

Emergency School Aid Backed by FU

Bill Provides Support Until Refinancing Laws Are Passed

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Meriting our support is the Dietrich House Bill No. 148, for emergency school aid, that has now been introduced in the Legislature.

If passed it will give state support in the amount of \$25 per child in elementary schools and \$30 per pupil in high schools, with the funds coming from income taxes, sales taxes, the general fund, or other state tax sources.

This bill is considered an emergency measure to relieve the immediate financial straits caused by war conditions, and also the difficulties brought about by long time inequalities in school taxation.

The Farmers Union School Committee supports the bill as an emergency measure to tide the schools over until elementary and high school reorganization and refinancing laws can be passed and take effect.

Bill Is Sound

The state support provided in this bill is logical. State support through indirect taxes brings all citizens into the support of public education. The general property tax is paid by the few; all the people of the state pay indirect taxes. The state now has a huge surplus of funds in the treasury, a part of which should be used immediately for schools.

The teacher shortage in the state can in part be chalked up to school budgets that can't pay adequate salaries. Even before the war, well trained teachers left the profession for better paying jobs, or went to other states. State aid can make it possible for more schools to pay good wages—and stay within their budgets. Kansas today is far below the average of what states allocate in aid to schools. The average among the states is one-third. Kansas now gives only 8.6 per cent state aid.

It is desirable that Section 7 be eliminated from the Dietrich Bill. That section bars elementary school districts with valuations of \$200,000 and high schools with \$250,000 valuations from any benefits under the bill.

Write to your Representative and ask that he support the Dietrich Emergency School Aid bill, but without Section 7.

The Elementary School Bill has just been reported. Write your Representative for a copy of it—House Bill No. 190. Drastic changes have been made in the measure since it was first explained to Farmers Union members. The School Committee will have a letter to locals on the bill very soon.

REA-MVA

The Farmers Union is backing establishment of a Missouri Valley Authority (MVA) to provide, along with flood control and irrigation, low-cost electricity.

REA lines can make this low-cost electricity available to farmers.

REA-MVA together make a great combination in the service of the family farmers for whom the Farmers Union stands.

Help this valuable pair to grow and thrive.

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You Invest in the Future

That's What You Do with a Contribution to the Farmers Union Budget Fund

An Editorial

*I shot an arrow into the air,
It fell to earth I know not where...*

*I breathed a song into the air,
It fell to earth I knew not where...*

*Long, long afterward, in an oak
I found my arrow, still unbroke;
And the song, from beginning to end,
I found again in the heart of a friend.*

—Longfellow

THE Farmers Union Budget Fund campaign, in which farm people as individuals and their local and county organizations and co-operative businesses are asked to take part, now is at the height of its progress.

February 15 to March 15 is the period during which every Farmers Union organization is urged to conduct some fund-raising activity and every individual member to make some contribution.

The goal is to build up financial strength behind a strong Kansas Farmers Union and help to build a National Expansion fund of "\$45,000 in '45."

If you are a farmer and a member of your Farmers Union Local, now is the time to make a contribution over and above the annual dues you pay.

If you are an officer in your Local or County Farmers Union, now is the time—if it hasn't been done—to organize a pie social, box supper, or some other entertainment that will yield a good sum to the Budget Fund.

If you are a member of the board of directors of a Farmers Union co-operative business—creamery, grain elevator, store, oil co-op, or any other—now is the time to initiate

action on the part of the board to authorize a contribution to the Budget Fund.

Already, this crucial year, 1945, is well begun. Already the Budget Fund period, Feb. 15-March 15, is well along. It is later than you think.

AT THE moment you sign your check for the Farmers Union Budget Fund, you cannot possibly foresee the good you will do. One action makes possible another; the chain of circumstances leads off into the future.

Toss a stone into a still pond. The circle of waves spreads out from it until they affect the entire pond, and everything that touches it. So with your action in support of the Farmers Union. The chain of events you have helped to set in motion spreads far beyond your vision.

Sing a loud, cheery song in the field on a bright morning. The man over the hill, well out of your vision, will be helped to carry his load.

"I breathed a song into the air," wrote the poet. When you help to build the Farmers Union, you breathe a song into the air. You do good for your fellow men, even thought you "know not where."

You cannot follow the flight of the song, yet some day you find it again in the heart of a friend. You cannot pierce the future to see the diverse ways and times the chain of events (ever-spreading circle of waves) that your good deed set in motion will touch the lives of your fellow men.

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Reed Calls KFU Farmers 'Screw-Ball'

Throws Slur by Inference in Aubrey Williams Blast

Senator Clyde M. Reed appears to have a high opinion of the Kansas farm people who belong to the Farmers Union. He considers them "economic screw-balls."

That's what Aubrey Williams is, an "economic screw-ball," he said, and added that Williams should have stayed in his job as organizer for the Farmers Union because "he fits in with that organization quite well."

Thus by inference the Senator from Kansas included every Farmers Union member not only in Kansas but in the nation in his slur.

This high opinion of Farmers Union people was expressed in a blast at Williams that the Senator addressed to KFU President E. K. Dean.

"I expect to oppose the confirmation of Aubrey Williams as head of the REA," Reed wrote. "... He should have stayed in his job as organizer for the Farmers Union. He fits in with that organization quite well..."

"As a member of the committee voting funds for REA, I don't want any economic 'screw-ball' at the head of it."

Also Wallace

Men like Reed who are fighting Williams also have fought Wallace—and have supported the private power trust, which quite definitely does not want a man like Aubrey Williams at the head of REA because he would think in terms of the farmers' welfare, not of nice high prices for power.

As to Williams' qualifications for this job, see story on this page. Meanwhile, here's a sidelight on Senator Reed of Kansas, reported from Washington by columnist Drew Pearson:

Members of Congress, he said, frequent the navy's new, streamlined hospital at Bethesda, Md., where they get private rooms on the seventeenth floor, with a beautiful view of the Maryland countryside, for a flat, cut rate of \$5 a day.

"The other day Senator Clyde Reed of Kansas arrived at the hospital," Pearson reports. "It was a busy day. The senator was forced to wait for a moment in front of the reception desk, then in charge of Miss Clyde Kelly..."

Demand Service

"Impatient, the Senator from Kansas finally burst forth: 'I'm Senator Reed. What about some service?'"

"The hospital is short-handed and no messengers were present at the moment to show the Senator to his room. So Miss Kelly volunteered. 'Will you take the elevator to your room, Senator?' she suggested.

"Certainly," he stormed, "You don't think I'm going to walk do you?"

"Would you like me to carry your bag?" volunteered Miss Kelly.

"I certainly would," shot back the senator. "I think I rate some service around here."

"Miss Kelly did not ask how much he expected for \$5 a day for a room with nursing, medicine and doctor's services thrown in.

Present Kansas Law Puts County Extension Agent in Dishonest Double Role

To the State Senators and Representatives of Kansas:

Would you want the Power Trust to contribute to the financial support of the school teachers in this state?

Would you want the United States Chamber of Commerce, or any other private pressure group, to have a powerful voice in determining what they teach—or to be able to require that those who have paid its membership dues must be taught first?

The county agricultural extension agents in Kansas are public teachers, the field agents of Kansas State College and the United States Department of Agriculture.

The American Farm Bureau Federation is a private group, seeking, just as the Power Trust or the United States Chamber of Commerce, to perpetuate a point of view that man, or may not, jibe with the public good.

Yet the American Farm Bureau Federation is able to use the Kansas Extension agents to promote its aims and do its chores.

The letter reproduced on Page 5 is a clear example. The county extension agent here is drumming up a meeting for the Farm Bureau. The purpose of the meeting is to promote the Farm Bureau.

The letter goes out over the county agent's signature on stationery showing the organization to which he devotes his public-paid-for time to be affiliated with the Kansas Farm Bureau and the American Farm Bureau Federation.

And so thoroughly is the county agent's thinking that of a Farm Bureau employe, as distinct from the thinking of an independent public teacher, that he glows over the fact

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Williams Praised as Top Administrator

REA of Great Postwar Importance to Farmers

The confirmation of Aubrey Williams to head the Rural Electrification Administration still hung fire this week, as did that of Henry A. Wallace for secretary of commerce.

Farmers Union members thru Kansas and the nation were among the people continuing their active support of these two men, who are alike in championing the welfare of the common people. (Their nominations are being fought also by the same group. See story at right.)

