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FARMERS MAY STRIKE ANSWERS PRIVATE LIVE STOCK MEN'S FOR BETTER PRICES

ORGANIZATION

SEEK SOME METHOD TO BRING FARMERS **PRODUCTION COSTS**

Farmers' Holiday Movement Started in Iowa Spreads to Other States and Gains Momentum

KANSAS HAS AN IDEA

Clay Bank Local Says Sell Only through Cooperatives or Direct to Consumer; Would Help Cooperation

BULLETIN

August 15 has been set as the date for the inauguration of the "Farmers' Strike" in Iowa. This decision was reached at a meeting in Des Moines on July 30, of the Farmers' Holiday Association. According to the provisions made at the meeting, the "strike" may be called on twenty-four hours notice if the executive committee of the group should deem it advisable.

With the prices of virtually all farm products far below the say: cost of production, and with no farmers throughout the United do not use the Marketing Act, sure- City Times: States are taking the matter in- ly our enemies will have the act reto their own hands, and are en- pealed in the next Congress. I do couraging a movement which should let this Marketing Act be reamounts to a producers' or farmpealed or even amended by our enemess' strike. In places where the ies. I think it is important that we ers' strike. In places where the farmers are getting well organized behind this movement, they are surprising even themselves with the strength they are showing, and with the influence they are having.

and other hope is abandoned, then they should, in an organized way, refuse to deliver the products of their farms for less than cost of productions there were practically the same as they are now in this country. But the farmers of that country cooperated one hundred percent, and by this cooperation made the Shannon committee hearing as saying the inroads of the government in the cattle business were responsible for the decline in livestock values. farms for less than cost of produc

Some months ago the farmers Iowa organized the Farmers' Holiday Association, which stands for the principles embodied in the resolution mentioned above. They went a little farther than the corn belt resolution at home-sell nothing.'

Farmers of other states have takmake it effective, by July 4. Time few other men control the prices of was extended in order to wait until our other commodities. after Congress had adourned, for, it thought that with other states in the movement, it might be more effective. "We believe in the farm organiza-

Farmers Union, by action of its ex- will cooperate on something like the ecutive board, passed a resolution plan we have mentioned. In this bearing on the subject. Groups in manner we might be able to restore other states did the same thing. A Kansas Idea

A Farmers Union Local in Southtook up the idea, and brought it up home—sell nothing—except to sumers or cooperative associations." so this work can go on.' A report of this action within the Clay Bank Local was given in the Kansas Union Farmer a few weeks

the formation of a Woodson County

of farmers and business men, indicat-

ing that the movement is to receive

The president of the county com-

ago, along with comment to the effect that this idea is entirely in line with the policies and preachings of the Farmers Union, and that this policy, if carried out to its completion, would place marketing on a complete

cooperative basis.
Mr. H. P. Anderson, president of the Clay Bank local and an enterprising citizen, collaborated with other farmers in his neighborhood, and prepared a paper which was circulated generally among the farmers there. what is true in one community is true calling it an attack on the farm board over the entire state. Therefore, we and Marketing Act. believe some such plan as given in the daily press played up on the the letter would be favored by the front pages the attacks made by the farmers of the state.'

Get Control of Products and, "if they must sell anything, let it be as little as possible and only to consumers or to cooperative associafrom C. B. Denman, live stock mem-

products. To do this we must retain ownership of our products, from pro-

ducer to consumer."

Mr. Anderson was born in Densome years back and in 1927 the corn belt committee in a resolution said that when legislation fails the farmer that when legislation fails the farmer ter, "the conditions there were practiced by the farmers of that country. "When I was a boy in Denmark," said Mr. Anderson in his letter, "the conditions there were practiced by the farmers of that country." percent, and by this cooperation made operated by retaining control of their

products from producer to consumer." Praises Kansas Co-ops. Writing of the situation in Kansas, Mr. Anderson said: "We have made a when they adopted the slogan: "Stay good showing in Kansas through our cooperative activities. We have paid en up the idea. The Iowa organiza- dends. But we haven't gone far first thought they would start enough. The fact remains that a enforcing their idea, and that they few large packing companies in Chiwould be sufficiently organized to cago set the price of our meats. A

"If we are going to get relief we was felt there was a possibility that must organize a hundred percent. We something definite might be done for have been waiting patiently for Con-Agriculture. The spread of the move-I gress to give us relief. We have made ment to other states also was a factor | up our minds that relief is not comin postponing the beginning of the ling that way. We can see no way to holiday action, it is said. It was get relief, except for the farmers to stock prices. Subsequently retail prices for the farmers to stock prices.

The South Dakota division of the tions of this state. We believe they the buying power of agriculture-by getting cost of production for our east Kansas-Clay Bank Local near farm organizations depend upon the Neosho Falls in Woodson county- farmers getting cost of production. It to date by adding a little to the present able to pay other organiza- provided only \$60,000 and the govslogan. "Stay at home—sell nothing" took on this form: "Stay at farm organization dues. Farmers must pay up their organization dues,

South Dakota Resolution A resolution passed by the execu-(continued on page 4)

ATTACK ON CO-OPS

Denman, Live Stock Member of Farm Board, Points Out Fallacies of Charges Trumped up at Shannon Hearing

DEFENDS MARKET ACT

Says Only Shippers of Live Stock to Say Whether Private Firms to Remain in Business or Not

Last week it was intimated in these This paper contained an explanation columns that the ardor with which of the new Farmers' Holiday plan. the private live stock dealers on the Farmers were invited to sign the pa-per if they approved the idea of ricultural Marketing Act and the farm withholding their products from the board, sprang from their animosity to markets, unless it be through cooperative marketing. Cooperative marketing channels. Relative marketing of live stock existed years to this action, Mr. Anderson writes: before the Marketing Act was passed "So far every reader of the letter has The dealers are camouflaging their signed his name. We believe that attack on cooperative marketing by

enemies of cooperative marketing; but when these attacks were answer-Mr. Anderson recommends that the ed, evidently the big dailies thought officials of the Farmers Union and of other cooperative organizations get together and petition their memKansas City Times on Monday, Augbers not to sell any products from ust 1 the cooperative side of the ar their farms for thirty days at least, gument was hidden in the inside

tions." Mr. Anderson goes on to ber of the farm board. Readers of the Kansas Union Farmer are inter-"Our idea is that we must get con- ested in the cooperative side of the relief in sight through legislative channels, thousands of the channels, thousands of keting Act to sell cooperatively. If we ginal publication given to the Kansas

> Denman's Letter To The Star: Press reports con-cerning statements made by the livestock interests before the Shannon house committee investigating the ac-

try to get cost of production for our tivities of our government in business have attracted my attention the last few days. From these reports, it appears many of the statements were made without foundation, due either mark, and has studied cooperation as to a lack of authentic information or The movement had its inception practiced by the farmers of that country a disposition to misrepresent facts on the part of those making them. A representative of the Kansas City

Live Stock Exchange was quoted in that country one of the most prosper- That, of course, is not any nearer the ous countries of the world. They co- truth than would a statement that if the government were in the cattle business, it was responsible for the increase in price the last few weeks. The passage of the agricultural marketing act by congress, to provide a New Mexico means of assisting the producers of livestock and other commodities for back a great deal of patronage divi- the development of a system of marketing their products, was because of the disparity between what the consumer paid and what the producer received for his product. Neither the farmer nor the consumer was responsible for this disparity; handlers of farm products took the toll.

When the drastic decline stock prices occurred in 1930, the farm board issued statements publicly attacking the maintenance of high he tail prices far out of line with live-

es of meat were reduced. In the Shannon hearing, witnesses were quoted as saving the farm board is using funds of the government to put private marketing agencies out of business. It further was stated that 60 million dollars capital from the government had been provided, threatproducts. We believe the lives of our ening to place the major part of live stock financing in government channels. It also was stated the National seems there are many farmers at Live Stock Marketig Association had ernment had furnished 60 million dollars. The facts are the farm board had lent the National Live Stock Marketing Association \$5,221.000. Of this \$5,221,000 lent to the national organization, \$2,300,000 has been used to assist farmers and ranchmen and their associations to capitalize six livestock eredit corporations, at Chicago, Denver, Salt Lake City, San Francisco, Fort Worth and Oklahoma City, Far-

mers and ranchmen and their cooperative associations supplied about \$400,000 for the initial capital to build these credit corporations provide the these credit institutions. These regionwith the federal intermediate credit funds at reasonable rates for carrying on their feeding operations. The federal intermediate credit banks were functioning several years before the agricultural marketing act was passed and there was nothing in that time, nor is there anything now, to prevent those who are clamoring against the assistance given the cooperatives, to put some of their own

into credit corporations and supply the need. About Financing When a credit corporation is formed, like the National Live Stock Credit Corporation at Oklahoma City, which discounts its paper with the intermediate credit bank at Wichita, it is given a line of discount against its capital not to exceed ten times its unimpaired capital and surplus. This money is obtained by the federal intermediate credit bank through the sale of debentures, and since these debentures are bought by the investment public, they must be based upon sound

the government. In seven states tributary to Kansas City, more than 6 million dollars of loans to livestock producers under this

TO THE MEMBERSHIP INDICATE RETURN During the last few weeks

we have had a forceful dem-onstration of the fact that serious minded farmers all over the United Statse, recorganize the soundness of the Farmers Union program and that all that is needed to arouse them to action is to go to them and tell them the

The radio is providing the vehicle to bring the message to the people and if we could follow up the work I have been enabled to do over the air, the Farmers' Union would very soon become, not only the most outstanding, most militant and most progressive organization of far-mers' which it is now, but al-

so the strongest numerically. Over three thousand new names were added to the permanent mailing list of those who asked for copies of the railo talks. In the six months I have been active along that line, thousands of farmers have been set to thinking and now the results show up in the most gratifying man-

In the state of Pennsylvania, five counties sent in applications for charters together with dues for two hundred and five members last week, all the result of radio work, followed up by

In the state of Michigan, a group of farmers from near Hermansville heard the broadcasts, wrote for information and then proceeded to organize themselves into the Gloverland Farmers Union Local Number One, with a charter membership list of seventeen.

This gives us a membership in two new states, where the Union has never had an organized membership. Men and women who organize themselves into a Farmers Union are of the type which has ...de the Farmers Union what it is today.

