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NATIONAL MOVEMENT CONSUMER DEMAND

A great and constructive interest is being taken in this subject in practically every state in the Union. The secretaries or managers of state associations, state officials and others, are working to increase the demand for butter.

We have dwelt considerably upon the fact that farmers are users of oleomargarine. We have not done this in a spirit of criticism. We have felt that the farmer who sells milk or cream is doubly interested. First, in having butter on his own table; second, in increasing the demand for the product of his own farm, thus stimulating values and the returns he receives for his butterfat, far beyond any economy he might effect by buying butter substitutes.

It is stated that in countries or sections where dairying has reached the highest development, the greatest farm consumption of butter substitutes exists. This is true of Denmark, it is true of Holland, and it is true of our country. Economically it is a very short-sighted policy, aside from the question of proper nutrition.

Furthermore, a comparison with Denmark and Holland in this respect is not good anyhow, for this reason: Denmark and Holland both have a market for the butter they themselves do not eat—in England, in Germany and in other countries; while we, here in America, have no such foreign market, and must depend entirely upon our home market.—N. Y. Produce Review, Jan. 15.

Conditions of Butter Market Show Some Improvement.
For the first time in several months we find encouragement in butter storage figures which in turn has reflected some improvement in butterfat and butter prices. The withdrawals of butter from cold storage in the month of December show up much better than did the months of November and October as is indicated from the following figures taken from the January 22 issue of the New York Produce Review and American Creamery:

Withdrawals of Butter from Cold Storage	
October, 1928	22,260,000 lbs.
October, 1929	20,180,000 lbs.
Decrease, 1929	2,080,000 lbs.
November, 1928	34,826,000 lbs.
November, 1929	26,707,000 lbs.
Decrease, 1929	8,119,000 lbs.
December, 1928	27,202,000 lbs.
December, 1929	29,780,000 lbs.
Increase, 1930	2,578,000 lbs.

These improved conditions no doubt come in part at least as a result of the nation-wide campaign launched by those interested in the dairy industry urging the consumption of more butter and other dairy products.

The producers of dairy products can assist very materially in helping their own conditions by using more real honest-to-goodness butter and less butter substitutes. The producer who buys a pound of oleo at the grocery store little realizes that in addition to depriving himself and family of the real food values contained in a pound of butter, he is competing with himself and contributing to the destruction of an industry which he is trying through channels of production to build up.

By way of comparison, the following figures on oleo production reveal some interesting information:

Oleo Production	
November 1928	1,213,315 lbs.
November 1929	1,428,532 lbs.
Colored	31,541,500 lbs.
Uncolored	33,852,860 lbs.
Total	32,755,315 lbs.
11 Months of year—	35,281,392 lbs.
Colored	12,975,074 lbs.
Uncolored	307,354,944 lbs.
Total	288,939,058 lbs.
Increase of 31,390,960 lbs. or 10.8 per cent in first eleven months of 1929.	

These figures would indicate that had one pound of butter been consumed for each pound of the increased production of oleo for the first eleven months of 1929 as of December 1, there would have been a surplus of less than ten million pounds of oleo instead of forty million pounds. This condition would in all probability have resulted in higher butter prices.

The January warehouse report on butter shows that the butter surplus has been reduced to approximately thirty-eight million pounds which is also encouraging.

Every consumer can help do his bit toward placing the dairy industry on a better basis by adopting and putting into practical use the slogan —"EAT MORE BUTTER."

OLEO IN OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Bucyrus, Ohio
Jan. 23, 1930.
Farmers' Union Co-op. Creamery Co.,
Kansas City, Mo.
Gentlemen:

OLEO IN OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS
The writer's daughter, a high school student, recently told him that in her home economics class, oleo was being used and taught.

I immediately directed a letter to the president of our local school board and mentioned a few of the generally known facts regarding oleo as compared with butter as a food. I called his attention to the fact that millions of dollars are spent yearly by our taxpayers for extension work for the improvement of agriculture and here in our schools we are teaching the use of a product that is made from an imported coconut oil and a product in which science finds little if any value from the standpoint of real food and vitamins, the sale of oleo increasing as if it were a cigarette of some kind while the sale of butter is falling off, down this year (1929) to the tune of 29 million pounds and

being sold at a price less than present cost of production. I asked him if he really thought that oleo had any place in a program that teaches young folks to want fine clothes, fine schools with modern gymnasiums, autos, radios, etc.

This school board president was surprised and said he did not know that our schools used oleo and he called the superintendent who was likewise surprised. Both investigated and found that our schools had been using this product for the past several years. A new rule was immediately put through which abolishes the use of oleo in Bucyrus Public schools.

What was true in Bucyrus may be true in many other towns and cities. Each creamery man should know whether or not oleo is used in the schools of his city. We are sending this letter to each of the 1200 leading creameries. Please advise if you think it will do any good in a small way and if so we will send out another letter in a few weeks.

Very truly yours,
G. W. Warnock,
Warco Manufacturing Co.

THE GENTLEMAN FARMER
The gentleman farmer drives over the fields
And plows up the hills and the dales;
His driving is done with a thin little club;
The turf flies around when he falls.
He swears at the weather in true rural style,
And spends all his summer and fall
A-trying to raise, neither spinach nor wheat,
But only a little white ball.
His efforts, of course, yield him no more in cash
(As he wanders the fairways and rough)
Than the work of the farmers who labor all year
And then try to market their stuff.

way for helping agriculture. We have found it a man's job to run a farm without being compelled to go into all sorts of complicated marketing combinations.