As to Williams' qualifications to head the Rural Electrification Administration, an agency of the greatest postwar importance to farmers, Ernest Lindley, a seasoned Washington correspondent, wrote:

"He is an experienced public administrator who has dealt with large affairs. He is enterprising.

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GI 'Bill of Rights' Offers 'Guarantee' but No Money

Men, Girls Both Eligible For Backing

The plan—such as it is—for a government guarantee of loans to returned soldiers for the purchase of land or equipment now is in operation. It became effective on Feb. 1.

Uncle Sam under this "GI Bill of Rights" is not lending the World War II veteran any money. It is up to the veteran to find his own lender—the bank, private individual, government lending agency of whatever it may be.

Nor is Uncle Sam giving any money away. The full loan has to be paid back some time by somebody.

The government under this GI act is simply strengthening the veteran's credit by guaranteeing repayment of part of the loan.

What part? The government can guarantee up to 50 per cent of the loan—but the guarantee cannot exceed \$2,000.

Thus, for example, if the lender requires the full 50 per cent guarantee, the most a veteran could borrow under this law would be \$4,000. If, however, the lender requires the guarantee to cover only 25 per cent of the amount, then under this law a veteran could borrow \$8,000.

Buy Land, Equipment

For what uses can a veteran get a guaranteed loan under this "GI Bill of Rights?"

He can get a guaranteed loan to buy a farm and to equip it with the buildings, livestock, machinery and other equipment necessary for operation.

Or he can get a loan to alter or repair buildings or equipment to be used in bona fide farm operations.

Or he can borrow the money to build a home on or off a farm. And, under the proper circumstances, he can obtain a loan to pay delinquent debts, taxes or

other special assessments against a residential property.

He cannot, as the law is being interpreted, get a loan for operating purposes—that is, for such items as feed, seed, fertilizer, gas, oil and family living expenses.

Few Loans Seen

Most guesses were, as this program went into effect, that not many veterans would buy farms under the "GI Bill of Rights." Private lenders were not expected to go much beyond \$4,000, the sum of which the government would guarantee repayment of half, and \$4,000 isn't enough to buy much of a farm.

Veterans lucky enough to own or rent a farm and needing some capital to equip it were expected to be the principal borrowers.

Veterans needing operating loans would be eligible to borrow from the Farm Security Administration—but FSA's present loan funds are far from adequate to handle any important demand from this source.

In fact, FSA, clipped down by Congress, expects to run out of any loan funds at all by about mid-April—at the peak of its spring demand. It then will remain moneyless until after the new fiscal year begins on July 1.

Draw 4 Per Cent

Loans made on land under the GI Act are limited to 20 years. Non-real estate loans are to be repaid well within the useful life of the chattel security.

Second-mortgage loans may be

guaranteed if the first mortgage is held, guaranteed or insured by a federal agency. The second-mortgage guarantee, however, may not exceed 20 per cent of the purchase price of the item or property for which the loan is made.

How does a veteran go about getting a guaranteed loan if he wants one?

Three Steps

As officially explained, there are three major steps:

First, the veteran finds the farm or other item he wants to buy.

Second, he finds somebody who will sign the agreement to lend him the money.

Third, the veteran and the proposed lender jointly make application to the nearest office of the Veterans' Administration for a loan guarantee and for a certification of the veteran's eligibility to borrow.

From that point on, the veteran sorts of waits for the machinery to grind out his loan.

There is a local "advisory" committee that he may or may not, as he likes, go to for counsel. Contact man for this committee is the county agricultural extension agent.

The Veterans' Administration certifies to the lender that the veteran (that's you) is eligible for the guaranteed loan. It also gives the lender instructions as to obtaining proper appraisal.

If the loan is to be on land, the appraisal is to be made by the Farm Credit Administration if

the Veterans' Administration so requests.

FSA Certifies

When the appraisal and all other details are completed, all the documents on the loan are to be forwarded to the "veterans' agricultural loan committee," which is the local, three-member committee of the FSA.

This group "certifies" as to whether the loan is a good one for the government to guarantee. It bases its decision on such points as the value of the property in relation to the loan and the chances of the veteran making a success of farming.

Final approval, after this committee has said "yes," then will be made by the Veterans' Administration.

Every World War II veteran (male or female) who has left the armed services under circumstances other than dishonorable and who saw active service of 90 days or more, or was retired in less than 90 days because of injury or disability incurred in line of duty, is eligible for a GI-guaranteed loan.

Mankato Local

The Mankato Local No. 1848 met at the Lamb Schoolhouse on Wednesday, Feb. 7. A good crowd attended, considering the bad roads and so much sickness.

Plans are underway to get our seed potatoes in the near future. The members have saved a good many dollars this past year by buying their fruit and potatoes. Also we got a better grade of the same.

Ladies' Men's Nights Add Zest to Ellsworth Meetings

Ladies' Night:

According to all reports, "Ladies' Night" at the Ellsworth County meeting, Jan. 9, was a success. Judging by all the complimentary remarks made by the men, the ladies can feel their efforts worthwhile. There were a few who said they would "like to get even," so we assure them they will have their chance at the February meeting, when it will be "Men's night."

The program opened with remarks by the program director, Mrs. Frank Urbanek. The "Creed" was recited, with Mrs. Carl Kohls, Jr., leading. "Let Me Call You Sweetheart" was sung by the ladies to the men and visa versa.

Reading—"Now You Know," by Mrs. Walter Schultz; Message to Local—Hubertine Mog; Skit—"A Woman for President"—Mrs. Earl Tucker and Mrs. Erma Palmquist; Poems—"Prairie Mother" by Mrs. Cale Cochran and "Pa" by Mrs. Fred Mog.

"The Kitchen Cabinet Orchestra," with all the ladies who were in the remainder of the program. They played two numbers, "Margie," and "Bicycle Built for Two." Mrs. Joe Prochaska conducted a "Farmers Union Quiz"; Reading, "A Farm Wife's Evenin' Song," Mrs. Pat Nash.

"Mix-up Sisters," a troupe of acrobats, Mrs. Wm. Hunter, Mrs. Walter Schultz, Mrs. Emil Barta and Hubertine Mog; Reading, "Things Men Won't Touch," by Mrs. Gilbert Suelter.

The business meeting proved very interesting with 125 members attending. The main item was a panel, with each member of the panel presenting a different topic. This plan was used so that people would get an idea of what topics could be used in other meetings.

The following participated: Cale Cochran, leader; Mrs. P. J. Nash, "Co-operation"; Wilbert Ellrich, "MVA"; Mrs. Joe Prochaska, "Proposed School Legislation"; Joe Prochaska, "REA"; Mrs. Carl Kohls, Jr., "Membership"; and Frank Urbanek, "Roads." After each presented his topic, questions were asked by the audience. The response was very good. H. E. Kline was appointed program director for the "Men's night" program in February.

Men's Night:

The Farmers Union Hall, Tuesday, Feb. 13, was the scene of another interesting meeting of the Ellsworth County Local, chaired by Cale Cochran, president.

Reports by the legislative and membership secretaries were very interesting. Pat Nash, legislative secretary, reported on the tax committee hearing at Topeka regarding bill to impose state income tax on co-operatives.

This bill appears to be promoted by the National Tax Equality Association. The bills on proposed school legislation and roads were discussed also. Chester Chapman, membership secretary, brought out many interesting items which were discussed.

Mrs. Frank Urbanek, program director, discussed the low quality and high prices of work clothes and children's clothes. She urged the ladies to put pressure on their congressmen to correct this situation.

Winners Announced

Winners of the "Slogan Contest" sponsored by the Ellsworth County Farmers Co-op Union were announced. First prize of \$10 in trade was won by Ralph Doubrava Jr.; second prize of \$5 in trade won by Mrs. Ed Kohls; third prize of \$1 was won by Shirley Hunter, a Junior Reserve.

It was voted to have a dance after Lent for the Expansion Fund. Mrs. Fred Mog, Mrs. Frank Urbanek and Will Hysell were appointed to the dance committee.

A proposal was made to contact an REA representative to tell us about the possibilities of organizing an REA co-op in Ellsworth County.

The interesting business meeting was followed by an entertaining program under the direction of H. E. Kline. Kansas Farmers Union President E. K. Dean gave an interesting talk on "Economy of Scarcity vs. Economy of Abundance."

Other Farmers Union topics were discussed too. A reading—"The Women, God Bless 'Em," was given by Cale Cochran, Walter Schultz, Wilbert Ellrich and Fred Lutz, each taking a part. Pat Nash read a poem on rationing.

