













# Department of Practical Co-Operation

State speakers will be present and address Farmers' Union meetings as indicated below. Requests for speakers within the date list should take into consideration the schedules already made.

**JOHN TROMBLE**  
January 30—Longford.  
February 1—Berrington.  
February 7—Whiting.

**W. C. LANSDON**  
February 8—Burns.  
March 8—Osage County.

**M. O. GLESSNER**  
April 7—Strong City.

**UNION MEETING NOTICES**  
Notices of Farmers' Union meetings will be printed under this heading without charge. Secretaries should send in their copy at least two weeks before the date of the meeting.

**To Local Secretaries And The Membership In General**  
We have the State Constitution for 1922, containing the Amendments as adopted, ready for distribution at 5c per copy.  
C. E. Brasted, Secretary.

**CRAWFORD COUNTY MEETINGS**  
The regular meeting of the Crawford County Farmers' Union will be held on the last Tuesday of each month throughout the year except when this date falls on a Legal Holiday.  
A. C. BROWN, Co. Pres.

**BURDICK MEETING JANUARY 19**  
The stockholders of the Burdick Farmers' Union Cooperative business Association will hold their Fourth annual meeting in the High school building at Burdick, Kansas, on Friday, January 19th, at 2 p. m. It is the duty of every stockholder to be present as business of importance is to be considered.  
Olof Hansgen, Sec.

**CRAWFORD COUNTY MEETING JANUARY 30**  
This will notify all members of the Farmers Union in Crawford County, our next meeting will be held at Girard, Kansas in the A. O. U. W. Hall on January 30.  
We are going to have sandwiches and pickles, pie and coffee, so come and bring your baskets.  
We would like to have a good attendance at this meeting to discuss the Wheat Pooling proposition. Meeting is called to order at 10 A. M. All members welcome.  
A. C. Brown, Pres.  
G. W. Thompson, Sec.

**AT GIRARD KANSAS**  
Girard Local No. 494 of the Farmers Union meets in Union Hall the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 7:30 p. m.  
L. E. Roof, Pres.  
Roy W. Holland, Sec.

**HIGHLAND LOCAL FEBRUARY 1st**  
Highland Local will hold a Picnic and Social on Saturday, February 1st, at Cedar Point on Thursday February 1st, at 8 p. m.  
John Fisher, Sec.

**AT LONGFORD JANUARY 30th**  
The annual meeting of the Longford Co-operative Mercantile Association will be held on January 30th. An oyster dinner with trimmings will be served and we have an address in the afternoon.  
J. L. Vasey.

## RESOLUTIONS BY ELLIS COUNTY UNION

We, your committee on resolutions, beg leave to report:

1. We request the delegate to the state convention to prepare and introduce a resolution; at the state meeting, asking our state officers to investigate all the state Senators and Representatives, now holding two official positions, also how many of the state officers at Topeka, are employing their own families in their departments, these findings to be published in the Kansas Union paper, so that the voters will then know whether their Senator is working in the interest of the public, or for his own interest, we also recommend a law that will prevent the same men holding two positions at the same time.
2. We demand the present Road law be amended, reducing the Highway commission from three to one member, and that the boards of county commissioners be given a percentage of the automobile tax funds to be expended in their own county, also be given the power to employ, compensate, and discharge the county engineer.
3. We recommend and endorse our representative, Mr. O'Laughlin in presenting a bill to the legislature, for a tax on gasoline, instead of the present license law, on automobiles, we believe this would be more just and equitable, than the present law and would tend to place the burden upon every one according to the gas he uses, we find many states and cities have this law working satisfactorily at this time. We favor a small tax for the building of the public highways, rather than to overtax the property owners adjoining the highway and cause many farmers to lose their homes and life-time savings, whilst the people that use the highways the most pay little or no tax of any kind, thereby escaping the burden of paying their just proportion of the expense of building and supporting our schools, court houses, bridges, and highways, and the necessary expenses for the improvement and upkeep of the county.
4. We demand a law standardizing all city, county and township, blanks and blankbooks, and that these be furnished by the state printing plant at as near cost as possible.
5. We demand our state Senator,

and Representative co-operate with Governor Davis and do everything in their power to assist him in carrying out his program of economy and help him reduce the taxes according to his promise, we will watch the action of these officers during the session with more interest than ever before.

