

KFU Budget Donations Pass \$1,000 Marker

Many Locals, Co-ops, to Take Part in "Victory Month" Drive to Reach Goal

The Budget Fund has passed the \$1,000 mark in Kansas, as the special Budget Fund "Victory" month gets under way.

Contributions from seven co-operatives helped boost that last fortnight's receipts to a total of \$218.73—and thus bring the grand total to date to \$1,015.73.

The Kansas Farmers Union and National Farmers Union share in the receipts from this state.

A Budget Fund "Victory" month, in which all locals which have not held a fund raising party are asked to do so, is being held this month to swell the percentage of participation in the drive for support of the Farmers Union Expansion Chest. Co-operatives which have not contributed have likewise been asked to do so if at all possible at this time.

Members Should Act

Every Farmers Union member is urged to see that his local, and his co-operative, support the Fund.

With the nature of the Peace ahead now being determined,

Ellsworth Dance Nets Budget \$139

The Ellsworth County Farmers Union held a dance April 6 for the Budget Fund program. Dancing began at 8:00 p. m., and stopped at 11:45 to meet the curfew requirements. Features of the evening included a Grand March, square dances, schottishes, a Cake Walk (cake furnished by Chas. Wanek) and Junior Folk Dances.

A total of \$260.20 was taken in. After all expenses were paid \$139.00 remained.

Mrs. Frank Urbanek, Mrs. Fred Mog, and Wm. Hysell were members of the dance committee.

family farmers need able representation in national affairs as never before.

Large farm interests, in coalition with Big Business, are attempting to see that domestic policy follows old monopolistic patterns. It is reported that the Farm Bureau and United States Chamber of Commerce have issued a report on "Variations in Farm Incomes" in which they recommend that the lower half of farmers be counted out of "agricultural industry in the future, and that national farm policies, including crop control programs (this means control for artificial scarcity) be directed to their benefit only. Such a report would, of course, be only a public affirmation of their long-time position that little farmers should be wiped out, as expressed in the Farm Bureau's efforts to kill FSA.

Contributions to date follow:

Previously reported.....	\$797.00
Farmers Union Cooperative Assn., Beattie.....	\$40.00
Winfield Coop Grocery, Winfield.....	15.00
Arkansas City Coop Creamery.....	50.00
Kellogg Farmers Union Coop Assn., Winfield.....	25.00
Farmers Cooperative Elevator, Greenleaf.....	25.00
Mankota Local No. 1848.....	5.00
Elbow Local No. 1786.....	11.13
F. J. Folkerts, Timken.....	10.00
Farmers Union Elevator Co., Lindsborg.....	15.00
Clyde Cooperative Elevator, Clyde.....	20.00
Fanny E. Pickering, Minneapolis.....	2.60
GRAND TOTAL.....	\$1,015.73

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An Open Letter to the KANSAS CITY STAR

Inasmuch as you refused to print a letter sent you by Glenn J. Talbott, Chairman of the National Farmers Union Regional Resources Development Committee about a Missouri Valley Authority, we write you this open letter, and publish it, so it will see the light of day. We know you wouldn't want your readers to know these truths.

To those of us within the Farmers Union it is obvious what "free" press means to you, i.e.: freedom to censor, freedom to distort, freedom to give your readers a one-sided picture and to suppress the other side. We know, because we have been misrepresented and then denied a voice in your paper.

Your news reports of the Senate Commerce Committee hearing, and your editorial of April 21 commenting on those hearings, have the odor of Herr Goebbels' propaganda techniques.

You did not report the fact that Glenn Talbott, President of the North Dakota Farmers Union, appeared on behalf of M.V.A., or that President E. K. Dean of the Kansas Farmers Union filed a statement for M.V.A.

Then, you proceeded to base an editorial smear aimed at the Farmers Union on your own half-truth.

Your editorial says:

"The Farm organization making the main fight for the M.V.A. is the National Farmers Union, the farm group that works closely with the C.I.O. leaders back East. It has been represented at the hearings by its secretary from the Washington headquarters and its president who lives in the outer reaches of the valley at Denver. The Farmers Union campaign hardly fills the bill of a spontaneous grass roots movement."

That, as you well know, is a lie:

1. Because it is founded on your own refusal to tell your readers all about the people who represented the Farmers Union, and the inference that "outsiders" only represented us could not hold a trace of water if you had reported the whole truth.

2. Because you did not tell your readers

that every state Farmers Union in the Missouri Valley, and the National Farmers Union, voted to support an M.V.A. and that the Washington legislative secretary acted upon their direction, as an employee. (He's not telling the members; they are telling him.)

3. Because you attempt to infer that James G. Patton, National President, has no right to speak as a citizen of the valley with your "outer reaches" phrase. As a matter of fact, Patton lives in the valley just as much as you do—every inch of him, from head to toe.

4. Because you make the untruthful assertion that the drive for an M.V.A. comes from outside the valley and that the "M.V.A. campaign is quite ready to cram it down the valley's throat whether the people like it or not."

That last sentence sounds as if you may be suffering from hallucinations. The editors of the Kansas City Star are not "the people." Of course, by censorship, suppression and distortion you try to make your readers think you speak for the people. But you don't, as your readers would know, if you reported the full truth to them.

Why don't you tell them that the Missouri Farmers Association is for M.V.A.?

Why don't you tell them that the Colorado Grange, as well as the Farmers Union, is for M.V.A.?

Why don't you report some of the testimony favorable to such an agency?

Why didn't you report President Dean's statement?

The answer, of course, is because you think that the Constitutional guarantee of a "free press" gives you a license to freely distort the facts to suit your own fancies, and then to interpret your own lies as if they were facts.

It is your type of "journalism," suppressing, censoring, distorting, mis-stating and misinterpreting truth, which has brought America's "free press" to its lowest estate of all time.

Disrespectfully,

KANSAS UNION FARMER.

Farmers Learn Gas Tax Fund Not for Them

Tractor Gas Money Will Be Spent Entirely on Present System; Not Farm Roads

Farmers in Clay County at a meeting held by the State Highway Department Monday, April 30, were informed by the state highway officials that the money raised through the one cent a gallon gasoline tax passed at the last session of the legislature, will be used entirely in a fund matching program with the Federal government for maintenance and construction of primary and secondary roads.

Highway officials attempted to leave the thought with farmers that the program would benefit farm-to-market roads, but when questioned by those present, it was learned that their interpretation of farm-to-market roads was a great deal different than a farmer's.

No New Roads

It was explained by the highway officials that funds would only be available for use on roads that are already a part of an approved road system. Clay County at the present time has 192 miles of secondary roads in the approved highway system that can receive benefits. It was explained that additional mileage could be added to the system elsewhere by an application from the County Commissioners to the Federal Highway Department. Any work done on the roads out of this fund would have to meet Federal specifications for construction and maintenance work.

Clay County Total

Clay County farmers learned they would receive \$202,000 over a three-year period, one-third each year. It was estimated by the state highway officials that government specifications for grading and graveling roads would cost a minimum of \$5,000 per mile. Out of the \$202,000 it would be possible to meet federal specifications for grading and graveling roads for about 40½ miles in the three-year period, or 13½ miles per year.

More Taxes

When the highway officials were questioned about the program by farmers who were not pleased with the information they received, it was explained by the officials that the people in the county were given the privilege of levying ½ mill on property for building roads, and by a vote they could levy up to ten mills for the purpose. This information did not please those farmers present

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Kansas Co-op's Own Short Story

TOP SOIL, a short story based on the experiences of one of Kansas' Farmers Union co-operatives, by Father W. B. Faherty, S. J., of St. Mary's College, St. Mary's, Kans., is printed on the Education Page (Page 6).

An excellent story, TOP SOIL was one of the ten best in a co-op short story contest sponsored by the Midland Co-operators of St. Paul, Minn.

John Henthorn, Nebraska FU Director, Dies

John Henthorn, Aurora, Nebr., a director of the Nebraska Farmers Union, died suddenly at his home at 3 a. m. Wednesday, May 2, from a heart attack.

