

FARMERS NATIONAL GRAIN CORPORATION

F U ACTIVITIES HAVE ASSETS OF 3-4 MILLION DOLLARS

Radio Speech by T. B. Dunn, Secretary-Manager Kansas Farmers Union Cooperative Auditing Association, Salina, Kansas, December 5, 1930, Over WIBW.

The fifteen minute talks given weekly over W. I. B. W. by the managers of the various Farmers Union activities are made possible by the generosity of the proprietors of the Capper Publications, who have always shown a friendly attitude to the Kansas Farmers Union, and to the agricultural interests of the state in general.

The broadcast period this week has been allotted to the Kansas Farmers Union Auditing association, the smallest activity of the Kansas Farmers Union, but by no means the least of these as it touches the pulse of all the other activities and is constantly in touch with them, through the quarterly audits made by the auditor of that department.

No one is in better position to give you an insight of the financial condition and progress of the Farmers Union activities than the speaker who, through constant contact with all of them acquires that inside knowledge of the general conditions which is otherwise unobtainable.

Rather than tire you with a talk on auditing, which is usually a dry subject consisting of facts and figures, I will transgress and give you a brief outline of the progress of the Farmers Union as a whole.

Starting with the Farmers Union Jobbing Association, with headquarters in the Board of Trade building, Kansas City, Mo., with branch offices in St. Joseph and Salina. The Jobbing Association is the department which handles all kinds of grain, feed, flour, coal, binder twine and miscellaneous merchandise in car lots. Like all other farmers cooperative enterprises, it has passed through troublous times and at one time in its career was ready to return its charter to the State Secretary, but grit and determination succeeded in putting it together again and at the present time the Farmers Union Jobbing Association is one of the foremost consignment houses on the Kansas City Board of Trade, its service to the members is second to none, and through careful and economical management its financial condition, which was at zero a few years ago, shows at the present time Capital and Surplus over \$236,000.00. This has been made possible by the loyal support of the Farmers Union members, but their support is far short of 100 percent, and if it were possible to secure 100 per cent patronage from our affiliated elevators, over the state, the farm problem would be easier to solve today. The Farm Board is using every means and inducement to organize the farmers cooperatively through their existing organizations, but the response has, so far, been half hearted on the part of individual farmers.

The Farmers Union Live Stock Commission Company has always been a leader on the Kansas City Live Stock Exchange and drawn business from a wider area than any other branch of the Farmers Union. The Live Stock Commission Company has consistently rebated large profits to its members, and at the close of 1929, showed surplus and undivided profits amounting to \$70,000.00.

The Farmers Union Produce and Creamery Association is the youngest of our state-wide activities, but its progress has been remarkable. It handles cream, butter, eggs and poultry and last August opened one of the finest equipped creamery plants in (continued on page 4)



T. B. DUNN

FARMERS WEEK IN TOPEKA

Huff and Ewing, Presidents of Nat'l Grain Corp. and Nat'l Livestock Ass'n. to Address Kansas Agricultural Convention at Topeka.

The last word on the policy and purpose of the Federal Farm Board that can be expressed by the two great farmer organizations cooperating with it, the Farmers National Grain Corporation and the National Live Stock Marketing Association will be said by their respective Presidents, C. E. Huff and Charles A. Ewing, in their addresses before the Kansas Agricultural Convention to be held in Topeka during the week of January 12 to 17, 1931.

This convention marks the sixtieth annual meeting of the Kansas State Board of Agriculture, under whose auspices the convention is held, and a specially interesting program has been prepared by Secretary J. C. Mohler, in which marketing of the two major farm products of the state, grain and live stock, will have a prominent place on the program, but these two, on development of cooperative grain marketing through the Farmers National Grain Corporation, and the live stock activities of the Federal Farm Board will be presented by Charles A. Ewing, President of the National Live Stock Marketing Association, its representative in this field. Many other topics of immediate interest will be on the program, but these two, on account of their widespread importance and their official utterance, will have a special appeal under present economic conditions.

An open rate of one and one-half fares for the round trip, without certificates and available to everybody, from all points in Kansas and from Kansas City and St. Joseph, Mo., has been granted by the Kansas railroads. Tickets will be on sale at all stations from January 11 to 16 inclusive, with a return limit of January 19. These meetings are open to the public and all are invited. All of these meetings are included in the exercises of "Farmers Week" in Topeka, and added interest will be found in the inauguration of the newly elected governor and the assembly of the legislature which will occur on January 13 and 14 respectively. The railroad rates will include these dates.

THE MODERN SLAVE DRIVERS

When, because of disobedience to the Lord,
From Eden driven by the flaming sword,
Adam was sentenced to a life of toil
He wrought his living from the virgin soil.

What he produced was his; no Board of Trade
Could gamble in the wealth which Adam made;
No middleman was there with sticky hand
To grab a toll from products of the land.

But as the race increased and multiplied,
A class whose greed is never satisfied,
Traders, gamblers and traffickers in food
Arose to power and ruled with haughty mood.

And ever since the men who till the soil
Have been the victims of these gamblers' spoil;
They sow and harvest in a dreary round
Until they rest at last in friendly ground.

And this rich crew whom they support in ease,
Who live their lives exactly as they please,
Crack their sharp lash o'er these dumb slaves of gold
As did the men who drove the serfs of old.

They hold a mortgage on the farmers' lands;
They hold the reins of finance in their hands;
They own the men who make the peoples' laws;
They throttle Justice with their greedy claws.

A. M. Kinney.

Farmer-Owned Farmer-Controlled

Branches at Pendleton and Portland, Ore.; Kansas City and St. Louis, Mo.; St. Paul, Minneapolis and Duluth, Minn.; Seattle and Spokane, Wash.; Ogden, Utah.; Denver, Colo.; Wichita, Kan.; Enid, Okla.; Omaha, Neb.; Cedar Rapids, Ia.; Indianapolis, Ind.; and Los Angeles, Cal.

THE PRODUCER

The responsibility for the success of a farmer co-operative marketing agency rests upon the individual producer. He must support it with his membership, his loyalty and his produce. As an individual he can exercise no control over the marketing of his commodity. Collectively he may control his own marketing machinery, add to the commercial value of his commodity the profits of distribution, and so control the sale of his products as to avoid the price declines that accompany glutting of markets.

HOW IT'S DONE

Twenty-seven large scale co-operative grain marketing associations, composed of producers and controlled by them, own Farmers National Grain Corporation, the national co-operative. Some of these associations are made up largely of individual growers and are known as pools. Others are composed of groups of farmer elevators, operating through terminal marketing agencies set up by themselves or by general farm organizations. Some of the pools own and operate country elevators and accept elevator memberships; some of the elevator organizations enroll individual producers as members.

TAKE YOUR CHOICE

In every grain area one or the other of these co-operative grain marketing organizations is now operating and is part of the national program. In some territories all types are open to the grower. He may take his choice. He may become a part of the national co-operative movement by joining one of the co-operatives that accepts individual members, or by holding stock in a local farmers' elevator, making sure that the elevator in which he takes stock is also a part of the national group. If his local elevator has not affiliated with any stockholder of Farmers National Grain Corporation, he may insist that it do so. He may, with his neighbors, organize a new local association and make it a part of any national stockholder.

