

KFU Convention Set for Topeka On October 25

Managers and Directors, KFU
Central Co-operative Meet-
ings at Same Time

The annual Kansas Farmers Union convention will be held this year in Topeka, Kans., beginning Wednesday, Oct. 25.

Investigation of proposed convention cities has shown that only Topeka, among the list submitted to President Dean and Education Director Esther Voorhies, will be able to handle the large groups which attend.

This year, in addition to the Managers and Directors Association, there will be the annual membership meeting of the Kansas Farmers Union Central Co-operative Exchange.

The headquarters hotel has not been designated, but it will be either the Jayhawk or the Kansas Hotel.

Further convention details will be announced in the next Kansas Union Farmer.

Central Co-op Capital Grows

Lindsborg Co-op. Webber,
Sandy Hook & North Star
Locals Boost Total

Although the KFU field force is busy with the hybrid seed corn crop and can give little time to the job, Kansas Farmers Union Central Co-operative Exchange's capital subscriptions are going up every week.

Nearly \$1,200 has been subscribed for the 6% Certificates of Indebtedness in the past fortnight.

Central Co-operative is attempting to sell \$25,000 in certificates, to supply basic capital for the seed corn program.

Sandy Hook—\$435

Sandy Hook local at St. Marys, Kansas, at a meeting Aug. 11, added \$435 to the total. President Dean of KFU explained the investment and the local voted to put \$10 of \$16 in its treasury into a certificate. Following this action, individual members subscribed an additional \$435.

The subscribers were Julius Immenschuh, Lenherr Brothers, Fred Heiland, J. L. Pearl, W. A. Gutschall, Francis Schroeder and Paul Lenher. This makes a total of \$1,435 subscribed from the Sandy Hook local, for Henry Otto had previously put in \$1,000. Otto is a seed corn grower and, like other people in St. Marys who are familiar with the program, he believed in its sufficiently to put his dollars behind it.

Webber—\$225

Webber local added \$225 to the total. A story is on page 7.

The North Star Local No. 1979 at Stafford, Kansas, voted to invest \$20 in Central Co-op. This is the first local to take up the matter without a state worker present. Paul S. Meade of Stafford county previously sent in \$50 and, although the county is out of the corn area, it always supports FU programs. It was commented when Meade subscribed—and is again—that there will be more from Stafford county."

Lindsborg—\$500

The Lindsborg Farmers Union Elevator, at a special board meeting held to consider an investment in Central Co-op, voted to purchase a \$500 certificate. This is the third co-operative association to subscribe. Farmers Co-op

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McPherson County Picnic Picture
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Rules Say No, But Look What Extension Does!

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PARDON PERSONAL REFERENCE. I HAD EIGHT AND HALF YEARS AS COUNTY AGENT IN KANSAS. I KNOW THAT MY JOB DEPENDED ON GETTING FARM BUREAU MEMBERS. I HAVE SPENT AS MUCH AS SIX WEEKS OF MY TIME SOLICITING MEMBERSHIP FOR THE FARM BUREAU, THAT WASN'T FAIR TO EXTENSION WORK NOR WAS IT FAIR TO TAX PAYING FARMERS OF THOSE COUNTIES. I COULD SIGHT YOU EXPERIENCES OF COUNTY AGENTS WHERE THERE SALARY CHECK WERE STOPPED UNTIL THE REQUIRED FARM BUREAU MEMBERSHIP FOR THAT COUNTY WAS REACHED. THAT'S NOT RIGHT. EXTENSION SERVICE IS DEFINITELY NEEDED BY KANSAS FARMERS. I'M FOR AN EXTENSION PROGRAM ALL THE WAY.

KANSAS FARMERS COOP ASSN F D MCCAMMON SECRETARY

A former county extension employee reveals in this telegram that extension agents in Kansas must violate U. S. Department of Agriculture Regulations, or else...! The regulations under which Kansas Extension Service accepts funds for their work plainly say that employees "may not properly act as organizers for farmers' associations; conduct membership campaigns; solicit membership," etc. This telegram reveals county agent's pay has been held up until the regulation was adequately violated.

A Drunk and a Dime

Of Course He'll Buy a Beer; But Should Kansas "Educators" Follow the Drunkard's Dishonest Example? Honesty Is Lacking in Taking Funds and Ignoring Regulations Under Which It Is Granted

This Is One of a Series of Articles On This Subject

ORDINARY honesty is lacking in the way Kansas State College "educators" accept federal funds to support the Extension Service and then violate all the regulations under which those funds are granted.

No one expects a drunken panhandler to spend the dime given him for a cup of coffee for coffee, even if he promises. Of course, he'll go buy another beer.

But it is reasonable to expect people in high educational positions to observe the conditions under which they are granted funds.

Not the Kansas State College Extension Service! It follows the drunkard's pattern!

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THE regulations of the United States Department of Agriculture governing Extension Services, which are largely supported by federal funds (Kansas is one) say:

"As they are public teachers... they may not properly act as organizers for farmers' associations; conduct membership campaigns; solicit membership..."

Kansas State College annually walks up to the window, takes funds that are covered by these regulations—and then goes and gets a beer instead! The USDA regulation quoted above is not only ignored, in many instances it is known that the degree to which

extension employees successfully violate that regulation is one of the standards upon which they are judged. They get members, or else—

Many agents realize the bad ethics involved, and are unwilling participants in violation of the regulation to build membership in the Farm Bureau.

But they also know they must either do the job or get fired. (See the telegram reprinted herewith). They would be delighted to be freed of such obnoxious duties.

The KANSAS UNION FARMER'S publication of evidences of violation of the regulations are not so much an indictment of county extension personnel as of the top-structure extensionists who have permitted, and still permit, such a system, with its improper requirements, to continue.

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REPRINTED herewith are three clippings on Extension Service-Farm Bureau organization activity. They indicate violations occurring all over the state.

The clipping from the AUGUSTA GAZETTE of Dec. 24, 1943 (No. 1), reveals a county agent in the thick of Farm Bureau membership work and announces that:

"Mr. Payer (the county agent) and two or

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three others will make a personal canvass for members."

The rule above says explicitly: "They may not properly . . . solicit membership."

The second clipping, from the GARDEN CITY TELEGRAM of May 13, 1944 (No. 2) shows there is a complete awareness on the part of the tax-supported government educational employees that they are building membership in the American Farm Bureau Federation—which is a political lobby.

In the clipping, County Agent Reusser compares his achievements to date to the AFBF quota assigned his county, and the story significantly continues:

"Reusser expects to attain the 500 goal which Finney county has set for itself."

The clipping from the Pottawattamie county HOP OFF (No. 3), reveals two Extension employees—one in the upper brackets—hard at work on the political lobby's membership campaign.

Mr. Otis Glover, the district supervisor of Extension Service, Kansas State College, spoke on the subject "Why Have a Farm Bureau."

Then . . .

"The County Agent, Mr. Lloyd Croy, maintains that 'the Farm Bureau has more to sell and does less about it than any other organization, either commercial or governmental.'"

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PERHAPS Mr. Croy is right: the Farm Bureau lets the tax-supported Extension Agents do its work in Kansas, and actually does very little about it itself. The Bureau then concentrates its own energies on its political pressure, and "sells" its people a lobby in Washington which:

1. Baits labor.
2. Fights and smears the Farm Security Administration, the little farmers' agency.
3. Co-operates with the organizations of Big Business, including the U. S. Chamber of Commerce, National Association of Manufacturers and others who helped the FB get organized.
4. Speaks for large commercial farmers of the nation, including operators of huge "factories" in the field in the Central Valley in California in their attempt to destroy the 160-acre limitation on irrigation benefits.
5. Is a partisan in social and economic conflicts within the nation, and thus takes the Extension Service—supposedly a scholarly, educational agency—into its partisan battles.

It is extremely significant that Mr. Croy, an educator, recognizes the commercial and governmental (lobbying) aspects of the organization that he, a governmental employee, is required to build. He compares the FB with them.

The impropriety of the Extension Service conducting membership work for a farm organization involved in commercial and lobbying activities was recognized many years ago when the U. S. Department of Agriculture regulations were written.

But that impropriety continues in Kansas down through the years in face of all regulations, and despite the fact that Kansas "educators" know the regulations as they accept the funds each year.

NEXT: Using tax money for the few.

