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# Chester A. Graham Is New National Leader

Grant, Michigan, Man, State Secretary of Michigan Farmers Union, Appointed to Post after National Convention Closed

## TRAINED FOR POSITION

Has Long Been Leader in Cooperative Education in Folk School in Michigan; Text of Convention Speech Published Here

Chester A. Graham, Grant, Michi-Ogan, is the new director of Junior work in the National Farmers Union, succeeding Mrs. Elsie Olson. He was appointed by the National Union board to that important position some time after the adjournment of the National Convention.

Mr. Graham is also state secretary of the Michigan Farmers Union, and has been for several years active in has been for several years active in a cooperative folk school. He is well qualified to head the Junior work in the Farmers Union. Undoubtedly, the Junior program will expand this year, not only in Kansas, but throughout the Farmers Union states. Mrs. Graham is also a talentstates. Mrs. Graham is also a talent-

ed leader of young folks. The best way to introduce Mr. Graham to the Kansas Juniors and Kansas members generally is to allow him to introduce himself. This we will do by publishing here the speech made by Mr. Graham at the National Farmers Union convention at Kankakee. This speech was delivered as part of the Junior part of the convention. It follows:

The Junior program and the educational program are not separate and independent parts of the Farmers' Union, separate and apart from ers' Union, separate and apart from one another and from the main program of the union. They are organic parts of the whole Union. The educational program, however, must be analyzed and constructed with special care and attention, in relation to the total program of the University.

JUNIORS must be given an opportunity to develop their program and activities in accordance with th interests and need of youth. iors and Juniors will, in the main,

Youth and Maturity Share In Build-

ing a New World The fiction that youth will soon build a new and better world of their is being replaced in the minds of the thoughtful leadership of our nation by the conviction that youth cannot, and will not build a new Missouri Valley Navigating Associacannot, and will not, build a new world of better social, economic, and relations, working by nation is in the hands of adults. Adults have control of this organiza-Significant social change has been brought about in the past by youth and maturity united. Adults who have the vision of a better the railroads, says Mr. Vesecky, is world must have the inspiring and courageous influence of youth to which accrue to shippers and producavoid growing tired and discouraged. ers from lower water rates. The railthem the knowledge of experience.

chines, organization, has forced us to and that none of it should be diverted discard the notion that adults are to to the waterways, says Mr. Vesecky. quit learning soon after youth. Re- The testimony of the Kansas Farmsearch shows that adults can and ers Union in this hearing was of specshould continue to learn as long as ial significance, because it was given they live. Conditions force us to and accepted as representing the learn in adult life in order to main- views of the farmers, who, as a class, tain a decent and just society. The are the greatest users of transporhabit of continuous self-education tation. It was brought out by Mr. Vemust begin in youth. Public educa- secky that the farmers pay transportion claims that it must avoid the tation charges both ways, and controversial issues. With the break- what they buy as well as on what down of our economic system and its they sell. That puts the farmers in resultant misery, we must have en- the position of being most interested lightenment upon the controversial in lowering transportation costs, issues, upon the "hot spots." Such The representatives of the organizations as the union must serve in this day of great need to develop a program of Junior work and an edu-cational program which will train in since new waterways have been develthe habits of continuous self-educa-

tion through life. Learning By Doing

lengthy speech-making. They take pointed out that it is unfair to apseriously their statements and want praise the value of added facilities to proceed to act on their decisions. for hauling freight, using present depression can do nothing better volume as a basis. Only a few years ago, in years when volume was than to carry forward with increased loyalty and support the work which weeks for cars in which to ship their has been started under the able lead- grain, said Mr. Vesecky. Such times ership of Mrs. Elsie Olsen and her associates. The essays, the public speakers, the scrap books, the summer camps, the posters, the community recreation, and the participation be needed. in the activities of the local and state unions along with the adults is true warning that if the railroads insisted education. If a combination of learn- on equalizing water and rail rates, unions along with the adults is true ing and taking action upon what is so that nothing could be saved by uslearned can be accepted as education, then the Junior program is primarily educational.

That We May Have Understanding Past years have brougt us great roads out of the picture. knowledge of how to produce and to Mr. Vesecky also testif organize production. Furthermore cent increase in grain freight rates they have taught us much in organi-would lose Kansas farmers \$10,000, cent. zation of distribution in the interest 000 a year. "The higher freight, the of the distributer. Our day demands 000 a year. "The higher the freight, an understanding of the social pro-cess of which we are a part in a time of basic social change. It demands Most of those who testfied before or basic social change. It demands and skill in the St. Louis hearing were traffic ex- at 1932 prices to raise six per cent ed States is estimated at 106,000,000 also an understanding and skill in the St. Louis hearing were traffic exof basic social change. It demands the distribution of aboundance. We perts, chamber of commerce repre- interest on the same principal. At the tons compared with a 1929-33 averhave been accustomed to the econom- sentatives, and others who are interonce we try to solve economic prob- Vesecky.

lems by creating artificial scarcity. Youth will find its abiding satisfac-tion and its vocations in the inventiveness and adventure of learning to share abundance. To take our part, either as youth or as adults, in great ocial change we need education for understanding, rather than training

for more efficiency.

History of Farm Organizations and
Rural Movements
Rural youth and adults in their own class organization as tillers of the soil should have an understanding of the history of farm organizaing of the history of farm organiza-(continued on page 3)

# I. C. C. HEARING **WE NEED BARGES**

Railroads Attempting to Destroy Benefits Coming to Producers through Joint Rail and Waterway Freight Rates

# FORCE US TO TRUCK?

Kansas Farmers Union only Farm Organization Appearing at St. Louis Hearing Last Week; Farmers are Most Interested

The Kansas Farmers Union was represented in the hearing before the Interstate Commerce Commission in St. Louis, Mo., Friday, December 13, by John Vesecky, president of the organization. The hearing at which Mr. Vesecky testified, was one of a series being held to consider the application of the rail road companies to abrotion at Kansas that the Kansas Farmers Union and other general Kansas farm organizations should carry the Kansas farmers' views and wishes to the hearing. The Farmers Union was the only such organization represented.

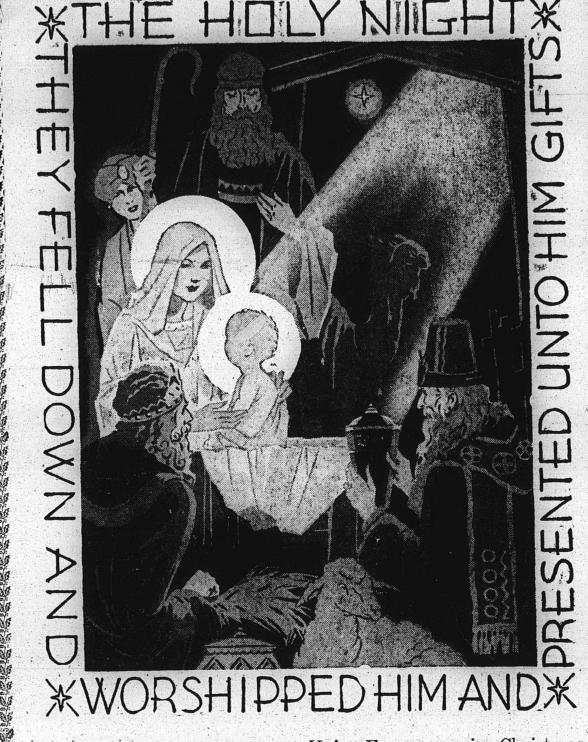
The purpose of the application by Youth want maturity to share with roads make the claim that they can handle all traffic and that they are Continuous Self-Education for Adults now hauling goods at the mimimum cost possible. Their attitude is that Our new world of science, ma- the freight business belongs to them

The representatives of the railroads brought out the fact that total tonnage of traffic handled on the waopped. This was advanced in support of their contention that they can easily handle all traffic without the aid Youth wants action. They tire of of waterways. Mr. Vesecky, however, heavy, Kansas farmers had to wait

> Mr. Vesecky's testimony carried a ing the waterways in connection with the railroads, the farmers will resort to hauling their grain by truck to waterway terminals, and leave the rail-

Mr. Vesecky also testified that a 5-

the distribution of aboundance. We perts, chamber of commerce reprehave been accustomed to the economics of scarcity for so many generatives, and others who are interpolated as a sentiatives, and others who are interpolated as a sentiatives, and others who are interpolated as a sentiative sentiatives, and others who are interpolated as a supply sentiative, and others who are interest on the same principal. At the tons compared with a 1929-33 average of 38.8 c per bushel it is a sentiative, and others who are interest on the same principal. At the tons compared with a 1929-33 average of 38.8 c per bushel it is a sentiative, and others who are interest on the same principal. At the tons compared with a 1929-33 average of 38.8 c per bushel it is a sentiative, and others who are interpolated as a sentiative, and other as a sentiative, and other as a sentiative as



With this issue, the Kansas Union Farmer carries Christmas greetings to the members and friends of the Kansas Farmers Union. As the official publication of an organization which is founded on the principles of justice, equity and the Golden Rule, it carries the greetings of each member to all the other members.

