, Co. President

### NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF RILEY CO. FARMERS UNION

The annual meeting of the Riley County Farmers Union No. 45, will be held at Oak Grove school house, Saturday, December 5.

Officers for 1932 will be elected and any other business that may come before the meeting will be transacted. Dinner will be served at noon. All Union members are invited.

Yours truly,  
Gust Larson, Secretary.



## Junior Cooperators by Aunt Patience

### HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THIS DEPARTMENT

Any boy or girl between the ages of six and sixteen, whose father is a member in good standing of the Farmers' Union, who writes a letter for publication, can be a member of this department, and is entitled to a pin. In order to receive a book, he must signify his intentions to study the lessons and send them in. We cannot send out books to those who do not intend to send their lessons. The address to which all Juniors should send their letters is: Aunt Patience in care of the KANSAS UNION FARMER, Salina, Kansas.

### NOVEMBER LESSON

Dear Junior Cooperators:  
One day out minister preached a beautiful sermon on the value of being able to put first things first, or to first find what is most valuable to us and then concentrate upon those things particularly. So we decided at that time to put our church activities first, and then we went to the "Great

### OUR JUNIOR INSTRUCTOR



MRS. MARY CAMPBELL,  
of Kincaid, Kansas.

State Convention of the Farmers' Union" at Beloit, and we decided that it is almost impossible to separate the future of the youth of our land from the actual activities of church obligation, therefore we have decided to add the Juniors, as a first thing in our life and so from now on we will have a lesson once each month, and if anything interferes with your Junior Instructor, that she is not able to prepare one, we know another good lady who will. So, Juniors, you are going to be well cared for the rest of this year, and at the beginning of the year, we hope that each of the nine hundred Juniors will do the lessons, for we are going to try to have a well thought out lesson for each month, and you will gladden the heart of your Junior Instructor, as well as Aunt Patience, if you will try to do them all. For each time you do a lesson you are sure to write Aunt Patience, and O, you do not know how pleased Aunt Patience is to hear from you.

I want to tell you a little secret. I saw Aunt Patience as I came home from the convention, and she is looking more charming than ever, but there was a sad light in her eyes when she showed me her letter box from the Juniors. She said, "That letter box should be crowded full, but see, it is only about half full." Then she mentioned several of you who used to write her often, and she said, "They do not write me any more." Now you do you? I am sure you do not, so get busy and write her at once, telling her some of your plans and what you are doing for she is always most vitally interested in you.

I was going to give you an entirely different lesson this month, and then I thought this is the month containing the day we call Armistice, therefore I am sending you a lesson talking about war and the horrors of war and asking you to do all in your power, Juniors, to promote peace. This lesson may be a little hard for some of you, but get your parents or your teacher to help you with it, for the thoughts in this lesson should find their way into every home, not only in America, but the whole world, that never again can we have the terrible experience of war. I dislike to talk to the Juniors about so unpleasant a topic, I wish that the lessons might always be gay and glad, but there are serious problems before us today, and the children as well as grown ups must have a part in solving them. Juniors if you can grow up knowing the real terrors of war, and learn in your youth to hate it in all its monstrous ways, then maybe you as statesmen may be able to avert war, and give the money wasted for such purposes to the building of a beautiful structure, "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men."

Sincerely,  
Your Junior Instructor.

Here are a few things you may ask your parents, and in that way get them interested in a peace program. Are you circulating a Disarmament Petition? Write for one to this office, 180 Longwood Ave., Boston, Mass. Total cost of national defense for the United States in 1900, 1929, \$678,419,795. Appropriations for the coming year amount to more than \$700,000,000. Are we all aware of the great Disarmament Conference, to be held next year? Is each of us doing his best to make it a success and not a failure? "I do not like to contemplate," said Lord Gray recently, "the failure of next

year's conference. Its consequences will be appalling."

Who said before a microphone that carried his voice over half the world, "War hurts everybody, benefits nobody except the profiteers, and settles nothing"? Field Marshal Sir William Robertson, "England's greatest living soldier."

And so, Juniors, if the man who sees all the glory and pomp of war, with all its trappings and glorious regalia, can add his testimony to the horrors of war, it behooves us to think and get into this wonderful peace program. This will take cooperation, just as in putting across any other program. Juniors, let us do our bit.

