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### FAULTS OF FARM LEADERS.

In his recent address at Topeka Mr. Aaron Sapiro made his usual charge that progress in the organization of cooperative marketing has been greatly retarded by the jealousies, selfishness and ignorance of the leaders of voluntary farm organizations. One of Sapiro's favorite statements in this connection is that all such associations are political rather than constructive and therefore cannot be helpful in the necessary work of establishing and carrying on cooperative marketing.

By cooperative marketing Mr. Sapiro means his particular kind of cooperation, the commodity system based on an enforceable contract entered into voluntarily by the members themselves. Such an organization is all right. It offers the farmer an opportunity to do for himself what the exploiting agencies have been doing for him time without end. This idea was first worked out in Denmark where it has made the poor farmers of a poor country the most prosperous agricultural group, man for man, in the world. Its merits were known to and advocated by leaders of the Farmers Union long before Mr. Sapiro accepted his first retainer from a group of California producers.

The spread of commodity marketing associations, now nearly five hundred in number, with almost a million members controlling an annual production of between two and three billions of dollars' worth of products is due very largely to the unselfish work of farm organization leaders who have labored without retaining fees or salaries. The voluntary farm organizations—the Grange, the Equity, and the Farmers Union—pioneered this movement. They prepared the soil. They did the educational work for cooperation without which Mr. Sapiro and his associates could have made very little headway.

The leadership of all the great voluntary farm organizations has always been unselfish and non-partisan. Without hope of pay and with very meager assurance even of approval the organizers and officers of all such associations have faced all kinds of weathers and climates, have endured fatigue and discomfort, have endangered health and even life in their work of carrying the gospel of education, organization, and cooperation to the farmers in every section of the republic. They have done a work that has no parallel in the history of agriculture.

The intimation that the leadership of the voluntary farm organizations is responsible for the divisions that prevent the effective coordination of existing marketing associations is not true. In every case where attempts to establish such a relationship have failed the responsibility is on men and forces outside of agriculture who want no federation of existing agencies except under the control of the very forces that have amassed wealth beyond the dreams of avarice by exploiting the labor of the farmers.

### GROWTH OF LIVESTOCK MARKETING.

The May business of the Farmers Union Live Stock Commission Company at Kansas City was highly gratifying. Seven hundred and twenty-two car loads were received and handled with almost universal satisfaction to the shippers. This is about a 100 percent increase over the May business of last year. Our house handles twice as many hogs as any other concern on the Kansas City market. It is gaining on the cattle trade and one of these days it will be undisputedly in first place in volume of business.

Those fearful souls who shivered with fright lest our supporting shippers divert their consignments to the Producers house may safely banish all concern about that matter. We are keeping all our old customers and getting scores of new ones every month. The other cooperative house may be doing a good business but it is not getting it from our folks.

If the men who organized the Producers Commission Company are able to secure a large support from shippers for their house they could have sent that business to the Union House if they had seen fit to accept our very fair cooperative proposition for joint action on the Kansas City market. That would have saved the live

stock men in Kansas City territory practically all the expenses that will be annually charged against them for the maintenance of the second and wholly unnecessary agency. The farmers must pay every cent of the cost of operating the Producers house and will get no service that was not available to them in Kansas City without any more expense.

### A COOPERATIVE SYSTEM.

The Kansas Farmers Union has gone further than any other farmers organization in the world in the direction of establishing a cooperative SYSTEM of business and services for its members. The activities of agriculture are so many and differ so greatly that they offer a fine opportunity for exploitation by men and interests that make their profits from the labors of others. Soils must be prepared, crops tilled, harvested and marketed before the farmer can have any income. Insurance, repairs for machinery and upkeep of buildings and other equipment must be met from income whether it is big or little and all these in addition to the supplies that must be purchased if the farmer and his family are to live in comfort and security.

Too many of the attempts to improve the condition of agriculture are based on the proposition that cooperative marketing is the only sort of business organization that is likely to improve the farmers' condition. No man familiar with the splendid results of cooperative marketing that are now enjoyed by the Kansas farmer will dispute that this is a vital and fundamental part of any real cooperative program and possibly the most important. This the Kansas Farmers Union has recognized from the first. Many hundreds of local grain elevators and other agencies for marketing the products of the farm have been established and the results prove their value.

