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Communications and Questions — Communications are solicited from practical farmers, members of the F. E. & C. U. of A., are at liberty to ask questions on any phase of farm work. Answers will be either published or mailed.



Three sources of revenue, readily available in Kansas, were ignored by the legislature—in gross production from natural resources, a occupation taxes. All the money necessary for the state could be raised from these three sources and the lands could be relieved of their increasing tax burdens. The farmers allowed themselves to be bamboozled by the reformers, and must pay a heavy price for being so easy.

Under the existing laws there will be a
of about \$100,000,000 on July 1st of this year
of about \$400,000,000 on that date next year

The State Board of Administration, with powers somewhat reduced by the creation of a new agency for the educational institutions, still a most important body. It will have to deal with the business problems of all the state institutions, penal, and charitable institutions and have charge of the disbursements of more than four-fifths of the funds raised by taxation for state purposes. The new Chairman of the Board is General C. S. Huffman, of Columbus, serving a term of four years in the senate and four years as lieutenant governor. No man in Kansas has as much knowledge of the needs of our state institutions as was there ever a Kansas office holder.

The Referendum Ballots have been mailed to the Local Secretaries, with a request they be returned to this office not later than April 22. If for any reason any local secretary fails to receive his we would appreciate it if he would advise the office at Salina and we will send another.

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In Kansas indicate that the generally made out a little better 1924 than for some time past. receipts at Wichita are said to exceed \$21,000,000 and were dug up paid in by 105,000 individual payers in amounts running all the way down from the millions paid by some of the big dogs to less than a dollar forked over by several thousands who make very little but recognize their small obligations to the republic.

Stafford Co. Correspondent

Any kind of millet hay fed in large quantities for a very long period of time is liable to be injurious to horses.

Department of Practical Co-Operation

It has been necessary for us to change the form of the meeting notices, making them uniform and set in six point type, in order to conserve space. We are glad to do this, and hope to see the notice of every active local in the state in this space in the near future.

MEETING NOTICES.

BROGAN LOCAL NO. 226.
Second and Fourth Thursdays, L. L. Venneman, Sec.

BURNHAM LOCAL NO. 405.
First and Third Thursdays, O. J. Lamberton, Sec.

BUCKEYE LOCAL NO. 1081.
First and Third Wednesdays, J. J. Maske, Sec.

COLUMBIA LOCAL NO. 1233.
Second and Fourth Fridays, Lee Bonar, Sec.

COUNCIL CORNERS LOCAL NO. 1783.
First and Third Mondays, Ethel Roberts, Sec.

CRESCO LOCAL NO. 337.
First and Third Thursdays, John Wolf, Sec.

CLEVELAND LOCAL NO. 384.
Third Tuesdays, Geo. J. Schenck, Sec.

CARLTON LOCAL NO. 1011.
Second and Fourth Wednesdays, R. J. Logan, Sec.

COLLINS LOCAL NO. 628.
Fourth Wednesdays, Winifred Crispin, Sec.

DIST. 57 LOCAL NO. 1223.
Last Friday in Each Month, Mrs. Ernest Branch, Sec.

ELLSWORTH LOCAL NO. 2029.
First and Third Thursdays, Brad Hooper, Sec.

FREMONT LOCAL NO. 2014.
First Friday in Each Month, A. W. Eisenmenger, Sec.

FONTANA LOCAL NO. 1789.
First and Third Fridays, W. H. Syster, Sec.

GIRARD LOCAL NO. 494.
Second and Fourth Tuesdays, Roy W. Holland, Sec.

HERYNEK LOCAL NO. 1427.
Second and Third Tuesdays, Henry Eden, Sec.

HERKIMER LOCAL NO. 1002.
Second and Fourth Wednesdays, Karl Rohde, Sec.

HIGH PRAIRIE LOCAL NO. 1058.
First and Third Wednesdays, W. R. Fuhrman, Sec.