In this issue will be found greetings and expressions of good will from the various state-wide Farmers Union cooperatives. Our own cooperative enterprises acknowledge with heartfelt thanks the spirit of cooperation on the part of the entire membership which is responsible for the very existence of these cooperatives. These are expressions of mutual good will, which, after all, comes near being the very essence of the Christmas spirit. Such mutual good will can exist only in cooperatives.

At Christmas time, the whole world goes cooperative. The whole world, generally speaking, thinks of the other fellow. At Christmas time, then, the Farmers Union comes into its own as at no other time.

So let us pause for the moment and give expression to that age-old wish, that all our friends shall enjoy a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

LEGISTE STATE OF STAT

A THIRD AS MUCH WHEAT

"Less than a third as much wheat ill pay your farm mortgage interest, and 45 per cent as much wheat will pay your farm property taxes, as was required in 1935." said General Agent Doolittle of the Farm Credit Administration of Wichita recently. "That is," qualified the General Agent, "providing, since 1932, you have oined the 80,000 farmers of this Farm Credit District-who cooperate with their fellow farmers in farm nortgage borrowing and lending-to providing your school, township, est paying time we have something county or state administrations have to think about." not increased your tax totals since

1932. Federal expenses have not added a cent." "The Federal Land Banks, operating through the local cooperatives which we call National Farm Loan Associations, have brought farm nortgage interest rates down to the the Bureau of Agricultural Economlowest point in history—a contract ics in a report on feed prospects. rate, for as long as 33 years, if your Supplies of feed and numbers wish, of four per cent, In fact, you have a Land Bank loan secured through your National Farm Loan Association, any interest payment made on or within a year after July

ing cotton, wheat, hogs, butterfat, etc, at present prices, to raise four per cent interest on, say, \$2500, com-

lage for wheat, it takes 116.5 bushels BAROMETER HITS A NEW to pay four per cent interest on \$25-WILL PAY THE INTEREST to pay four per cent interest on \$25 00, or \$100. You know what to credit for the lowered interest rate. Your guess as to where to credit the higher prices should be pretty good. Isn't farmers' cooperation having a good

deal to do with both improvements? "This situation is not peculiar to wheat. I merely use it as an example In Iowa you would be better off for corn rose from 28.1 c in 1932 to 81.-9c this year. Cotton was doubled—5.-8c to 11.6c. Butterfat was 18.1c. This year its average is 27.9c Hogs were \$3.47 compared with the 1935 averrefinance a six percent mortgage and age of 8.47. At tax paying and inter-

## WORLD FEED GRAIN PRODUCTION INCREASED

World production of feed grains last but less than the average, says

Supplies of feed and numbers of livestock are in close balance in the United States, but European countries may have to increase imports of feed grains.

Argentina is said to have large supolies of old-crop corn. A record corn crop was produced in Argentina last meter over 200 miles. It is usually year, but this year the crop is likely possible to issue warnings of its apto be smaller.

The total supply of feed grains and pared with what it would have taken of commercial feedstuffs in the Unit-

A new all-time low for atmospher pressure in the western hemisphere was reached during a recent barometer on a small boat which rode out the storm off Craig, Fla., registered 26.35 inches on September 2. This is just a little higher than the world's low record-26.185 inches reported by a Dutch steamship in the Pacific 460 miles east of Luzon, August 18, 1927.

As no barometer in the Americas nad ever before fallen below 27 inches, the Weather Bureau checked and rechecked the privately owned amer-oid barometer that gave the new low reading before accepting the record. Ordinarily, meteorologists say, at-

mospheric pressure in this country is around 30 inches at sea level, varywill be slightly larger this year than lost but little through the year of from one year to another. In 56 years of Government records at an eastern station in the United States the highest barometer reading was 31 inches and the lowest 28.67 inches. A barometeric reading below 27

means just one thing-a hurricane. Such low pressure at any place on the earth's surface aways is attended by violent winds. A windstorm of hurricane strength seldom has a diapossible to issue warnings of its approach in plenty of time for ships to get out of its path and for people on shore to take all possible precautions. Although actual progress of the torm is slow enough, air rushing to the low pressure center creates winds that may blow at 100 to 150 miles an hour—probably over 200 in the Sep-

tember 1935 hurricane.

PRESIDENT CURBS ARMY
AND NAVY CRITICISM

Continuous sniping by the army and navy at civilian organizations has resulted in expressed displeasure by the President and instructions from him that no criticism of civilian organizations shall be made by the army or navy without his specific consent, says the National Council for Prevention of War.

Matters were thus brought to a head by the protest of representatives of several religious organizations against a memorandum prepared by the Naval Intelligence Section which criticizzed the Federal Council Churches and several other organizations, designating them as giving "aid and comfort to the Communist

movement and party." Shortly after Congress convenes the Military Disaffection bill will come up before the House. The bill is backed by the army and navy in an effort to curb such critisism as liberal organizations are making of the army and navy and huge appro-priations granted these departments. Its effects would be so farreaching in curbing freedom of speech and the prest that there is now vigorous opposition to it on the part of all liberal organizations.

Plant disease infection lives through the winter in one of five general ways, and its life history must be known before it can be controlled effectively. These five ways are (1) as spores and germs on the outside of plant seed, (2) as mycelium on the inside of plant seed, (3) in old trash on top of the ground, (4) in the soil, and (5) in live plants, says E. H. Leker, extension plant pathology, K.S.A.C.

## ELECT E. G. THARP MEMBER OF BOARD FEDERAL BANK

Protection, Kansas, Farm Leader Is Elected by Borrowers from Wichita Bank for Cooperatives in 4-State District

#### TERM OF THREE YEARS

Dean L. E. Call, Manhattan, Reappointed on Board by Governor Myers: Tharp Long Associated with Cooperatives

tive Commission Company Hutchinson, and long associated with has been elected as a local director of the Federal Land Bank, of Wichita, Kansas, for a three-year term, beginning January 1, 1936, says an announcement by W. I. Myers, governor of the Farm Credit Administration at Washington. Mr. Tharp was elected by farmers' cooperative associawho are borrowers from the Wichita Bank for Cooperatives.

Governor Myers also announced the reappointment of Dean L. E. Call, Manhattan, Kansas, as a district director of the same bank for a similar term. Mr. Tharp and Dean Call will also serve as exofficio directors of the Federal Intermediate Credit bank, Bank for Cooperatives at Wichita.

The board of directors of these Wichita farm credit units, to which Mr. Tharp and Dean Call were named, is made up of seven members. Under present law, three of them, known as local directors, are elected by borrowers and local cooperative credit associations. One is elected by national farm loan associations, one by production credit associations and the ther by borrowers of the district bank for cooperatives. The others are appointed by the Governor of the Farm Credit Administration.

Governor Myers pointed out that farmer-borrowers participate in the election of directors, because their district credit institutions are cooperative arganizations in which they hold capital stock. "Land bank boroan associations now own more than \$112,000,000 or nearly one-half of the capital stock of the twelve Federal land banks." Mr. Myers stated. "Fartion credit associations which discount loans with the Federal intermediate credit banks. In addition, farmers' cooperative associations own nearly \$1,500,000 of capital stock in pected that farmer-borrowers evenually will completely own these credt facilities.