WARNS AGAINST DAIRY PROMOTIONS PREVALENT NOW

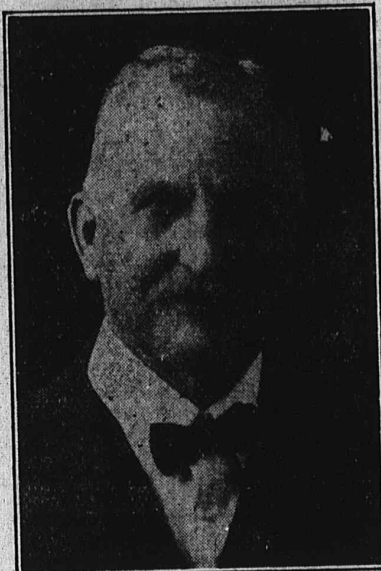
Federal Farm Board Sees an Over-Production Danger

In a statement issued January 12, the Federal Farm Board stated there was a temporary over-production of butter and dairy products and issued a pertinent resolution regarding dairy promotions.

The resolution said that "the experience of many past years discloses that producers of farm products have much too often been victimized by schemes to construct and equip packing plants, creameries and various kind of factories. . . and there is imminent danger that unscrupulous persons may seek to take advantage of the present sweeping cooperative marketing movement by similar unsound schemes."

Only recently the Better Business Bureau succeeded in preventing a so-called merger of various dairies by a promoter attempting to collect "front money" from each dairy in advance.—Better Business Bureau.

IN MEMORIAM



1863--1930

OUR FRIEND

Our friend is gone; another sacrifice;
In fighting for the right, he paid the price
Demanded of the ones who love mankind;
To this great love he gave his heart and mind.

There was no path too steep, no strife too fierce,
No maze too deep for his keen brain to pierce,
No selfish thoughts to turn him from the road
He trod, to lighten Agriculture's load.

In this great work he never spared his health;
He never gave a thought to fame or wealth;
But always with a purpose clear as light,
He gave his best in agriculture's fight.

When Agriculture's tale at last is told,
His name will shine as bright as burnished gold.
In that great hall of fame, the people's hearts,
Although in life he felt their poisoned darts.

Help us, O God, to carry on down here,
The work marked out by him we loved so dear;
So, when at last we meet him face to face,
We then can say, Dear Friend, we've won the race.

—A. M. KINNEY.

We deeply regret the passing of Mr. Brasted and feel that we have lost a true friend, and a man whose counsel was valuable at all times.

Ward J. Spencer.

It has been my great pleasure to have known him and to have called him a friend and we will miss his counsel and his kindly advice. Let us so live that when the grim reaper comes we will meet him in the great beyond.

Chas. A. Broom.

We have given up our brother, friend and advisor. We all feel the loss of C. E. Brasted. He was born in the state of New York. To us he might have been born here. He was so near to us. He was capable of handling big things. His advice was always good. We will miss him. He was always cheerful and pleasant. He was always ready and willing to aid when one was in need and in trouble. He was a friend to all alike, and we cannot find words to express how we feel the loss of him. We do not think of him as dead. His influence will always be with us. He has only gone away. His family has our sympathy.

Chas. Simpson.

I have lost my best friend. Next to my father I have depended upon Mr. Brasted for advice, encouragement and sympathy and have never been disappointed. In the nine years that it has been my privilege to work in the office with him I have learned many lessons in patience, forgiveness and loyalty from him that his memory will be a challenge for me to carry through my life.

To Mrs. Brasted, Charles and the girls, I offer my sincerest sympathy.

Loretta Rittgers.

I worked in the office with Mr. Brasted during the time he was State Secretary and although he was my boss, he was my friend.

No greater thing can be said of one than to call him friend.

I am deeply grieved at his going and feel that I, personally have met with a great loss.

May his ideals ever live on.

To his family I offer my sincere sympathy.

Pauline Cowger.

O'SHEA MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Feb. 8.—Sat. P. M.—Paola—Court House—1:30.
- Feb. 8.—Sat. Evening—Parker High School—7:30.
- Feb. 10.—Mon. P. M.—Garnett—1:00.—Sewell Hall.
- Feb. 10.—7:30 P. M.—Burlington Christian Church.
- Feb. 11.—Tues. P. M.—La Harpe Cozy Theatre—1:30.
- Feb. 11.—Tues. Eve.—Neosho County.
- Feb. 12.—Wed. P. M.—Crawford County.
- Feb. 12.—Wed. Eve.—Columbus—7:30.
- Feb. 13.—Thurs. P. M.—Altamont—1:30.
- Feb. 14.—Fri. P. M.—Madison Opra House—1:30.
- Feb. 14.—Fri. Eve.—Chase County.
- Feb. 15.—Sat. P. M.—Burns County.
- Feb. 15.—Sat. Eve.—Cowley County.

These are all Open Meetings

NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES

ZEPHYR LOCAL 1622

The Zephyr local 1622 will organize a (Bulk Oil Station) at Conway Springs, Kans., Feb. 5, 1930.

We have been working on this for quite a while, but the weather has kept us from organizing before.

We have had very good luck getting signers, as everybody thinks it is a good thing.

There are some who think the farmers will not hold together. That's it. We have got to do it if we expect to get anywhere. I think the farmers ought to see far enough by now that they should get together and stick, or we will never gain anything we start.

The Zephyr local is going to be on the map good and strong before 1930 is over.

When we get the oil station going good, we expect to start a cream station which is needed very much.

Thanks very much for the good work Mr. Howard Whitaker has done for us. Hope to have him with us again.

Hope to have Mr. Wm. Solter, Mr. Whitaker and Mr. Kinney with us on February 6.