Refreshments of sandwiches, cookies and coffee were served.—Hubertine Mog, reporter.

Buying Insurance?

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Let KFU have your business.

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Now's Time to Express Your Views, Dean Tells Farmers

Attack on Co-ops Among Top Issues

The time has come for farmers, as citizens of their state and members of the Farmers Union, to act—to take part in shaping the laws under which they will live.

Thus in a letter to county and local presidents, secretaries and legislative secretaries, E. K. Dean, president of the Kansas Farmers Union, called for farm support.

The major bills are in now, he pointed out, and the process of lawmaking has begun. Farmers should let their views be known.

He listed five legislative issues to which farmers need to give attention:

The attempt of enemies of the co-op movement to have the savings of co-operatives taxed as income;

The bills providing for a major revamping of the state's entire school system;

The move for a constitutional amendment to permit a graduated land tax (and the amendment tacked on it to eliminate the present \$200 personal property exemption);

The 267-million dollar highway expansion program;

And the bill to impose a production tax on crude oil.

The KFU president's letter follows in full:

February 19 was the final day for the introduction of bills by individual members of the Kansas Legislature. In all probability most bills of major importance now have been introduced. Some may, of course, be introduced through committees.

One of the most important issues before this Legislature arises in House Bill No. 164 and Senate Bill No. 170, which are companion measures designed to amend the Kansas income tax law in such manner that the savings of co-operatives will be taxed before they are paid out to the members.

The opponents of co-operatives have taken this approach with the thought in mind that they can get individuals to support such a bill, since it exempts the individual from paying tax on these earnings after the co-operative has paid tax on them.

If this destructive program were carried through to the federal government, it would se-

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Directors and Managers of Overbrook Co-operative Pose at Annual Meeting for Kansas FU Cameraman



These nine men (above) are the directors of the Farmers Union Co-operative Association of Overbrook, Kan. They are, front row, left to right: Floyd Butel; B. O. Hooper, president; Joe Collins, secretary; and John Cooper; top row, left to right, William Hollis, Jim Bryson, Blair Cooper, Clyde Coffman and Frank Hartman.

One of Kansas' well-managed co-operatives, this institution for 25 years has returned its members annual savings averaging over \$5,000. Its directors have stuck to the policy of requiring Farmers' Union membership for participation in patronage returns.

Managers (right), past and present. Tom Hupp, left, retired manager after nearly 25 years, came to the annual meeting. Frank Dillworth, his successor, was in work clothes on meeting day—the busiest fellow around the place.—Kansas Union Farmer Photos.



riously handicap our co-operative organizations and would not benefit the individual members. The thing our opposition has not taken into consideration is the fact that during normal years a very large percentage of the members of co-operatives have income to pay but very little, if any, income tax.

We are, of course, trying through co-operatives to increase the individual income of members. One method which farm people have found very effective in increasing their individual incomes has been through the expansion and growth of co-operative activities.

Our opposition wishes to tax the saving of co-operatives, while in the co-operative's hands, and thus force them to pay all their savings out in cash, which would completely ham-string future development of any consequence in the co-operative movement.

We urge you to get as many individual letters, post cards or telephone calls as possible to your Senator and Representative, asking them to oppose House Bill 164 and Senate Bill No. 170. Let them know definitely that you are opposed to these bills.

School Bills Vital

Another very important measure before the Legislature is the revamping of our entire school system. You already have received two letters from Mrs. Voorhies, director of education for the Kansas Farmers Union and a member of our special education committee, regarding this.

Our education committee conducted a meeting in Topeka, Thursday, Feb. 22, and very soon following that meeting you will receive another letter from the committee advising you in detail on the new proposals.

Another important measure that definitely concerns Farmers Union members is House Concurrent Resolution No. 3, which provides for placing on the ballot at the general election a constitutional amendment that would make possible a graduated land tax-law.

This resolution, as it stands now, carries one bad feature, in my opinion, and that is a provision to eliminate the \$200 exemption clause. As you know, at the present time everyone is exempt \$200 of personal property.

This resolution, in addition to amending the uniform and equal clause of the constitution, which will make it possible for us to get through a graduated land tax law, eliminates also the clause providing for this \$200 exemption.

We ask that you get in touch with your Senator and Representative in regard to this resolution. We feel it should be supported, but with an amendment to restore the \$200 exemption clause.

Big Road Program

You have read a great deal in the newspapers in regard to the new highway program proposed by the Kansas State Highway Department and the Kansas State Chamber of Commerce. This plan provides for an expenditure of 267 million dollars in the next

10 years, all of which would be devoted to expanding and building up our primary and secondary highway system.

This plan would improve only 14 thousand miles of the state's total of 128 thousand miles of roads. Under the present plan farm-to-market roads would receive no consideration.

In the publicity for the highway program, the papers have been very careful to include farm-to-market roads. What the proponents of this program mean by farm-to-market roads are the state highways that already run through our various counties. This program was introduced by Senator Roy Bailey from Salina, and the entire program is covered by Senate Bills 143, 144, 145, 146, 147 and 148.

Bills No. 143 and 144 cover two cents a gallon increase on gasoline tax and a similar increase on cheaper motor fuels used to propel motor vehicles on the highways. Bill No. 145 provides for an increase in license tag fees. The proposal would increase all license tags to an average of \$10. There would be a smaller increase on automobile license tags and truck licenses would be at least doubled. Bill No. 146 raises drivers licenses to one dollar a year. Bill No. 147 establishes the secondary road system. Bill No. 148 provides for the distribution of funds raised for highway purposes, putting 64 per cent into the State Highway Commission, 25 per cent into the county and 10 per cent to the urban areas. Ur-

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Williams Praised as Top Administrator

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"One of the gravest charges leveled against him as head of the National Youth Administration was that he corralled machine tools which could have been put to better use elsewhere. The charge probably was correct, but it was a tribute to Williams' foresight and initiative.

"He has shown ability to find and direct competent men. One of the important farm organizations, the National Farmers Union, thought him qualified to be one of its chief organizers." (Mr. Williams has been organization director for the National Farmers Union since Oct. 15, 1943.)

"Williams put his heart into the NYA program," wrote Lindley, "perhaps all the more because he had to quit school in the fourth or fifth grade to begin earning a living.

"Thru the NYA hundreds of thousands of young men and women earned enough money to enable them to stay in high school and college. Hundreds of thousands of others got part-time work experience that helped them to qualify for jobs. As the national defense program and the war came on, Williams was quick to correlate this work-training of young people to the needs of war industries.

"In the first World War Williams served with the YMCA, the French Foreign Legion and the United States Army. Three of his four sons are in the armed forces now."

Farmers Union Local No. 592 met at the Pleasant View school house Tuesday evening, Jan. 16, with a fair attendance. The meeting was called to order by President Schoneweis and the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

George Blackwood was elected president; Frank Blackwood, secretary-treasurer, and Verla Tiers, reporter.