NO DISCRIMINATION

Some stockholders of Farmers National Grain Corporation require marketing contracts. Some operate on the voluntary delivery basis. Both types are equally eligible to become parts of the national co-operative grain marketing plan by qualifying under the provisions of the Capper-Volstead Act and the articles of incorporation and by-laws of Farmers National Grain Corporation. The Capper-Volstead Act does not discriminate as between co-operatives of the contract type and co-operatives of the voluntary type. All stockholders of Farmers National Grain Corporation have qualified under the Capper-Volstead Act. Each of them requires that local associations affiliating with it meet the same qualifications.

THE MARKETING ACT

Established the Federal Farm Board and called upon it to aid agriculture in improving its economic position by encouraging the development of farmer co-operative marketing associations, and by assisting in the establishment of a producer-owned and producer-controlled farm marketing system. The Agricultural Marketing Act defines a co-operative association as an organization of farm producers complying with the provisions of the

CAPPER-VOLSTEAD ACT

The Capper-Volstead Act does not replace the co-operative marketing acts of the various states, nor does it supersede them. It deals only with the operations of co-operatives that involve interstate or foreign commerce. The Capper-Volstead Act includes four important points of particular interest to grain producers and their co-operative associations, points that determine the eligibility, or ineligibility, of co-operatives to become parts of the national co-operative grain marketing organization. These are:

First. The co-operative must be operated for the mutual benefit of its members, which, interpreted, means that it must have only producers as voting stockholders or members.

Second. No member of the co-operative must be permitted to have more than one vote because of the amount of stock or membership capital he may own therein, or

Third. The association must not pay dividends on stock or membership capital in excess of 8 per cent. a year. The co-operative may conform to both the second and third provisions. It must conform to one of them.

Fourth. The co-operative may not deal in products of non-members to amount greater in value than such as are handled by it for members. All co-operatives must meet the requirements of this provision.

PRODUCER CONTROL

Farmers National Grain Corporation maintains its contact with the individual farmer through his own organization. Its stockholders, responsible to their farmer members, elect the board of directors that governs the corporation, and these directors also are producers, with a naturally sympathetic understanding of producer problems.

Establishment of a national co-operative selling agency by and for grain producers removes the limitations that have surrounded purely local co-operative efforts. It opens the way for concentration of all co-operatively-marketed grain and gives the affiliated co-operatives bargaining power on a par with the organized industries with which they must compete.

GO ALL THE WAY

National co-operative marketing carries the farmers' products all the way from the point of production to the point of final sale—from the farm to the market—under producer control. The producer delivers his grain to his own local elevator; it moves to terminals where it is handled through facilities under his own control; it is shipped across the seas to foreign buyers in ships chartered by his own organization; the profits of the various marketing operations become a part of the price he receives for his grain! He not only produces the grain, but markets it; he minimizes speculation and waste; he reduces duplication and thereby saves handling costs; he eliminates competition between producers and producers' organizations; he aids himself without injuring the consumer.

WRITE FOR INFORMATION

About how you or your local elevator may help to make the national co-operative grain marketing program of real benefit to the grain producers. Ask us for the names of the eligible co-operative organizations in your territory and how you or your elevator may join one of them. If a new organization is needed we'll be glad to help. Address the Farmers National Grain Corporation, Fisher Bldg., Chicago, Illinois.

Keep Bill Intact

Farm Bureau Also Approves Stabilization Activities of Farm Board.

BOSTON, Dec. 10 (AP)—The American Farm Bureau Federation today adopted a resolution opposing amendment at this time of the agricultural marketing act.

The resolution approved the stabilization activities of the federal farm board in wheat and cotton and asked that these activities be extended to other crops. It asked also for the establishment of a revolving fund by the government of whatever amount necessary for stabilization and other activities.

ROUSING MEETING AT RILEY

Salina, Kas., Dec. 15.—C. A. Ward, President of the Kansas Farmers Union, reports a fine meeting at Hialeatha, on Friday, December 12. He also reported a rousing meeting of the Riley County Farm Bureau, at Riley, which he addressed on Saturday, December 13th.

Mr. Ward regretted very much not being able to attend his own County meeting at Lone Star, which was held on Saturday, December 13th. Due to a mixup in the matter of dates covering these various meetings, it was impossible for him to attend.

Trend in Mortgage Debt

From 1930 Report of Secretary of Agriculture Arthur M. Hyde to the President

Recent studies by this department indicate that up to 1920 the volume of mortgage indebtedness in the United States closely reflected the upward trend in farm real-estate values. After the postwar slump, however, the two curves diverged. Mortgage debt continued to increase though land values fell. As a result the total farm mortgage debt of the United States now represents about 22 per cent of the value of all farms, compared with only 10 per cent in 1910.



CAL A. WARD

COUNTY GROUPS BAND FORCES IN FARMERS UNION

Don Bramwell Chosen As President. Each Local Organization Is Represented.

More than 100 Cloud County farmers gathered yesterday at the court house and organized a county branch of the Farmers Union with the following as officers for the coming year: Don Bramwell, president; Pleasant Valley, E. Regnier, vice-president; Miltonvale, Will Augustine, secretary; treasurer, Ames; A. L. Kaiser, doorkeeper, Buffalo.

Ten local organizations united to form the county union and the committee elected to represent each local were as follows: Buffalo, Carl Anderson; Pleasant Valley, John York; Fortney, H. G. Peterson; Elm Creek at Ames, Oscar Peterson; St. Joe, C. R. Fuller; Carmel, George Gunter; Cottonwood, Earl Adkinson; Hollis, Morris Rossiter; No. 103 which is west of Miltonvale, R. T. Perry. As there were no members present from Roundhouse local no committee was elected on the program.

Plan an Annual Picnic
J. R. Shipp, county organizer and lecturer, presided at the meeting and commended the 10 locals on the progress they have made in the respective locals and thanked the farmers for their cooperation in helping the state officers organize the county charter. He expressed his hope that at some time next summer the county organization could hold a picnic in order that everyone get better acquainted.

A. M. Kinney, of Salina, secretary-treasurer of the state Farmers Union and editor of the Union's paper, was the first speaker on the program.

Mr. Kinney said in part: "We are receiving letters every day at our office requesting that we send someone to the various counties to help in organizing a county union. And these requests come from men who know that they have to dig down in their own pockets to maintain such an organization. Certainly they must see the value of the Farmers Union. A farmers cooperative marketing association is a dream where Farmers Union handles the wheat and other grains from the time they leave the farm until they reach the consumer, no matter whether it be in the United States or a foreign country, without a middleman taking any profit. With this dream in mind, the Farmers Union was founded 28 years ago. The things that the preamble of the Farm Board Act of congress states are exactly the same as those contained in the original program of the Farmers Union. I wish to remind you that there are four big national farmers organizations, the Farm Bureau, which deals purely with the teaching of scientific methods of farming; the National Grain Corporation; the National Grange, which is primarily social; and the Farmers Union which is and always has been a marketing association. The Farmers Union approves the other three organizations and they in turn approve of our organization."