I am very happy to report the above to you. Fraternally yours, John A. Simpson, National President.

\$3,396,097 1.942,672 Kansas Missouri . Colorado Oklahoma 434,496 Nebraska 379.459 In regard to the charge that this

credit structure is discriminatory because borrowers must market through certain cooperative agencies, I believe every stockman who has borrowed the does not mean loss of the cause. money from a private live stock commission firm knows the lender controls the movement of his live stock to market. This has been found to be a sound policy in finance.

The primary purpose of the cooperative is to build a producer-owned marketing system. Financing, while necessary, is secondary in importance. It has been the judgment of the farm board that whenever local banks can and will finance farmers and stockmen at reasonable rates, producers should patronize the home institution. However, in the last few years banks have not been able to finance the industry adequately. The inability of banks to meet this credit need is evi- sell them to unsuspecting friends in denced by the passage of the federal intermediate credit act, the agricultural marketing act, and, recently, by the establishment of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, and by other measures provided by congress. In all this legislation it was the intention of congress, I am certain, not to put or keep the government in business, but to give a needed service to the citizens of this country to help maintain their industries under the control of those owning them.

Another Misstatement Other moneys supplied the National Live Stock Marketing Association by the farm board to make loans to live stock men have been used in sections where credit corporations have not yet been provided by local groups. Another misstatement was that the farm board had set aside \$110,000 to al credit corporations provide the set up a special publishing company. The National Live Stock Marketing Association has a subsidiary corporabanks and furnish them a source of tion which publishes a live stock paper, called the Nation Live Stock Producer. This paper has been published by the cooperatives ten years. Many other associations, cooperative and otherwise, publish such papers. Not a dollar of farm board funds ever has been lent for the use of this pub-

lishing company.

Are True Cooperatives Another statement was to the ef fect the organizations to which the (continued on page 4)

LYNN ON RADIO FRIDAY

The Farmers Union radio program, which is a weekly feature over radio station WIBW, Topeka, each Friday evening, will be under the di-rection of Floyd Lynn, Kansas Farmers Union secretary, on Friday of this week. The Farmers Union half-hour period will begin at 7:30 o'clock. All Farmers Union members and all friends of organized agriculture are invited to tune in.

COUNTY MEETINGS OF OLD INTEREST

Meetings in Marshall and Mitchell Counties Last Week were Well Attended, and Enthusiasm Was at High Pitch

JOHN SIMPSON SPEAKS

National President Headliner at Marshall Co. Meeting; Roy Bailey, Salina Editor Talked at Beloit

ance seems to indicate a renewal of interest in Farmers Union affairs, operators. following the usual summer "let-down." The meetings referred to Mitchell Mitchell with Salina meeting: counties.

The Marshall county meeting was held in Sholz's Grove, near Beattie, on Wednesday, July 27. John Simp-Bliss, Woodston; Arthur Glessner, Bi-Thatcher, representative of the Farm- all of Salina. ers National Grain Corporation. A great deal of interest also centered in the short talk by Congressman W. P. Lambertson, candidate for Congress in the First District, opposing Congressman James Strong. Strong and Lambertson formerly were in different districts, but when the state was redistricted, both were thrown in the same district.

President Simpson declared himself in favor of Congressman Lambertson, while Mr. Thatcher's talk favored Congressman Strong. Mr. Thatcher's remarks recounted the progress being made by cooperative marketing, and particularly by the large cooperative known as the Farmers National Grain Corporation. He pleaded with the voters to vote to send a man to Washington who is friendly to cooperative He recommended Mr. Strong's work in Congress as being favorable to farmers and to cooperative marketing.

President Simpson gave a review of legislative efforts of the Farmers Union in Washington during the last session of Congress. He spoke of the efforts to obtain the last session of Congress. He spoke of the last session of Congress. Reviewed Legislative Fight monetized silver and would have broadened the money base. He also that there were sharp nave made possible the refinancing of farm loans at a low rate of interest. He spoke of the fact that this legislation was lost because the farmers are not organized as thoroughly as July 1932. they should be. He spoke of the lost legislation as a battle lost, but reminded his listeners that the war is

not over, and that the loss of one bat-Mr. Simpson devoted a good deal of time to the discussion of the Farmers Union Allotment Plan, contained in the three-point farm relief bill which was defeated in Congress. He says the Farmers Union will be fighting for that bill in the next session of Congress, making an effort to secure for the farmers cost of production.

Mr. Simpson branded the international bankers as a set of criminals who hog the good things of the land for themselves. The international bankers have committed every known crime and have bribed foreign officials by having them get their influential monied men to issue bonds and America. He said the unsuspecting individuals in many cases were Kansas bankers. Mr. Simpson pointed out that 80 per cent of the wealth of the United States is controlled by four percent of the people. It is legislation to correct such conditions that the Farmers Union is fighting for, he said. Other Speakers

Robert Lieurance, steer salesman for the Farmers Union Live Stock Commission Co. at Kansas City, was present at the Marshall county meeting and made a plea from the platform for the farmers to patronize their own cooperative live stock commission firm, and to refrain from helping to break the hog market by

shipping direct to the packers. August Wempe, who presided dur ing the speaking program, presented Glen Loupold of Frankfort, introducing him as the champion cooperative live stock shipper, shipping to the at Chicago for \$1.23 3-4. On July 7, Farmers Union firm at Kansas City from Kansas, Nebraska, Missouri, 88 3-4 cents. On July 6, 1931, cash Oklahoma or Colorado. Mr. Leupold wheat sold at Chicago for 56 cents; manages the Farmers Union shipping association at Frankfort. Others introduced were H. E. Witham, manager of the Farmers Union

Jobbing Association, Rex Lear, Kansas manager of the Farmers Union Mutual Insurance Co., and Floyd H. Lynn, Kansas Farmers Union secre-tary. "Uncle Andy" Shearer of Frankfort also was on the platform.
Mitchell Co. Picnic

qua Park, on Friday, July 29. Roy Bailey, editor of the Salina Journal, sentative of the Farmers National uct of industry. Grain Corporation.

The Mitchell county picnic was arargument against cooperative mark-argument against cooperative mark-eting by all its opponents, most of the Mitchell county folks wanted to hear Mr. Thatcher, and the vicinity of the private handlers of farm hear Mr. Thatcher, and the picnic was arranged in order that he might at-

OTE IMMEDIATE PAYMENT KANSAS FARMERS UNION HAIL INSURANCE LOSSES

Although hail insurance losses are not necessarily payable until October 1, the Farmers Union Mutual Hail Insurance Co. voted Monday, August 1 to pay such losses immediately, in full. This action was taken at a regular meeting of this mutual company in it's offices in the Farmers Union Insurance Company's building in Sa-

"We realize that farmers generally are in need of funds, so we decided not to wait until the regular lawful due date. We are fortunate enough to have this money ready for our policy holders, so we are mighty glad to get to send it o them ahead of time," said Mr. Ward J. Spencer, presidentmanager of the company.

Two lively county meetings of This action is characteristic of Farcounty Farmers Union organizations mers Union institutions. They exist as were held last week, and the attend- a cooperative proposition, for the protection of their own members and co-

were held in Marshall and Mitchell were present at the Salina meeting: C. J. Diederich, Shelden; W. C. Whitson, national Farmers Union presi-dent, was the principal attraction. Paul Lytell, Topeka; George Peak, Erie; George Bushby, Belle-Over two thousand people were pres- ville; H. M. Travelute, Bremen; F. J. ent. An added feature was the pres- Kingston, Hoisington, and W. J. ence and short address of M. W. Spencer, C. C. Cole and Anna Baird,

THE FARM PRICE INDEX

An advance of five points was registered in the index of the general level of prices of farm prices from values, your extended insurance and June 15 to July 15, according to the paid up insurance have increased in U. S. Bureau of Agricultural Econo- value. In fact your cash will today mics. This resulted from a sharp upturn in prices of hogs, cattle, eggs, and cotton and of minor advances in five other farm commodities.

The July 15 farm index, compiled . My friends, it is literally true that by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, stood at 57 per cent of the what kind of property they own, or pre-war average, the increase since how careful they have been with that June 15 having been the largest recorded in a month's time since July 1929. Hog prices advanced about 50 hand, if they had invested in a legal per cent during the period; cattle were up 19 per cent; eggs gained 13 per wealth would be materially increased. cent, and the farm price of cotton It seems to me all should be attracted was up 11 per cent. Prices of small to the one thing that has stood up grains declined.

efforts to obtain passage of the Wheeler bill which would have re- "there is some compensation in this mankind for his indifference, neglect, monetized silver and out in bold relief, to shame mankind for his indifference, neglect, somewhat discouraging picture declines in spoke of the Frazier bill which would prices of commodities that farmers ing prosperity, which has left in its buy and in the wages of hired farm labor, during the past year. The index of prices paid by farmers drop-real estate, such as the world has nevped about 18 points from July 1931 to

> The feeding of corn to hogs is now more profitable than at any time since April, 1927, on account of the sharp advance in hog prices and only a small increase in the farm price of corn, says the bureau. The corn ratio was 14.1 on July 15 as compared with 9.6 on June 15.

WARD HAD TONSIL OPERATION

Cal Ward, president of the Kansas Farmers Union, is now in Excelsion Springs Mo., where he reports he is making good progress toward recovto his home for several months:

at an Excelsior Springs hospital on it not been that they were misled, Tuesday morning, July 26, and reports that he came through the operation this law. If we are to retain this law, in fine shape and that he is beginning it should be strengthened by requiring to feel better. He expects to be back a deposit with the state, to be forfeitin Salina within a comparitively short ed if the statements made were to time. He is able to walk now, with the defraud purchasers. What we needed aid of crutches.