I. X. L. LOCAL NO. 1490.
Second and Fourth Tuesdays, C. O. Taubee, Sec.

LIVINGSTON LOCAL NO. 1084.
First and Third Fridays, Clyde B. Wells, Sec.

LOST SPRINGS LOCAL NO. 385.
Second Saturday of each month, H. D. Bevas, Sec.

LIBERTY LOCAL NO. 1083.
First and Third Fridays, R. Lawrence Wright, Sec.

MARINE LOCAL NO. 648.
First and Third Fridays, Albert Spooner, Sec.

MOSS SPRINGS LOCAL NO. 1901.
First Tuesday of each month, Clarence C. Brown, Sec.

NEW BASIL LOCAL NO. 1787.
Second Monday of each month, Henry Hoffman, Sec.

NEWBERRY LOCAL NO. 1922.
First and Third Mondays, R. J. Muckenthaler, Sec.

NEW HOPE LOCAL NO. 2020.
First and Third Thursdays, Fred Hahn, Sec.

ODESSA LOCAL NO. 1571.
Every other Tuesday night, R. A. Reynolds, Sec.

PRAIRIE VIEW LOCAL NO. 2105.
First Tuesday of Each Month, J. H. Scott, Sec.

PLEASANT HOME LOCAL NO. 2055.
First and Third Fridays, Minnie Carico, Sec.

PRETTY CREEK LOCAL NO. 1022.
First and Third Wednesdays, H. C. Mathias, Sec.

PLEASANT VALLEY LOCAL NO. 1309.
First and Third Wednesdays, W. T. Filant, Sec.

RIVERSIDE LOCAL NO. 2025.
Second Wednesday of each month, Mrs. Frank McClelland, Sec.

ROCK CREEK LOCAL NO. 1810.
First and Third Fridays, S. J. Lohr, Sec.

RURAL REST LOCAL NO. 2183.
First and Third Saturdays, Pauline Cowger, Sec.

SILVERDALE LOCAL NO. 2057.
Second and Fourth Wednesdays, J. F. Lewis, Sec.

SPRING CREEK LOCAL NO. 1174.
First and Third Wednesdays, Nell Lobengier, Sec.

UNION VALLEY LOCAL NO. 1679.
Second and Fourth Tuesdays, J. M. Wagner, Sec.

UNION LOCAL NO. 273.
Second and Fourth Thursdays, Chas. Grossardt, Sec.

UNION LOCAL NO. 2019.
Second and Fourth Fridays, E. F. Lutz, Sec.

VASSAR LOCAL NO. 1778.
First and Third Thursdays, Herman Wigger, Sec.

WOODBINE LOCAL NO. 1090.
First Tuesday of Each Month, B. H. Osterlich, Sec.

OTTAWA COUNTY.

The regular monthly meeting of the Ottawa County Farmers' Union will be held in the I. O. O. F. Banquet room at Minneapolis on 8:00 Friday night in each month at 8:00 p. m. All locals are requested to send a full delegation, and all members are invited to attend. Each local is requested to furnish one number for a program.

A. W. Watts, President,
Robert Bruce, Secy-Treas.

CRAWFORD COUNTY.

The regular meeting of the Crawford County Farmers Union will be held on the last Tuesday of each month throughout the year in Union Hall over Crawford County State Bank, Girard, Kans.

H. S. Woods, President,
G. W. Thompson, Secy.

NOTICE NESHO COUNTY.

Nesho County F. E. C. U. of A. will meet on the following dates to transact all business. The second Saturday in March, June, September and December and at any special

meeting called by the President or Executive Com.

Pres. Sanford Miller,
Sec.-Treas. J. O. Foust.

WABAUNSEE COUNTY.

The next regular meeting of the Wabaunsee County Farmers Union will be held at Paxico in the High School building on Saturday, April 14th, commencing promptly at 1:30 o'clock p. m. Local secretaries please send your credentials to the Secretary before this meeting and see that your local is represented.

Local Lecturer, M. O. Glessner will address the meeting.

Joe Richmond, Co. Sec.

CHASE COUNTY.

