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## NEED QUICK ACTION ON LIVE STOCK BILL

### PACKERS MASSING FORCES AGAINST CAPPER-HOPE BILL

Flooding Washington with Telegrams and Letters from Supposed Producers Opposing Curb on Direct Buying

#### WRITE, WIRE TODAY

Cal Ward and Others Putting up Fight for Producers but Unable to Carry on Effective Fight without Support

The active cooperation of every member of the Kansas Farmers Union, as well as of all other farmers interested, is going to be required to see that the Capper-Hope bill for regulating direct country buying becomes a law. The big packing interests are strongly organized to fight the bill, and are making every effort to kill it. They will succeed if the lawmakers in Washington are not fully advised of the true sentiment of the farmers who are for the bill.

The packers, of course, do not want the bill to become law, because it would subject them to the same necessary regulation at concentration points and private yards as they must now submit to at the terminal public stockyards. It would take from them their present opportunity to manipulate the market by forcing down price levels, which is accomplished by their ability to supply their needs in the country without competition.

The packing interests are massing their forces in Washington. They are putting up a story to the senate and house committees who are considering the bills at this time. They are showering the committees with telegrams from supposed producers asking that the bill be defeated. Therefore, it is up to the real producers to send in an avalanche of telegrams and letters which will tell the story as it should be told.

The Kansas Farmers Union has been represented in Washington by some good men, who have told the story in the right way. Among them have been G. W. Hobbs, manager of the Farmers Union Live Stock Commission, at Kansas City; L. J. Alkire, Wichita branch manager of the same firm; Alva Stryker, farmer from Blue Rapids; A. M. Kinney, vice president of the Kansas Farmers Union; and Cal A. Ward, president of the same organization.

Mr. Ward is still in Washington, representing not only the Kansas membership and Kansas farmers generally, but also representing the live stock producing interests throughout the middle west. Joe Mercer, of the Kansas Live Stock Association, Topeka, and others, have also been in Washington fighting the packers and fighting for the Capper-Hope bill.

These men, however, cannot cope alone with the strongly organized packer interests. They need the help of farmers solidly back of them, in such a way that the lawmakers will know the farmers are back of them. Kansas Farmers Union members have responded well to the call for letters demanding a curb on the packers; lines they will have to keep on sending letters, cards and wires.

G. W. Hobbs of the Union firm in Kansas City has been made secretary of the legislative committee organized to fight for the Capper-Hope legislation. H. H. Roberts, now in Washington, is president. Mr. Hobbs this week received the following wire from Mr. Roberts. Our readers are asked to read this wire, then get into immediate action. The congressmen mentioned in the wire may be addressed at the House Office Building, Washington, D. C. The wire:

"Packers flooding Washington with telegrams and letters from supposed producers opposing Capper-Hope bill and the Wearin bill on direct country buying. It is important and absolutely imperative that every one in favor of the bills regulating country buying get as many telegrams and letters as possible started to Washington within the next five days, favoring passage of these bills. Send about half of the telegrams and about half of the letters to Congressman Wall Dixie and half to Congressman O. D. Wearin. They are both in House Office Building. Place no limit on number started. Immediate action absolutely imperative.—H. H. Roberts, president legislative committee."

The importance of immediate action on the part of the farmers themselves cannot be overestimated. It is not much trouble to write a few lines expressing your views. It is no more trouble today than tomorrow—but it is more effective today. Send your communications direct to either one of the congressmen mentioned in the above wire, or to Cal A. Ward, Burlington Hotel, or to both Mr. Ward and to one of the congressmen. Quick action is necessary.

## MAN'S FINANCIAL CORNER STONE LIFE INSURANCE

So Declares Rex Lear, Kansas Manager Farmers Union Life Insurance Co., in Thursday Night Radio Broadcast

### GIVES THE FACTS

Kansas Union Man Tells How Life Insurance Has Weathered Storms of Last Few Years, Emerging in Excellent Condition

Following is the text of the address delivered Thursday evening, March 22, over WIBW, Capper Publications radio station at Topeka, by Rex Lear, Kansas manager of the Farmers Union Life Insurance Company. He spoke first in tribute to John Simpson, departed National Farmers Union president, then launched into a discussion of life insurance, "the corner stone of man's financial structure." Mr. Lear's address:

"I am mindful of the fact that the hearts of all Farmers Union members and friends of agriculture are saddened at the loss of our national leader, John A. Simpson. American farmers have lost a fighting champion. An educated man, fearless, sincere and determined, he fought to the fullest extent of his ability for the farm people and the industry he loved.

"The 'Corner Stone' This week all over our nation Life Insurance men, through their official body, the National Association of Life Underwriters, are observing Life Insurance week, or, in other words, Financial Independence week. As a member of the Salina Association of Life Underwriters, I am glad to take part in this project. The purpose of this observance is to emphasize the benefits that accrue to the American people through the institution of legal reserve life insurance.

Deep in the heart of every man is the desire to build a financial structure. The picture in the foreground of the structure is a home and comfort, with the necessities of life for his family, food, clothing, shelter and an accumulation of sufficient of this world's goods to provide that the 'Sunset days' of life may be spent in relative ease and comfort.

The wise builder of the financial structure of his dreams, realizing that he may not live to complete his progress, will use as the corner stone, life insurance. Once this start is properly made the builder can proceed with confidence and peace of mind. Many men tell me, in discussing their life insurance, that one of the greatest satisfactions they enjoy is the knowledge that should something happen to take them suddenly out of the picture, that their loved ones can continue to live in the same house where they now are, and that the children can continue in school.

A striking illustration of a 'wise builder' who made use of the organization which I represent occurred recently. A father, mother and their small children were building as their financial structure a home on 80 acres of this rich Kaw valley land. The structure was not complete. There remained a \$5000 mortgage and a few other small obligations, which went to the father, a big, strong, healthy man, injured his finger while working with a barbed wire fence. This wound became infected, resulting in blood poisoning, amputation and death. This farmer had used as the corner stone of his financial structure \$4000 of ordinary life insurance, including double indemnity in case of accidental death.

In this case, since death came within 60 days and as a result of the accident, the full \$8000 was paid. Thus, this father, through life insurance, was able to do for his family what he had hoped to do had he been permitted to live, namely provide a home free of indebtedness. The mother and children, saddened beyond words by the loss of the husband and father, are comforted by his devoted foresight for their welfare.

President Roosevelt, upon being apprised of the observation by life insurance agents of this Financial Independence Week, wrote a letter March 9 in which he stated: 'Life insurance is a very important factor in the economic life of this nation. It is a source of great satisfaction to me that the people of the United States have availed themselves of life insurance with its attending wide spread benefits to a larger degree than the people of any other country. Our advance in this direction has done much to bring increasing solidity to the spiritual, social and economic structure of the nation.'

Life Insurance Facts Some recent facts concerning life insurance have recently been compiled by Bruce Barton. These figures show that the American people have held fast to their faith in life insurance straight through the depression, in spite of the fact that some policyholders had to give up their policies; the total life insurance now in force is approximately the same as at the close of 1928, before the depression began.

Many adjustments have been necessary. High premium policies have been changed, in many instances, to those of lower rates. The companies have willingly made these changes for their policy holders to help out in this emergency.

Payments made to living policy holders and to beneficiaries have increased almost every year for a hundred years. During the past four (continued on page 2)

## FARMERS UNION WIBW PROGRAM

Radio Station WIBW/Topeka, the radio station of the Capper Publications, offers the Kansas Farmers Union the use of its facilities each Thursday evening from 7:30 until 7:45. The members of the Farmers Union are grateful to the station, and have formed a habit of tuning in for the programs. Tune in again this week.

## PRODUCTION CREDIT ASSOCIATIONS ARE TO MAKE THE LOANS

The Regional Agricultural Credit Corporation of Wichita Now Steps Out of the Picture Regarding Live Stock Loans

### APPLY TO PCA NOW

Machinery All Set Up and Ready to Go on Crop and Live Stock Production Loans at 5 1/2 per cent Interest Rate

With production credit associations ready to accept applications for crop and livestock production loans, the Regional Agricultural Credit Corporation of Wichita is to accept no more applications from this state for live stock loans. Announcement to this effect has been made by D. L. Mullendore, head of the RACC.

In issuing this order, Mr. Mullendore, who is also president of the Production Credit Corporation of Wichita which supervises the management and lending of the production credit associations in Colorado, Kansas, New Mexico, and Oklahoma, explained that these associations are now ready to accept applications through their secretaries and other authorized local representatives for crop and livestock production loans bearing 5 1/2 per cent interest.

Loans that are ready to be disbursed and those applications will be accepted by the RACC. "It has always been contemplated," said Mr. Mullendore, "that when production credit associations in the four states of this district and ready to accept applications for loans, that the Regional Agricultural Credit Corporation—a temporary, emergency organization—would cease to make loans and would turn over the production credit assumed by the production credit associations, which are to be permanent institutions."

The regional outstanding loans will be liquidated in an orderly and business-like way, assuming to work no unnecessary hardship upon any borrower who maintains proper faith in the repayment of his loan to the regional Agricultural Credit Corporation of Wichita, according to Mr. Mullendore.

## KANSAS FIFTH IN CASH RETURNS ON PIG-SOW PROGRAM

Over Three Millions Received by Kansas Farmers Last Fall Under Government Emergency Purchasing Plan

### THIRD IN VOLUME

Kansas Farmers Marketed 698,830 Pigs and Sows; Total of 6,410,866 in 41 States Participating in Program

Kansas rated fifth in money received by farmers for pigs and sows sold under the emergency government purchasing plan last fall when \$3,081,984.55 was paid to hog producers of the state. Missouri was first with \$3,645,508.32; Iowa, second; South Dakota, third; and Illinois, fourth.

Kansas was third in the number of pigs and sows sold, with 698,830 marketed during the emergency campaign. South Dakota was first with 807,782, and Missouri second with 785,581.

Among 41 states participating in the emergency plan, a total of 6,410,866 pigs and sows was marketed at a return to the producers of \$30,643,101.95.

The emergency pig and sow purchasing plan was started to relieve the future hog markets of February and March, 1934, and was a forerunner of the Corn-Hog Adjustment Plan now being put into operation.