Henthorn, for many years a prominent Farmers Union leader in Nebraska, has been an advocate of co-operation between the states, to build a stronger Farmers Union movement. He has frequently assisted in the development of Kansas activities.

Henthorn was 54 years old. He farmed for many years and then became employed by the Aurora Farmers Union Creamery. He was forced by his health to retire from that work about 5 years ago and has sold Farmers Union insurance since that time.

The Nebraska director's death may cause another change in policy in the state Farmers Union, for Henthorn was one of four directors who recently voted to change editors and who has advocated closer co-operation with NFU.

Notice

Here's Information You Need On Income Tax

Income Tax information returns for your local and county Unions should be filed with the Collector of Internal Revenue at Wichita, Kans., not later than May 15, 1945.

For your information your Local and county Unions are exempt from income tax through the state organizations by a letter from the Internal Revenue Department under date of March 24, 1944. This information will be needed in filling out your information return.

In filling out the return in answer to question: "Have you been advised by Bureau letter of your exemption?" Your answer to this question should be "Yes," and the date of the letter is as previously mentioned, March 24, 1944.

Bureau Turns Guns on MVA As on Shoals

The Farm Bureau Federation Extension Service's lobby arm has opened up in opposition to an MVA—recalling the days when the same organization opposed the Norris resolution for the manufacture of low-cost fertilizer at Muscle Shoals.

A Congressional investigation later revealed that the Farm Bureau activities were financed by American Cyanamid and Union Carbide—two private concerns interested in maintaining high fertilizer prices!

In the current fight, C. Y. Thompson, president of the Nebraska Farm Bureau, appeared as a witness. He announced that his state Bureau was opposed and told the committee that Colorado and Wyoming Bureaus also were opposed. He said the Kansas Farm Bureau president was personally opposed but could not speak for the state organization.

Fertilizer is again involved in the Missouri Valley Authority fight.

Road Situation

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since they were expected to pay one cent a gallon gasoline tax on all of the gas they use in their tractors on the farm, in addition to their regular highway gas, for building the primary and secondary road system, which does not mean a great deal to farm people who live all the way from one to ten miles away from these hard surfaced roads. It was quite

ably explained by several farmers present that the one, two or three miles the farm people would drive over the secondary and primary road system after driving five or six miles through the mud to get to such road systems did not mean much to them.

Different Story

Information received by farmers at this meeting was quite contrary to the general opinion farmers received from the stories carried in the daily papers about

the benefits they would receive for farm-to-market roads during the time the Governor was making his all-out push for the passage of this highway bill.

Farm people throughout the state of Kansas should take advantage of every opportunity they receive to let their Representatives and Senators, as well as the Governor, know that they are dissatisfied with such an inequitable highway financing program.

If there are any farmers in the state who are still of the opinion there is going to be any benefit out of this cent a gallon gasoline tax on tractor gasoline for real farm-to-market roads, they should ask their Senator or Representative to supply them with a copy of the Bill as it was passed, and make a thorough study of it for their own information.

Male Ferrett at Stud. L. C. Peters, Box 56, Salina, Kans.—Adv.

Excelsior Plans Junior Group

At the Community Hall in Ellis the Excelsior Local held a special meeting, Thursday evening, April 26, which was attended by Mrs. Voorhies. Following business and discussion, a dance was held for the local members. A good time was most certainly had by all.

It is hoped that soon a Junior program will be started in the Excelsior Local.

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7. Take care of your land.
8. Develop a sound breeding program.



There's a Black Sheep

in almost every band. But he's not as bad as his reputation paints him. Permanently dyed black by nature, his fleece cannot be bleached. The uses for black wool are limited so care must be exercised to keep it properly sorted in the wool clip. However, manufacturers do weave it into broadcloth. And—believe it or not—the wool from the black sheep in the flock becomes clothing for the clergy.

Martha Logan's Recipe for

WESTERN RANCH MEAT LOAF

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|--------------------------|-------------------|
| 2 pounds ground beef, or | 2 teaspoons salt |
| 1 pound each beef and | 2 eggs |
| lamb | 3 cups soft bread |
| 1 medium onion | crumbs |
| ¼ cup diced celery or | ½ cup water |
| ground carrot | ½ cup tomato |
| ¼ cup lard or shortening | juice |
| ¼ cup diced green | 2 tablespoons |
| peppers or ¼ teaspoon | melted butter |
| pepper | or margarine |

Chop onion. Brown onion and celery or carrots in lard. Combine with green pepper, salt, eggs, bread crumbs, and water to make a dressing. Add half the dressing (one and one-half cups) to the meat, mixing well. Pat out half the mixture in a two-quart loaf pan. Cover with remaining dressing, then top with remaining meat mixture. Bake in a moderate oven (350°F) one and one-quarter hours. Baste twice with tomato juice and butter to keep loaf moist. Yield: 10-12 servings.



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This is the last page of information that we will issue until September. See you again then!

F.M. Simpson,

Agricultural Research Department

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An interest in hogs comes to Bill naturally. His father was a livestock salesman and his grandfather conducted a commission business in Pittsburgh as far back as 1866. His hobby is sharing his vast knowledge of hogs with farm boys and girls.

If you should see this big, friendly man in a show ring, don't hesitate to get acquainted with him.

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Right Eating Adds Life to Your Years, and Years to Your Life

Clay Center Co-operative Opens Fine New Grocery Store

Grocery Department Expands A Co-op Which Has Saved Farmers \$385,000 in Past

By E. K. DEAN

President Kansas Farmers Union

More than 2,000 people attended the opening night program held by the Clay Center Farmers Union Co-operative Association upon the opening of its modern new store.

The event marked another milestone in the growth and development of a co-operative which has saved its members more than a quarter million dollars in patronage refunds—plus untold thousands through its marketing and supply services—and built them a members' equity of \$127,000.

On May 1, 1923, the Farmers Union Co-operative Association at Clay Center, Kansas, began business for the purpose of marketing the poultry, cream and eggs of its members and for the purpose of purchasing farm supplies.

Out of the very small beginning of this Association has grown one of the outstanding examples of the benefits to be derived by farm people through co-operative efforts that we have in the state of Kansas.

Organization of the co-operative was brought about through the co-operative organization program of the Kansas Farmers Union in co-operation with the Farmers Union locals in Clay County. The Association began business May 1, and ended its first fiscal year December 31, 1923, having operated for a period of eight months.

During the first eight months operations the Association showed net savings of \$731.55. At the close of the first fiscal period of operation the balance sheet of the Association showed:

ASSETS	
Cash on Hand	\$ 405.70
Commission Receivable	208.21
Accounts Receivable	257.05
Merchandise Inventory	1,282.97
Prepaid Expense	155.25
Fixed Assets:	
Shop and Office Equipment	300.71
Total Assets	\$2,609.89
LIABILITIES	
Current Liabilities:	
Unpaid Expense	\$54.00
Unpaid merchandise	94.34
Capital Stock	\$1,730.00
Net Gain	731.55

Net Worth.....\$2,461.55
At the close of business De-

cember 31, 1944—21 years later—the balance sheet of the organization disclosed the following figures:

ASSETS	
Cash on hand & in banks	\$ 39,756.71

Inventory	24,862.45
Land, Buildings, Equipment	39,838.73
Investments: Stocks, Bonds	12,754.65
Other Assets	12,830.95

Total Assets.....\$130,043.49

LIABILITIES	
Accounts Payable	\$ 2,997.51
Members Equity (in form of capital stock, investments and unpaid patronage refunds)	127,045.98

Total Liabilities.....\$130,043.49

During the past twenty-two years of operation, in addition to building up the net worth in the Association for its members, as shown in the foregoing comparison of the beginning balance sheet and the balance sheet at the close of business December 31, 1944, the Association has paid out in cash over a quarter of a million dollars to its members. The Association made its first cash patronage refund in the year 1925. The refund for that year totaled \$2,628.75. Since that time the Association has never failed to pay interest on its capi-