Believes Panic Was Averted
Mr. Kinney brought out the fact that while the farmers are getting, perhaps, the lowest prices for their products this year than they have for many years, still the manufacturers' dividends in the month of August, 1930, were 50 million more than in the same month of 1929, an increase of 100 per cent. The speaker said he believed that the Farm Board headed off the worst panic in prices this year imaginable and that he really believes that the board is conscientiously trying to do something for agriculture.

In closing he made the open statement that wherever at least 60 farmers would get together and organize a local the Farmers Union would build an elevator.

The "Wild Swede" from Marshall County, J. R. Swanson, who is a state lecturer and organizer, was given a big ovation when introduced. Opening his talk, he said: "Gentlemen this throughout shows me very well that you Cloud County men realize that farmers have to do something now if they ever expect to make money on the farm. Do you know that you are marketing your products today like farmers have for 6,000 years? Every other group has organized but the farmers. Men in other (continued on page 4)

KANSAS F. U. DOES NOT WISH TO AMEND THE MARKETING ACT

Radio Speech Given By Cal. A. Ward, Salina, President Kansas Farmers Union, Over Station WIBW, Topeka, December 12.

Topeka, Dec. 12.—Perhaps there is no question of national or even international consequences so squarely before the masses of humanity everywhere as the present economic, financial distress that is touching every phase of American life and business activities of all kinds. This situation is one that has not developed in a day or even over night, but a careful analysis will reveal that it is the culmination of a series of events and conditions that have been gradually but surely creeping upon us through the last decade.

In the past few months I have conversed with representatives and various authorities from different sections of the country and we find that those in the more densely populated centers of the country are the ones at the present time in the most anxious and critical condition. The question of unemployment is before us as possibly it has never been before in the history of our nation. The solution is being studied by and reckoned with the most learned men of the country. In analyzing the present economical situation the most prevalent and common answer that is given is over-production. This is declared to be true not only with agriculture but with business and industry as well. In brief, may I say that my convictions are that rather than so much a question of overproduction it is one of under-consumption. There are just as many people in the world as there has ever been and more. Relative to food in one section there is an abundance, and in another there is destitution and starvation. A fair analysis would say that when once we have solved the problem of distribution relative to the world's needs we have gone a long way in arriving at a starting point looking toward definite prosperity.

I have talked in public and from this section many times and those who have followed my trend of thought know my attitude with reference to some of the present world-wide developments and especially the trend of conditions as it affects our own nation—the United States. May I suggest at this time that since the beginning of the world selfishness, avarice and greed have been enemy to (continued on page 4)

For Grain Corporation

Illinois Farmers Union Votes Its Confidence.

CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—The Illinois Division of the Farmers Educational and Co-operative Union announced itself today as the eleventh state to vote confidence in the Farmers National Grain Corporation by naming C. E. Huff, its president, as spokesman for the Illinois Farmers Union in its relations with farm board marketing agencies.

Huff was defeated for re-election as president of the National Farmers Union at St. Paul, Minn., November 22, the southwestern grain group opposed to farm board policies carrying the election for John Simpson, of Oklahoma City. Other states named as having proclaimed support of Huff were Washington, Oregon, Montana, North Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Kansas, Missouri, Idaho and Kentucky.

The following is a copy of the action decided upon by the Illinois Division of the Farmers Union, on December 9th:

The Illinois Division of the Farmers Educational and Co-operative Union, by action of its Board of Directors, at a meeting held in Kankakee, Illinois, December 9, 1930, determined officially to enter upon a co-operative grain marketing program under the auspices of the Farmers National Grain Corporation. The Illinois Division thus expressed its complete confidence in the policies of Mr. C. E. Huff, as President of the Farmers National Grain Corporation, and proposes to go forward with a vigorous organization program, in full co-operation with Mr. Huff, acting under the present Agricultural Marketing Act in Co-operation with the Federal Farm Board.

The action of the Illinois Division is thus properly interpreted as a specific endorsement and expression of confidence in Farmers National Grain Corporation and its administration of its present officers. Mr. C. E. Huff, as President of the Farmers National Grain Corporation, is made spokesman of the Illinois Division in its relations with the marketing agencies set up in co-operation with the Federal Farm Board under the provisions of the Agricultural Marketing Act.

FARMERS EDUCATIONAL AND CO-OPERATIVE UNION OF AMERICA—ILLINOIS DIVISION.

By E. E. Kennedy, Secretary.

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SALINA, KANSAS, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1930

LET'S GIVE FARM BOARD A CHANCE

Two articles in the Topeka Daily Capital of last Sunday, both on the same subject, well deserve the thoughtful consideration of every Kansas farmer. The first was a news story which quoted a telegram from Cal Ward of Salina, president of the Kansas Farmers' Union, to Senator Capper, which said that, "The Kansas Farmers' Union does not favor amendments to the Agricultural Marketing Act during the short session of Congress. We have not had time to determine the successes or weaknesses of the act. If opened up for favorable amendments, our opposition will be aided by our lack of background, because of the short time of operation, and may attempt to weaken or destroy the act. This would be a calamity to agriculture."

In an editorial the editor of the Capital said that, "At the meeting of the agricultural commission of the American Bankers' Association at South Bend, Alexander Legge made a statement which encourages the belief that he may continue to head the Federal Farm Board for some time to come. The Agricultural Marketing Act, he said, has 'proved to be a very wise measure,' and there is 'much promise of its ultimate success in putting agriculture on its feet.'"

"The former head of the International Harvester Company is not a man to withdraw or resign from an uncompleted job, and particularly at a time when a wide controversy is waged as to whether it is sound in purpose and principle. Mr. Legge has fought off farmers, the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, politicians, grain dealers, skeptical bankers and has generally been poised to take on all comers in defense of the farm board program. He is a first rate business man and therefore a good bluffer on occasion, but we believe his statement at South Bend is the most direct endorsement he has yet made of the marketing act, just as it is written."

"Farmers and friends of farmers are encouraged by Chairman Legge's assurance that the law is sound and that it can succeed in putting agriculture on its feet. There is and will be confidence in the act so long as Mr. Legge heads the board, and it is altogether in the interest of agriculture that he stay there as long as the President can hold him."

"The marketing act and the farm board are going through an experience common to every novel or experimental project, whether concerning agriculture or any other object. They encounter resistance, opposition, skepticism and pass through a phase characteristic of experimentation in any field. What the marketing act must have is patient consideration, a full trial and discussion on merits. Hasty conclusions one way or another can only be prejudicial to getting results. The act may require amendment or revamping in some of its provisions. But Mr. Legge's assurance that it is basically sound is an important outgrowth from the exceptionally able man who heads the board."

