





# Fire Destroys the Farmers' Union Elevator at Stockton

## Co-operative Loads Grain With Blower

The Farmer Union Elevator of Stockton, Kans., although its 40,000 bushel elevator is a mass of charred ruins, is doing business.

Veterans of co-operation, the Stockton Farmers Union folk are loading box cars with wheat direct from blowers, and feed lines have been restocked at the office building, which was saved from a disastrous fire Monday, July 17.

The 40,000 bushel capacity elevator, 16,160 bushels of wheat, 1,000 bushels of corn, 3,800 bushels of barley, 600 bushels of kafir and some soybeans, alfalfa meal and feed were destroyed in the blaze.

The elevator was insured for about half the cost of a new structure. The grain was covered by blanket insurance.

Plans to continue in business were made without any hesitation after the fire, for the Stockton co-operators are old-timers in the Farmers Union movement and in co-operation. The elevator pays Farmers Union dues for all its members—353 this year, and the Stockton co-operators are closely integrated with the Farmers Union local, one of the oldest in the state.

Paul Zillinger, a director in the co-operative, is secretary of the local. C. L. Hance, state FU director, is a member of the Stockton organization.

Following is an account of the fire which appeared in the Rooks County Record, which also supplied pictures of the fire:

"The fire was evidently caused by either a short or a hot box in the big motor at the top of the elevator and was discovered shortly before 4 o'clock by several of the employees when smoke was noticed coming through cracks near the peak of the structure. The motor was immediately shut off and the fire department summoned. At least two of the elevator employees had been near where the fire broke out only a short time before its discovery and nothing unusual was noticed then. An elevator fire is one of the most difficult fires to fight owing to the nature of the structure and its contents, and this fire was soon beyond control.

"In spite of the fact that the members of the local fire department and others did everything possible to quench the flames, the frame and sheet iron building, with its contents, was a smoldering ruin by 5:30. The flames, however, were prevented from spreading to the office and nearby storage buildings.

"According to Guy Livingston, who has managed the elevator for a good many years, there were 16,160 bushels of wheat in the elevator at the time of the fire. There were also about 1,000 bushels of corn, 3,800 bushels of barley and 600 bushels of kafir. Most of the bran, shorts and binding twine were removed before the fire reached their storage space, but the biggest part of a car load of soybeans was burned or ruined by water as well as considerable alfalfa meal.

"The Farmers Union Oil Company's gasoline tanks, which were located about 100 feet from the inferno. The tanks contained about 10,000 gallons of gasoline. But they were watched closely

## Scenes as Stockton F.U. Elevator Burned to Ground



The picture above shows the proximity of the Stockton Farmers Union Elevator fire to gasoline tanks of the Farmers Union Oil Company. The situation was so dangerous Forrest Van Horn stood by with a rifle to shoot a hole in the top of the tanks, to relieve pressure, if they started to bulge. Firemen kept the tanks wet and they were saved. Fire got around a fuel oil tank at the west end of the lot but it was extinguished.

The picture at the right shows the elevator fire after the top had burned and firemen were struggling to save the offices.

Both pictures are published through the Courtesy of the Rooks County Record of Stockton.



## Extension Conduct

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materials developed at taxpayers' expense, pretending this is a service rendered, not by government, but by the private organization!

Actually, the columns are for the purpose, among others, of promoting the private organization—and this is accomplished at taxpayers' expense.

### "Our" Goal

Note the clipping in the lower left-hand corner of the reproduction. The County Agent wrote, in the HUDSON HERALD of December 23, 1943:

"Farm Bureau membership is coming along with nearly 500 members and WE hope to reach OUR goal of 600."

This item violates not only the editing regulation, but reveals violation of regulations against organizing and reveals also the attitude of county agents toward building membership in an organization which, at the national level, is a political lobby.

### How It Happens

The Farm Bureau-Extension Service tie in Kansas, whereby an educational agency within Kansas State College, supported by federal, state, and local funds, builds and maintains a political lobby and business concern, is a result of:

1. Failure of the U. S. Department of Agriculture to enforce its regulations.
2. Failure of the Kansas State College to observe the regulations and decent educational standards.
3. Failure of the Kansas Legislature to completely divorce and separate the government from the private pressure group.

The National Farmers Union, at the national level, and the Kansas Farmers Union, at the state level, have both demanded a correction of this situation for several years. Nothing has been done. A bill to end the Farm Bureau-Extension axis in Kansas will be presented to the next state legislature.

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which will be accompanied by reproductions of clippings and other documents, indicating the extent to which Kansas Extension Service has defied regulations and dragged one of the state's educational agencies down into the mire of partisanship and commercialism.

The next article will illustrate how county agents do the Farm Bureau's organization work, in face of the USDA regulation, which reads:

"They may not properly act as organizers for farmers' organizations; conduct membership campaigns; solicit membership . . ."