6. We understand there is a move on foot by some of the newly elected representatives to try to kill the Primary law and to revert back to the old convention system. We ask our Representative and the Senator to vote against their bill, we desire the Primary law be amended so that the voter can go to the primary and vote for who he pleases, in other words eliminate the political section and make the primary as open as the election, thereby doing away with the control of the political machine.

7. We are opposed to the creation of a State Police force of at least 150 members, thereby creating another office in the State House with a retinue of clerks, etc., to be taken care of by the taxpayers.

8. We demand that all the state and county institutions including high schools, colleges and experiment station, be audited and examined by a competent auditing committee, and an intelligent and accurate report of same be published in every county paper in the state, this report to show where all fees paid by students and all moneys received by the institutions for entertainments go.

9. We demand that there shall be adequate taxation of corporation profits now evaded through the subterfuge of issuing stock dividends.

10. We desire to go on record as favoring a substantial reduction of freight rates, we also desire the repeal or radical infraction of the objectionable features of the Esch-Cummins transportation act, amended to read this bill be repealed.

11. We favor a more complete rural credit system that will provide a smaller rate of interest, and better facilities for long time loans through the land banks, and that these banks be taken out of the hands of the bankers and turned over to the stockholders.

12. We request our delegate to the state Farmers Union Convention prepare and introduce a resolution at the state meeting, asking our state officers to have a bill prepared and introduced in this session of the legislature amending the Farm Bureau law, making it possible where a county Agent draws his salary or part thereof, from the county Treasurer, then all the people of that county shall have the right to vote upon who shall be their Agent. No Farm Bureau, shall be organized in any county with out a majority vote of the people living in that county.

13. We demand a more complete Federal Reserve Bank Law, where by all the Banks in the Agriculture districts shall receive their portion of the benefits of our government metallic reserve and we insist on the present system of draining the Productive country of our money and loaning it to the Wall Street Speculators be stopped.

14. We desire to go on record as a representative body of farmers that we are unanimously opposed to the Ship Subsidy Bill, and insist on our Senators and Congressmen voting against the same.

15. We ask that the Law, be so amended that the President and Vice-President, of the United States, be nominated and elected by a direct vote of the people.

16. We desire to go on record as against the cancellation of the European debts, but think the United States should give a reasonable amount of time providing they keep their paper good and pay their interest promptly.

17. We are unanimously opposed to the Teachers Pension Bill, and as we voted in an open admission of weakness.

18. We are opposed to a Law that would stop the sale of Patent Medicines in the country as advocated by the Druggist Association.

19. We are opposed to double taxation, taxing both land and mortgage, we recommend the tax be amended so that the mortgage be taxed less than the land.

20. We are opposed to the Townley-Sterling Bill, which provides for a new cabinet officer acting as secretary of Education, and asking for an appropriation of \$100,000.00 for educational purposes, we believe the Taxpayers to give him a pension thereby admitting his weakness and inability to be self supporting. We would suggest our legislators have a few thousand copies of the old story of the grasshopper asking the ant for food, printed and hand a copy to each one of these Hat Passers that are always asking for alms, and investing in non-taxable securities.

21. We ask that the State Hard surface road law be repealed and ask that our senators and representatives work to that effect.

22. We are unanimously against the so called "raising the grade of Education" if it requires a child to take a Five Year High school course or get a state certificate before they are allowed to teach school as they are now, we would like to see the children work a hardship on my children through college.

23. We are opposed to the tax on property owners adjoining the highway and cause many farmers to lose their homes and life-time savings, whilst the people that use the highways the most pay little or no tax of any kind, thereby escaping the burden of paying their just proportion of the expense of building and supporting our schools, court houses, bridges, and highways, and the necessary expenses for the improvement and upkeep of the county.

24. We demand a law standardizing all city, county and township, blanks and blankbooks, and that these be furnished by the state printing plant at as near cost as possible.

necessary tax burden to all, especially the rural taxpayers.  
2. In our opinion it will take a good deal of authority and power, away from the present local school board, and centralise same in the hands of a few more irresponsible county and state officers of which we have a surplus now.  
Committee: Reed J. Weiser, Jas. A. Scheweels, Vic. A. Mans.