TOM WELLS SPEAKS ABOUT ADVANTAGES OF GOOD INSURANCE

Represents Farmers Union Mutual Life Insurance Co. in Talk over WIBW, Topeka, on Friday Night

100 CENTS ON DOLLAR

Says Farmers Should Take Advantage of Farmer Insurance at Farmer Cost; Can't Afford to Do Without

Tom Wells of Elmdale, Kansas, one of the outstanding Farmers Union members of Kansas, made a strong appeal for investment in life insurance benefits, over radio station WIBW, Topeka, last Friday evening. Mr. Wells pointed out the advantages of a policy written by a farmer-owned company for farmers. Mr. Wells was speaking as a representative of the Farmers Union Mutual Life Insurance Co., of which Rex Lear is the

Kansas manager. "I am glad to assure you that there is one thing which is worth a hund-red cents on the dollar today. In these hectic times, when stocks, bonds. in fact values of all kinds have tumbled, many of them having passed out of existence, it is a relief to turn GOES UP FIVE POINTS to a good legal reserve life insurance policy, such as that issued by the Farmers Union Mutual Life Insurbuy from two to three times as much of other commodities as it would a year ago." The balance of Mr. Wells' talk follows:

every man or woman, I care not when all else has failed, totally or in part, practically the world over.

reckless spending in times of exceedwake a trail of sorrow, indebtedness, er known before. We should have had Joseph, in the years of plenty, to have laid up stores in the store house of legal reserve life insurance. That would provide for us now in this period of reconstruction after the World

I cannot help but think what a difference there would be in this old world, if we had saved the money that was spent, in the World war and put the smallest fraction of it in legal reserve life insurance. Can you imagine what a changed world we would be iving in?

Kansas has what is known as the blue sky law. It may have done a lot of good. I hope it has. I know that ery from his recent extended illness. it has done a lot of harm. A lot of He left his home in Salina the last salesmen have gone over the state week in July, accompanied by Mrs. selling all kinds of stocks, bonds and Ward in the hope of becoming cured securities, telling the people that they of the effects of inflamatory rheuhad met all the requirements of the matism which had kept him confined blue sky law, and many have bought what has proven to be worthless stuff, Mr. Ward had his tonsils removed that they would not have bought had thinking that they were protected by (continued on page 2)

Let's Consider the Facts

Chicago Board of Trade and leader in the movement to force farmer cooperative organizations to pay tribute to private grain firms for the privilege of trading on the Chicago Board, became a law June 15, 1929, and under that act the farm board was created. On June 5, 1929, cash wheat sold 1930, cash wheat sold at Chicago for on July 5, 1932, cash wheat sold at Chicago for 48 3-4 cents a bushel. It would appear from the foregoing, and the record of previous depressions, that something more than a business depression has been wrong with wheat prices."

Mr. Carey's purpose, undeniably, was to leave the inference that the The Mitchell Co. Picnic

The Mitchell county Farmers Union picnic was held at Beloit in Chautau
The Mitchell Co. Picnic

Marketing Act and the Farm Board are responsible for the low prices of wheat. If that had not been his purpose he would have pointed out not only the real causes of the slump in was the principal speaker. Mr. Bail-ey filled the place on the program which was originally meant for M. W. Thatcher of St. Paul, national repre- in the value of practically every prod-

Low grain prices provide the stock

Admittedly during the last two

"The Agricultural Marketing Act," the Marketing Act and its administrawould be to hold the Markeing Act and its administration responsible for the world-wide increase in grain acreage and production, the world-wide economic debacle and its accompanying tremendous fall in the value of every form of security, and the world war, which destroyed the world's buying power.

> From every unbiased source that speaks with authority the truths concerning the fall in prices of farm products can be obtained and these truths do not coincide with the statements of those whose purpose is to deceive farmers

> From the research division of Ernst & Ernst, nationwide accounting and auditing firm, comes the following analysis of the world situation with respect to wheat prices:

"Wheat producers of the United States are forced to market their surplus in a highly competitive world market. They are compelled to accept for all their wheat a price which is determined by the 20 per cent exported. Export competition is growing keener. Imparting countries are restricting imports. Prices have been falling for five years. * *

"There are several reasons for this drop in prices, one of the most significant being world business conditions. Of major importance, however, is the increase of 19 per cent prewar levels in world

tend while already in Kansas. However, it was learned by Mr. Thatcher
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Admittedly during the last two prevals levels in world wheat
years prices of grain have fallen to acreage which was not accompanied
by a corresponding increase in conresponsibility for these low prices on (continued on page 2)

classes of people.

Kansas Farm Strikers to Meet

The Association went into definite possibilities. Other counties will undoubtedly folderson and Mr. Wright are active Farmers Union men, both being members into white the farmers and business men action at this initial meeting. Mr. Anof the Clay Bank local near Neosho of the Clay Bank local near Neosno will pledge themselves to endeavor to keep control of their commodities, and first things done at this meeting was thus keep control of the prices to be obtained. This control of commodicommittee. This committee is made up ties is to be effected by refusal to sell products of the farms for less than cost of production, or refuse to sell support and encouragement from all

sho Falls, secretary treasurer. Mr. The meeting in Woodson county, Gordon is mayor of Neosho Falls and and the activities of the association The meeting in Woodson county, the court house in Yates Center, action being taken in other states, Woodson county, on Thursday evening, an effort to bring the farmer cost ing, August 11, at 7:30 o'clock. At this

The most recent development in the Kansas farmers' "strike" which is sponsored by the Kansas Farmers' Holiday association was a meeting of that recently formed Kansas or that recently formed Kansas or large number of Woodson county formers and business men will be presented the organization of the various township committees. Judging from the interest being manifested in this organization. ganization on July 24 at Neosho Falls. farmers and business men will be pres-The meeting was called by H. P. An- ent at this Yates Center meeting. A derson and R. A. Wright, president thorough organization of the county and vice president, respectively, of the Kansas Farmers' Holiday association. be one of power, and of far reaching

at the present ruinously low prices. The only selling of products, under the stipulations of the agreement mittee is H. Bruggeman, Piqua. Other which is being signed by the farmers, officers are W. A. Habiger, Piqua, will be to cooperative institutions or vice president, and A. D. Gordon, Nectorial Sections, or directly to consumers.

is secretary of a building and loan as- which has the backing of the Farmers ociation.

Mr. Gordon writes the Kansas Far
Union in that community, will be watched with keen interest by farmmers Union secretary that a county ers and others all over the state of meeting has been called to meet at Kansas. The movement is in line with loans. The money is not furnished by

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Let us realize the fact that when

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patronized Farmers Union business or

and Wakeeney, Kansas. A. W. Seamans, Manager. FARMERS UNION LIVE STOCK COMMISSION—Suite 127 Live Stock Ex- Grain Corp. and refused to give it officials of the Chicago Board change Bldg., Kansas City, Mo.; Live Stock Exchange Bldg., Wichita, Kas. the privileges it claims under the law, Trade said that if Farm Board Wheat

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POLITICS AND FARMERS UNION served beneficial legislation, no mat ter what party may be in the ascend-

By the time this reaches our read- ency. ers, the results of the primary election will be known. Many candidates we fail as an organization, we fail will have been disappointed, and because of our own lack of sufficient many will have won nominations. The organization. We cannot, with good winners will begin planning their grace, lay the blame on any political and the losers will be wondering how

home to us. We have failed to interthey had better line up. The thing that is generally donewhich is the right thing to do-is for be that some of us have even failed the losers to line up behind the can- to keep our own memberships in good didates who beat them in their own standing. It may be that some of us party. However, some of the primary have failed to preach the Farmers campaigns have been so bitter that it Union gospel as vigorously as we may be difficult for the losers to line should. Perhaps some of us have not up with the victors.

Naturally, the Kansas Union Farm- marketing organizations as faithfully er has maintained a position of neu- as we should have done. If we find trality as far as partisan politics are that any of these possibilities are concerned. The Farmers Union as true, then we must admit to ouran organization has n opart to take selves that we are more to blame for in partisan affairs. The Farmers Un- lack of Farmers Union success than ion of Kansas has a great interest in is any party or party leader. politics, but not from a partisan standpoint. The organization is interested in politics which will react to condition; and when this condition is the good of agriculture, regardless of corrected, the whole country will be any particular political party.

Whatever may be the result of the primary election-which, of course, bring the end of this depression. Such will be known by the time this paper action will place agriculture, because reaches its readers-let us continue of its complete organization, in a posto keep the interests of the Farmers ition to make demands for proper Union and organized argiculture up- recognition among industries. We will announce that it would not or could permost in our minds. We have in therefore be in a position to place not pay for labor, and that pay for the Farmers Union good democrats, agriculture on a more secure footing labor had been suspended or exemptgood republicans and good socialists. than it now enjoys. Farmers will be ed. That business would immediately of law. "Anyone who charges it to The members of the different parties given cost of production when they have no laborers. No business claims naturally do not see certain issues or organize sufficiently, and will thus exemption from payment of rent or certain policies in the same light; yet regain their purchasing power. With interest or freight or any other over- Ford. that is no reflection on any of the this purchasing power regained, they members of any of the parties. Each will begin buying more manufactured head expense of taxes due the gov man, no doubt, has a good reason to goods. Factories will open, and the ernment that guards its very existbelieve the way he does. The man who honestly disagrees with us is more pleasure to us than the man who apparently agrees with everything we will be restored. The depression will maintenance of their government. If

The intense feeling which has been generated by this campaign will subside as soon as the elections are over. It has always been that way, to a large extent, at least. So, in this campaign let us not be diverted from our true course of cooperation. Let us remember that regardless of the success or failure of any particular pel, attended the meetings in his party or candidate, the Farmers Un-district of all the political parties in ion remains militant for the farmers' interests, and that as an organization went insane and died in the lunatic and encourage the precious business? we have much work to do. We will assylum. The cause of death was ofwe have much work to do. We will assylum. The cause of death was ofcontinue to work with the governficially described as "election psychotax exemption without discouraging wheat shipped to Omaha between July 1, 1931 and June 1, 1932 graded ment, and will seek to receive de- sis."

evaporate.

bership is your best investment.

PROBABLY ALREADY CRAZY

It is reported from Regensburg.

Germany, that a farmer named Poep-

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ernment, says the Topeka Capital.

cision," he says, "was not unexpect- ery busneiss. ed. The commission is composed of President Hoover's jobholders. Na-. Indianola, Iowa Farm Board, the Farmers National tax in proportion to ability to pay, attraction on the program was John tain party as president. is composed of the Secretary of Com- tion to any. merce, Secretary of Agriculture and Attorney General of the United States. Their offices as "jobholders" are certainly as worthy of respect and

> of regulation of grain markets has before it the law, which gives the farm co-operation access to grain Carey's private organization of grain brokers ousted the Farmers National trade to rescind its order, on pain of being closed up.