The Wichita district includes Coloado, Kansas, new Mexico, and Ok-

## NEW F. C. A. CIRCULAR

A short resume of the history of he Farm Credit Administration and the principles upon which it expects ger and member in Kansas, and has base its future operations has recently been published in the form of a small circular entitled "Permanent Sources of Cooperative Credit for Agriculture," a talk by W. I. Myers, Governor of the Farm Credit for Adinistration, at the annual meeting of the Mortgage Bankers Association at French Lick, Indiana. Copies of this circular may be obtained from the Farm Credit Administration, Wash-

The repulsion-induction motor, virually two motors in one, is the most easily adapted to varying load conditions found on the farm. The repulsion winding has good starting characteristics and will carry the load

## JOBBING ASSN. IS ORGANIZATION OF **GROWING SERVICE**

armers National Grain Corporation Handling Grain Leaving Development of Cooperative Merchandising to Jobbing Assn.

#### FINANCIALLY STRONG

s Real Service Organization which is Rapidly Developing; Many Lines Handled to Advantage of Farmers and Cooperatives

The Farmers Union Jobbing Association of today and Farmers Union Jobbing Association f a few years ago differ somewhat as to details and as to commodities handled; but they are the same in one essential, and that is in service to the Farmers Union cooperators. If there has been any change in that respect, the change has been for the better. This fact was made apparent in the report given by the Jobbing Association at the recent state Farmers Union convention at Iola.

#### Solid Financial Condition

H. E. Witham, manager of the firm, the leader who has been at the helm on the cooperative's long vopage from apparent failure to a position of great financial and cooperative strength, told the convention that the loyal patronage of the far-mers and members of the Union have been responsible for the success of the firm. "I am more firmly convinced than ever before that you need us and our service and we need you." said Mr. Witham. "We have tried, and are going to keep on trying, to make this firm mean more and more to the

E. A. Crall of Erie, president of the board, called upon T. B. Dunn, secretary-manager of the Farmers Union Auditing Association, to read the summary of the audit of the books of the Jobbing Association. Mr. Dunn responded, and brought out the fact that the net profits of the Association for the first nine months amounted to \$6,893.96. "This is not as much profit as the firm used to show when it was handling grain. Now, the grain business is handled by the Farmers National Grain Corporation, with the consent of the stockholders, officers and directors. Their reve-E. G. Tharp, Protection, Kansas, is considerably reduced. However, of the Farmers Coop it is not a profit institution so much

as it is a real service They serve you through the warehouse, through their cooperative han\_ dling of merchandise. And they serve you in such a way that you get your dividends when you buy your merchandise. The Jobbing Association is in very good financial condition, with current assets of \$129,000, and with a net worth, including capital stock of \$61,240. The Association has a surplus and undivided profits of

"You should be proud of your Jobbing Association, and of the fact that it can make a showing like that." Belden Talks Merchandise

T. C. Belden, merchandise manager, then brought to the attention of the conventon some of the de-Production Credit Corporation and tails of the business—and this should be of great interest to the readers of this paper. Mr. Belden spoke first of the ad-

vantages of the new warehouse and its location. It is near the stockyards, in Kansas City, Kansas, where it is possible to contact and accomodate the many trucks and farmers that come to the live stock market, and who desire to haul merchandise back to the country. "In connection with our large, new warehouse, built for us by the Kansas City Stock Yards Company, we have a truck clean-out ion and a truck terminal," said Mr. Belden.

Then Mr. Belden went into, detail in his description of the varied line of merchandise carried. Almost everything that a Farmers Union cooperrowers and their local national farm ative of any description is carried in the warehouse. In addition to the Kansas City warehouse, said Mr. Belden, the Farmers Union Cooper\_ land banks." Mr. Myers stated. "Farmer's Union Cooper ative Creamery plant in Wakeeney mer-borrowers also own nearly \$8,-000,000 of capital stock in the production and extending the same cooperative brand of service to the western Kansas farmers as is available at Kansas City. N. A. Ormsby, manager of the Creamery, is also the Wakeeney warehouse manager. "This the banks for cooperatives. It is ex- has proved to be a very satisfactory arrangement," declared Mr. Belden the volume of commercial "and feeds, hay and twine handled there from October 1, 1934, to October 1, 1935, amounts to approximately 470 car loads

Kinney Is Field Man. The fact was mentioned that A. M. Kinney, long in the Farmers Union work in Kansas, is the Jobbing Association's field man. He is well acquainted with nearly every manamet with a fine reception at every

point, said Mr. Belden.

Talks on Twine

Harry Neath, who has done mur to build up the binder twine busing of the Jobbing Association, told convention a lot of binder twine f when called upon to speak. He this is the fifteenth year in w Farmers Union Jobbing As

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membership out on the farms.

Must Have Organization

organization. No matter how much a

Seasonal or Permanent

Now, the Christmas season is here

mas time, the people-perhaps with-

out realizing it-go cooperative.

That is the beauty of cooperation,

sonal matter. More power to the coop-

THE PRESIDENT'S

MESSAGE

BY JOHN VESECKY

CHRISTMAS AND ALL-YEAR

BENEFITS

usual for every one to be sending

Christmas messages to his friends

you receive so many Christmas cards

During this Christmas sesson, it is

gram."

#### SALINA, KANSAS, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1935

CHRISTMAS AND COOPERATION farm families must get together in

For centuries, people have observed build up the county, state and nation-Christmas time as a time when we al organization. Then that greater bear feelings of good will toward our organization can speak with the solfellow men. The Christmas day com- id backing of the class structure, exmemorates the birth of the Christ, tending clear back to the grass roots. who was destined to live, suffer and The strength of the church does die for humanity. He gave His all that not rest with the bishops who are

us to live in. On the first Christmas day, when of the membership. wise men were guided to the manger, the first true cooperator was example, to the world.

Christianity and cooperation, then, are just about one and the same. The One who introduced the Christian principles also introduced the principles of cooperation. He taught the principles of equality of opportunity, of justice among men, and he taught the application of the Golden Rule. The Farmers Union is founded on these very principles, and exists for the purpose of furthering cooperation.

With the Farmers Union, the spirit of cooperation is an all-year matter. With many individuals and organizations, it crops out only at Christ-

Through the ages, Christianity has jeting, no matter how much he may been, furthered through organization, favor laws that shall be based on fair-That organization is known as the ness to the common man, he can do church. The strength of the church nothing to help bring cooperation lies in its membership. It is strong and fairness into full strength unless when it has a strong membership. In he joins with his neighbors in an orspite of whether or not the church ganization of his own making which membership is as great in numbers exists for the very purpose of putting as it should be, the principles for such factors into effect. which it stands are unassailable, and these principles will live on and an. Whatever good is accomplished can again. People observe Christmas year be checked right up to the church after year because there is somenot to any particular denomination, thing about it they like; there is someof course, but to the great organiza- thing about it that appeals to the tion which is furthering the princi- better natures of people. At Christ-

ples of Christianity. Now, exactly the same thing is true of cooperation. The spirit or the prin- That's what Christmas is, after all. ciple of cooperation is preached day The way people generally try to act after day by the cooperative organi- during the Christmas season is the zations. These principles are being way people should act all the time. lived by the truly cooperative organizations-and that does not mean that the principle upon which the Farmall men or women who ostensibly al- ers Union is founded. It is a twelveign themselves with the cooperative month matter, instead of just a seamovement, but who fail to give themselves over wholly to the movement, erative movement. are daily living the principles of cooperation. The strength of the Farmers Union, outstanding cooperative organization of, by and for farmers, lies in the size of the membership. The progress that has been made because of the Farmers Union-progress in farmer-controlled market-

th success as it would be if more mers were members. However, improvement has been made behe idea and the principle of

ng and purchasing-is not as marked

be studying farm cist and the methods of co and relatives. I suppose that all of and messages that perhaps another of start average cost This will be necessary ngth of one would not interest you greatly. I er under whatever eal. Com- am not going to send you any Chirstmeans of producticown organ- mas cards, but I wish to call to your

efits, and in fact, all-year benefits, that you receive through your mempership in the Farmers Union.