J. I. Jones, Secretary

NOTICE

Jim O'Shea, the Fighting Irishman, will speak at Parker high school auditorium at 7:30 p. m. Saturday, February 8, 1930.

Mr. O'Shea is a superb interesting talker, who although an actual farmer, living in Montana, has been invited by farmer organizations to speak at various places on the pertinent agricultural questions of the day. Every farmer and business man should hear him. Free—No Charges.

January 25, 1930.

The Kansas Union Farmer,
Salina, Kansas.

Dear Cooperators:

Just a line to let you know that we

are still with you. We have been having some mighty good times considering the adverse weather conditions.

Just now the farmers of Scott county are getting together in the form of Farmers Union Cooperative Oil company for the purpose of establishing a bulk plant when Union Certified products can be bought. Wm. J. Solter, organizer of the company gave us

one of the ablest addresses on cooperation that we have ever had in the county. Mr. Solter has a very pleasant personality, a powerful, forceful and convincing manner and voice. Old

line oil men who might come for the purpose of embarrassing the speaker with mis-answered questions, remained

agree that he has a fine thing to offer. Real relief that relieves. Mr. Solter gets a lot of "kick" out of showing the farmers how to save money

by running their own business and out of making their business monopoly proof. The farmers around Healy

are a prosperous lot of Union men. Their manager, Bob Pruesch, is right on the job all the time—a typical co-operator himself. They, too, are going to handle the Union Certified line of fuel and lubricating oil in bulk. A local Farmers Union was reorganized at

Manhattan, Kans. Good, live officers were elected. Ladies Auxiliary and Junior Cooperator's departments were organized and officers elected.

No doubt we will hear of good things happening in that vicinity in the near future. A local meeting we enjoyed at Beaver Falls is worth going across the state to attend. Everybody there; full of hospitality; music,

old-fashioned Western Kansas. That local was organized right and the people think enough of themselves and their neighbors to contribute some time and energy to the functioning and their activities.

Long may they and their kind prosper!

Is there a chance for us folks to have Jimmy O'Shea out in the west part for a couple of days. We know his time is very valuable, but if you ask us, so are we and I for one am positive that Brother O'Shea has just the kind of message we need.

We expect to arrange to have our President, Cal Ward with us some time this spring and believe that such contacts will bind us all closer in our invincible brotherhood of the Farmers

Educational and Cooperative of America.

Fraternal yours,
Walter L. Maxwell

FOUR HUNDRED PEOPLE HEAR "JIMMIE" O'SHEA AT ST. MARYS

The revival of interest every where felt, in the Farmer's Union and kindred organizations was again demonstrated, when some four hundred people came out to hear Jas. O'Shea and A. M. Kinney at St. Marys Wednesday evening, January 29.

Mr. Kinney, state secretary and editor of the official state paper, the Kansas Union Farmer is well known and always popular with farm audiences. He spoke of the growing recognition now being accorded Farm co-operative organizations, pointing out that the people, bankers, Chambers of Commerce and high officials in state and national affairs including the President of the United States himself, are for the first time in history, taking serious notice of the farmer and his rights.

There has never been a time when such interest in co-operation was shown as at the present time, one thousand new Farmer's Union members having been secured in Kansas in September last.

Farmer's Union National Secretary Jas. O'Shea and His Message To Farmers

No one goes to sleep while "Jimmie" O'Shea has the floor. Of course he is witty being an Irishman, but he is also tremendously in earnest, a plain but successful "dirt farmer" with an extensive cattle and wheat ranch in the state of Montana. Mr. O'Shea came from Ireland to the United States 39 years ago, and became an American citizen 36 years ago, at the age of 18. "In Ireland" he said, "The child of the aristocracy is born with a silver spoon in his mouth, but I was born with just a mouth."

The phrase of our Constitution "all men are created equal" had a great appeal for Mr. O'Shea, but he said he lost his equality when he began farming and marketing his grain under the old system when the farmer had nothing whatever to say as to the price he received for the products of his farm. Under the old system there were about forty auctioneers (commission men) to four buyers.

Under the new co-operative marketing system now available to all farmers there is but one auctioneer. Mr. O'Shea said no hardware merchant could make a living buying nails at seven cents and selling them for a nickel, yet that is just about what the farmer in the past has been doing. The farmer has worked hard all day, from the neck down, for the other fellow. In the past, in Montana, according to Mr. O'Shea, there was always one last chore to be done in the fall, when all other preparations had been made for the winter, and that was to drive the wife into town and to the bank where the mortgage or note was renewed for another year. We inferred however, that times are better now, in Montana and the north-west, due to the perfecting of their co-operative system of marketing, in which they seem to be several steps ahead of us. Mr. O'Shea is not a booster, yet it was easy to believe that much of the credit was due to "Jimmie" O'Shea himself, for a number of years state President of the Montana Farmer's Union and a loyal and tireless worker for the best interests of the farmer.

The North-west division of the Farmer's Union, comprising seven states, Oregon, Washington, Montana, Wyoming, Minnesota, and the Dakotas, added 100,000 members to the Farmer's Union.

17,000,000 bushels of wheat was marketed in that division in 1928, every bushel of which went thru their own Farmer's Union "spout" at a substantial increase in price over that formerly accepted from independent commission men. Mr. O'Shea himself, marketed wheat which netted him \$1.31 per bushel, for which he had been offered but 93c by his local old time dealer. Old line dealers he said, injured their eyes trying to find something for which to dock wheat.