Whether it discharged its duty under the law is a question to be determined by the courts, in the event that the grain exchange stands by its order. That the members of the cabthe issue. The judges who will decide the price of wheat? this question are also "jobholders" in it by publicly expressing contempt of the government of the United States.

TAX RELIEF DEPARTMENT

By John Frost. Blue Rapids, Kansas

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THE DOCTRINE OF EXEMPTIONS FROM TAXATION

This doctrine is very comforting to those receiving the exemptions. Without exception the recipients of these special favors are sure it is right. positive it is for the general good of all, and piously hold that the exemptions are a part of the Lord's providential interposition in the affairs of men. 'Twas ever thus. Some of the properties for which exemptions are claimed, and sometimes secured are: Money, loans, accounts, insurance policies, idle land, stocks, bonds, vacant buildings, improvements on land, new capital for investment in the state for the first five years.

There is one way to correct this without exception. The State encourwhether or not it reacts to the good of thereby much nearer the end of this ages all business without exception. The State is founded, as all republics distasteful depression. The one way There has been a bitter fight in the to correct this condition is for each are founded, on the principle of equal First Congressional District of Kan- of us to pledge ourseves anew to sup- rights for all and special privileges sas for the nomination of the Repub- port our class organization, the Farm- for none. The laws of the State call lican candidate for congress to go be- ers Union, one-hundred per cent; then for obedience from all, whether rich fore the voters in the general election. follow this pledge with definite action. or poor, and without regard to race, This fight became almost national in Definite action means immediate pay- religion, color, or caste. How then its influence. Let us hope that it will ment of dues, and immediate cam- can it be reasoned that the property not involve the state or national paign work among our neighbors in of some citizens should be exempted Farmers Union in partisan politics. the interests of our own organization. from paying taxes to support the gov-Such action, we intimated, will help and strives for their prosperity?

Every business has overhead expenses that can not be avoided. No head expense-save one-that overence and welfare. With specious armilions out of work will be given emguments some patriots declare they ployment and an earning power. The purchasing power of this class, then, are too good to contribute to the any man thinks that the government furnishes no service, let him remove Investment in Farmers Union memto central Africa, where there is no government to harass him with taxes, and let him operate his business from

that vantage point. any business by requiring it to pay suggesting that we repeal the the last three elections and finally for labor? Why not make labor free that drinkers shall not drive cars." We can not encourage any business by every other business by piling on its smutty.

"PUBLIC-BE-DAMNED BUSINESS back the tax burdens exempted to the favored business.

"But loans should be exempted President Carey of the Chicago from taxation to lower interest rates Board of Trade may win the conten- and help the poor debtor," and tears tion of that privately run public grain come to the pleading eyes of the market in the courts, where the right and power of the board to exclude clothing be tax exempt, so that grove north of Frankfort, was atfrom its clearing house privileges the clothes may be cheaper for all of us Farmers National Grain Corp. is on poor mortals? Why not exempt the were in attendance from adjoining trial, but objection can be taken to groceryman from taxation, so that counties and several Nebraska and his offensive reference to the gov- groceries may be cheaper? The answer is, 1st, that experience has grove. Hundreds of people came in Some time ago the head of the demonstrated that neither the money kets, the contents of which were serv-Navy League resorted to similarly ob- lender nor the clothing merchant nor ed cafeteria style on four large tabjectionable language in reference to the groceryman nor any one else les. the President of the United States, will sell their wares any cheaper than without adding to the general respect competition compels them to sell, remusical selections, song and dance for the Navy League for good sense gardless of the tax exempton, and numbers, and several other numbers or good manners. President Carey 2nd, there are a lot of excuses but besides the speakers. The Marysville does not appear to have learned any- not one real reason, for taxes are a band gave a concert following the thing from that apisode. "The de- part of the overhead expense of ev-

Vote for the income tax amendment, and pull for a graduated inturally they would not decide against come tax that levies on every income, the subsidiary of Mr. Hoover's pet "from whatever source derived," a Grain Corporation." The commission alike fair to all and without exemp-

AND THE FARM BOARD'S OUT

'As far as the wheat holdings are of respectful courtesy as Mr. Carey's concerned, the Farm Board is virtuas head of the Chicago board of trade. ally out of the picture. It is not a factor in the surplus market any The cabinet commission in charge more. The "show window" that mythical shadow raised to depress the price of the commodity has disappeared.

And the farmer, looking at markets and marketing. When Mr. wheat market, is beginning to wonder. He is tempted to ask many questions.

First, he recalls that not long ago the commission ordered the board of was out of the way or if they could have the remaining stocks to dispose of, they would speedily advance the wheat price a considerable amount. But they could not do it with the shadow of that farm board wheat hanging over the market.

That statement was made some little time ago and it has also been some weeks since the Farm Board holdings fell to such an insignificant inet are the President's "jobholders" figure that they had no effect any has nothing to do with the merits of more. But where is that boost in

news item. It said that for the first the same sense. The president of the time in quite a while United States board of trade is a "jobholder" of wheat prices had sunk to the Liverthat organization who does it no cred- pool price basis. In other words the United States again went upon the world wheat price.

There was tremendous criticism of stabilization. There is yet today. was shown at the time and later, that stabilization was only an emergency measure and admission was made, not only by the Farm Board or personal ly interested parties, that the stabilization corporation, by getting into the market, prevented a disastrous crash by preventing the wheat market from going below the loan figure on the wheat. It is estimated that this move saved a tremendous number of loaning institutions, besides the benefit it gave to farmers. Then, for months, the American wheat farmer found himself getting about 20 cents more per bushel for his wheat than he would have received if stabliza-

tion had not been attempted. But even when stabilization did end, the Farm Board was able to continue given your best girl years ago. the American market higher than that at Liverpool, whereas before it had always been a trifle lower. other words the American wheat market, low as it was, was kept a little above the world basis. Now the Farm Board stocks are out of the show window, and the American market moves down to the world basis. No wonder the farmer is beginning

to wonder what has happened to that improvement Chicago Board of Trade officials promised as soon as Farm Board stocks were eliminated. If the a 7 per cent deal to farmers. The State protects all property grain trade does not want the commodity allotment bill or some similar neasure adopted at the next session Haviland china. Today any old buckof congress, it had better get busy et or lard can will do pronto and show that it can redeem the promises of much higher prices that were made to influence ment against the Farm Board .- Salina Journal.

HENRY FORD RESTATES

New York, July 28-Henry Ford has decided to restate his position on the liquor question. He does it with force ernment that protects their property and ferver in Collier's Weekly, under the title "My Views on Liquor and the Law."

Prohibition is a success, according to Mr. Ford. "There is not one per business could call in its laborers and cent of the drinking done in the United States that was done formerly, he declares.

He refutes charges that prohibition is responsible for crime and contempt prohibition will be nearer the truth if he charges it to liquor. And the cure is not more liquor but less," says Mr.

The movement against liquor, itation is made a national issue, he believes that the prohibition law will be overwhelmingly endorsed. shall see a hundred years of national conscience rolled into one indignant act that shall silence the question for all time," he maintains. His own contempt for alcohol

stated without mincing words. "I have never known a drinker," he says, "even a moderate one, if there is such a thing, who has stood the test of cris-The machine age made prohibition

a necessity, in Mr. Ford's view. "No "But why penalize my business by one wants drinking men to be at the taxes-why not encourage it by tax mercy of machinery," he says, "and exemption?" argues the defender of no one wants to be at the mercy of exemption?" argues the defender of any machine in the hands of a drink-special privilege. Well, why penalize ing man. I have never heard anyone

Approximately 19 per cent of the

NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES THOUSANDS ATTEND MARSHALL COUNTY UNION GATHERING

The annual Marshall County Fartended by a crowd estimated at 5-000 people. Men, women and children Missouri cars were parked in the the forenoon bringing well filled bas-

The program for the day consisted of athletic contests for the youngsters. speaking. The closing feature was a ball game between the east half of the county and west, which was won by the east. President Wm. Taylor presided ov-

A Simpson, National Farmers Union president, who reviewed his efforts as legislative representative of the Farmers Union at the past session of Congress. The prolonged cheers which followed several of his statements showed that the crowd was in symincluded W. P. Lambertson, vice president of the Kansas Farmers Union, and representative of the First congressional district; M W. Thatcher. St. Paul, now Washington representmission company; Floyd Lynn, Kansas Farmers Union Secretary, and George Bunger, Topeka. Others intropold, Frankfort.

Much credit is due the Scholz Bros. and the Snipe Creek local for their efforts toward making the picnic a success.-O. W. Dam, Co. Secretary.

LETTER FROM SHIPPS

Belleville, Kan., 7-10-32 Dear Cooperators: I am indeed glad to note our state president, Cal Ward, is on the mend. know it has been a very trying ordeal for one of his makeup. Over a Saturday there was an interesting year ago through the columns of this seen their property disappear like paper I warned against over-indul- mist! gence in our work. But few men can stand more hardship than I, and I

keenly felt the need of a short rest last July 1st. We, in my opinion, have passed the most strenuous times we will probably experience for some time to come. I feel certain that while we note a falling off in dues, those who now feel unable to pay will keep up the fight morally. In all my experiences, and they have been many, a dollar was never so much appreciated as now. I I am enclosing a few short shots as they occur to me these days:

Better times ahead-what's the hurry? You may pass 'em unknow-

Promises from some politicians are about as hard to swallow as those

This depression has surely made an

To fool part of the people part of the time, is a man's job these days.

Bulls are higher, due extra baloney

being fed. Our national income O.K. The division thereof is the bunk. Only about

Few years ago food was served on

Think it over-cooperate.