Here is a slogan, copy it with the lesson:  
"He Loves His Country Best,  
Who Strives to Make It Best!"

Here is lesson 1 sent out by International Cooperation to prevent war, also a poem, that will be hard for you but some of you may understand and the other Juniors may get their part to explain. The poem is supposed to be the dead soldiers talking and they ask us to prevent war, by thinking up some way to prevent war. At the head of this poem is an etching or little drawing of a slain soldier, and by his side half reclining, half kneeling is another soldier, and his face is turned upward, and we imagine the thing he is trying to say is, "O God, why need this be; help me to carry on, and in some way help to end this terrible thing."

"THE BOY IN ARMOR"  
By Hermann Hagedorn  
You cried across the worlds, and called us sons!

We came as sons, but what you made of us  
Were bleeding shapes upon an altar,  
slain  
To appease your god INERTIA where he sits  
Muttering dead words and chewing at his bones.  
BECAUSE WE WOULD NOT  
THINK, WE HAD TO DIE.  
Weep not for us, but for your own  
trapped selves.  
We died. And there you stand, no  
step advanced!

Bow down, and hear! You have more  
sons than these;  
And they have fancies and imaginings  
And dauntless spirits and hearts made  
for love.  
And clean hands and clean eyes and  
high desires.  
They will go forth and die, if you  
command.  
As we have died, since they love  
liberty  
Even as we loved her and would give  
her cause  
The only gift they are aware is theirs.

WAKE, DREAMING WORLD! Oh,  
THINK, gray world bewitched!  
Out through untraveled spaces where  
no mind  
Has dared to venture, let your sails  
be spread!  
O world, there is another way to serve  
Justice and liberty, than thus to fling  
The glory and the wonder of young  
manhood  
Beneath the hoofs of horses! Send  
your soul  
Into the earth and through the clouds  
to find it!  
Dead eyes keep watch! You shall not  
sleep nor rest.  
We died. And now you others who  
must live  
Shall do a harder thing than dying  
is.  
For you shall THINK! And ghosts  
will drive you on!

THE FRUITS OF VICTORY  
(Lesson 1)  
Paris saw two great processions upon  
Armistice Day. One was the usual  
parade to celebrate the victory that  
the allied nations won six years ago.  
The other was a column of fifteen  
hundred or more of the shattered and  
maimed victims of the great war,  
which passed in its slow and halting  
march down the Champs Elysees from  
the Arc de Triomphe to the Place de la  
Concorde.

At the head of that extraordinary  
procession thousands of blinded men,  
staring with sightless eyes into the  
blankness, walked hand in hand be-  
tween the bareheaded, silent crowds  
that lined the most beautiful of  
streets. After the blind came those  
who had lost their arms or legs or  
who had been crippled for life through  
the effects of gas; they stumbled,  
limped or trailed along, many of them  
on crutches. Last came hundreds of  
taxicabs in which rode the men who  
were too seriously maimed to march  
at all.

For an hour Paris looked on the  
frightful wreckage of modern war.  
It sobbed the inlookers, if sobbing  
they needed. No man who saw that  
pitiful procession could think of the  
day as an occasion for rejoicing in  
the military prowess of France. It  
was rather a day for them to meditate  
on the frightful cost of even the  
most glorious of wars; on the cruel  
waste of life and strength and happi-  
ness that is the price of victory and  
the bitter sting of defeat; on the  
folly and recklessness of mankind  
which never learns or learns so slowly  
the meaning and the beauty of brotherhood.

How fortunate it would be for  
France and for the world if the march  
of those broken, tormented men might  
be emblematic of the course of our  
civilization—away from the arch dedi-  
cated to celebrate military triumph

and toward the place dedicated to con-  
cord among the peoples of the world.  
—Youths Companion, Dec. 11, 1924.

HUMAN COSTS OF WAR  
10,000,000 known dead soldiers.  
3,000,000 presumed dead soldiers.  
13,000,000 Dead Civilians.  
20,000,000 Wounded.  
3,000,000 Prisoners.  
9,000,000 War orphans.  
5,000,000 War widows.  
10,000,000 Refugees.

A parade of ten million men march-  
ing from daylight to dark, ten abreast,  
with each line only two seconds behind  
the other, would require forty-six days  
to pass a given point. The rest of  
the loss is impossible to visualize.—  
Kirby Page; War.