The first benefit, and most importtant, is the joy and satisfaction which we all should have in the knowledge that, on account of being members of the Kansas Farmers Union and working in cooperation with our fellow farmers, we are really doing a work that is worth while and that is for the general good of all of the people of the United States. There is no Notice to Secretaries and Members of Farmers Union of Kansas. We work which is more important, or which gives more pleasure when you realize the necessity of it, than to spread the Farmers Union gospel and bring more and more people to realnot only to the farming class but to all of the people by the adoption of the Farmers Union program and the putting into effect of the plans and ourposes developed and supported by the Kansas Farmers Union.

At this season of the year when the Brotherhood of Man is so much stressed, when we stress so much the idea of Peace on Earth and Good Will to Men, it is fitting that each one of us should do all we can to bring into an organization such as ours every man and woman who believes in the principles of Christianity, and who is willing to work to bring Peace and Plenty and Happiness to our

Quinter, Kansas

couuntryside. -poverty in the midst of plenty; people starving because they produced too much of the things which the human race needs. Perhaps not because they produced too much of the necessities and luxuries of life, but because they were not wise enough to see that the things which we feel necessary to our life and well being were properly distributed among the different

Some Blame is Ours

sometimes think that we common folks are just as much to blame for this condition as the rich folks. We are too often satisfied with blaming them, and calling them names, rather than taking the time to study the cause of our condition and remedy their Local organizations, and thus them by the application of proper methods and remedies.

In the Farmers Union and its program is a cure for all of the ills of from sources other than property the common folks of this .United States of America, if only we were honestly and earnestly putting ourthe world might be a better place for said to head the organization. That selves to the task of applying those strength rests with the rank and file cures, and living, ourselves, in ac-Likewise, the strength of the Farbasic rules of the Farmers Union Equity, Justice and the Golden Rule, mers Union does not abide in the leadborn. The cooperative way of living ers who have been selected by the These are the magic words which, if was that day introduced, by a living members to head the organization. applied to the every day life of the That strength abides in the actual human race, could solve all of the troubles and bring happiness and con-

tentment to all of the land. So we see that cooperation, as fur-It is the selfishness, the carelessthered by the Farmers Union, originess and the indolence of the human nates in the farmer himself and in race that keeps us from securing the farm family itself. It is, in truth for ourselves the benefits which we a basic principle; it is not a "pro-

should have. So, at this Chirstmas Season, I give to you the Kansas Farmers Union It so happens, however, that an and all that it stands for. I believe individual farmer has no method of it is one of the greatest benefits to putting his ideas of cooperation, of the farmers of Kansas and of the cooperative marketing, cooperative United States. If properly used, it Kinney, vice president; L. M. Willi purchasing, or cooperative effort of can bring more happiness, more con- ams, secretary-treasurer; H. H. Ulany sort, into effect, without a class tentment, to the folks on the farm than any other gift which I or any farmer may favor cooperative markother man might be able to give to

> the farm folks of America. Take this gift, studp it, live it, and work for it. Develop it to such an extent that every good farm man and woman, and the entire farm family shall become members of the Kansas Farmers Union. In this way assure to yourselves the Peace and Happiness which comes from work well done.

#### TAKING THE WOOL FROM BLANKET BUYER'S EYES

Warmth and durability are the two principal qualities a housewife seeks in a blanket. But at present she has to go chiefly by price, appearance, and feel—not sure guides to good value, say home economists in the United States Department of Agriculture, who have just finished a study of many kinds of blankets. They say the different properties of blankets can be compared if the la-bel carries definite information.

In 1932 a group of manufacturers agreed that if the word "wool" appeared on the label the blanket must contain at least 5 percent wool. Such labeling is not compulsory, but those who use it have agreed to designate blankets containing 5 to 25 percent wool as "part wool, not less than 5 percent," and to label those having more than 25 percent with a guaranteed wool content given n percentage. The housewife would find other

information helpful. Two or more blankets may be compared by weight if all are the same in fiber, size, and price. But 1 wool and 1 part-wool blanket cannot

be compared in this way.

The ideal blanket label also would give length and width, breaking strength in the direction of filling yarns—a measure of durability, and information as to warmth and air

permeability. A blanket in which a great deal of fiber has been raised to form the nap may be warm when used indoors, but it is not suited for outdoors because it does not resist wind.

# **Neighborhood Notes**

LONE STAR MEETING OF DOUGLAS COUNTY WAS GREAT SUCCESS

President Vesecky was Present and Made Interesting and Enlighten-ing Address; All Old Officers Re-elected

The Douglas County Farmers Union fourth quarterly meeting was held at Lone Star, Kansas, on Saturday, December 14.

It was a complete success and brought together one of the largest crowds ever to attend a quarterly meeting in Douglass County. Some Star ladies certainly believe in the old saying. "The way to a man's heart is through his stomach."

The meeting was called to order at one o'clock by the President, Fred C. Flory. First on the program was music by the Holcolm orchestra, consisting of Mr. Holcolm, H. H. Ulrich and W. Allison. Then came a song by four Lone Star girls, a reading by future. Jessie Griffith, and a song by three of the Apple Pie school district chil-

The reading of the minutes of the last meeting by the secretary was followed by the treasurer's report. Both were approved

The report of the committee on the Good of the Order was brought in by Ralph Klein, chairman, Charles ,E, Banning, C. R. Soward, George W. Reynolds and George Shuler. They offered the following for adoption:

We recommend that the Union dues of \$2.75 be paid in full each pear, to llow the locals some working capital and relieve the embarrassing situation that now exists in the locals.

2. We feel that the delinquent Farmers Union members should make some effort to meet their dues. 3. We feel that the counties and

townships should have the same per cent of the gas tax as in the past. All of these were adopted by the voters present. Next in order was the report of the Legislative Committee, consisting of

Jim Anderson, chairman, Otto Hack, W. E. Peters, C. C. Gerstenberger and E. S. Heaston. They offered the following for adoption:

1. We favor the enactment of legislation which provides for a state school equalization fund, to be raised

2. We are unalterably opposed to general sales tax. These were adopted by the voters present.

C. C. Gerstenberger gave a very cordance with rules laid down as the held at Iola. Mr. Floyd H. Lynn, State Secrewas present and gave a short

> At this time, the new state president, John Vesecky, was introduced. He told of his plans for the year, and how we must build up our membership. He spoke of what we have accomplished in the past. He talked to a packed house of enthusiastic listen-

Jim Anderson was elected delegate to the State board of agriculture

meeting to be held at Topeka in Jan-A state lecturer will be sent here in the near future for a membership

Election of officers was held this time, which resulted in all old officers being re-elected, as follows: Fred C. Flory, president; Fred Mcrich, conductor: Crissie Richardson doorkeeper; executive committee, B A. Hammond, C. C. Gerstenberger, and C. E. Banning.

March 19. L. M. Williams, Secretary.

CRAWFORD COUNTY MEETING

which had been postponed on account of bad weather, was held in Girard, Thursday, Dec. 12, 1935, and the following officers were elected:

Mall.

Harold Swanberg reported on the cooperative school, that was conducted by the Consumers Cooperative As-Dick Bardenhagen, doorkeeper; F. H. winter to encourage the study of Meyer, J. N. Thomson, and Roy Hol-consumer cooperative movement. land, members of executive committee. J. Henry Meyer was also elected as County Junior Leader.

Some very interesting reports were vote: made by our delegate to the state meeting at Iola, and by other members who had attended that meeting. Since the National Union Farmer is published twice a month and now has over 60,000 subscribers and has This was followed by a general discussion of the various phases of the union is allowed one full page of work of the Farmers Union. What state news for each 5000 members at was lacking in numbers at this meet- a total cost of about 40 cents per ing was made up in enthusiasm, and year.
determination to make the Farmers "Th Jnion more effective in safe-guarding the interests of the farmers. J. Henry Meyer, Secretary.

## PLEASANT VALLEY MEETING

the newest Locals in the Kansas Far-mers Union, held a "birthday" meetAll of the cou ing Friday evening, December 13, at Pleasant Valley school house. A school houseful of men, women and children attended.