Many farmers' organizations over the country have passed resolutions similar to the thought contained in Mr. Ward's telegram. At a meeting in Chicago last week, the American Agricultural Editors' Association went on record as being against any change in the Federal Marketing Act at this time. There was much comment at the International Live Stock Exposition over the fact that the board has made its 73-cent peg on wheat at Chicago function, which makes a price about 20 cents a bushel above Winnipeg. And as Amos 'n' Andy would say, "Ain't that something?"

The price of corn in the United States is about twice that in South America. Some corn is being shipped into the United States from South America, after paying transportation costs and a 12-cent tariff. Such facts are illustrations of the serious world-wide commodity price decline and business depression that this world is going through. We would do well to support the few organizations, such as the Federal Farm Board, which are making an aggressive fight for agriculture.—Capper's Farmer.

PARAGRAPHS FROM WASHINGTON

By W. P. LAMBERTSON

I cannot get used to being called "Judge" by my colleagues from the South.

Rep. Hamilton Fish of New York, who is our authority against communism was a Harvard football player, and led a colored regiment overseas in '18.

There were 24,000 deer killed by hunters in Pennsylvania last year; also over 1,000 black bears.

Rep. Cramton of Michigan is one of the most valuable members in the House. He was narrowly defeated in the Primary by a "wet." All considerations of fitness are wiped out when the wet issue is raised. The thinking machine is abandoned by the thirsty.

Treasury on the morning of the 11th, to save a run on a faltering bank. It was as whispered in every huddle, but now, in over two days, not a line in any newspaper.

Rep. Cooper of Ohio, formerly a railroad engineer and a "dry," tells me that his own city is probably 98 per cent wet.

Sen. Overman, who just died, looked the part, more than any other member of the Upper House, of the traditional Senator. My first interest in him, 27 years ago, was that we belonged to the same college fraternity.

Last Friday night 100 members of the House, as guests of Rep. McClintic of Oklahoma, in 25 cars, escorted by 6 motorcycle police, attended the Showboat at Alexander, Virginia. The Showboat is a floating theater, famous in the old days along the rivers. Just before the last act Rep. Connery of Lynn, Mass. gave some song features. The stage was his profession before he came to Congress.

THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

C. A. WARD

WHAT SHALL OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS BE FOR 1931?

As I write these notes this morning, directors of the various state wide Boards from one end of the state to the other, are gathering here at Salina, that we may go in session and map out our program for the ensuing year.

I have of late repeatedly stated, that the day is at hand and that the time is ripe for organization work in this country. As I make various contracts and especially with our farmer friends, it is evident that we are thinking in terms of organization and cooperation as never before. The situation has been developing for the past ten years and the farmers of this country find themselves in this position: if we are to save ourselves and preserve the business of farming from the onslaughts of big and well organized business and if we think in terms of those who follow after and future generations, there is absolutely only one thing left for us to do, and that is, to get together.

The world wide economic situation of financial distress has touched every phase of American business and especially, Agriculture, in a most disastrous way. Almost daily, men come to me and say, that they are absolutely up against it and are unable to pay their taxes and interest including the necessary overhead and are therefore throwing up their hands in despair. The result is, all over the country, from one end to the other, loan concerns, banking institutions, and the like, are compelled to foreclose on these farms and, when once in possession of these farms, many times to save themselves, these farms are thrown into a farming corporation which, in the final analysis, means, direct competition to those who are left struggling on their farms, attempting to make an honest living for their families. I firmly believe that our challenge is, that we should go out and organize our farmers in mass numbers, so that our voice may be heard in legislative halls, financial circles and through all other channels, to the extent that we can command cost of production, plus a living profit.

Will the powers that be, ever wake up to the fact that Agriculture is, and always has been, the basic industry of the country and the standard by which any permanent prosperity is measured? We have placed a lot of stress and apparently, great men are wrestling with the unemployment problem and let me suggest, that rather than feeding and caring for the destitute and unemployed through charitable channels, we should begin at the bottom and definitely establish and secure such businesses as farming and when once Agriculture is prosperous, avenues for consumption of farm commodities and all the necessities of life, will open up and then quite largely, the question of over production will take care of itself and men by the hundreds of thousands will go back to work, and we will be approaching national, if not international prosperity.

Let me say again that it is hoped, out of this combined Board meeting today will come a Program that may and shall be carried to the most remote corners of the state, in a well defined and organized way, that those of our farmers who are not in an organization, will align themselves with the Farmers Union at this time. The final results obtained will rest quite largely as to what your contribution as members of our organization, will be. It is proposed that organizers will come in to the various counties and communities. Their hands will be tied if you fail to do your part. If you cooperate in a constructive way, much will be accomplished. Any of the present membership that may be in a state of lethargy, will be aroused to take on new life. If there are those, and goodness knows there are entirely too many, who are not loyal in supporting their local, county and state wide business activities, these meetings and the information and enthusiasm disseminated will cause any such to resolve anew to patronize their own institutions.

In conclusion, may I say we have the opportunity of doubling, if not trebling, our membership during the coming year. Our various Boards of Directors are enthusiastic about this. Why not, all of us, to the extent that our business may be saved?

THE INSURANCE CORNER

By CHARLES A. BROOM, Secretary

It has been necessary to make a few changes in the schedule of agents' meetings as announced last week. The present schedule which we believe will be final, is as follows:

Strong City, Thursday, Dec. 18, at Bryan Hotel.
Lawrence, Friday, December 19, Green Owl Cafe, 700 block on Mass.
Manhattan, Saturday, Dec. 20, Rm. 1, Farmers Union Bldg., 3rd and Ponzy.
Phillipsburg, Monday, Dec. 22, Court room in Court House.
Oakley, Tuesday, Dec. 23, Kaufman Hotel.
Hoisington, Monday, Dec. 29, Monon Hotel.
Beloit, Friday, Dec. 30, Farmers Union Store.
Iola, Friday, Jan. 2, Kelley Hotel.
Salina, Tuesday, Jan. 6, Insurance Office.
All meetings will begin at 10 a. m.
We hope to see every Agent at one meeting.

NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES

RESOLUTIONS PASSED BY RILEY CO. F. U. NO. 15

The following resolutions were adopted by the Riley County Farmers Union No. 15 in quarterly session at Oak Grove schoolhouse today:

1. The Kansas State Agricultural College has asked for \$60,000 for the building of a dairy barn. Be it resolved that we are opposed to this appropriation unless the Kansas State Agricultural College Dairy Department ceases to commercialize its products.

2. We favor an Oleo Law based on the Montana Plan.

3. We are in favor of a 4c gasoline tax, provided the extra cent goes entirely to the counties where it is derived; and that the distribution of the present tax remains the same as at present, provided that all gasoline used for agriculture purposes be free of any tax.

4. We hereby reiterate our endorsement of a graduated income tax and ask that members of our union and all others work for the submission in the 1932 election of the amendment recently defeated.

Yours truly,
GUST LARSON,
Secretary.

MINNEOLA LOCAL NO. 1228
Franklin County.