Juniors, here is a Nature Story that  
I desire you to read.

WESTERN MOCKINGBIRD  
T. Chambers Atkinson

What Robin Redbreast is to the  
Eastern states this glorious song-  
ster is to the Southwest. He is as  
sociable as the robin; and he  
spends most of his time hunting  
earthworms on the lawn, or sing-  
ing lustily from a chimney top.

His outstanding characteristic  
is that of mocking other birds.  
However, he does not limit his  
mocking to the songs of other  
birds. One individual, who spent  
much of his time in a honeysuckle  
vine beneath my window, mimicked  
the pathetic cries of lost  
baby chickens. Undoubtedly he  
had picked up some poultry run.  
while feeding in some poultry run.  
Later in the year this same bird  
seemed to take great delight in  
mocking the harsh notes emanat-  
ing from a near-by corner where  
automobile brakes were constantly  
shrieking!

On a moonlight night he cannot  
restrain his love for singing. He  
becomes a warbler and a roller  
all in the same bundle of feathers,  
and he sings the long night  
through.

QUESTIONS FOR THE LESSON

1. Tell in your own words some of  
the bad things about war.  
2. Tell me what you think the poem  
means.  
3. Do you think it would be a good  
thing if we could see all the cripples  
and blind folks caused by war on  
Armistice day as well as the big  
dressed up parade?

4. I want each one of you to tell me  
in a little essay what you think about  
war, and be sure to put your name  
and address, also your age, on each  
lesson, for I am grading by age this  
year, dividing the Juniors into pri-  
mary and intermediate grades.

Juniors, there is talk next year of  
raising the age limit of the Juniors to  
18 or 21 years so that one may be a  
Junior until he is older, for you know  
we have lost some of our Juniors be-  
cause of the age limit. Write Aunt  
Patience and tell her what you think  
of this for she will be real glad to  
know what your opinion of the mat-  
ter is. And listen, Juniors, we have  
missed five lessons in succession, but  
we are going forward with the prizes  
just the same. Those of you who did  
the May lesson can go right on now  
and those of you who have joined  
since begin right here. Every one  
will be rewarded this year for trying,  
so get into the game and let's finish  
it. It isn't the start always that  
counts, but how you finish.

MEMORY QUOTATION

Here is a little memory quotation,  
to put in your scrap book, also copy  
in the lesson. Let's practice what it  
says and by saying kind things to oth-  
ers, it will also make us happy as  
well, so we gain either way. Hurry  
up with the lessons now and write  
Aunt Patience.

God has given us tongues that we  
may say something pleasant to our  
fellow men.—Heine.

Dear Juniors: Well, here is the long  
promised lesson—but it was worth  
waiting for, wasn't it? I do hope  
that you will all save it and study it  
carefully—think about it, before you  
send in your completed lessons to me.

We are all deeply interested in the  
prevention of war—it is a subject that  
touches us all very closely. Even if  
your generation doesn't FIGHT in  
a war—remember, you and your  
children and your children's children  
will be busy all your lives paying for  
our last great war, through taxation.

We have subdued and done away  
with many diseases that once took a  
heavy toll of lives—small pox, ty-  
phoid, diphtheria and rabies are only  
a few of them which, when properly  
treated, yield easily to the discoveries  
of modern science. So, too, can we do  
away with war, if the youth of our  
country and of the world can be  
convinced of its horrors and its utter  
uselessness.

Many of you haven't sent in your  
Thanksgiving letter yet—remember,  
there's a prize of one dollar for the  
best letter, telling the things you have  
to be thankful for this Thanksgiving.  
I'm going to extend the time limit a  
little on this—letters may enter this  
contest which are received by Novem-  
ber 23rd. We'll try to have the prize  
winning letter published in next  
week's paper, unless too many are re-  
ceived to be judged in this short time.  
Aunt Patience.

Geneseo, Kansas,  
Oct. 28, 1931.

Dear Aunt Patience:  
Can I be a member? I was eight  
May 28 and in the fourth grade. I  
will try to get my lessons in. I like  
my school.

Please send me a book and pin.  
Good bye,  
Roberta Workman.

Care of Tom Workman.  
Dear Roberta: Yes, we're glad to have  
you as a new member of the Junior  
Cooperators. We're going to have a  
lesson soon—so be sure to watch for  
it. We don't have any books just now  
—but we'll get them soon and I'll send  
you yours as soon as I can.—Aunt  
Patience.