The Kansas Union has had a broader vision almost from the first. The Jobbing Association was established to render services in the Kansas City markets almost ten years ago. The fire and hail insurance associations are in their eighth year of successful business. The Farmers Union Live Stock Commission Company is all but the 'biggest house on the Kansas City ma'ke' and may go clear the front when the business for June is footed up. The Farmers Union Auditing Association renders extremely valuable services. Each of these enterprises occupies a field that is state wide and renders a service that makes and saves money for the members of the Union and for all the farmers of Kansas. It is no exaggeration to say that our Local and state wide cooperatives make or save more than ten millions of dollars a year for the farmers of this state.

The system is not yet complete. The value of the poultry and dairy products of Kansas is second only to that of the wheat crop. Under existing conditions the biggest leak from the income of Kansas agriculture is the result of the system of marketing eggs, poultry and cream from which all interested, except the farmer, make constantly increasing profits. The next step and one that must not be long delayed indicated for the Kansas Farmers Union is the organization of a state wide Cooperative Produce Association. The preliminary work for this project has been done. A tentative contract has been drawn and a state wide organization committee has been invited to participate in the work.

Agriculture is entitled to its own financial agency, or at least to the use of its own financial resources for the benefit of farmers and their business enterprises. The legislature has persistently refused to authorize cooperative banks. The time has come for action in this matter. If special laws cannot be secured the Union must proceed to organize its financial agencies under existing statutes. We must have a big central bank, either national or state, and we must be in a position to use our own resources to advance our own interests. A committee appointed by the State Union and the Jobbing Association is working out plans for establishing either a state or national bank. Members are asked to keep this matter in mind and be ready to respond to the limit of their resources when their subscriptions are called for.

It is now fairly certain that eventually there must be a Union elevator organization more than local in its scope. It is not possible to continue as at present in many localities. A holding company set up for the purpose of operating elevators in those sections of the state where such enterprises cannot be maintained under local management is necessary.

There are many other services that the farmers can do for themselves acting cooperatively. To establish these additional institutions and make them and the enterprises already in operation valuable to Kansas farmers it will be necessary for all the membership to pull together as a single team. It is time to quit asking what the Union has done for the members. The big question right now is how much will each and every member do towards working out and making a success of the cooperative system which is single hope of Kansas agriculture.

### A FARMERS UNION SCHOOL.

A great many members of the Union have often inquired why more effort is not made to emphasize the education in the word "Educational" which is a part of the name of our organization. The state official family has had this matter under consideration for some time and has worked out a tentative plan or program that can be made very valuable to the organization if the cooperation of the membership can be secured.

The idea is to have a big Farmers Union School, Chautauqua or Institute—the name is not the important part—held in Salina for at least seven days some time in September. First question a lot of people will ask is "why in Salina?" In the first place Salina is almost in the center of the state and of the Union membership. It has four railroads and is at the intersection of two great interstate highways—the Meridian Road and the Victory Highway—that are practically certain to be in perfect condition at that

time of the year. Salina is within one day's drive of nearly the entire membership of the Kansas Union. In the second place such an affair can be held in Salina for less expense than anywhere else in the state. Oakdale Park, one of the most beautiful in the west, with Claffin Hall for meetings, and with a plentiful supply of tents and cots can be secured for small money cost. Salina is the headquarters of the State Union, of the Insurance Companies and of the Auditing Association. Many of the officials of these institutions will take part in the instructional work and as they live in Salina this service can be secured without expense.

All right then. Suppose it is admitted that Salina is the proper place, what sort of educational and recreational program is proposed? The plan is to have lectures, demonstrations and discussions of every phase of F. U. cooperative activities in Kansas. An expert elevator and grain man would be at the service of local elevator managers and directors and would hold classes once each day on the various subjects that must be well understood in managing an elevator and storing, shipping, financing and selling grain. Some one thoroughly familiar with all the phases of commodity or contract marketing through cooperative associations would lecture daily on the history, the principles, and the results of contract marketing. The local insurance agents would be invited to come in and receive instruction in the insurance business, the best method of getting in touch with prospects and in sure shot systems of getting the prospect's name on the dotted line provided for that purpose on the policy forms. Livestock marketing through local shipping associations and the terminal commission house would have its share of time on the program. The wheat business from seedling to the sale of loaf bread to consumers would interest nearly every one.

Better ways to insure the usefulness of the Local County and State Unions would naturally be an important part of the work. The securing of members, the collection of dues, programs for business for education and for entertainment would be outlined. To make this work practical it might take the form of daily meetings of those interested in, model local and county unions. It is one thing to know that a thing should be done and another to know how to do it. The work to build up the interest and usefulness of the county and local unions would be highly practical and of the very greatest value.