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471 Farmers Join The Farm Bureau

Four hundred and seventy-one farmers in the county have enlisted in the Butler County Farm Bureau for the new year, it was announced by Gene Payer, county agent. This is a gain of about twenty in the past few days, but still far short of the goal of 600 set in the fall.

Mr. Payer said that a drive for members will be made after the first of the year. While no meetings will be held or groups of workers will take to the field, Mr. Payer and two or three others will make a personal canvass for members. It is believed the goal can be reached with little trouble. This year, the Farm Bureau had 500 members.

Extension Service regulations forbid Extension employees doing organization work for farm organizations but these clippings from Kansas county papers show that the regulations are ignored in Kansas. Comment on each clipping will be found in the article "A Drunk And a Dime."

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Farm Bureau Rolls Top All Quotas

Topping the national and state goals which have already been reached, Finney county's quota for Farm Bureau unit members has been set at 500 by the end of this year, Otis Reusser, county agent, said today.

Based on the 435 Finney county members at the end of last year, a quota for the county was set by the state Farm Bureau at 479 for this year, with the slogan "44 for '44'." The American Farm Bureau Federation, the national organization, bases its quota on 1/4 of the farms in a community. This would give Finney a quota of 480 to meet.

The present enrollees is 485. Reusser said, topping both the state and national goals. However, at the present rate of membership increase, Reusser expects to attain the 500 goal which Finney county has set for itself.

FARM BUREAU "HOP-OFF"

Pottawattamie County Farm Bureau held its hop-off supper in the basement of the Methodist Church in Westmoreland Monday night, November 15. Mr. Otis Glover, District Supervisor of Extension Service of the Kansas State College, was the guest speaker. Mr. Glover spoke on the subject of "Why Have a Farm Bureau." About 50 farmers enjoyed the supper and lingered and visited with each other for some time after the meeting broke up. The educational value of the Farm Bureau program was emphasized by the County Agent.

The County Agent, Mr. Lloyd Croy, maintains that "the Farm Bureau has more to sell and does less about it than any other organization, either commercial or governmental." Mr. . . .

HOW DEMOCRACY WORKS!



Courtesy Appreciate America, Inc.

Governors Ask Unified Plan For Missouri Basin

Governors of eight Missouri Basin states, including Governor Schoepel of Kansas, meeting at Omaha early in August urgently asked the government to treat the Missouri River as one river, and the basin's development as one problem.

By resolution they asked the President and Congress to order the Bureau of Reclamation, directing irrigation development, and the Army Engineers, directing rivers and harbors and flood control, to get together on a unified plan.

This apparently could only be done at this stage of the game—with navigation and flood control bills already passed in the House and awaiting action in the Senate—by hurry-up amendments to include in these bills, authorization of irrigation works proposed by the Bureau of Reclamation. Whether this can be done before Congress quits in midwinter is problematical.

Back Away From a TVA

The governors backed off, however, from any TVA-like development of the river, refusing to indorse a proposal by Gov. John Moses of North Dakota, and Kenneth Simons of Bismarck, that a five-man federal commission be created to administer the basin development, including one each from the Bureau of Reclamation and the Army Engineers, one from another federal agency (presumably the Department of Agriculture) and one citizen each from the Upper Basin and the Lower Basin.

They voted seven to one for a proviso that "nothing done in the interests of navigation or flood control" should interfere with the use of water for irrigation west of the 97th meridian, either now or in the future.

This wording was proposed by Brig. Gen. Miles Reber of the Army Engineers, and was satisfactory to irrigation advocates present.

Battle in Prospect

Thus the governors of the affected states went on record as favoring something like the O'Mahoney amendment now before the Senate, which would put irrigation above navigation wherever the two conflict in develop-

ing the Basin, and which promises a bitter Senate battle when that body reconvenes.

Everyone in the West interested in water development, including public officials and those of irrigation and drainage districts, representatives, and Senators, will meet at Chicago Sept. 7 and 8 and lay plans for the coming Senate battle.

No Compromise

That it will be bitter is shown by the action of the Rivers and Harbors Congress at New Orleans late in July, which overrode all attempts at compromise by the Westerners, and voted to go down the line for the enactment of the flood control and rivers and harbors bills, unchanged. As they now stand, these two bills would:

1. Authorize \$6,000,000 for the completion of a nine-foot navigation channel as far up as Sioux City, Iowa, a channel which the Westerners say would drain the river of irrigation water.

2. Authorize the so-called "Pick Plan," the \$475,000,000 flood control plan of the Army Engineers, without any provision for irrigation development.

Donnell Balks

At Omaha the governors met as members of the Missouri Valley State Committee. All nine states were represented except Iowa. Action to declare the Missouri Valley "one unit to be developed through one unified plan" was unanimous.

But Missouri's governor, Forest Donnell, a candidate for U. S. Senator on the Republican ticket, held out against any plan that would slow down navigation development, and voted against General Reber's suggested reservation insuring the rights of irrigation, despite the fact that the Republican platform declares for protection of irrigation in the West.

Since six of the eight governors present had just come from St. Louis where Republican governors had declared for more states' rights and less federal authority, the action of the governors in relation to any TVA-like development of the Basin was not surprising.

Managers Ass'n. Gets Dues From 70

J. O. Newbry, FUJA Fieldman, Turns in \$350 Check;

The dues of 70 co-operative associations in Kansas were turned over to Alfred Rensmeyer, secretary of the Farmers Union Managers & Directors Association recently by J. O. Newbry, fieldman for FU Jobbing Association.

Mr. Rensmeyer, who is now moving to Idaho, reported the pleasant surprise to the state office and asked that all the members be thanked—and that all other co-op association be urged to pay up their \$5 dues in the association.

"This is one trade association in Kansas that is definitely directed and operated in the interests of the co-operative movement, and all Farmers Union co-operative associations should participate in it," he said.

The annual meeting of the association, usually held in May, will be called in connection with the semi-annual meeting held at the time of the Kansas Farmers Union convention, President Don Wilcox of the association has announced. The meeting was postponed because of travel difficulties and lack of help.

President Wilcox has appointed J. O. Newbry, who collected the 70 dues totalling \$350 from members, to serve as secretary because of the vacancy caused by Mr. Rensmeyer's resignation.

Associations that wish to pay their dues in the state group should send them to:

J. O. Newbry, Secretary,
FU Managers &
Directors Ass'n.,
Alton, Kansas.

Elbow Local Studies Co-ops

Elbow Local No. 1786 gathered at Swampangel Friday night, August 11th, for their regular social and educational feast.

The program was in charge of one of our talented Juniors, Miss Marjorie Tennant. Marjorie gave an especially good original "Message to the Local" dealing with the fundamental differences between co-operative business and corporate business. After some patriotic and spirited Farmers Union songs, a Farmers Union Family skit by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Parker was presented; a reading by Mrs. Raburn Hoffman; vocal solo playing his own guitar accompaniment by Junior Paul Irvine; and instrumental music by Junior Nadine Lee.

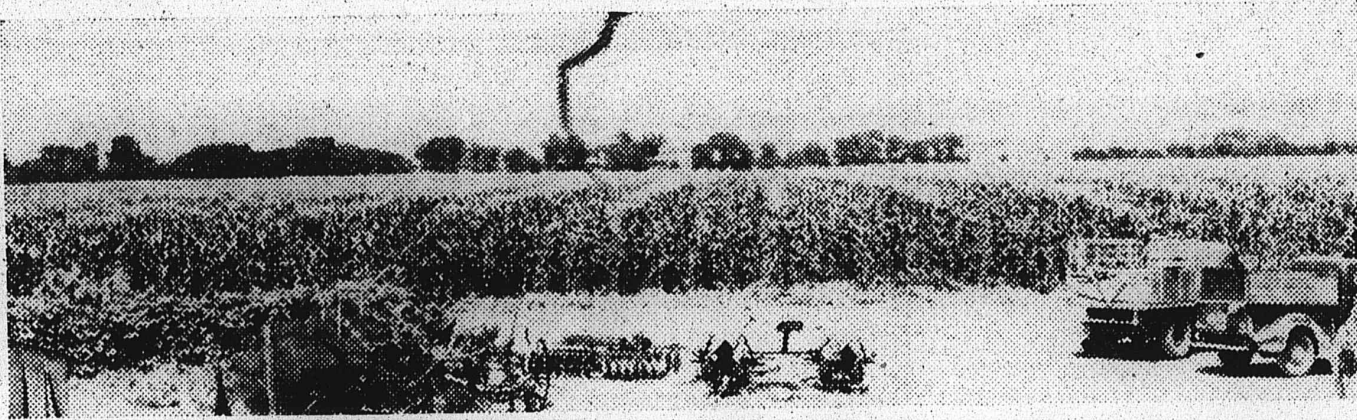
During the business session it was voted to entertain the next quarterly county meeting at Swampangel on Friday evening, September 8, and the hope was expressed that representatives from state office might meet with us. Plans were made for a delegation of Juniors to attend the county camp at Sandy Hook School House, August 20, 21, and 22.

