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Kansas State Convention, October 24 - 27

Nash Writes Open Letter to Far. Union Managers

Managerial Meeting Will Be Held Day Just Before Convention Proper, October 24, at Wakeeney—Plan Worthwhile Discussions

TAXATION AND WHEAT IMPROVEMENT

Special Speakers Will Lead Discussions on These Two Timely Subjects—Study Practical Aspects—Invite Directors

By P. J. Nash, President
F. U. Managerial Association

Fellow Managers:

Tuesday, October 24, is the date set for the program of the Farmers Union Managerial Association meeting at Wakeeney, Kansas. The program will start at 1 p. m.

Dr. John H. Parker, head of the Kansas Wheat Improvement Association, has agreed to address the meeting regarding wheat varieties, etc.

Mr. Thomas B. Dunn, manager of the Farmers Union Auditing Association, will lead a period of discussion on taxation problems. Following the above part of the program there will be a concluding period of open discussion in which we hope all present will take an active part.

This country is one of the few in which the privilege of free speech is still accorded to everybody. If we appreciate this privilege we should also realize that it is also our duty to take some active part in directing our destiny, otherwise our right to rule ourselves may be lost to some dictator, even in the Cooperative Movement.

It is my opinion that if each of you managers will take inventory of yourself, you will find that you are one of two types of managers. You are the type that is marking time with a cooperative until a better or more pleasing position can be secured in some other line of work, or you are the type that firmly believes in the principles of cooperation and are in the cooperative movement to improve it for the betterment of others and yourself.

Now, if you are the latter type of manager, regardless of whether you are a member of this association, please attend our meeting at Wakeeney, and assist us in our efforts to improve and expand cooperation.

Directors too should have a definite interest and part in our meeting, and while this letter is to the managers, nevertheless directors are considered managers indirectly, and we will be very much disappointed if the directors do not join the managers in attending this meeting.

All cooperators will be very welcome. Plan to attend. The meeting will be worthwhile if you help to make it worthwhile.

Sincerely yours,
Pat Nash.

CHAIN STORE PLAN

Mildand Wholesale Reports a Solid Start Is Made

The chain of cooperative grocery stores operated by the Midland Cooperative Wholesale, Minneapolis, gave its first report last week, showing that the average store of the sixteen in operation is doing a business averaging more than $500 a week.

With the average store in operation for a period of less than five weeks the Midland management and the advisory board were of the opinion that the co-ops had made a solid start. The lowest store is doing $450 a week the highest nearly $2,000 a week. It was pointed out that the stores need a volume of $600 a week to break even the $700 to break into the profit column.

Of the 16 stores, three are showing profits, six are breaking even and a program of co-ordinated educational work by the local cooperative club which carried on the promotional activities in organizing the stores was mapped for the fall and winter months.

A livestock farmer, who was extremely forebearing, suspected a neighbor of foul play. When he could stand it no longer, he sent the following note across the fence: "Dear Jake, please don't leave your red-hot branding irons around any more so my cows can lie down on them."

Gazonda—Did you ever see a company of women who were perfectly silent?

Gazoff—Yes, once, when some one had asked which of those present was the oldest.

Nat'l President Vesecky Attends Council Meeting

As most of our readers already know I was appointed, together with M. W. Thatcher, of St. Paul, Minnesota, to represent the Farmers Union on the Agricultural Advisory Council. Secretary Wallace called the council to meet in Washington D. C., on September 19, to consider all questions effecting the price, supply, processing and handling of farm products, arising from the European war.

Included in the Council were representatives of all the national farm organizations. The Farm Bureau was represented by National President O'Neal and Earl Smith, president of the Illinois Agricultural Association, and the Illinois, F. B. Unit and The Grange, by National Master, Tabor, and State Master King of the Washington Grange.

Mr. Taber could not be present the first day, so Mr. Brenkman, Grange legislative representative in Washington, D. C., substituted for him at the first meeting. The National Cooperative Milk Producers were reepresented by Charles Holman and Judge Miller. The same two men also represented the National Cooperative Council, very likely because they are very closely associated, both organizations occupying quarters in the old Temple of Agriculture in Washington D. C., a part owner of which the Farmers Union used to be.

Besides the Farm organization representatives, there were representatives of the Farm and public press, Labor Unions, Chain stores, independent food distributors, Processors, and cotton and grain handlers. If our members give a little attention to the make up of the council, and to the great opportunity for good to our farmers which it can exert if properly directed and the damage it could do if not directed in the right direction, they will appreciate the importance of Farmers Union representation on the Council.

On Government Expense

Right here I want to say to all who like to probe in the government records, for payrollers, that because the work which I did as representative of the Farmers Union on the Council will benefit all farmers, I expect to have the Government refund to the National Farmers Union all the traveling expenses connected with the Washington meeting of the Council and all the subsequent meetings.

Although I expected to have all the government refund to the National Union all the expenses connected with the meeting, that did not deter me or my Farmers Union associate Mr. Thatcher, from consistently looking out for the interests of our farmers and defending them whenever they were in danger of being harmed by any suggested program, or statement from the meeting.

The Council meeting gave much consideration to the effect of the war in Europe on our farm economy. While we urged that our farmers do not let the possibility of higher prices induce them into the same position as they were induced into during the World War time, we especially stressed the importance of an increase in the general level of farm prices, in order to get for our farmers prices that will assure to them incomes that are on a parity with those of other groups.

Friday noon we conferred with President Roosevelt and received his assurance that all the support of the Administration will be put behind efforts to get farm prices to parity levels. We in turn assured the President that we are ready to aid him and Congress in every way we can in keeping the United States out of war. In spite of what some politically-minded persons may say to the contrary, I am convinced that both the President and Secretary Wallace are determined to do every thing possible to get the farmers an edequate price for their products. Many times we Farmers do not agree with the Secretary as to the best methods to be used in getting the desired price increases, but I believe that he is as sincere in his desire to see our farmers get a square deal as we are ourselves.

On Farm and Home Hour

Because Brother Keeney, National Vice President, has too many meetings to make the latter part of September, he asked to have his broadcast over the N. B. C. on Farmers Union Hour changed from September to October. it was necessary for me to fill in for Brother Keeney. That is the reason those of you who listened to the broadcast heard Glenn Talbott and me instead of Brother Keeney.

Plan Drive For Members In Ks. Farmers Union

Local Secretaries Are Asked to Give Consideration to Campaign

The Kansas Farmers Union plans to sponsor a state-wide membership drive in November, calling upon the National Farmers Union for help in speakers from neighboring states and from the local Farmers Union organization for follow-up contacts in driving for members after the promotional mass meetings featuring a visiting speaker. Secretaries and other officers of Locals are asked to give this membership drive their consideration, and the State Office would welcome their suggestions regarding the drive in their communities.

"We are anxious to extend the membership and usefulness of the Kansas Farmers Union and its program," explains President J. P. Fengel, "and at the last meeting of your Board of Directors, it was planned to utilize the assistance of the National Farmers Union, whereby they would furnish us with a speaker or speakers during November or December in communities where there was the need and our Locals or County organizations would follow the meetings so arranged with their own membership drive for members.

"I am certain many communities will want to avail themsleves of this opportunity and assistance and if so will you please communicate with the State Office or advise with us during the State Convention at Wakeeney."

83 Men Rule U. S. National Economy

13 Million People at Top Receive Income of 85 Million at Bottom

Eighty-three men rule the economic life of America, and they have ruled in such a manner that 13 million people at the top get as much of the nation's income as 85 million people at the bottom according to a report filed with President Roosevelt by the National Resources Committee, reports the Cooperative Builder.

The 83 million cannot buy even all the necessities of life, to say nothing of luxuries, and hence over 10 million would-be producers are idle and dependent on public relief, and crops must be restricted and destroyed to avoid surplusses.

Meanwhile, the 13 million top-dogs get so much more than they can spend for consumer needs that they have glutted the coffers of the banks with their savings. These savings are largely idle, because they can only be used to finance new production, and there are no consumers able to buy such production. Idle men, idle money.

The report, which consists of 400 pages of cold-blooded statistics, shows that the 83 men rule finance and industry through inter-corporate and inter-locking directorates.

Morgan Heads the List

They are divided into eight distince groups, headed by the House of Morgan. The others are the Kuhn-Loeb group, Rockefeller group, Mellon group, duPont group, and what are known as the Chicago, Cleveland, and Boston groups. More than two pages are used to list the holdings of the House of Morgan, which total in value over 30 billion dollars.

The report frankly points out the calamitous condition to which these "rulers" have brought the national economy. Unemployment of men and machines is costing the nation 20 billions a year, or about one-half of the national debt over which the Tories weep so profusely. In other words, set the idle men and machines to work and the entire national debt could be paid in two years.

Every Family, a $6,000 Home

During the last 10 years the loss from idleness has been 200 billions, or enough to provide a new $6,000 home for every family in the land.

The solution, the report points out, lies in increasing the incomes of the 90 per cent of the population who now get less than $2,600 a year, for any increase they get, up to about $4,000, will be spent increasing demand and therefore increasing production. But those in higher income brackets are already consuming at a maximum and so will not increase their consumption if given more income.

Even in foodstuffs, the committee reports that there would be 44 per cent more buying if consumer income increased in the lower brackets as it should be.

A RECORD DAY

Live Stock Receipts in Kansas City Large on October 2

Kansas City cattle receipts October 2 established a 9-year high record of approximately 32,000 salable cattle. This was exclusive of 6,000 salable calves. Of the Kansas City receipts, 75 or 80 per cent were stocker and feeder classes, leaving less than 25 per cent for killers.

The Kansas City Stockyards company reported actual receipts of 52,405 head of livestock on this date. This included 33,673 cattle, 5,226 calves, 5,402 hogs, 8,003 sheep and 101 horses and mules. About 19 per cent of the cattle, 34 per cent of the calves and most of the hogs arrived by truck.

The stockyards cattle receipts were exceeded only once since 1930. That was in 1934 when the government made liberal drought relief purchases. However, at no time, even in 1934, was the commercial market supply as large as it was October 2. The day's hog receipts were the second largest since 1936.

Old Maid: "Has the canary had his bath yet?"

Servant: "Yes, ma'am, You can come in now."

The President's Message

By John P. Fengel

We are approaching State Convention time and most of us are looking forward to that time, when we shall have made new decisions and counted the accomplishments and failures of the past year and from their experiences determine to profit, that we might build a better program with a determination, to expand the membership and the scope of usefulness and influence of our organization.