On Wednesday, Dec. 10, a fine

neighborly spirit was shown when the following members and neighbors met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Allen, whose home was destroyed by fire a short time ago, and helped to dig the basement, and drain for the new house, also hauled 38 loads of rock. The ladies came with well filled baskets and served a bountiful cafeteria dinner at noon. Those present were: Dan Allen, Wm. Clark, Dee Clark, Claud Flora, Otis Shippy, Oscar Deaton, Gen. Gibson, Henry Mohler, Gus Nelson, Will Rebeau, Clarence Firestone, George Ehler, Homer Gibson, Ben Nelson, Ezra Shuler, Vern Clark, Robert Browning, Oscar Dyer, Homer Nussbaum, Cleve Clark, James Owens, Albert Crumpacker, Francis Kilback, Chester Gibson, Jay Stewart, Lionel Shaw, Irl Keagy, Sam Watts, Birger Nelson, Theo. Glaser, John Watts, Howard Watts, John Moses, Chas. Elm, Harry Fisher, Joe Lassman, Ladies present were: Mrs. Dan Allen, Mrs. Chas. Elm, Mrs. Oscar Dyer, Mrs. Ben Gibson, Mrs. Chester Gibson, Mrs. Ben Nelson, Mrs. Otis Shippy, Mrs. James Owens, Mrs. Albert Crumpacker, Mrs. Homer Gibson, Mrs. Ezra Shuler, Mrs. Harry Fisher, Mrs. Chas. Browning, Mrs. George Shuler, Mrs. Artie Stewart, Mrs. Claud Flora, and Mrs. Ruth Shuler.

MARSHALL COUNTY ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Marshall County Farmers Union held at Frankfort, Tuesday, Dec. 2, was a very successful meeting. Ten locals were

MRS. C. E. BRASTED

Emma Jane Drumheller was born at Mendon, Michigan, January 18, 1865 and passed away at her country home near Logan, Kansas, December 7, 1930, aged 65 years, 10 months and 19 days. She was married to Clarence E. Brasted January 21, 1886 and in 1887 they located on the farm that they have since owned. To this union were born 6 children, four of whom are still living. One died in infancy, and Addison C. died aged 18 months. The 4 surviving children are Mrs. Ethel Hicks, of Logan, Kansas, Mrs. May O'Neill of Tacoma, Washington, Charles Brasted of the home address, and Mrs. Alma Learned of Montezano, Washington.

Mrs. Brasted was a member of the First Methodist Church of Salina, and lived a consistent Christian life. Besides her immediate family, including 6 grandchildren, she leaves to mourn her loss a host of friends.

This, by Adelaide Love, might have come from Mrs. Brasted's own lips:

"If you should go before me, dear, Walk slowly down the ways of death

Well worn and wide, For I shall want to overtake you quickly

And break the journey's ending by your side. I should be so forlorn not to descry you

Down some radiant road, And take this same walk slowly, dear

And often look behind you and pause To hear if some one calls your name."

Sent by C. E. Huff.

represented with fifty delegates answering roll call and about 100 visitors.

After partaking of a splendid dinner the meeting was called to order by President Wempe at 1:30, and opened by a reading and singing "America the Beautiful." After reading of the minutes of the last meeting, and hearing reports of standing committees, Mr. T. Lewis of the Union Oil Co. was called to the floor. He suggested extending an unanimous vote of thanks to the ladies for the splendid dinner given. He then favored us with a song, "The Farmer Feeds Them All." Then launched into a splendid address on Cooperation and the benefit to be gained if the farmers would only stick together and cooperate in every way, and finished with a talk on the Union Cooperative Oil Co. He also praised the Farmers Union Shipping Association and Manager Leopold.

It was voted as one of the best in the state. The program for the afternoon was furnished by Claude Miller of Blue Rapids at the piano and the singing was led by Walter Cockerill. The resolution committee next reported the following resolutions:

First: Resolved, We advise the incoming Legislature to enact a straight income tax law not to exceed 3% on all incomes with whatever exemptions the Constitution will permit.

Second: Also that the amendment to permit a graduated income tax be again submitted to the voters at the next general election.

Third: That we endorse Governor Reed's stand to oppose proposed increases in appropriations, for higher salaries, and new buildings, at the state educational institutions.

Fourth: In view of the present stagnation in business, and low prices of farm products, we demand of our Legislators and public officials that the utmost economy be observed to the end that oppressive taxation be reduced to the lowest possible limit.

Fifth: That if any increase in gasoline tax is made, such increase should be returned to the Counties or Townships so as to reduce direct taxation for road and bridge purposes.

Sixth: We endorse the work of the Federal Farm Board in organizing the several Cooperative farm corporations, but recognize that they are powerless to overcome the present world wide depression of prices: We therefore recommend to our Representatives and Senators that the farm act be amended by adding either the equalization fee or the debenture to the end that domestic prices for farm products be raised to insure an American standard of living in the farm homes.

Seventh: We also demand of Congress that measures be enacted, to forever prohibit speculation in the necessities of life.

Eighth: That whereas over \$500,000,000.00 of currency has been withdrawn from circulation and cancelled by Federal Reserve Banks, and whereas, such practice in the past has invariably resulted in falling prices, stagnation in business, idle workmen, business and bank failures, mortgage foreclosures, increase of crime, present conditions being no exception to the rule, we urge on the Congress the vital necessity of seeing to it that this ruinous practice be reversed, and currency and bank credit be restored, and the price level be raised and business become again normal. It was moved, seconded and carried, that the Marshall County Union go on record as opposed to Branch Banking, Group Banking, Chain Farming and Corporation Farming. On the front of the order, Gen. Leopold, John Frost and Walter Cockerill made short talks. The election of officers for the ensuing year was then taken up and the following were elected:

For President, Raymond Sholtz; Vice President, William Taylor; Secretary-Treasurer, Richard H. Mackey; Lecturer, John Frost; Assistant Lecturers, Walter Cockerill, S. E.; Joe Chase, N. E.; Fred Pralle, N. W.; H. A. Waters, S. W.; Conductor, Wilbur Fencham; Doorkeeper, George Rombeck; Executive Committee, Conrad F. Crome, H. M. Travelite and Clayton Olto. Raymond Sholtz was elected delegate to the Jobbing Association and Live Stock Commission Co. meeting in January.

By consent of Blue Rapids it was voted to hold our March meeting in Waterville, and President Wempe appointed the following committees: Hall, Gus Walters; dinner, Mrs. Frost, Mrs. Walters and Mrs. Land; good of order, H. L. Feldhausen, H. A. Walters and Henry Travelite; Resolutions, John Frost, Mr. Glen and George Chase; Program, Miss Claudie Miller, Bert Oakley, and Mr. Shuck. The

newly elected officers were installed and meeting adjourned.

Richard H. Mackey, Secretary.

Winfield, Kans., Dec. 5, 1930
Kansas Farmers Union
Salina, Kansas.

Dear Sirs:

Since this is an open season for co-operators to, if possible, "wing" some of the "lame ducks" that are muddying the water and trying every known means to discredit the present marketing movement. In the Kansas City Star of recent date, a statement from some writer set me to thinking. The statement, in substance, was that "The grain dealers are going to see that the farmers do not organize." This is rather a poor time to launch such a challenge as that, for already this erstwhile little lad has now grown to stalwart size, and seems quite capable of taking care not alone of himself, but as well several other fellows.

