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Kansas Farmers Union Stands For Principles

RAISE STANDARD OF FARM LIVING IS AIM OF UNION

Resolutions Committee Report Makes Sweeping, Effective Demands; Asks Dean Unberger to Clarify Union-Bureau Situation

RECOGNIZE JUNIORS

Union Asks for Organizer in Field; Support along with Benefits; Loyalty to National Union Principles; Work with Labor

Simple and forceful language was employed by the resolutions committee at the Kansas Farmers Union annual convention in Iola when it stated the stand of the organization on various pertinent matters; and the delegate body placed the stamp of approval of the Union on the resolutions, at the thirtieth annual meeting October 29 to November 1.

One of the outstanding resolutions offered and adopted dealt with the fact that the Farmers Union demands conditions which will permit the American farmer to enjoy the same standard of living that is available for people in other walks of life. The resolution demands that farm families shall be permitted, by a rearrangement of economic conditions, to enjoy the modern conveniences which are enjoyed by the substantial citizens of our cities and towns. As a concrete example, the committee named the kerosene lamp "and other similar inconveniences" as items to be banished from the farm homes; and in their stead we have installed such conveniences as electricity and running water.

Ask Union-Bureau Clarification
The convention went on record in adopting a committee resolution, demanding that the director of extension service at Kansas State College explain the existence of the Producers live stock firm in Kansas City which operates in "direct competition with the Farmers Union Live Stock Commission Company on the same market." This was brought on by an alleged letter by Dean H. Unberger to the effect that it is the exclusive province of the Farm Bureau to engage solely in educational work, and of the Farmers Union to engage solely and exclusively in commercial enterprises.

The Farmers Union also voted that state and federal laws relating to the matter be so amended as to put all farm organizations on an equal basis with reference to the benefits of the agricultural extension department, and to share in all these advantages now enjoyed by the Farm Bureau.

Need More Organizing
The convention, recognizing the necessity of continuous and intensive organization work in the Kansas Farmers Union, recommended the solicitation of funds for membership organization work from state-wide Farmers Union institutions from local and county organizations. It also recommended the employment of a capable, efficient organizer.

Support Along with Benefits
Another important resolution demanded that all business associated with the name of the Farmers Union shall support the state Farmers Union and be actually affiliated with the state organization if it is to be permitted to use the name of the Farmers Union and "receive its benefits."

It was recommended that government commodity loans be based on not less than 75 per cent of parity prices on commodities affected. Loyalty to National Union Principles
The Kansas Farmers Union reaffirmed its loyal support of the principles of the National Farmers Union.

Bouquet to Ward
Cal A. Ward, for six years president of the Kansas Farmers Union, and who voluntarily retired from that office this year to take up his duties as regional director of the Resettlement Administration in Kansas, Nebraska, North and South Dakota, was given an expression of appreciation by the Kansas Union in a resolution unanimously adopted. The convention also wished Mr. Ward "the greatest measure of success in his field of labor."

One-House Legislature
Realizing that the present Kansas legislative system is "cumbersome and expensive," the Kansas Farmers Union called on Kansas people to watch the operation of the one-house legislative body in Nebraska with a view to adopting a similar system in Kansas "if it proves better than our present system."

The Kansas Union duplicated its action in former years when it condemned the unfair, discriminatory service charges made by Kansas banks.

A "closer understanding" of labor's problems by the Farmers Union and a better understanding by labor of farmers' problems was recommended, with the further statement that that understanding should be extended to include all "other consumers of our

ENDORSED AAA AS LEADING TOWARD PRODUCTION COST

Legislative Committee Fixes Blame for Depression on Faulty Money System and Asks Return of Control to Congress of United States

A FRAZIER-LEMKE O. K.

Ask Stronger Income Tax Law; Condemn Sales Tax; Want Control of Direct Buying; Favor Social Security; Ask for Cooperative Text

In a clear-cut series of resolutions, the Kansas Farmers Union, in its thirtieth annual meeting held in Iola October 29 to November 1, declared its stand on various matters pertaining to the welfare of that class of people who make up its membership—the Kansas farmers. It pointed directly and unflinchingly at the international bankers who control the money system of the United States as the culprits who are primarily responsible for the devastating depression of the past few years. It demanded through the legislative committee that this control of the money system must be returned to Congress in accordance with the provisions of the constitution.

Want Refinancing Bill
The convention demanded the passage of the Frazier-Lemke refinancing bill and of the Patman Adjusted Compensation payment bill.

Endorse AAA
The legislative committee of the Kansas Farmers Union in effect demanded cost of production and went on record as favoring the retention and improvement of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration as a means to advance toward cost of production. It demanded that improvements be made in the AAA, but that those improvements shall be made by farmers themselves—friends of the measure.

Other National Legislation
The delegates by their resolutions asked for the Capper-Jones act regulating boards of trade; for the Capper-Hoppe bill regulating direct marketing of live stock, and for the submission of an amendment to the United States constitution removing the exemption of federal and state bonds and salaries from taxation.

Resolutions also called for conservation of wealth in time of war, unless the country should be invaded. A significant resolution asked that all Smith-Lever funds, federal, state or county, for the extension of county agent work "be kept free from the control of any one farm organization."

More Income Tax; No Sales Tax
In matters pertaining to state legislation, the Kansas Union adopted a number of resolutions submitted by the Legislative Committee. The first was a resolution calling attention to the fact that the income tax law must be strengthened and that revenue from this source be increased to at least ten million dollars.

The same resolution declared unalterable opposition to a general sales tax.

Other State Legislation
Other state legislation asked for had to do with a number of proposed laws including a law giving better public control of bonded lands, laws affecting community sales, direct marketing, corporation feeding of live stock, grain futures contracts, anti-discrimination laws, bond elections, tax refunds, graduated land tax, tax on intangibles, presidential primary law, social security program, anti-injunction law, public safety, graduated chain store tax and provision for a text on cooperative marketing for Kansas schools.

The full text of the report, as adopted, submitted by the Legislative committee headed by State Senator John Frost, is to be found in the columns of this issue.

Approved "Death Sentence"
The convention upheld the Congress in its passage of legislation carrying a death sentence for unnecessary public utility holding companies; and approved the WPA program "under present emergency conditions" and recommended that it be so administered to give the greatest proportion of expended WPA funds to the common laborer.

The Kansas Farmers Union approved the action of the national (continued on page 4)

ORMSBY MANAGER FARMERS UNION CREAMERY ASSN.

O. W. Schell Resigned Last Week, and Waikenee Manager Moves into Managerial Position, Assuming Duties Immediately

HAS A FINE RECORD

Will Continue to Live in Waikenee, where Farmers Union Plant Has Performed Wonderful Service; Many Carloads Handled

N. A. Ormsby, who has served as manager of the Waikenee plant of the Farmers Union Cooperative Creamery Association since July, 1934, is now the general manager of the Association over the Waikenee and Colony plants. His appointment followed the resignation of O. W. Schell, Colony, who had held the position since soon after the resignation, some years ago, of A. W. Seaman. Mr. Schell resigned Thursday, October 31, his resignation having been accepted by the creamery board which met in Iola during the time of the state Farmers Union convention.

Mr. Ormsby will continue to live in Waikenee, according to present plans. The board has not announced who may be next in charge at Colony. Mr. Schell has not definitely announced his plans for the future.

The Waikenee plant has shown a fine record of business under the management of Mr. Ormsby. Although situated in an area severely affected by the drouth, the establishment has given a good account of itself. Naturally, the production of butterfat in that territory has been greatly curtailed, but the plant has been made to serve as a sub-station and distributing point for the Farmers Union Jobbing Association, and has done a wonderful business in that capacity.

Since the first of the year, the plant at Waikenee has handled a total of 552 carloads of commodities and products. Mr. Ormsby reports that 21 cars of butter have been shipped in that period, 5 cars of poultry, 31 cars of eggs; and that it has handled 330 cars of roughage and 139 cars of bag feed. The balance of the 552 cars were of miscellaneous items.

Mr. Ormsby served as manager of the Waikenee plant for a year in 1932. He was associated with the Kansas Farmers Union in season for several years in Kansas City, before the plant was moved to Colony. He is well known among cooperative circles, and the general opinion is that the creamery program in Kansas will prosper under his management.

The Creamery board is headed by P. F. Peterson of Alta Vista.

KANSAS UNION SENDS GREETINGS TO "UNCLE DORN" ON BIRTHDAY

O. F. Dornblazer, the "Grand Old Man" of the Farmers Educational and Cooperative Union of America, had a birthday during the time the Kansas Farmers Union was in session in its thirtieth annual convention in Iola, on November 1. Quite fittingly, the Kansas Union, by unanimous vote, adopted a resolution to send greetings to Mr. Dornblazer in his home at Texas.

Cal Ward, acting in his capacity as chairman of the convention, told the delegates assembled that Mr. Dornblazer was that day celebrating his ninety-third birthday. Mr. Ward named him as the only original member living. Immediately, J. B. Shields of Lost Springs moved that the convention send greetings. The motion carried unanimously, and Mr. Ward named Mr. Shields as chairman of a committee to prepare the message of greeting. Mr. Shields was given the right to choose two other members for the committee, and he selected Wm. G. Swanson and Anton Peterson.

The following telegram was prepared and dispatched:
Iola, Kansas, November 1, 1935
Brother O. F. Dornblazer,
Godley, Texas.
The Kansas Farmers Union now in session at Iola, Kansas, sends you greetings on the occasion of your birthday, and wishes you many more happy birthdays.

Wm. G. Swanson
Anton Peterson.

ATTENTION

It has come to the attention of the officials of the Kansas Farmers Union that certain meetings have been called among Farmers Union members in such a way that the members were led to believe the meetings were to be Farmers Union meetings; and that the meetings turned out to be called for the purpose of organizing or furthering some other organization which has caused the names to be sent out, knowing of such instances are urged to notify John Vesecky, President, Kansas Farmers Union, Salina, Kansas.

Floyd H. Lynn, Secretary.

Some time during stormy, winter weather can be used to good advantage to re-sort, shell and grade seed corn. It is good insurance to save corn as much as it is thought to be needed. In later winter, the seed should be tested for germination.

MORE CONVENTION NEWS IS COMING

It is impossible, because of space limitations, to give a complete report of the Iola convention in this issue of the Kansas Union Farmer. However, this issue carries a general story in which many points are touched upon. Necessarily, this week's account is rather sketchy. Many important points, important addresses, and happenings of significance may be missed entirely, but in the course of the next few issues your editor hopes to be able to cover the entire proceedings in such a way that those who did not get to attend will be thoroughly acquainted with what took place in Iola last week.