Make Study of Program

Our Conventions furnish us with a place where we can all meet on a common ground, for the purpose of collectively making a study of our program and a discussion of our common problems, in the hope that we, all together can after true Democratic fashion work out our problems and with an understanding knowledge of the problem, apply the intelligent remedy to furnish the solution. There is a very urgent need at this particular time for every Farmers Union Local, every County Farmers Union, every Local business institution, as well as out Terminal marketing facilities and our State-wide Farmers Union service Co-operatives to be represented in this convention with their full quota of delegates and lend their best endeavors, unitedly and whole-heartedly to the solution of the farmers problems in the marketing of the products of his farm, the Co-operative purchasing of his supplies and the co-operative protection of his property for the present and also in the future.

Let none of us forget that we must have bargaining power in organized numbers and economic power through the development of our Co-operatives, operating in the marketing, processing and distributing fields and if we are to have a democracy, a free people, we must organize, educate and finally Co-operate together. Transacting our own business ourselves and participating in the profits ourselves, by the use of and development of our Cooperatives.

During the pioneer days of the Farmers Union, when we first launched our marketing program, we were working with an untried principle and consequently made many mistakes, but, the season of experiments have now passed and we have the knowledge and the experience of the past to use as our guide in the art of building, financing and management of practically every type of Co-operative, from the marketing of grain, livestock, poultry, cream, eggs, produce, fruit and vegetables, to the service co-operatives, such as our Life and Property Insurance organizations that are among the strongest of their kind in the State of Kansas and of which every Farmers Union member should be justly proud.

Just to give you something to think and talk about before the convention, may I call your attention to a list of those concerns who are members of the Billion Dollar Club, or those whose total assets are in excess of One Billion Dollars. Here they are:

Company—	Assets as of Dec. 31, 1938
Bell Telephone System	$5,119,962,915.00
Metropolitan Life Insurance Company	4,942,900,417.00
Prudential Life Insurance Company	3,800,786,614.00
New York Life Insurance Company	2,647,454,712.00
Chase National Bank	2,523,167,177.00
Pennsylvania Railroad	2,322,408,356.00
Equitabl Life Assurance Company	2,260,913,149.00
Standard Oil Company (New Jersey)	2,044,635,257.00
National City Bank of New York	2,009,182,640.00
Guaranty Trust Company (New York)	1,941,765,661.00
Southern Pacific Railroad	1,850,149,550.00
New York Central Railroad	1,822,930,466.00
United States Steel Corporation	1,711,270,006.00
General Motors Corporation	1,598,012,229.00
Bank of America N. T. S. A. including Bank of America	1,574,721,670.00
Mutual Life Insurance Co., N. Y.,	1,399,427,496.00
Continental Illinois Bank and Trust Co.	1,386,357,129.00
Consolidated Edison	1,358,558,488.00
Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe Railway	1,297,744,922.00
Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance, Milwaukee	1,233,101,693.00
Commonwealth & Southern Corporation	1,213,866,439.00
Union Pacific Railroad	1,210,357,821.00
Baltimore & Ohio Railroad	1,203,638,181.00
Cities Service Corporation	1,080,068,703.00
Bankers Trust Company	1,043,469,941.00
Associated Gas and Electric Company	1,041,938,965.00
Total Assets	$51,641,999,617.00

Just count them—28 of them, owning about one-third of the total valuation of the United States and when we come to think the matter over we farmers have contributed very largely in a direct way to the accumulations of these titanic corporations, which are fashioned and sustained through their organizations being incorporated as corporations, which is the vehicle that concentrates wealth in the hands of a few as we see here. Do we fully realize the fact that this Billion Dollar Club of 26 giant corporations are in a position to control Governments, to also dictate the poli-

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Royalty Members Warned Against Signing Proxies

Creitz Advises Close Study of Proxy Taken by J. L. Hardesty

By G. E. Creitz

So many members of The Kansas Farmers Union Royalty Company have come to the office or have written for information regarding proxies or powers of attorney which they have signed, and in every case have said that they signed such proxy or power of attorney without knowing just what it contained, or without giving the matter any thought, we believe it but fair to them that they have the privilege of seeing and studying what they signed. Those stockholders of the Royalty Company who read The Kansas Union Farmer have here a copy of the proxy-power of attorney which they signed. The following is a copy.

PROXY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that I, the undersigned ..... of ..... in ..... County, State of Kansas, do hereby appoint J. L. Hardesty, of Jennings, Kansas, county of Decatur, as my attorney, and agent for and in my stead to all intents and purposes as I might or could were I personally present to vote as my proxy..... shares at any annual or regularly called special meeting of the stockholders of THE KANSAS FARMERS UNION ROYALTY COMPANY, a Kansas corporation, whose principal place of business is Salina, Kansas.

1. For the election of directors as provided in the by-laws and charter of said corporation.

2. In my stead to vote for or against amendments to by-laws such as may be presented to the stockholders for action at any stockholders meeting of said corporation.

3. In my stead, to consent to the sale of the properties of said corporation for cash and/or services.

4. In my stead to join with other stockholders in requesting the president or in his absence the vice president to call a special meeting of said stockholders.

5. To vote on such other questions as may come before such annual or special meeting according to number of votes that I should be entitled to cast if then personally present, and to exercise this said proxy as fully to all intents and purposes as I might or could personally do.

Signed.....

It will be noticed that when a stockholder signs one of the foregoing proxies he places in the hands of one person all of the power to elect and remove directors at will; to amend the by-laws in any manner he might wish; to sell all of the properties of the company for cash and/or services. In other words if enough of such proxies are signed the entire business of the company is placed in the hands of one person who can do with it whatever he might want to do.

The proxies signed are good for three years unless and until revoked by the person signing same, either by being present at any meeting in person and exercising his own right to vote, or by revoking the proxy.

Study the proxy very thoughtfully. Was it your intention to surrender to another the unlimited powers enumerated in the proxy, and were you fully aware of the extent to which powers could be used?

Study the matter carefully, and then use your own judgment.

Stockholders of the Royalty Company are urged to attend the State Convention of the Farmers Union at Wakeeney, October 25-28.

Plan Full Program for Wakeeney State Meeting

Special Speakers and Open Floor Discussions Will Provide Lively, Interesting Days—Thursday Evening To Juniors

BUSINESS REPORTS ON WEDNESDAY

Will Consider Problems Relating to Any Phase of Farm Life, Cooperative Business, Legislation, or Farmers Union Organization

The Program of the 34th Kansas Farmers Union State Convention is rapidly taking its shape. Every member of this organization will find the 1939 convention an inspiration, an education, as well as a fine vacation. Let's every one who possibly can attend.

The Convention will be held at Wakeeney October 25-27. At 10 a. m. Wednesday morning of the first mentioned date, President J. P. Fengel will call the Convention to order. After the routine business of Convention organization visiting Farmers Union officials will be called upon for short talks to fill out the morning.

At 1:15 p. m. the State Board of the Kansas Farmers Union will have a report for the Convention. Mr. Fengel will then read his President's Message. These two reports will be short in delivery, but of an importance not to be ignored by any delegate. Thus will start the Convention.

As is the traditional custom, Wednesday afternoon will be chiefly devoted to hearing reports of the various Farmers Union business associations; Farmers Union Auditing Association, Salina; Farmers Union Jobbing Association, Kansas City; Farmers Union Live Stock Commission Company, Kansas City;

Farmers Union Mutual Insurance Company, Salina; Farmers Union Life Insurance Company, Salina; Farmers Union Royalty Company, Salina; and Nebraska Farmers Union Creameries, Superior. Paul Steele, manager of the South St. Joseph Farmers Union Live Stock Commission Company, will probably not attend this year because of the distance the Convention city is from his trade territory.

Dr. M. F. Dickinson, president of the Arkansas Farmers Union, and Charles G. Binderup, president of the Constitutional Money League of America and former Congressman from Nebraska, are the headline speakers for Wednesday evening. Dr. Dickinson will describe briefly the problems of the Arkansas farmer, chiefly having to do with cotton, and picture how the problems of all American farmers are closely related, no matter the differences in crops.

Mr. Binderup will explain his interpretation of the money ills in America, and how the legislation he favors would remedy much of the poverty and business stagnation of our present and ever-recurring crises and depressions.

Need Membership Card

Admittance to the Convention Thursday morning will be by membership card only. Immediately after President Fengel has called the meeting to order will come the reports having to do with the maintenance of the organization. T. B. Dunn, of the Farmers Union Auditing Association, will read the audit of the state organization financial records.

Rex Troutman, state secretary, will make his report to the Convention

Nomination of state officers will be next in order, as described in the two-column Convention Schedule published under the Official Call for the Convention.

Thursday afternoon will feature the address of John Vesecky, National Farmers Union president, formerly of Timken, Kansas.

Floor discussions will fill in a large part of the day, Thursday, it is planned. "Greatest needs of the Kansas farmer and of the Kansas Farmers Union and Solutions" might be a general discussion head, but most anything may likely develop under it. A. J. Wempe, Frankfort, is scheduled to lead a discussion on problems facing farmers in Rural Electrification development.

Describe Junior Program

The Junior Department of the Kansas Farmers Union, under State Leader, Miss Esther Ekblad, Leonardville, will have charge of the Thursday evening program. The entire evening program will be under the supervision of the Junior Department with Juniors from over the state participating.

The program will feature a symposium of three 4-minute Junior speakers describing the work of "The Junior Partner." The convention delegates will be given a word picture of Juniors at work through reports of camps and other special activities of the year. Music and playlet, "The Style Show," is being planned to add variety and amusement. Preceding the evening program there will be a banquet for Juniors and Leaders. The banquet promises an hour of fellowship which all are sure to enjoy fully.

Polls will be open for voting Friday morning, and the Convention will close swiftly after hearing final reports of committees, hearing the report of elections, and the installation of officers.

BIG SALES TAX TOTAL

First Two Years Bring Over Twenty Million Dollars

Kansas' 2 per cent sales and compensation levies yielded $20,016,570 during the first two years of their operation ending June 30, according to Chairman John McCuish of the Revenue and Taxation Commission.

The compensating tax, a 2 per cent levy on goods bought in other states and taken to Kansas, brought in $593,909 of the total. McCuish said $602,655, or 3 per cent of the collections, had been set aside for administration but that a balance of $97,966 remained in this fund, bringing administrative costs down to 2½ per cent.

The balance of $19,413,805 after administration went for social welfare, school aid, and refunds to the counties to reduce general property taxes.

REPORT NEW DRILLING

Success for Rooks County Well Would Lead to Off-Sets

The directors of the Kansas Farmers Union Royalty Comany went to Stockton Wednesday, September 27, and were successful in negotiating for the drilling of a well on the northwest corner of 13-9-17, Rooks county, according to G. E. Creitz, secretary-manager.