That plan is progressing rapidly in Kansas with first signatures placed on 1,948 contracts. The total number of first and second signatures represented 2,128,911 acres of corn land and 1,623,783 hogs. At the time these figures were reported 15 county corn-hog control associations had been organized.

### STARTS ALL OVER AGAIN

Round School House No. 646 in Washington county did something quite unusual, to say the least, at the last meeting, according to a report by John Reidy, secretary. One of the "new" members to come into the local at that meeting was a man who was the first secretary of the Local ever had. He first joined, and was secretary, 23 years ago. Apparently, he had dropped out of the Union, and is now starting all over again.

According to Mr. Reidy, this man is the only living man, the sole survivor, of the original official group of that Local. Mr. Reidy did not tell the "new" member's name. Perhaps we'll have that in a later issue.

## EXPRESSIONS OF SYMPATHY

Hundreds of telegrams were received by the family of the departed president of the National Farmers Union, John A. Simpson, extending sincere sympathy in the loss of the great farm leader. A few of the telegrams are published here:

Mrs. John A. Simpson: Greatly shocked at the news of John's death. As you know he and I have been friends for a long time. Mrs. Roosevelt joins me in deepest sympathy with you and your daughter.

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT.

Mrs. John A. Simpson: The Oklahoma delegation in congress extends our greatest sympathy in your hour of bereavement for the loss of your distinguished husband, Hon. John A. Simpson. We were all his friends. He was our personal friend and the friend (continued on page 2)

## FARMERS TO GATHER IN ANNUAL MEETING WICHITA NEXT WEEK

Joint Annual Meeting of Farmers Cooperative Commission Company and Farmers Cooperative Grain Dealers Assn

### FARRELL TO TALK

Kansas farmers will take a keen interest in the joint annual meeting of the Farmers Cooperative Commission Company and the Farmers Cooperative Grain Dealers Association of Kansas, which will be held in Wichita on April 2 and 3, next week. The sessions will be held in the Hotel Broadway.

The first session will be called to order at 10 a. m. Monday, April 2, by L. E. Webb, president of the Cooperative Grain Dealers Association of Kansas, which will be held in Wichita on April 2 and 3, next week. The sessions will be held in the Hotel Broadway.

The Tuesday program will be under the direction of E. G. Tharp, president of the Farmers Cooperative Commission Co. and will be devoted to affairs of the cooperative movement. Ralph Snyder, former Farm Bureau head and now president of the Wichita Bank for Cooperatives, will speak at 1:30 p. m. He will be followed by Dudley Doolittle, general agent of Farm Credit Administration.

The annual banquet at 6:30 Monday evening, on the top floor of the Hotel Broadway, will be an important feature of the meeting. The principal address will be delivered by George E. Farrell, Washington, D. C., chief of the wheat section of the AAA. W. G. Hopkins, manager of the Garden City Coop. Exchange, will act as toastmaster. Music and entertainment features will complete the program.

## THE PASSING OF NAT'L PRESIDENT JOHN A. SIMPSON

(By Mary C. Puncture)

The Governors Conference was over. John Simpson had done his part. His address to the Governors of the United States, in support of the Farmers Union program which they supported last fall and giving them in his clear and concise manner a wealth of information and sound arguments in support of our program, was a masterpiece. He was tired and decided to go back to Washington by train. On Tuesday morning, March 13th, he arrived in Washington in time for breakfast. He was glad to be back because there was important work to be done at Senate hearings. All day long he was busy pleading our cause. He slept soundly that night and on Wednesday morning got up refreshed and feeling fine. When he was ready to leave, Mrs. Simpson said: "Are you sure you are all right, John?" "Sure I am feeling just fine," he smiled at her and their daughter, Mildred, and closed the door, which he never was to open again.

There were two important hearings scheduled at which he wanted to appear. One was in support of an amendment to the Packer and Stockyards Act which would give to the Government the same right to supervision of Concentration points as they now have over terminal markets.

The other hearing was on the continuation of the Federal Gasoline tax. This was the last plea he was to make and it was made with the old time force of the great war-horse of the Farmers Union. He roundly condemned the provision in the pending tax bill for federal gasoline tax as inimical to the best interests of farmers and declared it was a function which should be reserved for the states only.

When he left the Senate chamber in which the hearing was conducted, he suddenly complained of a pain in his chest. He sat down on the top steps of the stairway and suddenly he collapsed. First aid was given by a nurse. His wife and daughter were summoned and he had regained consciousness when they arrived. Stretched out in a wheel chair he beckoned Mildred to come to him. She asked him what he wanted. "Just wanted you to give me a kiss," he said. (continued on page 4)

## LIVE STOCK DYING WHILE FARMERS ARE DENIED ASSISTANCE

Graham County Hard Hit with Crop Failures, Scene of Battle between Rights of Farmers and Apparent Official Neglect

### GETTING ACTION

Letters from Scores of Needy Farmers Show Tragic Extent of Desperation; More Money for Relief Is Demanded

Drought-stricken Graham county, Kansas, has become a battlefield where the moral rights of distressed farmers are threatened, and all but defeated, by those who are opposed to these farmers receiving the aid which is their due, and which is supposed to be provided for them by the United States government.

The amount of \$50,000 has been allocated to Kansas to take care of the pressing needs of farmers in 29 different counties. Graham county is only one of the counties, but the condition of many of its farmers is nothing short of tragic. The money allocated is supposed to be used in the purchase of feed for live stock which otherwise will be seriously underfed or which will have to be sacrificed at ruinous prices. In fact, countless farmers already have lost live stock for no other reason than the dire shortage of feed.

In the face of these conditions, Graham county farmers are experiencing the greatest difficulty in getting any of the feed or seed which should be available. County officials, including the commissioner for the poor, apparently are turning deaf ears to the pleas of their farmers. The commissioner for the poor, who, in Graham county is Mrs. Ruth Jones, has the responsibility of securing the feed and seed for the farmers. According to citizens of the county, only one thousand bushels were procured to take care of all the needs. As one business man in Hill City expressed it in a letter to the Farmers Union Jobbing Association, this "is not a drop in the bucket."

Union Wants to Help The Kansas Farmers Union has no particular personal interest in the situation, but it is taking the position that some organization must come to the front to assist Graham county farmers to get relief. Something of the situation has been pictured in recent former issues of the Kansas Union Farmer. An exchange of correspondence between P. H. Cummins, superintendent of relief for Kansas Emergency Relief Committee, Topeka, and J. W. Cummins of the Farmers Union Jobbing Association, was printed last week. The letters brought out some pertinent facts and a tendency on the part of relief officials to hold to red tape methods and restrictions, while the idea brought out by Mr. Cummins is to the effect that the situation is too grave to allow for delay and bickering. It was pointed out that inasmuch as other states, not as hard hit by the devastating drought than was Kansas, have received many times the amount received by Kansas. The Farmers Union is of the opinion that Kansas' share can be increased many times, if necessary, since it is patently the intention of the federal agency to see that cases of dire distress are properly cared for.

Stirring Appeals Nothing can speak more eloquently of the staggering needs of Graham county farmers than letters from Graham county farmers. With that idea in mind, the Kansas Union Farmer wishes to publish a few statements taken at random from the many letters received by the Farmers Union Jobbing Association. These letters show that there is not only an awful shortage of feed for live stock, but that there are hungry men and women and undernourished, underfed little children in that county. In the face of these conditions, the Farmers Union and the Jobbing Association, being organized for no other purpose than to assist the class by and for which they exist, are determined that something tangible and beneficial shall be done, regardless of red tape. Here is an extract from a letter written by a Hill City business man: "A young man came in while I was writing this letter, a pretty fair sort of a fellow. He has had considerable sickness; lost one child; has six children living. He says he hasn't had a mouthful of any kind of feed, either grain or forage, for his horses, cattle and chickens. He has been on relief work and has earned \$116 since last fall. He has kept his stock and family up to now on this \$116. He is now out of feed for his stock and food for his family. He was over to the poor commissioner's office and was turned down because he had actually earned \$116 the past six months. He says he is willing to go short himself but declared on oath that he was in need of a meal, feed tonight for his livestock. . . . Now if you know any way to really help these really needy farmers, I would be pleased to know about it."

"The plight of these people is really worse than most folks realize," writes a representative of the Jobbing Association, who has been investigating actual conditions in Graham County. "Of one farmer in particular he writes: 'These people are old. At one time they owned 2,000 acres of the best land in the county, and didn't owe a cent on it. But adversity overtook them and today, at the age of 75, this old man is trying to stage a comeback. All he had for (continued on page 2)

## John Simpson Funeral

'Great' Send Messages President and Mrs. Roosevelt, Mayor LaGuardia of New York City and congressmen from many states were included in the group of those sending messages.

Relatives said more than 1000 telegrams had been received at the home in Bethany from all parts of the country, many from national officials in Washington.

Mr. Simpson died suddenly of a heart attack shortly after he had finished speaking in congress on a farm legislative bill. He died Thursday night.

Sen. William Lemke of North Dakota, here for the services, said he had noticed Mr. Simpson did not look well when the two were discussing a cotton bill Thursday morning. The body arrived here Saturday morning accompanied by Mrs. Simpson and her daughter Mildred and a national union official. It was taken to the Watts and McAttee Funeral Home until 9 a. m. today when it was placed on the fourth floor of the state capitol.

Hundreds of friends and farmers passed by the bier, under guard by special order of Gov. W. H. Murray who also had ordered the statehouse flag lowered to half mast, to pay their last respects.

Read Simpson Article The Rev. T. L. Holcomb, First Baptist Church pastor, assisted Rev. Sheldon in the services today. Several of the telegrams from nationally prominent persons and organizations were read.

An article on "Death," written by Mr. Simpson several years ago in his booklet, "Bits of Philosophy," was read by Rev. Sheldon.

Mr. Simpson is survived by his wife at the home address in Bethany, two sons, William Simpson, Oklahoma City, and John B. Simpson, Bethany; Mrs. Howard Hollingsworth and Mrs. Purcell Graham, Oklahoma City, and Mrs. Abe Gerghold, Wetherford, Okla., one brother, C. H. Simpson, Lawrence, Kan., and two grandchildren.