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SALINA, KANSAS, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1930

ORGANIZATION

Organization work is going forward as well as can be expected, owing to the bad weather and bad roads through January. Several new locals near Salina have been organized or are in the process of being organized. Mr. Swanson is working in Saline County this week and is getting results. Jim O'Shea and your National secretary held some of the most successful Farmers Union meetings ever held in the State. Over four hundred people a hundred at Olsburg; between four and five hundred at St. Marys; more than a hundred at Alma, and more than three hundred at Alta Vista. Good meetings at Herington, Lincolnville, McPherson and Lindsborg. Farmers are interested everywhere.

FOREIGN COUNTRIES EAGER FOR KNOWLEDGE

In January, I had the pleasure of talking with one of the most noted educators in the United States, concerning his trip across Russia and Siberia. It happens that for a week or so he visited Russian schools at Moscow. He found the teachers and the children on their toes, eager to teach and eager to learn. Apparently, the younger generation in the larger cities of Russia has an almost religious enthusiasm for making the great Russian experiment succeed. If this fiery enthusiasm continues, the Russia of fifty years hence may greatly surprise us. It must be remembered that it was a great educational idea which enabled the schoolmasters of Denmark to remake that country into the remarkable cooperative nation that it is today.

Concerning the Communist leaders, my friend said that on the average they were fully as unselfish and devoted to the cause of their country as the men at the top in other nations. In the main, they seemed to be sincere, earnest and capable. Of course, they are faced by tremendous difficulties, and he would not care to make any predictions as to the outcome. The majority of the people in Moscow were rather shabbily dressed, but there didn't seem to be any more extreme poverty there than in other large cities of the world. Siberia and Manchuria gave him the impression of having enormous agricultural resources. Manchuria is coming forward by leaps and bounds in the same way as the Mississippi valley did a generation ago. Much history will be made in Manchuria, because it is there that China, Russia and Japan have the greatest chance of coming into conflict with each other.—Henry Wallace in Wallace's Farmer.

THE LONG VIEW

Any farm organization must determine what it is going to do in the next month or the next year. But it is dangerous to look only a few months or even a few years ahead in deciding on policies. The long-time view not

The President's Column

C. A. WAR.

OUR FOLKS INTERESTED IN FARMERS UNION

Accompanied by Mrs. Ward I have just recently enjoyed a most pleasant sojourn in Anderson County. Meetings were held at Lone Elm, Amiot and Weldo. We were greeted with splendid audiences considering road conditions. Many of the highways were drifted with snow to the amount of three or four feet and those who attended these meetings were compelled to drive in some instances many additional miles because of road conditions.

Special mention should be made of the fact that there were those who attended all of the meetings, even though it necessitated, in some instances, driving some seventy-five or eighty miles.

The three days of careful observation in Anderson has riveted anew upon my mind the fact that Anderson County is in line of progress, and to be sure is one of our ranking counties when it comes to Farmers Union Activities.

True the membership "as in many other counties" is not what it once was, but it is evident that we can expect an increase in zeal, loyalty and accomplishment from the folks of this community and with the cooperation which we will enjoy we are sure the membership will be increased. The memory of those who pioneered in the earlier days of the Farmers Union in Anderson most truly occupy a warm place in the hearts of these people. Through the untiring sacrifices and efforts of such men as Cliff Henderson, H. D. Collins, Howard Whitaker, Art McKnight and many others, the story was told, the foundation laid and today we have in this county a faithful, militant group that will stand by the Farmers Union, regardless of what the opposition may attempt to do. At all the meetings the children and young folks were in evidence and contributed by the giving of readings, songs and music. The interest of youth and young people in the work insures the success of the future of our organization.

It was my purpose to speak of those matters relative to Agriculture and marketing which are squarely before us at this time. Along these lines I find our folks most keenly interested. We are all watching the progress of the Farm Board step by step, day by day and feel that our organization will find its rightful place in this development program, and that the Farmers Union will remain intact.

It occurs to the writer that special emphasis and effort must be placed on our organization program. We are so disposed that we must be "Constantly Stirred." Our folks want to, and have a right to know our development program. They are interested in all that is being done and I am convinced that our whole set up should be so arranged as to keep our membership well informed and in constant touch and contact with our State and National policy. This of course cannot be accomplished in a day, but at any rate should have our most careful and considerate attention. The organization paper, The Kansas Union Farmer, has in times past and is today, contributing in a very constructive manner. Our folks should read it carefully, and by reading its columns closely we are sure to have a better understanding of each other and our various needs. As time and opportunity affords itself I expect to give this subject of organization more thought and study and will present my views to our folks through the columns of the paper and otherwise.

only determines what the ultimate objectives may be; it also may indicate what should be done in the next few months. The road may be straight and wide to Clearview and narrow and rough to Mudtown, but if Mudtown is on the road to the distant city you want to reach, and if the Clearview road peters out somewhere on the flats, the rough road is the one to take.

The Iowa Farm Bureau Federation deserves congratulations, therefore, in looking ahead a good way in some of the resolutions adopted in its recent convention. On the marketing act, after commending the immediate program, the convention said:

"But stabilization is not enough. We must look to the level upon which prices are stabilized. We reaffirm our stand that the prices of farm products must somehow be raised above the world level to the same degree that labor and industry are above that level. However, we pledge our support to the Federal Farm Board in all efforts to secure the fairest possible benefits to agriculture in the stabilization of prices and the control of agricultural surpluses, until such time as the farm marketing problem is solved or it is definitely proved that the agricultural marketing act does not go far enough."—Wallace's Farmer.