Catherine, Kansas,  
Oct. 26, 1931.

Dear Aunt Patience:  
How are you? I am fine. I am go-  
ing to school. I am in the fifth  
grade. My teacher is Leiker. I have

a cat. Her name is Betty. Every  
evening I have to milk seven cows.  
My birthday is March 18. Have I a  
twin?

Please send me a book and a pin.  
Yours truly,  
Mary Schneider.  
Care of Frank Schneider, Star route.

Dear Mary:  
Welcome to the Club—I'll send your  
book and pin just as soon as I can. My  
that's a good many cows to milk—how  
long does it take? You must watch  
for your twin—you forgot to tell us  
how old you are. Write us soon again.  
Aunt Patience.

Hallowell, Kansas,  
October 17, 1931

Dear Aunt Patience:  
How are you? I am fine and hope  
you are the same. I received my  
book and pin Saturday and thought  
they were nice. I ran out of ink and  
had to finish this with a pencil. When  
are you going to send the lessons  
out? Hurry up. I will close.  
Your friend,  
Harry Beecham Jr.

Dear Harry:  
I'm so glad you liked your book and  
pin. The lessons are printed in the  
paper, one each month—we do not  
mail them. So watch for them—we're  
going to have one very soon.—Aunt  
Patience.

Hallowell, Kans.,  
October 19, 1931

Dear Aunt Patience:  
How are you? I am just fine.  
When are you going to send out our  
lessons? I sure wish they would be  
printed soon. My brother and sister  
received their book and pin. They  
sure think they are nice. My birth-  
day is February 28. Have I a twin?  
I am in the eighth grade. I am 12  
years of age. Well, I will close for  
the present. I wish you would send  
me a picture of yourself. How old  
are you?

Your niece,  
Lois Beecham.

Dear Lois:  
We're going to have a lesson soon,  
now, so watch for it. I have a twin,  
all "ready-made" for you—it's Mary  
Wolf of Grainfield, and her birthday  
is on February 28th, also. I hope  
you'll write each other a lot. I don't  
have any good pictures just now, but  
when I get one, I'll print it in the pa-  
per. How old do you think I am? Yes,  
my answers to your letters are often  
delayed—but I've done pretty well  
with yours, haven't I?—Aunt Patience

Hallowell, Kansas,  
October 17, 1931

Dear Aunt Patience:  
I received my book and pin Satur-  
day. I am fine and sure hope you are  
the same. My brother thought his  
book and pin were very nice. We nev-  
er saw Junior's letter in the paper and  
I thought you had lost it but he got  
his book and pin, so I guess you nev-  
er. Well, I will close cause it is  
about supper time. When are you  
going to send our lessons?

Yours with love,  
Harold Beecham.

Dear Harold:  
Your brother's letter was in the pa-  
per—you must have missed it. We're  
going to have the lessons on our pa-  
per, in the paper and we're going to have  
one soon. Please write soon—what  
are you going to do Thanksgiving?  
Aunt Patience.

Rush Center, Kansas,  
Oct. 19, 1931.

Dear Aunt Patience:  
I received my book and pin some  
time ago and am sure pleased with  
them and want to thank you very  
much for them. When are we going  
to have another lesson? We haven't  
had one for a long time. I have not  
found my twin yet. My birthday is  
August 18 and I was 14. Aunt Pa-  
tience, you promised to put your pic-  
ture in the paper a long time ago, and  
you haven't yet. When are you?

There sure is a lot of children in our  
club aren't there? You forget to put  
my name on the club roll and Aunt  
Patience, I read in the paper where  
you gave a girl another pin because  
she lost her's. May I have another  
as I have lost mine? I must close  
for this time, and hope to hear from  
my twin sister.

Your niece,  
Maxine Weltmer.

Dear Maxine:  
I'm glad you liked the book and pin  
I sent you—we're going to have a  
lesson very soon. No, I didn't really  
promise to put any picture in the pa-  
per—I think I said I'd try to. Oh, I'm  
sorry your name was "omitted on the  
Roll"—I'll put it on right away. No,  
I've never given pins to replace those  
lost—that would cost too much, as  
there have been quite a few losses.  
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Hays, Kansas,  
Oct. 7, 1931.

