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Mortgages Big Farm Problem

Rex Lear, State Manager F. U. Mutual Life Insurance Co. In Radio Speech Over WIBW, AUG 8th

We are glad to have this opportunity through the courtesy of the Capper's Publication and this station, to speak and attempt to present a portion of the message of organized agriculture.

The Farmers Educational and Co-operative Union of America stands today as the outstanding example of co-operative effort. I desire to speak as a member of that organization and as a representative of its strongest financial institution, The Farmers Union Mutual Life Insurance Company.

There are many farmers even among the members of the Farmers Union who do not realize the accomplishments of their own organization, the power, the scope of its activities.

The fact that the Farmers Union has held the attention and support of an ever increasing number of farmers for over a quarter of a century is proof that it possesses merit of high order.

Organized by a small group of farmers in a little country school house in Texas, the organization has spread until today, we have a National Organization, 26 State organizations, hundreds of County units and over 20,000 dues paying locals, each local composed of from five members to two hundred members.

The Farmers Union is strictly a farmer's organization. It neither asks nor receives any government or state aid, and its educational work is all financed by the farmers themselves out of the dues, which are so divided that each unit of the organization receives some of the dues.

The declaration of purpose, today is the same as stated 28 years ago, namely—to bring farming up to the standard of other industries and business enterprises.

In their effort to do this the Farmers Union has never asked for expected outside aid. A building that needs props is sure to fall.

The Farmers Union learned early in the game that the mere fact of being organized was not enough. Justice is not served on a silver platter with such ease. A militant organization with sleeves rolled up and the red gleam of battle in the eye is the only sort of movement which may hope to demand and secure cost of production for farm products and a preferred seat at the Council table of Commerce.

The Farmers Union in applying the principle of the self help movement has entered into two fields of business activity—Producer Co-operations and Consumer Co-operations. Examples of the Producer Co-operations which market the producers' products are the grain, cotton, livestock associations, fruit, truck, dairy and poultry associations, creameries, cheese factories, etc.

In the Consumer Co-operators we have stores, exchanges, purchasing agencies, fire, hail, auto and life insurance companies.

A strong organization marketing

its products through its own agencies receives the highest market value and the profits usually absorbed by middle men are returned as dividends to the patrons.

The value of an organization can only be measured by its accomplishments.

President Hoover, in his message to the special session of Congress, April 16, 1929 said in part, "The most progressive movement in all agriculture has been the upbuilding of the Farmers' own marketing organizations, which now embrace nearly two million farmers in membership and annually distribute nearly \$2,500,000,000 worth of farm products. These organizations have acquired experience and furnish a substantial basis on which to build further organizations."

We as members of the Farmers Union claim with pride that this reference may be applied, without reservations, to the Farmers Union for the large share we have had in this accomplishment.

Much has been said and written about the Farm Problem. It is now admitted that there is a farm problem but the cause of the problem is still under discussion. Ask the farmer he, will tell you in simple words, "This problem is how to make both ends meet."

He can fill his bins with grain, his cans with cream, his basket with eggs but when he sells them the money is not enough to pay the expenses, interest on mortgage, taxes, school books for Mary and gasoline for family flivver.

However, there is one critter on the farm that understands how to make both ends meet, that's the hog. M-E-A-T meat. But the Kansas farmer is not a hog, Alexander Leggo notwithstanding. So he is having a lot of trouble making both ends meet.

The farmer evidently learned that the famous Jewish Lullaby, "Buy Low and Sell High," backwards, for he buys high and sells low. Of course, "Buy Low and Sell High" belongs to business and as has been said "Farming is not a business. With some it is an accident, with some a habit."

Farming will not become a business until it exercises some control over the price of its product.

While the Farmers Union has especially stressed marketing, they have come to realize that finance plays an important part. With the mortgage indebtedness of Kansas near the \$500,000,000 mark, it is apparent that mortgage indebtedness on the farm has more to do with the problem of the farmer than any other thing.

To get down to brass tacks, mortgages are the farm problem, and this leads up to why there is a Farmers Union Mutual Life Insurance Company. At the time this Company was organized there were over 500 sound Legal Reserve Life Insurance Companies rendering excellent Life Insurance service to the people of this country.

The principal reason for the formation of our Company was to give the farmers the control of their own money. The Farmers Union, so that they would be able to use the reserves created by these premiums to finance their own needs. It is a self evident fact that if a farmer desires to secure the benefit of his low death rate he must be in a Company that takes rural people only, and if he wants to have control of the reserves on his own Life Insurance he must be in a Company, pledged to the support of agriculture.