STABILIZATION CORPORATION WILL COME

There is a good deal of criticism in some quarters of the slowness of the Federal Farm Board, in establishing a Stabilization Corporation to take care of the surplus wheat, and stabilize the price. The Farm Board seems inclined to postpone action on this matter as long as they can no doubt hoping that the price level of wheat would rise to a point where any action on their part would be unnecessary. The Agricultural Marketing Act states in plain words that it is the duty of the Farm Board to establish these Stabilization Corporations whenever the price of any commodity becomes too low.

The price of wheat today is away below the cost of production, and if the Agricultural Marketing Act means anything to the farmers of this country, then the Board should get busy and carry out the plain intentions of the Act.

Expressions of Sympathy

Hutchinson, Kansas.

Mr. C. E. Huff:

Whereas it has come to the knowledge of this organization that Mr. C. E. Brasted, our friend and fellow co-operator was passed on to the great beyond.

Be it resolved that this organization extend our deepest regards and out heartfelt sympathy in this hour of great sorrow.

The Farmers Co-operative Commission.

The Farmers Co-operative Grain Assn. of Kansas.

Manhattan, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Kinney:

I am very sorry to have word of Mr. Brasted's death. In the years of co-operative effort between the Farmers Union and the Farm Bureau, I learned to know Mr. Brasted very well and esteem him very highly. His deliberate consideration of all subjects that came before us always acted as a balance wheel to our activities.

His judgment was probably as good and valued as highly as any man in the farm organization work in the state of Kansas.

Farm Bureau folks all over the state have nothing but the very kindest of thoughts of him and regrets for his passing.

Sincerely,

Ralph Snyder, President.

Leonardville, Kansas.

Mr. A. M. Kinney:

Our valued and respected friend, Mr. Brasted has passed on to join other public minded men, such as John Tromble.

His record is surely a value great to relatives. How courageous were his parting words in the Union telling his friends and your readers he must give up his earthly career, one which has been far more than money making.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Chambers.

W. H. Sikes.

Omaha, Nebraska.

Dear Friends:

We were shocked to get word that Mr. Brasted had passed away. The force here joins me in extending sympathy in the loss of such a good man. It is a road we must all travel.

None in Farmers Union circles will miss Mr. Brasted more than the folks here and the Farmers Union of Nebraska.

E. L. Shoemaker, Secy.

Farmers Union of Nebraska.

Yoncan, Nebraska.

Mr. C. E. Brasted and family,

I was shocked this morning to hear of the death of Mr. Brasted and extend to the family and all relatives and friends sincere sympathy.

In the years of our acquaintance I had learned to know of his value and appreciation of his services. He will be greatly missed in all Farmers Union circles.

Harry C. Parmenter.

Newton, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Broom:

This will acknowledge receipt of your telegram informing us of the passing away of your President, Mr. Brasted. Kindly convey to the company and to the bereaved family of Mr. Brasted the sincerest sympathy of this company.

So it is in life, the older we get, the more we notice that there is an end to all things, and those with whom we have labored, leave our midst one by one. We grieve at their leaving but we also realize the added responsibility that has been thrown upon us. It remains for each one to prove that he is ready to accept the challenge and to pick up the mantle that is left behind.

Let us revere the memories of

Mr. Brasted.

E. E. Woodman.

Springfield, Mo.

Dear Brother Kinney:

I have just received word of the death of Brother Brasted. It would be difficult to conceive that one could work with a man possessing such sterling qualities in such a marked degree as did Brother Brasted, without having a very tender spot in his heart for him.

Let us hope that his memory will serve to make all of us faithful to perform the service outlined for us. Express my deepest sympathy to the family and the official family of the Farmers Union.

Fraternally but sadly yours,

A. C. Davis.

Dear friends:

I am grieved to learn of Mr. Brasted.

For many years we worked together like brothers for the cause we both loved and thought was for the good of our fellow farmers. I learned in those years to admire him for his sterling qualities and strong mentality.

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Federal Farm Board News

Appointment of Dr. Mordecai Ezekiel, senior agricultural economist, Bureau of Agricultural Economics, Department of Agriculture, as assistant chief economist, effective Saturday, February 1, 1930, was announced today by the Federal Farm Board. Dr. Joseph S. Davis, formerly of the Food Research Institute at Leland Stanford University, is the Board's chief economist.

Dr. Ezekiel is a native of Virginia and was graduated in agriculture from Maryland Agricultural College in 1918, after which he entered the army. From 1919 to 1922 he was with the Bureau of Census and worked on the census of agriculture.

Since 1922 Dr. Ezekiel has been with the Division of Farm Management, Bureau of Agricultural Economics. In that position he developed methods of statistical analysis and management, agricultural economists and prices of agricultural products, taking a major share in the development of the annual Agricultural Outlook Reports for the past seven years. For several years he has been in charge of cooperative work with the state college of agriculture on productive programs to get the facts as to agricultural outlook before farmers in all parts of the country and help them to hasten their production plans on the probable outlook.

Dr. Ezekiel took a M. S. degree at the University of Minnesota in 1923 and a Ph.D. degree at the Robert Brookings Graduate School in 1926.

Until they act collectively in producing and marketing their product, Burley tobacco growers will never have stability from year to year in the prices they receive, James C. Stone, vice-chairman, Federal Farm Board, said in an address prepared for delivery at 11 a. m. Wednesday, January 23, 1930, before the Farmers' Week Meeting at the College of Agriculture, Lexington, Ky. The same thing is true as to producers of other agricultural commodities, he added.

In addition to collective action, Mr. Stone said he regarded it of vital importance that farmers produce only crops and livestock best adapted to the sections in which they live. Kentuckians, he said, have "a natural advantage over other sections in the production of blue-grass seed, race horses, Burley tobacco, sheep, lambs and hump, and possibly other products, but when it comes to wheat it is impossible for us to compete with the great wheat-growing sections of the Middle West." He suggested that it would not be easy to compete with the corn belt in production of hogs and cattle.