Miss Pauline Cowger of the headquarters office in Salina was present and recorded the proceedings in shorthand notes. She is now transcribing these notes, and in a short time the editor will be able to refer to the records for information on all that was said by the speakers and the delegates. The full proceedings of the convention will be published as soon as possible.

COMMITTEES WERE PRACTICALLY ALL REAL DIRT FARMERS

Resolution Asking Elimination of Delegates from Business Associations as Participants in Convention Was Voted Down.

A resolution which was read by the Constitution and By-Laws Committee, with the explanation that that committee did not recommend its adoption, now therefore be it resolved that we strike out paragraph (e) of Section 1, Article 1, (Division B) of the present Constitution and By-Laws; and be it further resolved that only delegates composed of actual dirt farmers be qualified to serve on committees of State Farmers Union conventions.

"Whereas, it is highly desirable to retain a dirt farmers' organization in Kansas, known as the Kansas Farmers Union, now therefore be it resolved that we strike out paragraph (e) of Section 1, Article 1, (Division B) of the present Constitution and By-Laws; and be it further resolved that only delegates composed of actual dirt farmers be qualified to serve on committees of State Farmers Union conventions."

Elimination of the section suggested would have deprived delegates appointed by the boards of directors of business associations from participation in annual meetings.

It has been pointed out, incidentally, that only two managers of cooperatives were appointed on the committees in the Iola convention, all the rest being actual dirt farmers. One of the two managers mentioned actually operates a farm in conjunction with his duties as manager of a Farmers Union cooperative, thus leaving only one full time manager on the committees serving this year. This is, of course, not considering the committee on cooperative marketing which is purposely composed entirely of managers, and which is an important committee.

The motion to adopt this resolution was decisively voted down by the convention, the members and delegates apparently being well satisfied that the committee personnel is usually selected quite largely to dirt farmers.

SECRETARY MOHLER AND COMMITTEE IN MEET WITH BOARD

Met Farmers Union Group in Iola Tuesday Forenoon for Purpose of Getting Two Groups Closer together in Efforts

RECITED HISTORY

Farmers Union Board Appreciated Meeting with Mohler and Committee; Discussed Control of Bindweed

The state executive board of the Kansas Farmers Union met Tuesday afternoon in Iola, in advance of the convention, to take up several matters of business, and to meet with J. C. Mohler, Topeka, secretary of the Kansas State Board of Agriculture, and a committee appointed by Mr. Mohler from among members of the State Board of Agriculture.

The meeting with Mr. Mohler and his committee took place in the grill room of the Kelley Hotel. With Mr. Mohler were President Taylor, Abilene, president of the Board; P. A. Wempe, member of the board; Dairy Commissioner Dodge, Topeka, and Paul Klein, Iola, also a member of the board.

Mr. Mohler had asked for the opportunity to come before the Farmers Union board, in order that a close coordination of programs and effort might be worked out. "We are mind-ful of the fact that the Farmers Union, as well as the other major farm organizations, are to take an increasingly important place in the development of Kansas agriculture," said Mr. Mohler. "Therefore, it is up to the board of agriculture in this state to work hand in hand with these great farm organizations."

Mr. Mohler took occasion to trace the history and development of the Kansas board of agriculture. He emphasized the fact that it never had been placed in partisan politics, and that it had been a model on which other states have built similar boards. "Our organization, which is your organization, too, is a real service organization designed to serve Kansas farmers," said Mr. Mohler to the Farmers Union board. "We want it constantly to be improved," he continued, "and we want that improvement to come from within."

The secretary pointed out the many developments in Kansas agriculture, including the development of hard winter wheat, better live stock, improved crops of all kinds, and many other improvements, which had been instigated and carried forward by the Kansas farmers through their board of Agriculture.

The Farmers Union board passed a resolution, at the close of the discussion, thanking Mr. Mohler and his group for the opportunity to meet with them. Mr. Mohler appeared briefly on the program of the Managerial Association Tuesday afternoon.

Considerable time was taken up in the board meeting in a discussion pointed out that several states were having as much trouble as Kansas is having with the bindweed.

Mr. Mohler was invited to submit some articles to the Kansas Union Farmer dealing with the work of the Kansas Board of Agriculture. Such articles will be watched for with interest by the readers.

Committee Reports

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

We, your Committee on Resolutions, submit the following report: 1. The Farmers Educational and Cooperative Union of America, Kansas Division, in convention assembled, wishes to thank the people of Iola for their splendid hospitality; the Iola High School Orchestra, the High School Band, the Iola String Quartet, Harold Remberg, and the orchestra under the leadership of E. G. Meek, for their fine musical selections; and is deeply appreciative of the dancing entertainment given by Ruth Jean Smith, Betty Jean Pierce and Carolyn Edwards; thanks Mrs. Wm. Grieves for her excellent readings, and acknowledges with thanks the program given by the Iola Junior High Athletic Club.

2. We reaffirm our loyal support of the principles of the National Farmers Union.

3. Resolved, that we express our appreciation of the unselfish and untiring efforts of our retiring president, Cal A. Ward, in behalf of the organization, and wish him the greatest measure of success in his field of labor.

4. Realizing that our present State Legislative system is cumbersome and expensive, we recommend that the people of Kansas watch the operation of the one-house legislation in the state of Nebraska with a view to adopting a like system in Kansas if it proves better than our present system.

5. That we condemn the unfair and discriminatory service charges made by the banks in the state of Kansas.

6. We recommend the Committee of Kansas Farm organizations further cooperation with labor unions in obtaining needed legislation, and recommend that the state Farmers Union continue to follow this policy of close cooperation with labor. We further recommend that the state Farmers Union take immediate steps to conduct an educational campaign to (continued on page 4)

REPORT OF LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

National Legislation

1. Banker control of the Federal Reserve Banks during and after the World War encouraged farmers to go in debt, though installment buying, through coaxing of increased production, and through the incentive of cheap dollars. Then in May, 1920, by suddenly calling in loans and restricting credit, the Money Trust sprang the debt trap that plunged Agriculture into 15 disastrous years of depression and suffering, and hopeless struggling to pay a vast public and private 200-billion-debt-dollar debt with dollar-dollar money. The control of credit in the orgy of stock speculation before the New York Stock Exchange crash of October, 1929 by the international bankers, who controlled the policies of the Federal Reserve Banks, and for whom superior and conservative wisdom is demanded, precipitated the most calamitous panic in American history. We demand that control of credit and currency be taken from the very small group of bankers and vested in the whole people—the Government of the United States—and that the dollar be stabilized on the same basis of value as long term debts were contracted.

2. While the AAA has been of great help to Agriculture, we believe that nothing less than regulated inflation of our currency and credit will restore prosperity and give to us cost of production for our products. Since deflation was the cause of our trouble, it seems clear that inflation is the remedy. The constant flood of "warning" that inflation is dangerous, is pure propaganda of high finance. Washington, Lincoln, and other patriotic statesmen issued government paper money in emergencies and saved the country in desperate situations and without the terrible calamities prophesied by the gold standard advocates. We demand the Frazier-

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Harmonious Convention Marked Annual Meeting

Lynn Re-elected Secretary-Treasurer and to Serve Again as Editor of the Paper; Scheel, Doorkeeper; Tommer Conductor

IOLA WAS GOOD HOST

McPherson Gets 1936 Convention; Kinney and Crall Chosen as National Delegates; Directors Re-elected; Cooperation Prevailed

John Vesecky, Timken, Kansas, farmer, is the new president of the Kansas Farmers Union, having been the choice of a substantial majority of the delegates at the annual convention held last week in Iola. John Frost, Blue Rapids, was given a good plurality in the election for vice president of the organization. Both men are well known throughout Kansas, and both excel in qualities of leadership, character and ability.

Floyd H. Lynn was re-elected for his fifth term as secretary-treasurer, and will continue to serve as editor of the Kansas Union Farmer. John Tommer, Waterville, was given a good vote and returned for the third time to serve as state conductor. John Scheel, veteran Farmers Union member from Emporia, was returned without opposition, to serve his third term as doorkeeper. A. M. Kinney, Huxon, and E. A. Crall, Erie, were chosen as delegates to the National Farmers Union convention to be held in Kankakee, Illinois, November 19.

Will Roesch, Quinter; John Fengel, Lincolnville, and B. E. Winchester, Stafford, were re-elected to serve as directors of the second, fourth and fifth districts, respectively. Mr. Roesch has served a few months by order of appointment by the board to fill a vacancy caused by the resignation of Henry Jamison. Mr. Roesch and Mr. Winchester were returned without opposition.

Two cities asked for the 1936 convention. Both, of course, were in the fourth district, since the convention next year is due to be held in that district. The contesting cities were Winfield and McPherson. McPherson was favored in the voting and won the contest.

Iola Good Host City
Iola proved to be a worthy host, and every delegate and visitor was made to feel perfectly at home. Attendance at the convention was about average, with some people no doubt remaining at home because of the heavy rains and inclement weather which marked part of the convention time. The Kelley Hotel, headquarters, together with the Portland and the Iola, and smaller hotels, cooperated fully.

Distinguished visitors and speakers included E. H. Everson, president of the National Farmers Union; Senator Arthur Capper, Topeka; Representative W. P. Lambertson, Fairview; Congressman Randolph Fairview; Congressman Charles Talbott, president of the North Dakota Farmers Union; H. G. Keeney, president of the Nebraska Farmers Union, who was accompanied by P. D. Peterson, manager of the Farmers Union Creamery at Fairbury, Nebraska; and George Larsen and Chris Milles, members of the State Board of the Nebraska Farmers Union; Zed Lawter, secretary of the Oklahoma Farmers Union; C. H. Hyde, another Oklahoma Farmers Union leader from Alameda; E. Howard, now Senior Supervisor with the Agricultural Adjustment Administration; M. R. Miller, secretary of the Missouri Farmers Union and editor of the cooperative Farmer, who was accompanied by W. Needles, president of the Missouri Union and J. O. Shepherd, member of the board, Ralph Snyder, president of the Wichita Bank for Cooperatives, and A. W. Ricker, St. Paul, Minn., editor of the Farmers Union Herald.