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Primary election is over, and of course there has to be some one disappointed; and we are no exception to this rule. This paper is not in politics as such, but we believe that the untiring services of Governor Reed in behalf of the farmers of Kansas should have entitled him to their support in his race for a second term. He was undoubtedly defeated by the stay at home farmer vote. In our own precinct, there was not fifty per cent of a vote cast. Too many people seem to think that the primary election is not important; but we believe that it is as important as the general election. The intention of the primary law was to give every voter a chance to express his choice for candidates to head his ticket; but if the people will not take advantage of this right, we might as well go back to the old convention system with its log rolling tactics and rotten political manipulations in nominating candidates for office.

LICKED AGAIN

I'm licked again; all through the sixty years That I have lived in this old vale of tears, I've picked the men who made a losing fight; But though I've lost, I know I've voted right.

I'm licked again; but that is no disgrace, If I have had the nerve to boldly face The battle's roar, although I stand alone And work and fight for principles I own.

I'm licked again; but 'till my dying hour I'll fight the men who have usurped the power To nullify the laws the farmers need To free them from the grasping Shylock's greed.

I'm licked again; but I can laugh and smile; Because no Politician's leering guile Has swerved me from the path I mean to tread Until I'm laid with the forgotten dead.

O, yes, I'm licked; but I have no regrets; I'll fight again 'till Agriculture gets A just reward for the unceasing toil It takes to wrest the harvests from the soil.

A. M. KINNEY

REPRESENTATIVES FROM ALL OF THE FARMERS UNION STATES MET AT OMAHA NEBRASKA, JULY TWENTY NINTH TO FORMULATE FUTURE PLANS IN REGARD TO THE FARM BOARD AND THE AGRICULTURAL MARKETING ACT

RESOLUTIONS (At Group Meet) Farm Board

The farm organizations of this country have been a dominant factor in promoting the principles of cooperation for many years, and their worth was expressed by President Hoover when he said in part, "If we are to succeed it will be by building upon the initiative and the foundations that we already have in farm organizations." In many instances, their major projects have been cooperative marketing, and:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That it is the judgment of this body that we suggest and urgently request that the work of the Farm Board would be more effective if a closer affiliation existed between the Farm Board and the various farm organizations; particularly in the discussion and formulation of general policies dealing with the administration of the Agricultural Marketing Act for the benefit of American agriculture; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That we commend the efforts of our National President to preserve the identity of our Farmers Union institutions and for his untiring labor and constructive work in behalf of cooperative marketing.

Livestock

WHEREAS: For a good many years the Farmers Union Livestock marketing agencies have been endeavoring to establish a national marketing organization and since last October have made every effort possible to perfect a workable plan on an equitable basis to conform to the Federal Farm Board's Livestock marketing plan but met with failure, and,

WHEREAS: It was found that further delay was keeping Farmers Union members from receiving the benefits of a national marketing organization, and,

WHEREAS: All the representatives of the Farmers Union agencies present at the meetings held in Omaha, July 22 and 28th unanimously adopted a national plan of organization entitled "Farmers Livestock Marketing Association";

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Farmers Union Livestock Commission of South St. Paul, which had no representatives at the July 28th meeting were delayed on account of car trouble, be assured that it was the full intention of the Farmers Livestock Marketing Association to include the Farmers Union at St. Paul and official invitation given them to continue to work with all the rest of the Farmers Union agencies in the national organization.

Cotton

BE IT RESOLVED: That we deplore the actions of the Farm Board in attempting to force the cotton producers to join the Farm Bureau Cotton Association in Texas and other cotton states and thus abandon the Farm organizations of their choice. We demand that other cooperative cotton associations be recognized and admitted upon equal terms.

Grain Marketing

We indorse the creation, set-up, and accomplishments, to date, of the Farmers National Grain Corporation, and we urge our members to affiliate with and support it through the acquisition of such agencies as are farmer-owned and controlled and which will carry the grain up to the Farmers National Grain Corporation at the natural terminal or export markets.

In order to facilitate the cooperative handling of grain in sufficient volume and the intelligent movement thereof—and recognizing the inability of farmers to acquire marketing facilities at this time—we urge our members to seek uniform farm storage laws in the large grain producing states to place the grain farmer in a position to,

- Enhance the price level of grain.
- Through controlled volume, effect premiums within the range of the protective grain tariffs.
- Accrue to himself handling and carrying charges now generally collected by terminal operators.
- Take advantage of cheaper carrying costs; such as insurance, taxes, interest, labor, costly depreciation salaries, and profits of terminal operators.