Mr. Stone outlined the purposes of the Agricultural Marketing Act which the Farm Board is administering and told of the Board's activities to date. "You can see from these things," Mr. Stone said, "that the activities of the Farm Board are many and intricate. There is one thing which I wish to forcibly impress upon all of you, and that is that we do not feel that this Act is putting the Government into business, and it is our policy now to help farmers who are willing to help themselves, but as soon as they are able to run their business, it is our intention that the activities of the Farm Board shall gradually withdraw from the picture."

County agents and home demonstration agents, Mr. Stone told his audience, can be helpful in the development of the Farm Board program by:

First, holding group meetings in their respective counties to study the Agricultural Marketing Act, so that as many farmers in the country as possible will know what to expect from it.

Second, making a survey of the cooperative organizations in the immediate territory, finding out if these associations are organized to comply with the terms of the Capper-Volstead Act and therefore eligible for assistance under the Agricultural Marketing Act.

Third, encouraging farmers to join these cooperatives if they are found to be properly set up and efficiently managed.

Fourth, spreading the general idea of what cooperative action means and what a farmer can expect from a cooperative organization, so that he cannot expect, especially, that he can not expect the impossible.

Fifth, making sure that before any farmer joins a cooperative association he knows what he is joining and how it can be expected to help him in the merchandising commodity.

"What you farmers are farming for is to make money," Mr. Stone continued. "To do this you are going to have to run your business intelligently and along sound business lines. . . . Take tobacco, for example. There are very few growers who know the yearly demand for Burley tobacco, and if they did know the number of pounds needed, as long as they are unorganized individual producers it would be impossible for them to regulate the production to meet demand, but through intelligent organization this can be done."

"It has always been my idea that in the tobacco trade there are three interested parties—the grower, the manufacturer or processor, and the consumer—and until all three parties are represented in the trade you will never be able to solve the problem satisfactorily. If the grower of Burley had their own organization and through that organization could be represented with a representation of the manufacturer and one for the public, these representatives could meet and discuss the problems concerning all, such as the amount of Burley tobacco needed each year, and the kind most in demand, and by giving this information to the tobacco growers each year before they made their plans for growing the next crop, prices could be adjusted at a fair level and could be continued at a fair level over a period of years if the farmers themselves would follow the suggestions of a committee of this kind."

"The Farm Board is giving serious consideration to the development of a closer relationship of this kind in all lines of agricultural commodities, and

we believe that great results will come from such contacts."

FEDERAL FARM BOARD

The Federal Farm Board today approved an application of the Lower Columbia Co-operative Dairy Association, Astoria, Oregon, for a facilities loan of \$202,000. The association is expanding its plants at Astoria, Portland, Ore., Grays River, Wash., and Clatskanie, Ore.

The advances on the facilities of the Lower Columbia Co-operative Dairy Association made by the Board are not to exceed fifty per cent of the appraised value of the properties and are to be amortized over a period of ten years. As security for the loan the association is to give the Farm Board a first mortgage on all of its physical facilities.

Commenting on press dispatches from New Orleans to the effect that cotton prices have declined \$2 a bale there as a result of a statement by him to the effect that the Federal Farm Board will not buy cotton at prices higher than the market, Chairman McKelvie said:

"Reports of what the Board contemplates doing evidently have been garbled. The Board is not going to buy cotton or any other commodity at any price."

"There has been no change whatever in the Board's cotton loan policy. The Board will continue to make supplemental commodity advances to the cotton co-operative associations on the cotton loan. Value basis announced October 21, 1929, and has no intention of calling loans already made to these associations."

Friday, Jan. 24, 1930
The Federal Farm Board today announced that it has approved an application of the Land O'Lakes Creameries, Inc., Minneapolis, Minn., for a loan of \$1,000,000 to assist that co-operative association in the effective merchandising of dairy products handled by it.

The Board approved a second application by the Land O'Lakes Creameries, Inc., for a line of credit not exceeding \$2,000,000 supplemental to primary loans from other sources, to enable the association to advance to its members a greater share of the market price of the dairy products delivered by them to the association.

There has been some criticism that the Federal Farm Board has extended the assistance to the Florida citrus industry in the form of loans to the Florida Citrus Exchange instead of to the Florida Citrus Growers House association.

The Agricultural Marketing Act specifically provides that it shall be the duty of the Farm Board to build up the farm owned and controlled cooperative marketing associations and specifically provides that, in order to do this, money may be loaned from the revolving fund provided under the Act, both on commodities and facilities, to cooperatives engaged in the interstate sale of products. The Agricultural Marketing Act also provides that the Board may promote clearing house organizations composed of both commercial shippers and cooperative shippers, but there is no provision under the Act for the financing of the facilities of clearing houses or of the commodity of its members, unless the member is a cooperative.

The Florida Citrus Growers Clearing House association is an organization composed of cooperative shippers and commercial shippers formed for the purpose of exchange of information with the view to bringing about a better control of shipments, but is not engaged in marketing, each member of the clearing house being a separate unit marketing the fruit of its members. The clearing house is not exclusively grower owned and controlled. The Florida Citrus Exchange is a grower owned and controlled cooperative marketing organization which is a member of the clearing house, but which markets the fruit of its members and has control over distribution and sale of same.