Upon adjournment the crowd gathered on the schoolhouse lawn to eat ice cream and cookies prepared by the refreshment committee.—Joy Hammett, Secretary.

THEY KNOW IT'S GOOD CORN--



Freddie and Harley Heiland are shown here examining an ear of KFY Hybrid seed corn No. 100 (US 13) growing in their 60-acre field which is a part of the KFU crop this year. The field, one of the best out this year, has been very well handled. The Heiland's are not only interested in growing corn, but in helping to make the KFU corn project a success. Freddie subscribed \$100 to KFU Co-operative Central at a recent meeting of the Sandy Hook local, near St. Marys.



This picture of the Heiland field, taken from above, shows how it appears after detasseling. Every fourth row is a pollinating row, and the tassels are left on. The three rows in between, which are for seed stock, are detasseled so they will be pollinated by the male corn. The Heiland field is southeast of St. Marys, in rich bottom land.

Central Co-op

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Elevator at Lucas bought the first certificate issued for \$100; the FU Co-op Association at St. Marys invested \$1,000 as reported in the last Kansas Union Farmer.

Dave Train, manager of the Lindsborg Co-operative, has been an active builder of Farmers Union activity both in McPherson county and in the state for many years. Taking the elevator as a small operation, he has built it into one of the finest co-operatives in the state, expanding it into the field of petroleum products. Recently they bought an ice plant, established a locker service and expanded their elevator and office.

Saves on Price

Investments in the KFU Central Co-operative Exchange are freeing the organization of dependence on banks to finance the hybrid seed corn service, which last year netted nearly \$5,000 in savings.

The seed service has also reduced the cost of high grade hybrid seed corn to farmers. Its value is praised by Tom Hall, former FUJA field man now studying seed production and marketing for the Farm Credit Administra-

tion, in a story on the back page.

A convenient blank, with which you can send your subscription to this new co-operative service, will also be found on the back page. Use it!

Butter vs. Oleomargarine

In trying to develop a cheaper good substitute for whole and skimmed milk in feeding calves, scientists in the University of

Minnesota found that even the lowly skimmed milk is far superior to a mixture of milk and some vegetable oil in feeding calves.

All the calves used in the experiment were three weeks old and well and strong when placed on the experimental diet. The vegetable oils were homogenized with the skim milk to a fat content of 3.5 per cent. While the calves on whole milk showed best growth and condition the calves fed skim milk also did well.

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Webber Members Take a Day Off

The Farmers Union local at Webber, Kansas, held their annual summer picnic on the banks of the Republican river near Superior, Nebraska, on the T. V. Sweet farm. Between 50 and 100 attended the picnic.

There was no planned program. It was a get-together of Farmers Union members to enjoy a day away from the heat of the fields, and to visit with friends and neighbors. Some of the picnickers took advantage of the river to go in swimming.

Henry Pedersen, fieldman for the state FU and the FU Central Co-op, was invited to attend the picnic and explained the FU Central Co-op seed program. Henry, in reporting, expressed his appreciation of the splendid co-operation of the members and officers of the FU local in helping to finance the seed program. Members pledged subscriptions for certificates of indebtedness in the amount of \$225. The subscribers were as follows: Bjorn Dahl, Webber, Kansas; Haskon Dahl, Mankato; Lloyd Reed, Webber; Erlene Dahl, Mankato; T. V. Sweet, Mankato; Frank Callahan, Mankato; Thos. Dahl, Webber; E. S. Rothchild, Mankato; H. B. Sweet, Mankato, Kansas.

The Farmers Union local at Webber is not one of the largest locals in the state, but its members are 100 per cent FU and have always been very co-operative with the state organization in all their efforts to build the organization. The FU elevator recently received approval by WPB of their application to build a new elevator.

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Program Service

Beginning with the month of September, the PROGRAM SERVICE, which contains many aids for holding meetings, again goes into publication. If your local is not receiving it, send a request to either your state office or the national office and it will be sent you free of charge. Perhaps you belong to a study or social group other than the Farmers Union, which would find use for these program helps. The National Farmers Union Education Service will gladly supply copies of it upon request.

Heigh, Ho! For the Fair

The FAIR BULLETIN, published by the N.F.U. Education Service, will help you plant a booth for county or state fair.

The booklet begins with planning before you go to work on your display, and helps you right through to the building and decorating, and the displaying of material. It suggests different types of booths and material to put in them.

If you don't have a copy of the FAIR BULLETIN, order one today. It sells for 15 cents.

Special Programs

Copies of "LADIES' NIGHT" are available. When you ladies must put on the whole program this booklet is most helpful. It gives lines for the announcer, readings, playlets and songs; in fact, a full evening of delightful entertainment.

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New Books and Pamphlets

"HOW MAN MADE MUSIC" is the history of music and the story of the evolution of musical instruments, the biography of Stradivarius and others. It is invaluable for music appreciation courses. Many of the songs mentioned in the text are found in the back of the book.

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"THE MAGIC OF CLOTH" is the fascinating drama of the transformation of raw materials to finished fabric; "CLOTHES WE WEAR" is the strange story of clothes worn throughout the world and how our own clothes are made.

The above booklets sell for 20 cents each and may be ordered from the N.F.U. Education Service.

"I See a New China"

This book by George Hogg is a vivid story of the Chinese Industrial Co-operatives as a member tells it. For five years Mr. Hogg has participated in the movement.

The story of Indusco is the story of China's individuals, the working men and women who have set up, far in the hinterland, co-operative communities to produce clothing, shoes, munitions, coal, and even newspapers.

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Officers' Conference Postponed

The national conference of state officers which was scheduled for Evergreen, Colorado, August 23 to 30, has been postponed indefinitely.

The illness of Mrs. Gladys Talbott Edwards, National Director of Education, the inability of some state officials to attend, and the desire of the national office to have a 100 per cent turnout to justify the effort and expense of a week's national conference, contributed to the decision to postpone the conference at this time.

Rensmeyers Leave Solomon

Lee Cochran Is Successor as
Manager; Reusmeyers
Going to Idaho

Alfred Rensmeyer, who has been manager of the Solomon Farmers Union Co-operative Business Association for four years, has handed in his resignation and was released August 15th. Alfred, with his wife and daughters, Irene and Evelyn, plan to move to Boise, Idaho, to make their new home. Mr. Rensmeyer also tendered his resignation as secretary of the Kansas Farmers Union Managers and Directors Association, in which capacity he has served for the past two years.

Mr. Rensmeyer has been manager of the Farmers Elevators during the past 15 years and was manager of an old line elevator for six years previous to that. He has been ably assisted by Mrs. Rensmeyer, who kept the books and did other office work.

Mr. Rensmeyer has not decided what work he will follow in Idaho, but is sure it will not be elevator work. They are planning a 30-day vacation and rest before they enter into any active work.

Mr. Rensmeyer has been president of the Farmers Union Headquarters local at Salina for the last two years and has a splendid

record of holding FU local meetings on the scheduled dates. He has been a conscientious worker in community affairs at Solomon and has served as president of the Solomon Community club and as trustee of the Presbyterian church. All of the family have been active in church work. A son, LaVerne, is stationed at Jacksonville, Florida, in the Naval Air Corps as Radar operator.

The Headquarters local of the FU at their last regular meeting held a farewell party for the Rensmeyer family in the form of a basket dinner picnic at Sunset Park at Salina. The members of the FU headquarters local and the state office personnel of the Farmers Union join the many friends of the Rensmeyers throughout the state in Farmers Union and co-operative work in our regrets at having the Rensmeyers leave and we join them in wishing them success in their new line of work, whatever it may be.

Lee Cochran, who is well known throughout the state as a co-operative elevator manager, has been hired to replace Mr. Rensmeyer at Solomon.

Lee started his career in co-operative work as helper at Green, Kansas, under Pat Nash as manager. He later drove the truck for the Green organization, hauling grain from Green to Clay Center after the railroad had been taken up at Green. In July, 1936, he went to Centralia to manage that organization.