All of the county school men ecutive committee were unanimously re-elected: Pres., M. L. Beckman; Vice-Pres., Wm. Goeckler; Sectoridate attended.

D. C. Albrecht, president, who was a cook in the army during the World Woelhoff, and Emery Alquist, Geo. War, got out the frying pans and Blackwood, and Jake Slingsby as the other equipment and proceeded to fry executive committee. Everett Alquist hamburgers for the whole crowd. He was elected delegate to attend the was assisted by A. H. Boedecker. The quality of the sandwiches and coffee was attested to effectively by the rapidity of their disappearance.

meeting of the State-wide business associations and Leslie Roenigk as a delegate to the State Board of Agriculture with Wm. Goeckler as alter-

WASHINGTON FOLKS
HOLD FINE ANNUAL
MEETING, ELECTION

C. B. Ingman is New County Farmers Union President; Booster
Club Ready to Go; More
Members Promised

The Washington County Farmers Union held its quarterly meeting at Washington, December 3. Eleven Washington, December Locals were represented with delega-

The election of officers resulted as follows: president, C. B. Ingman, Barnes; vice president, Ernest Benne, meeting in Douglass County. Some two hundred persons were served dinner in the basement of the Church at Lone Star. About eight pounds of beef and a large amount of potatoes and noodles were cooked there in the basement by Mr. Dietz and others. There was no limit to the number of pies, cakes and salads. Those Lone the limit to the state-wide business associations meeting at Kanbusiness associations meeting at Kan-sas City, and Ernest Benne was elected delegate to the meeting of the state board of agriculture.

Our March meeting will be held at Hanover. We were very sorry our state President could not be with us at this meeting, but we will have him at some convenient date in the near

This meeting was full of interest as was evidenced by all taking part the discussions, and laying plans for the coming year in regard to membership, and to strengthening the Junior movement and educational program as are being stressed by the State organization. And right here, Brother Secretary, I am telling you that a year from today the Washington County Farmers Union will report to you an increase in membership and in Juniors, and a greater number of Locals. The Booster Club is organized and is waiting for invitations when it can be of assistance

to any Local. Resolutions The following resolutions were

adopted: The Washington County Farmers Union in convention assembled commend our State and National Pro-

Be it resolved that we condemn the extreme partizanship of our members and advise careful study of issues involved without regard to partizan politics. Be it further resolved that we urge members to support coopera-

tive institutions.

We condemn the discriminatory practices of certain banks, and command certain other banks for their more liberal interpretations of banking regulations.

Committee: C. B. Ingam, H. F. Wesche, R. R. Frager,

Reported by Dan Combow. CLAY COUNTY IN

ON DECEMBER 10 Passes Resolution Favoring Combining Kansas Union Farmer with National Paper in Illinois;

DANDY MEETING

Re-elect Officers The annual meeting of the Clay County Farmers Union was held in the Wiberg School house, Tuesday evening, December 10. Although the Wiberg school house is one of the largest modern rural school houses in the county its capacity was taxed to the limit as approximately 200 farm

folks crowded in the room, hall, and cloak closets. The meeting was called to order with President M. L. Beckman in the chair. Miss Pauline and Miss Adeline Gunter of Miltonvale were introduced, and they delightfully enter-

selections. · The Secretary-Treasurer's report showed an increase in membership in the county Union, and a good surplus The next meeting will be held at surplus plowed under.) The Secretary the Farmers Union hall in Baldwin on also made a report on the State consurplus plowed under.) The Secretary re-elected

tained the crowd with several vocal

George H. Hamm, president; Harry sociation of North Kansas City, Mo. Lange, vice president; J. Henry Meyer, secretary-treasurer, lecturer, and tary attended this ten-day school and organizer; A. D. Schilling, conductor; will appear in the local meetings this winter to encourage the study of the The following resolution was read

and after a most thorough discussion was adopted with only one dissenting "Since the National Union Farmer

"Therefore we the members of the Clay County Farmers Union urge our State Farmers Union Board consolidate the Kansas Union Farmer with the National Union Farmer, thereby giving the members in Kan-Pleasant Valley Local No. 2208, be-ween Paradise and Natoma, one of of the present cost of the Kansas

All of the county, officers and ex-

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the eats committee, assisted by his wife, Mrs. Mock, and his boss, Everett Alquist.

Our next big Farmers Union "do-

in's" will be the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Farmers Union

ELEVATION LOCAL NEAR TOPEKA HAS 1936 DUES PAID

Beside that, Four Young Men Become 1936 Members, Placing the Lo-cal ahead of Others in Membership Work

"Our Local is getting along fine," reports A. R. Swan, Rt. 2, Topeka, secretary of Elevation Local No. 1916. Mr. Swan is right. The Local is getting along fine, and is the first Local in the state to pay its entire 1936 dues, and get on the 1936 "100 Per Cent List." Not only did the entire 1935 membership pay the 1936 dues, but four additional young men became 1936 members.

Speaking of the four new members,

Mr. Swan said, "There are all good young men and we have more view. We are starting a membership drive the first of the year. At our next meeting we will install the new officers, and at that time we will have our annual oyster supper." Mr. Swan also reported the elec-

tion of officers which took place at a recent meeting. The officers follow: T. G. Hill, president; Otto Hoff- basket dinner at our next quarterly meister, vice president, and A. R. Swan, secretary-treasurer.

## EUREKA LOCAL ELECTS OFFICERS

The Eureka Local, No. 2199 of Stafford county, met Friday night, De-cember 13, for its regular meeting and election of officers. Morris Minks acted as secretary in the absence of

Elbert Weir, who was ill. The following officers were elected for the coming year: Clarence Fritz-meier, president; J. C. Rosacker, vice president; George McVey, secretary-treasurer; Roy Gere, conductor; H. P. Newell, lecturer; Harold Minks, business manager; Mrs. J. C. Rosack-er, reporter; Miss Helen Newell, chorster; Clinton Newell, pianist. The following literary program

was then given: Musical numbers-Mrs. Sanford.

Reading—James Riggs.
Duet—Helen and Maude Biswell. A political speech by Everett Trebar, from Mr. Hays speech class of the Stafford High School, on the Presidential nomination, for President of the United States. The committee in charge of the

evening was composed of: Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Wadsack, chairman; Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Weir, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Keen. Mr. and Mrs. Bert McCombs.

This committee invited us to the basement where we were served to jelly rolls and coffee. Mrs. J. C. Rosacker, Reporter.

GOOD LETTER FROM PIERSON sas, president of the Pottawatomie County Farmers Union writes interestingly of current Farmers Union subjects, and his letter is published part of the state, setting forth his tional and Cooperative Union of Am-

ideas with respect to farm matters. erica. His letter follows: Well, our State and National Far- that if he chooses to criticize the Edmers Union conventions are over. Af- ucational field of the Farmers Union, ter attending three state conventions, I think we are advancing forward slowly but surely. If farmers would only realize that we can get justice f they would join their Union-the

Firmers Union—as Congressman Lemke said on the Farmers Union hour on Saturday, November 23. And wasn't I pleased to hear Secretary Kennedy announce at the same time that the National convention was the most harmonious convention held in years. And I was very, very

much pleased to hear that President Everson, Vice President Rogers, and in the treasury. (We don't want this Secretary Kennedy were unanimously I would like to pat our two dele-

gates on the back for their loyal co-Mrs. M. L. Beckman gave a most interesting report of the National Farmers Union Convention held at that you thought education should come first in the Farmers Union. The quarterly meeting of the Crawford County Farmers Union, Beckham, Fritz Meenen and Frank they are educated? I also believe that our Kansas membership should all subscribe for the National Union paper, which can be obtained for 25

oer, which can be obtained for 25 ents per member.

Our next quarterly meeting will be held at Walsburg school house, the first Saturday in March.