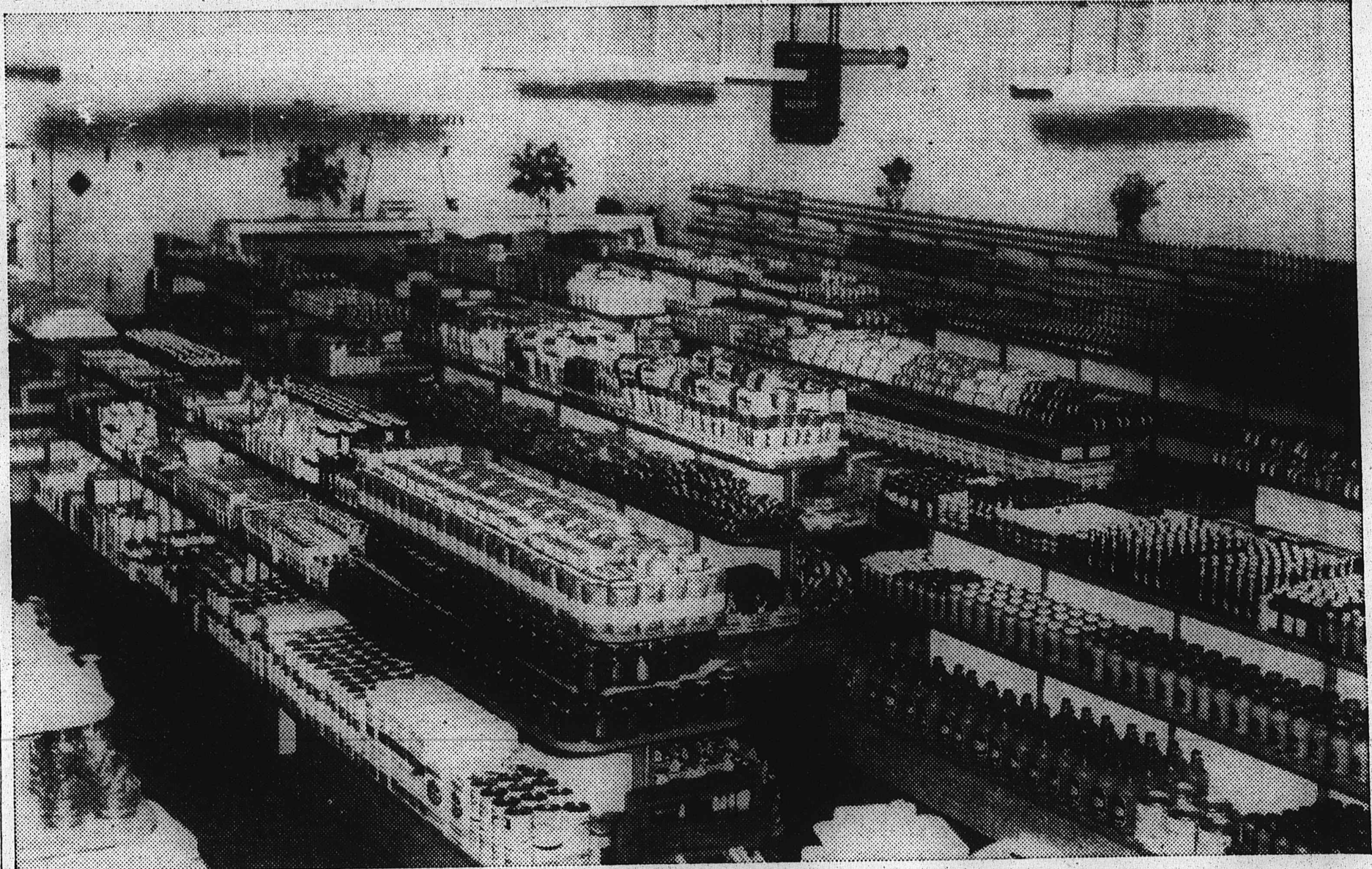
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From This Beginning . . .



Demand of patrons for supplies caused the Farmers Union Co-operative Association at Clay Center, Kansas, to set aside this small corner of its produce house for groceries. The demand far outgrew the corner, resulting in the planning and opening of a completely modern super-market.

Grew This Fine Co-operative Store . . .



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Scenes as Clay Center Co-operative Assoc

New Store Has Last Word in Modern Grocery Equipment, Arrangement, Lighting

The new store of the Clay Center Farmers Union Co-operative Association, as shown by the several pictures in this issue of the paper, is one of the most efficient, modern and up-to-date grocery stores in the state of Kansas.

The store is housed in a building joining the Association's other property on the east and the buildings were purchased by the Association before installing the grocery store equipment. In it was installed the last word in grocery store equipment. The store is the self-service type, making it possible to handle a huge volume of business with the lowest possible overhead. It is lighted with fluorescent shadow proof lights and equipped with

ceiling gas furnaces for heat in the winter, and air circulation during the summer.

The large building provides adequate floor space for the proper display of the splendid stock of groceries carried by the Association.

Arrangement

As you enter the store you pass by the large, beautifully designed vegetable display counters. Straight back from the vegetable display counters in the rear of the store is a splendid meat department with adequate cold storage display counters and a huge walk-in refrigerator for the storage of meat supplies before being cut. Just across from this on the other side in the back of

the store is a splendid farm hardware department, with as good a stock of light farm hardware as can be maintained during these times. It is anticipated that this department will be somewhat expanded as merchandise becomes available.

Up at the front of the store, directly ahead of the hardware department, are the checking stands where the customers are checked out after having picked up their purchases.

The store is not only an efficient, up-to-date store in every respect, but a great deal of thought and consideration was given to specializing it to serve farm people who are members of the Association.

Just a Part of Opening



A supply of 850 carnations bought to present opening grocery at Clay Center, Kansas, lasted only a short while, nuts and drew for prizes—besides viewing the completely

privately owned business activity and this purchasing power which, through the co-operative, has been left in the hands of farm people in the Clay Center community, would have had just that much less of the things they needed in their homes and on their farms.

In 1938 the Association decided to handle groceries in a small way, handling them first in case lots for their members. In 1942, although they were crowded for space in the produce department, they devoted a small corner of the produce station to be used as a grocery department. The grocery business increased in volume until

it became impossible to meet the needs of the Association members with their limited facilities.

Approve Grocery

At the annual meeting in the question of establishing complete grocery store the services of the Association was thoroughly discussed. This meeting, there was much enthusiasm shown by the members for the establishment of a modern, efficient grocery store. Everyone who spoke in favor of the store insisted that if the store it should be the modern, efficient and up-to-date store in the city of Clay Center.

Clay Center Co-operative Has Had Steady, Sound Growth From Small Beginnings

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total stock and to pay a cash patronage refund.

Refunds

The following is a table of the refunds paid for the various years.

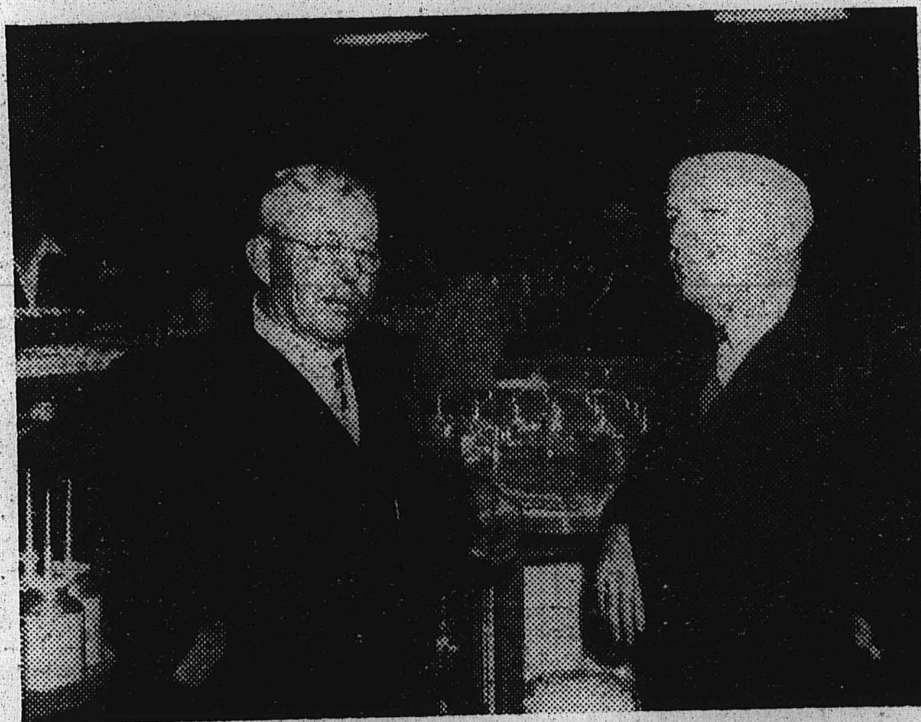
YEAR	INTEREST ON STOCK	PATRONAGE REFUND
1925	\$ 194.46	\$ 2,628.75
1926	231.02	5,505.03
1927	260.32	5,357.86
1928	280.80	6,344.10
1929	286.40	5,920.31
1930	2070.00	8,143.24