Having successfully managed

that organization for seven years he went to Kanopolis in 1943 as manager of the Farmers Union Elevator. The Kanopolis elevator is a branch of the Ellsworth county organization and Lee, as manager at this point, had gotten back to work for Pat Nash, who is the general manager of the Ellsworth county organization. He left the Ellsworth county organization a little over two months ago to try his hand as brakeman on the Missouri Pacific railroad, a profession he followed before going into co-operative work. Lee always liked railroad work and when the demand for brakemen was so great he could not resist going back and trying this work again. He admits now that he is not as good a man as he used to be, and that braking on the railroad is too much for him. He is very happy to get back into co-operative work, which he enjoyed very much during the ten years he has been active in the co-operative field. He went temporarily to work at Solomon around the 15th.

Mrs. Cochran with their two sons, Gordon, 3 years old, and Phillip, 10 months, will make their home in Clay Center.

Stirrup pumps designed by the office of civilian defense for fire fighting can be used, after slight adjustments, for spraying victory gardens, and they are being turned over to commercial companies for sale at retail prices at approximately their original cost to the government, the department of agriculture says.

Let's Quit Talking To Ourselves!

We've Muttered
in Our Beards
Long Enough
About the
Unfair Attack on
Co-operatives
in America

LET'S START TALKING TO THE PEOPLE

They Finally Determine Policy in the United States

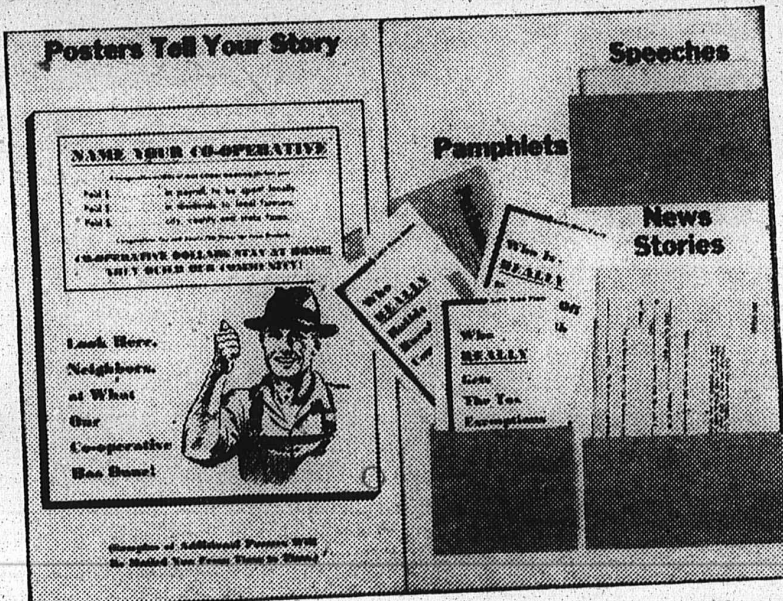
National Farmers Union Service Corp. is now issuing a public relations service to Farmers Union accredited co-operatives, which is also available to other co-operatives at \$50 per year. The service includes four large kits of materials each year to help tell the co-operative story in the local community, including news releases, advertising layouts, speech materials, pamphlets, posters, special events suggestions, etc.

The service also includes a semi-monthly co-operative newsletter—"Co-oParade." Prepared by the NFU public relations staff, with assistance of an advertising agency, the service brings co-operative managers outstanding assistance and ready-made materials, not only to defend co-operatives, but also to increase their strength and support by the public.

It will pay you to affiliate with the Farmers Union, not only to get this service, but to give and receive strength from an organized people's movement in agriculture.

Send Inquiries to

Kansas Farmers Union
SALINA, KANSAS



NFU Demands Ouster of Surplus Boss, Will C. Clayton

Not Interested In Little Folk, Patton Charges

His Bowing to Real Estate Boards Is Exposed In Hearing of Senate Group

Dismissal of Will C. Clayton, the administrator of surplus federal war properties, has been urged by the National Farmers Union.

Clayton, a southern cotton broker, has refused to let the U. S. Department of Agriculture dispose of surplus lands suitable for farms, and put the disposal in the hands of Jesse Jones' RFC, where the National Association of Real Estate Boards wants it, so realtors can get heavy commissions from farmers.

NFU Statement

The NFU statement, by President James G. Patton, demanding that Clayton be ousted, follows:

C "The President should remove Mr. William L. Clayton from the position of Surplus War Property Administrator. He should take this action because of Mr. Clayton's demonstrated hostility to the true interests of farmers, of small business, and labor." This hostility has been demonstrated quietly throughout Mr. Clayton's tenure in his present office, but positive open evidence of his unfitness for his present position has now been given by Mr. Clayton himself, and by Assistant Attorney-General Norman Littell, in their appearances the last two days before committees of the Senate.

Flaunts Committee

"Mr. Clayton, himself, publicly flaunted the views of members of the Senate Military Affairs Committee when, on Wednesday, Aug. 16, he opposed in detail the provisions which members of that committee had labored over, with the aim of protecting American farmers, small businessmen, and working people. He has proved conclusively by this testimony that his policy, as Surplus War Property Administrator, is a policy dedicated to the advancement of the interests of big business alone. The President cannot afford to tolerate any longer in this job an administrator with so narrow a conception of the public welfare.

"In his testimony, Mr. Littell proved for the benefit of any doubters the truth of my assertion that the National Association of Real Estate Boards and its affiliates are dominating land disposal policies under Mr. Clayton, just as they tried, in part successfully, to dominate the military acquisition program. Mr. Littell showed that a former real estate broker approved by the NAREB, and a member of the association, Colonel M. J. O'Byrne, heads Mr. Clayton's real estate program, and that Colonel O'Byrne formerly was the War Department real estate officer in Columbus, Ohio, home of J. W. Galbraith, former head of NAREB. Mr. Galbraith's company was cited by Mr. Littell as offering a 'harrowing example' of the policies being followed by Mr. Clayton, when he told how that company now asks a price of \$250,000 to \$450,000 for a Joliet, Ill., plant formerly owned by American Steel & Wire Co., in which the Galbraith company invested no more than \$12,000 of its own money.

Backed Hotel Deal

"Mr. Littell showed that Colonel J. J. O'Brian, head of Mr. Clayton's inter-agency advisory committee, has the full support of NAREB,

NOTICE TO LOCALS

Here's Income Tax Return Information You Need

Farmers Union locals in Kansas need not obtain individual ruling from the Bureau of Internal Revenue that they are tax exempt.

The Kansas Farmers Union has such a ruling, and all that locals must do, in connection with their Form 990 income tax information return is to give the date of the ruling and the name of the parent organization.

The date of the bureau letter granting the exemption is: March 24, 1944.

The correct name to give, as the parent organization, is: Farmers Educational and Co-operative Union of America, Kansas Division.

The matter has come up in connection with the Black Wolf Local No. 935. In a letter to that local, the Collector of Internal Revenue said:

"If you are a member of a national or state organization which has obtained a ruling from this bureau, it will not be necessary for your organization to file an application for an exemption from federal income tax, but you should furnish this office the date of the bureau letter granting your parent organization exemption from federal income tax.

"In addition, you should furnish the name of the parent organization. . . ."

Remember, the facts needed are:

Date: March 24, 1944.

Name: Farmers Educational and Co-operative Union of America, Kansas Division.

"with those plans respecting the disposal of real estate, I am in strong disagreement." He showed that NAREB felt it had to defend Colonel O'Brian when his Florida hotel program was criticized by the Truman Committee some months ago. He showed that O'Brien leans on the advice of E. L. Ostendorf, of Morris and Ostendorf, real estate agents of Cleveland, and chairman of NAREB's Committee on Surplus Disposal.

"Moreover, Mr. Littell's testimony substantiates what every member of the inter-agency committee has known, that Mr. Clayton refused to follow that committee's recommendation that administration of agricultural land be vested in the Department of Agriculture. This recommendation was made on June 5, and Mr. Clayton has ever since attempted to ignore the fact that it was made. He has pretended that the Departments of Agriculture and Justice were sympathetic to his policies, when, it is now demonstrated, they vigorously disagreed with him. Secretary of the Interior Ickes, in his testimony of Aug. 16 to the Senate Military Affairs Committee, also indicated clearly he favored policies other than those of Mr. Clayton.