Our young people, and our farmers' wives and daughters must be enlisted in the work. The right sort of people would outline and discuss the best plans for organizing and conducting societies for young folks and clubs for women in connection with the work of local and county unions. The value of club and contest work would be demonstrated and the methods of such activities outlined by men and women who know from study and experience just how to do such things.

The instructional programs would close each day at four o'clock and all on the grounds would assemble at Claffin Hall to hear an address by some speaker of national reputation and achievement. President Barrett will attend; Senators Capper and Brookheart can doubtless be secured; the governors of Colorado, Nebraska, Oklahoma and Kansas, all in sympathy with our work, would be invited and probably would be glad to respond. There would not be the slightest difficulty in getting six or more men of national or international reputation for this part of the program.

Then there would be entertainment and recreational features. The Salina Chamber will probably be willing to furnish one or more evening entertainments probably a band concert by some great musical organization internationally known for its artistic performances. There are several fine Kansas Union bands in the state that should be able to attend and furnish a good part of the musical program. Contests in debating or essay writing or both can be arranged for those who would like to participate in that sort of a thing for suitable prizes.

The officers of the State Union have gone far enough with this matter and have made sufficient investigation to assure themselves that they can organize the program, secure the platform talent, provide grounds and tents and do all the other things necessary in the organization and management of such an enterprise. They are certain of everything but one thing and that is the most important. Can the members of the Union all over the state be interested in such a project and will they attend in sufficient numbers to justify the labor of undertaking such a gathering?

Farmers and their wives need some good times. Will the family, not just the old man but all the folks, get into the Ford and drive to Salina and stay a week, beginning on Sunday afternoon with a concert of sacred music and winding up the following Saturday with something big. Everything in Salina, except food and lodging will be free and lodging will be free for all who care to sleep in tents. There will be no membership or registration expenses. No admission at the gate. Nothing at all to pay for the privilege of being there.

The officers and directors of the Union and of the state wide cooperatives are ready to go ahead and arrange for the biggest week and the most profitable week in the history of the organization if the members can attend. What do you say folks? Shall we start something that will make all Kansas and the whole west talk about the Farmers Union all winter and at the same time will give the members who attend a training and a fund of information that they can get in no other way?

Are you ready to do your part in the big job of making the Farmers Union Cooperative system the greatest thing in Kansas?

## COMMENT ON WORLD'S NEWS FOR WEEK

### Railroads

#### Are At Last Beginning

To give some slight consideration to the wishes, the feelings and the rights of their customers. Recently the Thirteenth Annual Session of the American Association of Railroad Superintendents was held at the Mulbach Hotel at Kansas City. In an address before that body J. R. Koonz, vice president of the Price System, urged his fellow superintendents to study public needs in transportation in order to satisfy the public demand for service.

Railroads have now been operated in this country for about one hundred years. They have always enjoyed unusual privileges and rights granted by the states and the national government on the theory that their business is to serve the public. This appeal by Mr. Koonz is about the first definite admission on the part of a responsible operating official that it is the business of the railways to study the necessities of the public.

This belated recognition of responsibility to their customers may be the beginning of an era of better understanding between the transportation interests and the folks from whom they derive their income. If it is a recognition of the obligation of the roads to render the services for which they are chartered by the public some good may come of it. On the other hand if the sole purpose back of this new policy is to assure a bigger income for the roads in order that shareholders may receive increased dividends not much may be expected from it in the way of a permanent solution of the railroad problem.

### Canada

#### Declines to Assist

In the enforcement of the liquor laws of the United States. So do all the other countries interested in supplying booze for the smugglers and bootleggers who are making a lot of money by catering to an appetite that does not seem to have been abolished by law. Just why this country should expect any other power, no matter how friendly, to assist us in the enforcement of purely local police regulations is somewhat of a puzzle to the ordinary mind.

Canada is making profits out of American prohibition at such an amazing rate that it will soon have enough money in hand to pay its war debts. Whatever other weaknesses or faults there may be in the Canuck character, those people up there have never been noted for killing geese that lay golden eggs.

### Governor Davis

#### Cannot Remove Officers

Appointed by his predecessor and commissioned for a definite term. The Kansas Supreme Court has so decided and that decision is now a part of the laws of Kansas and will so remain until changed by the legislature or reversed by the court itself. Doubtless this verdict by the court is a disappointment to the governor who must be credited with having only the public interest at heart in his policies.