1931	297.45	4,109.74
1932	295.45	4,016.22
1933	312.21	4,690.14
1934	394.40	5,433.30
1935	382.35	7,493.55
1936	392.80	10,763.48
1937	394.20	13,102.25
1938	394.20	13,290.45
1939	427.35	14,611.92
1940	446.85	16,611.36
1941	475.55	17,109.48
1942	484.52	27,856.20
1943	506.91	33,754.35
1944	428.41	34,908.21

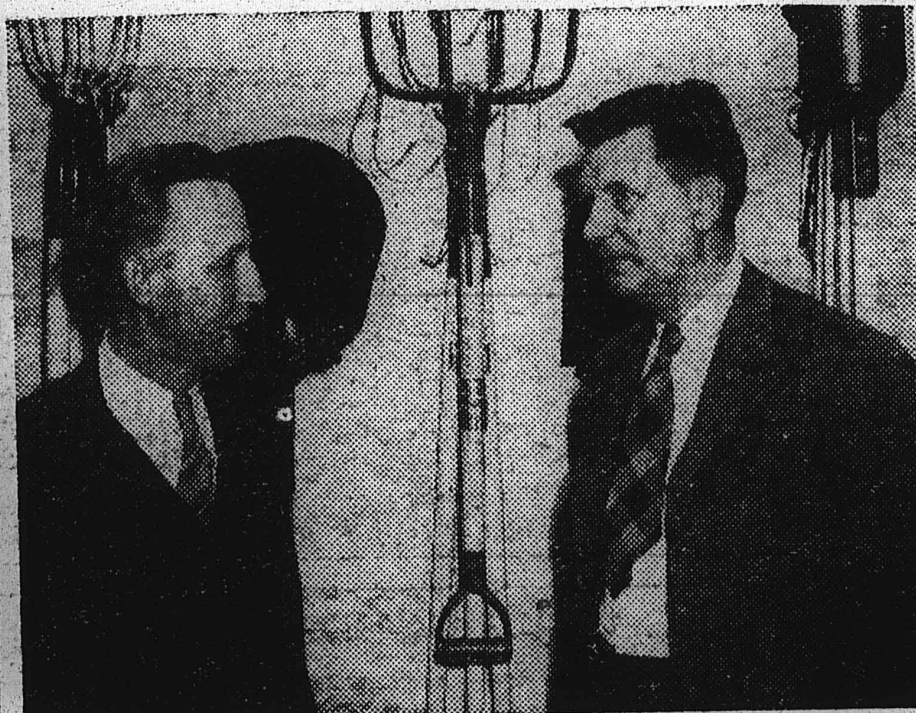
Totals.....\$8,999.38 \$245,649.94
It is not difficult for farmers

tributary to the Clay Center co-op organization to realize the benefits of co-operative effort. If it had not been for the Farmers Union Co-operative Association in Clay Center, this \$255,000 and better, in addition to the \$127,045.98 of members' equity in the Association's total assets at the present time, which makes a total of approximately \$385,000, would have gone into the hands of some

People Who Had a Part ...



The opening of the new store was just another milestone in continuing growth of the Clay Center co-op for Jake Engert, left, president of the association and member of the Board since its beginning. He is shown talking to W. S. Ross, vice-president of the Union State Bank of Clay Center.



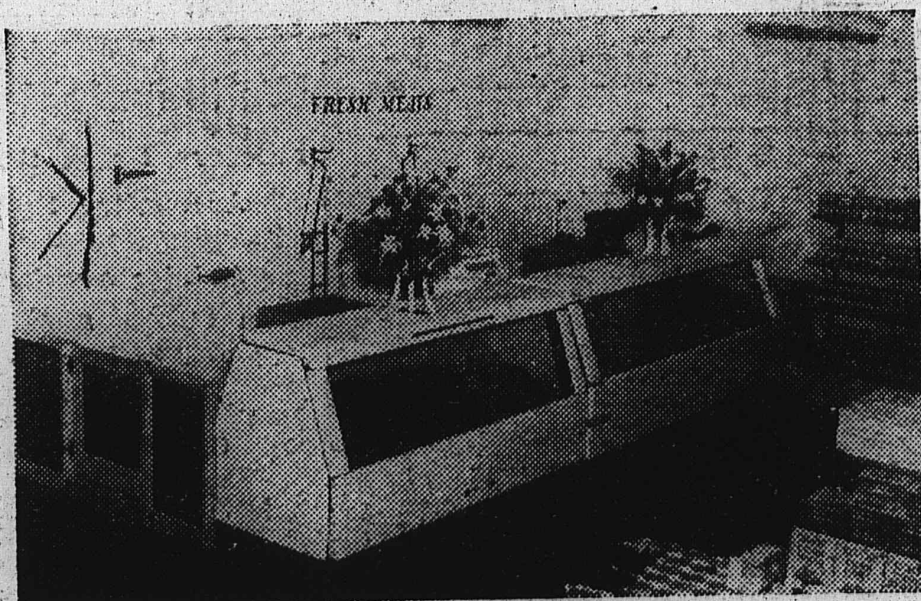
Ervin Oelschlager, county secretary of the Clay County Farmers Union, was photographed at the opening of the new co-op store talking to Chauncey Mickelson, manager of the Fairbury (Neb.) Farmers Union Co-operative Creameries, who made the opening an inter-state event. They are in the hardware department.

Strong Farmers Helped Build

Much of the success of Farmers Union Co-operative association of Clay Center, can be attributed to the support it by the many local Union Clay County and the co-Union. Clay County has in trade territory of the Clay C business activity twelve Farmers Union locals, with total membership in 1944 of members.

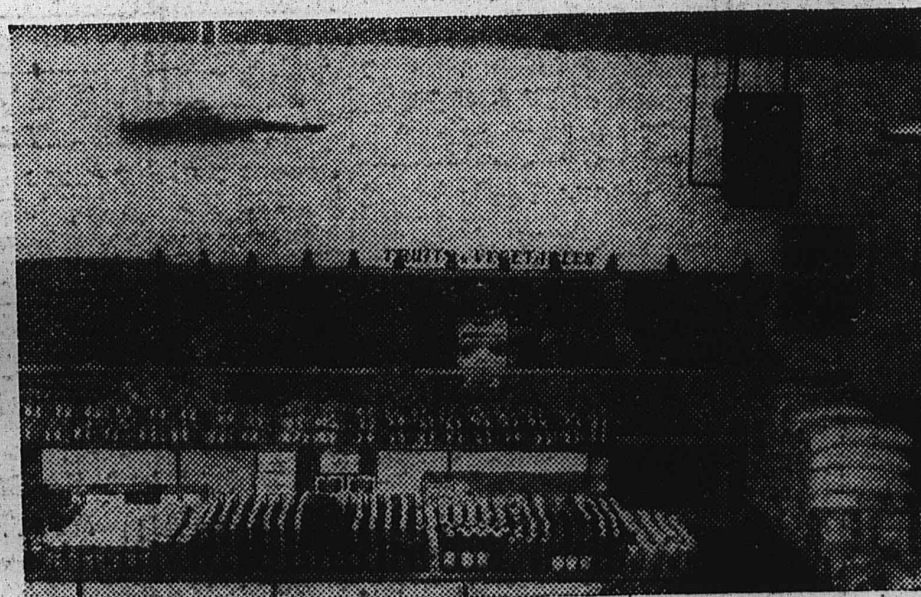
The present county officer, Harold Swanberg, president Ervin Oelschlager, secretary whose pictures appear on page. The county officers, as the officers of the various locals took an active part in discussing the need for a grocery store preceding the annual meeting held last year, which resulted in the members having quite thorough knowledge of the for and possibilities of a grocery store as a part of their business activities.