Good Entertainment
Music and entertainment of the most popular varieties were furnished by Iola talent. The names of the individuals and organizations who entertained are mentioned in the resolutions appearing elsewhere in this issue.

Managerial Meeting
Tuesday afternoon, October 29, was devoted to the program of the Farmers Union Managerial Association, with the president, C. B. Thove, in charge. Among the speakers were A. M. Kinney, retiring vice president of the Kansas Farmers Union; Ralph Snyder, Wichita; Howland Cowden, manager, Constantine Cooperative Association; Roy Crawford, Grain Salesman, Farmers National Grain Corporation, and O. C. Servis, vice president of the Managerial Association.

The managers talked shop and listened to some most interesting reports and addresses. This meeting is an annual affair with the Association in which notes and experiences are compared, and progress noted. An attempt will be made to report this meeting more fully in later issues. The speech of Congressman Carpen-

ter, given Tuesday evening, will also be reported later.

Welcome by Mayor
The regular annual meeting of the Kansas Farmers Union was called to order Wednesday forenoon by Cal Ward, retiring president. W. W. Perham, mayor of Iola, delivered an appropriate and timely address of Welcome. John Vesecky, Timken, responded for the Farmers Union.

The various reports from officers occupied most of the afternoon. They will be published later.

Junior Leaders Appear
On Wednesday evening, the Farmers Union Junior leaders made their second appearance. Ten of these young folks and leaders of young Farmers Union folks lined up before the audience Wednesday forenoon and were introduced and asked to make short talks. They arranged an interesting program Wednesday evening. This was considered one of the high lights of the convention. The ten were appointed as members of the "Junior Committee" with Mrs. Leona Dobson in charge.

Everson and Capper
Senator Arthur Capper and President Everson were the principal speakers Wednesday evening, and were greeted with the largest crowd of the entire convention. Thursday forenoon was devoted largely to reports from the various state-wide Farmers Union activities and affiliated activities, these reports will be published in subsequent issues of this paper.

Lambertson, Talbott, Howard

Three speakers occupied the time Thursday evening, Charlie Talbott, president of the North Dakota Union, spoke first, and was followed by T. E. Howard who has appeared at Kansas Farmers Union conventions for a number of years. Congressman W. P. Lambertson was the third speaker. Watch later issues for reports of these splendid addresses.

Nominations of officers were made Thursday forenoon. A complete list of the candidates appears in this issue under the heading "The Vote."

Cooperative Spirit
Some time was given by having the Legislative Committee headed by State Senator John Frost, report Thursday afternoon, during the time set aside for discussion. This period was marked by earnest debate by various members and delegates. Although some of the discussions were somewhat heated, a spirit of harmony and good will prevailed throughout, and those whose ideas did not prevail when votes were taken were excellent sports, and took their temporary set-backs in the best of good nature. The committee report is published in this issue.

Friday forenoon was devoted to receiving reports of the other committees, including the Resolutions Committee headed by John Vesecky. The same cooperative spirit prevailed during this session as was so evident Thursday afternoon.

The afternoon session was rather short, final adjournment coming after the election report of the credentials committee, and installation of officers. Cal Ward acted as installing officer, working with state conductor John Tommer.

Good Publicity
Mention should be made here of the splendid cooperation and publicity given by the Iola Daily Register. The convention proceedings were covered fully and with utmost fairness throughout the entire time of the annual meeting. The Allen County News Journal, weekly, also cooperated fully in every way.

THE VOTE

President: John Vesecky 181
Neil Dulaney 74
Vice President: John Frost 183
A. J. Wempe 73
Secretary-Treasurer: Floyd Lynn 197
Leslie Roenick 56
Conductor: John Tommer 164
Reuben Peterson 89
Doorkeeper: John A. Scheel 230
Delegates to National Convention: A. M. Kinney 161
E. A. Crall 102
C. B. Ingman 24
John Tommer 78
Mrs. John Dobson 60
Wm. G. Swanson 50
1936 Convention City: Winfield 90
McPherson 150
Director Second District: W. E. Roesch 35
Director Fourth District: John Fengel 23
I. J. Scott 16
Director Fifth District: B. E. Winchester 14

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John Tommer, Conductor, Waterville, Kansas
John Scheel, Doorkeeper, Emporia, Kansas

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SALINA, KANSAS, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 1935

REPORT OF EDITOR, SECRETARY-TREASURER

Instead of the regular editorial which usually appears here, the editor's report as given before the Iowa convention is published. This annual report, given by Floyd H. Lynn, secretary-treasurer of the Kansas Farmers Union and editor of the Kansas Union Farmer, was given Wednesday afternoon, October 30.

Report

It is now my pleasure to come before this annual meeting of the Kansas Farmers Union for my fourth annual report as your secretary-treasurer and as your editor. You have been good enough to entrust me with important duties as your hired man, and now I am reporting to you to whom I am responsible.

Interesting pictures are made up of high lights and black-bright spots and dark spots. My report should present an interesting picture, because it has both bright spots and dark spots.

A report of the year's activities of your organization shows many things accomplished, and much good done; yet it also shows a decrease in total membership compared with last year and a falling off of cooperative support from some quarters.

Mr. T. B. Dunn, your auditor, has read the statistical report. It shows we have spent more money than we have taken in. In fact, it shows a decrease in income, as compared with last year, and an increase in expenditures. A careful analysis of this condition is due you. In 1934, expenses were cut materially because your president, Cal Ward, drew only \$402.00 as his year's salary, and his expenses were only \$136.40; in spite of the fact that he served you well as president. The saving under budget requirements was \$3,361.60. This year, 1935, the state organization had to bear more of his salary and expense, paying him \$1,630.00 salary, and \$816.23 expense. His budget called for \$2,400.00 salary and \$1,500 expense. The saving this year on your president's budget was \$1,453.44, or \$1,908.14 less saving than in 1934.

Junior Program

The greatest cost applying to the 1935 program which was not evident in 1934 was that of the Junior program. Counting the expense of maintaining a State Junior Leader throughout a good part of the year, together with the added expense of your officers in getting the Junior Program started and in striving to keep it going, we find just about the difference between this year's total expenditures and last. I believe this was a necessary and just expense. I believe it is a good investment, and one that must be made and added to. The Kansas Farmers Union certainly needs to get the young farm folks interested in the Farmers Union and in all it stands for, and since we are not subsidized from any source—and don't want to be—we must stand that expense ourselves.

I can assure you that we have kept the expenditures down to the absolute minimum that could be maintained with any assurance of operating effectively. We have kept within our budget of expenditures; the main trouble has been in maintaining a sufficient and adequate income.

Why Income Smaller

Now I want to make just a preliminary statement or two about our dwindling income to the state office. Perhaps I shall treat that subject more fully a little later in my report.

It is well known that this has been a hard year, financially speaking, for those Farmers Union state-wide activities which the state office has depended upon, in quite a large way—

and such dependence is right and just. Various activities usually help more than they have felt justified in doing this year. Their advertising support for the state paper has fallen off this year. Their direct contributions or support through other channels have been less than before this year. However, I feel more as though we should thank them for their support in the past, rather than condemn them for less support this year. The serious drought of last year is reflected in less marketing this year, for the simple reason that farmers did not produce so much this year and last as they have been in the habit of producing. That meant less business for the cooperatives.

I might say, too, that those activities which enjoyed a good period in 1934 and 1935 have not generally increased their support to the parent educational organization this year, but have had a tendency to decrease their support. That, by the way, should form the basis for some serious study and discussion by this delegate and membership body before we adjourn. I believe these firms are headed by sincere and honest men and women; and no doubt ways can be worked out whereby the parent institution, which has the job of maintaining cooperative action and practice among farmers, will receive the support it must have in order to continue effectively.

The local and county cooperatives also have been hit rather severely, generally speaking, because of the adverse conditions mentioned; and that, of course, is reflected in a further decrease in membership. I just want to observe here that many times it seems altogether too easy for cooperatives to forget that a central educational unit must be maintained if the idea of cooperation among farmers is to be preserved. When this idea is lost, cooperatives themselves, as such, will be lost. No one knows this better than the enemies of cooperative marketing and purchasing. (At this point a chart was explained showing income and expenditures for nine years.)

Accomplishments

Now, for the present, I want to leave the question of membership and cooperative support, and recount some of the things which have been done, and some efforts that have been made.

You will remember that at the 1934 annual meeting in Ellis, it was the sentiment of the delegates and members present that the state Union should do something toward helping out in a test court case testing the validity of the Frazier-Lemke Moratorium law. A Kansas case was suggested. While your state officers were investigating the Kansas case, the National Farmers Union convention was called in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. At the National convention, it developed that a test case was already up for consideration in the United States Supreme Court. Mr. Lemke, co-author of the law, together with National Farmers Union officers and leaders in other State Unions, appealed for all the aid possible in that fight. That case in the Supreme Court appeared to be a better test case than the Kansas case. The Kansas Union thought it best to throw our efforts into that case, in cooperation with the National Farmers Union and the other State Unions. Accordingly, we sent out appeals through the Kansas Union Farmer for donations to assist in this fight. Kansas members and Farmers Union cooperatives responded wholeheartedly. The result was that the Kansas Union sent \$280 to Mr. Lemke and the National Union,

to use for that purpose. I believe that was the largest amount sent in from any one state.

Of course, you know the result of that court case. The law was declared unconstitutional. But the Farmers Union was not whipped. We kept at it and finally, this summer, just before Congress adjourned, through the efforts of Mr. Lemke and others, including our National Union officers, we had the pleasure of seeing another Moratorium bill become law—patterned after the original, but revamped in such a way as to meet the objections of the courts.

Another important bit of proposed national legislation, which the Kansas Union in cooperation with the National Farmers Union tried to have enacted, was the Patman bill, which would have paid the ex-service men's adjusted compensation certificates now, and would have paid them in United States money rather than in International Bankers' money. That bill, too, was lost, but not until it was clearly demonstrated that the public favored it.

The Kansas Farmers Union, and the Kansas Union Farmer, took an active part in the fight for the passage of the Frazier-Lemke Farm Mortgage Refinancing bill. We can find great pleasure in the fact that every Kansas Congressman in Washington signed the petition to bring the bill out of the floor of the House for a fair vote. Our Senators were for the Frazier-Lemke bill. And more important is the fact that practically every actual farmer in Kansas is for that refinancing bill. Even our business and professional men and women, and our laboring people to a large extent, favor the Frazier-Lemke Refinancing bill. I believe I am not too presumptuous when I say the Kansas Farmers Union had an important part in bringing about this remarkable solidarity of public opinion. The fight is not over. We will stay in this fight until this objective is won, and until our common people make that important progress toward social and economic independence.