We recognize the faithful, tireless, effective service of our President, Mr. C. E. Huff, in his work of setting up, outlining policies, and establishing business procedure and practices of the Farmers National Grain Corporation with a clear vision as to grain marketing accomplishments and protection to all member cooperatives.

Produce Marketing

WHEREAS: Dairy and poultry products are among the most dependable sources of revenue of our Farmers Union membership, and

WHEREAS: The Farmers Union organizations of several states are interested in and engaged in the handling and marketing of dairy and poultry products, and,

WHEREAS: Present marketing facilities are unsatisfactory;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the representatives of the Farmers Union here assembled favor the establishment of a national cooperative marketing agency for the handling and selling of dairy and poultry products under the provisions of the Agricultural Marketing Act; provided, that the set-up of this marketing agency be on a basis wherein the identity of each organization interested will be preserved. And be it provided further, that the representation of the organizations interested be on the basis of the volume of commodities handled.

Oleomargarine Control

BE IT RESOLVED: That in every state where the Farmers Union operates, strenuous efforts be made to enact a law similar to "Chapter 93, Session Laws of 1929, State of Montana," providing for a license to sell or exchange oleomargarine, imitation or filled cheese, or any substitute for any dairy product made from milk or cream.

MINUTES OF FARMERS UNION GRO MEETING AT THE CASTLE HOTEL Omaha, Neb., July 29

Meeting at Castle Hotel, Omaha, Neb., called by National President C. E. Huff, convened at nine o'clock a. m. Tuesday, July 29, 1930, with President Huff in the chair.

Those present were the Board of Directors of the National Farmers Union and all National officers and also representatives from many state Unions, Farmers Union Livestock Commissions, grain organizations, creameries, and other Farmers Union activities.

After calling the meeting to order, President Huff explained how our Farmers Union grain marketing organization had met in a similar meeting a year ago and taken initial steps to set up a central grain marketing organization. Mr. Huff also explained the set-up of the Farmers National Grain Corporation and told of its operations.

The meeting was then turned over for discussion and President Huff requested a board meeting after the group had closed the discussion.

Motion prevailed that the State Unions and business organizations report briefly until 11-15 a. m.

C. N. Rogers, Iowa, reported for the SouthEast Committee (Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina, and South Carolina.)

A. W. Ricker, St. Paul, reported for Wisconsin and the Pacific North West.

E. E. Kennedy, Illinois, reported for the Illinois Union and also the Farmers Union activities in Illinois.

Milo Reno, President of the Iowa Farmers Union, reported for Iowa.

John C. Erp, President of the Minnesota Farmers Union, reported for Minnesota.

C. C. Talbott, President of the North Dakota Union, gave report for his state.

Joe Atkins, South Dakota, reported for the South Dakota and the Livestock Commission at Huron, South Dakota.

C. H. O'Hern, Manager, of the Livestock Commission at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, gave the report for this organization.

H. C. Keeney, President of the Nebraska Farmers Union, reported on the progress of the Nebraska Union.

C. McCarthy, manager of the Farmers Union State Exchange at Omaha, Nebraska, reported that the Nebraska Oil Association now has 55 member oil and gas associations and handled 785 cars during the first six months of 1930.

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MANAGER SEAMANS REPORTS TO THE BOARD ON PROGRESS AT WAKEENEY

A Fine Group of Station Operators

Board of Directors:

I returned to Kansas City Sunday after spending Friday and Saturday in the Wakeeney territory. I find things in connection with the building project and the organization work progressing very satisfactorily. There has been some delay and at times it seems as though the work is going a bit slow but this is a result of unavoidable delay over which none of our people seem to have had any control.

Mr. Augustine is now on the job at Wakeeney and has been for the past several days. Also Mr. Whitaker has returned from his vacation and is back on the job of organization again. Both Mr. Prewett and Mr. Nauve have reported for duty in the field work and are now working at Gorham, Kansas.

So far as developments along building lines are concerned, the tile work is practically completed; both the first and second floors of the creamery unit are completed. Ceiling construction in both the creamery unit and office is now under way. The roof over the creamery unit is completed and partially completed over the poultry unit. Carpenters are now hanging the doors and installing the hardware. Electrical and plumbing work is also well under way. There is considerable concrete work yet to be done in both the first floor and basement of the poultry unit and the docks. At best it is estimated a week or ten days will be required to complete this work.