Cut by NFU

"It was only after the National Farmers Union had revealed that Mr. Clayton had, against the recommendation of his own committee, turned the agricultural land program over to RFC that Mr. Clayton even let the public know what decision had been made.

"In view of this now factually demonstrated record, the President should act. It is with reluctance that I single out an individual in this fashion, but the issue is one that transcends personalities. When the welfare of scores of thousands of American citizens is involved, it is no time to stand upon ceremony.

"It is a matter of the first national importance that an administrator with a broad background of public service and a demonstrated sympathy with all parts of the economy be chosen to administer disposal of \$75 to \$100 billion of surplus government property at stake in this program.

"I hope the President will remove Mr. Clayton, and the sooner the better, for he is now selling this property off as fast as he

can without regard for the views of farmers, small business, and labor. He hopes to step up the rate of sales in the immediate future. Mr. Clayton is too expensive a luxury for the American people."

Saipan Wounds Claim Life of Julius Gibson, Jr.

Was Vice-President of McPherson County F.U. When Inducted; at Pearl Harbor

Word of the death of Julius T. Gibson, Jr., former vice-president of his county F. U., was received last month by his parents in McPherson. Death was caused by wounds received in the early summer battle of Saipan.

Julius Gibson, Jr., well-known to Farmer Union members in his own county and the state, was county vice-president when inducted in the army the summer of 1941. After a few months training in the 34th Engineers, Julius was sent to Hawaii and was there during the December 7th attack on Pearl Harbor. He was never home after his induction.

Julius, Jr., is survived by his mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Julius T. Gibson, and two brothers, Hilton, professor of political sciences, Kansas University, and Niles, now president of the McPherson County Farmers Union.

The heartfelt sympathies of Farmers Union friends go to the family of a member who carried his loyalty with him to distant shores, to one who looked toward the day when he could again take an active part in building the Farmers Union.

CASUALTY



Julius Gibson Jr., former vice-president of the McPherson county Farmers Union, has succumbed to wounds received in the battle of Saipan.

Occupational gasoline rations for periods up to 30 days may be issued an applicant who has not formed a car pool, OPA says, and if at the end of this period the ration board is not satisfied that the applicant has done his best to obtain riders, further occupational mileage will be denied.

Vitamin A is obtained from snapper shark's liver oil and injected into chocolate bars for Australian and Allied servicemen in the southwest Pacific, the Australian News and Information Bureau reports.

IN OUR PATRONAGE LIES OUR STRENGTH

We should support our local co-operative with our patronage and then demand that our local co-operative support our and its wholesale, the Farmers Union Jobbing Association with its patronage.

It is by thus using the power of our patronage that we will develop our bargaining power so as to secure for ourselves a fair share of the national income and build a better economic system for our posterity.

The Farmers Union Jobbing Association is prepared to serve you in the sale or storage of your grain and in supplying you with the following quality merchandise, through your local co-operative:

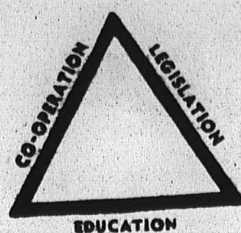
K F U and Union Standard	Steel and Wire Products	Hydrated Lime
Poultry and Livestock Feeds	Packing House Products	Ration-Ayd 400 and 160
K F U Lubricating Oils	Binder Twine	Cod Liver Oils
K F U Greases	Jersee Balancer	Creosote Stock Dip
K F U Car and Truck Batteries	Jersee Min-O-Las	Radiator Alcohol
K F U Gasoline	Soy Bean Meal	Household Spray
K F U Power Fuels	Alfalfa Meal	Stock Spray
K F U Distillate	Pilot Brand Oyster Shells	Grain Fumigant
K F U Kerosene	Oyster Shell Flour	Anaconda Fertilizer
K F U Paints and Enamels	Kalsite (Oyster Shell Substitute)	Salt
Paint Oils	Poultry Grit	Coal
Roof Coatings	Poultry Litter	Briquettes
K F U Flour	Poultry Feeding Equipment	Warm Morning Heating Stoves
Union Standard Flour	Tobacco Dust	Stock Tanks
Union Gold Flour	Charcoal	Grease Guns
Mill Brand Flours	Marblehead Limestone	Barrel Pumps
Feed Ingredients		Barrel Hose

If your local co-operative is temporarily out of some of the above supplies, please be patient, as the radio announcer says, your local co-operative will soon have the supplies you want. Just keep on asking him for the dependable merchandise manufactured or jobbed by

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AROUND THE TRIANGLE

By Esther E. Voorhies
KFU Education Director

MEN UNDER GOD

It isn't easy to think of pain, and grief and human suffering.
It is better to be silent in the face of death.
You can't banish sorrow by saying, "I am sorry."
Look up, instead, to the sun and sing of new life and hope.

Only those who are touched by death can share the pain of the bereaved;
The mother who lost her son.
The wife who lost her husband.
To the rest, gas cells in Warsaw, the famine in India are uncomfortable headlines, and casualty lists are facts and figures.

Death loses emphasis with repetition.
Think, then, of the individual and not of the mass.
Think of John who was killed at Cassino.
Think of his mother.
Think of Ivan who was smashed at Stalingrad.
Think of his wife.
Think of the Jew in Poland who dug his own grave.
Think of the baby in Bombay who fell dead of starvation.
This isn't statistics.
It is war.

—Leo Perlis,

Are You Doing Your Part?

(Guest Editorial)

Today, I received a letter from one of the boys in the service and it made me stop and think. It made me stop and analyze the work I am doing, made me ask, "Am I doing my part?"

Yes, I do what I can to help the war effort. There is Red Cross work, letters written, packages sent, scrapbooks made for convalescent soldiers, as well as the usual farm work such as chickens, gardening, cooking meals, and washing dishes.

But still there is more to be done. This boy who wrote the letter has been interested in the Farmers Union for years and knew of its importance as an organization. But now its importance seems doubled, for to him, it is the hope for the future on the home front. We are gaining on the battle front and victory may be in sight; but what of the home front? Are we building for a future where there will be security and peace for all or are we too busy to think about the future?

In times of war, everyone is busy with their homes, crops, cows, and pigs; too busy to attend local meetings, stockholders meetings, or to care how their co-operatives are being run; too busy to even do any reading. Are you one of these "too busy" people or are you still finding time to attend meetings; to build an organization?

So we must all once more ask the question, "Am I doing my part; am I helping to build the Farmers Union and the Co-operative Movement?"

Attend local meetings, learn more about your organization, and don't allow dissension or discord to turn you from the path which lies ahead. Then, and not until then, each one of us can say, "Yes, I am doing my part."—Charlotte Holtz, Member State Education Committee, Montana.

Camp Season Closes

The 1944 KFU Reserve camp season closes with the Pottawatomie-Wabauunsee Camp near St. Marys, Aug. 20-22. Every camp of the seven has been a demonstration of loyalty and co-operation on the part of officers, leaders, mothers and children. No camp sites have been elaborate, no kitchens well equipped. But enjoyment has been the rule and management has been efficient. Farm women most certainly know how to give a homelike atmosphere to schoolrooms and vacant houses, and they know how to prepare appetizing and wholesome meals under most primitive arrangements.

The county camp program is assured. It is the brief inexpensive outing that farm boys and girls love, and that parents so often have wished to give their children. And it should be noted that the camps are not merely an experience of play, for the battle of knowledge wages strong at the camps. The Farmers Union triangle of education, co-operation and legislation takes on workable meanings to youthful members, and wholesome alert minds recognize organization and co-operation as a necessary tool in good citizenship.

Junior Aims

In this KUF we are printing the Farmers Union Junior aims. These have entered into discussions at camp this summer, and many young people are learning the aims as a part of the year's achievement work. This copy can now be clipped and put in scrapbooks for frequent review.

Knowing the words is worthless without understanding the meaning; knowing the meaning is useless without actual work to do. Juniors and Reserves are first builders of their own F. U.

In school and in our home reading are we learning all we can about the problems of agriculture? Do we know the principles of successful co-operatives, and do we help our parents make the co-operatives in our communities FIRST in all our buying and selling, even though we are selling only 20 broilers, or buying one bar of candy? Do we carefully read and discuss at home and in bar of candy? Do we carefully read and discuss at home and in bar of candy? Do we carefully read and discuss at home and in bar of candy?