"While this is not on pooled land," Mr. Creitz explained, "if it is a producer it will require the drilling of three off-set wells on pooled land. The intention of the driller is to drill out the quarter mentioned, and if he does, it would mean not less than five nor more than eight off-set wells for the pool.

"Of course it must always be born in mind that dry holes do not require off-sets, but this quarter and the off-setting quarters in the pool are considered unusually good. We hope the drill bit will tell a good story."

Good Live Stock Volume

Business is improving nicely, reports W. G. Bernhardt, manager of the Farmers Union Live Stock Commission Company, Kansas City, Mo., with branches at Wichita and Parsons. Paul Steele, manager of the Farmers Union house at South St. Joe, Mo., makes a very similar report.

PROGRAM

For Annual Agent's Meeting of Farmers Union Mutual Insurance Company

October 19, Salina

Morning

8:30 a. m. Registration of agents and wives, Masonic Temple.
10:00 a. m. Meeting called to order, G. W. Bushby, president.
10:30 a. m. Ways and means of contacting new prospects and holding old assureds, Howard H. Hadsall, Anthony Discussion of same topic led by John Stingsby, Clay Center.
11:00 a. m. Inspection of risks prior to submitting to home office, Delbert Richardson, Lawrence! Discussion leader, Lee F. Best, Columbus.
11:30 a. m. Prospective assureds and risks, desirable assureds and risks, Harry Heim, Easton. Discussion leader, R. W. Goodman, St. John
12:00 noon Luncheon, Masonic Temple.

Afternoon

1:30 p. m. Talk, Thomas B. Dunn, manager of Farmers Union Auditing association, Salina.
2:00 p. m. How an application may be written to assured does not expect company to pay depreciation and upkeep, L. C. Holroyd, Winfield. Discussion leader, Ivan DuBois, Agra.
2:30 p. m. Obligation of agent to company and assured in writing insurance, Ray Henry, Zenith. Discussion leader, Leland Holroyd, Winfield.
3:00 p. m. Talk, John P. Fengel, president, Kansas Farmers Union.
3:15 p. m. Principles and practices in regard to making surveys for insured's needs in all lines and hazards, Morgan H. Cole, Colby. Discussion leader, C. W. Read, vice president.
3:45 p. m. Methods used in depriving insurable value of personable property, correct coverages and classifications, T. R. Wells, Elmdale. Discussion leader, D. O. Anderson, field representative.
4:15 p. m. Round-table discussion: Endorsements on policies, Special board risks, Co-insurance, etc., V. Murl Richmond, Salina.
5:00 p. m. Adjournment of afternoon session.

Evening

6:30 p. m. Banquet, Masonic Temple.
7:30 p. m. Entertainment following banquet:
Negro Male Quartet
B. R. McPherson—Songs
Program—Mary Ellen Rathbun School of Dancing.
Address—Tom Collins, Kansas City Journal
Music furnished by Kansas Wesleyan orchestra.

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WATER NOT OVER THE DAM—With only 1,600 acre feet stored behind it, contrasted with a 1,200,000 capacity, above Coolidge dam gives grave concern to Arizona. Drought conditions have lowered the water line which once was half way up the domes. The $4,500,000 dam was built in 1928-29 to irrigate 100,000 acres of land, half of it within the Pima Indian reservation.

SALINA, KANSAS, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5, 1939

Know What You Pay For

Marshall county's tax bill was slashed $42,777 by the county commissioners, September 22, when they made substantial decreases in the proposed levies in the county road, bridge and farm bureau funds. Action was taken only after they had carefully considered and checked the amounts needed to handle the cost of construction and repair of roads and bridges and activities of the farm bureau office.

A sum of $377,411 was raised a year ago in the county on an assessed valuation of $36,091,725 against $337,276 to be raised this year based on a valuation of $36,344,420. County levies this year compared to last are:

	1939	1938
General	1.13	1.90
Welfare	2.00	2.625
Road	.80	.40
Bridge	1.00	.353
Farm Bureau	.05	.097
Bond and Interest	2.30	2.51
Barnes High School	2.00	2.122
Emergency Bridge		.10
Bindweed		.35
	9.28	10.457

Marshall county is not the only place in Kansas where people are interested, especially today, in lowering their tax burden and using their every penny in a more immediate fashion. In this very issue are articles and resolutions from other Kansas counties evidencing that farmers are turning their attention to tax problems.

A recent report of a special commission in New York State appointed to study this problem and make recommendations stated that the general framework of county government in that state had not been altered in more than a century and a half. Chief weakness pointed out was that there is no executive head in the county, no one official on whom responsibility can be placed. The average county government, the report said, "is like an old barn to which one lean-to after another has been added until the whole thing is likely to collapse of its own weight."

The commission favors establishment of a county manager plan for efficiency in conducting county affairs at a minimum of public expense. There would be a county board over the manager which would hire the manager and determine general policies, but would keep hands off generally.

The Topeka Capital reports these recommendations and adds: "To this plan might well be added the consolidation of counties, from three to five or more into one . . . Boundary lines of counties as we know them today were laid out in horse-and-buggy times with county seats thirty to forty miles apart, so as to put them within reach of any resident in a day's travel. Now, with modern motorcars, such a distance means about half an hour's travel . . . Such revolutionary changes in county government are almost too much to hope for but down that road lies a big reduction in taxes that should make this plan appeal to every property owner."

These considerations connected with taxation are good studies for Farmers Union meetings. Committees can be appointed to investigate details of each of the various county funds, and it will be a surprising result if local farmers themselves cannot find means of tax reduction. Our government "by the people, for the people, and of the people,' 'should be more so. And what do you think of the above commission report?

French last week sent pigs into mined areas in front of their advancing infantry. The porkers exploded the mines and cleared the way. Pork advanced, that is to say.

Trade Program in Reverse

Instead of expanding foreign markets for our agricultural products the Hull reciprocal trade program seems to be working in reverse. The loss in our principal agricultural exports is shown in the following decreases for the first eight months of 1939; Cotton, $53,736,000; tobacco, $18,214,000; corn, $70,970,000; wheat, $35,654,000; fresh fruits, $4,184,000; all foodstuffs, $112,072,000. Small increases in our exports of meat products, lard, and vegetables were registered.

For the eight months ended August, 1939, our agricultural exports amounted to $343,867,000, a decrease of $183,613,000 or 34.8 per cent from the same period of 1938, according to figures just released by the Department of Commerce. Imports of agriculutral products for the eight months of 1939 amounted to $693,311,000, an increase of $65,464,000, or 10.4 per cent over the same period of 1938.

This decrease in exports and increase in imports resulted in an import balance of $349,444,000 for the eight months of 1939 as compared with $100,367,000 for the same period of 1938, an increase of $249,077,000, or 249 per cent in our import balance of trade in agricultural products for the first eight months of 1939.

Also our total trade—exports and imports—in agricultural products showed a decrease of $118,149,000, or about 10 per cent for the first eight months of 1938 as compared with the same period of -938.

This record of the Hull reciprocal trade program is most discouraging as our world takes leave of peace and attempts at peaceful reciprocal trade. Just when normal times will return again, no one knows. And just what will be the worth of the record of the Hull reciprocal trade program—again, no one knows! The far more immediate problem will be the recognition of "normal times" if such ever arrive.

TRAVELOGUE

By John P. Fengel

My travels since the last issue of the Kansas Union Farmer have been far more than a pleasure to me.

Although I have been in Cowley County before and enjoyed the splendid Farmers Union folks so much, I received a return invitation with Miss Esther Ekblad for the week of September 18th, for a series of meetings of Beaver and Kellogg Locals and a County meeting, which was entertained by Bethel Local, north of Winfield.

Series of Good Meetings

Our first meeting was with the Beaver Local fo which our old friend A. W. Oldman is president. We, as usual, did have a splendid meeting with a splendid attendance, with a nice program for entertainment, furnished by the younger folks.

The next meeting was at Kellogg, where Brother Merle Tribbey is the president and Mrs. Tribbey is doing such splendid work with her Juniors.

Mrs. Tribbey's Juniors entertained us with a 3-act play that was very well rendered and enjoyed by all of us. The program also included several other numbers, featuring Frances Willard day, with appropriate music.

Kellogg Local holds its meeting in the Vernon Township Hall, which is quite an historic hall and contains a tablet, that was presented to Cowley County and Vernon Township as an award in the Kansas for Prohibition election. Cowley County was the one County in Kansas, casting the highest percentage of their entire vote vote for prohibition and Vernon Township of Cowley County, also had the highest percentage of their entire vote favoring prohibition of any Township in Kansas. We had the privilege of examining this tablet, which was not only interesting, but, it also pays a fitting tribute to Cowley County's citizens.

The Cowley County meeting was held at Bethel Locals meeting place. Brother Fred S. Abel is their County President and Art Reynolds the County Secretary. All three of the Presidents of Cowley County's Locals were present at this meeting. Mr. A. W. Oldham of Beaver Local, Mr. Merle Tribbey of Kellogg Local and Mr. Eugene L. Brandt of Bethel Local There was a nice attendance at the County meeting and their program was also very good, with a lot of enthusiasm for the Junior movement, which is coming to the front in good shape, under the leadership and direction of Mrs. Tribbey and others very vitally interested.

Plan for Convention

President Fred Abel was elected as delegate to the State Convention from the county and we can expect a splendid delegation from Cowley County, of which we are justly proud. Another President will be on hand when A. W. Oldham gets there, and by the way, I am really expecting another President too, and shall be disappointed if Merle fails to show up with Mrs. Tribbey. We do need both of them so much.

It really was a pleasure to meet so many of our friends that have built the Farmers Union, Like Uncle Henry Gotlob and Mrs. Gotlob and others, also was so sorry to learn that another old-timer, Brother U. S. Alexander was in the hospital, so could not see him this time.

Miss Esther and I were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Merle Tribbey for the week and we certainly did enjoy the hospitality of their home and the enjoyable times we had together and were sorry when the time came for us to return home.

We did some visiting too during the week, with George Klein, who is from Marion County and farms near Kellogg.

We visited with LeRoy Sturm, manager of the Farmers Union business at Winfield and Art Reynolds, over at the Creamery and drove over to Anthony and visited with my old-time friend, H. H. Hines, manager of the Farmers Union business and into the country to visit Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Yowell, who are anxious to have the Farmers Union re-organized in Harper County.