J. E. Shipps

LET'S CONSIDER THE FACTS

(continued from page 1) HIS POSITION ON LIQUOR sumption. Consequently world wheat stocks have reached record levels. 'Wheat exporting countries have boosted their combined acreage 25 per cent above prewar levels. Importing Farmers Union has ever undertaken, countries likewise have added to their acreage by an average of 5 per cent. Nevertheless, American producers and American business men must face the world wheat production which has in-

entire membership. consequences of this upward trend of worth of life insurance policy or what tensified the downward price trend. The world now produces over five bil-lion bushels of wheat a year, a little they do not know what they contain more than is used, even at present According to Dow Jones the aver-

leading stocks on September 3, 1929, was \$381.17. By November of 1929 officers at the Home Office at Des the average value of these stocks was Moines, Iowa. They are a fine lot of \$199 per share. On may 12, 1932, the fellows, who are anxious to render adds, is now world-wide. If repeal ag-average value per share of these same the very best service possible to the out billions of dollars of private for- manager, at Sanina, Kansas, is a real tunes. A little more than two years cooperator and stands ready at all ago United States Steel was selling times to give you any help in his \$261.75 a share. As of the middle power. of May of this year it stood on the market at \$27. American Can at \$35 .- experiences that has come to me. In 75 a share reflected a drop from the the first place let me say that I should boom market price of \$184.50. Am-erican Telephone at\$94.25 the middle it not been for the Farmers Union. of May of this year was worth less and my knowledge of the possibility than one-third of its price of \$310.25 its building up enormous reserves, to about two and one-half years ago. bring about the emancipation of the Bethlehem Steel was down to \$12.25 great agricultural class through life from \$140.75, while Auburn Auto, insurance reserve. I wrote up a worth \$514 in 1929, could be bought the middle of May for \$32 a share. the middle of May for \$32 a share.

nation's leading stocks underwent an amount as possible, which I did slashing cuts overshadowing the fall with the agreement that he would take of wheat values. For these drastic de- the trouble to read his policy. The clines neither the Farm Board nor the result was that in a short time, he of cooperative marketing conveniently forget them, however or minimize ity price declines.

TOM WELLS SPEAKS

ABOUT ADVANTAGES OF GOOD INSURANCE (continued from page 1) ple would have plenty of money today.

Will Rogers' Idea Will Rogers has this to say about life insurance. "What is life insurance going to cost you? Nothing, if you take it but your entire income to your family if you don't. When you buy insurance you not only where you are, but if you die your family knows where they're at."

We are at this time, in the midst of a Presidential campaign. Many of ambition of every good citizen of the us are working ourselves into a white heat, believing that the results of the coming election will be of vital importance to us. Friends, I am one that believes that it is the duty of every American citizen to inform himself and vote as his conscience dictates. However, it is far more important to us as individuals to provide protection er the opening of the program and for the future of our families, which August Wempe introduced the speak- can be obtained in a legal reserve life ers. The principal speaker and main insurance policy, than to elect a cer-

Governments can not do for you for the lean years that often follow. what you can do for yourself, and it should not be expected of them. The responsibility of Government in every department has been materially increased, in caring for the poor and unemployed. It is the one budget that pathy with his ideas. Other speakers has increased, regardless of the effort to hold it down. Here is a place where Government has an interest in the saving of the individual. Life insurance is something that the old adage St. Paul, now Washington represent-ative of the Farmers National Grain Corporation: Robert Lieurance of is a way. There are but few people Corporation; Robert Lieurance, of the Farmers Union Live Stock Comwill to do so.

It has been my privilege, a number of times, to deliver a check for a duced were: Harry Witham, Kansas life insurance policy, into the hands City; Rex Lear, Salina and Glen Leu- of those who had lost the only bread winner of the family. That money came to the family when needed as never before. It was used to pay off the mortgage in some cases. No one having the experience in life insurance that I have had can fail to be a firm believer in the same. It has given relief when all else has failed.

Can't Afford to Do Without Men have told me many times, that they did not need insurance as they had plenty of property to meet the requirements of their families. mer prices. With this in mind, there is no need for rushing to market with But alas-how many of them have

Men of wealth who were careful. conservative business men, have lost all and died in poverty. What a calamity all of which could have been prevented if only a small part of their money had been invested in life in-

Some will say that they cannot afford life insurance. But I say that you cannot afford to do without it, Others will say that it costs too much. Do you realize that at age twenty you can have an ordinary life insurance College. policy in the amount of a \$1,000 in do not measure deeds by dollars as the Farmers Union Mutual Life In- the garden can soon be achieved if mighty handy things to have around. surance company, for the cost of five the gardener prevents weeds and of chewing gum? At the age of thirty five you can have a twenty pay life policy of \$1,000 for less than the By keeping the garden plot occupied Why should one fail to take advan- of frost, it is much easier to cultivate. tage of a sure proposition of this

Life insurance is the only thing that you can buy on the installment plan, with a small amount of money, and in case of your death all of the

installments are paid in full. Our life insurance is just one of the many lines we have to offer, to the farmers and common people. farmer-owned and farmer controlled legal reserve mutual life insurance ompany, writing as good insurance as money can buy, at cost to the policy holder. The legal reserve going ino our own investments, in the way of carefully selected farm loans; the best security in the world today, as

it always has been. We contend by our own experience and Government statistics, that we have a lower death rate and thereby a lower net cost. Therefore there is ev ery reason why people who are eli gible to our insurance should avail themselves of the opportunity to secure the insurance that is designed to benefit our class and build for its

permanency. Life insurance by its very nature is cooperative. It is the plan that is better calculated to bring about the independence of the agricultural classes than any activity that the and for that reason should have the listed as "cause unknown." These 6 hearty support of its friends and the fires resulted in total damage of

But few people realize the it really means to them. It is an important document. Many do not read their policies, and for that reason This should not be the case. One should be familiar with its provisions The Farmers Union policies are all age price per share of thirty of the plain and easy to understand.

I am personally acquainted with the had dropped to \$54, wiping policy holder. Mr. Rex Lear, our state

I want to give you one of the many

bring about the emancipation of the Thus, since last Oct. the value of the me, he told me to make it for as small cooperatives can be blamed. Opponents came to me and told me that he wantyoung farmer who has this insurance of last year.

has just about as much other proper ty as the other farmer who has car-ried no insurance, and therefore has in the days of our prosperity, was not a blue sky law, but a stop light if you amount. The man with the \$600 cash please. If but a small part of the money paid for stocks, bonds and the like under this law had been placed in paid up life insurance, Kansas peomoney if they know that they can get

it any time. In conclusion let me say that mankind has not developed a more effici-ent scientific, financial agency than the highly developed legal reserve life insurance policy.

Poverty is a severe handicap to the individual, to the state, and to the nation. It has been the curse of all times. To overcome it should be the

country. Friends. I know of no way as sure or as easily within the reach of the great mass of our people, to relieve this condition, as some one of the many forms of legal reserve insurance policies written by the Farmers Unon Mutual Life Insurance Company. Conditions will improve and times will get better, and when they do, let us not forget the lesson that we have learned in part by our own folly, in not providing in the years of plenty

DON'T MARKET HALF-FAT HOGS

Now is a good time to move those marketable pigs that were held over last spring, we are told by Vance M. Rucker, Extension Marketing Specialist Kansas State College. Hog prices bid fair to take a downward swing in August. How much and how fast depends upon whether or not continued dumping on a declining price, as in the past week, continues. A second upturn to a peak in late August or

early September should come later. About one-half of the years since 1894 have this double, summer peak. The first peak centers around the first or second 10 days of July. The ow that follows centers about the first 10 days to the second 10 days of August, with the second high peak centering about the first to the middle of September. Bad business conditions may push this second peak back into late August. With the 7 per cent smaller spring pig crop and heavy May slaughter this year, there is ground for predicting that 1932 will be a year with a double peak in sumhalf-fat spring pigs that are not ready.

FIGHT NEXT YEAR'S WEEDS

Many times the late summer garden is observed to be overgrown with weeds and grass, particularly those parts from which have already been harvested. Such a procedure insures a crop of weeds and grass in the garden for several years, and especially for the following says Henry L. Lobenstein, Exten-Horticulturist, Kansas State sion

Freedom from grass and weeds in grass should be killed even though the immediate crop has been harvested. price of two five cent cigars a day. with a growing crop until the advent Weeds and grass growing around the edges of the garden and along the fence rows should be kept from reseeding, for their seeds are easily spread over the garden.

FARM POPULATION GAINS

The increase in farm population in 1931 was the largest and most significant in the ten years in which the United States Department of Agriculture has been estimating changes in population. For seven years of this period annual decreases were reported and only during 1930 and 1931 were appreciable gains indicated. On January 1, 1932, the farm population was 31,260,000 persons as compared with 30.612.000 on January 1, 1931, a gain of 648,000, according to department estimates.

SUSPICIOUS FIRES

Checking abruptly, after a series of monthly fire loss increases, the June fire loss report issued by Douglas A. Graham, state fire marshal, shows a decrease in loss compared to a total loss for June 1931. The loss for June of this year was \$190,223, compared to a total for June, 1931, of \$268,098. Of the 194 fires for June 64 were \$124,589. Three fires known to have been of incendiary origin, caused damage of \$4,200 and several of the 64

TENCH SILO DOES THE JOB

of unknown origin may be listed as

"suspicious."

Mrs. Clara M. Ketler is enthusiastic about trench silos. On her Cheyenne County, Kansas farm, she makes use of this type of silo to furnish green feed the year round for her herd of 40 Holstein cows, 40 Hampshire brood sows, and 700 laying hens. The first trench silo she built was

not very successful. The greatest trouble was that the walls did not have a slope to them. The silage settled away from the walls and resulted in spoilage of the silage. The walls caved off during the first summer, and that made it impossible to out the air.