FROM HARMONY LOCAL 196 (Marion County) We are grief stricken at the loss of our beloved Farmers Union national president, John A. Simpson. We will remember him all of our life time.

Rudolph Klenda, J. F. Schick, Committee.



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### A SIMPSON MEMORIAL

There is something about the passing of a friend to the Great Beyond which brings out the best there is in those of us who are left behind. In those of us who are left behind, the possibilities of Life are more vividly brought to our attention.

The passing of John A. Simpson, who was president of the National Farmers Union, and the fighting champion of justice and equity for farmers, has made each member of this organization see more clearly his duty. It has no doubt brought to the attention of those farmers who do not belong to the Farmers Union, the fact that they have a definite responsibility to join hands with their neighbors in this great class organization.

One of the most beautiful sentiments ever given expression came from the heart of Mrs. John Simpson, after she had reached home with the body of her departed husband. An official of the Oklahoma Farmers Union repeated it to the writer, who attended the funeral in Oklahoma City. According to this official, Mrs. Simpson was speaking to her friends, members of the Union.

"If the members of the Farmers Union throughout America want to erect a monument to John," said this brave woman, "let them build a great Farmers Union membership."

We can think of no stronger appeal. Neither can we think of any better monument or memorial to erect in memory of a great leader who is gone. Such a monument would be a memorial not only to the leader, but to the principles for which he lived and died.

### JOHN SIMPSON ON DEATH

Several years ago John A. Simpson published a book, "Bits of Philosophy." These "bits" were taken largely from editorial writings which he wrote while editor of the Oklahoma Union Farmer. In the book is contained the following treatise on death, which was read by Rev. F. M. Sheldon at the funeral services of Mr. Simpson in Oklahoma City March 19:

"Death is one of the few real mysteries. The dying year, the falling leaves, the withering grass, the fading flowers, the passing of our friends, are all a part of that mystery. To go down to the bank of the Great River with a loved one and say good-bye is a real test. It can be more easily endured if we remember that there will be a New Year, the trees will leaf again, the grass on the hills and the valleys will be green in the spring, the flowers will bloom as sweet another springtime, and loved ones shall live again.

"What a blessing is death! How it tears at the throat of selfishness! How

it shatters the plans of greed! How it purifies the heart of the mourner! How it turns our faces toward heaven by taking our treasures there! A little while ago we had business in a great city. As soon as that business was finished, and it was night, we drove in our car over a strange road through the darkness for two hours to a little town of a few hundred people. Why? Because, mother lives there. As our loved ones pass on, the car of our thoughts drives longer and faster toward the celestial city, where they dwell. Without death what a wicked world this would be."

### PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

CAL A. WARD  
President Kansas Farmers Union

#### CARRYING ON THE FIGHT

I am sure that our readers and members will be interested in the developments in Washington and what the Farmers Union is doing. For the last few years, and more particularly for the last year, the Kansas Farmers Union has led the fight against the evils of the direct marketing of live stock to the packers and processors. From year to year, the percentage of our live stock going direct has increased until at the present time nearly fifty per cent of all hogs marketed in the United States never reach the public stock yards. In Kansas, less than thirty per cent of the hogs reach the public terminal markets.

Our members and our organization well know that this practice on the part of the packers tends to lower the price level for our live stock, and the farmer, in turn, receives less money. Many feel that on the average the farmer receives for hogs from one to two dollars less per hundred, than he would receive if the packers, through competitive bidding and buying, were required to purchase their needs at the public stock yards. In the old days at the public stock yards and terminals, bidding on live stock was brisk until the packers and order buyers' needs were supplied.

Our live stock commission firms have always maintained a staff of capable and efficient salesmen. In fact, in most cases, they have been experts at the job. They understood values by being able to determine grades, and the farmer was assured of receiving a true value for his shipment on that particular day. Today, under the present system, the packers are permitted to go into the country and fill their needs, usually taking the choice stock, and the result is that the off grades, culls, and thins find their way to the terminal markets, and price values are made

on a basis of the receipts at the public yards, including these under-grade animals.

Therefore, it is easy to see how the farmer is gyped by this method of manipulating the markets. Competition has always been the life of trade. For example, when a farmer leaves the community and wishes to dispose of his personal property, he advertises that he will hold a sale. The farmers all come in, and there is competitive bidding, and the farmer knows he will receive what his property is worth. If he chose to sell his property at private sale, he would not know what to ask for each individual item; but with many prospective purchasers present he may rest assured that, through competitive bidding, he will receive the true worth of his property.

#### Union Takes Lead

It is common knowledge among all our readers that the Farmers Union Live Stock Commission firms of Kansas City and Wichita, headed by George Hobbs and L. J. Alkire, respectively, have observed the way this thing was going. They have so impressed the officials and rank and file of the Kansas Farmers Union that this system is worse than ill-advised; that we have joined hands to obtain national legislation that would tend to correct this practice. Much credit should be given to A. M. Kinney, vice president of the Kansas Farmers Union, who has held meetings from one end of the state to the other, asking the farmers to cooperate in getting this suggested national legislation.

The writer has spent much of his time in Washington during the past few months, and has taken the initiative in arranging for hearings before the House and Senate agricultural committees. The hearing before the Senate agricultural committee opened Wednesday, March 14, and the hearing before the House committee convened the following day. We so planned this fight that an imposing number of representatives, listed below, were in Washington two days in advance of the hearings; and while these hearings, at this writing, are not yet fully completed, we have presented the strongest case before members of Congress that was ever presented on this direct subject. We have had cooperative support, not only from the general farm organizations and cooperative live stock marketing groups, but from the independent live stock commission firms, and stockyard companies, from one end of the country to the other. This took a lot of hard work, and at the conclusion of the first week's hearings, the writer was unanimously requested to continue the supervision of this fight by contacting senators and congressmen on this subject.

It was necessary for me to return to Kansas for a week, to assist in taking care of some urgent Farmers Union business. I expect to be in Washington, Monday, March 26, and to remain there for at least two weeks; and I assure our members that I will do all humanly possible, cooperating with other leaders in getting legislation which will check this thing and divert more of our live stock to the public markets.

Following is a list of our representatives who took part in the hearings:

N. E. Carnes, So. St. Paul, Minnesota; Mgr. Central Cooperative Association; D. M. Hildebrand, Seward, Nebraska; Pres. Nebraska Feeders & Breeders Assn.; H. G. Keeney, Omaha, Nebraska; Farmer & President Nebraska Farmers Union; Cal Ward, Salina, Kansas, President, Kansas Farmers Union; E. A. O'Neal, Chicago, Ill., President, American Farm Bureau Federation; L. J. Tabor, Salt Lake City, National Grange; John A. Simpson, President, National Farmers Union; Chas. W. Holdman, Washington, D.C., milk producer; L. J. Alkire, Wichita, Kansas, Farmers Union Commission Co.; Joe Mercer, Topeka, Kansas, Secretary, Kansas Live Stock Association.

Hay Brown, Springfield, Ill., Executive Committee, Am. Shorthorn Breeders; Alva Stryker, Blue Rapids, Kansas, producer; A. M. Kinney, Kansas City, Mo., Vice-President, Kansas City, Mo.; John W. Fitzgerald, Greenfield, Ill., producer; G. W. Hobbs, Kansas City, Missouri, Manager, Farmers Union Live Stock Commission Co.; Frank Young, National Stock Yards, Ill., Mgr. Farmers Live Stock Assn.; H. M. Conway, Chicago, Ill., Mgr. Research Dept. National Producers; Barney Forstie, Olivia, Minn., producer.

W. P. Dolan, South St. Paul, Minn., National Live Stock Exchange; F. M. Kiser, Pittsfield, Illinois, producer; Glenn T. Stebbins, Kansas City, Mo., Sec. United States Live Stock Assn.; Lee Hyland, Indianapolis, Ind., Indianapolis Producers Association; A. H. Baker, South St. Joseph, Missouri, President, Nat'l Live Stock Exchange; L. J. Smith, Mgr. Producers Live Stock Commission Co., Cincinnati, Ohio; C. C. Talbot, Jamestown, No. Dakota, Pres. N. Dakota Farmers Union; Chas. A. Ewing, Chicago, Pres. Nat'l Live Stock Assn.

Continue On Frazier Bill

While in Washington, I will continue to work for the Frazier-Lemke Bill. We have about a hundred twenty congressmen who have signed the petition to bring the Frazier-Lemke bill before the full committee of the House. A hundred forty-five signatures in all are required, and we believe we will make the grade. If your congressman from your district

has not yet signed, write him or wire him at once.

We absolutely know that 95 per cent of the farmers of Kansas are for the Frazier-Lemke bill, which, as all know, refinances our farm mortgage indebtedness at a cheaper rate of interest, and really gives the country some new money. Under the present system, United States interest-bearing bonds are sold to the investing public to do this refinancing. It is high time for the farmers of this country to demand of Congress that the issuing of tax exempt interest-bearing bonds be stopped. Any interest paid should go into the coffers of the federal treasury, and not into the hands of the money barons and money kings of this nation. We believe that we will finally win in this fight; and if we can get cost of production and lower interest rates, the farmers will again have a chance to own and maintain their homes, which after all is the security of the nation.

#### Gaining Ground

Don't be discouraged because we do not get all we want immediately. I say to you now that we are on the way and gaining ground, and if the farmers of Kansas and the other states will stick with the Farmers Union, we will eventually win.

#### A Leader Gone

As we return to Washington, we will miss the sound counsel and leadership of John A. Simpson, deceased. History has always demonstrated that others will rise up to carry on the work; and in the words of our departed former Kansas Farmers Union president, John Tromble, which he uttered on his death bed, "Unitedly, we will carry on."

## The Crusader

Several hundred years ago, men, fired by a zeal to rescue the Holy Land from the power of the Moslems, left the safety of their homes to face untold dangers in foreign lands, for an ideal.

John Simpson was a modern Crusader. With a brilliant mind, and a heart that beat in union with the hearts of the common people, he flung himself headlong into a fight as bitter and as dangerous as those crusaders faced in their fight for Jerusalem.

He saw the greatest nation on the face of the earth unable or unwilling to guarantee to its citizens their unalienable rights of "Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness." He saw this great country of ours in the grip of a hand of international money pirates, boldly flaunting their black flag of piracy in the halls of Congress and Justice.