The governor very naturally assumed that as the voters had put him in charge of the executive department of the state he should have the support and assistance of subordinate officers of his own choice. The administration will continue some time past the expiration of the terms of nearly all the men appointed by the preceding governor. Davis will then have unquestioned authority to commission men for four-year periods who in his mind, the worthy bushers who plodded themselves to produce the required number of iron men have fallen down on the job and their town and its people are threatened with the loss of the moral, educational, and financial results promised by the peculiar Fourth of July celebration that they had planned.

### The Irish

#### In the United States

Have reconciled their differences and organized an association to be known as The American Fraternity of the Sons of Erin. The new society is made up of sympathizers with both the republicans and free state factions in Ireland and of Catholics and Protestants all pledged to work in harmony for common purposes.

This is fine. Now if the Irish in Ireland will follow the excellent ex-

ample set by their brethren in America there is good reason to hope that peace and industry may take the place of civil war, destruction and factionalism in the mother country.

### Bula Croker

#### The Alleged Indian Princess

Who married Richard Croker, once Tammany boss in his old age has won the law suit brought by Croker's children in an attempt to deprive her of the property that she inherited from her husband. The Irish court decided every point in dispute in favor of Croker's widow and she is cleared of all the charges brought against her.

All this is a matter of no importance to most of the folks of the United States but is not without interest because for one thing the whole case was tried and decided in a few days. This is in significant contrast with American court procedure. Had this law suit been brought in an American court it is certain that it would have dragged along for years and that in the end the whole estate would have been absorbed by court costs and attorneys' fees.

### Golf

#### Is Now Being Played

By several millions of Americans. It is a mighty small and inconsiderable village that has not converted from eighty to one hundred and sixty acres of perfectly good cow pasture into a golf course. Skill and perfection, however, come only with practice and experience. The bloody and blasted British have been playing this game much longer than Americans. Naturally they play a better game.

Well, America cannot yet hope to excel in all human activities. Those who are grieving over the defeat of the American champion in the great English golf tournament may well console themselves with the reflection that this country still has the champion heavy weight slugger, the undefeated long time and distance dancer, and the unexcelled dishwasher of the Universe.

### A Critic

#### On These Comments

Is somewhat disgusted with some of the stories we have been printing about the troubles of dry land cattish farmers and the produce of frogs that learn to climb trees before they are able to swim. He declares that in his opinion there never was a man in Kansas foolish enough to undertake to develop a strain of dry land cattish.

Probably our friend is right. He will not dispute, however, that there are and have been a goodly number of Kansas folks, many of them farmers, who have invested their money and centered their hopes in enterprises just as futile and foolish as dry land cattish farming. Stockholders of the Ball Manufacturing Company, of the Consolidated Mill and Elevator Company, and of scores of busted oil companies might well exchange their pretty blue and gold certificates for shares of stock in a dry land cattish concern without seriously endangering the values of their investments.

### Shelby,

#### In the State of Montana

Is also in a state of uneasiness, alarm, disquiet, and dread. That village undertook to raise several hundred thousand dollars for the privilege of having a pummeling match between Champion Dempsey and near-Champion Gibbons pulled off in its midst. The worthy bushers who plodded themselves to produce the required number of iron men have fallen down on the job and their town and its people are threatened with the loss of the moral, educational, and financial results promised by the peculiar Fourth of July celebration that they had planned.

Hope, however, is not quite dead in the case of the people of Shelby. The bankers of the town are about persuaded to underwrite the enterprise so that the people of the dear old home town shall not be deprived of the pleasure of seeing Champion Dempsey knock Challenger Gib-

bons for a string of ash cans, or contrarywise. It would be enlightening to know just how much money the Shelby bankers have invested in the paper of the Montana Wheat Growers Association. What is the connection? Perhaps none, but think it over.

### Lost Hope

#### Is A Kansas Settlement

Made up of altogether too many farmers who are satisfied to turn the other cheek, every time they are buffeted by the agents of greed, privilege and graft so many of whom have grown rich and fat as a result of the labor of men who have lost their farms in a vain struggle to make both ends meet. Liberty and all the institutions on which it is founded were secured not by submission and surrender but by revolt and aggression.