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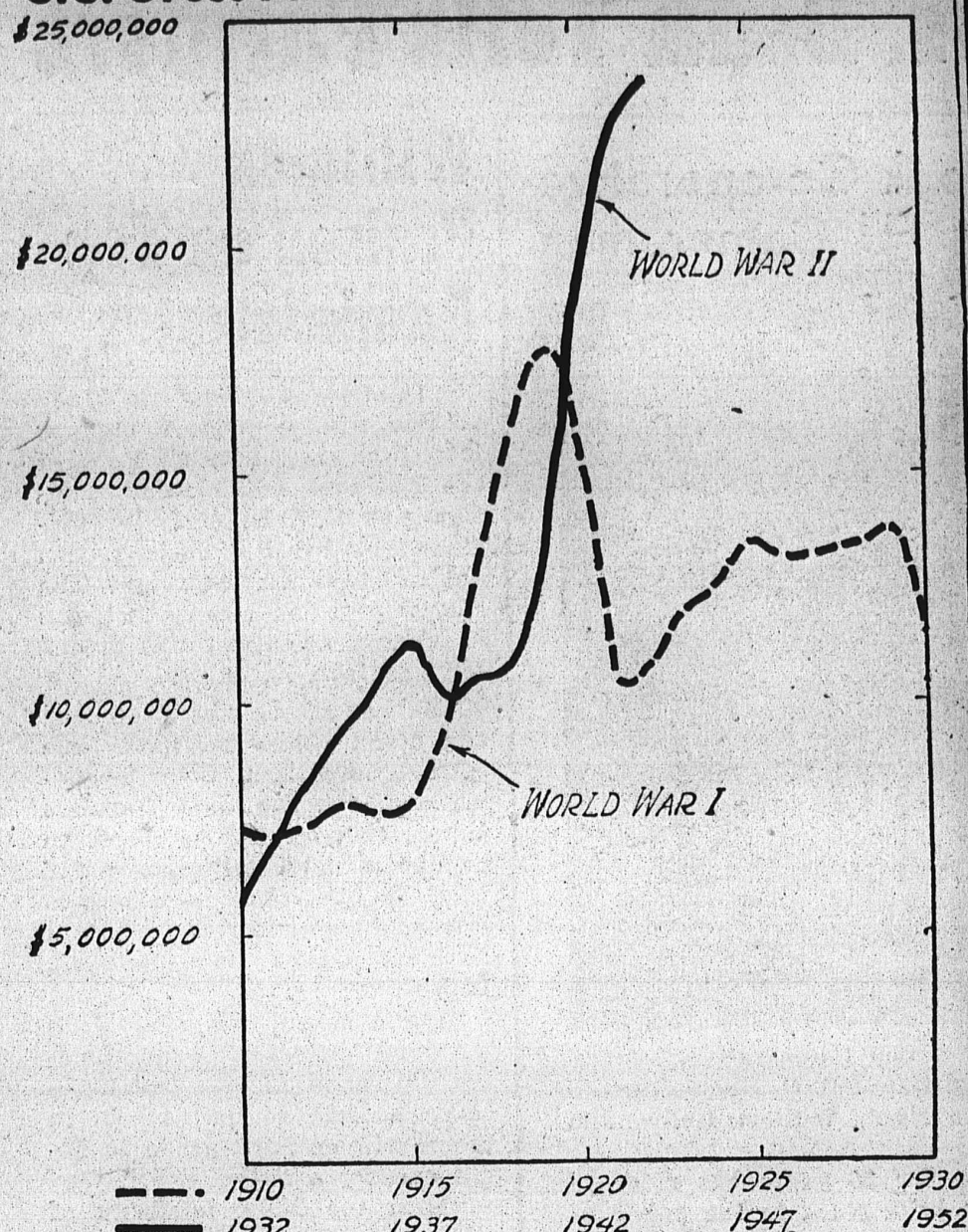
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U. S. Gross Farm Income in Two War Periods



High Farm Output, FU Goal, Seen as Linked to City Jobs

The accompanying chart, showing a comparison of gross farm income in the United States in two war periods, appears on the front page of a Colorado publication entitled "What About Post-war Agriculture in Colorado?"

Oddly, the bulletin, dealing entirely with state problems, says nothing at all about the great and obvious postwar farm problem shown in the chart: the problem of how to prevent such a disastrous collapse as occurred after the other war.

Precisely that problem is a major concern of the Kansas Farmers Union and the National Farmers Union.

The World War II gross income shown in this chart reflects a high level of farm production. Farmers want to continue that kind of production—at good prices.

The war has proved that when the millions of town and city people have steady jobs at good wages, this kind of "full production" is possible—at good prices.

The central question, therefore, is: how can the whole economy of the nation be kept in operation at a high level so that farmers can continue to turn out full production and sell their products to non-farm people who are able to pay good prices because they have steady jobs at good wages?

The National Farmers Union has proposed a plan, and it now has been introduced into the United States Senate by Senators Murray of Mont.; O'Mahoney, Wyo.; Wagner, N. Y., and Thomas, Utah.

This plan is based on the relationship of annual capital investment to annual national income. It is known that the former is about one-fifth of the latter—that an annual capital investment of 40 billion dollars, for example, would yield a total of goods and services worth about 200 billion dollars.

And it is known that a level of about 200 billion dollars worth of goods and services annually must be maintained in order to provide full production and employment.

Hence the FU-sponsored Murray bill provides that a level of 40 billion dollars annual investment in productive enterprises be maintained.

The federal government would prepare an estimate annually or oftener of the total capital investment planned by private business and state and local governments.

If this fell short of the necessary total it would take steps to fill the gap—first, by encouraging new private business, and, second, if necessary, by initiating useful public works projects such as an MVA for the Missouri basin or "TVA's" for other river valleys.

Hamburger Fry Ends Contest

Friday evening, Feb. 16, the North Star Farmers Union local had a hamburger fry served by the losing side of the membership drive. There was a program of musical numbers and moving pictures. Bert Winchester discussed sheep raising.

After their program the group went to the basement where Ray Henry, John Powelson, Melvin Tarrant, Merle Stinson, Roy Endicott and William Meiries presided at the griddle, providing an abundance of delicious hamburgers, coffee and doughnuts.

The membership at North Star is 60 members. Bill McCune is the president this year and the year's work is starting out well under his guidance. Mr. Fred Byer is organizing Juvenile group. — Mrs. Ray Henry.

Group Votes to Send FU Money

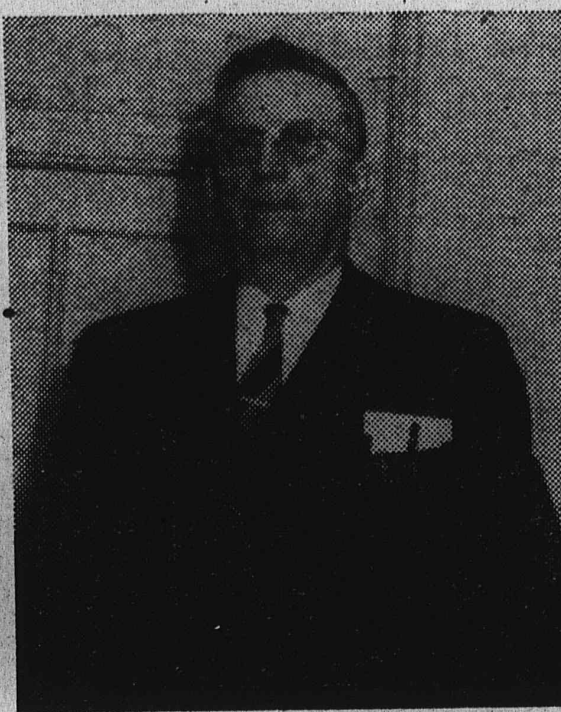
Allen Center Local No. 2155 met Tuesday night, Feb. 6, with an oyster supper. After the supper was served, Fred Geer, president, had charge of the business meeting. The group voted to pay money instead of holding a box supper to be paid in the Budget Fund of the Farmers Union.

School legislation was discussed by the group, led by Mrs. John Roedel.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Johnson became new members.

Members are to bring either pie or sandwiches to the March meeting. — Irene Ruckle, reporter.

Farmers Union Folk Get Together



J. C. Gregory, president, opened the annual meeting of the FUJA. . . . Reports showed the year just concluded to be the best in its history. Gregory is a former Osborne county co-op manager. He was renamed to the auditing board.



Uncle Sam's uniforms in the audience kept FUJA members and guests conscious they were meeting in wartime. . . . Miss Berniece Stradal, secretary in the Jobbing Association's grain department, introduced her handsome escort as Lieutenant Eason.



Hazel VanDenbark, left, jobbing association employee for several years, and Mr. and Mrs. William G. Bernhardt take in the meeting together. . . . Bernhardt manages another farmers' institution in Kansas City, the Farmers Union Livestock Co-operative.



Charles Richards, secretary of the Kansas Co-operative Council, addressed the annual banquet. . . . The listener next to him is G. E. Creitz, secretary-manager of the Auditing Association.

Looking Forward, Jobbing Assoc

By JOHN VESECKY

The thirty-first annual membership meeting of the Farmers Union Jobbing Association of Kansas City probably will go down in FUJA history as one of the most important gatherings ever held by the membership of that association.

The meeting was called to order at 10 a. m., Feb. 2, in accordance with the by-law provision; but because no room suitable for the meeting was to be had in Kansas City on that day and because there was not a quorum present, the meeting was adjourned to Monday, Feb. 5, at which time it was to reconvene in the Green Room of the Continental Hotel, Kansas City, Mo.

Criticisms Offered

At 10 a. m. on that appointed day, President J. C. Gregory called the meeting to order and named a credentials committee and a resolution committee.

Then H. E. Witham, general manager of the FUJA, asked the managers present to offer their criticisms, if any, of the services rendered them by the association during the past year and to make suggestions as to how the services of the FUJA might be improved or extended.