But Mrs. Ketler remedied these wrongs when she built her next trench silo. She made one with 1 foot of slope to each 4 feet of depth in the walls. The trench is 90 feet long, 12 feet deep, and 8 feet wide at the bottom. Now she has a most economical means of storing green feed for her

Fires in the national farests dropped 46 per cent in acreage burned ovcompared to the same period in 1931, ed to increase his insurance to \$5,000, according to the forest service. Altoy forget them, however or minimize which he did. The result is today he hem and point only to farm commod- has over \$600 in cash value. This as against 96,228 acres the first half



Wayne Kobler Lela Grabner

PERRY— Eldha Beuerinan Harold Patterson Hazel Patterson

Lee Bevins
PIQUA—
Alvin Bux
Violet Bux
PLEASANTON—

Isabel Johnson Gloria Thomas PLAINVILLE—

ROUP KUNN

Doris Zimmer RANDOLPH—

Elsie Lilley RANSOM—

PFEIFER—
Adelaide Roth,
Dominie Schmidt, Box 64
PITTSBURG—

HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THIS DEPARTMENT Any boy or girl between the ages of six and sixteen, whose father is a member in good standing of the Farmers' Union, who writes a letter for publication, can be a member of this department, and is entitled to a pin. order to receive a book, he must signify his intentions to study the lessons ks to those who do not intend to Juniors should send their letters NION FARMER, Salina, Kansas.

and send them in. send their lessons. is: Aunt Patience in	We cannot send out The address to which care of the KANSA	books to those which all Juniors should SUNION FARM	no do not intend to d send their letters ER, Salina, Kansas.
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Perfect Pineappl From Only One Place

> OR perfect pineapple choose the "Smooth Cayenne" which comes from Hawaii. Nohere else in the world does this Put in a baking dish with one cup exotic fruit grow to such tooth-some perfection. There is some spoon cinnamon and one cup pinething about the climate and soil of these picturesque islands which produces a peculiarly luxurious and finely flavored variety of some simple cake such as sponge fruit, and scientific care and much cake. money have been expended upon

> its cultivation. Canned Right There! The pineapple is canned on the served. On each slice put a piece spot—the canning takes less than of canned Hawaiian pineapple. half an hour—and arrives in your kitchen with its delicate clusive pineapple place two ripe olives, flavor unimpaired. Just as it comes from the tins it is delightful adjunct to the meal, and here and brown well. This makes a are two very appealing ways of delictous dish for luncheon or using it with other food.

might divide the state into sections,

Victoria, Kans., June 24, 1932

What do you think.?

Dear Aunt Patience:

write a letter to her.

Dear Aunt Patience:

ting late.

Dear Mary Ellen:

Dear Aunt:

Dear Edwin:

From your nephew,

you've found your twin .-- Aunt Pati-

Your Junior,

keep it and paste it in their note books. We'll have to find a twin for

you. Please write again.-Aunt Pa-

I hope you are well. I'm fine. Oh! it has been raining here for 3 weeks anyway, off and on again. The wind blew limbs off the trees.

Mary Ellen Seymour.

Edwin Sander.

Aunt Patience.

Dear Junior Cooperators:

would write too. I'll close hoping to It doesn't seem possible that it's hear from you soon.

August so soon, and that next month Your niece, Marguerite Elam. school will begin, does it? This sum-

P. S. June 29 I'll be 14 years old.

Baked Pineapple and Rhubarb:

Cut rhubarb, unpeeled, in small

pieces to the amount of six cups.

some simple cake such as sponge

Ham Hawaiian Style: Lay

slices of cold boiled ham over

bottom of shallow baking dish.

mer has gone so rapidly. When you write I'd like to have you tell me Dear Marguerite: what you've been doing during your Yes, I'm well, too, and it rained vacation and I'll promise to tell you here during the time you mentioned. what I did during mine—is it a bar-The questions are printed with the lessons and our last lesson was in Do you think it would be fun to June. Alright, I'll watch for your twin start a Round Robin letter among too. The first fried chicken of the seaour club members? That is a letter, son always tastes better than the you know, which is sent to a number of persons—each person adding his or her contribution and sending it on. Our club is too big to have just one Our club is too big to have just one Aunt Patience. Round Robin letter for all, but we

Victoria, Kans., June 26, 1932 or we might limit the letter to those Dear Aunt Patience: Juniors who have earned "stars" on I am six years old on November the Membership Roll. This plan would help us all to become acquainted next year. I would like to be a Jun-

What do you think.?

Goodbye for this week and remember, "old members," that I wonder ber, "old members," that I wonder asked me to join. Will she get a why you don't write when too long a star? I would like to have a pin and time elapses between your letters - book. I prefer blue for the color of the book. I will close for today.

Your nephew, Elmer Dinkel. Care of John A. Dinkel, Route 2.

will let you know that our school Dear Elmer: s closed. I passed my grade. I am the eighth grade now. I will bring I'll send your book and pin very my June letter in. On Decoration Day soon, and I'll try to send it in the I visited my uncle and aunt from color you wish. I'm not always able to send it in the color preferred. how-Loretta and from Pfeifer. I got a little pet pony. His name is Beauty. It was born on my birthday. My lit-

tle brother is born on my birthday so Victoria, Kansas, June 26, 1932 he is his net, too. It weighed 40 I will let you know that I am still pounds when it was born. I guess I get no chance to write soon for we start harvesting next week. We got don't like it. I well the same of you. How do you like this weather? I surely don't like it. to cut about foud hundred acres with the combine so I must haul wheat. It takes us a long time, but if the weather is good it goes fast. Now I found my twin Zelda Mercer, from Zelda Mercer, from I constant the letter. I am 14 years old on March 12. Conway Springs, Kansas. Y hope she old on March 13. I haven't found my twin yet. I believe that we might sees my letter in the paper. I saw start harvesting this week. Hope that will be finished soon. Well, as my letter in the paper. I will now news is scarce I must end.

Yours truly,
Magdalene E. Dinkel.
Care of John A. Dinkel, Route 2.

Your little pony surely was a lovely birthday present, wasn't he? You You must have You must have overlooked your letmust be through harvesting by this ter for it has been in the paper. I'm time. Did you have good weather?
Has Zelda written to you? I'm glad
you'll find your twin soon. I'll help you. Have you studied the June lesson? I want to congratulate you on winning three stars.—Aunt Patience.

Leavenworth, Kans., June 24, 1932 Victoria, Kans., June 26, 1932 I would like to join your club.

Daddy belongs to the Farmers Union.

I was 13 years old June 5th. I will be in the eighth grade next year. I have one brother and one sister. Their names are James and Virginia to September 5. I am in the fourth grade. Hope that I will find my twin grade. Lee. I read the paper every time it gets here. I think the poem entitled and pin. I would like to have a book and pin. I would like to have green if you have the cales to have green if you have the color that I prefer. As I don't know any news I will very nice as I read it before the rest of the letters. I would like for you close. to put your picture in the paper. Please send me a book and pin. Have I a twin? I will close as it is get-

Your nephew, Albert Dinkel. Care of John A. Dinkle, Route 2. Dear Albert:

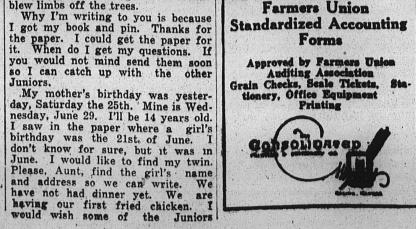
Mary Ellen Seymour.

We're glad that you're joining our club and I'll be very glad to give Magdolene a star for asking you to join. I'm sure that we can find a twin for lub and to know that you read the club and to know that you read the paper. And I'm glad that you liked the poem. "The Farmers' Union Parade" I wish all the Juniors would

There are seventeen egg marketing cooperatives affiliated with the National Union of German Agricultur-al Societies, and in 1931 these societies marketed 137 per cent more eggs Winfield, Kans., June 26, 1932 than in 1930.

MANUFACTURE-

Farmers Union



Dodge City, Kan., August 3-Ten children of pre-school age were drowned in water tanks in Kansas during 1931. In 1927, of the 83,408 deaths reported by 90 per cent of the total population of the United States as being caused by accidents, 8,150 as being caused by accidents, 8,150 were among children of preschool age-5 years or younger. It is evident, therefore, that the pre-school age is one of the most dangerous periods of life relative to accidents, injury, and death. In the training schools conducted

by Miss W. Pearl Martin, home health and sanitation specialist, Kansas State College, and the home demon-stration agent of the local county farm bureau, the care and protection of the toddler is emphasized. Mrs. Marjorie Streiff of Ford county, who has been working with Miss Martin for three years as home health and sanitation leader, makes

her children safe by making their surroundings safe. She has done this by placing a snow fence, which has previously been used for corn cribbing, along the wire fence which separates the yard from the barn lot, thus making it impossible for the youngsters to get near the stock tanks. In these training schools, Miss Mar-

tin also stresses the need of rest and sleep for the toddler.

"The runabout child" Miss Martin explains, "needs all the sleep and rest that he can possibly get. When awake he is in constant physical and mental action. Without sufficient sleep, he fails to gain in weight and to develop normally, and thus he has less resis-

HOMEMAKERS' HELPFUL HINTS tance to disease and infection. The child who does not get sufficient sleep or whose normal sleep is broken, becomes fatigued. In addition to 12 hours sleep, the toddler should have a day-time nap of from 1 to 2 hours. Regularity in nap-time and early bedtime are essential."

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GRAIN AND HAY MARKET REVIEW

able prospects for spring wheat both in the United States and Canada, delayed harvests in Europe, some provement in export demand and relatively light offerings of cash grain, according to the Weekly Grain Mar-ket Review of the United States Buket Review of the United States Bureline reau of Agricultural Economics. Feed grains were steady. The advance in wheat and further deterioration of the United States Bureline reau of Agricultural Economics. Feed grains were steady. The advance in wheat and further deterioration of principal markets. the crop in important producing areas as a result of extreme heat and lack moisture were the principal strengthening factors. Rye was also firmer influenced by higher wheat

The firmer situation which devel-

oped in the wheat market during the week was brought about largely by less favorable prospects for the new North American spring wheat crop. Reports of delayed harvests in Europe as a result of wet weather, some improvement in security markets and relatively light marketings of domestic wheat, however, were also strengthening factors. Harvesting of winter wheat has been practically completed in the United States and threshing is well along in most areas. threshing returns show good yields stuffs, however, suggests much less and high quality. In northwestern than the usual amount of supplemen-North Dakota, however, dry weather tal feeding. caused considerable damage to spring wheat during the past two weeks and trade reports indicate a naterial reduction in yields and lower quality where moisture reserves were low.