CLOSE-UPS Meat Counter



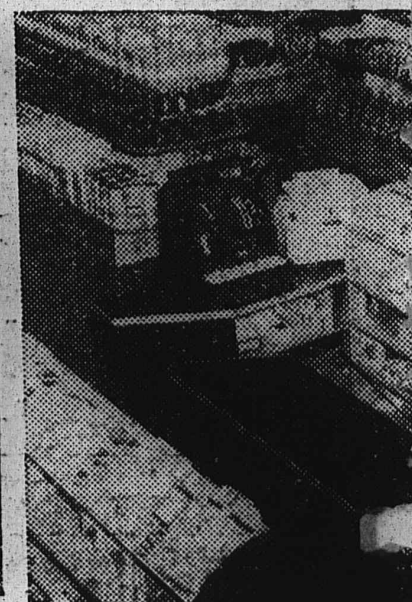
This is the meat department corner, with modern refrigerated display cabinets.

Fruits and Vegetables



The most modern equipment keeps fruits and vegetables in good condition on these modern counters.

Checking



This is but one of the chases are checked and

tion Opened Its Modern Grocery Department

Day Crowd . . .



Eight visitors at the new Farmers Union Co-operative Association more than 2,000 people passed through, enjoyed coffee and doughnuts at the new establishment, which won praise from everyone.

During this past year the Board of Directors and employees of the Association, through tireless effort, have provided the members of the Association with just such a store, as is shown by the pictures in this issue of the KANSAS UNION FARMER, taken on the opening night.

The Association began business under the management of C. A. Christensen. The first Board of Directors were as follows: Everett Alquist, President; J. A. Engert, Secretary-Treasurer; George Mauch, Director; Carl Berggen, Director; and Fred Roll, Director.

First Officers

Everett Alquist, who was the

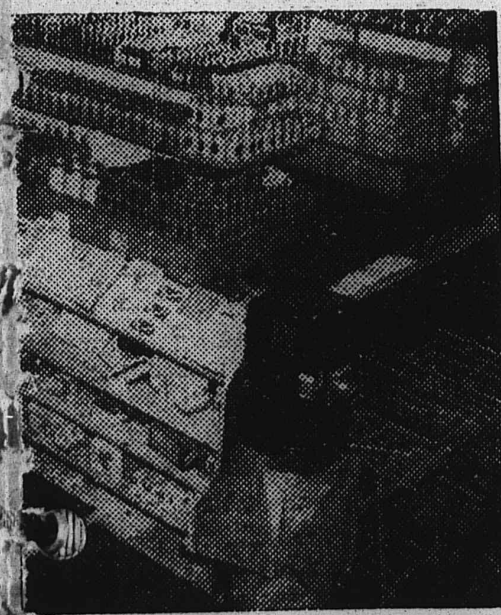
s Union Has Co-operative

During this past year at Farmers Union local and county Union meetings, there has been considerable talk of the need for and in the possibilities of the Association entering into the grain and feed business. This was quite thoroughly discussed at the last annual meeting. It seems quite evident that the Association may enter into this new activity before another annual meeting rolls around.

The names of the Farmers Union locals in Clay County are: Hillside, Pleasant View, Green, Wheel, Olive Hill, Four Mile, Hayes, Sherwood, Swanson, Lincoln, Broughton, and Dimon. The Dimon local is a new local, having been organized during the past year.

The Farmers Union Locals in Clay County provide an excellent background for the continued success of this steadily growing co-operative.

Counter



stands where customer's pur-

Splendid Management Has Made Clay Center Co-op Growth Possible

George Mauch is the young, efficient and progressive manager of the Farmers Union Co-operative Association at Clay Center, Kansas.

Mauch's father was one of the first directors of the Association. Having been raised on the farm and closely associated with farm people all his life, he is well fitted for the management of this splendid activity from the standpoint of dealing with farmers problems.

He began work for the Farmers Union Co-op Association in 1924 in the capacity of a helper, carrying in cream and eggs. Since that time, he has filled every job in the organization. His constant interest in the development of the organization, and his loyalty to the members of the Association, together with twenty-one years of experience he has gained in working for the Association, provides plenty of reason for his splendid success as general manager during the two years he has served in that capacity. George has not only taken an active part in the affairs of the Co-operative activities, but has also taken an active part in the

entire Farmers Union program, being an active member of the Sherwood local Union.

George not only takes an active interest in Farmers Union activities, but takes an active interest in the Clay Center Community in which he lives. He was recently elected treasurer of the Clay Center school board.

George is, and has every reason to be, proud of the new store, but he is still thinking of other services that the Association might render to its members.

The Clay Center organization has always enjoyed able efficient management, not only in the active manager, but through the Board of Directors as well. The former manager, Everett Alquist, became manager soon after the organization started, and piloted the organization from that early beginning to the position of one of the outstanding co-operatives in the state of Kansas. Everett is still active in the Association, and his picture will be seen with the present Board of Directors, as he is a member of the Board at the present time, and has served on the Board since the beginning of the organization.



Expansions result from efficient and successful management of co-operatives—and this is the manager, George Mauch, of the FU Co-operative Association at Clay Center.

Elbow Local Enjoys Supper

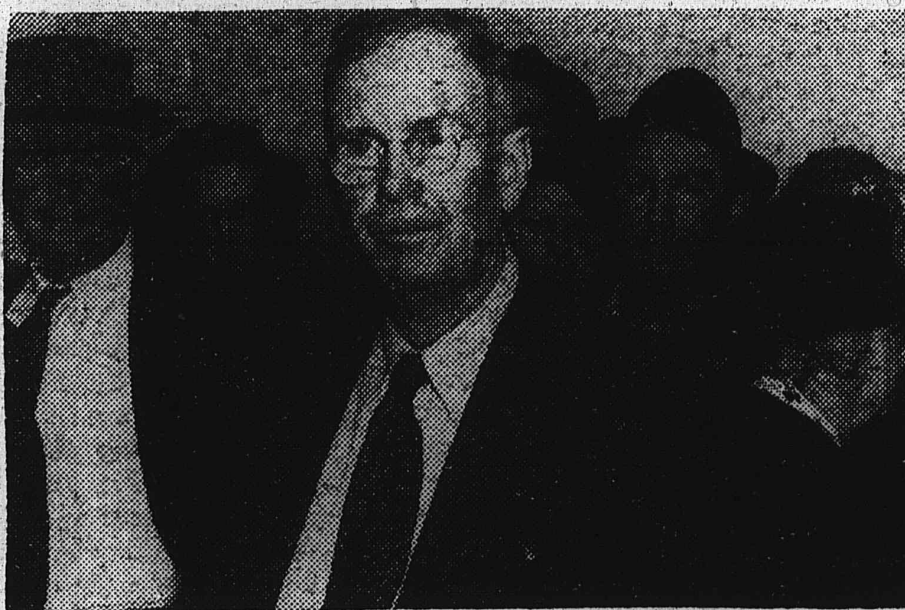
The meeting of the Elbow Local on April 27 was a combination Farmers Union meeting and Last-Day-of-School celebration. A pot-luck supper was served in the basement at 8 p. m.

Pres. Charles Parker turned the meeting over to Marjorie Tennant.