His request brought out a very good response; some very constructive criticism was offered by the managers and directors of local co-operatives. It seemed to be the consensus of opinion that the most pressing needs now are more storage

at the local elevators and for a Terminal elevator in Kansas City, owned by the FUJA, so that it would not be necessary to store wheat in Kansas City in old line elevators and take the arbitrary discounts they imposed on all stored wheat.

After the discussions were closed the meeting recessed to allow the Farmers Union Auditing Association to hold its annual meeting. The Auditing Association re-elected its directors whose terms expired, namely: Henry Scheuch of Ellsworth County and H. E. Witham of the FUJA.

Manager-Secretary G. E. Creitz read the association's annual report, which showed that despite the shortage of auditors, the Association had more than broke even and is in very fine financial condition.

FUJA's Best Year

The Farmers Union Jobbing Association meeting reconvened at 1:30 p. m. President J. C. Gregory gave a short verbal report for the board of directors, citing the most important problems with which the board had to deal during the year.

The auditor's report was read and explained by Creitz. It showed that 1944 was the best year the FUJA ever has had both as to volume of business and net savings for its patrons. The volume of business was over \$15,000,000 and the savings amounted to a trifle more than \$263,000. The statement of assets and liabilities showed current assets to be

over three times the current liabilities, which in any one's language for a terminal business the size of the FUJA, net members equity was approximately ONE MILLION DOLLARS.

Mr. Witham in his report reviewed the year's operations of the association, touching upon some of the difficulties which had to be overcome to give the members as good service as had been given.

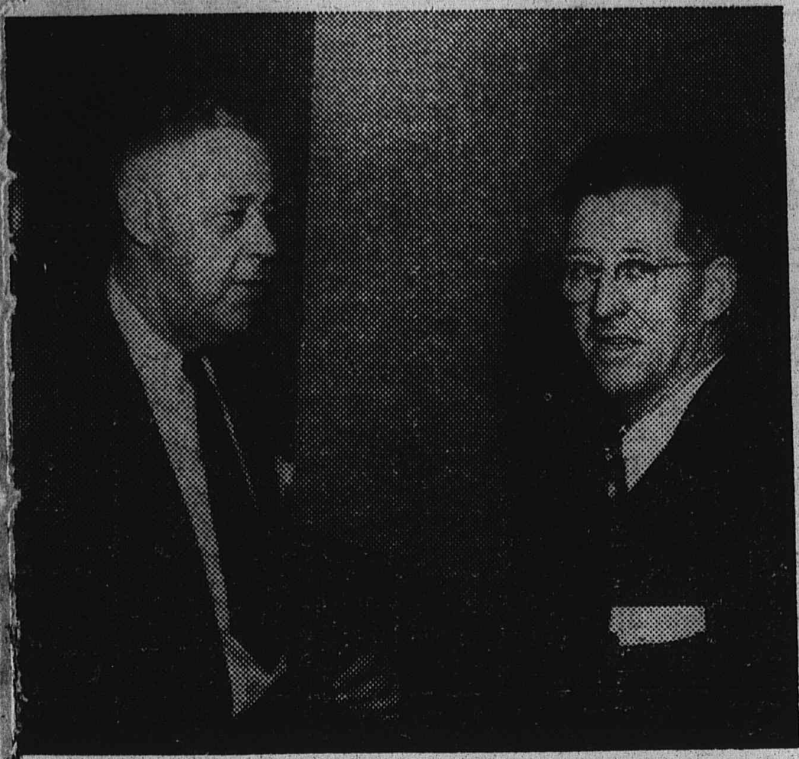
He counseled caution in expanding into new activities during the present unsettled time. He said it is his hope to push co-operative education at present both through support of the Kansas Farmers Union Educational Department and through the FUJA Public and Member Relations Department, and to strengthen the financial position of the Association so that when times are more normal the FUJA will be in position to undertake such expansion as the members feel that they need in order to serve the farmers more effectively.

The Resolutions Committee reported the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

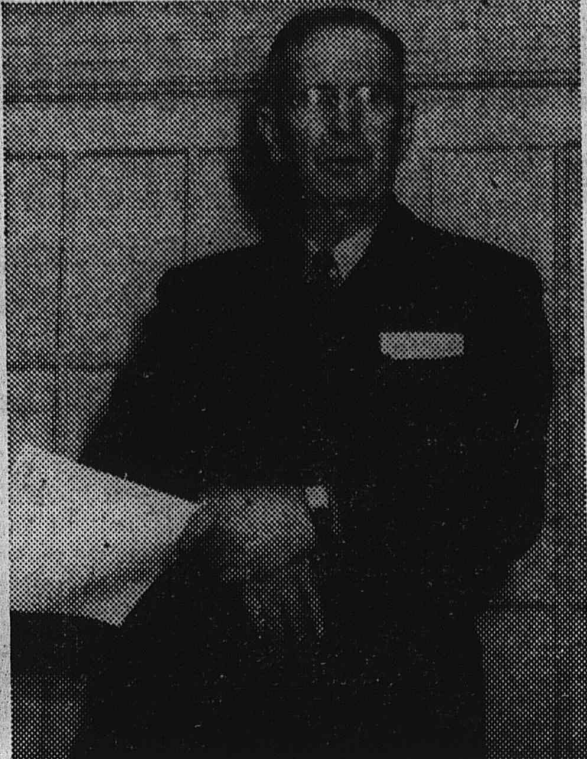
I Whereas: the scarcity economy of the period following World War I has carried us directly into World War II;

Now, therefore be it solved: that the Farmers Union Jobbing Association and its affiliated local co-operatives study and promote the growth and expansion of existing co-

er at Annual FUJA Meeting



Known to many a Kansan, George Reinhart, left, secretary of the Kansas Farmers Union, here chats with Jim Parsons, alert manager of the Farmers Union elevator at Parsons. Reinhart lives at Parsons and serves on the board of the elevator O'Hara runs.

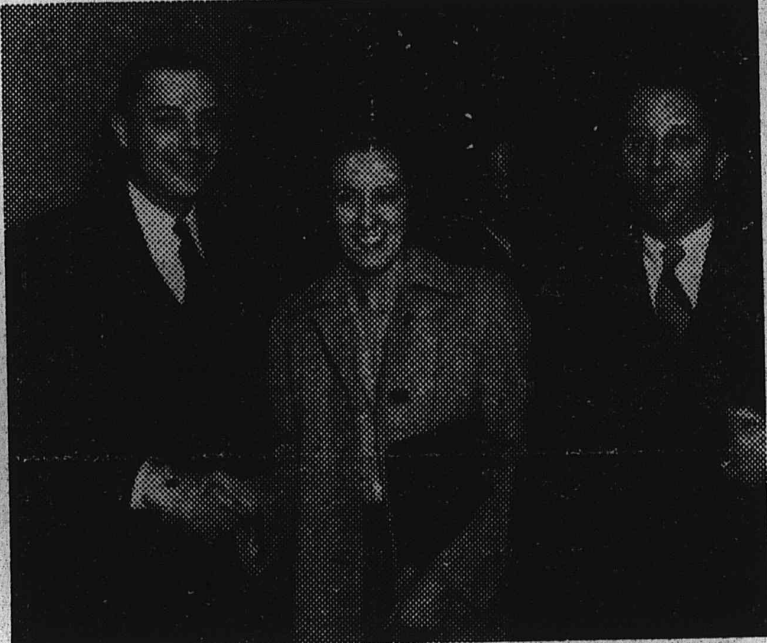


H. E. Witham, secretary and general manager of the FUJA ... called for strong support of education now to pave the way for expansion when the time seems right.



s. Larry Witham attended the annual dinner with her father-in-law, H. E. Witham. ... Her father-in-law is with his outfit in the thick of things where in France—or Germany.

Her father-in-law at the FUJA annual meeting asked for suggestions and got some good ones. The principal one was that FUJA should build its own terminal elevator in order to avoid storage to the old-line grain houses. A majority of the group seemed to favor such a plan when possible.



A. T. Riley, left, manager of the Jobbing Association's Salina office, and Mrs. and Mr. Roy Crawford got together at the dinner. ... Crawford, long-time Jobbing Association official, now heads its grain marketing department. The meeting gave FUJA officers and members a chance to renew friendships as well as transact annual business.

ation Completes Its Biggest Year

Co-operative businesses and develop new co-operative services as a very fundamental contribution to a post-war economy will promote abundant living among the peoples of the world.