He saw an impoverished agriculture; he saw millions of workers tramping the highways and streets in search of work and unable to find it; he saw men elected to high places in government, trafficking away the rights of the people they were supposed to represent; for power and wealth for themselves; he saw special privileges and laws granted to every form of industry and finance, except to agriculture. He saw these things, and with a fearless disregard for his own health and happiness, he led the fight to abolish them.

John was a fearless fighter; he had no patience with those who sought to compromise, to turn him aside from the goal which he kept in view, the goal of a prosperous agriculture. He is dead, but his work and his name will live.

A. M. KINNEY.

The following poem, written by the writer of the above beautiful tribute, was first published in the Kansas Union Farmer on April 9, 1931, when Mr. Kinney was editor of this paper. The death of John Simpson brings to our minds the fact that the sentiment in this poem is extremely applicable just at this time. It follows:

#### GOD GIVE US MEN!

God give us men; not men whose selfish aims  
Sway all their actions in life's cruel games;  
But men who love the truth, and loving, dare  
To unmask falsehood in its noxious lair.

God give us men; not demagogues who try  
To fool mankind with specious treachery lies;  
But men with hearts and brains to lead the way,  
To bring to our dear Land a brighter day.

God give us men who know our nation's plight;  
And knowing, dare to face the hellish fight,  
Which graft, enthroned in all its ruthless power,  
Is waging 'gainst our country, hour by hour.

God give us men; not men who boldly mix  
Our country's needs in slimy politics;  
But statesmen who will steer our ship of state  
Safely through this storm of fear and hate.

God give us men; O Lord, this is the prayer  
Ascending from the people everywhere;  
Men who have the faith and power to lead,  
Hear, O God, in this, our hour of need.

And Lord, give us the strength to cast aside  
Our petty prejudice, and fear and pride,  
And hold us steadfast with unflinching zeal,  
To vote and fight for our dear country's weal.—A. M. Kinney.

### WASHINGTON SIDELIGHTS

(W. P. Lambertson, March 24, 1934)

There are eighteen million radios in use in the United States. This is more than in all the rest of the world combined.

When the head of the NBC was asked in a radio hearing if the Nudist society had applied for time over his network, quick as a flash he replied, "Of course not. They don't want to be heard. They want to be seen."

I am reliably informed that eighteen tobacco growers in the First District have signed up in the curtailment program.

Huey Long said in the Senate yesterday that he had been a tramp printer and onetime e when it was zero he walked from Oklahoma City to Norman, eighteen miles, without a nickel in his pocket.

The House has started on the discussion of the Tariff Bill. The best argument for it is that it will permit the Chief Executive to enter into unhindered and immediate trading agreements with other nations.

Eleven elevators in the Capitol connecting only four floors, are getting old and \$20,000, has been allowed to replace each one. Think of trading an extra good farm for a tin box with a steel rope. The ups and downs in the Capitol are costly.

If the government printing plant were operated under the NRA, it would require 450 additional employees, costing an extra million dollars a year.

It is interesting to know that when the National President of the Farmers' Union lost consciousness he rested in the arms of the legislative representative of the Grange, while the representative here of the Farm Bureau got a glass of water. Simpson, Breckman and Gray had been alone in conversation.

### MAN'S FINANCIAL CORNER STONE

LIFE INSURANCE

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years, they have been greater than ever, reaching the stupendous total of eleven billion dollars.

The resources of the companies today are greater than in 1929. In that year our legal reserve companies had total assets of about 17 billion dollars. At the close of 1933 they had total assets of 21 billions of dollars. They have increased their resources by about 4 billions of dollars in four of the worst years in business history. This immense reservoir of wealth represents the savings of policy holders and belongs directly to them.

These 21 billions of total assets are invested in the very best securities in the United States; Governmental obligations, mortgages, and under-lying bonds. Your insurance dollars represent a participation in the total wealth of the nation; the pick of the first mortgage bonds, loans on the best farm and city properties; loans to policy holders, and the direct obligations of the national, state county and city governments.

These companies thus are as sound and strong as the nation itself. And the United States still is, as it has been ever since the war, among the richest nations of the world.

Weathered the Storm

Legal reserve life insurance has stood the test of the time. They have passed through periods of stress and strain. In this present period of financial storm life insurance has not entirely escaped. A small number of companies have had difficulties. It is too early yet to determine definitely what the ultimate loss will be in the handful of companies that could not weather the storm. But policy holders in even these few companies will not suffer a total loss. And almost uniformly, in each case reinsurance agreements provide for the payment of all death losses.

It is impossible to over-estimate the amount of help that can be derived from insurance companies have afforded to millions of American families during the past four years. Homes have been saved, business tied over, children kept in school and colleges, doctor bills paid, families kept together—all because the head of the house, in better years stored up in his life insurance a surplus in which he could draw. However, a person should not borrow on his life insurance except in extreme need. For in reality he is borrowing from his beneficiaries. Moreover, he has made a loan against his policy and is more liable to let it lapse.

Evils of Lapsing

The most tragic aspect of life insurance business is that so many policy holders, for one reason or another, allow their policies to lapse.

From my own personal experience, I have known many cases of death where the deceased had allowed his policies to lapse within the previous twelve months. Figures compiled show that in 1930 life insurance companies paid more than \$84,000,000 in death claims on policies that had been taken out less than year before. The moral is: "Don't, don't if you can possibly help it, let your policy lapse."

Business men of America buy and recommend life insurance protection. An insurance magazine, "The Spectator" in their prominent patrons number, give the name and address of over four hundred persons who own more than one million dollars in life insurance each. They have listed more than 17,000 persons who own \$50,000 or more each. Among these names are the best and shrewdest business men of America. They realize the need of a safe foundation for their financial structure.

Goodman Cleveland said, "Get a policy and then hold on to it. It means self respect, it means that nobody will have to put something in the hat for you or your dependent ones if you should be snatched away from them."

Theodore Roosevelt said, "Life insurance increases the stability of the business world, raises its moral tone and puts a premium upon those habits of thrift and savings which are so essential to the welfare of a body."

Farmer Needs It

To my mind the farmer needs this corner stone of life insurance perhaps more than any other group. The building of the farmers individual financial structure is necessarily spread

over a period of years; some years are good, some are bad and the farmer must necessarily have something that will tide him over periods of low income. Life Insurance provides this probably better than any other financial institution.

I will close with the words of Woodrow Wilson, when he said, "If a man does not provide for his children, if he does not provide for all those dependent upon him and if he has not that vision of conditions to come, and that care for the days that have not yet dawned, which we sum up in the whole idea of thrift and savings, then he has not opened his eyes to any adequate conception of human life. We are in this world to provide not for ourselves, but for others, and that is the basis of economy."

### LIVE STOCK DYING WHILE FARMERS ARE DENIED ASSISTANCE

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fuel was the dirt and chaff and few broken cobs that had remained from some cob pile. How they ever kept warm on some of the cold days is a mystery to me, as it seemed to be hard to keep that small kitchen warm last night when it wasn't so very cold. He told me he had borrowed four cows, and that all he had to feed them and his horses was straw, three or four years old, which he had to haul nearly five miles. All he is asking for is 50 bushels of corn which, he thinks, will enable him to get through the winter and put out a crop, although I doubt if he will be able to do it on that amount as his horses are very poor. The same condition can be multiplied any number of times.

From a farmer living near Penokee comes this information: "There are any number of farmers in this territory that are losing their stock on account of no feed excepting Russian thistles, which isn't feed at all, but we are told by our poor commissioner that we can get no feed because we got a little work on the CWA. Now how is a man with 10 in the family going to buy feed for his stock and feed his family on \$8 per week after they've paid him off? If there is any way to get feed for this stock I would sure like to know it as soon as possible, for if we don't we will lose our stock and have nothing to farm with."

From another farmer living near Penokee comes the information that he is not only out of feed for his stock but for his family as well. He says in part: "We don't even have wheat straw because we have had a total crop failure through here the last two years. I don't have a bit of feed on the place, except Russian thistles, and I don't have enough of them to last only a few days. Our stock is awful poor. I have lost several head on account of not having enough feed, and several farmers around here are not going to be able to keep their stock alive until spring unless they get help at once. We have six in the family and not a penny's worth of produce to sell. We kept our stock from starving while we were working on CWA, but I have had only \$4.80 from that in three weeks. I was left off the first bunch and I don't know what we will do for food for the family. We have enough food in the house to last only a few days. I have asked our poor commissioner to come out and see several times, but she has never been out. Now if there is anything you can do to help us out till spring, we would sure be glad. We need help at once."

Many more letters tell the same story of need on the part of the farmers, and farmers are turning to the officials to provide adequate relief. The farmers are not unreasonable in their demands. If the county or even the state had to pay for the needed supplies, it would be a different matter. The need would be as great, but there would be some cause for delay. But these supplies are furnished by the federal government. The proper authorities are supposed to ask for Kansas to get its share.

Some Relief Coming Now

Some food is going into Graham county—perhaps some car load. It will not be enough by any means. Graham county farmers may keep in touch with Frank Gripp, manager of the Hill City Cooperative Association. He will know where the car load of corn is, and will know something about the distribution of it.

The Farmers Union believes now that when it is learned that this one car of feed is entirely inadequate, the Kansas Emergency Relief Committee, headed by F. H. Marvin, superintendent of relief, 907 National Reserve Life Building, Topeka, Kansas, will see to it that more is furnished. Therefore, letters to the Kansas Farmers Union, Salina, Kansas, or to the Farmers Union Jobbing Association, 354 Board of Trade Building, Kansas City, Mo., explaining the needs of the various farmers, will be in order, and action will be obtained.

It has been reported to the Kansas Union Farmer that Mr. Marvin has said that the ruling that CWA workers are not entitled to free feed will not stand. He is also reported to have said to representatives of the Farmers Union Jobbing Association that feed will be provided for work animals, even after pasture arrives, to give them the strength to do field work this spring.

If \$50,000 is not enough to get the free feed needed in the stricken Kansas areas, then we shall try to do as well as South Dakota has done. That state was allocated \$1,850,000 for free feed. The Farmers Union of Kansas is ready to exert its full influence to see that justice is established.