In other years our government was quite anxious about a "little boy" who was playing in our front yard, and proceeded to throw a shielding arm about the little fellow, with a tariff fence. This little lad has now grown up, but his offspring are numerous enough to tell the old man where to head in that whole family. Has long since usurped the protected manufacturing interests of the Atlantic coast, and still demand help from the "Old Man." The Farmers Union is not of that breed. It was born on the frontier where it has been reared surrounded by all kinds of "bad men." Yes with fire arms, and it has always withstood all comers who chose to obstruct the way, until now without a cent from "Dad," has marshalled an army second to none, and no one ever has for long cared to battle this united force.

If you think the farmers are not, or cannot be organized, all you have to do is to follow up the trail since its childhood days. It has never lost a battle, and has never been bankrupt. And now such a threat above mentioned only serves to clinch the argument that where you say a thing can't be done, or won't be done, some fool (?) bunch just puts the job over. That is what is being done now, and the side-splitting pneumonia that the grain dealers have been stricken with has somewhat shifted from his head to his innermost vitals, and as day succeeds day, sees his doom approaching, so this desperate struggle he is making now, just to live, will sooner or later end in his "swan song."

Brother Hoover points to the breaking down of prosperity when he cites within, that manufacturing interests have made, the banking and commercial interests, yet the industry that outweighs all other industries in real wealth is languishing as never before. I am not so sure of the story of the camel and the miller, where the camel has his head and neck and front legs in the warmth of the mill, so with another lunge, he will be wholly inside, and will tell Mr. Miller that if he wants more room, he may first vacate the institution. The camel has displaced the farmer owner. This is not much different than this present situation, for this cooperative camel has more than his fore quarters inside, and is now preparing for a final leap inside. Yes, there is going to be some scurrying in this fight to a finish, but right and justice are bound to win. In the meantime there will be a terrible thrashing around in the brush, and some dust will fly, but out of it all will emerge the human form of righteousness.

No, the battle is not always to the strong, neither the race to the swift, so the task of everlastingly keep hammering and the victory will be won. Down here near Arkansas City conditions for two years have been as discouraging as they well could be, but we feel there is a brighter, better day coming, and is already on the way. The spirit of optimism and perseverance has never left us, and the sentiment of loyalty is even more pronounced by reason of adverse conditions. Bro. Ward gave us an encouraging talk recently, and Bro. Bullard gave us another lift and out of this we feel there will be worthwhile results.

Like Lawrence, "Don't give up the ship," and Paul Jones, "We have just begun to fight." Stay with the car boys, Justice is steering the ship.
F. A. CHAPIN.

LETTER FROM ST. JOE OFFICE JOBBING ASSN.
St. Joseph, Dec. 11

Mr. A. M. Kinney,
Farmers Union, Insurance Bldg.,
Salina, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Kinney:

Writing you as we did not see or hear from you as you were on your road home from St. Paul. I see by the different papers and also the Co-operative Journal, that the Farmers Union had a very interesting meeting in St. Paul. This meeting was looked upon by our competitors as being a meeting worth while, discrediting the Farm Board to a certain extent, but we hope that there will be no reflection cast upon our organization from this meeting.

The Missouri Farmers Union Board of Directors met in a very interesting session, December 1 and 2, at the St. Francis Hotel, St. Joseph, Missouri. I had the pleasure of attending a part of this meeting, and feel very good that the Missouri Farmers Union are patterning, to a certain extent, from the state of Kansas. Mr. Howard Cowden from the Union Certified Oil Company was in attendance, also Mr. Sam Ray of Kansas City, United Bi-Products.

The Missouri Farmers Union has a board of directors consisting of twelve members. Mr. Frank Miller, president, Hopkins, Missouri, Mr. E. H. Wethered, vice-president, Ridgeway, Mo., Mr. R. Miller, secretary, Chillicothe, Executive Board, Mr. Olin Stetole, Hopkins; W. E. Blakeman, Ridgeway; J. B. Shields, Maryville, Advisory Board, I. D. Painter, Mound City; P. D. Smith, Lexington; J. R. Meek, Jamesport; Bert Neff, Bethany; T. H. DeWitt, Green City; and A. W. Gale, Chillicothe. These men made us a visit to our office and also went up on the trading floor. Mr. Charles A. Broom of the Farmers Union Mutual Insurance Company of Salina, Kansas, made us a visit at this meeting. Mr. Henry Duever of Bremen, was a pleasant call at this office, but did not attend the meeting. Mr. Martin Reamer of Herkimer, has been added to our list of visitors.

We want to compliment Mr. T. B. Dunn on his talk broadcast over WIBW at Topeka, on the night of December 5. The weather was not the best in the world, but heard him fine.

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If members of the Union have anything to Sell or Exchange, they should advertise in this department. Rate: 3 cents a word per issue. If run 4 times 10c per word for the four issues. Count words in heading, as "For Sale" or "Wanted to Buy" and each initial or final word in address. Compound words count as two words. CASH MUST ACCOMPANY ORDER—THIS DEPARTMENT—IT WILL PAY YOU.

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RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY

Whereas it has pleased Almighty God in His divine wisdom to remove from our midst our faithful brother, Charles Sparks of Stone Local No. 732.

Therefore Be it Resolved that we, the members of said Local, extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family. Be it also Resolved that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Kansas Union Farmer, one to the bereaved family, also spread on the minutes.

Mrs. May Matcotte
Mrs. Vina Rywell, Committee.

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY

Whereas it has pleased our heavenly Father in His divine wisdom to call from our midst, our brother and fellow worker, Ole Alonzo Davis.

Therefore Be it Resolved that we, the members of said Local, extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family. Be it also Resolved that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Kansas Union Farmer, one to the bereaved family, also spread on the minutes of our Local.

Harve Crawford
Cecil V. Cline
Mrs. Herve Prentice, Com.

I am to attend a meeting of the Brown County Farmers Union at Hialeah, Kansas, December 12. Hope to see some of the Salina bunch at this meeting.

The grain business such as consignments have slowed up the past month, but the corn movement, we think, will begin mostly in a short time. Northwest Missouri has a nice lot of corn as well as Nebraska and Iowa.

Yours very respectfully,
Farmers Union Jobbing Assn.,
By C. S. Neely, Branch Mgr.

840 Maine St., Lawrence, Kansas.
Nov. 30, 1930.

Mr. A. M. Kinney,
Salina, Kansas;

Dear Sir:
Taxes, interest, Modern Woodmen dues and assessments are keeping me strapped so I have not been able yet to pay Union dues, but I intend to stay in if possible.

I have been paying them in Pleasant Valley local in Douglas County, south of Lawrence, since coming here from Clay County in 1913. My farm is 8 miles northwest of Lawrence, too far to go to local meetings. We did not succeed in getting a local at the Grange is very strong in the locality in Jefferson Co.

I have been interested in your poems. They seem to me about right. I had quite a talk with J. C. Robinson about your poem on "Mammoth." He was very much interested. He says he knew you at Huron, Kansas. He is now secretary of M. W. A. here.