From Anthony we drove to Conway Springs and called at the Oil station to get acquainted with Manager Weaver and from there tried to locate our Ben Rice at his farm, but could not find either he or his wife, so, were obliged to submit to disappointment, for we always appreciate and enjoy Ben so much.

On our way home from Cowley County, we stopped to call upon the family of Herman Zimmerman, near Cicero, and since it was Saturday, the family was at home and did we have a dandy visit with them?

Enjoy Many Visits

From Zimmerman's, we called at the home of John McCormick and although he was not at home we did find him at the elevator and from there we run in to see Grandmother Erwin and Joe, which is always a treat and from there we drove into Wichita for dinner.

We had always wanted to visit the Farmers Union folks at Valley Center and decided this was an opportune time to do so, so we drove over there and visited with Manager Jones at the elevator and found they had a splendid business with a cement construction elevator of 80,000 bushel capacity, all modern and another nice thing about it was that it was practically theirs.

From the elevator we drove into the country to the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Bishop, who is the Secretary of the splendid Local.

We were unfortunate this time, since Mr. Bishop was not at home and we did not have sufficient time to await his return, but did enjoy our contact and visit with Mrs. Bishop and hope to have them at the State Convention and visit with them again some time in the future.

By the time this paper gets into circulation, Miss Esther and I will be in Nemaha County, where we are sure going to have a fine time and we hope some splendid meetings, that will produce results for the Kansas Farmers Union.

THE CLOAK ROOM

W. P. Lambertson

The Chief is as determined to raise the embargo as he is to lower the dangling third term.

The new foreign policy bill, if passed, will be subject to continuous changes—a sort of sliding scale IN.

On Monday of this week a civil service examination was actually announced for inspector of hats. However this has nothing to do with Presidential candidates.

We know now for sure what Ellen Allerton meant when she wrote "Walls of Corn." Driving along a narrow road near Arthur, Ill, we looked up to the ears.

The State Department told the Foreign Relations Committee in July that any lifting of the embargo after war had started in Europe, would be an unneutral act.

"Cash" didn't even carry until the bill got to the floor of the Senate. The solely important thing is lifting the embargo on munitions—the duPont point.

The people will have a quasi-Ludlow referendum in the House on concurring in the Senate amendments. Different from two-thirds of the Upper Body, our group all face the music in '40. Senator Huey Long said to his colleagues once, "You have to get here first before you begin to be statesmen."

Neighborhood Notes

Call Clay, Riley and Washington County Meeting

The Clay County Farmers Union in cooperation with the Riley and Washington County Unions will hold a meeting on the evening of October 12 in the City Hall at Clay Center.

Representatives of the Farmers Union Live Stock Commission Company of Kansas City will be present to discuss live stock marketing problems and how they have been affected by the advent of the Community Sales.

All Farmers Union members are invited to be present and we especially urge all live stock producers to attend.

As this will be the regular Clay County quarterly meeting, a few minutes' time will be taken to elect a delegate to the State Convention.

Lunch will be served by Local No. 40.

Wm. Goeckler,
Sec.-Treas.

In Douglas County

The Douglas county Farmers Union was scheduled to have an all-day meeting last Saturday, September 30, the regular quarterly meeting. Prof. Chubb of Kansas University was to speak on the financial situation of foreign countries.

In Ellsworth County

The Ellsworth county Union sponsored a meeting of the Ellsworth county taxpayers at which the enclosed resolutions were adopted, and committeemen elected: Delmar Rollins, Carneiro; A. H. Henery, Kanopolis; Alex Larson and Emil Stroede, Ellsworth; S. C. French, Hollyrood; and Frank Sibrana, Wilson.

Henry Schacht, Lorraine, was elected chairman, Henry Schuech, Ellsworth, vice chairman, and R. H. Smith, Ellsworth, was elected secretary-treasurer.

The committee met with the county commissioners on September 20, the county commissioners having extended a welcome to the committee, and stated they would be pleased to furnish any and all information the committee desired.

After checking on the operation and expenses of each office and department the advisory committee will formulate their report and recommendation to be given the taxpayers at a meeting to be called in the near future.

R. H. Smith

Resolutions

We, the taxpayers of Ellsworth County, meeting in the city of Ellsworth, Kansas, this 7th day of September, 1939, do make and adopt the following resolutions:

1. That an advisory committee consisting of six (6) members, be formed; each Commissioners' District to elect two (2) members, said members being taxpayers; for the purpose of meeting with the County Commissioners of Ellsworth County, Kansas and to thoroughly investigate the administrative cost for Ellsworth County, and to determine where such costs can be reduced without impairing an efficient business management for the County, and that the Committee discuss the County's proposed future budget and social welfare.

2. That the taxpayers of Ellsworth County investigate and report to the proper authorities, wasteful and unnecessary expenditures of public funds, federal, state, local and social welfare funds, and advise the Ellsworth County Board of Social Welfare of all cases where assistance is being given to parties not in need.

3. That in view of the economic conditions existing in Ellsworth County at the present time, no new additional taxes should be levied for the effecting of new projects which can be deferred until economic conditions justify the levying of additional taxes.

4. That in the event we are unable to accomplish a reduction in taxes levied in Ellsworth County, and to prevent any increase in such taxes; we favor as an ultimate means toward such end, the use of a tax protest, fostered and furthered by this organization.

5. That this organization of taxpayers of Ellsworth County, Kansas, earnestly request the taxpayers of all other counties in the State of Kansas, to organize themselves into like organizations to foster legislation of equal taxation and proper distribution of all tax money, and to give to the counties, the right and power to determine what expenditures shall be made, and taxes levied for social welfare within the respective counties.

6. That copies of these resolutions be mailed to our legislative representative, federal, state and local, and to all Chamber of Commerce and other Civic organizations of Ellsworth County.

In McPherson County

Whereas it has pleased Almighty God in His infinite wisdom and goodness to call from this life our brother, Mr. Eben Flohr; and whereas his passing is a great sorrow to his wife and family,

Be it resolved the members of No. 8 Local No. 671 extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family.

Resolution Committee
Rhynard Larson
J. A. Grist

In Marshall County

The quarterly meeting of the Marshall county Farmers Union was held at Frankfort, Kansas, on Tuesday, September 12. Dinner was served by Ladies of the Hopewell Local. Thirteen delegates were present. The following resolutions were adopted:

"We the members of the Marshall county Farmers Union want to congratulate the County Commissioners for the stand they have taken on the Bond question of the county. They have refused issuing any more bonds. We also want to encourage them in further reducing expenses in our county and especially in our Court house."

Another resolution read, "We are in full accord with the present neutrality law."

Members of the resolution committee were E. H. Dettmar, A. P. Shinneman and John Tommer.

Harry Feldhausen was chosen as delegate to the State meeting at Wakeeney.

Speakers at the meeting were Miss Esther Ekblad, Leonardville, state Junior Leader, and G. E. Creitz, Salina, of the Farmers Union Royalty company. The next meeting will be be held at Blue Rapids, December 15.

F. C. Pralle, Sec. Theas.

In Miami County

This is the meeting for Washington Local No. 1680 since early summer. The first was August 25. Washington Local No. 1680 met in regular session. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. A short program was given.

S. J. Lohr and wife of Wellsville were in attendance and Mr. Lohr gave a talk for the benefit of the order. The orchestra gave several closing numbers, after which the ladies served ice cream and cake.

On September 22 the Local met in regular session with a good attendance. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The orchestra gave several numbers, after which Mrs. Conner gave a reading which everyone enjoyed.

Mrs. J. D. Jackson gave a piano solo and Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Binkley also gave a musical number which was very much appreciated.

The eats committee served a potluck supper and then all adjourned to meet again October 27 when we are expecting the Osawatomie Local to meet with us.

Mrs. L. L. Duffett

In Pottawatomie County

The following resolution was adopted by the members of the Farmers Union Local No. 1867 of St. Marys, Kansas.

Whereas, war is an unnecessary and avoidable evil, and the participation of the United States in the present European conflict not only will mean the death and maiming of thousands of the American youth, but it will mean the destruction of our government as founded by our forefathers and will bring about such a chaotic condition as to make living miserable and unbearable.

Whereas, the avoidance of war lies wholely within the power of the Senate and House of Representatives.

Therefore, we, the members of Sandy Hook Local No. 1867 of St. Marys, Kansas, respectfully petition our Senators and Congressmen to do all in their power, by using every means available, to keep the United States out of war. And we believe that congress should retain all its powers and not delegate their important functions to any one man.

Respectfully submitted by
A. D. Ronsse,
Paul G. Lenherr,
Richard J. Cantillon,
Committee.

In Saline County

Headquarters Local No. 2133 will hold its October meeting Saturday evening October 14, with a picnic supper in Oakdale park. The Local will furnish weinies and buns; each family will please bring a covered dish.

A delegate will be elected to attend the State Convention.

Everett Neywick, Sec.

Mexico City—Cooperation is taught in the schools of Mexico both by precept and example. In addition to courses devoted to the cooperative movement, the Minister of Public Education has just announced that in Mexico City alone there are 434 student-teacher cooperatives. Student membership reached 76,310 this year; 2,951 are teachers.

Students pay a small membership fee, elect their own board of directors, and buy their books and school supplies from their own business. In 1937 there were 350 such cooperatives; in 1938 these had increased to 413. The national federation of student cooperatives is now printing school books at a fraction of their former cost.

Membership Honor Roll

These Locals have at this date a membership equal, or greater as given, to their 1938 membership total.