Lecturer Glessner remarks on the situation in the Valley of Lost Hope should be studied by all Kansas farmers. Men who accomplish anything worthwhile in life are the fellows who are brave enough to start something and have the patience and the determination to keep it moving. The world has never profited very much from the lives and services of those who were willing to stand and take whatever was handed to them.

### Cooperation

#### Succeeds In Its Purposes

Not from the results of the labors of those who start but as a reward for the courage and sacrifice of those who stay to the finish. Men who surrender at the first hint of danger may save some money but those who stick it out and die fighting in the last ditch save something infinitely more worth while than lives or money. They save the fighting spirit of the race.

Farmers who organize to protect themselves against the organized predatory interests may be assured that they cannot succeed without taking trouble on themselves. They are trying to take charge of their own business which is an offense that brings down on themselves the hostility and opposition of a lot of people. If it is too much trouble to attend a stockholders meeting once a year and a directors meeting once a month and to give one hundred per cent business support to their own enterprises farmers should not undertake to organize and conduct their own business associations.

Cooperation is a game that cannot be won without trouble.

### China

#### Is A Land of Thieves

Who are always ready to take the property and lives of others. At least that is the conclusion of a number of men who have had a great deal of experience with the ways and habits of that country. There is one thing, however, that is dead certain—Chinese bandits will never steal anything from good Americans who are satisfied with the opportunities of this republic.

### Ford

#### Has Just Celebrated

The twentieth anniversary of the foundation of his business. It was some celebration and it commemorated the greatest industrial achievement in the history of humanity. In twenty years Henry Ford has revolutionized highway transportation and power farming. He has rendered immeasurable services to his fellow men and his two fold reward is the greatest fortune in the history of the world and the respect of all good men.

Plans for the future now occupy Mr. Ford's mind. In the rapid growth of industrialism he sees the sure exhaustion of coal and other natural resources and plans to develop and use water power to insure the safety of humanity in the future. He is concerned with the welfare of the race. He has proved that justice and consideration for the rights of others are not inconsistent with great commercial success. Such men cannot be immortal in this plane of existence but through their works they will live on until time is no more.

he sold 1000 acres of it for \$25,000, and in 1915 his son sold another 1000 acres for \$125,000 and divided the other 1000 acres between them. They are mentioned as farmers who have got rich on the farm, although father and sons together, perhaps never made \$1,000 in a year at actual farming. Then there is the other man, a fine judge and a good buyer of cattle, hogs, mules, horses or sheep, who bought stock and bought grain to feed them and who had the skill to make a fortune by so doing. "There is a rich farmer" we are told but the man was never a farmer in any sense of the word; he was a trader, or merchant nothing more or less, and never was known to make any money in the practice of real agriculture.

The only man who is rightly entitled to be called a farmer, is the one who lives on the land he owns, or the one who rents a farm, who takes part in the labors of the farm and directs it in every detail, and the men who get rich, as the World calls men rich, by doing this, are few and far between.

"The club movement has already borne sufficient fruit to show that generally the farmer who was a club boy will have a better managed farm than the one who did not have the advantage of club training."—Secretary of Agriculture Wallace.

The annual wheat production in Kansas has been trebled in the last 50 years.







## Department of Practical Co-Operation

State speakers will be present and address Farmers Union meetings as indicated below. Requests for speakers within the date limit should take into consideration the schedules already made.

**UNION MEETING NOTICES**  
Notices of Farmers Union meetings will be printed under this heading in their copy at least two weeks before the date of the meeting.

**Local Secretaries And The Membership In General**  
We have the State Constitutions for 1922, "containing the Amendments as adopted," ready for distribution at 5c per copy.

C. E. Brasted, Secretary.

The regular meeting of the Crawford County Farmers' Union will be held on the last Tuesday of each month throughout the year except when this date falls on a Legal Holiday.

A. C. BROWN, Co. Pres.

**CRAWFORD COUNTY MEETINGS**  
AT HARRARD KANSAS  
Grand Local No. 494 of the Farmers Union meets in Union Hall the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 7:30 p. m.

L. E. Roof, Pres.  
Roy W. Holland, Sec.

**UNION LOCAL NO. 2019**  
Blaine O'Connor, Sec.  
Regular meetings on the first and third Thursdays of each month, at 7:30 p. m.

J. R. Horton, Pres.

**ORDER PRESIDENT BARRETT'S BOOK**

We now have a supply of the book "Uncle Reuben's Activities in Washington," on hand and can fill orders direct from this office.

Make remittance of \$2.00 to C. E. Brasted, Salina.