Canadian harvest has begun in old crop prices. Manitoba where the crop is maturing rapidly. Prospects are reported still good in southwestern Alberta and in central and northern Alberta with the exception of the Peace River Valley and in central and northern Saskatchewan. In other areas the crop has been given a definite set-back as a result of the recent hot weather and insufficient current rainfall and inadequate sub-soil moisture. These less favorable crop prospects, together with some improvement in export inquiry for Canadian grain strength-ened the Winnipeg market and No. 1 Manitoba northern was quoted at that

Harvesting in Russia has been interrupted by rains and the acreage harvested to July 15 was under that of a year ago. Charterings for August and September shipment of new wheat from Black Sea ports has recently increased but tonnage is under that of the past two years. New Ruswheat was offered in British This was about 3 1-4 cents elow quotations on No. 2 Manitoba from Vancouver and nearly 5 cents below sales of No. 1 hard winter from the Gulf. The quality of the new wheat, however, is uncertain and buyers are hesitating to contract before receipt of samples, equal to that of last season. European harvests generally have been delayed by unfavorable weather.

Domestic cash wheat markets advanced with futures and were generally 3c and 4c per bushel higher than a week ago. While receipts of winter wheathave been only about half as large as last season the quality continues good with protein content high. The average protein of the cars tested during the week by the Kansas and Missouri State laboratories at Kansas City was 13.18 per cent, or a new high record for that market. As a result of the liberal supplies of high protein wheat, protein premiums were reduced 3c to 4c while ordinary protein types advanced about 3½c with futures. Mill demand for hard winter wheat was of good volume and a fairly active export inquiry was also reported. Exporters were bidding 56c per bushel for No. 1 hard winte ordinary protein, delivered Gulf ports. Nos. 1 and 2 hard winter ordinary protein sold in Kansas City at the close of the market July 29 at 46 3-4 to 47 1-4c, 12.50 per cent protein at 47 3-4 to 49c and 13 per cent protein

at 49-50 1-4c per bushel.

Marketings of spring wheat remained relatively light. Receipts totaled only 442 cars at Minneapolis and 109 cars at Duluth. A larger proportion was of new crop grain than during the previous week.

Corn markets also strengthened during the week influenced by the advance in wheat prices and reports of further deterioration in the new crop which is now in the tassel and silk

WHEAT MARKET FIRMER;
FEED GRAINS STEADY;
HAY MARKETS IRREGULAR

stage, the most sensitive period of to a cycle of prosperity is best firm.

trated in the rising values of farm commodities, says an exchange. The considerably in central Kansas and considerably in central trated in the rising values of farm price of cotton has increased 13 per p badly damaged in the western third price of cotton has increased 13 per Domestic wheat markets strengthened materially during the week ending July 29 influenced by less favoring July 29 influenced by less favor-

western Nebraska, in central and southern sections of Missouri and on the dry uplands of Oklahoma. The crop is in fair condition in Iowa.

Marketings of old over continuously the way back to present the present the way back to present the way bac Marketings of old crop grain continued light, primary receipts totaling only 2,583,000 bushels. Demand was been set a little more for the things of the way back to prosperity. The farmer gets a little more for the things of the has to sell and in turn begins to

The oats market continued dull and featureless. Marketings were fairly large with primary receipts totaling 3,584,000 bushels or nearly a million bushels more than for the corresponding week last year. Local demand was dull at practically all markets but there was an active shipping inquiry at Chicago where 800,000

bushels were reported sold for shipment, mostly to montreal. Elevators were fairly active buyers for storage at several points. At the close of the market July 29 No. 3 white oats were quoted at Chicago at 17 1-4 to 19c, at Minneapolis at 17-18c, at St. Louis 17c, and at Kansas City at 16-18c per

Hay markets were slightly irregu-Marketings continued light with re- lar during the week ending July 28 ceipts at the principal central and with trading and movement seasonsouthwestern markets totaling only ally light. Pasturage has declined 32.102 cars since July 1 compared materially over much of the territory with 62,507 cars for the corresponding east of the Rocky Mountains due to period last year. Harvesting of spring lack of sufficient rainfall. The conwheat is well along in southern parts tinued dull situation at all the prinof the domestic spring wheat area and cipal markets for both hay and feed-

> Timothy prices remained about unchanged at the principal markets. Arrivals continued of small volume at Boston and in most cases were readily sold with the new crop moving at

for current market requirements, farms was 441,000. however, and quotations ruled unchanged. Meal mill buyers showed very little interest since mills were quite well supplied with hay taken during the previous two weeks. Recpoint July 29 at 58½c, which is ent hot, dry weather has been unequivalent to 50 3-4c in United States crop in producing sections of Kansas. Grasshoppers were also becoming quite active in the Garden City dis-

Prairie markets were somewhat ing off in arrivals. Local stockyards buyers offered the principal outlet funds.

Agriculture Hyde, because of lack of funds. per bushel for September shipment. hay. Shippers also took fair amounts but were interested only in top trade

umns of the

A CHEERFUL VIEW

Confidence that the depression is over and that we are on the way back to a cycle of prosperity is best illus-

machinery, clothing, shoes and other domestic needs, he supplies the money which puts labor back to work and completes the economic cycle between producer and consumer.

KANSAS STATISTICS

Deaths reported for May, 1932, are exactly the same as those reported for May, 1931, each having 1,588 according to the State Board of Health.

Marriages are on the decline when they fall 9.3 per cent in the one-year period. Births show an increase of 8.1 in the comparison of figures for May,

1932, with those for May 1931. Comparing the first five months of 1932 with the same months in 1931, births decrease 1.4 per cent, marriages decrease 2.8 per cent; and deaths show an increase of 0.7 per cent .-From Kansas Labor and Industrial Bulletin.

With the object of relieving the agricultural population, which, as the result of the fall in prices, is heavily encumbered with debts, the Roumainian government has recently introduced a bill providing for the repayment of debts over a period of thirty years, the reduction of interest rates and, in some cases, the reduction of the debts themselves .- The Manitoba (Canada) Cooperator.

The farm population of the United Alfalfa quotations at the principal States was 31,260,000 persons on Janmarkets ranged from steady to uary 1, 1932 as compared with 30,slightly lower with moderate to light 612,000 on January 1, 1931, a gain of offerings in only fair demand. Re- 648,000 according to an estimate isceipts at Kansas City were some- sued today by the United States Dewhat smalled than for the previous partment of Agriculture. It is estiweek as a result of rain in the nearby producing sections which interfered with baling and loading. The smaller and 1,679,000 persons moved forward supplies were apparently sufficient The surplus of births over deaths on

> After being picked, sweet corn ceases to be sweet in warm weather because the sugar changes to starch. This change goes on especially fast in weather over 70 degrees Farenheit and when the corn is piled closely together.

The quarantine against the European corn borer which has been mainirregular. The Kansas City market tained in the Middle West since 1921 was reported easier despite some fall- has been removed by Secretary of

Through the initiative of the Cenof medium and lower grades of hay tral Co-operative Bank of Roumania but weedy or coarse hay was slow a national cooperative insurance society has been formed in that country.

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FARMERS MAY STRIKE FOR BETTER PRICE

(continued from page 1) tive board of the South Dakota Farm ers Union on July 8, 1932, petitioned Congress to adopt a plan whereby farmers might withhold their prodothers, is printed here:

Resolution

"WHEREAS the ruinously low prices of all farm products are making it absolutely impossible for farmers to continue their farming operations and meet their obligations inless some definite program providing for the withholding from the market of the farmers' crops now in prospect, is put in operation the majority of our farmers are facing absolute bank-

"If this farm crop should forced upon the market to meet obligations due, including those of the federal government, there can be no hope of restoring fair prices for farm products.

seed loans will few months, we believe such exten- has lent money is a strictly farmersions of time should be granted wher- owned and farmer-controlled cooperaever possible so as to expedite the return of fair prices.

States, in cooperation with governors of our agricultural states, to put in operation a plan for withholding from the market of farm products until fair prices are restored.

"STATES having laws providing for the storage of grain on the farm and securing loans through intermedidate credit banks for the holding of said grain should take advantage of these laws so as to prevent the marketing channels from being glutted by the dumping of such grain on the

"BE IT RESOLVED that copies of his resolution be sent to our U. S. founded. * * * * Senators, Members of Congress of of Agriculture, Mr. Hyde and to the governors of South Dakota, North Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin, Illinois, Oklahoma, Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri, Colorado, and Montana, and to National President Mr. Simporganizations.

"BE IT FURTHER resolved that we respectfully urge the governors of the states above named to take steps to bring about united pressure upon Congress to act in this emergency." Progress in Iowa

A report of the farmers' strike novement as it is progressing in Iowa is published in the July 13 issue of the Iowa Union Farmer, and is as follows:

iday or farmer's "strike" has spread so rapidly throughout the state that within a comparatively few days organizations will have been completed n practically every county.

A checkup shows that organiza-

tions have been completed or are in progress in approximately 90 counties. Meetings are being held day and night to perfect organizations already launched or start organizations

nois and Wisconsin come reports that places. If they are, the matter has active organization work is being not been presented to the farm board. launched in those states, and many The agricultural marketing act prorequests for information concerning the movement in Iowa are being received from fruit and vegetable growers in the western and Pacific or processing livestock.

coast states. Only the lack of speakcoast states. Only the lack of speakers and finances seems to delay real organization work in a dozen states. that the farm board means to put pri-

pose of determining a fair price for this if it did have such a purpose. On-farm products in Iowa and the mid-dlewest will be held in the very near hold the power to determine which future. With this problem settled agencies shall handle their business. the way will practically be cleared A statement by the Texas Live Stock

ers assert that if the sentiment of the farmers and business men at these meetings may be taken as an indication of strength, the call for a lected this agency by their appraisal of its services and not because they these columns is INTENSIFIED advertising, because our mailing "strike" in Iowa alone will demons-

trate its effectiveness.
With banker's "strikes" effective in many cities and towns of the state the power ascribed to me to lead the during the last few days, leaders of farmers in building their own coopthe farmer's "strike" movement de-clare there is every precedent and every reason for the farmer to take the same action in an effort to conserve his resources.

All farmers are urged to continue individual campaigns, both among farmers and business men, to enlist he greatest amount of support for

Those Interested Should Write state officials of the Kansas Farmers Union, will be glad to hear from any local or any individual on the subject of a strike by Kansas farmers. If this is the only way in which we can bring about the condition of receiving cost of production, then it must be worth twings. must be worth trying.

It is a settled fact that private dealers in farm commodities are in business to make every cent of profit possible. That means, of course, that they will pay the farmer as little as possible, and then process the prod-uct and sell to the consumer at the

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can by buying as low as they can.