County	Local	Local No.	No. Net Gain 1939 Membership Over Last Year	Secretary
		DISTRICT 1		
Clay	Broughton	2173	2	Ernest Berries
Cloud	Carmel	1056	1	Victor Dallen, Miltonvale
Riley	Center Hill	1147	3	Merle Isaacson
Brown	Evergreen	1068	0	Tollef Knudson
Marshall	Fairmount	867	2	M. E. Knudsen
Riley	Fancy Creek	1610	1	Carl L. Valine
Mitchell	Fairview	676	2	John Ehlers
Clay	Four Mile	1128	1	John H. Mugler, Clay Center
Clay	Green	828	0	Jake Slingsby
Washington	Hillside	511	1	Henry Hagen
Republic	Island	2193	6	F. W. Casper
Wabaunsee	Kaw Valley	1935	16	A. C. Clawitter
Mitchell	Labon Creek	479	2	F. E. Hoy
Brown	Lone Star	942	0	Alonzo Lambertson
Nemaha	Lincoln	1277	12	C. J. Aziere
Brown	Morrill	1754	1	S. M. Gephart
Dickinson	Navarre	1853	0	Edd H. Thome
Clay	Olive Hill	1120	3	William Hafner
Mitchell	Plum Creek	460	1	Felix Gengler
Ellsworth	Pleasant Hill	728	0	Mrs. Roy Coffey
Pottawatomie	Pleasant View	1843	16	Mrs. Frank Lacock
Jewell	Rose Hill	601	0	A. E. Clark
Pottawatomie	Sandy Hook	1867	33	Leo Ronsee
Jewell	Vicksburg	817	2	A. E. Smith
Clay	Wheeler	1082	2	Harold Printz
Cloud	Wilcox	2203	11	Herman Ceder
		DISTRICT 2		
Ellis	Buckeye	1031	2	R. A. Schmidt
Russell	East Wolf	726	11	N. D. McGuire
Thomas	Fairdale	927	2	Ray Emil
Norton	Farmingdale	1047	0	H. V. Drake, Almena
Graham	Halley	862	54	D. C. Nicholson
Graham	Happy	1006	0	.....
Gove	Hustlers	691	24	Carl F. Sites
Ellis	Hays	864	0	Frank B. Pfeifer
Gove	Hackberry	1392	9	Albert B. Tuttle
Rooks	Mt. Vernon	489	1	J. P. Griebel
Ellis	Munjor	881	1	Fidelis Engel
Graham	Penokee	2210	0	.....
Russell	Pleasant Hill	728	0	Mrs. Roy Coffey, Wilson
Osborn	Pleasant Vale	732	2	W. E. Sarver, Natoma
Russell	Prairie Dale	370	0	Thos. Hampl
Gove	Quinter	1095	38	W. E. Roesch
Rooks	Stone	792	0	L. O. Marcotte, Palco
Rooks	Sunny Slope	532	3	Paul Zillinger
		DISTRICT 3		
Lyon	Admire	1255	0	J. T. Martin
McPherson	Groveland	1688	12	E. A. Sawyer
Marion	Lost Springs	385	5	J. B. Shields
Marion	Lincolnville	404	5	Otto Krotz
Chase	Miller	1929	4	Newton Sayre
McPherson	Number Eight	671	34	U. H. Myers
McPherson	Northside	1061	1	Carl L. Sundberg
McPherson	Pioneer	656	2	Richard Peterson
McPherson	Smoky Valley	830	0	Arvid Dalston
McPherson	Smoky Hill	882	5	Herman L. Bengston
Cowley	Science Valley	1946	0	J. D. Keasling
Sedgwick	Valley Center	1695	2	R. D. Bishop
		DISTRICT 4		
Miami	Beagle	1678	0	Ben Millard
Neosho	Erie	562	0	Walter J. Schrimisch
Allen	Fairview	2154	29	Opal Larson
Miami	Highland	1669	0	Chas. P. Kohlenberg
Chase	Miller	1929	4	Newton Sayre, Cottonwood F
Labette	Parsons	1304	3	Fred Johnson, Parsons
Greenwood	South Verdigris	1498	2	H. L. Soule
Greenwood	Summit	1574	1	Mrs. Roud Ames
Miami	Washington	1680	0	F. B. Conner
		DISTRICT 5		
Rush	Liebenthal	648	5	J. J. Ensinger
Rush	Sand Creek	804	1	George J. Huber
Rush	Sunflower	1237	1	Henry Reichel
Stafford	Zenor	2209	4	Mrs. Chas. Osborn

You planted your wheat yourself.
You harvested or combined it yourself.
Will you also market it yourself?

Many thousands of bushels of Kansas wheat are stored either on farms, in local elevators, or in terminal elevators. Much of it is on government loans, and if prices advance sufficiently, it will be sold. Will you do this through the marketing organizations you have built for that purpose, or will you hire outsiders to do it for you?

Kansas Farmers Union producers can make, or save, many thousands of dollars if they complete this final operation for themselves. Certain handling charges are made for selling this stored grain. Do you want these charges to build up profits for someone else or savings for yourself? You must make the choice.

Join with hundreds of other producers who market their grain themselves through local and terminal cooperative marketing organizations and you help build savings similar to those made by your Farmers Union Jobbing Association in the past two years—$96,782 in 1937, and $118,382 in 1938. These savings made possible the declaration of a 1 cent a bushel patronage dividend in 1937 and ¾ of a cent a bushel in 1938. Patronizing cooperatives is one way where unselfish action results in greater personal gains. It is the best way to

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Juniors from 16 to 21 Juveniles from 6 to 16

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FOREBODING

When I am rocking you, my son,
And singing lullabies,
Someone is planning stouter planes
For Death to ride the skies.
While I am dressing you, my son,
In little boyish suits,
Someone is making uniforms
And sturdy soldier boots.

While you are chasing butterflies
Amid the tangled grass,
Someone is testing chemicals
To make a deadlier gas;
And while you eat your simple fare,
Perhaps the war lords sit
To start again the bugle notes
That only call the fit.

While I would build a splendid man
So fine and strong, my son,
Someone, in secret, tries to make
A farther-reaching gun—
A gun that on some distant day,
When drums of battle roll,
May leave me with a golden star
And iron in my soul.

—Mabel Freer Loveridge.

YOUR LEADER'S MESSAGE

Esther Ekblad

"Buy Now"

It is often that we speak bitterly of war profiteering. We loudly express the opinion that munitions workers and financiers are leading us into war for their personal gain. But need we go quite so far from home? The last month has seen a scramble among housewives to put in large supplies of sugar against the time war would drive the price upward. Companies and local merchants are lavishly using the slogan, "Buy Now," suggesting that prices will advance. We speak and act as though we fully expect war. It seems that personal greed is bringing war profiteering right up to our back door. If we are drawn into the conflict, should we shoulder our share of the blame? Our ready acceptance that wars are inevitable, our indifference, and our profit consciousness is at the present time contributing very little toward peace in this country.

Push On

Present world conditions make the need for a united and informed people even more important. Arguments are mounting for greater power behind our Farmers Union program of cooperation, legislation and education. At the State Convention which will soon be held, we shall have opportunity to appraise the past year's work and to make recommendations for the future. May we after this convention feel an urge, greater than ever before, to expand our organization and its benefits, to build membership, to strengthen our cooperatives, and to encourage our program of education.

As leaders and Juniors we can do much for our organization by energetically advertising a program which concerns Farmers Union members in the making. And may we remember that through cooperative education we are contributing toward peace and security.

Juniors At Work

Reports from leaders tell us of Juniors who are extremely busy earning their way toward the Torchbearer nomination. This is very good news. Our only regret will be that all of these Juniors cannot go on to the National Convention. Even though that cannot be, we shall be inclined to think of all of them as Torchbearers. All, through the work they are doing, carry the torch of Farmers Union education. They are giving four-minute speeches, serving on committees, and becoming informed through reading and study. Thus, they will be better equipped Farmer Union members. Does Junior education pay?

Welcome

A weeks visit in Cowley county gave us the privilege of becoming acquainted with a new Junior Leader, Mrs. Merle Tribbey. We welcome Mrs. Tribbey to our family of leaders, and wish her much success and pleasure in the work. We know that with the peppy Juniors the Kellogg Local already has, we'll be hearing from Cowley county.

With Your State Leader

A long anticipated trip to one of our active Farmer Union counties not long ago came true. Mr. Fengel and I received invitations to spend the week of Sept. 18 to 23 in Cowley county. Of course we quickly accepted, and Monday evening, Sept. 18, found us pulling up to a stop at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Merle Tribbey. There we had a very comfortable and happy home for the entire week. Mr. Tribbey is assistant manager of the Kellogg Farmers Union Elevator and Mrs. Tribbey is taking over the duties of Junior Leader at the Lellogg Local. Our acquaintanceship with the Tribbey's really begin this summer when Mrs. Tribbey, or Letha as we know her, was a camper at our Farmers Union Camp. There we were convinced of her skill at the piano, and now we know that she is also a very fine Junior Leader

In Cowley County

Coming back to our meeting, on Monday evening we visited the Beaver Local. Group singing started the ball rolling there. Then after the business of the local was out of the way, we enjoyed a program of reading and musical numbers which convinced us that the local has an abundance of talent. We found interest in Junior work, too. We will be hoping to have an educational program started there soon.

No meeting was scheduled for Tuesday evening, but the Tribbeys didn't chase us out, so we were on hand for Wednesday evening. That night the Kellogg Local met. A splendid temperance program in honor of France Willard Day was presented by the young people of the local. The program featured a three-act temperance play, "Three Nights in a Barroom." Readings were given in between acts on the temperance theme, among those was a paper on "The Life of Frances Willard."

Junior work is not entirely new to the members of the Kellogg Local. Many Farmers Union folks will remember the Kellogg Junior Glee Club which sang at the McPherson convention a few years ago. Now they are ready to take a fresh start and have promise of many interesting Junior activities in the near future.

In order that we could become better acquainted and also that they might take the first steps in starting a class, the Kellogg Juniors decided to meet the next night, Thursday, for a party.

Play Folk Games

Thursday evening came and we gathered on the moonlit lawn of the Farmers Union hall and enjoyed a number of lively folk games. When we became breathless, we seated ourselves comfortably on the lawn and proceeded to organize a Junior class. Officers were elected to serve for a period of six meetings. When to meet and many other important matters were discussed. At 10 o'clock we joined in the singing of taps and left with pleasant memories of the evening.

On Friday the Cowley county Farmers Union met with the Bethel Local. Again we discussed Junior education and its importance in the building of the Farmers Union. Mr. Fengel discussed with the group recommendations for action at the coming State Convention.

After the meeting, many showed an interest in program material, and we know that the members of the Bethel Local will enjoy using the Farmers Union song books which they purchased.

Saturday morning we left Cowley county with regrets that we couldn't stay longer. We had been royally entertained at the Tribbey home and all about the county we had made many friends. We shall be looking forward to another visit.

On our way home we took time out to make a few calls, the first of which was at the Herman Zimmerman home near Belle Plaine. All campers will remember Maxine and Zora Zimmerman, and many will remember Mrs. Zimmerman as one of our first Junior Leaders. We had such a nice time there that it was hard to leave, but time was limited so we moved on. We made a couple other stops in the community, then went to Wichita. The afternoon found us at Valley Center where we stopped to get acquainted with the manager of a thriving Farmers Union elevator. Mr. Jones told us about their business, and directed us to the home of the Farmers Union secretary. Mr. Bishop was not at home, but we had a very interesting visit with Mrs. Bishop. We are hoping to see some of those folks at our state convention this year.

Mr. Fengel left me at Newton where I caught a bus for Salina and he drove on to his home at Lincolnville. We went on our own ways feeling that the week had been a very profitable one.