Dear Aunt Patience:  
This is the second time I've been  
writing. I didn't have time to write  
because I have been busy with my  
school work. I didn't get my book  
and pin yet. I will close with love.  
Yours truly,  
Ottilia Miller.

Care of Peter J. Miller.

Dear Ottilia:  
I wonder what can have happened  
to all of these books and pins—I  
sent them sometime ago. Be sure to  
let me know right away if you haven't  
received it yet. Have you found your  
birthday twin? Please write us  
again.—Aunt Patience.

Axtell, Kansas,  
Oct. 30, 1931.

Dear Aunt:  
My sister Vernie asked me to join  
your club. I thought Vernie's book  
and pin were very pretty, so I want  
to join too. I will try to get my les-  
son. My birthday is December 6. My  
sister Alla's is December 8. I have  
four sisters and one brother.

Yours truly,  
Leo Olson.

P. S. Please send me a book and pin.  
I will be nine years old December 6.  
My father takes the Farmers Union  
paper.

Dear Leo:  
I'm glad that you liked Vernie's  
book and pin—and that you're becom-  
ing a member of our Club. And Ver-  
nie will receive a star on the Member-  
ship Roll, because you joined. Why  
don't you earn one, too, by asking  
your brother and other sisters to join?  
Your book and pin will be sent soon.  
—Aunt Patience.

St. Peter, Kansas,  
Oct. 30, 1931

Dear Aunt Patience:  
I would like to join the club. Please  
send me a book and pin. I will an-  
swer the questions every time. I also  
read the letters every time. My birth-  
day is November 13. I will be seven  
years old. Have I a twin? I am in  
the first grade. My sister Mary told  
me to join the club, so I did. I have  
one half mile to go to school. So this  
will be all for this time.

Rosa Billinger.

P. S. Please send me the book and  
pin. Some children say that they  
didn't get them any more so I don't  
have to say that.

Dear Rosa:

We're so glad that you've decided  
that you want to join our Club—I've  
explained before about our being tem-  
porarily out of books—but when I  
receive them, I'll send you yours right  
away. Watch for your twin and in the  
meantime why don't you write some  
other Junior, whom you think you'd  
like to know better. I'm glad to hear  
that Mary has earned a star on our  
Roll—I hope you will get one too.  
Please write again.—Aunt Patience.

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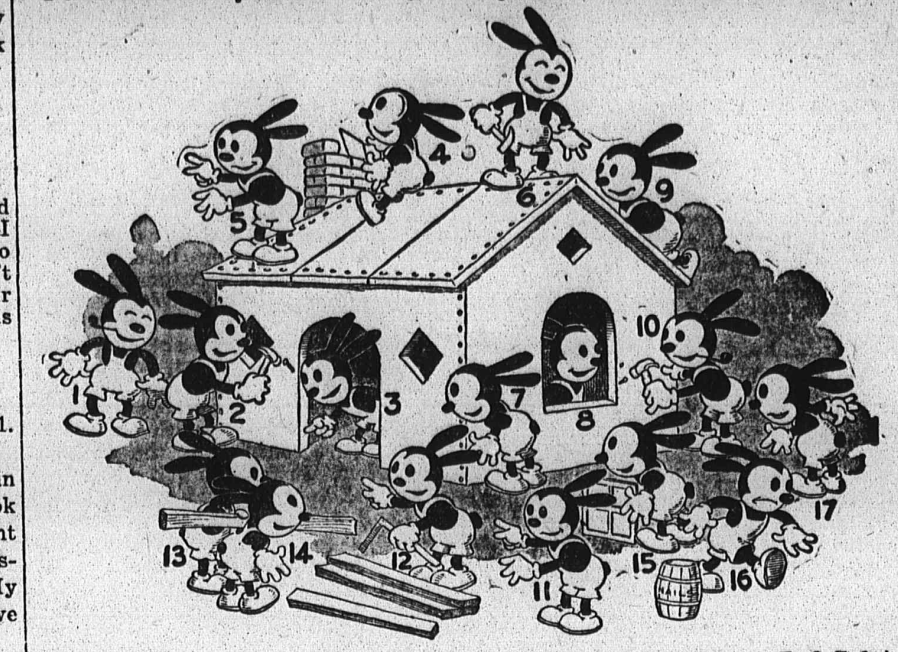
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