By the farmer's refusal to sell only in the sincerity of an honest man to cooperative associations, the prince the sincerity of an honest man to etic with the Kansas farmers which render service, rgardless of whether shows itself in the columns of Mr. vate speculator does not get his hands on the commodity, and can not make his profit by robbing the farmer. No doubt many other communities or sition. Reference has been made to sition. Reference has been made to high salaries. Chamber of Commerce. "The Chamers Union, to Cal Ward, president of son and his neighbors in Woodson the Kansas Farmers Union, and to county. The better a local is organ-

'A form, which may be clipped and attached to a paper providing for signatures of farmers, is published in this issue. It is suggested that these lists be preserved and kept with the records of the Farmers Union locluding those due the federal govern- cals. Most Kansas newspapers in the ment on feed and seed loans, and un- neighborhoods sponsoring such movements will be glad to publish the lists of signers. The newspapers should be glad to sponsor any movement which will tend to bring higher prices to the farmers for their com-

> ANSWERS PRIVATE LIVE STOCK MEN'S ATTACK ON CO-OPS.

(continued from page 1) farm board had loaned money were "WHEREAS government feed and not true cooperatives. Every live stock become due within a cooperative to which the farm board

tive association. * * * * The Producers' Commission Association on the Kansas City market has "THEREFORE, we respectfully ciation on the Kansas City market has since this is not different, railroads as its officers and directors the folar and many other branches of industry,

Daniel Crabb, Hich Hill, president. W. H. Tapp, Kearney. vice presi-

Dr. O. O. Woolf, Ottawa, Kas., secretary and treasurer. John Gottrell, Irving, Kas. George Long, Wiley, Col.

John Isaacs, Canadian, Tex. These men are well known over the their products in such a way as to trade territory and I believe the meet domestic and world conditions of charge that their operations are supply and demand. They cannot arbio not cooperative and that they are not trarily maintain prices of their prodproducers of live stock is not well ucts beyond prices of other products

Another charge is that the farm board discriminated between cooperthis state, and Secretary of Agricul-ture Mr. Troth, and U. S. Secretary atives; also that the farm board set up a livestock agency. Neither statement is true. The farm board did not set up either the Producers Commission Association or the Farmers Union Live Stock Commission on the Kansas City market. Both were operson and to the state presidents of ating many years before the passage state Unions of adjoining states and of the agricultural marketing act. representatives of other state farm They were organized by the farmers and stockmen. As to the charge of discrimination, that is untrue. The doors of the National Live Stock Marketing Association must remain open to other qualified live stock cooperators. The Farmers Union is one of such. It also is farmer-owned and farmer controled and is officered by the following: E. E. Martz, Adrian, Mo., president.

G. W. Hobbs, Kansas City, Mo., man-J. B. George, Neosho Falls, Kas.,

Alva Stryker Blue Rapids, Kas., sec-J. P. DeMoss, Odessa, Mo. L. G. Gretten, Kincaid, Kas. John Figenbaum, Higginsville, Mo. Joe Coffman, Overbrook, Kas.

The members of the Kansas Farmers Union supply a large volume of business to this cooperative agency. Another statement reported was that cooperatives affilliated with the in the counties in which no work has heen done.

National Live Stock Marketing Association were giving consideration to From South Dakota, Minnesota, Ill- processing live stock at different vides that loans shall not be made to duplicate facilities. No loans have been made on facilities for handling

been made at the Shannon hearing The meeting of economists and vate commission agencies out of busother interested groups for the pur- iness. The farm board could not do for calling the "strike."

Splendid crowds are attending nearly every "strike" meeting. Speak-was covered by mortgage through its Marketing Association shows that in were financially obligated to it.

At the hearing some reference was made to me personally. I wish I had erative agencies. I have made shipments of live stock to or bought from the cooperative agencies at Omaha, Kansas City, Fort Worth, St. Louis and Chicago, and all have rendered me

ceive for the commodity when it splendid service. While at the head of problems of the day from a farmer's leaves their hands. They will always one of the cooperatives I helped emincrease this spread as much as they ploy men formerly with old line comdoes not lay any claim to being a misison firms. There is no difference farmer. The same attitude sympathhe works for a cooperative or a pri- Bailey's daily newspaper, the Salina out of the sales proceeds and is, thereized, the more effective the strike strike will be. Dues should be paid at once, handled by cooperative or old line tions. There is no reason why the the farm board

Defends Marketing Act Another witness was reported to have said, "It is time for the government to stop, look and listen, for we are surely in danger; that we are drifting about as far from the found-amental principles of this govern-ment as it is possible to drift." I believe the agricultural marketing act is a step in the direction of getting the farmers of this country back to the fundamental principles and practices of our forefathers in controlling their own business. The loans made to cooperatives from the revolving fund provided for by congress in the agricultural marketing act carry a provision of repayment taken as retains from the products furnished by the of the advantages of the recent merfarmer members. When these loans ger of the Farmers Union Jobbing are amortized, the farmers themselves Association grain handling facilities will have repaid the loans and in the repayment will have provided the capital for their own marketing system. Since this is not different from the and many other branches of industry,

I believe the singling out of farmers'

cooperative associations for criticism

and attack is not well founded. My experience gained as a member of the board further strengthens my belief that the farmers of this country can take their place with other branches of industry only by controlling, through their own organized ef-W. T. Angle, Kansas City manager. fort, the production and marketing of with which they come in competition. am personally proud to be a citizen of a country with a government which moves in times of need to assist its people, and the assistance given agriculture has been relatively small compared with that given other branches of industry. Only time and experience will demonstrate whether the assis-3. Denman

Member Federal Farm Board.

COUNTY MEETINGS INDICATE

(continued from page 1) that he had a previous engagement and Tipton. to speak over a St. Joseph radio station on Friday evening and could not for the first six months of this year be present at Beloit. However, in is shown over the total period of opspite of the short notice and in spite eration last year, which was more of the rain which fell all forenoon, than eight months. Oil handled by quite a large number of people came the cooperative increased by 40 per to the park. That is characteristic of cent, comparing the 1932 six-months Mitchell county folks. They have a period with the total in 1931. The reputation for gettin and they lived up to their reputation. gallons, while the amount this year

fall. Henry Seidel was in charge of year's six-month period with the program. Excellent music was eight months last year. The total of furnished by the Beloit Junior Band, these refined products handled this an organization of talented and well- year amount to 90 per cent of that directed young men and women.

was Floyd Lynn, state secretary. Mr. and the number this year, 43. Lynn, after making a plea for more thorough organization among farm- the Mitchell county Farmers Union ers, introduced Mr. Bailey. Believes in Cooperation

most helpful. He is a man of wide experience and one who can see the industry.

payment for such services all comes he said, "and so is the Kansas Press Association, the Kansas Bar Associafirm, and not by the government or farmers should not have an organization equal to any of those." He pointed out the need for benefical farm legislation, and told those present that benefits could not be obtained without a good organization working for them. He favors legislation along the line of the Marketing Act. He spoke of the tax study clubs which have been sponsored by the state Chamber of Commerce together with the Farmers Union and other farm organizations.

Harry Witham Spoke Following Mr. Bailey, Mr. Harry Witham, manager of the Farmers Union Jobbing Association, addressed the group. Mr. Witham formerly lived in Mitchell county, and began his cooperative career there. He spoke with those of the Farmers National Grain Corporation at Kansas City. He mentioned the fact that the Equity Union Grain Company has also recently merged with the larger cooperative. Mr. Witham also made a plea for a more thoroughly organized agriculture, which could work through the already existing organizations.

Union Oil Progress Howard Cowden, manager of the Union Oil Co. (Cooperative) with headquarters in North Kansas City, was the last to speak on the program. Mr. Cowden's talk was a plea for more unity of action in the matter of cooperative buying and selling of farm products and farm necessities. His report on the progress of the Mitchell county Farmers Union cooperative oil company was most encouraging. He reported that although the Mitchell county Cooperative Oil and Gas business was organized less than a year and a half ago, it is the second largest cooperative oil company being supplied by the Union Oil Co. During the first fifteen months of

its existence, Mr. Cowden pointed out, the cooperative savings for the Mitchtance is helpful and the extent to ell county organization have been which the farmers benefit by it.—C. over a thousand dollars a month, or a total of \$15,216.64. A cash refund or patronage dividend has been paid to the cooperators amounting to 000.00. George Dean and C. E. Elder RETURN OF OLD INTEREST are the managers of this wonderful cooperative business. Stations are located at Beloit, Glen Elder, Hunter

A substantial increase in business amount handled in 1931 was 10,375 A "potluck" dinner was served at was 13,910 gallons. The amount of noon. This dinner was a demonstra- grease handled increased 60 per cent, tion of the fine ability to cook possessed by the Mitchell county women handled was 8,088 pounds, which increased to 13,618 pounds handled the The speaking program was held under cover in the fine chautauqua building—the scene of the state Farmers Union convention held last irected young men and women. handled last year. The number of car loads handled last year was 47,

The aggressiveness and loyalty of members was praised by Mr. Cowden, who pointed to their cooperative sav-Mr. Bailey's talk was popular and ings as full justification of their nost helpful. He is a man of wide patronage of their own cooperative

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the movement in preparation for the day when the "strike" will be thrown Pledge to Refrain from Selling Farm The Kansas Union Farmer, and the state officials of the Kansas Farmers Products for Less Than Cost SALINA, KANSAS of Production

We, the undersigned farmers, pledge ourselves not to sell any of our farm products to the open market nor to packers for a period of.days. If it becomes necessary for us to sell any of our products, in order to meet an emergency, we pledge ourselves to sell only through a cooperative marketing firm or association, or direct to consumers.

lieve in progressive farm organization.

In this manner, we know we will have control of our commodities from the time they leave our farms until they are in the consumers' hands. This will eliminate the possibility of the speculators and middle men lowering the prices received by us, or increasing the price paid by the consumers, in order that they, the middle men and speculators, may make their upholy profits at which they buy the product from the product from the product and the price they reour expense. At the same time this practice will strengthen and develop our own cooperative machinery, thus placing us as farmers in an improved position to continue to handle our own mar-

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