Enclosed is a rhyme for the paper if it will do. You are to be the judge whether there is too much politics in it or not. Enclosed is stamped envelope for return of the rhyme in case you do not see fit to print it.</



Junior Co-operators by Aunt Patience

HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THIS DEPARTMENT

Any boy or girl between the ages of six and sixteen, whose father is a member in good standing of the Farmers' Union, who writes a letter for publication, can be a member of this department, and is entitled to a pin. In order to receive a book, he must signify his intentions to study the lessons and send them in. We cannot send out books to those who do not intend to send their lessons. The address to which all Juniors should send their letters is: Aunt Patience in care of the KANSAS UNION FARMER, Salina, Kansas.

Dear Junior Co-operators: Wasn't it too bad last week—our being pushed entirely off of "our page"? But I promise it won't happen again soon—we just won't let it happen. When we enlarge our paper we'll have a whole page to ourselves—think of that!

This has made me even more behind with your letters—but I'll catch up soon—in the mean time, don't stop writing just because you think I have so much mail I can't answer it all! Just a little over one week—well, then, Christmas! I want you to all make a New Year's Resolution right now to write me as soon after Christmas as you can and tell me what kind of a Christmas you had—what you did where you went and so on. That will be my Christmas present—a letter from each of you.

Aunt Patience.

Oct. 31, 1930
Green, Kansas.

Dear Aunt Patience: How are you? I am fine. I received my pin and book and think they're very nice. I have a very nice Sunday school teacher. She gave me a pin, too. The name of it is Sunbeam. I like them both. For pets I have a pony, a pig, two cats, two dogs and some chickens. I am in the fifth grade. I am 10 years old. My birthday is June 28. Well, I do not understand the lessons. Do you care if I send next lessons in. We were so busy last month that I didn't have time. And my paper in my book—should I write my lesson in it and send them in? If the lessons are in the paper, where should I find them? Well, I had better quit. I look at the letters every week and enjoy the page. Your niece.

Helen Moon.

Dear Helen: I'm fine, too, thanks. My, that's nice—having two new pins. Yes, write the lessons on the paper in your book. The lessons always are on page three—at the beginning of the Junior page. Be sure to send the next lesson in.

Aunt Patience.

Agua, Kansas.
November 23, 1930.

Dear Aunt Patience: I thought I would write a few lines to let you know that I received my pin and book and thought they were very pretty. And I am sending in my lesson. I would have sent it in sooner, but have been so busy that I have neglected it. But I will try to do better after this. Lovingly,

Virginia Rose.

Dear Virginia: I'm so glad you liked your book and pin—and that you found your twin. Have you written to her? Your lesson looks very nice, indeed. I'm sending it on to our Junior Instructor. Please write soon again.

Aunt Patience.

Enterprise, Kansas.
October 17, 1930

Dear Aunt Patience: I am sending in my lessons. I wrote to my twin and she wrote back and said that she was glad to get my letter. I guess I'll write back to her sometime again soon. I like my teacher very much. I like to go to school. Tonight I stayed and helped her clean up—she gave me five cents for it. But I didn't stay alone. Frances Plentka stayed and helped, too. She doesn't take the Kansas Union Farmer, so I can't have her join. She belongs to another Club, anyway. I guess I will close. Yours truly,

Mabel Forslund.

Dear Mabel: Yes, you and your twin must write each other often—who is she? The money you make by helping your teacher will make a nice addition to your Christmas fund, won't it? I'd love to have Frances in the Club. I suppose her father doesn't belong to the Farmers Union, or her family would receive our paper—if he only did, she could have her pin and book right away.

Aunt Patience.

Carlton, Kansas.
Nov. 1, 1930

Dear Aunt Patience: I am sending in my September lesson. I hope it is not too late. I received my book and pin not long ago and sure do like them. I got Mary Alice Logan to join, so I get a star, don't I? I have not found my twin yet but hope to find one soon. And about my lesson—I did not get the 8th or the last part of the 7th, but I think it will be all right. Well, I must close. Your friend,

Irene Martin.

P. S. Why don't you have your picture in the paper? Dear Irene: No, it's not too late for your September lesson—but it's better, I think, to send them in promptly. I'm so glad you liked the book and pin—did you see your star last week? I am going to have my picture soon—just wait and see—I know I've been promising to do this for a long time, but I'll surprise you all some day, and really do it.

Aunt Patience.

Piqua, Kansas.
Nov. 2, 1930

Dear Aunt Patience: I would like to join the Junior Co-operators. So please send me a book and pin. For pets, I have three kittens, Tabby, White Nose and Black Nose, and two chickens. I help to feed the chickens. We have 1,050 to feed and water. I am in the 4th grade this year.



OF INTEREST TO WOMEN

WHAT SHALL WE EAT Children's Christmas Party

Those children between 5 and 10 years of age who are too young to enjoy their elder's amusements may be easily entertained in a group by some hostess who has planned bright and colorful decorations or regalia, some little surprises, and light, attractive refreshments.

The skillful hostess realizes that children who have eaten a hearty, holiday meal should have their attention directed toward something else than food. Bright colored paper caps of various shapes may be distributed as the little guests are about to be served. A large Jack Horner pie, carefully made of paper like the caps, may conceal little netting bags of fruit or a dainty gift. Great joy usually accompanies the gift if the bag is attached to a string that extends to the small one's place at the table.

Should there be too many guests for the Jack Horner pie, whipped gelatin dessert in halves of orange shells may be placed for each guest at the table. Most children like broken orange slices and coconut or better still, chilled custard served with interesting animal crackers.

"Children like to do things and are best entertained when they are allowed to entertain themselves," says one of the most successful hostesses. Her plan for a holiday party for children is to let them make taffy and to give each child a tiny chunk to pull. If it is tinted and flavored, it is even more attractive.

The following simple taffy recipe admits the use of many variations in color and flavor:

2 cups sugar,
1-2 cup light corn syrup,
2-3 cup water,
1 teaspoon vanilla.

Cook the sugar, syrup, and water to the brittle stage, stirring only to break the sugar down. Pour into oiled plates and, when cool, flavor and pull.

THAT NECKTIE GIFT

The Tie That Binds—Sometimes

If you are going to buy a necktie for a man, you should plan to complete the gift by adding to it a hat, shirt, suit, shoes, and gloves, says Miss Ethel Arnold, professor of art, K. S. A. C.

Should you not care to buy the whole outfit, you should at least know his clothes so well that you can buy a tie for a given suit or let the man exercise his inherent right to select his own ties. A tie is a man's one chance to get a lovely bit of color in his costume. Unless that color harmonizes with his face as well as his suit and shirt, he will not have "that well dressed appearance."

A study of some of the best display windows shows men's brown suits with tan shirts and ties that register darker shades in brown, green, or Burgundy red; blue suits with white shirts and light gray or light blue ties; and a wine red, medium or dark blue, or gray tie. Most shirts are lighter in color than the suits so there will be a softer light around the face. For emphasis and a color note the ties are darker.