C. E. Brasted, Secretary.

**OTTAWA COUNTY QUARTERLY MEETING**

The second quarterly meeting of the Ottawa county Farmers Union will be held at the court house in Minneapolis Monday, July 9 at 2 p. m. All locals are requested to have full delegation present.

Please send your delegates and come yourself and let's be sociable.

A. E. Watts, County Pres.

**GREENWOOD COUNTY QUARTERLY MEETING**

The Greenwood County Farmers' Union will hold its second quarterly meeting Saturday, June 30, at Madison, Kansas, at 2 o'clock sharp.

Any business to come before the meeting will be given consideration. A good attendance is desired.

**INTERESTING MEETING PLEASANT VALLEY NO. 652**

Pleasant Valley local No. 652 had a very interesting meeting Wednesday evening June 6th. Five members were initiated and we took third prize in the county contest. Discussed the method and appointed committees to prepare the exhibits that Pleasant Valley local will add to the list which the different locals of the county will display at the Douglas County Fair the latter part of August. You will always find Pleasant Valley ready and willing to carry its share of the burden.

There is nothing like the farmers Union, only more of it. The question for discussion at our next regular meeting, which will be Thursday evening, June 21st is: "Why do the bankers fight the Co-operative Banking Law, and so far have they been successful?" A. K. Hayden, Fred Jones and G. N. Russell are the principals in the discussion, with as many more as will want to participate. Pleasant Valley has 60 members and they are all live wires so you must know that there will be some hot air in circulation on the evening of June 21st.

After the business was all transacted all retired, or rather rushed to the basement where strawberry short cake was waiting for them, with plenty of rich cream to make it palatable.

A. L. Holcom, Corr. Sec.

**MIAMI COUNTY RESOLUTION COMMITTEE'S REPORT.**

First—We wish to commend the county commissioners for their economic handling of the county funds and we further recommend to the commissioners that they continue to spend the automobile license money in dragging and improving the dirt roads on a plan similar to that in use in Iowa and Minnesota.

Second—We wish to thank all our county officials for their efforts in support of all law enforcements.

Third—In as much as Johnathan M. Davis is governor of Kansas we endorse his administration and consider his appointments official.

Fourth—Resolved that the Farmers Union of Miami county will do their utmost in support of any progressive movement existing or in process of organization fostered by the state Farmers Union.

Geo. L. Chappell, Henry Dageforde, J. R. Williams, I. M. Wagner, Committee.

Adopted at the county meeting held in Paola June 16, with instructions to the secretary to furnish copies to county papers and state papers for publication.

Geo. L. CHAPPELL, County Secretary

**EXCELLENT MEETING MOUNT PLEASANT LOCAL NO. 79**

Mount Pleasant Local No. 79 of Ottawa county met Thursday night, June 14 with a large crowd in attendance.

After the business meeting, we enjoyed a well prepared program, consisting of a flag drill, several readings, songs and last but not least, an excellent paper written and

read by Mrs. Frank Krone.

We were then served with strawberries and cream, angel food and devil food cake and spicy rolls.

This was our last meeting for a few weeks, until the busy season is over.—A. D. Rice, Sec.

**ROSE VALLEY LOCAL A LIVE ONE**

Just a line to let other locals know of the live one located near Downs, Rose Valley local No. 257, which holds its meetings regularly every two weeks at Elm Creek, was pleasantly entertained at the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. John Popper last Tuesday evening, June 12, over 100 being present.

The young people of which the local has a good number prepared the program which is as follows:

Greeting—Glen Reddick.

Reading—Esther Ryche.

Instrumental Duet—Lydia and Jeanette Popper.

Recitation—Kenneth Reddick.

Song—By four girls, Nine Tietlow, Sadie Bochner, Esther Claycamp, and Ellen Reddick.

Reading—Freda Bochner.

Recitation—Margaret Worley.

Reading—Mrs. Emma Humes.

Song—"Keep a Goin'", by John Tietlow and Dean Reddick.

Instrumental music—Lucile McCune.

Reading—Mrs. Ed Bochner.

Song by Arlene and Louise Yost.

Recitation—Lucile Reddick.

After the program a social hour was enjoyed by all. Many took the opportunity to pay dues at this time, which made all feel good. After the transaction of business, ice cream and cake were served which all greatly enjoyed.