Your state Union and your official paper also had some part in the fight against allowing fresh beef to enter this country from the Argentine. We appealed to Senator Capper and to Governor Bennett to help prevent this outrage against American farmers. Thus far, it has been prevented.

Through your paper, we kept the membership informed on the government program of purchasing cattle in drought areas. We also published information relating to the wheat program and other programs of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, believing, in the light of action taken at the last annual meeting, that these subjects were of sufficient importance to merit some space in your paper.

I want to call attention to another matter that was reported in your paper, in the issue of July 4. This is a matter in which the Farmers Union should take considerable pride. It dealt with the saving of \$1,200,000 in grain freight rates, made possible through the decision of the Interstate Commerce Commission, following a long fight, in which the Kansas Farmers Union took a leading part.

While on the subject of legislative accomplishments and efforts, I must mention the work done by Topeka by the Kansas Farmers Union, in connection with the Committee of Kansas Farm Organizations, during the last session of the State Legislature. One of our own members, Harry Witham of Kansas City, heads this Committee of Kansas Farm Organizations; and another good Farmers Union member, John Vesceky of Timken, served as legislative representative of the Committee, and as such actively directed its activities during the time the legislature was in session.

It would be almost impossible to list all the activities of that committee, but I shall name a few. A successful fight was made against the general sales tax which would have been in force today in Kansas had it not been for our Topeka efforts.

We caused to be introduced, and we fought consistently for, a marketing bill designed to eliminate some of the evils of unrestricted and unregulated direct buying by packers at country points. The bill was not passed, but progress was made toward passage of a similar bill at a later date.

Our fight also included efforts for a more effective income tax, and for various other things for which the Farmers Union stands.

Miscellaneous

At this point I want to mention a few miscellaneous things which perhaps should have a place in this report.

During the year we had a new supply of booklets printed, containing our constitution and by-laws, as amended up to and including our last annual meeting. Printing costs are higher than they used to be, but because of assistance given by the Farmers Union Jobbing Association, the Farmers Union Live Stock Commission Company, and the Farmers Union Auditing Association through the purchase of advertising space in the booklets, we were able to cut the cost down to the point where these booklets can be sold for five cents each. Having these booklets printed for the convenience of members, Locals and other organizations has increased our printing expense for this year, of course, but it is something which has to be done once in a while.

One of our board members, Henry Jamison of Quinter, in the Second District, resigned during the year, because of the fact that he moved to Colorado. W. E. Roesch, also of Quinter, was selected to fill the vacancy.

E. E. Kennedy, secretary-treasurer of the National Farmers Union, was in the state for a series of six meetings as reported in the Kansas Union Farmer.

National Convention

The entire board of directors of the Kansas Farmers Union, together with your president, vice president, secretary, state conductor, two dele-

gates, and several other members, attended the National Farmers Union convention at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, last fall. Incidentally, it was hoped a good delegation, in addition to the regular delegates, can attend this year at Kankakee, Illinois.

Radio

Now I want to report on another venture of your state Union. In our endeavor to do whatever it takes to bring in more members, thus to strengthen the effectiveness of your organization; and in order that the message of the Farmers Union might reach many who otherwise might be missed, your state board authorized the establishment of a radio service. Your state officers, in putting this program into effect, secured time on KFBI, Abilene radio station with during the noon hour on each week day, from February 25 to and including June 29, the Kansas Farmers Union was on the air. This, as the audit shows, cost money. I am sure it did a lot of good, and I gather that assurance from reports of members and others from most of the state of Kansas. I am assured that many Local and county meetings were attended by larger numbers than usual, because of our radio announcements. If there is anything we need to do, it is to swell the attendance at our various meetings.

It happened that your secretary came to the task of preparing and delivering most of the radio programs. This took a lot of time and a great deal of effort, I can assure you; but I feel well repaid if real good was accomplished. Incidentally, I prepared and delivered 68 short radio lectures, and prepared several more that were delivered by others. A total of 108 programs were given. Among those who spoke from the state office over the microphone which was placed there were Cal Ward, President of the Kansas Farmers Union; A. M. Kinney, vice president; Rex Lear, Kansas manager of the Farmers Union Life Insurance Company; Mrs. Mary Riley, state Junior Leader; G. E. Creitz, manager of the Farmers Union Royalty Company; Pauline Coward, head, quarters office, Salina; Kansas Farmers Union, and Milo Reno, president of the Farmers Union Life Insurance Company, Des Moines.

Including state conductor, John Tommer, contributed messages. During most of the time your state Union was on the air, the Farmers Union Live Stock Commission Company contributed toward paying for the live stock market news, which week as that market news was furnished from the live stock office in Kansas City. The Farmers Union Jobbing Association also used part of the time, and paid part of the expense. I feel like to see the Kansas Farmers Union in a financial position to resume this radio service.

Junior Development

Earlier in this report, I mentioned the Kansas Farmers Union Junior program as we have attempted to develop it this year. We have not gone as far forward with this program as I had hoped we would, and I am sure the membership generally in favor of going much farther. For some years, we maintained through the paper, a department devoted to Junior Cooperators. This was not enough, although it was a start. Mrs. Art Riley of Salina had most to do with this department in the paper.

When the Kansas group went to the National Farmers Union convention at Sioux Falls South Dakota, we were amazed to note the progress that had been made by Juniors in some other states. Many of the youths being trained in the matter of leadership. They were being trained to study economic and social conditions from a Farmers Union viewpoint. Naturally, we saw the need for more development along that line in Kansas.

We arranged for a series of meetings, one in each district, to be addressed by one of the National Farmers Union able Junior leaders, Mrs. Gladys Talbot Edwards. She was accompanied by her father, Charlie Talbot, president of the North Dakota Farmers Union and a great exponent of Junior development. The meetings did a lot of good, and spread the desire among our membership for greater Junior activity.

Then we had the good fortune to cooperate with the Kansas Emergency Relief Committee at Topeka, leaders of a course of study among farm folks based on economic subjects. They were pleased to incorporate the National Farmers Union course of Junior study in their course which they worked out. An institute, known as the "Workers' Institute," was worked out, and was attended largely by Farmers Union sponsored student-teachers, who completed the course and then went back to their communities, there to cooperate with their Farmers Union Locals and county Unions in conducting schools.

Naturally, the development of our Junior program dove-tailed right into this Workers' Education program. Many new leaders in the Kansas Farmers Union were developed, and it would be impossible to measure the good that has arisen from this very thing, of the good that will yet come from it.

Mrs. Art Riley was appointed state Junior Leader, and did creditable work, considering what limitations she was subjected to. Her work as Junior Leader extended from the first of the year until in June, when, because of measures of economy the department was merged into the office of the state secretary and the office of editor of the paper. Since then, your state secretary has attempted to carry on in the work.

I must mention the fact that we had intended to have Mrs. O. H. Olson, National Farmers Union Junior Leader, as one of the instructors in the Institute mentioned, but at the last moment she was forced by circumstances to decline the place. Then we brought A. C. Davis, former secretary of the National Farmers Union, in to take her place. He was paid out of KERC funds, and did a good job of keeping the principles

of the Farmers Union constantly before those who were preparing to teach in the many communities.

Your state officers, including Mrs. Riley, spent considerable time with the institute, and visited many of the community classes afterward.

I feel that there are great possibilities in developing the Junior program in Kansas. We have made a good start, but that is about all we have made. I should have been pleased to have been able to put in more of my own time on the Junior program. As it is, may I say, my time has been quite fully occupied. This may be my only opportunity to say it, so I shall say now that since the last annual meeting I have put in 365 days working for the Kansas Farmers Union. I have had the cooperation, of course, of your other officers, the membership, the managers, Miss Pauline Coward of the state office, and others. Without this cooperation, I would have been quite helpless.

Membership

Now I have touched upon the activities of my office for 1934 and 1935. I want to mention just a few more things before I close. Something must be done to revive membership in your state Union. I'd like to talk about that just a little while and possibly make some recommendations or at least to raise a few questions for further discussion among the delegates and members. We have had no organizers out this year as such. However, our Junior work and our radio programs have done more than organizers have done in some other years. Our total membership on October 1 last year, on which we paid National dues ethence a thousand or more dues came in for 1934 in the latter months of 1935, when, as a special arrangement we accepted 1934 memberships for those who paid only National Union dues provided those dues were accompanied by July 1934 dues. This year, the membership on September 30 was 6,946. Many have come in since then, however, and we will go to the National convention with more than 7,500 paid members for 1935.

Nevertheless, our membership is dwindling. There's nothing gained in trying to deny that fact. It challenges our immediate attention. First, we must find out why the membership is falling off. Of course, some of the reasons are so apparent that we do not have to search for them. I refer to such reasons as hard times, scarcity of money with which to pay dues, and other similar reasons. Strangely enough, these very reasons are also reasons why the membership of the Farmers Union should be increased.

Here is an interesting and unfortunate paradox. The number of Kansas farmers now enjoying the benefits coming through the cooperative marketing and cooperative purchasing and business enterprises is steadily increasing, while the number of farmers actually supporting the Kansas Farmers Union by active, paid-up membership is decreasing.

Conservatively speaking, there are at least 40,000 stockholders and customers patronizing the cooperatives affiliated with the Farmers Union in Kansas today. About a sixth of that number make up the dues-paying membership of your state Union. Many who pay dues are not stockholders in cooperatives. So about one out of eight of those receiving direct benefits from the cooperative benefits goes to the trouble to contribute, by membership dues, to the upkeep of the state membership organization which has the important job of maintaining cooperative education. If it were not for the educational department, farmers and the general public would soon forget the existence of cooperatives, and cooperatives—state-wide and local—would die out entirely, as such.

It would seem, then, that the easing off of membership requirements in large measure responsible for present conditions. I think that is pretty generally conceded to be the case. As to who is to blame, I shall leave that entirely to you. What, then, should be done about it?

Group Membership

Where the check-off system is in force—and it is provided for in many places where it is not in actual force—it is working out in good shape. But I doubt whether that system can be put into force and operation in many new places.