Gust Larson, Secretary. cents per member. praised our whole Kansas Congressional delegation for their loyal support of our Farmers Union, reminded us we should build our member ship in order to protect our loyal senators and congressmen.
As our beloved John A. Simpson

once said, if we would double our membership, he could almost guarantee us farmers the Frazier-Lemke refinancing bill and cost of produc-

Yours for a 100 per cent increase in membership by next state conven-

> W. H. Pierson, President. Pottawatomie Co. Union. BLANCHVILLE OFFICERS

Blanchville Local No. 796 in Marshall County, recently elected offi-cers, reports A. N. Peterson, and the following men were elected and will watch for the date and be there. take charge of their duties on January 1, 1936: Alvin Meyer, Marysville, president; Oscar Olson, Watervice president, and Elvin Drever, Waterville, secretary-treasurer.

## REDMAN LOCAL ELECTS

At its meeting on December 13, ed for 30 seconds in a kettle of water Redman Local, in Sumner county, elected officers for 1936. The following officers were elected: C. W. Zim-merman, president; J. P. McCormick, vice president; Milo Schiffbauer, sec-retary-treasurer; C. R. Carter, con-ductor, and Joe Erwin, doorkeeper.

getation as the oats and is more sus-

ELECTS OFFICERS AND ADOPTS RESOLUTIONS

Produce Association, which will probably be held some time in February.

Leslie C. Roenigk, Secretary.

Ashland school house December ...

was called to order by President
John Graham. The usual committees
were appointed then we adjourned to

the basement for dinner.

Meeting was again called to order. Vincent Larson the representative of the Kansas Juniors to the National Union gave a report of the convention at Kankakee.

Miss Esther Ekbald, a Junior from

Walsburg Local, gave a very interest-ing talk of the school of cooperation conducted at Kansas City by the Consumers Cooperative Association.

The committee of the Good of the Order gaye the following report which was accepted.

1. We recommend that a district meeting of county officers and jun-ior leaders be held at some central point in our district for the purpose of organizing and promoting the jun-ior work in our district and that our county cooperate fully with the other counties in the district and that the local and county organizations pay the expenses of Juniors to this

district meeting.
2. We recommend that a system be worked out whereby Juniors will be given crdeits for various activities Those receiving a certain number of credits would receive a free trin to

meeting. Ross Palanske, chairman of the State Board gave us a very interest.

ing talk. The following resolutions were adopted: 1. We endorse the National Farm-

ers Union program. 2. Whereas the expenses of the State Union for 1935 exceeded the income by about \$3,000.00, we ask the officials of the State Union to either increase the income by adding new members or decreasing the expendi-

tures for 1936. Little deficit

Don't you cry.
You'll be crisis
By and by.
Whereas it is highly important that the Frazier-Lemke Refinancce Bill be made a law at the very earliest date; And whereas it is very nec-

essary to bend every effort in this direction: Therefore we ask the assistance of the Farm Bureau farm members in promoting the interest of the above measure by calling the attention of your National and State Presidents, O'Neil and Wolf, to the fact that this bill must be passed to save agriculture, and urge that you put Mr. O'-Neil's attitude towards this important piece of legislation into a correct

position. 4. To the advocates of dictatorship and regimentation we wish to express our belief that it would be more sensible for us American farmeers to produce sufficient agriculture comnodities to supply our domestic demands and consumption rather than to make concessions to foreign coun-

tries.
5. We are opposed to the use of farm or other organization. We suggest to Dean H. Umberger in his criticism of the Farmers Union in the educational field and that below. Mr. Pierson also writes occas- he consider the full name of the Farionally for some of the papers in his mers Union-The Farmers Educa-

> We further suggest to the Dean that the Farm Bureau withdraw the Producers Livestock Commission Co. from the Kansas City market cen-

We wish to express our thanks to the ladies of the Ashland Local for the splendid dinner and hospitality extended.

The following officers were elected: President, John Graham, Manhat-Vice President, O. A. Swanson, Wa-

terville. Secretary-Treasurer, Gust Larson, Leonardville. Conductor, John Dobson, Manhat-Doorkeeper, R. G. Buss, Leonard-

Lecturer and Organizer, Mrs. Leona Dobson, Manhattan. E. G. Kaump, Art Cederberg, and Carl L. Valine, Executive Committee Gust Larson was elected to represent the county at the annual meeting of the Jobbing Association and the Livestock Commission Co.

# FRANKLIN COUNTY MET

The Franklin County Farmers Un-on, No. 72, held its regular monthly meeting with the Hawkins Local at the Hawkins school house, December 10. There was a small attendance but we had an interesting meeting. A short business session was in charge of the president, A. R. Carpenter. Marion Pile spoke, concerning the Consumers Cooperative school which he attended recently in Kansas City. The members held a discussion of co-

operative enterprises. The next meeting will be held in Ottawa at which the annual election of officers will be held. The refreshments will be sandwiches, pies and coffee. A full attendance is desired Mrs. T. G. Ramsey,

County Secy.-Treas. Semi-scalding simplifies the plucking of turkeys and adds to the ap-pearance of the dressed birds, says poultry experts. The birds are bled

Fahrenheit, as determined by a dairy thermometer. The birds are sus-pended for plucking by means of a heavy cord fastened to a limb or

idity of their disappearance.

The members of the Local spent an enjoyable evening together, talking over their common problems and ing over their common problems and planning a bigger future for the Lo
The members of the Local spent and is fruit trees and grape vines should not is factory than winter wheat to plant in the early spring for pasture. The we were treated to hot coffee, doughweat will not produce as much vegins early and takes advantage of gins early and takes advantage of all the pleasant days.

# Junior and Juvenile Department

Juniors from 16 to 21

Juvenile's from 16 to 6

Floyd H. Lynn, Kansas Junior Leader

# DISTRICT MEETING TO MAKE PLANS FOR 1936 JUNIOR WORK

Mrs. Leona Dobson and Vincent Lar son, Active Workers in Junior Program, Arrange Large Meeting for January 25, Manhattan

#### INTEREST IS HIGH

At this Meeting Expect to Work Out Program to Result in Real Farmers Union Junior Progress During Year of 1936

Never before has Junior work figured so priminently in the year's plans of the various Farmers Union Locals and County Unions, as it is figuring this year. At last one Farmers Union district, the First (Ross Palenske, director) is figuring on the work on the basis of district-

wide activity. In a short time, the State Union will be in a position to announce its work. Officers are awaiting word from the National Junior Committee, farmer and his family to work their for all states went to permade under the debt burden must be reconstructin ze that wrongs have to be made under the debt burden must be reconstructin ze that wrongs have to be made under the under the debt burden must be reconstructin ze that wrongs have to be made under the under the debt burden must be reconstructin ze that wrongs have to be made under the un

the following letter from Mrs. Leona understanding S. Dobson of Manhattan. While this our solution. letter is addressed directly to the members in the First District, yet it is of interest to every member in the state. It follows:

District Meeting Union Members of the First Direc-

tor's Distrct: At the Riley County Quarterly meeting held Saturday, December 7, meeting held Saturday, December 7, Vincent Larson and myself were instructed to arrange a district meeting to make plans for the Junior work in this district. A lot of Riley county people attended the State Convention and came home full of enthusiasm and came home full of enthusiasm for the work, and we feel that the county officers and Junior leaders of the district school should meet and gram. This is not for any one perplan the year's work. (Riley county son to do. This is part of the funcvoted to pay the expenses of the tion of our educational program. county leader to this meeting and Youth will have little interest to asks that the Locals pay the ex- start with an organization and leadpenses of the Local leaders.)

as soon as possible; so set the date for January 25 at Manhattan. By that time the State office will no doubt have its plans made so we can coordinate the work of the district of the distric doubt have its plans made so we can coordinate the work of the district with that of the state and of the na-

We hope every county officer, and every Junior leader, both county and local, will bring a list of suggestions are the greatest consumers in the nafor carrying on the work methods of tion. In an age of scarcity, producfor carrying on the work methods of financing it, plans for a Junior Jam-trol the economic progress through

its county officers as well. And the Junior work has a splendid friend in lift the consumer cooperative move-Ross Palenske, our director, whom ment. we hope will also attend the meet-

ing.
Since a member of our district placed in the national convention we ic (they are not the only problems, feel we have set a mark for the other however). For this reason every cidistricts to shoot at.

Leona S. Dobson, Manhattan, Kan.