II
Whereas: the past experience of both the Jobbing Association, operating as a grain-handling terminal, and the various local co-operatives that have owned and operated local storage, indicates at this phase of the grain business is the vital phase from the standpoint of protecting the producers' interests and that the logical approach is for the local co-ops to own and operate a reasonable amount of storage and at the Jobbing Association own and operate sufficient additional storage to meet the needs of the co-operatives in this area; Now therefore be it resolved: that the program of this association be to function as a regional co-operative offering such services as are impossible for local co-operatives to provide for their people, including storage needed in addition to local storage, sales and other services on the terminal grain markets and such other services as the local co-operatives may need.

III
Resolved: that the membership meeting of the Farmers Union Jobbing Association endorse the program of the Kansas Co-operative Council and that we continue to support the Council in its good work in combating the propaganda with which the National

Tax Equality Association is flooding the country.

IV
Education is "health insurance" for co-operatives. Therefore be it resolved: that the Farmers Union Jobbing Association continue its liberal support of the Kansas Farmers Union Educational program, and that every effort be made to bring understanding of co-operation to the rural people of the state, and particularly to the young people who will determine the future of the co-operative movement.

V
Be it resolved: that the resolutions committee, in future years, be appointed well in advance of the Annual stockholders meeting.

Reconvene March 14
After the report of the Resolutions Committee was adopted, Harry Neath reported for the Credentials Committee. He reported 409 members present in person or represented by proxy.

Although this was more than sufficient for the transaction of the ordinary business of the Association, it was not enough legally to adopt the resolution to come under the Kansas Co-operative Marketing Act, nor to adopt the proposed amendments to the Articles of Incorporation.

It was decided to discuss fully these propositions before the meeting, take a roll call vote of those present and record it, and then at the close of the day recess the meeting to March 14, when it is hoped that sufficient additional members and proxies will be present to pass legally

on the postponed propositions.

In the discussion on the Articles and By-Laws, two amendments to the proposed articles and by-laws were made from the floor and passed. Then the vote on the articles as amended was taken by roll call. The vote was almost unanimous in favor of all the proposals as amended.

Gregory, Thowe Named
When nominations for directors were called for, J. C. Gregory, C. B. Thowe, Geo. W. Mauch, and Lewis Vernon were nominated in accordance with the provision of the new by-laws that at least two candidates must be nominated for each director's position.

When the ballots were counted, it was declared that J. C. Gregory and C. B. Thowe, having received a majority of all the ballots, were re-elected as directors of the Farmers Union Jobbing Association for a term of three years.

The annual banquet, tendered, according to custom, by the Jobbing Association to the delegates, members, personnel and visitors was an enjoyable affair. Mr. Witham acted as chairman of the after-banquet meeting, introducing the officials and directors of the FUJA and the guests.

Charles A. Richards, executive secretary of the Kansas Co-operative Council, was the speaker for the evening. If the applause and the many favorable comments from those present at the banquet are any criterion, the address struck a responsive chord among the hearers and was well worth hearing.

Extension Agent Promotes Farm Bureau

FORD COUNTY FARM BUREAU

Member Kansas Farm Bureau and American Farm Bureau

Dodge City, Kansas
January 30, 1945

Dear Friend:

Enclosed is your Farm Bureau membership card for 1945. We are happy to have you as a Farm Bureau member. We are also happy to announce that we have increased our Farm Bureau membership again this year. By the time all the memberships are turned in, it looks as if we will have close to 900 members in Ford County.

Farm organizations are becoming more popular each year. Membership of the American Farm Bureau Federation increased 20% in 1944. A similar increase is expected in 1945, and it looks like this organization will have over one million members by the end of 1945.

We hope that the county office and county organization will be able to serve you in many ways during the coming year. We hope that the various meetings and programs that we have outlined will be both interesting and educational.

In spite of all the handicaps we may have, we must keep in mind that as long as we are still fighting this war, our most important job is the production of food. We know that the farmers in America will meet every food goal established.

Very truly yours,
Elmer Turley,
President Ford County Farm Bureau

John P. Perrier,
County Agent

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Present Law Puts County Agent in Dishonest Role

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that the American Farm Bureau Federation has increased its membership.

The Farm Bureau by its close tie-up with the Extension Service can intrude upon the proper and legitimate work of the county agents and exert a powerful influence upon what they teach.

The county agents, because of being tied to the Farm Bureau, are not free to act as independent public teachers, their help available equally to all. They must cater to Farm Bureau members first.

This situation, Mr. Senator and Representative, is perpetuated by the present law. It puts the county agent in an impossible and dishonest double role. He must try at once to represent a tax-supported agency of

public education and be the employee of a private pressure group.

This double-talking relationship should be ended clearly and finally by legislative enactment to make the county extension agent a full and free public employee, uninhibited by any private pressure group and his services available to all farmers alike.

Johnstown Group Meets

The January meeting of the Johnstown Local No. 749 was held at the Morning Star Schoolhouse Jan. 8. The 1945 officers were elected, business discussed and a lunch was served at a late hour.

The Feb. 12 meeting was also held at the Morning Star School. A splendid reading and talk was given by the legislative chairman, Carl Larson. Mrs. Charles Olson called our Junior class together for a meeting at her home. Motion was made that we have our Box Supper March 12.

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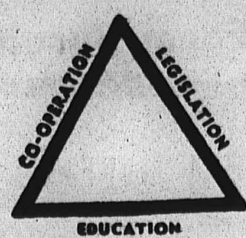
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AROUND THE TRIANGLE

By Esther E. Voorhies
KFU Education Director

AMERICA FOR ALL

We give you the following on racial and religious tolerance as our observance of Lincoln's and Washington's birthdays:

"It is not color of skin that keeps us apart—it is ideas . . ."

Who are we of the United States?

"We of the United States are: One-third million, Indian; one-third million, Oriental, Filipino and Mexican; sixty million, Anglo-Saxon; ten million, Irish; fifteen million, Teutonic; nine million, Slavic; five million, Italian; four million, Scandinavian; two million, French; thirteen million, Negro; one million each, Finn, Lithuanian, Greek."

"In addition, we are: two million, Anglican Episcopalian; forty million, Evangelical Protestant; one million, Greek Catholic; four and one-half million, Jew; two-thirds million, Mormon; one-tenth million, Quaker; twenty-two million, Roman Catholic; one-half million, Christian Scientist."—(H.S.C.)

Sgt. Ben Kuroki, turret gunner, U.S.A.A.F., says: "Under fire, a man's ancestry, what he did before the war, or even present rank, doesn't matter at all. You're fighting as a team—that's the only way a bomber crew can fight—you're fighting for each other's life and for your country, and whether you realize it at the time or not, you're living and proving democracy . . ."

"The tunnel gunner that helped me was Jewish, I'm a Japanese-American, the bombardier of our crew was a German, the left waist gunner was an Irishman. Later I flew with an American Indian pilot and a Polish tunnel gunner. What difference did it make? We had a job to do, and we did it with a kind of comradeship that was the finest thing in the world."

TAXES AND CO-OPERATIVES

A bill has been introduced in the Legislature for taxing co-operatives, House Bill No. 164. Is your pencil dull or your pen out of ink? Of course not; so write immediately to your Representative and Senator reminding them that co-operatives are the most democratic institutions we have.

Tell them that it is the co-operative, not the chain store, that is a friend of the small business man. And yes, about co-operatives paying taxes—remind your Legislators that in a recent survey 230 local Kansas co-operatives were found in 1943 to have paid taxes totaling \$868,027.10. The co-operatives paid the same taxes as any corporation except income tax on the patronage refund.

IN A NUTSHELL

"The outstanding facts in the present Kansas elementary school system are that Kansas has too many school districts for the number of pupils to be educated; too few pupils in many of the schools to afford proper education for the children; inadequate tax resources for the great majority of school districts; and a grossly inequitable distribution of the tax burden for educating the children of the state." (Research Dept., Kansas Legislative council.)

WHAT HAPPENS TO CONTROL

Also on schools from the Research Department:

"A significant development of the closed school movement has been the formation of natural community attendance centers. In other words, there has been a pronounced trend for rural pupils, who formerly attended one-teacher schools, to attend the natural school center in their community which offered both elementary and high school facilities.

"In the long run, this formation of new attendance areas without reorganizing district boundaries has disturbing implications. Taxpayers and parents in the closed school districts have nothing whatever to say about the management of the school which their children attend. Continuation of this trend would mean the ultimate breakdown of democratic control of local schools.