Shortly after the creation of the Farm Board representatives of the Florida citrus industry, including the Florida Citrus Growers Clearing House association and the Florida Citrus Exchange, appeared before it and made representations of the distress of the citrus producers of Florida on account of a series of disasters including tornadoes, Mediterranean fruit fly and the failure of a large number of banks. The Board concluded that it should do something to attempt to relieve this situation. The only way this could be done under the law was to extend aid through a cooperative marketing association, farmer owned and controlled. The Florida Citrus Exchange is such a grower owned and controlled organization engaged in marketing, which qualifies under the law and controls about one-third of the product. The Board, therefore, selected the Florida Citrus Exchange, the only large co-operative association engaged in marketing as the medium through which to extend aid to the citrus growers of Florida and made commitments to loan to the organization \$3,000,000 upon security satisfactory to the Board and qualified under the law.

It will be seen from the above statement that this action was not a discrimination against any existing organization.

FEDERAL FARM BOARD

A warning against overproduction of dairy products and an injunction to farmers to use their own butter and other dairy products in their homes are contained in resolutions adopted by the Dairy Advisory Commodity Committee and approved by the Federal Farm Board.

These resolutions and another cautioning dairy farmers to beware of promotional schemes for construction of physical facilities were submitted to the Board by the committee following meetings held in Washington January 7 and 8 on call of the Board. The committee in the first of its resolutions asserted that there is a

temporary overproduction of butter and other dairy products in the United States. Continuing, it said:

"We advise farmers generally to consider carefully production methods from an economical and profitable standpoint. With the above in mind we recommend the sale for slaughter of all low-producing and unprofitable cows from the herd."

The resolution urging farmers to use their own dairy products follows: "Whereas, the price of butter is now below the cost of production, and

"Whereas, the farmers of the country are themselves partly responsible for this condition because of their failure to use their own butter and dairy products in their homes and could materially improve market conditions by using more butter and dairy products,

"Resolved, that we urge upon the farmers of the nation to help improve the price of dairy products by using more butter and dairy products in every way that such products can be utilized as a food product."

Following is the resolution warning dairy farmers against promoters of schemes to construct facilities for handling dairy products:

"Whereas, the experience of many past years discloses that producers of farm products have much too often been victimized by schemes to construct and equip packing plants, creameries and various kinds of factories for processing their products under conditions which did not reflect sound business judgment, and there is imminent danger that unscrupulous persons may seek to take advantage of the present sweeping cooperative marketing movement by similar unsound schemes,

"RESOLVED, That the farmers of the nation be cautioned to scrutinize and examine most carefully all plans for promotion of building facilities, for handling dairy and other farm products, which are either originated or furthered by those whose chief, if not only interest is to make a profit out of the promotion of the enterprise, also, that cooperative organizations, individual farmers and local commercial and financial interests everywhere be advised not to enter upon facility building programs until a most careful survey has been made by disinterested advisors from the state governmental agencies and especially not until the Division of Cooperative Marketing which is now with the Federal Farm Board has been consulted and its recommendations have been most deliberately weighed."

The committee reported to the Board that it had "unanimously endorsed the policy of the Federal Farm Board in making loans to local cooperative associations only through regional or central cooperative marketing or bargaining associations, in order that efficient cooperative marketing could be more effectively developed. It is the belief of the committee that it is desirable that the Federal Farm Board use its services and influence to eliminate as far as possible competition between cooperative marketing associations and hope that this will be the aim and purpose in all the Examining Sections of the Federal Farm Board when considering applications for loans."

The Dairy Advisory Commodity Committee, on invitation of the Federal Farm Board, was selected by cooperative associations representative of the producers of dairy products and is composed of the following members: Harry Harkie, Chairman, Cooperative Pure Milk Assn., Cincinnati, Ohio; John Brandt, Secretary, Land O'Lakes Creameries, Inc., Minneapolis, Minn.; C. E. Hough, Connecticut Milk Producers Assn., Hartford, Conn.; Emerson Elm, Madison, Wis.; National Cheese Producers Federation; A. G. Zeibell, Marysville, Wash.; United Dairy Association of Washington; P. L. Betts, Chicago Equity Union Exchange, Chicago, Ill.; George W. Slocum, National New York Dairyman's League. (Due to illness, Mr. Slocum was unable to attend the sessions held by the committee.)

PROGRAM

Under the Auspices of the Farmers Union, Alta Vista, Kans., Jan. 30, 1930; H. S. Auditorium

At 8:00 p. m.

Music—The Friendly Farm Station Orchestra.

Quartet—Johnson-Simonton Zimmerman-Schultz.

Music, Trio—Doc. Brinkley's Merry Makers.

Musical Reading—Fred Nace.

Duet, Instrumental—Doc. and Howard.

Vocal Duet—Johnson-Schultz.

Music, Trio—Instrumental—Merry Makers.

Address—Cal Ward, President of State Farmers Union.

Music—Orchestra.

Address—"Jimmy" O'Shea, National Secretary Farmers Union.

Quartet, "Kentucky Babe" and "Our Medley."

Get your next shorts and bran from car Saturday, Feb. 1st, Alta Vista.

THE COUNTRY STORE

By Elizabeth Hart
The chain store at the cross roads Where Hays' grocery used to be Don't hold the same attraction Somehow—as formerly.

It's been repaired and modernized And changed from end to end They've gone and junked the heatin' stove— (Like losin' an old friend). They've thrown the cracker barrel out.

And hid the cheese away; They've got the prunes, and rice, and such, In cartons—as they say.

The clerks are nice, good-lookin' chaps, Perlite as they can be, Well 'x' tradin' there as usual, But— it's the same to me.

The District meeting of the Farmers been taken. The general purpose of

UNCLE ANDY SAYS:



"To the west, to the west, to the land of the free,
Where the mighty Missouri rolls,
Down to the seat belt, it's hunched
Where a man is a man if he's willing
to toil
And the humblest may gather the
fruits of the soil."
—Immigrant song of the '70's.