Geo. Young, in charge of petroleum dept.	1 year
Hazel Avery, in charge of produce office	2 years
Lillie Gilbert, bookkeeper	2 years
Elsie Pacey, Assistant bookkeeper	new employee
Mrs. Marcine Engert, in charge of grocery store	2 years
Glenn Tomlinson, cream station	3 years
Emery Avery, produce dept.	3 years
Mrs. E. K. Smith, grocery store	3 years
Clifford Darnier, tire man	3 years
Melvin Klitzberg, produce dept.	1 year

Sam Mauch, service station	1 year
Mareta Sanneman, service station office girl	1 year
Fred R. Good, grocery store	6 months
Tom Carriek, charge of meat dept., grocery store	new employee
Lois Adams, meat dept. grocery store	new employee
Walter Lidy, oil dept., tank wagon man	new employee
Marvin Gerner, transport driver	new employee

In addition to this list of steady employees, the Association has eight part time workers.



H. E. Witham, manager of Farmers Union Jobbing Association of Kansas City, made the trip from Kansas City to Clay Center to congratulate the co-op on its progress. The new grocery is as good or better than any in Kansas City, he told the meeting.



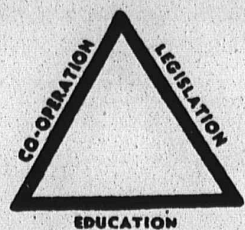
Sound management policies have made the FU Co-op Association a money saver and a success. Policies come from this Board of Directors, including, rear, left to right: Walter Hammel, secretary; Fritz Meenen and Everett Ahlquist, and, front row, left to right, President Jake Engert and Ernest Small.



Harold Goley, representative of CCA at the opening, is shown as he supervised drawing of door prizes. Goley, well known in all co-op store circles, planned the arrangement of the new establishment.



It takes efficient personnel to build a successful co-op and here are 18 of the 19 employees who have done it at Clay Center.



AROUND THE TRIANGLE

By Esther E. Voorhies
KFU Education Director

Since much of this page is devoted this issue to Father W. B. Faherty's short story, *Top Soil*, "Around the Triangle" is turned over to news reports.

Ellsworth Junior News from Hubertine Mog

Ellsworth County Farmers Union Juniors presented two folk dances at the County Fund-Raising Dance Friday, April 6. Danish costumes were used to fit in with one dance, "Weave the Wadmal." The other dance was "Chimes of Dunkirk." The children taking part were: Dolores Schultz, Frederick Mog, Loyola Mog, Lloyd Schultz, Phyllis Urbanek, Roland Urbanek, Barbara Jean Foote, Franklin Steiner, Sharlene Cochran, Alvin Kohls, Gladys Schultz and Keith Urbanek. Mrs. Earl Tucker accompanied them at the piano. The dancers were praised for their fine execution of the dances. They also presented the dances Tuesday night at the monthly County Farmers Union meeting.

When April 15 proved unsatisfactory for our Ellsworth Junior picnic, the Picnic Committee, Delores Schultz, Loyola Mog, and Lloyd Schultz, immediately made plans to hold the picnic Sunday, April 22. That day proved to be perfect.

Twenty-six Juniors, their Leader and visitors were at the picnic. The group met in Ellsworth, then were transported to the picnic site in a truck. Baseball and various games were played during the afternoon. Toward evening a fire was made and weiners roasted. Other refreshments were pickles, potato chips, pop, cookies and apples. Everyone reported a good time. Full credit goes to the committee for an enjoyable afternoon.

March and April Junior and Reserve meetings were as follows: Twenty-five Juniors and Reserves met in their hall at Ellsworth Tuesday, March 13. Aldeen Kohls, the new president, and Roland Urbanek, new secretary, presided at the meeting. The meeting opened with the reading of the Creed. Several songs were sung. "John Brown's Flivver" action song was learned. Plans for a Junior picnic for April 15 were discussed. A committee was appointed to make all arrangements. The Junior Leader told of plans to present a folk dance demonstration at the County Dance, April 6. Dancers were chosen and the two dances selected were "Weave the Wadmal" and "Chimes of Dunkirk." Shirley Hunter, Phyllis Urbanek, and Lloyd Schultz gave interesting reports on insects. The Junior class discussion centered around music and dancing—in keeping with the "Living By the Way" study. After classes folk dances were enjoyed by the children. Being near to St. Patrick's Day, refreshments of cookies with green frosting and milk were served.

Despite the rain a nice group of Juniors attended April 10. The meeting got off to a good start with reading the Creed and singing. Final arrangements were made for the picnic. The Junior Leader told them about the chick project sponsored by the Ellsworth County Farmers Co-op Union. Each child may get 30 chicks. At the age of 5 months, four chickens are to be returned.

The Reserves discussed their lesson on weeds and how they travel. Juniors discussed co-operative recreation and various types of dances. We adjourned our meeting and joined the adults for the program.

Another Bunker Hill Report

Among the Bunker Hill Juniors, Mitchell county, is an example of faithful reporting. The newly elected reporter, Harold Munsey, had an April meeting story in for the last issue. A few days later a report came from the out-going reporter, Lois Porter. Here are a couple things from Lois' report that make additions to the other:

"After our lesson on 'Spectatoritis,' we started our Farmers Union scrapbook. We cut articles of special interest from the National and Kansas Union Farmers, then pasted them in our scrapbook. Every meeting we will paste new articles in.

"A very entertaining event was the initiating of two new members. The two, who were Joan Porter and Frederick Weidenhaft, were each given half an orange (real ripe and juicy). They were to see who could feed their half to the other first. It was judged to be about a tie."

Stockton Has Discussion of Peace Proposal

The Dumbarton Oaks proposals for international organization was the discussion topic at the Farmers Union meeting held west of Stockton Tuesday evening, April 24th. Taking part in the discussion panel were Homer McCauley, Oria Grover, Ben Bigge and Freddie Reed. Mrs. Voorhies was the discussion leader.

Of much interest to the group was Mr. Riffe's report on an R.E.A. meeting. Many questions were asked regarding R.E.A. prospects in the community.

The youth were represented on the program with piano solos by Mary Ann Griebel and Jean Grover. A recitation about being a farmer was given by John Griebel.

Appreciation was expressed to Mr. and Mrs. Merl Griebel for making the meeting arrangements. Coffee and doughnuts were served.

"Freedom Road" Is Fine Reading

The Lantern, a County Leaders' Magazine, has this to say about a late book, *FREEDOM ROAD* by Howard Fast:

"If you haven't read 'Freedom Road,' by Howard Fast, you are depriving yourself of an exceptional experience. It is the story of the negroes' struggle during the reconstruction period after the Civil War.

"At the insistence of his people, Gideon Jackson, a negro, was a candidate for the U. S. Senate. He was elected and served several terms. His son studied medicine and became a doctor. They both returned home to serve their own people, only to be met by disaster. If anything is needed to arouse sympathy and tolerance for minority groups, this book will do it."

FREEDOM ROAD can be borrowed from the KUF Lending Library. Write the State Office for it.

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ESTHER EKBLAD VOORHIES, DIRECTOR, Salina, Kansas

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THURSDAY, MAY 10, 1945

Top Soil—

A Short Story
By
Father W. B. Faherty, S.J.
St. Mary's College, St. Mary's, Kans.

The true experiences of a Kansas Farmers Union co-operative are woven into this story by Father Faherty. Vividly pictured is the struggle between those convinced of co-operation and the apathy of many farmers. TOPSOIL placed among the first ten in a co-operative short story contest sponsored by the Midland Co-operator, St. Paul, Minnesota.—EEV.

"THE co-op's through, Matt," protested Wiley Lercher, pointing to a page in the ledger that was bloody with red figures.

Matt Lemkuhl leaned against the Manager's desk in the Farmers Co-operative Elevator, puffing quietly on his pipe. The old fellow was as calm as the Indian Summer day outside.

"The men made their mistake," continued Wiley, "when they voted to pay dividends on the stock the first year." He closed the ledger decisively. "They should have known that things would not be as good as in war years. 1922's been a bad year for farmers all over this part of the country. With the bottom out of the wheat market, we've lost too much money."