This expresses the feelings of our local after discussion of the report of school code commission.  
Reed J. Weiser.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER**  
We, the committee on good of the order of Odin local No. 233 recommend the following resolution to be adopted at the annual convention of Farmers Union, for the By-laws of our organization.

It shall be the duty of all local and county Union secretaries to report to the secretary of the State Union, after the election of local and county Union officers each year, the names and addresses of the newly elected officers. The State Union Secretary shall, thereafter, publish such names in our Farmers Union paper as soon as convenient.

Committee:  
Reed J. Weiser, Jas. A. Scheweels, Vic. A. Mans.  
This resolution if adopted will be a great help to local and county Union secretaries to get in touch with each other for many of good reasons. It will also help practice co-operation in the home communities.  
Yours truly,  
Reed J. Weiser.

**HIGH PRAIRIE LOCAL ADOPTS RESOLUTIONS**  
The following resolutions as adopted by Riley County Farmers' Union No. 45, were also adopted by High Prairie Local No. 1588 in regular session January 3, 1923:

1. We demand the abolishment of all unnecessary state boards, commissions and inspectors, especially those whose duties can and should be performed by local officers.

2. We demand the amending of the road law, reducing the highway commission from three members to one member, and to give the boards of county commissioners authority to spend all funds, and to permit them to employ, compensate and discharge highway engineers.

3. We demand the repeal of all laws granting to boards or commissions authority to issue bonds or other obligations of any district without first submitting the proposition to a vote of the people obligated.

4. We demand the restoration to the respective cities and counties of the local self-government usurped by the state.

5. We are opposed to legislation creating new county and state taxes.

6. We favor a law providing that all schools, townships, city and county blanks and blank books shall be supplied by the state printing plant.

7. Whereas there is a proposition on foot by some of the members of the coming legislature to introduce a bill to create a state police force of at least 150 members:

And whereas if such a force were authorized it would probably be a chief of police with an office in the State House, with a force of clerks to look after the patrolman, at a great expense to the taxpayer, all of which is unnecessary.

We, therefore, urge our Senator and Representative to work and vote against such proposition.

8. Whereas, the legislature, two years ago, made an appropriation of half million dollars to build dormitories for girls at the state educational institutions. It is a plan of the legislature to appropriate an equal amount to complete the same, and, whereas, we do not deem such appropriations essential or conducive to the well-being of said institutions,

We, therefore, urge our senator and representative to work and vote against said bond proposition should it appear in the legislature.

9. Whereas, there is a movement on foot by state highway authorities and road boosters to have the incoming legislature authorize the state to issue sixty millions or road bonds to further the road program of the good road boosters and the state highway commission,

And, whereas, we deem it inexpedient at this time, in view of the low prices of farm products and high taxes, and deem said bonds not essential.

We, therefore, urge our senator and representative to work and vote against said bond proposition should it appear in the legislature.

10. We approve of the resolutions drawn up by the county commissioners of the state of Kansas at their recent meeting, repealing the present auto license laws and giving to the county commissioners the right to use auto license funds at their discretion regardless of hard surface roads, and further recommend that the funds be prorated back to the various townships that it may be used back on their roads.

11. We recommend the taxation of fraternity and sorority houses.

H. G. Buttrick, President.  
W. R. Fuhrman, Sec. High Prairie Local No. 1588, Huron, Kan.

## DAVIS CREEK LOCAL HAS BIG TIME

All the farmers of the community interested in the Farmers' Union, together with their families, were invited to the home of John Amthauer last Thursday evening, December 28, for a good old-fashioned oyster supper. The large house was filled to overflowing, and the men withdrew to a back room for their usual business meeting and election of officers for the ensuing year. Meanwhile, the women and children enjoyed themselves visiting and playing games. At the conclusion of the business meeting, the ladies had ready for all, bowls of piping hot oyster soup; and in addition, the hostess served hot coffee, sandwiches and cake; and the host treated the men to cigars.

All had a most enjoyable time, and certainly the spirit portrayed was one of good will and of hearty co-operation.

## FRANKLIN LOCAL OF ELLSWORTH COUNTY

Franklin local, No. 1381, Ellsworth County, has been holding some interesting and profitable meetings lately among which one held Wednesday evening, January 3, was equally prominent.