The boiler installation under the direction of Mr. Augustine is practically completed. The new oil burner will be installed the early part of this week. Both the butter and egg coolers under contract with the Armstrong and Insulation Company are being installed under the direction of one of their foremen. It is estimated it will require at least a week to complete the coolers. Installation of the creamery equipment will begin within the next week.

In company with Mr. Whitaker, I made a round of thirteen of our stations including several of the new ones. I was agreeably surprised with the friendly and optimistic attitude of the managers and operators. They all appeared to be well pleased with developments up to the present time and in spite of the extremely hot, dry weather that exists, they were all wearing a smile and looking forward with pleasure and confidence to working in close harmony with the plant when it gets into operation.

In spite of unfavorable weather conditions, some of our stations are reporting an increase in volume. This of course comes from the fact that they are gaining new patrons. Pasture conditions in the western territory are in my estimation ahead of the eastern section. This is particularly true in some sections and is due to the fact that the western territory has received at least two good rains which the eastern part of the State did not get.

Both egg and poultry volumes are very light. In fact the egg production is at a very low ebb and poultry is moving into markets more slowly than usual. It is anticipated by many of our managers, however, that the poultry movement will take on more life about the first of September.

While at Wakeeney I had the pleasure of conferring with Mr. Hutchinson of the Wakeeney State bank and Mr. Hille of the Trego County State Bank with reference to our banking connections for the Wakeeney plant. I am glad to report that both Mr. Hutchinson and Mr. Hille appear to be well pleased with the building project and their experience and relationship with the Farmers Union Creamery up to the present time. Both are looking forward to working in close harmony with the benefits this plant will bring to all concerned.

I completed banking connections in these conferences wherein the Wakeeney State Bank will handle the creamery account and the Trego County State Bank will handle the Station account.

I am sorry time did not permit calling on all of our stations but expect to complete the round of western stations a little later on as time permits. Generally speaking I think we have a mighty fine group of operators who will work to the interest of the membership and the business.

Plans are now under way for a managers and operators' meeting to be held in Wakeeney several days prior to the opening of the plant. The purpose of the meeting is to get better acquainted, outline in general the plan of operation and instruct operators as to how various lines of business will be handled.

Trusting this report will be of value and enlightening to all members of the board, I am Very truly yours, A. W. Seamans, Mgr.

CREITZ SPEAKS OVER WIBW AUGUST 15th

Mr. G. E. Creitz, manager of the Farmers Union Royalty Oil Company, will speak Friday evening, August 15 over station WIBW, Topeka, during

The Farm Board Plans Drouth Aid

The Federal Farm Board is deeply concerned by the reports of serious drouth in a number of agricultural regions.

The United States Department of Agriculture and its allied agencies are now surveying the dry sections to determine the degree of damage to crops and its prospective effect on farmers and their livestock. In the meantime, the Federal Farm Board is studying its own power for financial aid.

Under the Agricultural Marketing Act the Federal Farm Board cannot give anything to anybody, but it has considerable discretion in the matter of terms on loans. There is also the Grain Stabilization Corporation through which the Board may work. If existing feed distribution agencies or other business men and farmers in any stricken community, county, district, or state will form under the laws of their own state a responsible corporation which will guarantee the payment of notes to be given by individual farmers, a plan probably can be quickly developed whereby the Grain Stabilization Corporation can sell feed grains of any kind in car lots at market prices on easy payments of one or two years. The local organization would arrange for local distribution of the feed thus supplied and see to the collection of the farmers' notes when due. It would make no profit on its own services and would make proper local arrangements for the payment of freight.

The Federal Farm Board can in this way help every community that is willing to help itself. The Grain Stabilization Corporation has plenty of grain and can buy more to replace that sold for feed, thus keeping its own supplies intact.

The plan is believed to be practical and workable. It would relieve suffering, dispose of a part of the grain surplus, and put no man nor community under the necessity of asking for charity. If local communities will do their part, no substantial farmer need lack for feed for his livestock and no stock need be sacrificed on present markets.

KANSAS FARMERS UNION ROYALTY COMPANY HOLDS MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

The adjourned meeting of the stockholders of the KANSAS FARMERS UNION ROYALTY COMPANY was held in the offices of the company in Salina, on Saturday, August 2. Considering the general conditions, a goodly number of stockholders were present, and a sufficient number of proxies were filed to constitute a quorum.