CHESTER A. GRAHAM IS

been our program in the past? Our membership, particularly in the new-er union states, would benefit from a better understanding of our past

be replaced.
All members, young and old, should be studying farm cist accounting and the methods of computing the average cost of production.

This will be necessary for the farm-Building Home and Community Life Human height like to feel at home This will be necessary for the farmer under whatever economic system that might exist under modern means of production and distribution. If our marketing program as embodied in the Thomas-Massingale Bill our form of government. We recognized the product of the farmer under whatever economic system. Human beings like to feel at home somewhere. We love our nation and the people to whom we belong. We believe in our American ideal and in our form of government.

JUNIORS ON FRONT PAGE AGAIN

Again the Junior department of this paper is partly transfer-red to the front page. As we have said before, the big news "rates" front page—and the big news of-ten is found in the discussions of Farmers Union Junior activities. Of course, if we follow that policy to the limit, perhaps all the Junior news would be on the front page in every issue; for nothing is more important than the development of the Junior work. So we are dividing the Junior news this week with important news both the front page and on the stories regarding our Juniors on Junior Page.

Read about our new National

Junior Leader on Page one of this

were enacted into law our membership should be capable of immediate and successful operation of the plan. The writer claims that we are incapable of this at present.

Refinancing and Farm Indebtedness
Operation of farms at less than cost of production prices must inevi-

tably create a debt burden. Years of this have brought us to a place where the debt burden must be reconstruct-

Training in Parliamentary Procedure in which youth and maturity like to Farmers are being continuously live. We want recreation in our whipped in their own organizations communities that will truly re-create and in most marketing organizations because of lack of ability to particibecause of lack of ability to partici-Manhattan, Kansas,
December 14, 1935.

An Open Letter to the Farmers

An Open Letter to the First Directory of the Setting Our Goal

fors? We must set our goal. We must have some conception of , our long ers who have not a well defined goal. We feel that we should get to work as soon as possible; so set the date what he wants. Others have their

There is now in our country a We believe that district officers organization. In an age of abundshould be elected, whose duty would be to take care of such things as arcontrol the economic process through There is real interest in the Junior work here in our state and we hope our district may enthusiastically do its part. We attended a Wa- ers, to organize in order that they baunsee county meeting some time ago and under Arthur Allen they are ready to go. Marshall county, with directions and goals in social change Joe Holly, seems greatly interested. Frieda Maelzer, you're doing splendidly. I believe the fact that most of the county leaders in this district are consumers in a consumer cooperatso well acquainted will be a big factor in aiding the work. And this district has splendid cooperation among its country officance as well.

Understanding Basic Economics The fundamental problems to be solved in this generation are econom-

tizen should understand basic eco-So we hope to meet all of you at nomic principles. Our job is to elim-Manhattan January 25, at 1:00 p. m. inate exploitation from our economic life. There are three main highways over which our economic life must travel. They are: the use of land, the use of machines, and the use of medium of exchange. Exploitation NEW NATIONAL LEADER takes place in the form of rent, profit, and interest when exploiters maneuver themselves into strategic (Continued from page 1)
tions and rural movements in general, and of their own union in particular. Many rural movements have risen and died in our country. Why did they die? Are we avoiding the mistakes of the past? What has our organization learned out of more than a third of a century of life and activity? How did our present program come into being and why? What has been our program in the past? Our

Understanding Social Change The Farmers' Union Program
One unique feature of the union program has been a courageous and militant devetion to a feature of the union of program has been a courageous and understanding of social change and understanding of social change and from the work of those who try to program has been a courageous and militant devotion to a farmer-owned marketing organization for farm products on the basis of cost of production at the farm for those products which are to be consumed in this country. If the union ever accepts a substitute for this program it will lose that which has distinguished it from all other farm organizations. The marketing of farm products is The marketing of farm products is the primary economic problem of the American Farmer. This problem must be solved by the union if it is to be solved at all in this generation. If it fails in this, it will eventually for examples of concessions granted voluntarily by expoiters to the ex-ploited. Farmers must understand



for all states want to unify and standardize their work.

One important development is that of the First District as reported in the following letter from Mrs. Leona S. Dobson of Manhattan. While this adults can live and work and share their services and the products of their labors. We want a world in

> children can live a life that is livable, lovable and secure and we must un-derstand what we are doing. JOBBING ASSN. IS ORGANIZATION OF

GROWING SERVICE (cntinued from page 1) per of the board of directors of the that we have many problems to solve. He spoke of the fact that the Job-

nize that wrongs have to be made Miller, is to get in a position to man-

# THE YEAR

There is no such thing as a poor hristmas present. Some are just better than others. Any gift offered out of a spirit of love and friendship caries a sentiment not to be discarded lightly.

which honest men and women and All gifts, however, do not bespeak this wish so well as they might. Household gifts lack the desirable personal presents often wear out or change style so quickly that the giv-ing seems an ill-chosen waste. The perfect gift not only gives instant pleasure, but lingers on to charm the receiver many, many times.

Pets make excellent gifts. Canaries particularly, touch a responsive cord in any woman's heart. They need lit-Jobbing Association, was called upon the care; a bit of water, some bird. to speak. Mr. Miller declared that food and such tiny luxuries as will this is the most critical period of make life more pleasant for them. this country's history from the view- And in return they bring their ownpoint of the masses of people, and ers the gift of song from morning

With the Christmas season coming bing Association has changed from on apace, it is well to keep this sug-



cups sugar, one-half cup evaporated milk, one-half cup water and two tablespoons corn syrup, and boil to 236 degrees, stirring as little as possible but being careful mixture does not burn. Add two tablespoons butter and one-half teaspoon vanilla and cool to lukewarm. Add one-half cup cream fondant base (see following recipe, but any other good fondant will do) and beat until it can be taken up in the hands. Then knead smooth and press out onto a butone and a quarter pounds. Add nuts, if desired, or it can be mold-

# **CHRISTMAS**

WHRISTMAS and candy are almost synonymous. There should be boxes and boxes of candy about at Christmas time, some of it in those beautifully lithographed tin boxes which can be kept and used as receptacles for ties, gloves, handkerchiefs, wool for knitting, sewing materials, cigarettes, manicure sets and all sorts of odds and ends that it is convenient to have segregated from the rest of the contents of a drawer and to be able to carry about with you.

But it's fun to make some of the candy yourself for Christmas—not only fun but it results in delicious varieties of candy which no regular manufacturer makes. You'll make a hit with this fresh made candy, so here are some precipes to show you how. They most synonymous. There should be boxes and boxes of

made candy, so here are some recipes to show you how. Try

tered plate. Cut in squares. Makes ed into balls or logs, rolled in co-coanut or a layer of it pressed into a pan and then covered with fondant or divinity.

Cream Fondant Base: Combine two cups sugar, two tablespoons light corn syrup, three-fourths cup light corn syrup, three-fourths cup evaporated milk, one-fourth cup water and a few grains salt in sauce pan, and heat until sugar is dissolved. Then boil gently to 238 degrees, keeping sides of pan wiped down with damp cloth and stirring only enough to prevent burning. Pour into a wet platter and let stand till lukewarm. Then

burning. Pour into a wet platter and let stand till lukewarm. Then work back and forth with a spatula until creamy. Add a few drops vanilla, take up in hands and knead until smooth and a light cream color. Use in making patties, balls, stuffing dates, etc., as you would any fondant. Patties and Nuggets Rum Patties: Cook three cups

small balls or nuggets and roll in one-half cup ground nuts. Makes

#### Of Interest to Women

teaspoon vanilla

teaspoon ginger

teaspoon nutmeg 1-4 teaspoon salt

4 cups flour

moderate oven.

to pop.

1 teaspoon soda

teaspoons cinnamon teaspoon cloves

1 teaspoon baking powder

Cream fat, sugar. Add molasses.

eggs, milk. Add rest of ingredients and chill the dough. Roll out dough or

break off small pieces. Place cook\_ ies 2 inches apart on a greased baking sheet and bake 10 minutes in

PUTTING POP IN POPCORN

quart of shelled popcorn, mix it thoroughly, put it in an air tight container, and in 24 to 48 hours it is ready

CANDIED ORANGE PEEL

Wash orange shells (after fruit has been used); cover by 3 inches with

water, and add 1 teaspoon salt. Cover

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8 halves oranges.