The local is in no wise as dead as many might suppose, who have not met with us for some time. The past winter many interesting cyphering and spelling bees, also programs were given which helped to create and hold the interest of the members. A number of new members, quite a few women, have been taken in of late. We hope to give a Farmers Union picnic after the busy time of harvest is over.—Mrs. T. T. Reddick.

**SCENES AND THINGS PASSING THE CAR WINDOW FROM SALINA TO PAOLA.**

With all the stories told on the Missouri Pacific and its usual slow movement, one is surprised in going east from Salina, with the speed that is attained but "There's a Reason."

It's down hill all the way. Corn fields east of Council Grove are small but have the appearance of being well tended. Fields are glistening black from the recent rains. Corn slow in making its growth, very small for this time of the year.

Pastures are washed clean by the heavy rains, rocks show white as bleaching bones. Acres of white flowers cover the hillside reminding one of the song "Clover blossoms, clover blossoms bathing in the pale moonlight, fills my heart with tender longing for that dear old home tonight."

But as the train rounds the bend and draws closer to those beautiful white blossoms the wind brings to my nostrils the familiar smell of wild onions and thoughts of a cheap restaurant, sausage and garlic and a mental picture of old Peter Styvestant, the one time Dutch governor of New York, dispel all thoughts of clover.

A herd of long eared cattle with large eyes, protruding ribs, an anxious look about the face and an appetite equalled only by a harvest hand, are walking hither and thither, their long horns polished from use, pausing now and then, causes me to wonder why the pause and the long horns. But to judge from the looks of the cows and the pasture one would be forced to believe that the cows were turning the rocks over with their horns, looking for grass.

A few silos dot the landscape, and ought to encourage the cows. White flowers have been displaced by blue ones.

A small town with the usual sign of prosperity. Several Ford cars are parked on the street. The cemetery located on a hill. Uphill business to die in that town. A beautiful sample of a field of "rolled oats." A broken down cultivator, that is the tongue broken out. Some one tried to turn around in his own field, too small.

Plenty of grass now. Cows and steers all dehorned, and the expectant look about the big brown eyes. Evidence that some one had been burrowing in the ground digging for a fortune as the remains of an old coal mine come into view. Canvases covered alfalfa stacks, efforts to preserve the color and strength and to keep off the flies. Two teams of horses covered for the same reasons.

Alfalfa needs cutting, in full bloom, possibly being left for seed. Weeds knee high in a small field, corn higher. Up to the corn in that case to do something to make a showing. Passenger getting on the train. From the well developed muscles of his hands and arms, would judge he was a Jew. Beautiful country, more level, dotted with trees. Reminds one as he looks at the bunches of trees, that he is looking at the bunches of grass in Eastern Colorado—about the same distance apart.

"The beginning" of the wool pool—a bunch of sheep grazing "tenderly" among a batch of tin pans and tomato cans. Small field of wheat, ready to cut in a week, good sized heads, but thin on the ground. Small farms, not overly well improved. Sickly looking, possibly have a plaster on them. Old fashioned straw shed where the rats get fooled when they think the rain is over.

Car load of hogs, on the way to the Farmers Union yards if the owner knows his error. Damaged spots in the wheatfields, too much water at one time. Car load of poultry, a little early for the Farmers' Union pool, possibly enroute to the New York market. A water tank surrounded by

harvest hands looking for a freight.

Better farms, improvements, painted buildings, hog tight fences and better kept yards, must tell lots of "home brew." The little church where the farmers and their wives gather to worship and gossip. Four acres of corn three feet high.

A farmer on a riding cultivator smoking a real long stemmed pipe, makes it hot for the mules. The Farmers' Co-operative Store indicates the farmers do come to town. "Otto, weigh, Ottawa," yells the conductor, but don't believe I'll weigh till I eat something. A little pump engine out in the pasture all alone. No reason must have got lost from its mammy. A pile of discarded automobile tires. Just think you buy a 17-pound auto tire and only get to use up about 3 pounds and the tire is gone. No wonder your auto is tired. Corn about one foot high on the average.

A field of oats. Must be from the Agricultural College, judging from the size of the heads. A duck pond in the center of the field, too wet for the ducks to be out. A rice field, if water is a symptom. Can't tell where you are by the name on the depot. Phone lines, telegraph lines, pipe lines, section lines, and barbed wire fences all running along together. Some steel on cooperation.

An oilwell to be pumped by hand by the boy no doubt, but evidently a failure. Too close to the creek where the fishing is good. Ossawatimie, where the state guarantees a living to some of her citizens that have peculiar ideas. Hot here or something wrong. Takes two ice cream cones to let your stomach know there is anything coming. Building a park here in memory of John Brown.