The main feature taken into consideration at this time, was the getting up of a petition to secure to our Senator and Representative for legislation we need at the present time.

This meeting was well attended—the best regular meeting attendance for some time. This alone shows that interest is rapidly increasing and that the "Franklin" is looking forward to a "boom" from every direction.

After adjournment a very pleasant social hour was spent, during which hot coffee, doughnuts and cake were served by Mesdames L. C. Heitschmidt and Oswald Caldwell, a complete surprise to the members.

Mrs. O. W. Holmes, Cor. Sec.

## MEETING AT FOUR MILE LOCAL

On Thursday night, December 28, a good Farmers' Union meeting was held at Four Mile Local, south west of Clay Center, Clay County. The principal business of the meeting was taking orders of twelve and flour and coal. A car of twine will be ordered from the State plant, and a car of flour from Wamego. A car of coal was handled about a month ago and another car has been ordered. The Four Mile boys are a lively bunch. A contest for membership has been put on. The losing side will pay for an oyster supper.

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Mrs. O. W. Holmes, Cor. Sec.

## MEETING OF MAPLE GROVE UNION

The Maple Grove Local Farmers' Union No. 2107, Winfield, Kansas, held its regular meeting Wednesday night, December 20, with a large attendance.

The following officers were installed for the ensuing year: R. H. Gane, president; W. W. Brant, vice-president; R. Workman, secretary and treasurer; J. R. Bowman, conductor; W. A. Lowe, doorkeeper; Mrs. A. J. Clouse, Mr. O. A. Ford and Mr. F. R. Smiley executive committee. The new officers were installed with a ceremonial flag drill executed by eight ladies of the union.

Following the business session a very interesting program was rendered by the ladies of the union.

This was a contest program given in competition with the men of the union.

No decision has yet been rendered as to the victorious side but the program was heartily enjoyed by a full house.

The next regular meeting was held on Jan. 3, at which time a large number of new members were received into the union.

Maple Grove Correspondent, Winfield, Kansas, R. No. 10, Box 40.

## FINE REPORT OF MARSHALL COUNTY MEETING

The annual meeting of the Marshall County Farmers' Union was held at the Opera House in Frankfort on Friday, December 15, with a representation of about 70 delegates from 15 locations, besides a large number of visitors. A splendid dinner was served, catered by the hall, by the lady members.

After the noon recess, J. S. Johnson on the good of the order, gave an interesting talk on the benefits of co-operation, and the impression, that our children would reap the real benefits of our efforts. He was followed by Herbert Feldhausen who urged that we should try and interest all our members, to attend our meetings, and take part in our discussions. He also told the importance of getting together, and discussing legislation, important matters.

The executive committee's report was now read and accepted as read. The election of officers was then taken up and the following officers were elected: A. D. Fitch was elected president; Wm. T. Gossin, vice-president; Richard H. Farrar, Secretary-Treasurer, Henry Farrar, Lecturer, Sidney Morton, Doorkeeper, Wm. Fincham Jr., Conductor, John Frost, Herbert Feldhausen and August Wempe, executive committee.

Richard H. Mackey was elected delegate to the State meeting to be held in Topeka, January 16-17-18. Herbert Feldhausen and Wm. T. Gossin were elected as a Legislative committee, to look after legislation during the coming session of the legislature.

The following resolutions which were adopted: First, Resolved that we petition our State Senator and Congressman to amend our school laws, so as to make the minimum for rural schools, eight months instead of seven.

Second, Resolved: That we change the hour of our county meetings from 11 o'clock a. m. back to 10 o'clock a. m. Third, Endorsing article No. 3 and 4 of our National Union News, published in our union paper, December 7.

Fourth: we are unalterably opposed to the building of hard surfaced roads at any time in the near future, and believe that any scheme for the

extraction of money for this purpose will prove to be only a delusion and a snare and fully as great a burden as a direct tax.

Fifth:—We favor a co-operative banking law, in order to permit those who furnish capital, as depositors to share in the profits made by the use of their money.

Sixth:—We believe that disputes between capital and labor, which seriously affect the welfare of the public, must be settled by a Government agency, as far removed as possible from partisan politics.