1 1-2 cups sugar. 2 cups boiling water.

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2 teaspoons salt.

CHRISTMAS SALAD

1 package lemon flavored gelatin

2 cups boiling water.
1 cup diced cooked beets.
1-2 cup cooked peas. 1 tablespoon chopped onion.
2 tablespoons chopped sweet pick-

1-4 cup chopped celery. 1-2 teaspoon salt. 1-4 teaspoon paprika.

Pour water over gelatin mixture. Cool and allow to thicken a little. Add rest of ingredients. Pour into a mold and chill until stiff. Unmold on lettuce and serve with mayonnaise or salad dressing.

When popcorn fails to pop it usally is due to low moisture content. YOUR HOLIDAY MINCEMEAT A little experimenting will show how much water is needed. We usually add one teaspoon of water to one

I don't believe you can find a bet-ter recipe than this one, and it "cans" wonderfully:

Beef, 2 1\_2 pounds Suet, 3-4 pound Good apples, 8 pounds Citron 1-2 pound Candied orange peel, 1-8 pound Currents, 1 pound Boiled cider, 1 pint Vinegar, 3-4 cup Sugar, 3 pounds Salt, 5 teaspoons Nutmeg, 3 teaspoons Mace, 1 teaspoon Cloves, 3 teaspoons

Cinnamon, 5 teaspoons. Cut the meat into small pieces and and simmer 30 minutes, drain, add more water and rest of salt. Simmer er is used process 30 minutes at 15 15 minutes. Rinse in cold water, pounds pressure. Cool and put through With spoon and knife remove all pulp food chopper with suet, using fine cutter. Run citron and orange peel through chopper, using fine cutter. Wash raisins and currants and put through chopper using medium cutter. Wash, peel and core apples and run through chopper using the coarse cutter. Mix the spices and salt with the sugar. Then mix all the materials thoroughy and add 1 pint of pot li-

quor from the meat.

Almost constant stirring is neces sary to prevent burning. Ten to 20 minutes will give the proper consist-ency. Fill the hot product into clean, dry pint jars. Partly seal and process in water bath for 30 minutes and your pie material is ready.

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#### **BUTTER AND EGG** MARKET LETTER By P. L. Betts and Poultry Cooperatives

#### Week Ending December 11 Chicago Butter Market

Uncertainty prevailing at the close of the previous week developed early in the week reviewed into an easier feeling, finally resulting in a 1/2c decline on Extras and Standards Saturday, the 7th, from the previous Firsts and Firsts deckined 1c, all oth-week's close. With support lacking er grades unchanged. at these levels Standards eased off another 1c on Monday, the 9th. Tuesday, the 10th, the market opened with offerings ½c lower on Standards, but at this point encountered by a further advance of 1c early this week which held until Tuesday when carry-over was not of sufficient prorepresenting one of the large packer interests. Following the purchase of several cars of Standards at prices several cars of Standards at prices ranging from 31½c to 32c, the mar-ket closed on this date at the un-changed level and remained un-firsts. The cosing prices are 29c to 30c on Standards and 27¾c to 28c on trade, which should get well under changed today with Extras closing at | Firsts. 32 4c, Standards 32c both 4c lower. 89 score 31½c a ½c lower, and 88 score 31c unchanged.

New York Butter Market

Lack of buying support and more readiness on the part of receivers to sell resulted in fractional daily declines throughout the week totaling 1½c per pound up until Wednesday when there was a recovery of 1/2c to 34c. Extras closed at 33c to 334c and Firsts 31% c to 32% c, both % c to 1c

lower than the previous week's close. Statistics generally continue favorable with confidence still evident on the part of many in the trade. The out of storage movement has been very satisfactory. While production reports show an increasing trend in some areas, the expansion has not been of any great proportions. Neither has increased production been reflected in terminal market receipts. Movement of storage butter at prices somewhat lower than fresh has diverted interest to some extent away

from fresh supplies. The two principal disturbing factors, however, have been reports indicating a slackening in retail sales due to high prices, coupled with the increased movement of butter substitutes, and second, fear of imports

January delivery at attractive prices have shattered confidence and creat-

Chicago Egg Market

The fresh egg market has held steady all week at 30 1/2 c for Extra er grades unchanged.

New York Egg Market The sharp advance on fresh eggs in

Receipts have shown marked increases over both the previous week and the same week a year ago. How radical change in the market. ever, good quality eggs have cleared quite readily, thus making a fairly A. W. Seamans, Ass't. Manager.

particularly of New Zealand butter. steady market. Storage eggs have Rumors that New Zealand stocks not been moving at a satisfactory were being offered in New York for rate. This condition, in face of increased receipts and prospects of a heavier late winter and earlier spring ed an easier feeling in spite of the lay, has cast a cloud of gloom over several other favorable indications. the trade which leaves the situation Thus the market is quite unsettled at very much disturbed at this writing.

Dressed Turkeys

Except for an advance of 1c per pound on heavy No. 1 Young Toms Firsts, 29½c on Firsts, Current Receipts 27c, Dirties 21c, and Checks 19c until today when both Extra Young Toms under 18 pounds at 30c, Young Toms under 18 pounds at 30c, No. 1 Young Toms over 18 pounds 29c, No. 1 Young Hens 30c, Old Hens 27c, Old Toms 25c, and No. 2's 23c.

While considerable tonnage way next week, will stimulate activity in this field. At present there is

#### **USELESS GOLD**

By S. O. Sanderson, Rochester, Minn. On October 15th, 1935, the Mone-tary Gold Stock of the United States nounted to \$9,542,297,032.27. More than \$6,850,000,000.00 of this Gold belongs to the privately owned Federal Reserve Banks.

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Sounds like real prosperity around the corner among the Money Chang-9.65 ers and Credit Manipulators. This pile of Gold which our Gov-9.60 ernment says is worth more than nine 9.60 and one-half billion dollars is about 9.60 as useless, and less attractive than the 9.55 pyramids of Egypt.

9.45 for public good, but as a means for the exploitation of the masses.

9.40 Through ghe artful intrigue and control of this magnificant pile of Gold. But it has served a purpose. Not cunning deception by the International Bankers and Money Changers, Governments have been enveigled into er miss the Gold, or the exploiters legislating certain values into, and who went with it.

one form of wealth for another. the masses under the despot torship of the Money Trust.

better serve as a medium of exchange than the Government Debt expressed in the form of currency.

But such is not the will of the all powerful Money Erust that now con-trols the issuance and flow of money. If the Government issued currency instead of bonds, the chief implement of the Money Trust for the exploitation of the masses would be destroyed, and the means that has enabled them to divert the ownership of the real wealth of the nation from those who by the sweat of their brows have produced it, into their own hands, would cease to exist.

Maybe it would be a good idea to load all of this gold into a fleet of U. S. Battleships together with the Mellons, the Morgans, the Mills, the Hoovers, the Smiths, the Roosevelts (including both the Braideau the (including both the President and the Colonel) and all the rest of the Gold Standard Clan, and transport them and the Gold to some distant barren island where they, unhampered, might

adotnpig Gold as their standard for money—their medium of exchange
Money however, in itself is not and thus Make Money the Servant, of wealth. It is simply the medium by all who are able and willing to work, which we facilitate the exchange of instead of the unmerciful master of one form of wealth for another.

Overseas telephone circuits of the telephone systems, but in none of these countries does the A. T. and T. Co. own or operate a telephone ex-

American Telephone and Telegraph this a good time to pick out good Company connect with many foreign young bulls for use next year. Prices telephone systems, but in none of these countries does the A. T. and T. Co. own or operate a telephone or ones are scarce enough that it will pay to start looking right away.

#### A MERRY CHRISTMAS

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# CHRISTMAS

is like Life itself-

the more you put into it, the more pleasure and happiness you get out of it.

This does not mean the giving of material gifts so much as it means that the more fully you enter into the real Christmas Spirit, the more fully will the Spirit of Christmas enter into your own life.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

and a

HAPPY NEW YEAR

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