The entire plan of the project, including the organization and procedure of the Flag Oil Corporation, was presented to the stockholders by Mr. Darnell, Mr. Bowen and Mr. Creitz. Many questions were asked by the stockholders. The answers to these questions served to give a clearer understanding of the whole matter; and the more clearly the matter was understood, the more enthusiastic the stockholders became. They are now firmly convinced that the project is absolutely safe, sound and highly potential in possibilities.

The following Board of Directors was elected: President, A. D. Rice, Delphos; Vice President, Emil L. Johnson, McPherson; Secretary-Treasurer, Chas. A. Broom, Salina; other directors, John Huber, Selden and John Frost, Blue Rapids.

An harmonious and enthusiastic sentiment pervaded the entire meeting.

A STAFFORD PICNIC

Stafford, Aug. 7.—Plans are being made for a joint picnic of the Stafford County Farmers Union and the Stafford County Farm Bureau, which will be held August 20, in Crawford's grove adjoining Stafford on the south. The picnic will be an all-day affair. The speakers include "Cal" Ward, president of the Kansas Farmers Union, and Ralph Snyder, state president of the farm bureau.—K. C. Star.

STATE PRESIDENT AND SEC. RETARY HAVE ACTIVE WEEK

C. A. Ward, State President of the Kansas Farmers Union and A. M. Kinney, Secretary, have been asked to attend the conference at Governor Clyde M. Reed's office, in Topeka, Tuesday morning, August 12th in regard to drouth relief plans, which Governor Reed will present at President Hoover's Governors' meeting in Washington, D. C., August 14th.

Tuesday afternoon President Ward will speak at the annual Douglas County C. P. A. picnic at Eudora.

Thursday morning, August 14th, Mr. Kinney will speak at the 10th Annual Harrison County Farmer's picnic which will be held in the Bert Neff Grove three miles east of Ridgeway, Missouri. Thursday night Mr. Ward will be the principal speaker on the program.

The regular Farmers Union Hour broadcast, promptly at eight o'clock. An unusually interesting discussion of matters pertaining to this branch of Farmers Union activities, is promised.

Junior Cooperators by Aunt Patience

HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THIS DEPARTMENT

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

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Dear Junior Cooperators:

And eight new members this week! We have a great many more, but here we are again, with not so much room as usual. So we'll have to print the other letters next week. Also, we've some new triplets—let's see—they are, Lela Siebert, Conway, Alice Scott, Cedar Vale and Helen Weber of Buie, whose birthdays are all on April 2. Congratulations, Lela, Alice and Helen—you're very fortunate. Some of us can't even find a "twin"!

I've received a lot of completed lessons already—let's get them in as soon as possible, then we won't have to worry about them. "The sooner begun, the sooner done," you know.

Let's try to have many more stars decorating the Membership Roll next time—if you'll all try hard, we can do it, I know. Don't forget to write me often.

— Marysville, Kans.
July 19, 1930

Dear Aunt Patience:

How are you and the merry Juniors? I hope you all are fine. I read the paper each time and was interested in being a member of the Junior Cooperators. My father is in good standing in the Farmers Union. Please send me a pin and book. I will try to study and send in the lessons. I am 12 years old. My birthday is December 29. I hope I can find my twin. I passed out of the 7th grade so am in the 8th grade this fall. I got my sister to join, so I get a star, don't I? Well, I must close. With love,
Bessie Vopata.

— Bessie Vopata.
Bern, Kansas.
July 25, 1930

Dear Bessie:

We're all very well, thank you, and glad to welcome you as a new member of the Junior Cooperators. I'm sure you will find a twin soon and of course, you'll have a star, since you've asked your sister to become a member. Write me again.

— Aunt Patience.
Bern, Kansas.
July 25, 1930

Dear Aunt Patience:

I would like to be a new member of your club. My father is a member of the Farmers Union. We have taken the paper for a long time. For pets I have two dogs, Specky and Major, and seven cats, which have no names. I also have a pony named Pat. But for one reason I don't like to ride her because she pitches. I fell off once and hurt my knee. Just last night when I went after the cows she pitched again. She tore the saddle that Daddy had. I knew how to fix. But don't you worry. I didn't fall off that time. Daddy teases me because I fell. "I daw down and go boom."