Seemingly oblivious of his friend's words, Matt said meditatively, "We'll refinance, Wiley. Yes, we'll refinance."

"But you'll never get the men to invest again," the Manager retorted. Certainty stood on his square jaw. "The first try was all right. But not again. No, they'll never do it. I know these farmers."

Matt gesticulated with his pipe, as he said insistently. "Wiley, we've got to! This co-op is the dynamo of Central Valley." Enthusiasm carried the little man along. "Without it the small farmer is through. Money will flow from our community like the topsoil from up-land farms."

"Unless the co-op keeps going our town will be another Uraboroo!" He pointed to a village among the hills south of the Kaw. "Just a shell. All the young folks been moving out for years. That beautiful church over there seems more like a tombstone than the center of a community. That's not going to happen here, Wiley. We're going to refinance."

THAT afternoon when Matt mounted his palomino and rode over to see Larson Noldin, the hickory trees down by the Kaw looked like the yellow party dresses of pretty schoolgirls.

Larson was the man who had originated the idea of buying the elevator when his friend Chris Pesch had to sell out two years before. Larson had had only ten days to get the money. Fortunately, farmers had plenty of cash in those days right after the war. Then too, Larson's dad had come from Sweden where there were many co-ops.

He and his Swedish neighbors over in Pleasant Valley had invested almost half the \$20,000 capital with which the co-op started. So Matt knew, he would have little trouble with Larson.

And he was right. Larson pledged \$500 right off and promised to get \$5,000 from his area, if Matt would enlist the support of Svend Otten.

Now Matt had not really counted on seeing Svend—but that's a long story. You see—well, it happened at the second meeting of the co-operative association over a year and a half before. Feeling was strong between the Protestants and the Catholics in those days, due to the Ku Kluxers who were raising trouble not far away.

On that particular night, Matt thought it was silly to meet in a dingy old room, and so suggested that the men move over to the Knights of Columbus Hall on the other side of the street. "What are you Catholics trying to pull, Lemke?" Otten shot out, rising to his feet. "No Knights of Columbus Hall for me! Don't try to bring religion into this."

"Wait a minute, Svend," Matt calmly insisted. "This is a poor place to hold a meeting. It's dirty, and small and cold. That's all there's to my suggestion."

After that, Matt never quite felt at home with Svend, even though Matt was president and Svend a director of the Co-operative Business Association. But Matt figured he could scarcely go by the Otten home without asking Svend to help. After all, Svend was a director. Then, too, there was Larson's promise.

As Matt walked up to the path, Svend hurried

from the corn field. "I know what you want, Matt," he shouted from a distance, "put me down for five hundred. I'll see what the Kaw View crowd will contribute. . . ."

FROM there on, it was dig, DIG, DIG! Even today farmers are independent people. But then it was worse, Joe Mueller's answer to Matt's request was typical. "I can run my own farm," he drawled. "This co-op-O-Ray-tive Society ain't gonna tell me how to do things."

Matt saw Louis Vermersch cutting firewood over near Coon Creek. Louie couldn't see his way clearly. He had purchased too much land during the war when prices were high, and now it was like having the State Fair Grounds on his hands during off seasons.

In those days, the Belgians down on Coon Creek didn't go in for the co-op idea like the Swedes over in Pleasant Valley southwest of town. When the co-op started out they gave only half as much as Larson and his friends.

And then the Irish, too. "Begorra, and we never had co-ops over on the Old Sod," they would shout, and Matt would shout back, "Begorra, and you didn't have a lot of things over on the Old Sod. That's why you came to America." And then in his usual quiet voice, "Now think it over, Tim."

Those Irish fellows were moving to the city, St. Louis, Kansas City and Chicago, just as soon as they got old enough to get a job. Why, loads of Irish babies were baptized at St. Mary's Church before the War, but rarely did they live here long enough to marry and settle down.

Hopes were as low as the Kaw in July, when Matt talked with Wiley on the first of November. "Outside of Larson's and Svend's promises," Matt began, "and they'll come through, Wiley, we've got nothing." It was easy to see that so many "No-os" were discouraging even confident Matt. "What's that when we need fifteen thousand?"

"How about the Coon Creek crowd?" asked the stocky manager. "Didn't they promise anything?"

"Yeh! They corralled themselves—but left the chute open. Five or six fellows promised to give what Len Frenzlin gives. And you know, Wiley, Len holds on to anything green that doesn't grow on trees."

"Why don't you see him right away?" Wiley came back. "I'll tell you what. If you see him, I'll do my part by suggesting at the next meeting that the directors reduce my salary fifty dollars a month so we can save money."

"Nothing doing on that score, Wiley. You're worth more than what we pay you now. Why, I heard Charley Frick offered you a higher salary to run his elevator over in Lahouse."

"I've made up my mind on that already, Matt. I'm sticking with the co-op. I want it to succeed . . ."

NOVEMBER had already painted the skies a dull gray and the trees along the Kaw seemed in mourning when Matt's palomino trotted up to the Franzelin homestead. The old Swiss immigrant was scooping husked corn into his large crib. Good solid ears of yellow corn!

"Want me to spell you a while, Len?" Matt asked.

"Sure, Matt. Glad to have you help. What's on your mind?" he asked, rolling a cigarette.

"Nice corn crop," Matt said, taking off his coat and picking up the scoop. "You'd be making a fortune, if war prices were still up."

"Yes!" Len always rationed words.

"Now your boys and mine, Len. We got to think about them. My Willie wants to leave the farm, drag his wife and youngsters into the city. He doesn't know city life. But he says the country's too hard. Nothing sure."

Matt began to breathe deeply from working and talking at the same time. He looked a moment at the tall, swarthy farmer, then went on.

"You know, Len. There's a bit to what he says. Remember last May. We prayed for rain at the Church during the first week. On the seventh of the month hail hurt the wheat. On the following Saturday, a tornado ripped the country just like a bayonet from Ft. Riley to Pleasant Valley. Be-

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Day by Day With FUJA

By JOHN VESECKY

Warning: Get Set for Crash Ahead

There is grave danger that the United States may have another siege of the crazy speculative sickness it experienced in the 1920's. Stocks and bonds are beginning to skyrocket upwards, propelled by the unheard of profits being made by many industries on war contracts and on the meager supply of civilian goods that are being manufactured at present.

One reads in the papers about the hoarding of currency in safety deposit boxes, about the disappearance of \$20,000 bills (although as far as your reporter is concerned, twenty-grand bills have never appeared in his sheltered life). Even farmers are accused of having a surplus of money that they do not know what to do with. Actual money that is supposed to be in circulation has reached the unheard of total of over twenty-five billions of dollars. Yes, everything is being set up for another shearing of sheep. Unless our people have learned a lesson from the speculative spree of the twenties and the resultant terrible thirties, or the government is able to keep tight reins on the speculative horses, we may soon see stocks selling at several times their non-war-time productive value. Farmers buying land at more than it is worth, paying down some and hoping to pay the rest from speculative increases in value. Everybody buying junk goods they do not need at prices they cannot afford to pay and finally the crash, with the dance ended, the fiddler to pay and no money to pay him with.

Let us all keep both our heads and our money. If we have any spare cash, we can use it to pay our debts or to buy war bonds. Let us, both farmers and co-operatives, build up our reserves, so that if a crash does come, we will be in a position to weather the storm and come out on top.

Attended Clay Store Opening

Friday evening, April 26, Manager H. E. Witham of FUJA and your reporter were guests of the Clay County Farmers Union Co-operative Assn. at the opening of their Super Market.

Pres. E. K. Dean was present at the meeting and is going to

make an illustrated writeup of the occasion, so we will not try to go into details. We will only say that the Clay County Farmers Union folks have full right to be proud of their store. There is, we believe, no better arranged store, nor better stock of groceries and other supplies in Kansas than Clay County Farmers Union now has. We thank the Farmers Union folks for the priv-

New Managers At 4 Elevators

We are informed of the following changes in co-operative managers:

Gene Petty, who is really a salesman for the FUJA but has been pinch hitting as manager at the FUJA-operated elevator at Tescott, was relieved of that job May 1 and will again make his territory for the Farmers Union Jobbing Association.