#### Food for the People

With reference to food for human beings, it has been said that food for needy families may be obtained by filling out Form No. 1 of the Kansas Emergency Relief Committee. The commissioner for the poor can furnish these forms, we are told, or they may also be obtained in Graham county from W. R. Moore, case supervisor in that county. M. E. Bridges of Goodland furnishes family provisions for that district. It is understood that Mr. Bridges delivers food supplies to the commissioner of the poor in the county, and it is distributed

from that office. If farmers experience difficulty in getting relief, they may appeal to Mr. Merritt, Topeka, with the Kansas Emergency Relief Committee.

No Excuse for Hunger

It should be made clear that there is no need for either live stock or people to go hungry or undernourished in any county in Kansas. There is plenty of everything if the farmers will get together and make a united demand that they receive what the government is willing to provide. This tragic situation has overtaken these farmers through no fault of their own. They have fed the world for a long time, and now it is worse than ridiculous that they should go hungry, or that their live stock should suffer for want of feed.

The Farmers Union suggests that Graham county farmers work with Frank Gripp at the elevator in Hill City, Estle Marsh, elevator manager, Boggs, and John J. Richman at Morland. Farmers may feel free to write the Kansas Farmers Union, Secretary's Office, Box 51, Salina, or the Farmers Union Jobbing Association, 354 Board of Trade Building, Kansas City, Mo., for information and cooperation. These organizations belong to the farmers themselves, and answer to no other class for their actions. They want to help.

### EXPRESSIONS OF SYMPATHY

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of all distressed humanity. May God protect and keep you.  
THE OKLAHOMA DELEGATION,  
Washington, D. C.

Mrs. John Simpson: Board of directors and office personnel extend to you and your family this sympathy in this your hours of bereavement.

### OKLAHOMA WHEAT GROWERS ASSOCIATION.

Mrs. John A. Simpson and family  
In this sad hour we extend our most heart-felt sympathy. May God bless and comfort you.

### UNION EQUITY CO-OPERATIVE EXCHANGE AND FARMERS CO-OPERATIVE GRAIN DEALERS ASSN.

Tom Cheek: The passing of John Simpson is like a fallen cedar. Green with boughs which leaves a lonesome place against the sky. Well-educated he possessed unusual ability with positive convictions and was fearless. He left a fine family and his life was as clean as a hound's tooth. The flag on the national capital should be at halfmast.

W. P. LAMBERTSON,  
Kansas congressman.

Mrs. John Simpson: The highest tribute we can pay to Mr. Simpson is found in these words of scripture, "Greater love hath no man than this that he lay down his life for his friends." Ten thousand families in Wisconsin will walk along beside you as you pass down this valley. Mingling our loss with your grief and ever hoping that the grief of a million homes will somehow make your own grief just a little lighter.

### WISCONSIN FARMERS' UNION OFFICIALS.

Mrs. John Simpson: Please accept our heart-felt sympathy. The untimely death of John is a distinct loss to people of this country. His vision and courage will be much missed.

MAYOR AND MRS. F. H. LAGUARDIA,  
New York City.

Mrs. John Simpson: If my health would permit I would be there to pay reverence and honor to my beloved friend, John A. Simpson. Please lay this telegram on his casket as a message from me to his spiritual self that I will meet him in heaven.

W. H. (COIN) HARVEY,  
Montene, Ark.  
Author Coin's Financial School.

Mrs. John A. Simpson: The university mourns with you in your great bereavement. Mr. Simpson was an honored son of Kansas University. We have pleasant memories of his visits to Mount Oread this year. Most sincere sympathies to you and family.

CHANCELLOR E. H. LINDLEY.

Mildred Simpson: Greatly shocked to learn of your bereavement. Had warmest admiration and regard for your father as one of nation's outstanding leaders. Feel great loss and want to express my sincere sympathy to you and Mrs. Simpson.

FRANK E. MULLEN,  
National Broadcasting Co. Farm Division.

John B. Simpson: Was deeply grieved to learn of your father's passing. He was a wonderful friend, a real statesman. It is a distinct loss to the farmers of this country. It is with deepest regret that I find it impossible to attend the funeral. I feel highly honored at your request. Love to your mother and family.

BURTON K. WHEELER,  
Washington, D. C.

William B. Simpson: Entire state shocked at and news of your father's death. Kansas membership extends deepest sympathy to the family. Kansas official family deeply grieved.

FLOYD H. LYNN,  
Secretary Kansas Farmers Union.

William Simpson: Words cannot express my feeling of loss and unfortunate circumstances thrust upon the nation this morning. Although American farmers have lost their greatest champion John Simpson's precepts and program will live to challenge our most zealous efforts





Dear Junior Cooperators: It scarcely seems as though enough time has passed since Christmas—but next Sunday will be Easter! I wish it were possible for me to stop at each of your homes, this Easter afternoon and wish you personally the happiness that I should like you all to have on this day, and every other day. But I do hope you'll have a lovely Easter and I hope that the Easter rabbit will bring you the things you want.

This week I'm not going to spoil your holiday by talking about lessons. But I'm going to copy for you a poem by James Russell Lowell and I want you all to read it carefully, clip it and keep it with your other club material. You will remember that James Russell Lowell was mentioned in our list of famous February birthdays—for his is on the twenty-second of this month. This is a good poem to memorize and it makes a splendid one for recitation.

## A Parable

(James Russell Lowell)

Sail Christ our Lord, I will go and see  
How the men, my brethren, believe in me.  
He passed not again through the gate  
But made himself known to the children of earth.

Then said the chief priests, and rulers and kings,  
"Behold, now, the Giver of all good things,  
Go, too, let us welcome with pomp and state  
Him who alone is mighty and great."

With carpets of gold the ground they spread  
Wherever the Son of Man should tread,  
And in palace-chambers so lofty and rare  
They lodged him, and served him with kingly fare.

Great organs surged through arches dim  
Their jubilant floods in praise of him;  
And in church, and palace, and judgment hall,  
He saw his own image high over all.

But still, wherever his steps they led,  
The Lord in sorrow bent down his head,  
And from under the heavy foundation stones,  
The son of Mary heard bitter groans.

And in church and palace, and judgment hall,  
He marked great fissures that rent the wall,  
And opened wider and yet more wide  
As the living foundation heaved and sighed.

"Have ye founded your thrones and altars, then,  
On the bodies and souls of living men?  
And think ye that building shall endure  
Which shelters the noble and crushes the poor?"

"With gates of silver and bars of gold  
Ye have fenced my sheep from their Father's fold;  
I have heard the dropping of their tears  
In heaven these eighteen hundred years."

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him to stand up. Tatters will bark in the morning until you feed him all he wants. School is fine so far. Have not much to say, so will close.  
So long,  
Mary Catherine Johnston.

Dear Mary Catherine: That is a splendid idea—to put your birthday date in each of your letters. For that makes it much easier to find your twin. The weather has been rather cold here, too. Did it take you very long to learn to ride your bicycle? Your dogs do have unusual names, but I like them. Please write soon again.

Dear Aunt Patience: I just finished my lesson and found it easy and interesting. I have also read the outline "What Machines Have Done for Men." I was kept rather busy in my school work which delayed me from sending my letter sooner.

How is the weather in Salina? It rained here Saturday and snowed that night. The wind blew and caused the snow to drift. It was still cold today and not near all the snow melted.

I am wondering if any of the Junior Cooperators belong to the 4-H club. Last year I had two pigs for a project and only made five dollars profit.

Next Saturday, February 24, will be my birthday and I will be fifteen years old. I haven't found my twin yet.

My brother Marcelene and my sister Mary Helene will probably send their lesson in soon.

Your Junior,  
Norbert Arnoldy.

Dear Norbert: I'm glad that you liked the lesson—I hoped you'd find it interesting. I think quite a few of the Juniors are also 4-H club members. What is your project this year? Mattie Pearce of Oak Hill, Kansas, also has a birthday on February 24th. She is a new member, so you should write to her first. Tell Marcelene and Mary Helene that I'll be watching for their lessons. Aunt P.

St. Peter, Kansas  
February 19, 1934

Dear Aunt Patience:  
I am in the second grade and seven years old. I would like to become a member too. I like to go to school. I live in town.

Your new member,  
Cecilia Riedel.

Dear Cecilia: I enjoyed your letter and it made me happy to know that you wish to become one of us. Please write very soon and tell me your birthday date, so that I may help you find your twin. I'll send your pin very soon. Aunt P.

St. Peter, Kansas  
February 19, 1934

Dear Aunt Patience:  
I want to join your club. My sister asked me to join or I wouldn't have thought of it, will she get a star? How is the weather in Salina? It was pretty cold this morning. Last Saturday it rained and snowed. The next morning it was very cold till in the afternoon, it was as cold as ever. I am in the seventh grade and 12 years old. There are 25 in my class and 40 in the eighth grade. I had four sisters and five brothers but now I have only four brothers and three sisters. My vote is for the forget-me-not. I think I have to close my letter. The children who read it, I think they'll get tired reading it.

Your new member,  
Regina Riedel.

Dear Regina: I'm glad you're joining our club but I'm a little confused as to just who deserves the star for your membership. Andrew asked if he asked his two sister to join and you write that your sister asked you. Please let me know about this so that I may straighten this out. No, I'm sure we wouldn't get tired reading your letter. The forget-me-not still has many more votes than any other flower. Aunt P.

St. Peter, Kansas  
February 19, 1934

Dear Aunt Patience:  
I want to become a member of your club. Will you please send me a pin? I asked my two sisters to join so they did. How is the weather in Salina? It was pretty cold today. Last Saturday we had rain and snow.

In the morning it was very cold. I am in the fourth grade. I am 10 years old. We have 22 in the seventh grade.

Your new member,  
Andrew Riedel.

Dear Andrew: We are glad to have you become a member of our Club and your pin will be sent at once. Please be sure to explain to me about your sister's memberships—I don't understand. And be sure to give me your birthday date, so that I may help you find your twin. Aunt P.

Robinson, Kansas  
February 18, 1934

Dear Aunt Patience:  
I am writing to thank you for my pin. I saw my letter in the Farmers Union paper. I wish I could find my twin. My birthday is December 26th and I am 9 years old. I am in

Pomona, Kansas  
February 18, 1934

Dear Aunt Patience:  
I am sending in my lesson. I thought that I would write to you to show that I had not forgotten you. The lesson was very easy. When are you going to put the names of all the members in the paper? I am 13 years old. My birthday is December 11. I try to put my birthday date in each of my letters so if any one wants to write to me they will know which day my birthday is on.