I am 12 years old, my birthday is November 6. I have a twin. I saw in the paper. So I thought I'd write to you and join the club so who ever the girl or boy was, I forgot and lost the paper I saw in it. I have no brothers or any sisters. I will be in the 7th grade this fall. My teacher is Miss Naoma Wisdom. I go to the Sun Rise school. I live on an 160 acre farm. I milk two cows every evening. We live three and one-half miles southwest of Bern, Kans. Every Saturday night there are free picture shows outside. I enjoy them very much. I have a flower garden this year. In it I have 1 larkspur, 2 snapdragons, 3 asters, 4 marigolds, 5 four o'clocks, 6 zinnias, and sweet william. We are shelling corn this morning. Well, I must close. Your friend,
Leota LaVaughn Lange

Box 38
P. S. Please send my book and pin. I belong to the 4-H club. I am taking baking and sewing. I also am taking Bible School lessons.

— Leota LaVaughn Lange
Penokee, Kans.
Aug. 5, 1930

Dear Aunt Patience:

I am so glad to have you as a new member of our club—it's too bad about your pin. I wonder why she does that? All right, we'll wait to look your twin up—you must keep on the lookout, too. That's nice about the free picture shows—I wish we had them here. Your garden must be awfully pretty and I think your lessons will prove to be very useful. Write me again soon.

— Aunt Patience.
Penokee, Kans.
Aug. 5, 1930

Dear Aunt Patience:

I received my book and pin and sure like them. My brother, Dale, and I are sending in our lessons. We could not answer the questions on "Questions From Farmers Union Paper for all Juniors," because we didn't know we were to save the papers. This is the first time we have ever sent in any lessons so we may not have them right. I have been looking at an old Farmers Union paper and found our club has increased about 350 members in the last two years. Please change my brother Dale's last name to "Grabner" instead of "Gardner." Your Junior,
Lela Grabner

— Lela Grabner
Conway, Kans.
Aug. 5, 1930

Dear Aunt Patience:

I have found my birthday twins. I have two of them. They are: Alice Loree Scott, age 11, Cedar Vale, Kansas, and Helen Weber, of Ellis, Kan-

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Conway, Kans.
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Farmers Union. For - I have a kitty and a few ducks. I would like to join the Junior Cooperators. Please send me a pin and a book. Yours truly,
Leota Mill

— Leota Mill
Cedar Vale, Kans.
August 5, 1930

Dear Leota:

Welcome—I hope you'll like being a Junior Cooperator. Write again soon and tell us more about yourself. I'll send your pin and book very soon.
Aunt Patience.

— Aunt Patience.
Cedar Vale, Kans.
August 5, 1930

Dear Aunt Patience:

I am sending in my lesson today. I don't think the lesson was very hard. It sure is awfully hot, isn't it? I guess I have two twins or else we are triplets. Helen Weber of Ellis, Kansas and Lela Evelyn Siebert of Conway, Kansas and I have birthdays the same date, April 3rd. This is all for now.
Your truly,
Alice Scott

— Alice Scott
Mnmonoth, Kans.
August 6, 1930

Dear Aunt Patience:

I didn't think the lesson was hard, either, but it made you think, didn't it? Yes—this is the hottest summer I can remember. We're getting a great many "triplets"—I think it would be more fun to be a triplet, than a twin. Write us again.

— Aunt Patience.
Mnmonoth, Kans.
August 6, 1930

Dear Aunt Patience:

How are you? I am just fine. Hoping you are the same. I am sending my lesson for July. We never got our June paper. I don't know what was the matter and didn't get the lesson. How do you like this new member, Arlene Mathies, McFarland, Kans. I believe this gives me a star, doesn't it? She is sending her letter of publication with mine. Yours sincerely,
Evelyn Mathies.

— Evelyn Mathies.
McFarland, Kans.
July 28, 1930

Dear Aunt Patience:

I am sending in my lessons. I do not have all of it because I lost one of the back papers. I am going to save them all now. In the Membership list my name is spelled "Mathis" and it is "Mathies." I wish you would change it. I might have spelled it wrong when I wrote you or something. Speaking about the pledge, I sure think it would be nice. I have not found my twin yet. I don't believe I've got any. I am sending in a new member, Arlene Mathies, McFarland, Kans. I believe this gives me a star, doesn't it? She is sending her letter of publication with mine. Yours sincerely,
Evelyn Mathies.

— Evelyn Mathies.
McFarland, Kans.
July 28, 1930

Dear Evelyn:

I hope you will save the papers now—it makes it much easier to get the lessons. I'm sorry about your name being spelled incorrectly—we'll change it. Oh, I'm sure you have a twin—you'll find one pretty soon and I'm glad to see that you've earned a star—try to get another, now.