Seventh:—Until farmers can obtain at least cost of production, for their products, we deem it unwise and unfair to expend public funds, to further depress prices, by increasing production, as is the logical consequence, of the present reclamation policy.

Eighth:—We oppose the granting of ship subsidy.

Ninth:—Whereas, the U. S. Congress did enact the Federal Farm Loan Act to provide capital for agricultural development, and to equalize the rate of interest for farm borrowers, and to provide a market for the stock of the Federal Farm Bank Bonds and for other purposes, and

Whereas, this act has now become a living reality and is functioning in almost every state in the Union and is also functioning here in our county with three National Farm Loan Associations chartered and making amortization loans to farmers, and

Whereas, the farmers of the country are deeply interested in its future well being by reason of its large possibilities for being the source of future capital necessary for agricultural development and thereby making good the reasons advanced for its existence. Therefore, That we express our faith and approval in this act and that we believe that the act should be administered solely and entirely in the interest of the borrowers (stockholders) and not for any other purpose or for the benefit of any other interests, and

Be it further resolved, That the Federal Land Banks should not be money making institutions, other than the paying of all necessary expenses and only such amounts as are necessary for moderate reserves, and no other, and

Be it further resolved, That we urge that the interest rate be reduced to the lowest minimum possible, in order to provide cheap money for farm capital: the difference in the rate of bonds and the interest rate charged by the Federal Land Banks on which they make a clear profit of one per cent makes them over six million dollars of annual income. We believe this is a larger amount than necessary for the paying of ordinary expenses and the building of ordinary reserves. Therefore we believe that one half of one per cent difference in the bond and interest rate would suffice to make a enough profit to defray all ordinary expenses and also set up a sufficient reserve fund.

Be it further resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to each member of the Kansas Congressional delegation and that they be sent to the Kansas Union Farmer for publication.

After a few more short remarks at the meeting adjourned, March 16th. Blue Rapids, Frank, Sec. Treas.

Richard H. Mackey, Sec. Treas.

## ASH CREEK AND FRANKLIN LOCALS ENTERTAIN

Ash Creek and Franklin Locals of Ellsworth County, gave a splendid banquet at Community House in Thomas Township, on the evening of January 1, 1923.

Mr. Tromble of Salina, president of Kansas State Farmers' Union, delivered the address, which was interesting and inspiring and will be remembered by all. In addition to the address by our distinguished visitor, there were solos by Mrs. Otto Springer and La Verne Heitschmidt, readings by Miss Mabel Sherman, Winifred Hickson and Melba Caldwell, and a violin solo by Orville French, with Miss Ethel French at the piano. All of which proved to be entertaining features.

There was an abundance of good things to eat, deliciously prepared. Roast chicken with trimmings, coffee, "Goodrich tires", and pie and every body enjoyed a delightful social time for several hours. About 165 persons were served. Mrs. Joe Long with the assistance of several others, certainly made the banquet a success. Community House of which we are all so proud, was beautifully decorated.

That the occasion was a success, the full sense of the word, was conclusively shown from the fact that engagements were made to write a number of new members the following day.

Other social events are to follow in the not far distant future. These Locals have a well-established reputation in this direction and they are going to keep it up.

Mrs. O. W. Holmes, Cor. Sec.

## COOPERATIVES SUCCESSFUL

Producing a soap that is 10 per cent better than private brands and sells for 10 per cent less is the answer of the Cooperative Grange. Warehouse company of Seattle, Wash., to the boys which soap manufacturing profiters tried to place on this thriving co-operative in their efforts to drive it out of business. For almost a year now the big co-operative, whose sole concern has been increased 300 per cent and is growing steadily larger.

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factory to buy the entire output of its highest grade laundry soap. It has now more than trebled its soap sales, beating the soap profiters at their own game by giving a better product at a lower price.

## REAL LEADERS WANTED

Americans are hearing for the first time the story of Ernest Laur, the Swiss farmer, who in the little town of Brugge works on plans constantly that benefits his country's farms. For 25 years Laur has labored for the farmers alone and the people have hailed him "King of Peasants."

Mary Lee Adams, who visited the continent, last summer tells of Laur in her page of the Fruit-Growers Magazine.

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