There is another course of action left. I refer to group membership. Briefly, that means the payment of dues by a cooperative for those stockholders who are eligible for membership, and the elimination of further dues payments by those stockholders. These group dues would, of course, have to be determined by some system, perhaps by a percentage levied against the gross business of the various local and county cooperatives. I am not seeking to present arguments in this report, but I must say that it has been pointed out that such a fixed percentage charge is not out of place, inasmuch as the service of the state educational organization is as necessary to the progress of a cooperative as a building in which it must do business, or as insurance for its protection. These other necessities are not paid for according to yearly profits, but are fixed charges, just as support for the Farmers Union should be.

Such a group membership plan, effectively applied, would go a long way toward bringing more of our benefitting farmers into the Union. It would also relieve the state-wide institutions from the necessity of spending so much for the support of the state educational work or department. It would, of course, have to be used in addition to the present voluntary plan. The amount of annual dues would have to be lowered.

This subject could occupy a lot of time, but with these few remarks I shall close the subject for the time being.

Closer Coordination

Another thing that has been mentioned as a possible relief for the existing conditions is a closer coordination of work programs carried

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY JOHN VESECKY

GREETINGS

It is usually the custom, I believe, for the new President to declare his policy or platform and tell the people what plans he has in mind to put his platform or policy into operation. I have no policy or platform, except to do all I can for the good of the farmers of Kansas. The best plan I can think of for doing the greatest good for our farmers is to build a stronger and a better Farmers Union and do all in my power to put into effect the program which was adopted at the Iowa convention.

Three-Way Program

I have in mind a three-way program consisting, first, of education, next cooperation and last, legislation. In education we should try to preach the gospel of Farmers Union not only to our own members but to all the farmers and in fact, to all of the good people of the state of Kansas. The state office is planning to hold a series of meetings during this winter which will be followed up by an intensive membership campaign in each locality visited. We are going to try our best to make every farmer in the state acquainted with the Farmers Union program, and then to induce him to become a member of the Union. Any local or county desiring a meeting of this kind, please write to the state office so we can arrange for a series of meetings which can be held with the least possible expense.

The second part of the program is cooperation. We all realize that our program will finally stand or fall, depending entirely upon the number and the kind of cooperative organizations which we build up under the Farmers Union banner. It is the desire of the state office to cooperate with every Farmers Union institution organized in this state. We will do all we can to help build up its membership and solve its problems if it has any with which the head office can help.

We will appreciate it if every Farmers Union business organization would send us a copy of its last balance sheet giving us the names of its officers, and its members; and also sending us a copy of its constitution and by-laws. If we can be of any help to any of our business organizations, we hope they will not hesitate to call upon the state office.

Of course, we expect them to reciprocate and help to build up the Farmers Union membership among their shareholders and patrons. The Farmers Union needs good strong business organizations, but the business organizations need the Farmers Union just as much as we need them. I do not believe you can have a permanently successful business organization without some connection with

a strong educational organization which will develop a cooperative spirit among the membership.

The third part of the program, legislation, I place in this position because we first must have our membership educated to the needs of the farmer and as how best to obtain those needs. Next, we must have a large membership which will thoroughly cooperate with the state office and with the business institutions before we can hope to have much effect on legislation.

My experience in appearing before legislative committees and working for farm legislation has been that the farm organization, or any organization for that matter, which can show the largest and best informed membership has the most influence upon legislation. You may hire the best legislative representative possible to get, but unless you can show a large, well informed membership that will back him up by letters and telegrams when necessary, his influence upon legislation will not amount to much.

So, let's all pull together and see if we cannot double our membership by the next annual convention. Let's all have only two purposes in mind: to build a better and stronger Farmers Union and a determination to put into effect the Farmers Union program as adopted at the Iowa State Convention.

REPORT OF CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

We, your committee on Constitution and By-Laws, recommend for adoption the following amendments:

1. That all employees of any or all local, county and state-wide Farmers Union business institutions must be paid up, dues-paying members of the Kansas Farmers Union, and must continue to be dues-paying members during any subsequent year of employment.
2. Line 2, section 4, (Article 1, Section B) page 7, substitute the word August for the word October. (Voted down.)
3. Add this sentence to "Election of Delegates," page 6, Section 2, line 17 (Article 1, Section B), following the word "representation": "such delegate to be a member in good standing in the Kansas Farmers Union, and a stockholder or member of the Association which he, or she may represent."

H. B. Whitaker, Chairman
Wm. A. Wright

Note: Proposed amendments numbers 1 and 3, having been approved by the convention, will be submitted in the regularly prescribed manner to the Locals for final adoption or rejection.

The use of good seed in planting a potato crop is just as essential—if not more so—than it is in planting grain crops. Many of the most virulent potato diseases are transmitted through the seed and can only be controlled by using disease-free seed. The use of certified seed is the best practice for eliminating these diseases.

"How much are eggs today?"

"WE USE the telephone to get information on current prices for eggs and poultry and we also sell broilers and hens by telephone," relates a farm woman of Worcester, New York.

The best market and the best price are often more easily located by telephone. You can send your voice to many markets easier than you can go in person to one. This is one reason why the telephone is so helpful in many business transactions.

And its importance at other times should not be overlooked. In time of emergency, for instance, when the assistance and advice of doctor, veterinarian, friend, or neighbor are so necessary. And its importance in keeping you in touch with neighborhood doings and with the outside world. It is not hard to understand why farm families often say, "We could not get along without a telephone."

BELL TELEPHONE SYSTEM

Junior and Juvenile Department

Juniors from 16 to 21

Juvenile's from 16 to 6

Floyd H. Lynn, Kansas Junior Leader

Farmers Union Juniors 'Took' State Convention

Made Two Appearances on Program, with Result that Junior Movement Got Biggest Boost in its Kansas History

MORE TIME NEXT YEAR

Mrs. Dobson Made Fine Report; Miss Ekblad Shone as Four-Minute Speaker; Talbott Met with Juniors; Great Future Ahead

The Kansas Farmers Union Junior Department received the greatest impetus or boost in its history at the annual convention held in Iowa last week. The Junior movement was brought squarely before the delegates and visitors from all over the state, and its worth and desirability was clearly brought out. Its future is brighter than it has ever been.

More Time Next Year
One result of the past taken by the Juniors and Junior leaders in the Iowa convention was the resolution asking that an entire half day be devoted to the Junior work in the 1936 convention. Everywhere, the remark was heard, "This Junior work is one of the biggest things in the Farmers Union. I hope we can get it started in our local."

Juvenile Phillip Rice
Only one Juvenile was present to take part in the program, and that one was Phillip Rice, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Rice of Conway Springs in Sumner county. Phillip rendered some excellent musical numbers consisting of songs accompanied by the guitar which he played himself. To say that Phillip was a big hit with the convention is putting it mildly.

Some interesting comments were heard relative to Phillip. Summing them up, they ran about like this: "That youngster is good, and this convention is doing him lots of good. He is getting many times more good out of being here than he would have gotten out of three days in school. We are going to have to be looking to the youngsters to carry on for the Union in a mighty few years."

Junior Committee
In the forenoon of Wednesday, October 30, the Junior Leaders present were called up to the front of the convention room for introduction. Floyd Lynn, acting as state Junior Leader, had charge, and asked each to identify himself or herself. Joe Holly of Marshall county acted as marshal to get the Leaders congregated in the front of the room. The ten who responded, besides Mr. Holly, were Mrs. Leona Dobson, Manhattan; C. B. Ingman, Barnes; Bruce Winchester, Stafford; Mrs. Neva Orr, Conway Springs; Vincent Larson, Leonardville; Mrs. Clara Souders, Brewster; Christian Ikenberry, Quinter; Walter Brennan, Maple Hill; and Esther Ekblad, Walsburg. These ten were appointed as the Junior Committee for the Convention. Three were from Riley county, being Mrs. Dobson, Miss Ekblad and Mr. Larson. Mrs. Dobson, because of outstanding work done in connection with the Junior work in Riley county and with the Junior Jamboree of a few weeks ago, was named chairman of the committee.

Evening Program
This committee met and prepared a program for the evening. That program was undoubtedly one of the most important items on the convention program. They even had Grandpa Gus among them, although he did not take part for, as Mrs. Dobson explained, he was suffering from a severe cold.

It was on this program that Phillip Rice rendered his musical number. Phillip, by the way, assisted Grandpa Gus to the platform.

Mrs. Dobson's Report
Mrs. Dobson gave a splendid report to the convention, reporting on the progress that has been made in the Junior work in Kansas, outlining some of the things that the Juniors expect to accomplish, and appealing to the delegates and members to give the program all the hearty cooperation possible.

Each member of the committee spoke briefly of his or her part in the development of the program thus far, and some excellent points were brought out.

Miss Ekblad Capable
Esther Ekblad, one of the younger leaders who comes from Riley county, delighted and no doubt astonished the audience with her clear and forceful presentation of facts and principles in a short, well delivered talk, fashioned along the lines of the four-minute speeches that are being emphasized in the Farmers Union program. Esther proved herself capable of representing the Kansas Farmers Union in any competition along that line. It is hoped that she can attend the National Farmers Union convention and represent Kansas in the four-minute speech contests.

Vincent Larson Active
It is also possible that Vincent Larson may attend the National Convention and represent Kansas in the essay contest. Vincent has done outstanding work, and is without

doubt one of the coming Farmers Union leaders in Kansas.

Met with Talbott
The announcement was made that the Juniors and all interested would gather in the room behind the stage for a meeting with Charlie Talbott, in order to discuss the development of the Junior program. Mr. Talbott has been actively identified with the Junior work in his state, North Dakota, and is the father of Mrs. Gladys Talbott Edwards, one of the National Junior Leaders. For a while it looked as though the crowd behind the stage was going to outnumber the crowd out in the main auditorium, because so many of the delegates were deeply interested in the Junior work.

Mr. Talbott expressed himself as extremely well pleased with the showing made by the Kansas Junior department. He said it was far ahead of the showing made in their North Dakota convention the first year the Juniors operated. Now, North Dakota is one of the leading states as far as Junior work is concerned.

Mr. Talbott strongly urges electing at least one Junior to office in each local. "It is a mighty good thing to put a Junior in as vice president, and let that vice president preside often at the meetings," he said.

The Junior Committee, with Mr. Talbott, also met with the state board in one of its sessions. The board is determined to push the Junior program forward as much as possible during the coming year.