Chase County Farmers Union will hold its second quarterly meeting in the Clement Union Hall at 10:00 o'clock, Saturday, April 14th.

M. W. Green, Co. Sec.

ODESSA LOCAL NO. 1571.

Odesa Local held its regular meeting Tuesday night, March 24, with a large crowd in attendance. The obligations of the order were given to four new members, Charles Turnipseed, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Cardwell and Mrs. A. B. Snyder.

Our Lecturer, Stanley D. Russell had several interesting topics up for discussion, among them the hard surface road proposition and the investigation into the cause of the sudden decline in the price of wheat.

A debate upon the advisability of the township building a community hall in which to hold public gatherings, was held. B. C. Russell, D. R. Shields and Mrs. W. E. Reynolds upheld the Affirmative and B. M. Whitson, Geo. A. Beach and Mrs. B. C. Russell the Negative. All six speakers gave convincing arguments.

The judges, Geo. E. McGinn, W. S. Snell, and Mr. Lloyd Moore, rendered the decision in favor of the affirmative.

Miss Beulah Beach rendered some pleasing selections on the piano after which the meeting adjourned.

R. A. Reynolds, Secretary,
Frank Snow, President
Winfield, Kansas.

Cowley County.

LONE STAR LOCAL 1463.

Arkansas City, Kansas.
March 20th.

Mr. Editor:

Last Wednesday evening at the regular meeting of the Lone Star Local No. 1463, the president and members were so elated over the fact that a recent writup of ours appeared on the front page of the Farmers Union paper that they extended to the author a vote of thanks which I take the liberty of passing on to you for giving us such prominence. Of course we wish it were possible to have a "front page letter" each time but we realize this is impossible so will accept the regular place again as cheerfully as possible after having once been honored.

The proposed amendments were read at our meeting but not voted on as the members wished more time to consider them. A new membership committee, composed of three of the live wire members, was appointed to lead some of the strays back to membership and secure new ones. A larger crowd was present on this meeting night, for members only, than usual. Several visitors from other locals were present too. Visiting is very helpful.

The program opened as usual by the singing of America. This was followed by some very pleasing musical numbers. A magazine article was read which stated that fifteen of the thirty producers of the U. S. were boys born and raised on farms. This was very encouraging to all the boys present. The question, "Resolved: That the country is a better place in which to live than the city," was then debated by four young people. This hardly necessary to state, considering the handicap of a country audience, that the negative side were the losers. But they presented some very good arguments. This debate was made very amusing and everyone seemed to enjoy it.

The refreshment committee then took charge and served delicious cake and fruit salad.

Our next meeting will occur on April 1, but, if anyone thinks we're not going to have some entertainment they will certainly be "April fooled!"

Rilla Rambo.

NEW HOPE LOCAL.

At a recent meeting of the New Hope Local of Stafford County a few of its members presented a Negro Novelty Comedy entitled "In A Barber Shop."

It was very entertaining and was enjoyed very much by all present.

It was directed by Mrs. Elmer Hahn assisted by Miss Bernice Blake at the piano. These two ladies deserve much credit for the success of the play.

Co. Correspondent A. M. K.

MARSHALL COUNTY QUARTERLY MEETING.

One of the largest and most successful quarterly meetings held in this county in almost two years, was held at Beatrice Friday, March 20, with 15 locals represented, by almost 100 delegates and as many visiting members. The ladies came with well filled baskets and at noon hour a feast was spread fit for a king, to which all did ample justice, after which the business meeting was taken up. Owing to an unexpected date in Western Nebraska, Mr. Henry Kiel was unable to be with us which was somewhat disappointing.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PRODUCE ASSOCIATION MEET IN KANSAS CITY

No doubt members of the Farmers Union Cooperative Produce Association are anxious to know what progress is being made toward placing the Association in operation.

A committee was appointed at the Organization Meeting held in Topeka, February 14, to consider the problems confronting the Association, secure information and outline a program of procedure for the future, this committee to report to the Board of Directors of the Produce Association as soon as possible.