We have been having fine weather lately, but today it snowed. How is the weather down there? I have a bicycle. I can ride pretty well now. For pets I have two dogs and a cat. The dogs names are Noodles and Tatters. Very queer names. Noodles will stand up when you hold your hand above his head and he

the third grade. There are four in my class. Which flower has the most votes.  
Yours truly,  
Buell Aller.

Dear Buell: I am so glad to know that you've received and like your pin. We'll find your twin soon—and the forget-me-not has a good many more votes than any other flower. Please let us hear from you again soon.

Robinson, Kansas  
February 18, 1934

Dear Aunt Patience:  
I am writing to thank you for my pin. We saw our letter in the Farmers Union paper. We always read all the letters and watch for our twin. I haven't found my twin yet. My birthday is March 28th and I am 13 years old. I am in the eighth grade. There are 30 pupils in my school. There are five in my class. Which flower has the most votes? I am sending the January lesson.

Yours truly,  
Marjorie Aller.

Dear Marjorie: I was so glad to receive your lesson and I hope you saved the one which we had last week. It makes me happy too, to know that you like your pin—I hope you'll always wear it. As I told Buell, the forget-me-not still has the most votes. Please remember to write again. Aunt P.

## Of Interest to Women

## DRINK MILK AND SLEEP WELL

Do you lie awake nights when you are over tired? Do you toss restlessly, through feverish hours, struggling for sleep that will not come and trying to figure out how you can get more perfect relaxation which will induce sleep? Then try a glass of warm milk taken before retiring. It helps you slip away to restful slumber.

"Milk has long been considered an aid to induce sleep," according to Mrs. Ethel Austin Martin, nutrition specialist of the National Dairy Council. "A recent study, offers an opportunity to show its quieting effect upon activity during sleep."

The effect of other beverages, food, baths and outdoor temperature upon activity during sleep were also observed. Of the various beverages fed (cold and warm water, warm milk orangeade, cold drink containing caffeine) milk was the only one which had a significantly quieting effect upon sleep. It proved to have a definite ability to lessen the number of sleep movements.

The eating of a large amount of food at the evening meal resulted in restlessness. Baths, either warm or cold, on retiring seem to have no constant effect in producing or interfering with sleep. The children seemed to sleep more quietly in cold weather than in hot.

Observations showed that no two children had the same "sleep pattern." The first hour of sleep, upon retiring, was the most active of all, and the net most active was the last regular hour of sleep in the morning. Girls fall asleep more quickly than boys and sleep more quietly throughout the night.

**Creamy Rice Pudding**  
If you know this already, you'll appreciate all the more why I'd like everybody else to know it. So I'm sure you won't mind my telling the recipe, which is: Wash 2 tablespoons rice, mix with 1 quart milk, 6 tablespoons sugar 1-4 teaspoon salt, 1-8 teaspoon nutmeg, Turn into a 2 tea-spoons butter. Put into a slow oven (300 degrees F.) and keep the flame low. Stir occasionally the first hour to keep rice from sticking. Bake another hour without stirring. Then mix in 1-2 cup seedless raisins. Bake another hour (three hours in all) without stirring. Serve hot or cold.

This makes a very soft, creamy pudding. If you like your pudding just a little more solid, you may use as much as 2 or 4 tablespoons of rice without making the pudding too firm. In this case reduce the time of baking, because the rice will take up the milk faster.

If you like a sweet pudding, use 1-2 cup sugar. For a good chocolate rice pudding, omit nutmeg and raisins, use 1-2 cup sugar and stir in 1-2 squares (ounces) melted cooking chocolate before baking.

**Cocunut Cookies**  
1 c. butter  
1 c. sugar  
4 beaten egg yolks  
1 more cup sugar  
3 c. flour with 1-2 tsp. soda  
1 tsp. cream of tartar  
1-2 tsp. salt  
1-2 tsp. vanilla  
4 beaten egg whites

Mix ingredients together smoothly in the order listed and with hands make into soft balls without kneading or rolling (flour slightly). With a spoon or thumb make a depression in each ball and fill with jelly then cover with cocunut and bake about ten minutes.

**Baked Ham**  
10-pound ham  
4 whole cloves  
2 bay leaves  
4 celery leaves  
1 onion slice  
Cold water  
Scrub ham with stiff brush. Fit

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into kettle, add seasonings and cover by 3 inches with water. Cover tightly and boil slowly 2-2 hours. Remove ham from stock and when cool enough to handle, remove rind and a little of the fat. Place ham in baking pan, fat side up and add the topping.

**Topping**  
1 cup dark brown sugar  
30 whole cloves  
1-2 cup vinegar  
1-2 cup water

Stick cloves into fat and spread with sugar, patting it in place. Add rest of ingredients and cover tightly. Bake 1-2 hours in moderately slow oven. Baste frequently and more vinegar and water may be required, using the same proportions. Serve the ham cold or hot.

**White Bread**  
(Short Time Method)  
1 cake compressed yeast,  
1-2 cup warm water,  
1 quart scalded skim milk  
4 tablespoons sugar  
1 tablespoon salt  
4 tablespoons fat  
3 quarts flour

Soak yeast in warm water. To scalded liquid add sugar, salt and lard. Stir in part of the flour, enough to form a stiff batter. When cooled to lukewarm add yeast-and-water mixture. Beat well. Add remainder of flour and knead on a floured board until smooth. Return to bowl, grease surface with fat, cover and let rise in a warm place until double.

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in bulk. Knead again and shape into loaves. Grease surface, keep in warm place until light, and bake in a moderately hot oven (400 degrees F.) until brown. Reduce temperature to 375 degrees F. and continue baking, about one hour in all.

**This Hits the Spot**  
**Corn Cakes:** Beat two eggs well, and add one-half cup sour milk, one-fourth teaspoon soda and one cup canned corn. Sift together one cup flour, one-half teaspoon salt and two teaspoons baking powder, and add. Add one tablespoon melted butter, and fry in small cakes on a hot griddle. Serve with pork sausage and gravy or with maple syrup.

**Salmon with Corn**  
2 eggs  
1-3 cup milk  
2 tablespoons melted Crisco  
1 cup flour  
1-2 teaspoon salt  
1 teaspoon baking powder  
1-4 teaspoon paprika  
1 cup canned salmon  
1 cup drained canned corn  
Crisco for deep-frying.

Beat eggs. Add milk and Crisco. Sift dry ingredients. Blend thoroughly with egg mixture. Add salmon, broken into small pieces. Add corn.

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Pogue Bros—Ottawa Co Ks—9 steers 955.....	6.40
C E Gates—Jewell Co Ks—41 steers 1327.....	6.25
C E Gates—Jewell Co Ks—31 steers 1157.....	6.25
Ross McNeese—Geary Co Ks—21 steers 1096.....	6.20
C J Chambers—Geary Co Ks—20 steers 1105.....	6.15
Frank Steinbrink—Ottawa Co Ks—14 Steers 1000.....	6.10
H. R. Falk—Wabunsee Co Ks—50 steers 1007.....	6.05
H. Vahrenberg—Lafayette Co Mo—12 str. hf 765.....	6.00
Leslie Hess—Lafayette Co Mo—4 hfs 652.....	6.00
G. F. Jones—Marshall Co Ks—15 str. hf 728.....	6.00
John Rundle—Clay Co Ks—15 str. hf 728.....	6.00
John H. Driskill—Linn Co Ks—5 steers 832.....	6.00
J. W. Falk—Wabunsee Co Ks—25 steers 932.....	6.00
Far. Co-op Ass'n—Norton Co Ks—17 steers 850.....	6.00
C. V. Fisher—Wabunsee Co Ks—12 steers 1105.....	6.00
Gus Olson—McPherson Co Ks—30 steers 842.....	5.85
D. W. Evans—Coffey Co Ks—7 str. hf 708.....	5.75
D. W. Evans—Coffey Co Ks—16 hfs 823.....	5.65
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C. E. Gates—Jewell Co Ks—35 steers 1444.....	5.60
Joseph Hemme Jefferson Co Ks—28 steers 1204.....	5.60
C. M. Johnson—Riley Co Ks—81 steers 903.....	5.65
N. S. Samuels—Morris Co Ks—56 steers 1043.....	5.50
H. Pessemier—Pottawatomie Co Ks—9 str. 1043.....	5.50
Floyd Ward—Nemaha Co Ks—31 steers 976.....	5.40
A. G. Schneider—Rooks Co Ks—31 steers 976.....	5.40
D. W. Evans—Coffey Co Ks—16 hfs 799.....	5.40
Louis R. Wyatt—Chase Co Ks—12 steers 1065.....	5.44
E. L. Carson—Clay Co Ks—34 steers 1088.....	5.30
P. B. Benson—Jackson Co Ks—21 steers 1040.....	5.25
P. B. Housholder—Reynolds Co Ks—28 steers 991.....	5.25
A. G. Schneider—Rooks Co Ks—13 hfs 813.....	5.25
T. N. Garner—Osborne Co Ks—8 steers 892.....	5.25
H. Curtis—Cloud Co Ks—7 str. hfs 798.....	5.25
J. H. Beckman—Norton Co Ks—8 steers 1036.....	5.25
Carl Mayer—Sherman Co Ks—13 str. hfs 660.....	5.20
C. Heideman—Wabunsee Co Ks—23 str. hfs 762.....	5.15
Fred Bangs—Greenwood Co Ks—15 hfs 764.....	5.00
M. J. Watson—Washington Co Ks—5 str. hf 870.....	5.00
H. Pessemier—Pottawatomie Co Ks—10 str. 1122.....	4.85
T. A. Gordon—Pottawatomie Co Ks—12 str. 1030.....	4.85
H. Pessemier—Pottawatomie Co Ks—9 str. 1246.....	4.75
Far. Co-op Ass'n—Thomas Co Ks—9 hfs 690.....	4.65
Fred Bangs—Greenwood Co Ks—11 str. 980.....	4.60
L. M. Hurlb—Jackson Co Ks—11 str. 959.....	4.50
P. E. Henson—Jackson Co Mo—18 hfs 407.....	4.50
H. Pessemier—Pottawatomie Co Ks—10 str. 1028.....	4.35
Geo. H. Caple—Franklin Co Ks—7 str. hfs 724.....	4.25
Far. Co-op—Thomas Co Ks—9 hfs 898.....	4.25
Henry Rothe—Rush Co Ks—15 steers 564.....	4.10
Henry Rothe—Rush Co Ks—2 cows 744.....	4.00
Joseph Hemme Jefferson Co Ks—12 hfs 600.....	4.00
Joseph Hemme—Jefferson Co Ks—3 cows 1280.....	4.00
P. E. Henson—Jackson Co Mo—28 hfs 505.....	4.00
Carl Riehoff—Lafayette Co Mo—2 cows 1075.....	3.50
Henry Rothe—Rush Co Ks—5 cows 744.....	2.25
A. H. Cole—Jackson Co Mo—5 cows 977.....	2.20