Juniors and Reserves, the idealism of the Junior aims are great, but they are not beyond our reach. We CAN understand the meaning of a better world, and we CAN make Farmers Union help us attain that world.

THE JUNIOR PAGE

ESTHER EKBLAD VOORHIES, DIRECTOR, Salina, Kansas

THURSDAY, AUGUST 24, 1944

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Aims of the Junior Program

TO BUILD—

1. A better world, by building better citizens—ourselves.
2. Tolerance and understanding in ourselves to insure liberty and justice to all.
3. An understanding of the problems of agriculture which we must face as we grow older.
4. A strong militant organization which will help us to solve these problems.
5. Co-operatives, that the wealth of the farms may not be centralized in the hands of a few.
6. Economic democracy, that we may safeguard political democracy.
7. Love of our fellowman, whatever his race, creed or color.
8. A war-less world.

First Mitchell Camp Success

The first camp of the Mitchell County Junior Reserves was a success. Five girls and eight boys of the Bunker Hill Local began the two-day camp enthusiastically at 10 o'clock Monday morning, Aug. 14, a few miles southeast of Glen Elder.

Campers and leaders started immediately with the regular schedule of games, singing and classes. Mrs. Floyd Rominger, education director of the Bunker Hill Local, taught the class on weeds. In one class they had a short quiz and in another drew some good illustrations of kinds and effects of weeds. The workbook, "Working Together," was used in classes led by Mrs. Ruby Henningsen and Mrs. Esther Voorhies. These classes were concluded by pasting in the books pictures of co-operatives and of the local, state and national officers.

Make Bracelets

Each afternoon, the campers enjoyed making red, blue and gold bracelets out of Lustre Lace. Besides being useful, the bracelets made good souvenirs.

Having the camp at a vacant farmhouse made it possible to arrange a very efficient kitchen. And the mothers and leaders prepared delicious meals from farm products which they and the campers brought with them. Besides Mrs. Rominger and her sister, Lois Porter, a junior, these mothers did the kitchen work: Mrs. Elmer Moyer, Mrs. Ed Weidenhaft, Mrs. W. R. Carpenter, Mrs. Arnold Schellinger, Mrs. Ray Weidenhaft and Mrs. C. M. Porter. Of course, the campers came in for some K.P. duty on the dishes.

Storm Makes It Rough

Cold drinks in the afternoon and the cool shade under the trees along the creek helped to make the camp days pleasant. A night of real "roughing it" was almost ruined when a storm came up and the campers had to move in from the pasture across the creek about four o'clock in the morning. But not too much sleep was lost and they had another lively camp day which ended with the picnic supper and program for the parents.

On the program the group sang the songs, "Oh, What a Beautiful Morning," "There's Someone in the Kitchen with Dinah," and "One, Two, Three, Four," acting out the first two as they sang; then all gave the Farmers Union Creed together. Mrs. Rominger led a short quiz on "Weeds" and Mrs. Henningsen led one on "Working Together." Then Fredrick and Gail Weidenhaft presented a little play, "United We Stand." The boys gave a dramatization of "Soldiers of the Soil" while the girls sang the song. Then the girls sang "The Happy Plowman" and the boys, "The Old Christolm Trail." Several folk dances were demonstrated by the

Beauty Blind

The maple boughs, as breezes pass
On summer afternoons;
Make shadow pictures on the grass...
She scours the silver spoons...

The rose that grows beside her door
Is heavenly with bloom;
Pink petals drift across the floor...
She hastens for the broom.

The brown thrush on the old stone wall
Will chant his soul away;
She does not hear his song at all...
This is her ironing day.

The sunset paints the spacious skies
Oh, gloriously indeed;
But while the day in splendor dies...
She stoops to pull a weed.

Program Service Is Out Again

If you have been holding your regular local meetings during the summer months, no doubt you have missed the Program Service, which is issued every month of the year except July and August.

The September issue is just out and has some very good material for your next local meeting.

Mrs. Lulu Evanson, education director for the North Dakota Farmers Union has written an inspiring message to the local, "A New Voice." Notice particularly "Men Under God" by Leo Perlis, and "One Universal Fraternity" by Raymond Blaine Fosdick, articles on peace with worldwide co-operation. Then there is a clever puppet play which is "Pure Applesauce." And don't forget the regular legislative, co-operative, and membership columns which will help your respective secretaries to give timely reports to the local.

The Program Service is a free service published by the Education Service of the National Farmers Union for local leaders, program directors and secretaries. If you would like to be on the mailing list to receive the Program Service, write to the State Farmers Union office, Box 296, Salina.

Farmer Now Goes to Egypt

The KANSAS UNION FARMER now has a subscriber in former German-occupied area in Egypt. A subscription has just been received from the General Trading and Supply Company, P. O. Box 2, Port Said, Egypt.

boys and girls and the camp was closed by parents and campers forming the goodnight circle for "Viva la Compagnie" and "Taps."

Jewell Juniors Hold Camp at Superior, Neb.

The Jewell County Junior Reserve camp opened Thursday afternoon, Aug. 11, and nineteen boys and girls, including three from Nebraska, arrived eager for a few days of singing, games, folk dancing, swimming and outdoor classes.

The first evening was spent throwing darts and playing games and dancing. Swimming had to be given up that evening because the pool had been cleaned and was not yet full. But there was time to look over and appreciate the surroundings which were Superior, Nebraska's, lovely park. And the Boy Scout cottage made a perfect setting for a camp site. The campers and leaders are grateful to the scouts for lending their cottage, which was used as a dining room and store room for bedding and other camp equipment. Sleeping quarters were out on the ground under the trees and the stars.

Play First

The boys and girls were always up bright and early, sometimes having a short ball game before breakfast. Each day there were more games, dancing and classes. Two of the reserve study units were used. "Everyday Insects" was an interesting topic and one class included a short field trip to gather specimens. The other unit was the new work book, "Working Together." Parts of it often led to some valuable discussions. Class teachers were Mrs. Ruby Henningsen, county education director, and Mrs. Esther Voorhies, state education director.

Mothers and leaders took turns changing the fresh vegetables, eggs, etc., brought by the campers into carefully prepared meals. Those who helped were Mrs. Erling Dahl, Mrs. Doris Graham, Mrs. Norma Thomas, Mrs. Glenn Paul and Mrs. Derald Decker. Little Joan Decker was a visitor the last day.

Visit Creamery

The main event of each afternoon, and of one evening, was swimming in the pool nearby. The swims were a gift of the Farmers Union Co-operative Creamery at Superior, and they certainly helped to shorten the hot, sultry days. An hour or two was spent doing handicraft each afternoon. And one day the boys and girls visited the Creamery and found out how that good Farmers Union butter is made.

The wiener roast Friday evening at the Scouts' outdoor fireplace was enjoyed even more than the watermelon at a park table had been the evening before.

2-County Camp Plans Progress

At this writing plans are going ahead nicely for the Pottawatomie-Wabauunsee Camp, Aug. 20 thru 22. The camp, which will be set up at the Sandy Hook school house southeast of St. Marys, promises to be just the thing to bring a few days of outdoor classes and recreation to the Junior Reserves of the two counties. Incidentally, it is close enough to drive into St. Marys for swimming.

Rhubarb leaves contain oxalic acid which makes them poisonous for eating, but they may be used to brighten aluminum pans. Boil the leaves in water in the darkened pot or pan. The interior will brighten within a few minutes. Be sure to wash the interior thoroughly afterwards.

NEWS FROM K. F. U. CO-OPERATIVES

Day by Day with FUJA

By JOHN VESECKY

Canada Board To Put Floor Under Products

The Canadian House of Commons passed unanimously a bill creating a board of three members to determine minimum floor prices for agricultural products, including processed meats and poultry. Under the program wheat minimums would be provided by the present Canadian Wheat Board. A revolving fund of \$200,000,000 is being provided. Government is to take both the possible loss or profit resulting from the operation.

Under the bill the board may buy the products from producers and resell to consumers or it can permit the products to move through regular channels and pay the producers the difference between the price the producer receives and the floor price. The board is to try to secure a fair relationship (parity) between the returns from agricultural products and those from other occupations.

The Canadian Wheat Board, which now handles all grain produced in Canada, announced that an initial delivery equal to five bushels per authorized acre on wheat, and five bushels per seeded acre on oats and barley was declared. The range of prices on wheat was announced as basis carlots, delivered Fort Williams or Vancouver, from \$1.25 per bushel downward according to grade.