A special meeting of the Board of Directors was held in Kansas City, Friday and Saturday, March 13 and 14, for the purpose of further considering these problems and the report of the committee.

The committee in their report outlined three possibilities of procedure: First—To purchase a site, erect a building and provide such equipment as would meet the requirements of the Association.

Second—To lease operating facilities from some established concern. Third—To purchase a site, erect a building and provide such equipment as would meet the requirements of the Association.

After considering carefully all of the information gathered with reference to these three possibilities, the Board of Directors went on record as favoring the latter plan; that of purchasing a site, erecting a building and providing new equipment to carry on the business of the Association.

Requirements were anticipated and figures submitted on the cost of a site, building and equipment. This, of course, would require considerable capital; however, the committee recommended a plan for securing financial aid from the Farmers Union Bank, and if accepted, we believe immediate steps will be taken to secure the necessary capital for providing these facilities.

We are exceedingly anxious to see the Association in operation and in position to handle the products of its members as quickly as possible. However, we realize the many problems to be solved in connection with this proposition. We feel that, even the developments are slow, it is better to render more efficient service and produce better results for its members in the long run.

We trust that all concerned will bear patiently with the Board of Directors and Management in their effort to place the Association in operation at the earliest possible date. E. C. Trull, president of the Farmers Union Bank and J. C. Norwood, Manager of the Farmers Union Creamery of Superior, Nebraska were asked to sit in the meeting in an advisory capacity.

STATEMENT OF SEC. JARDINE

William M. Jardine, the new Secretary of Agriculture today furnished the following statement to the National Marketing Associations:

"As a means of bringing about more orderly production and marketing I can not overemphasize the need for strong, efficiently managed, cooperative marketing associations. "Cooperation is a better system of marketing, to produce and market products that command demand, and to distribute these commodities with the least possible cost. Its most helpful feature comes from the education in their efforts which farmers obtain in their efforts to conduct cooperative associations efficiently."

"Indeed, the whole movement rests on the support given it by individual farmers."

ORAL ARGUMENTS ON ARMOUR-MORRIS PACKER CASE TO START ON APRIL 6.

Oral arguments on the validity of the acquisition by Armour and Company of the business of Morris and Company, meat packers, will start before Secretary of Agriculture W. M. Jardine at 2 o'clock, Monday, April 6, 1923, according to an announcement made today at the United States Department of Agriculture. The hearings are for the purpose of enabling the Secretary to reach a decision as to the validity of the merger under Packers and Stockyards Act.

KANSAS GROWN SEED CORN BEST FOR LOCAL PLANTING

The Kansas varieties of seed corn adapted to the planting of unadvised varieties as from adverse weather conditions, in the opinion of H. R. Summer, crops specialist.

In the past 20 years a few of the best growers have been breeding and producing varieties which are so well adapted that at the present time it is not necessary to import seed from outside of the state. Certain varieties developed by Kansas farmers out-yield varieties developed outside the state.

Pride of Saline is one adapted variety which heads the list in most sections of the state. Other well adapted varieties are Freed's White Dent, Midland, Yellow Dent, Commercial White, and Reid's Yellow Dent.

Pride of Saline has won the reputation of being a high producer when corn years are favorable. It is adapted to all sections of Kansas except the extra western and northwestern parts. In southwestern Kansas Midland and Yellow Dent and Commercial White have a definite place on the more fertile valley, northward, from the Kaw river valley, northward, to the Kaw of Manhattan, Shawnee White is probably a superior variety in the rich bottom land. The fact remains, however, that Pride of Saline is the variety which can be recommended

for the most general distribution in the state.

A large number of corn variety tests conducted by the state agricultural college in nearly all sections of Kansas definitely proves the superiority of the Pride of Saline. In these experiments it has consistently yielded from three to five bushels more than the commonly grown corn varieties. This hardy white dent variety was developed by C. H. Kellogg of Russell county from a locally grown white variety of unknown origin. In 1904 the Fort Hays branch of the experiment station secured some seed from Mr. Kellogg to compare with others commonly grown in the state. Pride of Saline is a medium sized leafy variety which matures in 115 to 120 days. It has not been selected for any particular type of plant or ear and probably for that reason it can not be considered a "show corn."