REPORT OF EDITOR, SECRETARY-TREASURER

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on by the state organization and by the state-wide activities. It has been pointed out by many members that some way should be worked out whereby the state Union could work in closer touch with the two principal state-wide Farmers Union marketing activities, the Farmers Union Live Stock Commission Company and the Farmers Union Jobbing Association. At present, 200 miles separate the headquarters of these two great cooperatives from the state Union office.

It has been pointed out that Kansas City is the focal point of a greater part of Farmers Union marketing activities. Salina is nearer the geographic center of membership, but more members would contact the state office personally if it were in Kansas City. Nearly all the membership contacts, as far as the headquarters office of the state Farmers Union is concerned, are carried on by mail. Better mail service could be had out of Kansas City than out of Salina. Membership work could be carried on as cheaply, if not more economically, from Kansas City than from Salina, it is argued by some.

The Kansas Union Farmer could probably be printed at a cheaper cost in Kansas City than in Salina. Certainly, more advertising accounts could be obtained working out of Kansas City.

The Kansas Farmers Union has no investments in Salina. A move would be simple, and easy. We simply rent office space in Salina. When the Farmers Union Mutual Insurance Company required membership in the state Union, it contributed much to the organization's strength. It was proper, then, to remain in the insurance company's building. We have heard members say that now there is no advantage in it.

I believe however that those who may be in charge of the state office will find it more personally pleasant and advantageous to live in Salina rather than in Kansas City, but that should not be allowed to influence the location choice.

My purpose in mentioning these things is simply that they may be brought up for discussion during this annual meeting. I know we must do something to build up our membership. Some changes must be made. These suggestions may not be worth anything at all, but if they cause some discussion in which really valuable ideas are brought forward, then I shall be glad to have made them.

Friends, it has been a pleasure to serve you during this past year and during the past four years. I am far from satisfied with what I have accomplished, but I assure you I have given you my entire effort and ability.

Tender bulbs that the to be stored at home for the winter should be cleaned and treated with plant disinfectant. Most of them do best if stored in dry sand in a place that is free from frost but never warmer than 40 degrees.

REPORT OF COOPERATIVE MARKETING COMMITTEE

We, your committee on Cooperative marketing, respectfully submit the following report:

Inasmuch as the development of the cooperative movement readily divides itself into at least three separate and distinct divisions, we should keep them clearly in mind; namely, cooperative marketing, consumers' cooperation and cooperative financing. They each break down into activities in at least three fields; local, regional and national. In all cases certain fundamentals must be observed in order that our various setups may be sound and serviceable.

The local cooperative is the foundation of the regional in all cases, and through them the foundation of all national organizations. Accordingly the soundness of the local determines the soundness of the entire structure and must be maintained at all costs. The local business activity is supported by the individual stockholders' support and patronage, and the local support is given usually to about the degree to which the membership has knowledge of the purpose, to principles, needs for, and activities of the cooperative organizations. Accordingly a cooperative educational program is important to all cooperatives and must be carried on continuously.

Good management is another item of importance to all cooperatives, as good business practice cannot be maintained without efficient management, and no business can live when unsound business methods are employed.

In accordance with the facts outlined above, we recommend that all Farmers Union cooperative activities be conducted in accordance with the following rules in the organizing and conducting of their various businesses:

1. That the local and regional Farmers Union cooperative support the educational value in maintaining loyalty and support of members.

2. That all local cooperatives support their regionals to the greatest extent possible, and the regional keep in mind at all times the needs of the locals, and build to render the needed services just as rapidly as possible; cooperating on a national scale with other organizations and other state-wide groups where possible, to hasten the day when the consumers' groups can manufacture their supplies, the marketing groups can have a stronger bargaining power in the market place, and when the surplus capital will be built up to the extent that the movement will have ample capital on which to operate.

Harold Westgate, Chairman.
Clifford Miller, R. D. Samuelson, W. L. Habiger, L. A. Peterson, Edward Johnson, T. A. Hupp.

COMMITTEE PERSONNEL

The following Farmers Union members served on the committees designated, during the thirtieth annual meeting of the Kansas Farmers Union held in Iowa last week. Their addresses and counties are shown in this list:

John Vesecky, Chairman, Timken, Rush.
Clyde Coffman, Overbrook, Osage.
Howard Miller, Morrill, Brown.
Frank Root, Seneca, Nemola.
Joe Erwin, Belle Plaine, Sumner.
Irtus Ward, Stafford, Stafford.
George Peet, LeRoy, Coffey.
A. J. Wempe, Frankfort, Marshall.
B. M. Gibson, McPherson, McPherson.
Dan Cowb, Greenleaf, Washington.

Legislative Committee
John Frost, Chairman, Blue Rapids, Marshall.
E. L. Wolfe, Quinter, Gove.
Tom Wells, Eldorado, Chase.
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Prices of farm products continue to gain on the prices of previous years. In September, 1934, the prices of farm products were 103 per cent of the prewar level. In September of this year, they were 107 per cent of the prewar level. In the same period, prices of things farmers buy declined one point from 126 to 125 per cent of prewar. As a result, the ratio between prices received by farmers and prices paid for things farmers buy increased from 82 per cent of prewar in September of 1934 to 86 per cent in September of 1935, says W. E. Rimes, agricultural economist, Manhattan.

TRIPLE "A" FACTS

By H. Umberger, Director Kansas State College Extension Service

Q: I own a 160-acre farm which will be under contract in the new AAA wheat program. In addition, I am renting some land on which I have seeded wheat this fall. For the past two years, I have seeded 120 acres of wheat on this rented land, but this summer, at the request of the owners, I broke up 5 acres of meadow land, and I now have 125 acres of wheat seeded on this place. I have been told that I will have to destroy 5 acres of this wheat or reduce the seedings on my own place an additional 5 acres to comply with my contract. Is this correct?

A: I assume that the wheat base on the rented land and under contract is 120 acres. If so, it will be necessary for you to restrict your total wheat production in 1936 to the permitted acreage under your contract plus 120 acres. In other words, if you have seeded the full 95 per cent of the base on your own farm, you will be required to destroy 5 acres of wheat. You will not be required to destroy any of your wheat if your total seedings on both contracted and noncontracted land do not exceed the permitted production on the land under contract plus the base acreage on the noncontracted land. This rule is intended merely to restrict a contract signer from violating the spirit of the adjustment program by increasing his wheat acreage on land not under contract to offset his reduction on contracted land.

Q: Is there going to be a rye adjustment program? And if it is, it is expected to hold down seedings this fall?

A: The Agricultural Adjustment Administration will bring out a rye program shortly. However, this program will attempt to limit the acreage seeded to rye, but will deal only with the acreage of the crop harvested for grain.

Q: When will the Supreme Court take under consideration a case involving the constitutionality of the AAA, and what is the nature of the case to be tried?

A: On the docket for this session of the court is the Hoosac Mills case involving the constitutionality of the cotton processing tax. As far as I have been able to determine, the exact date for consideration of this case has not been set, but probably will be in December. Wheat millers are carrying an appeal of Judge Merrill E. Otis' decision upholding the legality of the wheat processing tax, but this case probably will not reach the court until after a decision has been reached in the Hoosac Mills case.

Q: Who allots county acreage and production quotas under the new four-year wheat program?

A: The allotment of acreage and production bases is under the supervision of the State Grain Board, composed of Herman Praeger, Chairman; H. J. Seidel, Glen Elder, B. G. B. Stettin; Hubert B. G. B. Stettin; and E. H. Leker, Kansas State College extension service representative.

MARKETING HOGS

The hog market is continuing in its regular trend of working into lower levels after its peak in August, and the forecast of four weeks ago still holds true, says Vance M. Rucker, Extension Marketing Specialist, Kansas State College.

Incidentally, the Farmers Union Live Stock Commission Co., operating at Kansas City, Wichita and Parsons, is one of the largest hog marketing cooperatives in the world.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

ANOTHER GOOD LETTER FROM BROTHER ROTH

One of the real "old timers" of the Farmers Union, a man who has lived the very principles of the organization and who has contributed immeasurably to the upbuilding of the cause, is Frank Roth of Tokamah, Nebraska. Mr. Roth is a faithful reader of the Kansas Union Farmer, and this paper is always glad to publish his letters so the Kansas membership can get an occasional glimpse of this man's character and life. The following letter was received recently.

To the Editor and Staff of the Kansas Union Farmer:
Gentlemen and Brothers:
Inclosed in folder please find \$1 to insure my not missing a copy of the much appreciated Kansas Union Farmer. I still have friendly recollection of the time when you older people said, "So far shall you come, but no farther." I also remember meeting Mrs. Lease, Senator Peffer, Jerry Simpson, etc., in the good old Farmers Alliance times; when the merchants belittled our children when they entered the establishments, because their parents belonged to the Alliance.

Kindest wishes for our continued growth.
—FRANK ROTH.

OTTAWA COUNTY MEETING

A postponed monthly meeting of the Ottawa County Farmers Union will be held Friday evening, November 8, at 8 p. m. in the I. O. O. F. Hall in Minneapolis. Regular business will include some important reports. Floyd Lynn, state secretary, will be present to talk on the Junior program and work. A program of entertainment will also be given. Lunch will be served by the ladies. Come out to the meeting; everybody welcome.

Abe Pickering, president, J. A. Myers, secretary.

Of Interest to Women

By H. Umberger, Director Kansas State College Extension Service



Peas With Trimmings

BAKED CARROTS AND PEAS

Slice or dice two carrots and put into a buttered baking dish with one-fourth teaspoon salt, a few grains of pepper and one-half cup of liquor. Cover and bake one hour in a moderate oven. Remove from oven, add a dash of lemon juice and serve. Serves four.

CHOW MEIN

1 five-pound chicken, stewed
1-2 pound of lean pork
1 cup of celery
1 large onion
1 small can of mushrooms
1 can of bean sprouts
1 green pepper
1 can of water chestnuts
4 tablespoons of soy sauce
Cornstarch to thicken
Seasonings

Simmer the chicken until almost tender enough to serve, cool in the liquid, then shred or cut with scissors into three-fourths-inch dice, reserving a portion of the white meat for garnishing. Shred the pork very finely, slice the onion into the thinnest shreds possible, shred the celery also the pepper, after removing seeds from pepper and parboiling it for a few minutes in salted water. Slice the bamboo shoots, water chestnuts and mushrooms very thin. Heat a little of the chicken fat in a heavy skillet and cook the pork in it. Saute each of the vegetables in separate sautepans with chicken or pork fat. Add them to the pork, also the chicken, and pour over enough of the liquor from the chicken to moisten well and provide sufficient gravy. Simmer gently for ten minutes, then add four tablespoons of soy sauce, salt and pepper to taste and the bean sprouts. Thicken somewhat with cornstarch. Serve in bowls, garnishing each with thickly shredded breast meat of the chicken. Serve with rice.