Tuesday evening, Sept. 26, it was my privilege to attend a meeting of the Lincoln Local in Clay county. The evening's entertainment of piano and vocal numbers brings forth our congratulations to a local that has so much musical talent. It was a joy to see so many Juniors, Reserves and Juveniles at the meeting, all of whom we hope will be active in Farmers Union work before long.

Next week will find us meeting with old friends in Nemaha county.

VISIT TO YAKIMA CO-OPS.

By Frieda Maelzer
Salina

During a recent visit with my parents who live on a fruit ranch in the Yakima Valley, Washington, I had the pleasure to visit two cooperative business houses of rural folk.

One of my father's friends, Mr. Anthony Smith of Naches, conducted us through the Yakima Fruit Growers Co-ops, a cannery that is in its second year of existence.

The co-op cannery was located in an inconspicuous part of town, not **at all like the quarters for Libbys and** Del Monte canneries, the co-op being much smaller than those of the awo well-known names.

The superintendent introduced us to a guide who promptly led us away. We wound in and out among the equipment and the workers in order to get to the first operation of peach canning which was in progress at that time. The floors were damp and even wet in some places, a condition due t othe continual need for steam and hot water in the canning process.

The Canning Process

First, the peach was cut in half and the pit removed. Boys carried the halved peaches in pans to the steamer. While the peaches momentarily go through their steam bath I'll pause here to say that approximately 30 employees were in evidence. The women did all the actual handling of the fruit and the men and boys did the lifting and carrying. Two men were engineering the machines. Back to the steamed peach,—it is next carried down a long moving trough where women from both sides pluck off the skins as the fruit passes them.

At the end of this line peaches are put into the different sized cans by expert graders. The first grader has first choice for cans according to the remaining sizes. The filled cans are carried on a moving roller to the machine which adds the syrup. The different grades have either a rich or a thin syrup, according to the grade. By a little twist of the lever the right solution is poured into each can. Each one is marked as to the kind and the quality of fruit. Letters denote the kind of fruit and numerals show the quality. For instance, BP 468 could mean Bartlette Pears.

Next, there is a big long covered vat through which the cans go through their steam cooking. They wind back and forth, going through every temperature in the vat. We couldn't see this process of course, but immediately upon passing out the other side another machine clamped the proper lid on the cans. It is understood that the man at the first machine has correctly placed corresponding grades in each file. By pressing a button the second man permits his machine to change to the various sizes. From here the cans pass into an elevator going to the basement. We learned that the basement was practically filled with canned fruit, for the cannery had been in operation day and night for four weeks and would still be operating for two more weeks. The daily out-put ranged from 21 to 25 thousand cans.

To Ripening Room

Going out to the ripening room we came to piles of boxes filled with pears, which were of course picked green. Each day the boys carried these to the assorting machines where the ripe ones were culled and graded according to size. The ripe fruit was placed in boxes ready for the pear-pealing machines of which there were six—Good equipment for a small cannery. Green pears were again hauled to the ripening room.

The cannery ran two separate shifts —the day shift canning the peaches and the night workers canning the pears that had been assorted during the day.

Down in the basement the guide showed us the rows upon rows of canned fruit, all without labels, for the label is not put on before time to ship. This makes a clean product when finished. Once in awhile the co-op label is not put on a shipment to a wholesale buying exclusively from the cannery; therefore, a label suiting the company can be chosen. We were given samples of the co-op label.

We were attracted to a chemist who was doing nothing but testing all day long. He tests the quality of each day's output selecting his samples at random as they come down the chute. His results show that the quality has always come up to standard at the co-op cannery throughout its entire time of operation. Another boy was making pasteboard boxes with a machine which stamped the little wire brads into place in the twinkling of an eye. Then the labeled fruits are packed and ready for shipment; however, the boxes are not made until needed for this purpose.

This growers processing and marketing cooperative saw its hard times within the first year and had to close for need of a good manager. The first superintendent made a few mistakes in a business way such as following example: He filled the large gallon size cans with choice fruit when most other canneries put only pie fruit and seconds in these cans. Then he could not demand the higher price for his first grade quality. The members looked around and found a man who was well-known in the canning business as an honest and keen dealer. Consequently, the little cannery is doing a nice business and has hopes for quick growth in the future.

Next week I will tell about the cooperative supply house where we really spent more time and saw more from a business point of view.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

(Continued from page 1)

cies of governments and for their own private gains foster Wars and through the manipulation of money and credits, either cause a period of prosperity or bring about a depression, that can wipe out over night the equity we have in our farms and homes?

There is only a certain amount of money and property at any one time in any nation or community and when we find vast accumulations, centralized within a group as small as this one, we must come to the conclusion, since we have lost our home or farm, that at least a part of it has gone into the coffers of these titanic corporations, or, in other words, we have lost, some one else has gained by our loss.

As we have found the Corporation organized for profit, centralizes wealth into the hands of the few, WHILE, the Cooperatives distribute the wealth into the hands of the many and this is the program and processes of our Farmers Union program, as we see it and for which we have organized every one of our business institutions and they can and they will effectually do the job, if we will just organize our membership behind them, work with them and they in turn to the fullest degree work hand in hand with us in a common cause.

If we have made mistakes in the past, let us be big enough to admit the truth and resolve to come into Convention at Wakeeney and be determined that we are all going to plan and work together and we accomplish the purpose for which our organization was conceived and the faithful have sacrificed and labored all of these years.

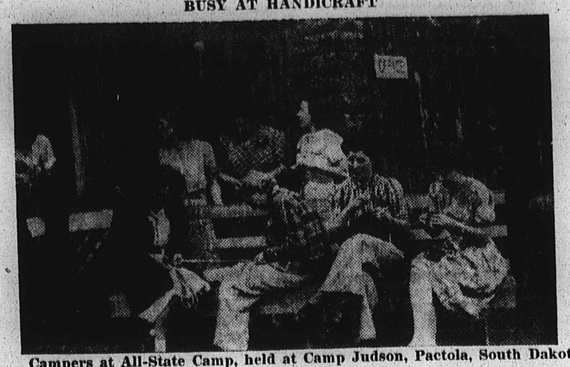
The battle is not lost, we must succeed.

J. P. Fengel.

Don't try to compliment your wife by telling her she is bigger and better than ever. It doesn't always work. —Valley Center Index.

Scenes At All-state Camp

BUSY AT HANDICRAFT



Campers at All-State Camp, held at Camp Judson, Pactola, South Dakota, August 14-24, enjoyed handicraft periods under Howard Tanner, of the Waupum, (Wis.) Handicrafters.

LEADERS AT THE CAMP

Paul Erickson, South Dakota State Leader attempts to get a pose for the movie. Left to right: Emilie Handschin, Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Gladys T. Edwards, director of the camp; Alice Joyce, librarian; A Drummon Jones, discussion leader; and Esther Harbo, folk dancing instructor.

A POPULAR ECONOMICS TEACHER

Mrs. Dora B. Haines, Washington, D. C., and Harvey Solberg, secretary of the Colorado Farmers Union, discuss Mr. Solberg's class in Cooperative Economics, and the possibility of having his book published this fall.

To Foreign Farmers

The Four Billion Donation

There's a bunch of politicians
Down in Washington, D. C.
That are living very nicely
And we farmers pay the fee;
They are there to make our laws,
But they mostly make their jaws
Chatter like a wornout flivver
Over troubles far away,
And they always tell us farmers
To come back another day.

They donated several billions
To pay farmers debts in France,
And the farmers in this country
Furnish music for the dance;
All we have to do is dig,
And they do not care a fig
For the extra load of taxes
Which they place upon our backs,
And they dump our hard earned dollars
Into Frenchmen's greedy sacks.

They are free and open-hearted
When the foreign farmer pleads
But they prove quite stony-hearted
To our own farmers needs;
They are tighter than a clam,
And they hand us out a slam,
When we ask for laws to aid us
In the selling of our crops,
They're too busy giving money
To the dagos and the wops.

They know, of course, we blooming farmers
Are a bunch of easy marks,
And that in the next election we will vote
For these same sharks;
Though our pocket books are slim
And our hopes are growing dim,
Still they keep on lifting burdens
From their friends across the sea,
And reload them very tightly
On the backs o you and me.

Auther A. M. Kinney. Our Kansas Farmers Union Poet.

BEGIN CENSORSHIP

Wartime Regulations Are Issued to Radio and Press

Censorship regulations in Canada as reported by Walter Thompson, director of censorship at Ottawa, Canada, and issued to the press and radio stations, include:

Cooperation of municipal and other authorities who own halls where public meetings are held is sought.

The lengthy regulations generally prohibit the making or publication of:

Any adverse or unfavorable statement, report or opinion likely to prejudice the defense of Canada or the efficient prosecution of the war.

Any report or statement likely to cause disaffection to His Majesty or to prejudice His Majesty's relations with foreign powers.

Any report or statement likely to prejudice the recruiting, training, discipline or administration of the forces.

Any information with respect to the movements, numbers, etc., of any of the armed forces of the Allies, or relating to the storage of war material, fortifications, etc.

Any leaflet or pamphlet relating to the war or to the making of peace which does not carry the name and address of author and printer.

All copies of any newspaper, tract, periodical, book, circular or other printed publication contravening the regulations may be seized and radio station licenses may be suspended or cancelled.

Other penalties by way of fine and imprisonment are provided for infraction of the regulations, which apply not only to newspaper and radio stations, but to those who speak at public meetings.

New Treatment for Eggs

A new oil treatment that has kept cold storage eggs for six months in practically as good condition as when they were stored was featured at the World's Poultry Congress in Cleveland.

Known as the vacuum-carbon dioxide oil treatment, it is a product of research in the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Several commercial concerns are now using the treatment.

The treatment consists of drawing air out of the eggs by vacuum, dipping the eggs in mineral oil, and forcing the oil into the pores of the shells by releasing the vacuum with carbon dioxide. The removal of the air and the substitution of oil and carbon dioxide helps to show up the loss of moisture and chemical change within the eggs.

Problems of Canadian Farmer

Farm implements and machinery to the value of $150,000,000 would be needed to place the agricultural industry on a wartime basis, C. B. Davidson, secretary of the newly-formed Manitoba (Canada) Federation of Agriculture stated, in an address to the Brandon district association of the federation last week. After ten years of depression, Canadian agriculture was impoverished and debt-ridden, he said.

Another problem requiring the attention of the dominion government was the fact that the farmers' need for implements would put them in direct competition with the Canadian and British departments of defense, now purchasing implements of war. The farmer, it was said, should be protected in this market, because otherwise he would face an increase of debt similar to that experienced in the Great War.