FARRELL NOW ACTING HEAD

K. S. A. C. OTHERS STEP UP MANHATTAN, Kan., March 31. D. Farrell, dean of agriculture at the Kansas State Agricultural college, has received the appointment of acting president of the agricultural college to succeed Dr. W. M. Jardine who became secretary of agriculture March 4. Other appointments following the promotion of Dean Farrell were those of L. E. Call to acting dean of the division of agriculture and R. L. Throckmorton to acting head of the department of agronomy.

Dean Farrell came to K. S. A. C. in 1918 soon after the appointment of Doctor Jardine to the presidency. The acting president is a graduate of the Utah Agricultural college, receiving his degree in 1907. He was born in the village of Smithfield, Utah, March 13, 1883. While he was not reared on a farm his family operated a number of farms and much of his early training was received on them.

Immediately after receiving his diploma in 1907 Mr. Farrell went to the United States department of agriculture as scientific assistant professor in irrigation and drainage. After a year and a half he returned to the department of agriculture and stayed until he came to K. S. A. C., a period of six years.

While a professor of drainage and irrigation in the University of Idaho in 1910 Dean Farrell organized the first farm extension service in Idaho. In the department of agriculture he was connected with investigation into the utilization of lands—western United States, which involved work with irrigation and dry farming. Dean Farrell is particularly well acquainted with irrigation and dry farming. Dean Farrell is particularly well acquainted with this phase of agriculture. He has also made extensive studies in range utilization and plant and animal industries.

Both Dean and Mrs. Farrell are members of the congregation of the First Congregational church of Manhattan.

CANADA OFFICIAL SAYS HE'S PROUD OF WHEAT POOLS

Canadian Pools Gained Money for Members, Says Alberta Attorney General.

"Canadian farmers have done the thing the world said couldn't be done. They have organized the selling of their wheat crop, building the first cooperative association in the world to handle the bulk of any staple necessity." This was the statement of J. E. Brownlee, attorney general of the Province of Alberta, Canada, who conferred with officials of the National Council of cooperatives at Chicago recently.

"You have formed great tobacco and fruit organizations controlling a majority of the crop," he told the Americans, "but it remained for the Canadians to be the first to organize more than 50 per cent of a crop that is a human necessity. And this in the face of the most trying disadvantages. Farmers live far apart and have had no previous experience in cooperative marketing. Their accomplishment is therefore remarkable."

Western Canada is practically unified in its endorsement of cooperative wheat marketing as the result of the improvement in prices brought about by the pools in Saskatchewan, Alberta, and Manitoba.

This year the Winnipeg quotations have been consistently from 10 to 22 cents higher than Minneapolis failed to lead.

"Many authorities credit this advance exclusively to the pools," said Mr. Brownlee. "It is even common to hear men in the grain trade admit that cooperative marketing is responsible for the higher prices. I do not know what else could be responsible."

In addition to improving all markets for poolers and non-poolers alike, Mr. Brownlee declares that the Alberta pool made a profit for its members of 3 to 4 cents a bushel over what non-members received. It handled 37,000,000 bushels despite the fact that operations started late in November, long after harvest.

About 80,000 farmers have signed the 5-year marketing contracts, which are patterned on the identical plan of the state pools this side of the border. Saskatchewan, the largest pool, has more than 40,000 signers, Alberta 30,000, and Manitoba nearly 10,000. Each province has from 50 to 60 per cent of the crop signed up.

"The Governments are heartily aiding the pools," said Brownlee. There are no ifs or ands about our cooperation with them. My time has been placed freely at the disposal of the Alberta pool whenever they need help. Other officials of the government are also aiding. We enacted the marketing act in order to help, and then the government loaned the money with which to finance the sign-up campaign."

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PRICE LIST OF LOCAL SUPPLIES