Kansas State Farm Bureau just completed a very successful annual meeting at Great Bend. Attendance good. No quarreling. Everybody interested. Good feeling and general harmony prevailed.

Great Bend is one of the most beautiful and substantial cities of the great plains states. Its people vied with each other in making us comfortable. No city could surpass the bountiful banquet provided.

Just a little west and south of our state's center, the very heart of the farmers' hard wheat belt. It's hunched-footed streets and typical western vision and energy makes us feel that we are not the whole cheese by any man's. Thank you Great Bend! You captured our hearts.

We well remember the long trains of emigrant covered wagons moving westward on the Fremont Trail, emblazoned on the white covers, "Kansas or Bust" along in the 1870's. This side of immigration tried to make "the mountains come to Mohammed" (That is to make eastern methods fit on to western conditions) but the "mountain" refused to come.

Later many of the same covered wagons trekked back east again inscribed on their tattered covers, "Busted by God." Human courage and vision finally prevailed and "Mohammed" finally decided to go to the Mountain. That is to take conditions as they found them and make the most of them. The greatest wheat area in the world developed and an unparalleled civilization.

A world's tragedy in China. Millions dying of starvation. Impossible to check revolting cannibalism. Other millions in our plains states suffering because of too much bread stuff. Our vaunted civilization in the face of such conditions seems a mockery. The world is never had enough of bread and meat and probably never will. Still farmers are being bounded for producing too much.

Mr. McKelvie of our Federal Board at recent "opeked meeting" hauled us over the coals for increasing wheat acreage a paltry 2 per cent, and seemed to be peeved because the good Lord had sent timely rains and propitious conditions for the next wheat

Before the Blizzard Struck the Schoolhouse

A Bell System Advertisement

TWENTY PUPILS were gathered one mid-winter afternoon in a little white schoolhouse in the prairie country of North Dakota. At half-past three there was a general ring on the telephone. Answering it, the teacher learned from the operator that a severe blizzard, moving at the rate of sixty miles an hour, was reported from a town fifty miles away. The families of a number of the pupils received this same telephone warning, and within ten minutes enough teams were at the schoolhouse to take all the children home in safety.

The teacher then fixed her fire, and was able to reach her boarding place before the blinding snow and wind isolated every building in the countryside.

The telephone renders valuable aid in any emergency—in cases of accident, sickness and fire. Whenever there is livestock, hay or grain to be bought or sold, the telephone gives profitable assistance in arranging the most advantageous terms. It is always ready to run errands, bring spare parts for broken machinery, or keep families and friends in closer contact.

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crop. We hope the Federal Farm Board is not trying to usurp divine prerogatives. 'Twould be presumptuous.

Let the Board wake up and get our surplus bread stuffs through to the hungry millions of Europe and Asia and quit nagging us farmers for being industrious or fortunate in our production. There's many a slip between the cup and lip. McKelvie's 900,000,000 bushel guess to say the least was very injudicious.

Present cooperatives disagreeing and playing for position. Big Board threatening to "steal roll" 'em. The 70 per cent unorganized, non-cooperating farmers lost sight of in the shuffle. We rather guess this latter bunch will be heard from if left out in the cold. Come on, men, and take the larger view and give the Federal Farm act a chance to function.

It can't succeed if too much antagonism is engendered. We'll have enough to do to keep even with the organized grain trade without fighting among ourselves. Cooperatives must show that they can cooperate with their fellow cooperators. "United we Stand, Divided we Fall."

BIG BABIES

(Written by Wm. Lee Pinkerton, of Clinton, Mo.)

One of the sweetest things in all the world is a tiny babe at mother's breast. Pure, innocent, inoffensive, helpless, darling little jewel, wholly dependent upon others and no way of telling of its troubles except to cry and we don't blame it for crying as often as it needs help.

But of all ludicrous, contemptible sights one ever saw, a great big lubberly, overgrown, ten-year old baby weighing more than mother, yet clinging to her skirts and bawling like a big calf to be coddled in mamma's lap and rocked to sleep, just when little tiny baby sister or brother needs all of mother's attention, is the limit. All down the ages the farmer has been noted for "bawling," and as long as he did nothing else, other industries winked at one another and gave him the "horse laugh," but just as soon as he got "organized" enough to start something that in thirty or forty years might make "the other fellow" keep his hand out of the farmer's

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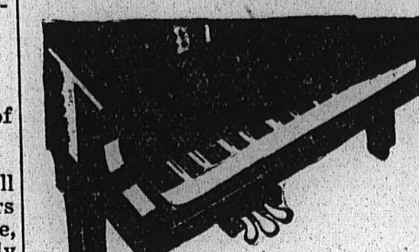
pocket, then the "big babies" set up such a "howl" that it made all others howl—the farmer's included—sound like whippers.

The big independent grain elevators are bawling because "ma is going to wean them," and the big loan companies are howling because the farmer's land ain't good security any more and they are going to sell the farmer out to make him cut down his loan so the "big baby" can still act the hog and tap the simple-minded, easy going, contented farmer for all his earnings.

When the contact was made and the loan put on the farm the farm was worth at least twice as much as the mortgage, but the land, according to Nature's laws and the law of supply and demand, has dwindled away and a baby, has overgrown its companion and wants something bigger and softer yet more stable to lean on.

Of course the fatness of the mortgage caused the leanness of the farm, but that don't keep the "big baby" from bawling.

O, Lord, send Ma Columbia and Uncle Sam a "spanking machine" for "big babies" and give them the



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