"In depopulated districts, taxpayers have gradually been acquiring a vested right to pay no school taxes or to pay very little toward the support of education. In other words, there has been no readjustment of taxing areas and taxable resources to correspond with the shift which has occurred in school attendance."

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ESTHER EKBLAD VOORHIES, DIRECTOR, Salina, Kansas

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1945

Plan Speech Contest for Pottawatomie Juniors, Reserves at March Meeting

Prizes Will Be Given Winners

A speech contest for Farmers Union Juniors and Reserves is being planned for the next meeting of the Pottawatomie County Farmers Union, which will be in March, probably March 21. The exact date will be announced later.

WHO MAY ENTER:

All Reserves between the ages of eight and 14 (or high school) and all Juniors between the ages of 14 (or high school) and 21 may enter the contest. Any number from each local may enter.

SUBJECT OF THE TALKS: The subject chosen for the speech must be some topic of interest to the Farmers Union or to farmers. The topic should be sent to the county leader for approval before work is begun on the speech.

PRIZES:

Worthwhile prizes will be awarded for the best speeches in the Junior group and in the Reserve group. Juniors will not compete with Reserves and vice versa.

Talks to Be Scored

JUDGING:

The speeches will be judged on the basis of:

Subject Matter—30 per cent. The speech must be of interest to Farmers Union or farmers, either economic, educational, co-operative or legislative.

Delivery—20 per cent. Can the voice be heard in the back of the room? Does the speaker give his speech as though he believed it himself?

Poise—20 per cent. Does the speaker stand well, appear calm and confident?

Knowledge of Subject—30 per cent. Does the speaker know his subject? Does he answer the questions from the audience well? (Contestants who wish to apply this contest speech on the Reserve Speech Project or the Minuteman Project must answer questions from the audience. Reserves to enter the Speech Project must be 12 years of age. They need not be 12 to enter the contest.)

TIME:

The Reserve speeches must be not less than two minutes and not more than three minutes in length.

The Junior speeches must be not less than four minutes and not more than five minutes in length.

One-half point will be deducted from the total grade for each second under two or four or over three or five minutes. Notes may be used in presenting the speech, but memorizing or reading the speech disqualifies the speaker.—Mrs. Ruby Henningsen, Education Director, Pottawatomie Co.

Parliamentary Practice Studied

The Pleasant View Juniors and Junior Reserves of St. Mary's met Sunday, Feb. 11 at Stanley Fields. Fifteen members were present. Mrs. Rollo Henningsen, our county leader, was present and gave a very interesting lesson on parliamentary practice.

The Juniors studied, "Living by the Way," and the Reserves, "Birds Are Good Neighbors."

The afternoon was topped off by folk dancing and a treat of popcorn. Pleasant View school has been selected as our next meeting place.

—Sheila Prior, reporter.

Fascinating New TVA Book On Rental List

"The Valley and Its People—a Portrait of TVA" is a new book in the FU Library. The many photographs in the book alone tell a fascinating story of rebuilding and new life in the Tennessee Valley.

Add this book to your reading list. It may be borrowed without rental charge.

Fine New Books On Recreation

Just one glance at our new purchases of recreation books would enroll every member, young and old, in the "Living by the Way" study.

TIME OUT FOR LIVING covers everything from collecting salt and pepper shakers to mountain climbing. **THE COKESBURY GAME BOOK** has a game for every occasion, and **THE COKESBURY PARTY BOOK** outlines parties for all seasons of the year and for the time in between. **THE FUN ENCYCLOPEDIA** is just what the title suggests.

These books are now a part of our FU Library and are for your use. Get them into circulation at once!

Kaw Local Plans Junior Work

Kaw Valley Local No. 1035 held its regular monthly meeting on Feb. 2 at the Greenwood school house. The meeting was called to order by chairman, Mr. Wilson, with 20 members present. Several songs were sung.

It was decided by the Local to try to start the Junior program. Feb. 7 was set for the first meeting, to be held at the school house. Mr. Wilson and Mr. Frank Seele gave some interesting facts about the new hybrid seed corn plant being built by the Farmers Union Central Co-op in St. Mary's and how to dry seed corn.

Some discussion of a Budget Fund Program took place. All four locals at St. Mary's are planning on a dance to help out in this program.

The women of the local put on a program for the evening, with Mrs. Gilbert Wille in charge. The program consisted of: a song, "Dance With a Dolly," by Virginia Holz; "Dolly Wisdom," a poem by Donna Seele; dialogue, "A Yard of Argument," by Irene and Lucille Soelter; "Negro Wedding," by Mrs. Otto Grieshaber; and a pianologue by Mrs. Gilbert Wille. To close the program Mrs. Wille played several songs for guessing contests and a very delicious lunch was served.

The men of the local will have the program for our next meeting, March 2. Sandwiches and coffee will be served.—Irene Soelter, Reporter.

Mankato Juniors Win Awards

Merlin and Violet Alexander were presented their "Merit of Award" prize for their scrapbooks they made and sent to the state convention for the Junior work last year.

Our next meeting is Feb. 21. Everyone invited.—Mrs. Elmer Alexander, reporter.

Irish Games for Your March Fun

BLARNEY STONE

It's a famous Blarney Stone that begins the fun. Players have to talk and act quickly to avoid paying forfeits in this lively game.

The group is seated in a circle. A small stone, the Blarney Stone, is passed around. As each person receives it he must wish aloud something for his neighbor to do. At unexpected intervals, the leader blows a whistle. The unlucky person caught with the Blarney Stone must execute the wish expressed by the neighbor who passed the stone to him.

You can look for some hilarious stunts if the players are in the right mood for this game. Play until six or eight have performed.

IRISH BOWLING

Set up ten soft drink bottles in bowling formation in front of both teams. Each team appoints a scorekeeper. One point is scored for each bottle that is overturned by a potato, which is rolled on the floor from a line 15 feet away. One chance is given to each person.

Scorers keep a record of the total number of bottles knocked over, and the winners receive a prize of homemade potato candy.

Creed, Songs, and Proverbs Used By Juniors

Tuesday evening, Feb. 13, twenty-four Juniors of the Ellsworth Local held their regular meeting. The meeting opened with group recitation of the Farmers Union Creed. One song was learned, "Co-operation Is Our Aim." Roll call was answered by giving a proverb.

New officers for the next three months were elected. Following the business meeting, classes were held. Being so near St. Valentine's Day, valentines were exchanged. The Juniors also made ice cream, which was served with heart-shaped cookies.

We were very happy to learn that one of our Junior Reserves, Shirley Hunter, won a prize in the "Slogan Contest" sponsored by the Ellsworth County Farmers Co-op Union.

Junior Group Has Valentine Party

The Black Wolf Juniors had a Valentine party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mog, Sunday, Feb. 11.

The party started off with singing of Farmers Union songs. Charades, "Hearts," a "Kansas County Quiz" and folk dancing were the diversions of the afternoon. Valentines were exchanged. Refreshments of home-made ice cream and cookies were served.

Those attending were Franklin Steiner; Bobby, Billy and Joey Toman; Gladys Toman; Barbara Jean, Dorothy and Tommy Foote; Loyola, Betty, Frederick and Hubertine Mog; Mrs. J. A. Shalelec, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mog. Guests included Mr. and Mrs. Ray Soukup, Donald and Kenneth Jiricek and Richard Janda.

There is less butter for civilian per capita than in the past fifty years. But we Americans are fortunate to have vitaminized margarine which is just as nutritious and can be used in any way and in exactly the same amounts in recipes as you would butter.

Day by Day With FUJA

By JOHN VESECKY

Bills Aimed to Destroy Co-ops Now in Legislature; Farmers Urged to Write

Thursday evening, Feb. 8, your reporter attended a joint hearing in Topeka before the senate-house taxation committee.

The meeting was called to hear testimony on a bill sponsored by the National Tax Equity Association, which proposes to amend the Kansas income tax law so as to leave out Sec. 11, Paragraph 79-3204. This section exempts building and loan associations, farm co-operatives and various other non-profit organizations from filing income tax returns.

It seems to have been the hope of the NTEA, represented in Topeka by its mouthpiece, Carl Kennedy, to get the taxation committee to bring out the bill as a committee bill so as to give it added prestige.

The committees refused to bring out committee bills on the subject so the bills were introduced in both the House and Senate by individual members on Monday, Feb. 12. The bill introduced in the House is H.B. 164; and in the Senate, S.B. 170.