Fertilizer Supply Short

Superphosphate fertilizers will probably fall about 20 per cent below the 1944-45 goal of 10,000,000 tons. The production for the current fertilizer year is estimated at about 8,000,000 tons.

While this is somewhat higher than the 6,800,000 tons produced last year, it still is less than should be used to make up the loss of fertility during war years. The annual fertility loss is estimated to be equal to 7,500,000 tons of fertilizer. Nitrogen fertilizers will also be short. Both sulphuric acid and nitric acid, which are the bases for most fertilizers, are needed in ordnance production.

Figure Shrink When Storing

In figuring whether it will pay to store wheat under government loan the farmer should not forget to figure natural shrink and loss. Experiments indicate that 11 per cent moisture wheat does not shrink, except the loss in handling. Twelve per cent wheat will shrink from 0 to 1 per cent. Thirteen per cent will shrink 1½ per cent and 14 per cent moisture will shrink 2 per cent. Wheat will hold at about 12 per cent if stored at that moisture content.

Co-ops Do Not Want Monopoly

E. A. Syftestad, general manager of the Farmers Union Central Exchange of St. Paul, Minn., concluded his column in the August issue of the Farmers Union Herald with the following words:

"All business men are not opposed to co-ops. There are

many business men, representing large and small business, who deal fairly with the co-ops in their everyday transactions.

"The co-ops do not want to interfere in the affairs of private business. Neither do they expect or want a monopoly of all business. But they are going to continue to grow, become more efficient and be of more and more service to their members. The managements of the co-ops are going to take whatever steps are necessary to protect their rights."

Manager Syftestad is quite right in saying that co-operatives do not expect or want a monopoly of all business. Co-operatives were brought into existence by the greed of those having control of certain lines of business, and have grown most rapidly in such lines of business as were taking the most unconscionable margin of profit. They will continue to grow in size and to enter new fields as long as so-called free enterprise or private enterprise persists in exacting unjustifiable profits in any line of business or service or tries to keep co-operatives from free and equitable access to all the markets or sources of supply.

We Scrapped Floors Before . . .

Wonder if we will ever learn.

In 1919 and 1920 when wheat prices were pegged, at first, and then only a floor was left under them, we farmers decried, discussed, cursed and resolved that putting a floor under prices in effect puts a ceiling on prices and that all that was needed to bring wheat back up to where it was before the price was pegged, that is, \$3.25 per bushel at country points, was to remove the floor from under prices. Well, the floor was removed and after 10 years of effort, wheat, by climbing up 10 cents and sliding down 15 cents, finally reached the last two figures of the desired price. It was 25 cents per bushel. Farmers and elevator managers should be careful not to complain of the floor under prices lest history repeat itself and we find under the floor a bottomless pit of poverty instead of a ladder to prosperity. Better frugal fare which we may eat with our family in security than the promise of a Barmecide feast.

An Inventor at Large in Topeka

On Wednesday, Aug. 2, your writer started out to call on some of our member co-operatives in northeastern Kansas, but just as the car and writer entered Topeka the car went on a strike. While waiting for the repairs to be finished we got a chance to visit with Joe Seaman, manager of the Topeka F.U.J.A. branch and Superintendent McCall of our Topeka Terminal elevator.

We learned while talking with Mr. Seaman that our Terminal under Mr. McCall's management earned an award as being one of the very few terminal elevators in the United States that operated through all of 1943 without any accidents or injuries to the employees.

Superintendent McCall is also quite an inventor. Last year he rigged up a patent to pull out, mechanically, all the grain doors at one pull so that the wheat is released in just a fraction of the

time it used to take before and the doors are left in good condition, so they can be used again to cooper up cars for loading with grain.

This year Mr. McCall rigged up a mechanical invention that pulls the wheat unloading scoops back to the ends of the car thus saving the time and the hard work of following the scoop from the end to the door with a load and then dragging it back thru the wheat. Now one man is posted at each end of the car to set the scoops in the wheat as they come to him and one man is at the door to dump the scoops as they bring their loads to the car door. It seems no time after the door puller is set to pull the grain doors before the grain is out and the car puller is snaking another loaded car over the grain sumps.

Celebrations A Good Thing

As President E. K. Dean was very much present at the celebration of the 25th anniversary of the founding of the St. Mary's Farmers Union Co-operative Assn., we will not try to write it up. We will only suggest to our other co-operatives that they also celebrate the important anniversaries of their co-operative, and also of the local Unions. A well advertised, well conducted, and especially a well attended celebration calls the attention of the general public to our organizations and the work they are doing. At each of these celebrations some member of the association should in a conservative dignified way, call attention to the aims and the accomplishments of our co-operatives and of the mother organization, the Farmers Union, so the public knows what we are doing and what are our aims for the future.

Proposes Two More Agencies

We would suggest two new alphabetical setups in our government, the first is the OPARDA or the OPA Ruling Definition Administration, whose job it would be to define the terms used in OPA regulations. Then we would need an OPARDAEB, or the OPA Ruling Definition Administration Explanation Bureau to explain the definitions made by the OPARDA. Then of course we might need some setup to clarify the explanations of the OPARDAEB, but as we are running out of alphabets we might have to stop. Anyhow we believe that some time in the dim past when the Chinese were in about the same phase of civilization as we presently are they were plagued by an alphabetical organization complex and in order to get rid of the plague the wily Chinese abolished the alphabet altogether and so got rid of the whole shebang at one fell swoop.

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Live Stock Sales

Of Farmers Union Livestock Co-operative, Kansas City, Mo.

CATTLE

Clinton Co., Missouri	21 steers	1073	15.75
Osage Co., Kansas	25 steers	1100	15.25
Lyon Co., Kansas	14 steers	1100	14.75
Orlando Co., Okla.	43 steers & heifers	580	13.50
Osage Co., Kansas	55 steers	992	13.25
Osage Co., Kansas	10 heifers	652	12.50
Coffey Co., Kansas	35 steers	874	12.00
Anderson Co., Kansas	40 steers	954	11.85
Wabaunse Co., Kansas	13 heifers	820	11.00
Clay Co., Missouri	27 heifers	701	10.90
Henry Co., Missouri	26 steers	990	10.50
Osage Co., Kansas	10 heifers	596	10.00
Russell Co., Kansas	21 steers	814	10.00
Pottawatomie Co., Kans.	12 heifers	615	9.25
Clinton Co., Missouri	18 heifers	590	9.00
Russell Co., Kansas	14 steers	640	9.00
Johnson Co., Kansas	37 heifers	717	8.75
Russell Co., Kansas	20 heifers	555	8.50
Johnson Co., Kansas	43 cows	907	8.15
Wyandotte Co., Kansas	34 cows	918	7.85
Mitchell Co., Kansas	13 cows	825	7.25
Russell Co., Kansas	13 cows	910	7.00
Wyandotte Co., Kansas	48 cows	700	5.75

HOGS

Norton Co., Kansas	15	209	14.50
Clay Co., Kansas	19	221	14.50
Linn Co., Kansas	19	235	14.50
Riley Co., Kansas	19	221	14.50
Jefferson Co., Kansas	18	208	14.50
Clay Co., Missouri	59	222	14.50
Superior, Nebraska	31	214	14.50
Crawford Co., Kansas	16	210	14.50
Anderson Co., Kansas	36	229	14.50
Cloud Co., Kansas	12	215	14.50
Livingston Co., Missouri	19	160	14.00
Anderson Co., Kansas	10	284	13.75
Lafayette Co., Missouri	12	146	13.75
Cloud Co., Kansas	11	300	13.75
Cloud Co., Kansas	13	301	13.75
Cloud Co., Kansas	10	268	13.75

SHEEP

Dickinson Co.	Dickinson Co., Kansas	260	83	14.00
F. Bur	Moniteau Co., Missouri	13	79	13.75
John Duber	Clay Co., Kansas	18	75	13.75
Wallace Fowles	Clinton Co., Missouri	20	87	13.75
Gearhart & E.	Norton Co., Kansas	13	72	13.50
R. A. Wiley	Franklin Co., Kansas	20	90	13.50
R. E. Chambers	Harrison Co., Missouri	36	65	13.25
B. O. Hudson				

Market Letter

from the

Farmers Union Livestock Commission,
South St. Joseph, Mo.