## SHEEP

Walter Hoffman—Dickinson Co Ks 1030.....	10.00
Walter Ellis—Osage Co Ks 42 255.....	4.30
Harry Alexander—Linn Co Ks 6 243.....	4.30
H. R. Ring—Johnson Co Mo—20 229.....	4.25
R. M. Small—Lafayette Co Ks—25 193.....	4.25
Peter Brecheisen—Douglas Co Ks—15 264.....	4.25
Lawrence Wiench—Washington Co Ks—6 253.....	4.25
Pete Bocuin—Lyon Co Ks—6 193.....	4.25
F. L. Gilmore—Allen Co Ks—15 194.....	4.25
Dee Doughty—Allen Co Ks—8 222.....	4.25
W. A. Browning—Lafayette Co Mo—32 220.....	4.25
R. L. McCann—Lafayette Co Mo—12 222.....	4.25
J. C. Plentie—Nemaha Co Ks—32 259.....	4.20
Roy Gooch—Sullivan Co Mo—7 200.....	4.20

## NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES

## FROM FRANK A. CHAPIN

Recently there came to us a shock quite unusual, as well as very serious. Seldom does it occur that one dies "in the harness" but when we read of the prostration of our National President collapsing at a hearing in which he was testifying, and later hearing of his death from heart failure, we felt, "Why must this be?"

During much of his active life John Simpson has been engaged in the task of liberating the farmer from the thralldom in which we now find him. Seemingly, the load he was bearing was the combined pressure of the entire cause of agriculture. Not only this, but he labored conscientiously for the most direct course to pursue to reach this goal, thus adding to his burden the onus of the slow progress being made. He had taken on more of a task than his physical machinery was capable of carrying.

Anxiety sometimes wears more seriously than physical burdens. During his service as National President of the Farmers Union, he has traveled thousands of miles by train, auto and airplane, trying to conserve time, but adding to the wear and tear of service. And while his ideas and ideals were not always acceptable to all, still his earnestness and his line of argument were never successfully disputed.

His position as banker enabled him to array himself on the side of agriculture and labor—those who pay the bills—ever striving to avert war and thus avoiding issuing national non-taxable bonds which result in the financial enslavement of a most important element of newly created wealth: agriculture and labor. Without these two basic factors, big business and bigger finance could never have attained such a vantage position as they have assumed to occupy.

The arguments he has brought to the attention of the masses in his campaign of reform, certainly have found lodgment in the mind of the public as never before. "Why should Uncle Sam pay interest on his own money?" has become a staggering question, and this has been the theme of many of his public addresses. Then, too, his calling facts by their right names simplifies the message to the average mind.

No man can stand at the "parting of the ways" of public policy without calling down upon his head the vitriol of those entrenched in financial palaces, and whose aim is the final enslavement of the producers of wealth. Christ came to liberate the enslaved. So also John Simpson ended his life work battling for this same God-given right.

The accomplishments of this busy life will not be forgotten. The deeper conviction is that this work must go on. Another will step into the breach and continue the battle. No one can say he has not fought a valiant battle. Though possibly he was not always successful, a broad and substantial base has been laid, and the structure is being erected which shall serve as a memorial to those who have paid the price for a principle, nothing less. They may be obscured for a time, but never die. Christ died for the redemption of men. Those who have died for a principle have likewise immortalized their lives, even though deprived of the privilege of enjoying the realities of their ideals.

He, with his predecessors, will still live in the hearts of their co-workers in this humane cause. The names of Charley Barrett, John Tromble and now, John Simpson, will be printed in the galaxy of other workers in this great reform movement, a living inspiration to greater endeavor.

This sad ending of a useful life will only serve to close up our ranks a little more compactly; encourage the forward march of this great militant class organization battling for the liberation of the two basic factors of our nation: agriculture and labor. These are the mainstays of civilization. No other enterprise can live without these two God-given vocations.

Our sympathy goes out to the bereft family, while we join the Farmers Union in a tribute of praise for this grand life. The cause must go on, even though others must be sacrificed.

We shall all miss him.

—Frank A. Chapin, Winfield, Kansas

## LETTER FROM BURDETTE

Burdett, Kansas,  
March 21, 1934

The Farmers Union,  
Salina, Kansas.

It was with regret that I read of the death of John A. Simpson of Weatherford, Oklahoma, a devoted man to the work and interest of Agriculture.

Mr. Simpson's last effort was put forth before Congress in a fight against the Federal Tax on Gasoline. No doubt this last effort hastened his death.

Mr. Simpson's last effort in behalf of Agriculture should remain in the minds of the people throughout the United States as a monument to Mr. Simpson's last fight and last effort for the cause he so firmly believed in.

I also wish to extend my sympathy to his bereaved family at Weatherford, Oklahoma, and to the National Farmers Union of United States.

Yours very truly,  
W. L. Gooding,  
Burdett, Kans.

## FRANKLIN COUNTY HAD A SPLENDID MEETING

The Franklin Co. Farmers Union held a splendid meeting with the Loyal Local at the Spring Creek School house.

A short business session was led by the president, A. R. Carpenter. A committee was appointed to draft a resolution petitioning our Representative, U. S. Guyer, to vote to bring the house and support same for law.

A motion carried for the Secretary to send resolutions of sympathy to Mrs. John A. Simpson and family and also to the State Paper.

We then had the following program: Music throughout the evening by the Blue and White Orchestra. Violin Solo, Tommy Kraft. Reading, Frank Thayer.

Song: That Silver Daddy of Mine,  
Beverly June Taylor.

Piano Solo, Tommy Kraft.

Biography of John Simpson, Elson Thayer.

We listened to a splendid talk by Dr. K. W. Rowe of Ottawa University on economics and Crop Reduction.

A stunt as well as an educational feature on cooperation was conducted by Mrs. Harry Morgan in the form of a fish pond. Mrs. Morgan, Lehn, Ray, Beck, Heckman, Morgan, Saylor and Carpenter, each gave short talks on the subjects found in the fish which they hooked from the pond. The subjects were Farmers Union Live Stock Co., Farmers Union Oil Co., Farmers Union Lumber Co., Farmers Union Grain Corporation, and cooperation.

If these men did not have fish for breakfast they at least had a chance to learn about cooperative activities. There were about 75 present. A sack lunch and hot coffee was served by Mrs. C. D. Barge and Mrs. A. J. Brady. We had such a pleasant evening that they voted to meet with Loyal Local the next meeting, April 18.

Mrs. T. G. Ramsey, Sec.-Treas.

## RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY

(Franklin Co. No. 72)

Whereas it has pleased God in His infinite wisdom to call from this life, John A. Simpson, National President of the Farmers Educational and Cooperative Union of America,

We, the Farmers Union of America, do hereby extend our sincere sympathy to the bereaved family and a copy be printed in The Kansas Union Farmer paper, and also a copy spread on the minutes of our County.

A. R. Carpenter, Pres.  
Mrs. T. G. Ramsey, Sec.

## MITCHELL COUNTY RESOLUTIONS

Whereas, it has pleased God, in His infinite wisdom, and he has seen fit to remove from our midst our highly esteemed friend, John A. Simpson, National President of the Farmers Educational and Cooperative Union of America, and whereas we thus feel the loss of an untiring leader who was so sincere and fearless in all his undertakings to help the farmers and the cooperative work,

Resolved, that we, the Farmers Union of America, do hereby extend our sincere sympathy to the bereaved family in this sad hour, in their loss of husband and father; and be it further

Resolved, that a copy be sent to the Kansas Union Farmer for publication, and a copy be spread on the minutes of this meeting.

Signed:  
Mrs. J. A. Muck  
C. L. Hendricks  
F. W. Paulsen.

## RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY

Litton Local, Anderson County

Whereas it has pleased our Heavenly Father to call from our midst, Grace M. Williams, wife of our President, R. W. Williams,

Therefore be it resolved that we the members of Litton Local No. 2064 extend our sincere sympathy to the entire family and express how much we will miss her at our local meetings.

Be it further resolved that one copy of these resolutions be sent to R. W. Williams and daughter, Jeanne, one copy to the Kansas Union Farmer and one copy spread in the minutes of our next regular meeting.

Mrs. John S. Martin,  
Mrs. Frank Williams,  
Mrs. Elmer E. Strickler,  
Com.

## EXCELSIOR LOCAL 606 IS STILL ON THE MAP

Our last meeting, which was held in the City Hall at Ellis, Kansas, on March 19, with nearly all members present, was a very successful meeting. We took in a new member and had a very interesting time.

We decided to have an open meeting in the near future. After transacting other important business, we adjourned. Our next meeting will be held at Brother Ignatz Lang's place on April 2.

At our meeting we had a card party. Three prizes were given. Refreshments and Dutch lunch was served, and was enjoyed by all.

Frank G. Erbert, Secretary.

## GOOD WALNUT GROVE MEETING

The Walnut Grove Local No. 973 in Ellsworth county, met at the Walnut Grove School house, March 19, with a large crowd present.

Mr. Rex Lear of the Farmers Union Life Insurance Company was present and gave a very thorough explanation of life insurance and the progress that the Farmers Union Life Insurance has made since it was organized. He concluded his talk with a few remarks on the recovery program sponsored by the present administration.