It would be well for all our Farmers Union members to write their representative and senator in the Kansas legislature at once, telling them in plain words that the savings of both local and regional co-operatives are not income of the co-operative but belong to the member who furnished the business on which they were made; and that, therefore, the co-operative should not and cannot pay income taxes on them.

The co-operative side of the testimony at the hearing was presented by Clyde Coffman, legislative representative for the Committee of Kansas Farm Organizations. He called also upon Charles A. Richards, C. C. Cogswell, P. J. Nash and George Mauch to testify on certain phases of the subject.

Solons Entertained

Thursday evening, Feb. 15, I attended a complimentary dinner tendered the members of the Kansas Legislature by the Committee of Kansas Farm Organizations. Clyde Coffman acted as master of ceremonies.

After the dinner, Charles A. Richards spoke on the general principles of co-operatives and their services to the farmers and the whole community. Your reporter was called upon to explain the method of handling the sav-

ings of regional co-operatives, such as the FUJA, how the savings are allocated to the local co-operative patrons of the regional, and then how the local co-operative allocates the savings made for them by the regional to their own patron members so that all the savings of the regional co-operative find their way into the pockets of the farmer members or the facilities owned by them.

Ralph Snyder, president of the Wichita Bank for Co-operatives, explained the workings of the banks for co-operatives and told how the banks get the money they loan to the farmers' co-operatives.

He told the legislators that far from wasting the tax payers' funds, the banks have built up a reserve fund of over 40 million dollars; and that it is not the intention of the Banks for Co-operatives to crowd commercial banks out of the co-operative lending field.

As a matter of fact, the Wichita Bank for Co-operatives serves only about 50 of the approximately 500 local co-operatives in Kansas, and much of the money it loans to co-operatives is money the bank for co-operatives itself borrows from commercial banks.

Wheat Riddle Studied

Friday morning I attended a conference at the Secretary of Agriculture's office in the State House. This conference was called for the purpose of considering what can and should be done to try to save the reputation of Kansas flour in the bakers markets.

It seems that the commercial bakers will not buy flour from mills which grind any large proportion of Chiefkan, Red Chief, or Early Blackhull wheats. They claim that these wheats seem to have been crossed with durum wheat and will not make good bread under modern commercial baking methods. My chief, H. E. Witham, attended the meeting personally and looked out for the interests of the farmers. It is likely that a bill will be introduced (by the time this is read) in the Legislature, directing the state grain inspection department to issue a variety certificate on all carloads of wheat, giving the percentage of the objectionable wheats if it is over a certain tolerance.

It is probable that the bill, if passed, will not go into effect

300 Attend Fun Night at McPherson

It was the paid up members for '44 and '45 and their families who were invited to the McPherson County Fun Night, Jan. 24, and the attendance balanced near the figure of 300. To give that already-good report more punch, Jan. 24 was a rainy, muddy night.

Shortly after the crowd had gathered at the Warren Hotel Roof Garden in McPherson, Niles Gibson, county president, welcomed the folks and called on Bonnie Peterson to lead group singing. Venita Mae Carlson of Marquette assisted at the piano.

Other program numbers included a reading by Betty Lindblade, vocal solo by Bonnie Peterson, and a song by Charlene Mowbery. Charlene's younger brother accompanied her at the piano—and almost stole the show. He had to stretch some to see the music and to reach all the keys, but that didn't prevent him from proving himself a fine accompanist.

The Crazy Ridge Cowboys and the Johnstown Orchestra combined forces for the dancing that included waltzes, two steps and squares. A grand march and several singing games provided mixers for old and young. Ralph Sjöstrom, county education director was in charge of the dancing.

Brewster Co-op Shows Gains in All Departments

E. A. Broman, office manager and chief of the accounting department of the Farmers Union Jobbing Association, pinch hit for the Farmers Union Auditing Association the week of Feb. 7. He audited the books of the Farmers Co-operative Association of Brewster, Kan.

Mr. Broman reports that the Brewster co-operative had a very successful year in 1944. It has six departments, namely: grain, petroleum products, hardware, implements, a grocery store and a produce station.

Every department showed a substantial saving. The total savings in all departments amounting to nearly \$36,000. The association has total assets of about \$204,000 and a net members' equity of \$145,000.

Clifford Miller is the manager of the Brewster co-operative.

until on the 1946 crop so as to permit farmers to decide whether they will continue to plant the objectionable wheats even if it appears that they may be discounted in the markets.

Now's Time to Express Your Views, Dean Tells Farmers

(Continued from Page 3)

ban areas are our towns and cities.

I have been serving as a member of the Highway Committee on the Committee of Kansas Farm Organizations and we have made a thorough study of this new proposal, meeting with both officials of the Kansas State Chamber of Commerce and the Kansas State Highway Commission.

I am convinced the only consideration given to farmers in this new highway program is the amount of tax that can be taken from them. You should advise your Senator and Representative of your thinking in regard to the amount of aid that should be given to farm-to-market roads in any highway proposal.

Support Farm Roads

It seems to me that farm people would be totally unjustified in supporting a highway proposal that did not allocate a substantial amount of the revenue collected to build a real farm-to-market road system. It was suggested in one Clay County meeting I attended that funds be allocated to build farm-to-market roads on a basis of improving and making all-weather roads out of all our rural mail routes before spending any substantial amount of money on our state highway system.

I would suggest that each local write its Representative for copies of these bills and study them. If farm people sit idly by during this Legislature, they will find themselves paying for a huge road building program that will not lend any aid to the roads they really need.

There is another bill before the Legislature that has not been given a great deal of publicity

and I have not learned the number of it. It is a bill to put a production tax on crude oil and some minerals.

The revenue derived from this production tax would be used fifty-fifty between building highways and financing our school system. I think perhaps a production tax on petroleum products and minerals of all kinds would be very desirable, if the revenue from such tax could be used to relieve a part of the property tax.

Farmer Big User

I feel quite sure that if it is used to finance our road-building program and our school system, the farm people will pay far more than their proportionate share.

This will be true because so much farm work is done with power machinery. This makes agriculture the principal consumer of petroleum products in the state.

I hope that each Local will give consideration to the legislation here described and advise its Representative and Senator of its attitude. If each Farmers Union Local and County Union, together with the individual members, will contact our Senators and Representatives throughout the State of Kansas, we will have a big influence on this legislation. Your co-operation will help.

(Signed)

E. K. DEAN, President,
Kansas Farmers Union.

Monthly pulpwood receipts which began declining in September have continued to decline thru October and November. Failure to maintain receipts at the level of 1943 may be attributed to shortage of manpower.

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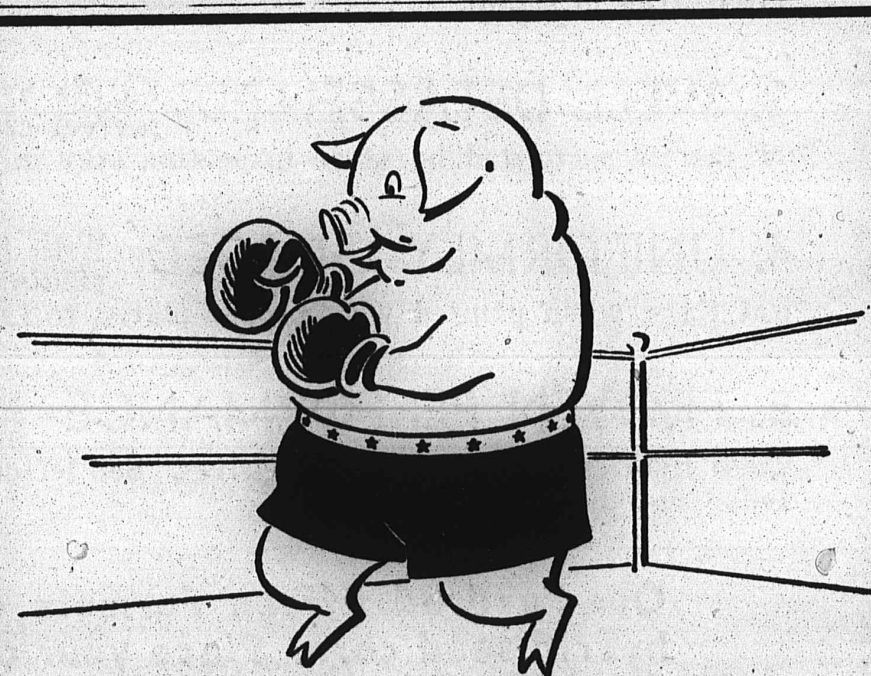
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