Minneapolis—The Northern States Cooperative League, which served for 18 years as an "outpost" of cooperative education and organization, has voted to disband October 1. The decision was made at the annual convention of the League here last week. Regional cooperative associations in the area, most of them organized since the League was set up in 1921, have recently been assuming greater responsibility for educational activities, following up the pioneer educational work of the Northern States League and will take over the functions of the League.

Men, not money, makes the Farmers union an influential organization. Keep it growing.

Official Call For The State Convention

By the Authority vested in me, I hereby issue the call for the thirty-fourth annual convention of the Farmers Union Educational and Cooperative Union of America, Kansas Division. Such meeting will be held in Wakeeney, Kansas, on Octover 25, 26 and 27, 1939.

The Farmers Union Managerial Association will hold its meeting on Tuesday, October 24, at 1:30 p. m.

J. P. Fengel
State President.

BASIS OF REPRESENTATION

Please observe Section 2, Article 1, Division B of your Constitution and By-laws, dated 1935—for rules, instructions, and basis of representation in the annual meeting.

1. One delegate for each Local Union in good standing in the State Organization, with five or more paid up members.
2. One delegate for each County Union in good standing, with five or more active locals in the county.
3. One delegate for each local, county or district cooperative Farmers Union business Association; and in the case of County Farmers Union Cooperatives made up of several units, each unit is entitled to a delegate. Providing, such association has 51 per cent of its stockholders as paid up members of the Kansas Farmers Union.
4. One delegate for each state-wide business or marketing organization affiliated with the Kansas Farmers Union.
5. One delegate for each the Ladies' Auviliary, and the Managerial Association.

Instructions to Delegates

A delegate must be a member in good standing on the records of the Secretary of the Kansas Farmers Union to participate in the annual convention. He must present his Farmers Union membership card before being permitted to participate in the convention.

Each delegate must have the credentials of the organization he, or she, claims to represent, and these credentials must be issued in the order and manner prescribed by the 1935 Constitution and By-laws.

All delegates' Credentials MUST be mailed to the State Farmers Union office, Box 296, Salina, Kansas or filed with the Credentials Committee at the annual state convention.

No credentials will be accepted by the Credentials committee after 6:00 p. m. Thursday, October 26, 1939.

Convention Schedule

Complying with the provisions of the Constitution and By-laws, the thirty-fourth annual convention of the Farmers Educational and Cooperative Union of America, Kansas Division, will convene in the Community Hall in Wakeeney, Kansas, on Wednesday, October 25, 1939, at 10:00 a. m.

The meeting will continue in session until all business pertinent to the organization and the interest of the membership, coming before the delegates for consideration, has been transacted.

The Kansas Farmers Union Managerial Association will hold its meeting in the Hall at Wakeeney, Kansas, on Tuesday afternoon, October 24, 1939, beginning at 1:30 p. m.

Thursday, October 26, 1939, there will be nomination of candidates for officers and directors. One director from each the third district, now represented by appointment by Reuben Peterson, McPherson, on the election of J. P. Fengel to the presidency, and the fifth district, now represented by Ray Henry, Zenith, Stafford county, will be elected. Also a city in the third district will be chosen for the 1940 state convention.

Friday, October 27, beginning at 8 a. m. the polls will be open for voting.

Delegates Credentials

For your convenience, we are printing copies of delegates credentials for the local and county organizations, and also for the local business association groups. You may clip these and use them in sending in the names of your delegates elected to represent you at the convention.

APPOINTMENTS TO

Convention Committees

Local, county and business associations are requested to send to the State office, Salina, the names of persons who are eligible and whom they would suggest to serve on different convention committees. Please forward these names at your early convenience.

It is also requested that any individual or group having resolutions, recommendations or any matters wished brought to the attention of different committees, to send these to the State Office in Salina, so they can be referred to the proper committees.

LOCAL AND COUNTY

Delegates Credential

Kansas Division

FARMERS EDUCATIONAL AND COOPERATIVE UNION OF AMERICA

This is to certify that ..... (delegate)

Post Office address ..... Local No.....

and ..... (alternate)

are members in good standing of .....local union

number ....., State of Kansas, and were elected delegates to the thirty-fourth annual convention of the Kansas Farmers Union which meets in Wakeeney, Kansas, October 25, 26, and 27, 1939.

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President

.....
Secretary

(SEAL)

LOCAL BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

Delegates Credential

Kansas Division

FARMERS EDUCATIONAL AND COOPERATIVE UNION OF AMERICA

This is to certify that..... (delegate)

Post office address ..... is a member of.....

Local No ..... and .....(alternate)

Post office address ..... is a member of.....

Local No ..... They are members in good standing in the Kansas Farmers Union, and will represent The.....

.....Business Association, as duly elected delegates to the thirty-fourth annual convention of the Kansas Farmers Union which meets in Wakeeney, Kansas, October 25, 26, and 27, 1939.

I hereby certify that 51 per cent of the above named cooperative business association are members of the Kansas Farmers Union.

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President.

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Secretary

(SEAL)

Binderup to Talk on Need of New U. S. Money Laws

"Constitutional" Money Is Something Else Than What We Have, He Advises

By Mrs. F. B. Roots
Seneca

Many of those who have heard Charles G. Binderup, of Minden, Nebraska, are pleased to learn that he has been secured as one of our speakers at the state convention a Wakeeney. Seldom does anyone have the opportunity to listen to as forceful a speech as the one given by him at the Farmers Union picnic at Randolph, Kansas, last August. The plank seats on the picnic grounds, filled to capacity, were flanked by a large crowd standing under the trees to hear the vital message from this man who has made even our Congressmen take notice and beg for more of his eloquence.

The subject was his favorite one of constitutional money, to which cause he has dedicated the best efforts of his life. He told of the provision for honest money in our consittution (Art. 1, Sec. 8), and of how it upheld the rights of the people as opposed to the policies of the international bankers. One great leader, Thomas Jefferson, favored this consittutional provision, but it was opposed by Alexander Hamilton—a man whose real name was Levine, but who was known by the name of his step-father, a Mr. Hamilton.

Alexander Hamilton became a brilliant man, but he had grown up and was educated in England under the influence of the Rothschilds, the great but unscrupulous bankers of England. He was chosen by them and was given ample money to come to America and to work against this monetary provision in our constitution. While he posed as the "Defender of the Constitution," Alexander Hamilton, aided by the Rothchild money and his own brilliance and eloquence, became the first secretary of the U. S. Treasury. In 1791 he was able to secure, through an act of congress, a privately owned banking system for the benefit of a favored few.

Betrayal of People

Binderup portrayed the grief of Thomas Jefferson at this betrayal of the common people, and quoted Jefferson as saying:

> "If the American people ever allow private banks to control the issue of their money, first by inflation and then by deflation, the banks and the corporations that will grow up around them will deprive the people of their property until their children will wake up homeless on the continent their fathers conquered."

In well-chosen words Mr. Binderup tried to show his audience how our panics are created and why we have had twenty-seven of them during our short national history of one hundred and fifty years. He showed the futility of trying to pay $52,000,000,000 of debt money with only $5,000,000,000 in existence.

He explained how Sen. Owen's wonderful plan for a Federal Reserve banking system, owned and controlled by the United States government, was changed through the efforts of Sen. Glass to favor privately owned institutions. He told of the secret meeting of the bankers and the Federal Reserve Board on May 18, 1920, and of their deliberate plan to deflate the farmer. He told of Sen. Owen's warning to congress of this diabolical plan of the Federal Reserve Board—a warning which passed unbelieved and unheeded by those who were elected to guard the best interests of the American people. Only after years of depression and recession did a few of our citizens begin to realize the full extent of the disaster caused by those fifty-two prominent bankers in their secret meeting. While we common people slept that night they stole from us our life-time savings, our homes, our farms, and even the lives of many of our loved ones.

Consider Money Needs

A short time ago the Speaker of the House said to Mr. Binderup: "Do you know President Roosevelt says you gave his a new thought the other day, and I'll confess that I, myself, never saw the situation in this light until now. We always thought that if the same amount of money was kept in circulation from year to year that it would be sufficient. We never thought of the increase of one million in population each year and that additional funds would be necessary to provide for the needs of that extra million and for the new industries which are being constantly developed."

Mr. Binderup does not advocate unlimited inflation. He says the monetary system is too much like an auto without a brake; no one wants to climb into one of those things and start down hill as fast as he can go. He explained that the dangers of undue inflation and deflation would be practically eliminated if Congress passes the Binderup bill (H. R. 9800), which is to come up at the next regular session. By its provisions the Federal Reserve Banks would become government owned; the Federal Reserve Board would be elected by the people in the 12 Federal Reserve districts; bankers or those owning stock in banks would be ineligible for election to this Board: salaries of the Board members would be limited and their exact amount of salary would be determined by the prevailing price level of commodities as based on the 1926 price level. (Thus salaries of the Board members would GO DOWN with the falling prices. Then goodbye to unnecessary deflation!)

Under this bill, Congress would have control over the volume of money in circulation and would instruct the Board to increase it as needed. This would be done, first: through social dividends to elderly people, crippled children, etc.; second, through farm and home financing; third, schools for children of lower income groups; fourth government bonds; and fifth, through development of natural resources. All this was explained in an interesting way, yet one should send for the bill and study it to get the full meaning. During the whole address his audience listened attentively and even those who were standing remained to the last.

Mr. Binderup closed by telling of the Constitutional Money League of America which was organized this spring with headquarters at Washington, D. C. and a membership of 250 of our nation's best economic students and financiers. Nearly all of the Senators and Representatives who have the real welfare of our country at heart are helping push this movement and many have taken part in the League's broadcasts in Washington. Mr. Binedrup has made arrangements for Sunday morning broadcasts to begin soon over several radio stations in Nebraska. Kansas stations will be contacted next and other states as soon as possible. It is a big program calling for the united efforts from all of us. Write to the Constitutional Money League at Minden, Nebr. (Central Office) for more information and plan to attend the Farmers Union State Convention at Wakeeney where you can hear Charles G. Binderup in person.

Farm Research States Its Position

By Farm Research

Farm Research wishes to correct any possible misunderstanding over its recent article on wheat exports and to assure its Farmers Union friends that the article was written before hostilities broke out in Europe. After the war broke out, we realize that the article could be interpreted and was interpreted by some of our friends to point to conclusions which we certainly did not intend.

Thus the Kansas Union Farmer commented on the article saying that it is "an example wherein simple arithmetic borders on propaganda for the European 'Democracies'." At a time when so much propaganda is being turned loose on the American people by those who would like to use our blood in settling their economic rivalries, we certainly have no desire to enter this overcrowded field of cut-throat competition.