The man who selects his own clothes is more likely to err in his choice of patterns than in color combinations, if one may judge by the golfer who wears a plaid cap, striped shirt, polka dot necktie, plaid knickers, and socks with circular or winding stripes. If he does not cross one's eyes by such combinations, he may add a barber pole tie to a shirt with pronounced figures. If a tie is patterned, it should be worn with a shirt of plain or uniform unnoticeable figures.

Miss Arnold states, if the tie is plain it won't quarrel with the shirt, no matter how many bars or figures it possesses. "Ties can do funny things to faces," says Amos Parrish, a fashion authority. A round, full face appears rounder if above a bow tie and fuller if a light string is in contrast below. A

ry. It will be there next time! "I was always liked in history school—I was one of my favorite subjects. I thought Ancient History was especially interesting. Write us soon.

Aunt Patience.

Tescott, Kans.,
Dec. 4, 1930.
Dear Aunt Patience: I am sending in my lesson. I think I answered all of the questions. They were very easy. I took my book and paper to school and Maxine and I worked the questions. We have tried to get more to join but with no luck. I like school real well. I will close. Your niece,

Leila Leive.

Dear Leila: I think that's an awfully good way to do—two or more to get the lessons together. It's more fun that way, too. Do the families of the girls and boys you've asked to join, belong to the Farmers Union? If they do, I believe they'd be glad to join. And I'm glad you like school—write me again soon, I've missed hearing from you.

Aunt Patience.

Tescott, Kans.,
Nov. 28, 1930.
Dear Auntie: Well, did you have a good time Thanksgiving? I did. I was at Salina for Thanksgiving. I couldn't answer very many of the questions because I didn't have the papers. I do hope to save them. I will try to save them from now on, though. Well, I thought as I was sending in my lessons I would write to you as I haven't written for a long time. As I don't know much news I guess I will close for this time. Your friend,

Virginia Gabelman.
Dear Virginia: Yes, I had an awfully nice time Thanksgiving, turkey 'n everything. I hope you can save the papers now, it's really very important. I'm glad you wrote—don't wait so long next time. Aunt Patience.

tight, small knot seems to tighten and quickly takes the plain face best; for the round face, a striped four-in-hand. In suits man has little choice; most of them are of dark, drab colors. However gay his shirt may be, little of it shows. His tie is his chance to express himself.

HOT SOUP SEASON IS NOW AT HAND

When the thermometer begins fluctuating around the zero mark, nothing quite takes the place of a steaming bowl of hot soup served at the beginning of the meal.

The following soup-making hints are volunteered by Miss Mary A. Dolve, extension nutritionist at South Dakota State College.

Many housewives, she says, unconsciously discard one of the most valuable ingredients for soup making, the vegetable water which has been used in cooking vegetables or drained from canned vegetables.

An excellent plan is to save the required amount of vegetables and vegetable water for the next day's cream soup when cooking the dinner vegetables the day before.

At times the family may prefer a vegetable cream soup made with white sauce and vegetable water without any vegetable pulp. Good variations are made by combining two vegetables, as carrots and peas, potatoes and celery, or beans and carrots, in the cream soup. If the soup seems to lack color, as is the case with potato and celery soups, add chopped parsley, green peppers, pimientos, or a dash of paprika.

Left over creamed vegetables preserved through a richer milk as the liquid can always be depended upon to make a tasty soup.

A beaten egg may be added to any cream soup to give it body and additional food value. In blending the egg and cream soup, add a small amount of the hot soup to the beaten egg and then gradually pour this mixture into the soup while stirring.

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One may say of diseases of as enemies in war: The more we know about them and their methods of attack, the more we are able to combat them. The great epidemics of infantile paralysis in Europe and America during the last decade have given such impetus to the study of this disease that many facts have been discovered.

This communicable, infectious disease, we are told, is primarily an infection of the whole body. Fortunately, in only small number of cases does the organism pass through and into the nervous tissues with its disastrous and paralyzing effects.

After exposure, it takes about 10 days for the disease to develop. No age is exempt from its attacks. "While the disease comes on quickly, the loss of power in the paralytic stages comes on gradually. It is usual for gradual improvement to take place, and sometimes, complete recovery," says Holt.

It is believed that the disease is transferred from one individual to another by discharges from the nose and throat. Sometimes a healthy person, who has had the disease but who has been with one who has been sick with it, may transfer the infection to someone else. In the concealment of cases, there lies a great menace to public health, says another authority. Because the disease is spread by nose and throat discharges and by others in contact with the sick one, it is important that cases be reported and isolated, and placed under a physician's care as soon as possible.

Help for those who have been exposed has been found in the blood of

those who have had the disease. Help for the individual who has been paralyzed has been given by proper supervised muscle training of the affected part.

THE FARM MEETING

Fine weather and good roads combined to make an ideal time for the community program and dinner at the Allen Theatre Tuesday.

President C. A. Ward was called at the last moment to preach the funeral of Mrs. Brasted, widow of the late state secretary, so could not be present. W. L. White gave his fine travelog, lecture and moving pictures of his trip to and in France. Mr. White's lecture was a very valuable part of the program and pleased his audience both in the morning and afternoon.

W. W. Finney, President of the Fidelity State Bank and manager of the Emporia Telephone Co., closed the forenoon session with a talk on tax and other farm problems. Mr. Finney has studied and worked with these problems for several years and has mastered his subject as very few have. He offered to come again and give the questions a more thorough discussion and here's hoping we can arrange for it.

After Rev. Neuenwander returned thanks a cafeteria dinner was served at the M. E. church under the capable direction of Mrs. F. J. Estes and her group of helpers. Before lunch the following visitors were introduced: A. M. Kinney, Salina, Post and State Union Secretary; Ralph Chapman, Kansas City, Store and Elevator Manager; Wm. Lyons, Union Business Manager, Lyndon; Carl Howard, County Agent; W. L. White, editor, newsmagazine, and Representative-elect East Side Lyon county; W. Finney, Bank President; Harley C. and Henry Hatch, newspaper writers, farmers and active members of the Grange and Homer Hatch, nephew of the Hatch brothers and noted as the builder of a successful

home broadcasting set. The Hatch folks drove to the meeting from Gridley, Coffee county.

Rev. Neuenwander led in the singing of several songs following lunch.

Miss Fern Anderson's orchestra from District 68 made a great hit with the audience and were encored several times. The solo by the Allen pastor was highly appreciated.

The chairman gave a short history of past Union activities in Lyon county and suggested ways for future helpfulness.

Secretary Kinney gave a good rousing union talk and was given close attention.

Manager Wm. Lyons, of Lyndon, gave a good co-operative talk which was followed by movies—two comedies and more of W. L. White's travelog with pupils of Allen, Pleasant Hill, DeBann and Ozark as guests.

The attendance was estimated at around 250.

Besides our pastor and the Journal we wish to thank Ira Stonebraker, H. C. Pace, A. E. Bates, Manager and Mrs. Orchard and all the other business folks who helped to get things done.

The ladies and all our visiting

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