APPLE SALAD

2 cups sliced apples
1 cup diced celery
1-3 cup broken nuts
1-8 teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon lemon juice
1-2 cup salad dressing
Chill ingredients, prepare and combine. Serve immediately on crisp lettuce leaves.

A TESTED RECIPE

Creamed Sauerkraut: Saute three tablespoons sliced onions and four tablespoons green pepper in three tablespoons fat until the onions become pale yellow. Add three tablespoons flour and stir until smooth. Add two cups of milk slowly, stirring until thick and creamy. Season to taste with salt and pepper, add two cups canned sauerkraut and heat thoroughly. This serves six persons.

BAKED RHUBARB PUDDING

6 thin slices of bread
Butter
1 bunch rhubarb
1 cup sugar
Butter the slices of bread on the loaf before cutting and line a buttered baking dish with the buttered side of bread toward the dish. Fill with the rhubarb and sugar, cover with bread and bake in moderate oven half an hour.

MERINGUE SHELLS

One-half cup egg white, 1-8 teaspoon salt, 1 cup fine granulated sugar, 1-2 teaspoon vanilla.
Beat egg whites on a large platter until stiff, sprinkling salt over when beginning to beat. Beat in two tablespoons sugar. Add sugar gradually, beating constantly until a silken foam comes out of the bowl when plunged into the mixture. Cover a damp board with heavy foolscap paper. Drop mixture from tip of spoon or force thru pastry tube. Bake 15 minutes in a very slow oven (275 to 300 degrees F.). The meringues should be slightly colored when done and firm to the touch. Remove from platter and scoop out soft inside. Return shells to oven to dry out.

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OFFICIAL CALL FOR ANNUAL CONVENTION

By the authority of the constitution and by-laws and the approval of the national board, I hereby call the regular annual convention of the "NATIONAL UNION" Farmers' Educational and Cooperative Union of America, beginning at 9 A. M., Tuesday, November 19th, 1935, in the city of Kankakee, Illinois.

The purpose of this meeting is to elect officers, formulate plans and policies for the coming year and transact such other business as may become before the convention. It will remain in session until all business is completed.

E. H. EVERSON, President

Attest:
Edward E. Kennedy, Secretary-Treasurer
Dated September 26th, 1935.

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MOCHA CHOCOLATE FROSTING

One tablespoon butter
Two and one-half cups sifted confectioners' sugar.
One square unsweetened chocolate melted.
Dash of salt.
One-fourth cup strong coffee (about).
Cream butter; add part of sugar gradually, blending after each addition. Add chocolate and salt and mix well. Add remaining sugar, alternately with coffee, until of right consistency to spread. Beat after each addition until smooth. Mixture is then frosting to cover tops and sides of two 9-inch layers.

APRICOT SOUFFLE

Beat three egg yolks slightly. Add one tablespoon of cornstarch moistened with a little cold water, and one-third cup of corn syrup. Slowly add this and one-half cups of hot milk and three-fourths of a cup of apricot pulp. Cook in a double boiler until it coats a spoon. Remove from fire and fold in three stiffly beaten egg whites and one-half teaspoon of vanilla. Bake in a buttered baking dish set in hot water in a moderate oven for fifteen minutes, or until the souffle is set. Serve at once.

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Beef cattle improvement starts with selection, but good breeding must be supported by liberal feeding to develop young heifers that are being grown out for the breeding herd. Liberal feeding is advised for the calves cause the heifers will be stunted if

LOCAL LIBRARY LIST

Recommended Leaflets, Pamphlets and Books.

For Juniors

THE STORY OF TOAD LANE.—05—By Stuart Chase. Obtained from Northern States Cooperative League, 458 Sexton Bldg., Minneapolis, Minn.

THE LOUD SPEAKER.—Historical sketch of the Farmers Union, Farmers Union Business Activities. Free. Write to Farmers Union Herald, Minnesota Bldg., St. Paul, Minn.

ON MONEY AND CREDIT

THE BOOK.—25—By Coin Harvey.—The Mundus Publishing Co., Monte Ne, Ark.

A TALE OF TWO NATIONS.—25—The Mundus Publishing Co., Monte Ne, Arkansas.

The Federal Reserve Monster.—25—the same company.

MONEY AND CREDITS.—05—by John A. Simpson. Write E. E. Kennedy, Nat'l Sec'y Farmers Union, Kankakee, Ill.

MONEY AND CREDIT.—20—by Mrs. O. H. Olson, Nat'l Junior Leader. Write her at Bijou Hills, S. Dak.

HARD TIMES—THE CAUSE AND CURE.—15—by Mahlon H. Fulton, Philadelphia, Pa.

Men and Machines

MEN AND MACHINES.—\$2.50—by Stuart Chase. Order from MacMillan Publishing Co., New York City.

MACHINERY AND SOCIAL PROGRESS.—25—by E. H. Holman, Northern States Cooperative League, 458 Sexton Bldg., Minneapolis, Minn.

WASTE AND THE MACHINE AGE.—15—and

FACTS ABOUT THE DEPRESSION.—20—by A. M. Lasky, League for Industrial Democracy, 112 East 19th St., New York City.

WHERE THE TALL CORN GROWS, by E. H. Holman. Published by Northern States Cooperative League, Minneapolis, Minn.

ECONOMY OF ABUNDANCE, by Stuart Chase.

THUNDER AND DAWN, by Glen Frank.

World Peace

Write to Mr. Jacob Taylor, National Farm Secretary, National Council for the Prevention of War, 532 Seventeenth St., N. W., Washington, D. C., for material on world peace and the prices of booklets they have on this subject.

Cooperation

PLEASE PASS THE BREAD.—02—by James Peter Warbasse. WHAT IS CONSUMER'S COOPERATION?—Write to the Northern States Cooperative League, 458 Sexton Bldg., Minneapolis, Minn.

Missouri River Diversion Project

Write to:—Missouri River Diversion Association, Devils Lake, N. Dak. Simply ask for information on this project.

Farm Bulletins

STATE: Write your County Agent or to the Extension Service State College Station, Manhattan, Kansas, for a list of bulletins.

U. S.: Write your Senator or Congressman for a list of the farm bulletins published by the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture.

Books

POLITICAL AND SOCIAL HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES.—\$2.50—MacMillan Publishing Co., New York City.

RURAL LIFE AT THE CROSSROADS by Macey Campbell.

Farm Novels

THE PIT, by Frank Norris.

THE OCTOPUS, by Frank Norris.

THERE'S ALWAYS ANOTHER YEAR, by Martha Ostenso.

WEST WIND DRIFT (money system) by McCutcheon.

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SON OF THE MIDDLE BORDER (pioneer), by Hamlin Garland.

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ALL QUIET ON THE WESTERN FRONT (world peace) by Remarque.

LUTHER HINGES (Story of the Grange).

Popular History

ONLY YESTERDAY.—By Frederic Allen.

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Week Ending November 1st, 1935

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Schoepflin and Buttel—Osage Co Ks—23 str 1194	9.25
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Joe Smith—Lafayette Co Ks—10 str 374	6.25
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E. G. Sliffe—Cass Co Mo—7 hfrs 411	6.00
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C. D. Hull—Henry Co Mo—5 62	9.40
John Knehan—Lafayette Co Ks—6 80	9.25
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R. L. Clark—Coffey Co Ks—6 86	9.25
H. D. Dyre—Lafayette Co Ks—24 92	9.25
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G. M. Armstrong—Linn Co Ks—5 98	9.25
W. R. Faust—Franklin Co Ks—6 89	9.00
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Harry Manifold—Woodson Co Ks—7 75	8.50
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Henry Deckwa—Douglas Co Ks—11 56	6.50
Ernst Morrison—Carroll Co Mo—10 58	6.50
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Irvin Proctor—Lafayette Co Mo—9 230	9.50
Roy BaBrett—Miami Co Ks—10 235	9.45
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W. L. Reed—Ellsworth Co Ks—9 235	9.35
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Albert O'Neill—Pottawatomie Co Ks—6 240	9.00
Ben Feitz—Chariton Co Mo—6 245	9.00
J. J. Schiffman—Linn Co Ks—8 260	8.50
Wm. J. Walker—Lafayette Co Mo—8 260	8.50
H. B. Cox—Linn Co Ks—13 253	8.50

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Below are listed, by counties, the Farmers Union Live Stock Commission Company, of Kansas City, have, to date, reported and paid the dues of all members who were paid up for 1934. Watch the List Grow—and HELP IT GROW. See that your own Local gets on this list as soon as possible.

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Weida, 2054.
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Cummins 1837.

BARTON COUNTY—Olin, 233.

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Carson 1035.
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Millsdale 511.
Ross 1124.
Olive Hill, 1120.

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Oleary, 2146.
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Miller, 1929.

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Pleasant Valley 984.
Trivoli 1001.
Radcliffe, 1,000.

GOVE COUNTY—Park, 909.

FRANKLIN COUNTY—Pomona, 1742.

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Carl Blaser—Bates Co Mo—8 226	9.25
J. F. Snyder—St. Clair Co Mo—5 223	9.25
G. W. Sandberg—Marion Co Ks—5 210	9.25
Julius Busch—Lafayette Co Mo—16 192	9.15
J. L. Lott—Anderson Co Ks—5 208	9.10
Ross H. Joy—Wabunsee Co Ks—25 181	9.10
Clyde Reed—Ellsworth Co Ks—9 178	9.10
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John Fiegenbaum—Lafayette Co Mo—2 175	9.00
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E. A. Chambers—Osage Co Ks—5 210	9.00
J. C. Cantrall—Johnson Co Ks—19 187	9.00
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J. S. Rutenacht—Henry Co Mo—8 195	9.00
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Alvin Specker—Lafayette Co Mo—10 171	8.50
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Chris Dody—Henry Co Mo—9 164	8.85
O. Messick—Cedar Co Mo—5 126	8.85
H. L. Carpenter—Franklin Co Ks—33 117	8.75
G. C. Kimbel—Bates Co Mo—15 152	8.75
G. C. Davis—Coffey Co Ks—17 167	8.75
A. K. Kasper—Franklin Co Ks—31 157	8.75
Malvin Nelson—Dickinson Co Ks—31 157	8.60
Fred Gadi—Wabunsee Co Ks—7 134	8.60
A. R. Robeson—Nemaha Co Ks—14 167	8.60
J. F. Brummer—Mitchell Co Ks—10 98	8.50
Joe Moll—Johnson Co Ks—20 70	8.50
C. J. Sullins—Linn Co Ks—9 144	8.40
E. R. Adams—Cedar Co Mo—5 140	8.35
E. Erickson—Anderson Co Ks—13 99	8.25
Mrs. H. L. Carpenter—Franklin Co Ks—3 316	8.25

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Elevation, 1916.