Back Neutrality Plea

As far as our personal views are concerned, we heartily agree with President Roosevelt's plea for neutrality and back his statement: "As long as it remains within my power to prevent it, there will be no blockout of peace in the United States."

The main point of our article was simply to answer the question "What has happened to our foreign markets for wheat?" We were as much surprised as anyone to find that, despite the usual assumption that we have lost our foreign markets, the only real crop on the demand side occurred in Germany, Japan, and Italy. But from this, we certainly would not want anyone to conclude that therefore we ought to go over and help Messrs. Chamberlain and Daladier by fighting their war for them.

While it is true that fascist nations have cut their wheat purchases from the U. S., it is also true that Chamberlain seconded by Daladier gave away the wheat fields together with the factories of Central Europe to appease Mr. Hitler and in so doing made it unnecessary for him to buy our wheat. As John Gunther said last night in his broadcast from London, "A lot of chickens have now come home to roost; the penalties of a stupid, absurd policy of appeasement directed from London are now clear."

After letting Hitler take Czechoslovakia as the "only way to maintain world peace" Chamberlain now expects the world to swallow his statement that he is fighting "to restore Czechoslovakia's independence."

Warning After Warning

After loudly pledging the armed might of England to fight for Poland's independence, we saw England and France shilly-shalling about so as not to interfere with Hitler's eastward march. Even the Polish government which had long been the humble servant of Chamberlain (obliging him by threatening to attack and actually attacking the Czechs in order to force capitulation to fascism, and later by refusing Soviet aid), was finally forced to urge that Chamberlain really give some military aid. When none was given, Colonel Beck and the rest of his government fled from the mess which they themselves had created at Chamberlain's bidding.

In his book, "Mein Kampf" Hitler repeatedly stated that he would move either to the East against Russia or to the West against England, whichever offered the line of least resistance. Despite the continued offers of the Russians for real collective security, to halt aggression in both directions, Chamberlain refused to act.

That Chamberlain's policy of appeasement has dismally failed should now be apparent even t oMr. Chamberlain. His whole object was to give Hitler the whole of Central Europe, to keep Hitler moving eastward, and then perhaps to enjoy many pleasant weekends with the Cliveden set while Russia alone resisted the fascist advance.

But the plans of the Great Appeaser went awry. And though today's headlines blare forth, "Chamberlain Denounces Russia," we fail to see how Chamberlain can denounce anyone except himself. After giving Hitler one country after another we cannot see why Chamberlain should be surprised when Hitler chooses to move westward instead of eastward and now prepares to ask Chamberlain for a few slices of the British Empire.

Polish are Bitter

Uncensored reports from Rumania tell how bitter are the PoPlish refugees against their protector-appeaser who failed to relieve the pressure on the eastern front by an attack on the western front and how they assail the former Polish government for slavishly doing whatever Chamberlain told them to do. Having done everything possible to strengthen Hitler, Mr. Chamberlain now expects us to pull his chesnuts out of the fire by announcing to the world that he is fighting "to end the menace of Hitlerism." It is perhaps not without significance that Chamberlain has chosen this vague expression; he does not commit himself to fight until fascism is definitely abolished. We think that OUR PLACE IS IN THE GOOD OLD U. S. A.—we would not want to risk the lives of American citizens fighting under Chamberlain's banner only to have Chamberlain further appeace the Fuerher by giving him Milwaukee, St. Louis, or part of Wisconsin and Minnesota.

Irrespective of Chamberlain's cry that he has been double-crossed after trying to double-cross everybody else, we were glad to read that the fascist-axis has been broken. Japan cut loose from Hitler and denounced the Fuehrer for selling them down the river; Mussolini and Franco announced that they would not fight for Hitler. When thieves fall ond begin calling each other names, we think that Americans can best preserve our independence and liberty by remaining strictly neutral.

This is all the more important in view of the pussy-footing which Chamberlain and Daladier are now doing. It seems more and more evident that they are simply ranged over the western front as a gesture to convince Hitler that he had better move eastward. If he does not do this, Messrs. Chamberlain and Daladier can be expected to intensify their propaganda appeals to the U. S. and try to get us to do the actual fighting. We have our own problems at home, and this is where WE INTEND TO STAY.

FOR STOCK METHOD

Equity Editor Prefers Selling to Dividend Accumulating

We saw a comprehensive report given by a cooperative field man to his general manager a few days ago that furnishes food for some careful thinking.

In the first place let it be said that there are two ways of obtaining members in a cooperative organization. The old-fashioned way is to go out and sell enough stock among the producers of a given community to provide ample working capital and also a sufficient volume of business. In the process of selling that stock to the new member, he is given a thorough explanation of the cooperative movement and its principles and its possibilities. If he invests $100 in the organization he is going to feel a greater interest in its success and welfare.

The second method is where the bars are let down and every patron of the organization is credited with his share of the profits until the required amount of capital stock has been accumulated. This is the easy way of getting members.

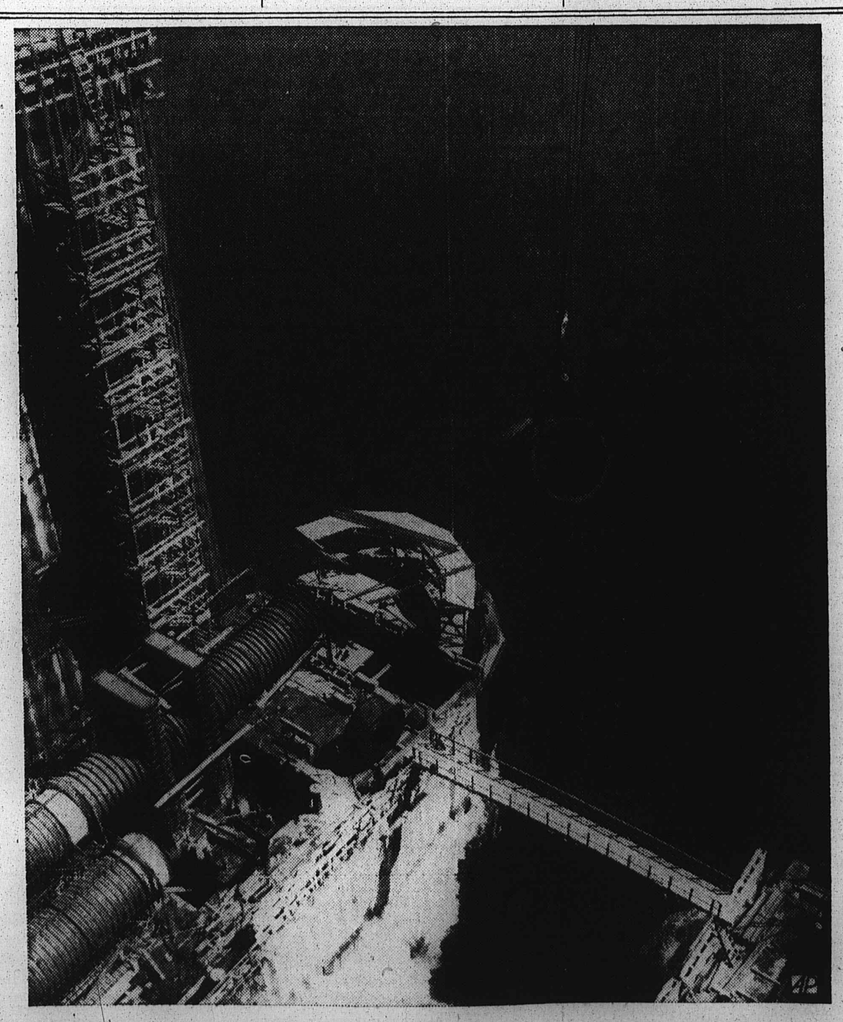
But in that report given by the co-op field man he compares these two plans which are now being used by two organizations and he says without hesitancy that he believes the first plan is the best in the long run. It gives the producer a better cooperative background. It gives him a direct interest in the company through the subscription of capital stock. Also, from a legal standpoint it would be a difficult matter to count a patron as a full-fledged member until he was a stockholder of record and had the right to vote. In other words, he is banking on the paying patronizing and voting membership.

In looking over the cooperative field, we are finding that the organizations that stick to the full-fledged stock ownership program are moving forward—Equity Union Exchange.

Production of alfalfa seed this year is expected by the Agricultural Marketing service to be about 24 per cent larger than in 1938.

Frank Roots, president of the Nemaha county Farmers Union, and L. M. Thompson, Seneca, were visitors at the state office, Salina, August 31.

A couple of weeks after Father's day, dad can really enjoyy himself shooting Junior's fire crackers. — "Chap", in The Topeka State Journal.



PENDULUM: COULEE DAM STYLE—With two men as passengers, pipe swings into position at Grand Coulee where Uncle Sam is completing the 550-foot-high dam in Columbia river.

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This is necessary to save expense in postage and mailing.

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Constitution	5c
Credential Blanks, 10 for	5c
Demit Blanks, 15 for	10c
Local Sec. Receipt Book	25c
Farmers Union Watch Fob	50c
Farmers Union Button	25c
F. U. Song Leaflets, dozen	10c
Farmers Union Song Books	20c
Business Manual	5c
Delinquency Notices (100)	25c
Secretary's Minute Book	50c
Book of Poems, (Kinney)	25c
Above, lots of 10 or more	20c
Above, lots of 100, each	15c
Militant Voice of Agriculture (John Simpson) each	75c

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Abortion Vaccine—For lasting or long time protection Money back guarantee, per dose	50c
Blackleg Bacterin, Life protection in 100 dose lots, per dose	7½c
Bovine Mixed Bacterin. For prevention and treatment of shipping fever, Hemorrhagic. 100 dose lots, per dose	7½c
Pinkeye Bacterin. For prevention and treatment, 100 dose lots, per dose	7½c
Mastitis Bacterin (gargot), 10 doses	1.00
Calf Scours Bacterin, 10 doses	1.00
Branding Fluid—1 lb can, (for approximately 100 head), used with cold iron	1.00
Branding Iron, 3 inch bronze letter	1.00
Special brands $3.00 each.	
De-Horning paste—preventing growth of horns on calves and goats. For 50 head	1.00
Wound Paint—Used after dehorning or casteration and on screw worms. Per gallon	3.00
Syringes (Heavy Duty). Last a lifetime, 40 cc or 20 cc size	2.00
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Hog Worm Capsules—Guaranteed to rid hogs of worms, per box of 50 with instruments	3.50
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