Don't see why John had to go to Virginia to do something for the colored folks. Better farms judging from the improvements, but can't keep on going east and bragging on the farms without talking about Missouri. "Pay-ola, Paola" and as the conductor looked right at me I instinctively grabbed my pocket book, while my brain started the quiz: "Pay-ola how much and what for?"

Miami county, twenty percent of the wheat destroyed by the flood. What will the poor farmer do, but let us feel glad that some still have a little while others have a little still.

—M. O. Gessner.

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represented in the various state legislatures that very few laws permitting the organization of such institutions have been enacted. There is no immediate prospect that such laws can be secured. It follows then that farmers must set up their own banks under existing statutes.

A good many state and national banks with valuable cooperative features have been started in the grain belt.

There is an almost unlimited field for cooperative agricultural banks. Poor as they are, the farmers are financially able to enter this field. The only real obstacle in the way is the will to do it. If every farmer in the United States would set aside ten dollars a year toward the capitalization of cooperative banking and when such institutions are started support them with his deposits and his business it would not be many years until other industries would be forced to borrow operating funds from agriculture.

Unfortunately there are several million farmers in our country who would not be greatly assisted by any number of cooperative banks. They never have funds for deposit nor credit through which they can secure loans. No banking system, cooperative or otherwise can help these men. They are predestined and the user of the advance merchant and the usurer. These very poor farmers against whom all the doors of opportunity appear to be closed and barred must be reached and helped in some way.

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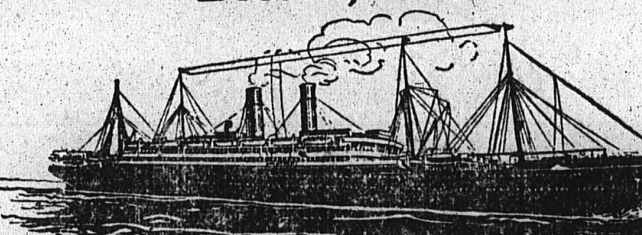
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Local credit unions for mobilizing and utilizing the small financial resources of rural communities made up of share croppers, tenant farmers and mortgaged land owners offer some hope of relief. Such institutions have worked well in several European countries. There should be a way to adapt them to American conditions. North Carolina, Massachusetts, Ohio, Texas and probably a few other states have passed enabling laws authorizing the organization of credit unions and in some places a hopeful start has been made.

Poor farmers must learn to invest or deposit their small savings in neighborhood societies properly organized and supervised and to depend upon such agencies for the small loans necessary to carry them through periods of emergency. Such associations must be locally organized and conducted with the smallest possible administrative expense. Their business methods must differ from ordinary banking practice as the assistance that they render must rest on character and industry rather than on the usual forms of security.

Cooperative Educational Associations This report is already long, but not long enough to do more than sketch, an outline of the field of agricultural cooperation and indicate in the briefest possible way the helpful things that have already been done. We believe that the various sporadic and fragmentary cooperative activities of agricultural America are gradually crystallizing into a great national cooperative system of which most of the existing enterprises are to be integral and essential units.

We are certain that there is urgent need for reliable information concerning the history, principles, aims, and results of this great movement. Cooperative business enterprises are organized and conducted to make money or to save money for their members. From their nature they can never be active or effective educational agencies for the collection and dissemination of information among the millions of farmers who still have no conception of the possibilities of cooperation.

There is, therefore, a great opportunity, a great field still largely unoccupied, for farmers' self help organizations dedicated to the improvement and enrichment of country life. Such societies should encourage and support all cooperative business activities necessary to success-

ful agriculture but they should function in many other ways equally important. It is their duty and their privilege to put a better spirit and more pride into farm operations; to provide new and wider educational opportunities for their members; to calm and secure for farmers a more general recognition of their place and importance in the conduct of the affairs of the states and the nation; and to ameliorate and alleviate the hard and unlovely social and economic conditions in which so many American farmers and their families now live.

We urge that all good citizens who have the rehabilitation and reconstruction of agriculture at heart give every encouragement and assistance to voluntary farmers societies like the Grange, the Gleaners, the Society of Equity and the Farmers Union. It is only through the orderly and purposeful activity of such organizations that cooperative business can be intelligently established and successfully conducted in the face of the gathering and growing opposition of the beneficiaries of special privilege and grasping monopoly.

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