TREGO COUNTY —Silver Lake, 679.
THOMAS COUNTY —Sanfower, 1181.
WASHINGTON COUNTY —Kimeo, 516. Emmons 788. Liberty 1142. Hornick, 1427.
WABUNSEE COUNTY —Beman, 1903. Lone Cedar 1864. Pretty Creek 1652. Sunny Slope 1861. Hendricks Creek, 1841. Mt. Thoes, 1859. Spring Glen, 1976.
WOODSON COUNTY —Piqua, 2151.

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

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Lempe Refunding Bill and the Patman Bonus Bill.

3. Successive referendums on the AAA have increased the smashing majorities of farmers for control of production as demanded by the farm organizations. The return of prosperity, or the securing of cost of production prices for agriculture, will inevitably result in overproduction and low prices unless we have, as under the AAA, a permanent and ever-watchful organization to limit production to consumption. We believe the administration of the act should be simplified. We hope it may be improved by its friends. We are opposed to any tinkering by its carping enemies—the packers, the hoards of trade, the textile manufacturers, and the whole greedy horde of middlemen corporations that prey upon agriculture. Until a better plan with backing enough to put it across is proposed, we believe that critics and press should cease to broadcast the bitter propaganda inspired by selfish corporations. Those groups who have been misled by middlemen into fighting the AAA and pressing taxes as "increasing consumers' costs" should direct their attacks at the real culprits, the middlemen, who out of every \$1.00 paid by consumers for farm products have taken 60 cents as their toll, leaving the 40 cents for the farmers; and who have for 145 years been the beneficiaries of a tariff that has levied on many thousands of items of consumers' purchases, many hundreds of times greater tolls on consumers than have the nine farm processing taxes in the last two years. Agriculture is grateful to the AAA for government corn loans and cattle and hog buying, at a time when the surplus was ruining prices, and for the saving of hundreds of thousands of farm homes by federal bank refinancing loans at as low as 3 1/2 per cent interest, and for the devaluation of the gold dollar to 59 cents.

4. We ask for the enactment of the following national legislation:

The Capper-Jones Act regulating Boards of Trade.

The Capper-Hope Bill regulating the direct marketing of livestock.

The submission of an amendment to the United States constitution removing the exemption of federal and state bonds and salaries from taxation.

The conscription of wealth in time of war.

A referendum before war unless invaded.

That all Smith-Lever Funds as well as State and County funds for extension and county agent work be kept from the control of any one farm organization.

The elimination of the milling in bond tariff exemption for wheat.

The stopping of imports in com-

petition with farm products capable of supplying American demand.

State Legislation

Mounting tax delinquencies give warning that the property tax system has placed an unbearable tax burden on tangible property in violation of the fundamental principle that taxes should be collected from persons and corporations in proportion to their ability to pay. In 1932, the people of Kansas, by a 106,000 majority vote, directed a mandate to the legislature to levy a substantial income tax to reduce the property tax. But the lobby of the Associated Industries of Kansas thwarted the mandate of the people, and managed to get the income tax cut to a trifling 1 million dollars in a total tax of 65 million dollars. We demand that the income tax be increased to at least \$10,000,000 to reduce the property tax and raise such additional revenue as necessary for the social security program and recovery program. We are unalterably opposed to the general sales tax.

We ask for the following state legislation:

1. A bindweed law giving public direction and partial public financing for the eradication of the bindweed.
2. A community sales law to protect against livestock diseases, to prevent the sale of stolen property, and to make payments of sales secure.
3. An act to regulate the direct marketing of livestock and to protect the interests of producers.
4. An act to prevent corporation feeding of livestock.
5. A statute to provide that farmers who sell grain on future contracts shall be protected by the public warehouse law.
6. An anti-discrimination law compelling persons and corporations with many stations in Kansas to pay the same price for all stations, transportation and quality to be taken into consideration.
7. A statute providing that in bond elections it shall require 65 per cent of the vote cast to carry the bonds.
8. The when tax refunds are ordered given to one person or corporation, the same refunds shall be given all others under the same ruling.
9. The submission of an amendment to the Kansas constitution providing for the graduated taxing of land.
10. That the tax on intangible property be raised from 5 mills to 10 mills.
11. A presidential primary law giving the people the right to designate their choice for president by popular vote.
12. State cooperation in the social security program enacted by Congress.
13. An anti-injunction law similar to the national Norris-LaGuardia anti-injunction law.
14. Providing safety to the life, limbs, and health of laborers, and making more secure their compensation in case of injury.
15. A graduated tax on chain stores.
16. Provision for a text on cooperative marketing for use in our schools.

John Frost, Chairman, Marshall county.

E. L. Wolfe, Gove county.

Tom Wells, Chase county.

P. H. Heidecker, Miami county.

John Schutte, Mitchell county.

Alex Shovalter, Sherman county.

Stanley Harris, Allen county.

Reuben Peterson, McPherson county.

C. C. Gerstenberger, Douglas county.

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bring about a closer understanding of each other's problems and a closer cooperation between the organized farmers and the organizations of labor and other consumers of our products.

7. We approve of the act passed by the National Congress condemning to death unnecessary public utility holding companies. We further recommend that the law be amended so as to include the holding companies of electric, gas, and water.

8. We approve the WPA program under present emergency conditions, but we recommend that it be so administered as to give the greatest possible proportion of the funds expended to the common laborer.

9. We approve of the action taken by the national government in passing the neutrality law for the purpose of keeping out of foreign wars.

10. We recommend that the program committee for the next annual convention be instructed to give the first afternoon of the state convention proper to the Junior work.

11. We believe it is necessary to conduct a continuous and intensive campaign in order to increase our membership, therefore, be it resolved that we recommend the solicitation of funds for such purpose from our state wide institutions in such sums as they think themselves able to afford. We recommend that the county and local union organizations be likewise solicited for this purpose. The State Farmers Union officials under the direction of the state president shall devise plans to carry out this purpose. It is the opinion of this committee that the best method of conducting a successful membership campaign is by the employment of a capable, efficient organizer, and this committee earnestly recommends that the state officials be empowered to pursue this course of action.

12. Since it has become the practice of the Federal government to make

commodity loans as an emergency measure, we recommend that all such loans be based on not less than 75 per cent of the parity price.

13. We demand that all business associations, using the Farmers Union as a means of identification, support and protect the interests of the state organization; and be affiliated with it or not be permitted to use the name and receive its benefits.

14. Whereas in a communication from Dean Umberger written on the 16th instant to J. J. Richmond, Secretary of the Wabunsee County Union, it was specifically stated that it is the exclusive province of the Farm Bureau to engage solely in educational work, and of the Farmers Union to engage solely and exclusively in commercial enterprises, without admitting the correctness of this conclusion, we wish to have the Dean explain the existence of the live stock commission firm in Kansas City known as the producers Livestock Commission operating under the sponsorship of the Farm Bureau in direct competition with the Farmers Union Live Stock Commission Company on the same market. Be it further resolved that the copy of this resolution be sent to Dean Umberger with the request that an early explanation of his position be made to the head officers of the Farmers Union of Kansas.

15. We insist that the state and federal laws providing for the establishment and support of the agricultural extension department be so amended as to put all general farm organizations on an equal basis, to the end that any and all such organizations may, if they so desire, share in all the advantages now enjoyed by the Farm Bureau.

16. We declare that the American farmer and his family have an equal right with the families of the industrial worker and the laborer to all the modern conveniences of life. We demand as a reward for the long hours put in by the farmer, his wife, and his children, an economic situation whereby the kerosene lamp and other similar inconveniences shall forever be eliminated from the country home, and in their place installed electric lights and running water. For legislation making these common necessities possible, we do not humbly plead, we demand them as a right. Respectfully submitted

Committee:

John Vesecky, Rush county, chairman.

Howard Miller, Brown county.

Frank Roots, Nemaha county.

Joe Erwin, Sumner county.

Irvin Ward, Stafford county.

George Peet, Coffey county.

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Dan Combow, Washington county.

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government in passing the neutrality law designed to keep the United States out of foreign wars.

Junior Recognition

The Junior program of the Kansas Farmers Union received splendid recognition when the convention recommended that the program committee in charge of shaping the affairs of the next annual meeting shall be instructed to devote the first afternoon of the convention proper to the Junior work.

The Junior work of this is looked upon as a well-earned recognition of the importance of the Junior program, and as indicative of the progress that is to be made by the Junior Farmers Union movement in Kansas during the coming year.

The full report of the Resolutions Committee appears in this issue.

KANSAS PROJECT A-1

Protection of fertile fields and good pastures from encroachment of drifting sands will be the work of the \$275,000 Land Utilization program in southwest Kansas according to an announcement made today by the Land Utilization Division of the Reclamation Administration. More than 50,000 acres in Morton and Stevens counties are involved.

"The best means for tying down the shifting sands with native grass or other plants suited to the soil and climate will be carefully considered in the development of this program," he continued. "To complete the project satisfactorily we hope to continue to enjoy the cooperation of communities involved and of other state and federal agencies. Close study of weather, soil and plant life will be made."

Mr. Evans said a study would be made to determine which farm lands

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Farmers Union Song Book 20c

Business Manual 5c

Delinquency Notices (100) 25c

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should remain in crops and which may be more profitably used for pasture.

Families who have sold their farms within this area who will need help in securing other locations where they will have a better chance to earn an adequate living from the soil will be assisted by the Resettlement.

The word "approved" has been substituted for "accredited," which has been used for the past 10 years in Kansas poultry improvement work. An approved flock, which constitutes the first stage in such work, con-

sists of vigorous males and females, the latter rigidly selected for egg production once a year. All flocks are inspected by an official state inspector at least once during the breeding season. Birds that qualify are marked with a sealed leg band, and other must be removed from the breeding flock not less than 20 days before eggs are saved for hatching.

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