A good lunch and a social time followed our meeting after which every one went home, looking forward to the time when we can again have Mr. Lear with us.

Elmer Stroede, Sec.-Treas.

## RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY

OTTAWA COUNTY

Since God in His infinite wisdom; has seen fit to call from our midst, our untiring and most earnest worker and hard fighter for Farmers Rights, our national president, John A. Simpson, of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Therefore, be it resolved that we the members of Culver Local No. 2170 Farmers Union, extend to the bereaved family our sincere sympathy, in the loss of our National President, John A. Simpson, and that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family; a copy be published in the Kansas Union Farmer; and a copy be spread on the minutes of our local.

We certainly regret the loss of our National President.

By Order of Local,  
Mrs. A. Pickering.

## FROM LABAN CREEK LOCAL

Our directors of the Mitchell County Farmers Union are busy getting ready for the meeting of March 28, when they wish to change the by-laws and get an up-to-date set of rules to govern an up-to-date set of members. To get over 900 votes is no small task. Our store at Beloit is doing fine. Mr. C. E. Elder was out to our Local with Mr. Laughery, manager of our store, not long ago, and explained some of the problems for us. Mr. Elder seems to be a tireless worker for the Union.

Mr. Laughery says to come to his store and we will talk there. The cream business at the store is doing fine. More members is our greatest need.

Mrs. G. W. Geiser, Reporter.

## RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY

(Mitchell County)

Whereas it has pleased the Divine Ruler of the universe to remove from our midst John A. Simpson, our worthy National President of the Farmers Educational and Cooperative Union of America, we feel that the farmers all over the country have lost an outstanding leader and a sincere friend, besides a splendid officer of their organization.

Therefore, be it resolved that we, the Laban Creek Local No. 479, regret the passing of Brother Simpson, and that we extend our sincere sympathy to Mrs. Simpson and family, and that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved family, and a copy be printed in our official paper.

Henry Deschner, president,  
Clarence Belles, secretary.

## A ROUSING FARMERS UNION MEETING HELD AT BELOIT

Sickness and early spring work kept some of the usual large attendance from being present at the quarterly meeting of the Mitchell Co. Farmers Union, at Beloit, March 21, although that had no effect on the interesting meeting. The absence of the president and vice president necessitated the appointment of Ross Strawn as chairman.

Those present felt doubly repaid for having been there and being able to enjoy the four splendid talks, none of them so long but all to the point. The first one was from our much esteemed Mr. A. M. Kinney, who paid such an appropriate tribute to the late John Simpson in the first part of his speech. The next speaker was our worthy state secretary, Mr. Floyd H. Lyman, whom everyone is always pleased to meet and hear his talks.

He, too, spoke of the death of Mr. Simpson and gave some description of the John Simpson funeral, which was the largest he had ever attended, he said.

A part of the business was taken up after this talk. It was decided to have the next meeting June 3 in the park at Beloit. The date was changed for that day owing to the busy part of the season.

The next speaker was introduced by Mr. Strawn, and when the audience heard the name of Mr. B. E. Winchester, all eyes were turned to the doors and fire escapes for quick exit, in case of necessity if he began to throw stool right and left. As he took the floor, he was smiling at the laughable remark made by the chairman about his name. We found later on in his speech, his interests at heart for the welfare of the Farmers Union was loaded, just as shells are for the real fire-arms. Nevertheless his speech was fully enjoyed and the suggestions he gave, we believe, will be of some benefit to us in the future. One of his suggestions was tried out and found to be successful.

The next speaker was a home talented one, a miller by trade, but a Farmers Union man at heart, whole soul and body; rather small in stature but big minded and a fluent speaker. This man's name is Frederick William Paulsen, but at home is known as F. W. Paulsen.

The only regret of the day was that the hour hand on the clock moved too rapidly. Had we had more time we might have had several more much speeches by other members of the group of farmers.

We always extend a hearty invitation to any one to be present at these meetings, so we noticed two newspaper men, Mr. Harold Dwyer (better known by ever yone in this community as Tramp Reporter) and Mr. Durham of the Beloit Gazette, present at both the dinner and latter part of the meeting.

Mrs. Chas. Oplinger, Cor. Sec.

## RENEW INTEREST IN DOUGLAS CO. UNION

Baldwin, Kansas, March 26, '34.

Mr. Floyd Lamm, Sec.,  
Salina, Kansas.

Here is a report of the first quarterly meeting of the Douglas County Farmers Union, held at the Pleasant Valley school house, March 17. The main feature of this meeting was the program and the dinner put on by the Pleasant Valley ladies. We had a very nice crowd.

More interest seems to be taken in the Farmers Union now than in the past three years. Farmers have learned that they must help themselves through legislation.

A new set of officers were installed for the year. They are: Fred Flory of Lone Star, president; Fred McKinney, Lone Star, vice president; L. M. Williams, Baldwin, secretary-treasurer. The executive committee is composed of B. A. Hammond, C. C. Gerstemberger and Chas. Banning.

Our next meeting will be held at the Segal school house the first Thursday in June—L. M. Williams, Sec.

Resolution of Sympathy

A resolution of sympathy was offered by the committee as follows:

Whereas, our president of the National Farmers Union, John A. Simpson, has been taken from us and whereas we feel the loss to our organization as well as personally, therefore

Be it resolved by the Douglas County Farmers Union to extend our deepest sympathy and sorrow to his family, and to his associates in his splendid career and efforts in behalf of all farmers of America, and be it further resolved that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this meeting.

Committee:  
Frank Fox  
W. E. Peters  
E. H. Illian

## THE PASSING OF NATIONAL PRESIDENT JOHN A. SIMPSON

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They took him to the Emergency hospital and upon examination his condition was found to be very serious. The diagnosis was a clogging of the arteries leading to the heart. Mr. Simpson has had diabetes for many years and insulin had recently replaced the strict diet on which he lived for many years. He could eat what he wanted as long as he used the insulin and he had gained weight too rapidly lately. However his heart was in perfect condition only a month ago.

Breathing was hard and they put him in an oxygen tent. He was unconscious most of the time and when he regained consciousness his mind was wandering. Constantly it was busy with the legislative battle.

Just before he lost consciousness he said to Mrs. Simpson: "Well, I am glad I was able to put that one over." He meant that he felt that had stated the farmers' and consumers' case in the hearing on the Federal Gas tax well enough to assure success.

At 5:30 a. m. with his hand in his wife's he quietly, without any struggle, breathed his last. John Simpson died as he would have wanted to die, if he could have stated his wishes in the matter. He died fighting for his Farmers Union cause, he died "With his boots on." He died trying to help the President carry out his campaign pledges upon which he was elected. He wanted the President to make good, he knew his intentions were good in 1932 and he knew that if the farmers who supported him in 1932 had been organized under the banner of the Union that helped the President write his campaign pledges, that the President would have been able to carry them out in spite of the pressure of the banker crowd and the big business interests. That is why Mr. Simpson did his utmost to build the organization, and his success in creating that desire to organize through his radio addresses was almost unbelievable.

After his death numerous friends assisted in the arrangements to have Mrs. Simpson and Mildred return home at once. At 6:45 the Pennsylvania train carried the body and the

wife and daughter out of Washington. They went alone but at St. Louis, Mr. Kennedy and myself joined them. It was a heartbreaking trip. Mrs. Simpson was brave and so thankful to listen to details of the Governors' Conference, how well her husband had expressed the principles of the Union program, what he had told Mr. Kennedy on that trip to Des Moines, of his future plans.

We arrived at Oklahoma City at 9:55 a. m. Saturday morning. At the depot were all the children, three daughters and their husbands, William and his wife and young John. That moment was hardest of all, but when we got to the house, a fine brick farm house, ten miles out of town, and when all were gathered around Mother in front of the blazing logs of the fireplace and when she scanned the telegrams from Union folks, from old friends, from Governors, Senators, Congressmen and President Roosevelt himself, she felt so sure that he had not given his life in vain that she could look up and glancing around the circle of the ten tearstained faces of the children, say: "I have so much to be thankful for."

I am writing this on Saturday night. The National Board is here. Tomorrow will be a hard day, Sunday, many relatives are crowding the spacious home; all Mrs. Simpson's relatives are there and Mr. Simpson's only brother. On Monday from 9 until 12:30 the body will lie in state at the State Capitol and at 2 p. m. we will put his body to rest.

William Simpson is preparing a Memorial issue of the Oklahoma Union Farmer. Therefore the next issue of this paper will contain sketches of his life, especially the years spent in Farmers Union work.

On Saturday, March 24th, a Memorial service will be held over NBC at the regular Farmers Union hour. The broadcast will come from Washington and from Chicago between 11:30 and 12:30 A. M. Do not miss attending the last rites for our beloved President John A. Simpson. Be present in a body somewhere in front of a good radio and write us for copies of the service in full.

Mary C. Puncke,  
Assistant Nat'l Secretary

## BUTTER AND EGG MARKET LETTER

By P. L. Betts  
Dairy & Poultry Cooperatives Inc.

## BUTTER

The writer is again substituting for Mr. Betts, who was called to Washington to attend a meeting of dairy representatives studying and working on the dairy production control program.

The range in the butter market during the past week has been narrow and the market closes about unchanged as far as quotations are concerned. Although at this writing the market is easier and looks lower. Extras and Standards closed at 24 cents, 89 score 23 1-2 cents, and 88 score 22 1-2 cents. The gradual seasonal increase in fresh receipts and the light storage withdrawals during the past week appears to have checked the upward trend. Production reports of butter still show a decrease of 6 per cent to 12 per cent as compared with a year ago, although the percentage of decrease is gradually lessening as the season advances.

While eggs are higher than a year ago they are still comparatively a cheap food in many quarters and where priced reasonable consumption still exceptionally good. For example a popular lunch counter restaurant here in the loop in Chicago has for the past several months made a specialty on two eggs, potatoes, and bread and butter for 10c. This price still prevails in spite of the advance in the egg market. It is indeed interesting to enter this place of business and stand by for thirty minutes during the busy noon hour and note the number of people that order eggs. This serves to substantiate the feeling which the writer has long had, that the exacting of heavy profits in our food distributing system discourages consumption and is in part at least responsible for the accumulation of food products.

—A. W. Seamans.

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