— Aunt Patience.
McFarland, Kans.
July 28, 1930

Dear Aunt Patience:

I am sending in my letter. I am 8 years old and in the third grade. My birthday is March 24. Have I a twin? Well, I will close. Your little niece,
Arlene Mathies

— Arlene Mathies
McFarland, Kans.
July 28, 1930

Dear Arlene:

I'm glad to have you as a new member. We'll have to wait and see if you have a twin—I'm sure you do. Please write again and tell us more about yourself.

— Aunt Patience.
Hill City, Kans.
August 2, 1930

Dear Aunt Patience:

How are you? I am fine and hope you are the same. I want to become a member of the Junior Cooperators club. And about the lessons, I don't quite understand. Am I supposed to copy the questions and send them in, or cut out the questions and answer them and send them in, and do you print the answers to them? I am saving the papers until I see I have two sisters, their names are Florence and Mildred, and one brother. His name is Budd. I haven't any pets. Well, I'll close. Hoping to hear from you soon.
Your niece,
Helen Massee

— Helen Massee
P. S. Please send me a book and pin. My daddy is a member of the Farmers Union. I hope my letter will get in time to have my name published in the new membership next week. I'm going to watch for my birthday twin. My birthday is November 9th. I will be 14. I am 13 now.

— Helen Massee
P. S. For pets I have a dog, a pony, 5 kittens, 3 cats and 32 little chickens. My dog's name is Tag and my pony's name is Pansy. I have not named the rest of my pets. I also did not get the last two parts of questions for this month.

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Dear Edith:

My pin and book are just what you need. I'm glad to know you got your pin and book. I'm sure you will be receiving them that it's a real treat to know some of them arrive. You have a great many pets—is the pony very large? Perhaps you can get all the questions next month.

— Aunt Patience.
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Dear Aunt Patience:

How are you? I am just fine. I haven't received my pin and book yet. I saw my letter in the paper but there was a mistake. My birthday is November 9th instead of the 7th. I got a letter from a girl in Manhattan. She wrote me that her birthday was the 7th. But I wrote and told her the mistake. Hoping to receive my pin and book soon. Love,
Anna Marie Garvin

— Anna Marie Garvin
Dear Anna Marie: I'm sorry about the mistake in your birthday. We'll change it. Your pin and book will be sent very soon. Why don't you and the Manhattan girl adopt each other as your "twins," if you don't find another. Or if you do, for that matter, you could be a "triplet," you know. Write me again.

— Aunt Patience.
Homewood, Kans.
July 31, 1930

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Leona Wren.

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EAT YOUR MEDICINE

Wise use of fruits and vegetables is a remedy for many of the ills of middle age that result from a too sedentary mode of living. They are just as beneficial and as necessary for the health of the younger person, according to Dr. Miriam Shost, visiting home economics professor, K. S. A. C.

What medical properties have fruits and vegetables? Apricots and peaches are high in copper—a help in stimulating the building of new blood corpuscles. In this, they are like liver. Cherries and onions are relatively high in aluminum; best greens in manganese; while vitamin A is best found in green leaves of lettuce and in the youngest leaves of spinach.

If we would keep the valuable properties of vegetables when they are cooked, we should cook them so their color is retained. Green vegetables should be vivid green when cooked, and yellow vegetables a bright yellow, says Doctor Denton. Some vitamins as C and B are found largely in the juices of cooked vegetables such as peas and beans. The more water used in boiling them the greater the loss of valuable minerals and vitamins. To prevent the loss of juices and to retain color of the vegetables, Doctor Denton suggests the vegetables be cut up fine and cooked in just enough water to cover them. Cover with a loose lid and boil briskly for about 10 or 15 minutes. Then cease the boiling and leave the vegetables to stand in a warm place for five or ten minutes for 10 minutes before serving.

Well flavored juices that have been left after the vegetable is served may well be used in any meat, vegetable, or egg dish where one would ordinarily use water or milk. Scrambled eggs, omelets, meat loaf, croquettes, stews, gravies, are all surprisingly good made with such juices. For tired campers, seated in a cold cabin on a chilly evening, serve a hot vegetable juice as a beverage, says Doctor Denton. To potato water add well seasoned juice such as carrot or asparagus, add cream as for coffee, if wished and listen to the songs of praise.

— Aunt Patience.
Norton, Kans.
July 30, 1930

Dear Aunt Patience:

I have never received my pin and book. Please send them at once. It has been two months since I joined your club and I don't have any belongings to show that I do belong. I hope you will send me my pin and book. Yours truly,
Elizabeth Standish.