Clarence E. Lucas, who had managed the co-operative elevator at Satanta was employed by the FUJA and has taken over the management of the Tescott elevator.

Lawrence Schubert has resigned as manager of the Ellis Farmers Union Co-operative Elevator effective May 1. Mr. Joe Warta, a farmer in the Ellis community, has been employed to take his place. Mr. Warta, while a farmer by occupation, has had elevator management experience.

Harvey Pounds resigned as manager of the Courtland Farmers Union Co-operative, and John Stanton has been employed to take his place, the change taking effect on May 1. Mr. Stanton also has had previous experience as manager of a co-operative elevator and has for the last year or two been employed part time at the Courtland elevator.

We welcome all these new managers into the midst of our farmers elevator employees, and bespeak for them the full support of the membership in their respective communities.

ilege of attending the opening, and predict unqualified success for the store.

The community tributary to Clay Center owes the membership of the Co-operative, the board of directors, Jake Engert, the president, Manager Geo. W. Mauch and County Farmers Union President, Harold Swanberg, a vote of appreciation for bringing such a fine service institution into being, in their midst.

Livestock Sales

(From Farmers Union Livestock Co-operative)
Kansas City, Missouri

E. B. Wickstrom, McPherson Co., Kan.....	20 Strs. & Hfs.	847	16.40
G. E. Force, Wyandotte, Kan.....	17 Heifers	901	16.00
H. C. Baile, Johnson Co., Mo.....	29 Steers	940	15.75
G. A. Livengood, Clay Co., Kan.....	17 Strs. & Hfs.	832	15.75
Herbert Tempel, Lafayette Co., Mo.....	24 Steers	948	15.75
Geo. Lindstedt, McPherson Co., Kan.....	38 Steers	1142	15.50
L. R. Sherman, St. Clair Co., Mo.....	10 Strs. & Hfs.	674	15.25
Louis Oborny, Rush Co., Kan.....	13 Steers	950	15.00
Emil Schwarz, Dickinson Co., Kan.....	21 Strs. & Hfs.	777	15.00
J. W. Scott, Dickinson Co., Kan.....	10 Strs. & Hfs.	608	14.75
H. W. O'Neill, Pottawatomie Co., Kan.....	16 Strs. & Hfs.	609	14.50
Clyde Bowles, Jewell Co., Kan.....	10 Strs. & Hfs.	758	14.00
Lloyd Pogue, Henry Co., Mo.....	12 Strs. & Hfs.	678	14.00

Livestock Market

(From Farmers Union Live Stock Co-operative,
Kansas City, Missouri)

South St. Joseph, Mo.
Thursday, May 3, 1945.

Good to choice slaughter steers are closing the week about steady with some plain to medium kinds showing a little weakness, bulk of good to choice steers selling \$15.50@17, with some medium to good \$13@15.25. We had a few loads here this week \$17.10 @17.40, \$17.40 being the highest paid on this market for straight steers since 1928.

Good and mixed yearlings and heifers are fully steady to strong, others steady to weak; best heifers \$17.10, mixed yearlings \$16.50, bulk of good and choice kinds \$14.50@16.25, medium to good \$11.50@14.25, common kinds \$9.50@11. Cows are about steady, good cows mostly \$12@13.50, with an odd head up to \$14.25; bulk of medium to good beef cows \$9.50 @12, canners and cutters largely \$7@9. Bulls are steady to 25c higher on the best kinds, with a top of \$14, bulk of beef bulls \$13 @13.75, with common and medium bulls mostly \$9.50@12.

There was a very light supply of stockers and feeders here this week, market steady to strong.

Calf market is mostly steady, top \$14.50 for a few choice veals, bulk \$12.50@14, common to medium \$10@12.50, culls \$8@10. Heavy calves are mostly steady, a few choice up to \$14.50, bulk \$11@13, common and mediums \$9@11, culls \$8@9.

With light receipts of hogs today, the market was active and fully steady, with good to choice 170-lb. up to 400-lb. selling at the ceiling price of \$14.50, sows mostly at \$13.75.

The lamb market for the week is closing 35@50c lower, good woolled native lambs \$15.50, down; clipped lambs, \$14.50, down; woolled ewes \$9.25, down; clipped ewes \$7.50@8, down; woolled bucks \$7.50, clips \$6, down.

Send your mail orders for serum and other supplies to us for quick service. Serum has been reduced to 93c per 100 cc; and abortion vaccine is now available.

Top Soil—

fore June the Kaw swirled over its banks. I don't blame the young fellas for getting discouraged sometimes." Matt stopped shovelling and pointed at his companion. "But lemme tell you, Len. They're not going to have it easy in the city. There's bad times coming."

"I think so, too, Matt," Len answered. "Better let me spell you awhile. You're getting winded."

Matt straightened out his back to get rid of the kink the shovelling gave him. "Then, too, Len, these suitcase farmers. They plant acres and acres of wheat in October. Then don't come back until June for the harvest. They're mortgaging farm after farm, wiping out whole towns in western Kansas. They'll be doing that here too. We've got to save things for the fellow who wants to live on a farm and raise a family."

"True enough, Matt," was all he said.

Matt figured by that time he had softened Len up for the big push. "Len, we've got to refinance our elevator. Otherwise we lose everything—all twenty thousand—but fifteen thousand will do."

"How much you got now?"

"Pleasant Valley and Kaw View are getting five thousand each. Larson Noldin and Svend Otten are taking care of that. Six fellows here near Coon Creek will give what you give."

"Matt, I want that co-op going so my boys can live here and live well. I'll give what you give."

"You really want to, Len?" Matt asked, trying to keep from throwing his hat in the air.

"Yep."

"I'm giving one thousand dollars . . ."

THE next year the line on the business chart arrowed its way up. Black supplanted the crimson as the fashion in the business records. No longer trusting in the beginner's luck of the first year, the directors adopted a cautious policy. They accepted Wiley Lercher's offer to cut his own salary fifty dollars a month, even though

they admitted Matt's claim that he was worth far more than his original pay. Years went by. The depression came and still the co-op showed profit.

Oh, sure, there have been a few mistakes. Everybody now admits the co-op should have put in food lockers back in thirty-seven. But what are one or two mistakes in a quarter of a century?

Yes, the whole co-operative association—there are now four hundred members gathered for the twenty-fifth anniversary celebration this summer. Matt was there with his grandchildren, several already grown up. No, his son Willie did not leave the farm.

The State President of the Farmers' Association stood in the midst of many old veterans of Kansas farm battles. There were Larson Noldin, and Svend Otten, and Louis Vernersch, and Tom Finley, and Manager Wiley Lercher—the men who had been with the co-op since it started. Len Franzelin was dead ten years, but his boys were there. Matt walked over to where his old friends stood.

The camera-man from the Topeka paper snapped a picture, then the State President began, "The thanks of the community, of the state, and of the nation go to these men who helped build one of America's finest farming communities. On the occasion of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the co-operative association, I congratulate all of you, and especially your still very active president, Matt Lemkuhl."

As the applause subsided a grade-school girl, with freckles and a ski-slide nose and a pretty smile, walked up to Matt and placed a homemade crown covered with twenty-five silver dollars on the old man's head.

"Keeping money in your own community," Matt answered briefly, "is like keeping the topsoil on your land. That's what a co-op does." He smiled quaintly.

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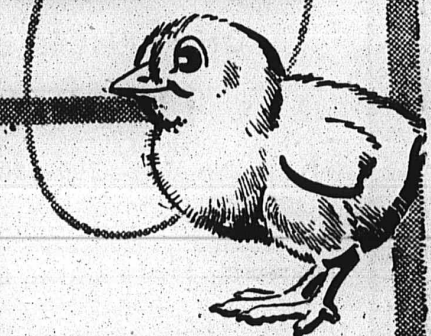
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