Best fed slaughter steers are closing the week fully steady, with some mediums and shortfed kinds around 25c lower, good to choice steers selling within a range of 15.25 to 16.75, medium to good 12.00 to 15.00. Top here this week was 17.25. Some fed western grass cattle sold from 15.00 to 16.00, with some medium kinds 11.60 to 14.75, common kinds 9.25 to 10.50.

Good to choice fed yearlings are fully steady with others 25c lower; best mixed yearlings 17.00, heifers 16.25, bulk of good and choice kinds 15.00 to 16.50, shortfed and grassy medium to good yearlings 10.50 to 14.50, common kinds 8.00 to 9.50. Cows are closing about steady, a few good cows 1.50 to 13.00, bulk of beef cows 8.00 to 11.00, canners and cutters mostly 6.00 to 7.50, with some shells down to 5.00. Bulls are about steady, a few beef bulls 11 to 12, bulk of bologna bulls 8 to 10, with some

lightweight kinds down to 7.50 and below.

There was a medium supply of stockers and feeders here this week, market slow, but about steady.

Veal calves 50c lower, top 13.00, bulk 11 to 12.50, common and mediums 8.00 to 10.00, culls 6.00 to 9.00, heavies 50c lower, few choice 12.00 to 13.00, bulk 11.00 to 12.00, common and medium 8.50 to 10.00, culls 6.50 to 8.50.

Hog market is steady, all good hogs 180 to 240 lbs., selling at ceiling price, 14.50, 240 lbs. up, selling 13.75; sows 400 lbs., and down 13.75, heavier sows 13.60 to 13.65; stags 13.75, down.

Choice lamb top 13.75, bulk of good lambs 13.00 to 13.50; medium to good, 11.50 to 12.50; culls 11.00 down. Two loads Idaho feeding lambs sold today at 13.00. Most just good yearlings to the killers selling 10.00 to 10.50; light fat ewes up to 4.75; medium to good 3.00 to 4.50, some very thin canners down to 2.00.

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McPherson Picnic Crowd Eats and Plays

250 Enjoy Outing at Johnson Park Near Lindsborg; Enjoy Informal Day

More than 250 McPherson County Farmers Union members took Thursday, Aug. 10, off from the fields to hold their annual county picnic at Johnson Park, southwest of Lindsborg.

The crowd, which began to gather at 10 a. m., had a basket dinner at 12:30 p. m.—with an abundance of food to spare. It was a little above 100 in the shade, and the location of the park, just south of the lake, made it a pleasant place, with a cool breeze off the lake.

Speeches were taboo—but horseshoes, visiting and a softball game (no one is sure how it came out) helped everyone have a splendid time. Many remained until after 6 p. m.

Education Pioneers

State President and Mrs. E. K. Dean, the county officers and co-operative employees were in the large group attending. The county officers are Niles Gibson, president; Reuben Peterson, vice-president; Homer Spence, secretary-treasurer, and Ralph Sjoström, education director.

The McPherson county union is one of the liveliest in the state. It was a pioneer with the educational program, and much interest and enthusiasm has been built up from that program. Mrs. Charles Olson, former educational director, was one of the first educational directors in Kansas and she has, through work at county and state camps, made a great contribution to the Farmers Union education program throughout the state.

Ralph Sjoström, who has succeeded Mrs. Olson, is carrying on an active program, which assures continued splendid accomplishments in McPherson county in the educational field.

Young Leader

Niles Gibson, McPherson president, is a young man serving his first term as county president, and he has taken over the work with an enthusiasm that assures real progress.

Reuben Peterson, vice-president, is a director of KFU, who has contributed to the Farmers Union movement both in his county and in the state.

Homer Spence, secretary, has served in that capacity for several years and has devoted much time to furthering Farmers Union Work.

4-Mile Local Holds Picnic

The Fourmile Local of Clay County held a picnic at Huntress Park, Clay Center, Friday, Aug. 18. Members arrived with well filled baskets for the late noon dinner, with those on hand first the crank-turners for the home-made ice cream.

Games, contests and swimming followed the dinner for the children, and good talk around the picnic tables for the adults. Special guests were Mrs. Ruby Henningsen and Mrs. Esther Voorhies of the Salina F. U. office.

Never drain the liquid from earned goods. Serve this nutritious liquid with food from the can or save to use in soups and sauces. If fruit juice, save for use in fruit beverages.

TIME OUT FOR McPHERSON PICNIC



A large group of McPherson County Farmers Union members took off Thursday, Aug. 10 to hold their annual picnic, settle horseshoe championships, do some hard visiting and enjoy a big dinner at Johnson Lake Park. Here is a general view of the picnic grounds, with a group of young people in the foreground who compose a splendid representation of the young people of the McPherson county organization. Both Niles Gibson, president of the county Union, and Ralph Sjoström, director of education, can be found in this group.



A horseshoe game in action at the McPherson county picnic. Clyde Swick, an employee of the FU produce station at McPherson, has just let loose of a shoe in one of the many games at the annual picnic. Horseshoes was one of the gents' principle entertainments.



McPherson county officials couldn't take time out from watching a horseshoe game for a picture—so here they are, as they watched. They are, left to right, Niles Gibson, president; Homer Reuben Peterson, vice-president and member of the KFU Board of Directors; Homer Spence, secretary, and Ralph Sjoström, director of education.

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Tom Hall, former FUJA field man now studying production and distribution of seeds, lauds KFU for starting a seed service because, he finds, farmers are subject to great abuses in the seed field.

KFU Central Co-operative Exchange has a hybrid seed corn service in operation. It is selling \$25,000 Certificates of Indebtedness to finance this needed co-operative activity.

We are sure you would help if we called on you. Why not do it by mail? Use this convenient coupon and send in your subscription to KFU Central Co-operative's Certificates of Indebtedness:

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When producers get the hybrid seed corn bug—and good seed to display—they are incurable salesmen, like Walter Arnold, a KFU hybrid seedcorn producer near Lindsborg. Walter displayed these ears of KFU 100 (US13) and KFU 300 (III.201) at the McPherson county picnic. He is an enthusiast about the quality of KFU seed. These ears, from his own fields, were still soft and not fully matured, but are assurance that there will be a crop even if there isn't any more rain.

Tom Hall Says Seed Service Fills Big Need

Former FUJA Field Man Now Studying Seed Handling For FCA

Development of a co-operative seed program will help to straighten out a field in which farmers have been subjected to some of the worst abuses, in the opinion of Tom Hall, former FUJA field man now in the research division of the Farm Credit Administration.

Mr. Hall was a recent visitor at the Kansas Farmers Union office. He left FUJA a year and a half ago, and is well known to co-operative managers and boards throughout the state. Hall, stationed in Washington, says he likes to work there but doesn't like to live in the capital city.

Mr. Hall was recently assigned to study the production, marketing and distribution of seeds. He left Washington July 19 on a field trip to interview seed marketing association and grain co-operatives. His first stop was Amarillo, Texas, where he visited Producers Co-operative Association, then Yuma, Los Angeles, Portland and Seattle.

At Seattle he visited the Washington Egg & Poultry Association, which is the only co-operative in the United States engaged in producing and marketing garden seeds. They have in 700 acres of garden crops for seed and 200 acres for the government for use by lend-lease. He went to Walla Walla, stopped at Denver and came to Salina. He will go from Salina to Enid, Okla., and then back to Kansas City to visit Farmers Union Jobbing Ass'n.

Hall was very interested in the Kansas Farmers Union hybrid seed corn program, spending a half day visiting about its operations and plans. He feels that the Kansas Farmers Union is to be complimented on its development of such a seed program, for, because of the abuses in the seed field, it is one of the most fruitful services on which KFU might have embarked.

Mrs. Hall and Larry—a baby when the Halls left Kansas but now a 2-years-old—came as far as St. Louis with Tom and then Mrs. Hall went to visit her mother in Kansas.

Hall was with FUJA for nearly six years. He looks splendid and enjoys his work.

Resolution Of Sympathy

Whereas it has pleased Almighty God in His infinite wisdom and goodness to call from this life our brother member, Cpl. Julius T. Gibson, Jr., who gave his life for our country; whereas his death has caused sorrow to his parents and brothers;

Therefore Be It Resolved: That we, the members of Scandia Local No. 1152 of McPherson, Kansas, extend to the bereaved family our deepest and sincerest sympathy in this their hour of sorrow; and

Be It Further Resolved: That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved family, a copy be placed on our local record, and one be sent to the Kansas Union Farmer for publication.

Homer R. Spence,
Burdette Larson,
President,
Secretary.