— Elizabeth Standish.
Enterprise, Kans.
July 28, 1930

Dear Elizabeth:

I'm so sorry about your pin and book—whatever can become of all of these lost packages? We'll send you another right away—write me when you receive it and let me know how you like it.

— Aunt Patience.
Enterprise, Kans.
July 28, 1930

Dear Aunt Patience:

I am sending in my lessons. I haven't found my birthday twin yet. I think it would be better yet if you put the date on the Roll. Yours lovingly,
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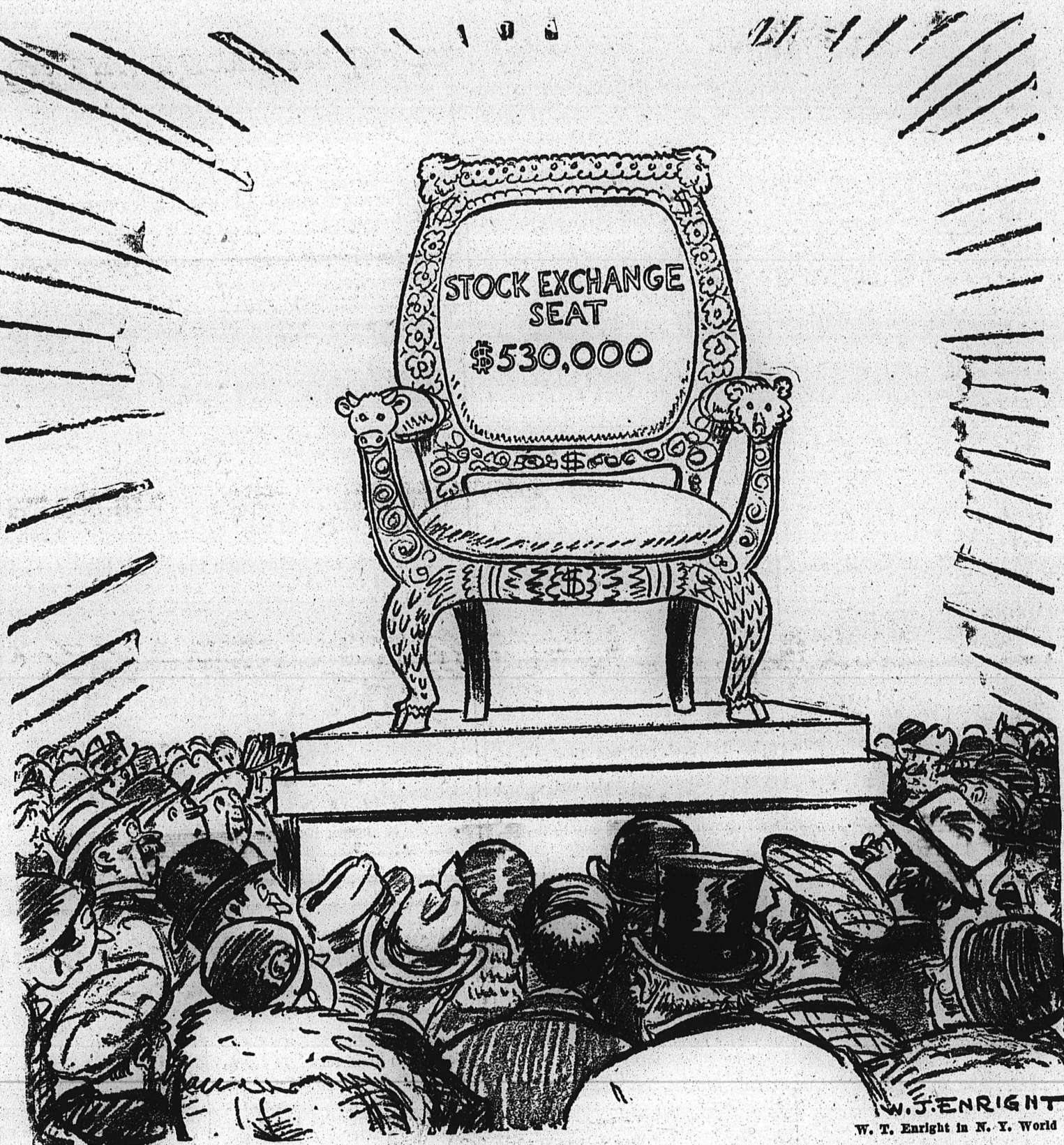
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