### Hats' Off to St. Mary's

The splendid Silver Anniversary Celebration at St. Mary's, honoring 25 years of co-operation through the Farmers Union Co-operative Association, is a fine example of the founding, building and maintenance of a farmer co-operative through a farm organization.

Our hats are off to the co-operators St. Marys!



# THE JUNIOR PAGE

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## Educational Program Is Interesting Feature At St. Mary's Co-operative Jubilee Gathering

One of the most entertaining features of the twenty-fifth anniversary picnic of the St. Marys Co-operative Association was the program presented by the education directors and other women of the locals with Mrs. Paul Lenherr as chairman.

The program began by the group singing those two old favorites, "America" and "The More We Get Together". Then the Junior Reserves of the Kaw Valley and Sandy Hook Locals sang "On His Coat He Wears A Union Button" while a large Un-

ion pin was pinned on Julius Immenschuh, president of the co-operative association. Mrs. Paraman gave an original poem which she had composed.

The secretaries of the Kaw Valley, Sandy Hook, Turkey Creek, and Pleasant View Locals presented a lovely bowl of silver dollar "flowers" to Mr. Yokum, manager of the association. As a gift from the board members to Mr. Julius Immenschuh, John Pearl crowned him with a crown made of twenty-five silver dollars. Sheila Prior of the Pleasant

View Local gave a musical reading.

Miss Agnes Hannegan of Topeka told some interesting stories on the local people. Her scarecrow partner was Harold Ryan of St. Marys.

A quartette from the Turkey Creek Local sang, "Daddy Let's Play Soldier"; and Bobby Hutley from the Kaw Valley Local presented music on the guitar and harmonica. Mrs. Henry Pedersen of Guide Rock, Neb., gave a reading and the program was closed by more group singing.

## Three More County Camps On Schedule

Three more county camps are planned for the month of August, and that will bring to a close another season of those glorious F. U. camps days.

Jewell County will have their Junior Reserve camp at the Superior (Neb.) Park, using the Boy Scout cottage, Aug. 10, 11, and 12. Besides the regular classes, recreation, and handicraft, there will be swimming in the pool near the park. Junior Reserves from Nebraska have been invited to attend.

Last year the Bunkerhill Local in Mitchell county sent four Reserves and two leaders to the Jewell County camp. This year they are sponsoring one of their own! Mrs. Floyd Rominger, Education Director, with the help of the mothers of the community, is making the camp arrangements. Theirs will be a two-day camp Aug. 14 and 15, and will be near Glen Elder. One highlight is the basket supper and program for the parents on the last evening.

Pottawatomie and Wabaunsee counties will have their first Junior Reserve Camp the 20th to 22nd in the St. Marys community, information of the exact location to be furnished by the leaders later. Mrs. Paul Lenherr and other leaders are in charge of arrangements. Plans include a drive into St. Marys for a swim or two, and parents are invited to a basket supper and program the last evening of this camp, too.

## KFU Gains During '44

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Others may subscribe to it at \$50 per year. A hundred samples of the kit is being mailed to co-ops.

President Dean was authorized to pay \$100 membership fee in the new Kansas Co-operative Council, headed by H. E. Witham and including the states' major co-operatives and farm organizations. The new state Council was organized to combat the campaign against co-operatives headed by the National Tax Equality Association. The Committee of Farm Organizations will handle legislative matters in Topeka.

### Study Print Plant

The committee studying purchase of printing plant for the Kansas Farmers Union reported on appraisal of plants in Coffeyville and Parsons and on the status of negotiations. Printing of the Kansas Union Farmer in the National Union Farmer plant at Denver, at least until KFU can purchase its own plant, was approved.

Attending the Board meeting President Dean, Vice President William Goekler, Secretary George Reinhart, Bert Harmon, C. L. Hance and Ray Henry.

## Honor to Our Farmers Union

Mrs. Maud Paramore of Maple Hill, Kansas, composed and read the following original poem at the St. Marys Silver Anniversary Celebration:

Listen all ye people,  
Listen while I tell  
Of our Farmers Union  
Which serves us all so well.

It has weathered many trials,  
It has stood through many storms,  
It has lived a quarter century  
Of strife in many forms.

So we're here today in honor  
Of its years of service fine;  
We'll remember this anniversary  
For a long, long time.

We want to pay due honor  
To the ones who've made it go;  
To Mr. Clarence Yocum,  
Our manager, you know.

Then to Mr. Immenschuh,  
Our able president.  
Don't forget directors  
Who earn our compliments.

May we pay all respects  
To these able men,  
Who have run the business for us,  
And pay us dividends.

When our crops are good,  
And when our crops are bad,  
They buy them from us all  
And pay all that can be had.

They are loyal with their service,  
And serve us to a man.  
So let's show them how we like them  
And give THEM a hearty hand!

## Mrs. Edwards In Critical Condition

We are sorry to hear of the serious illness of Mrs. Gladys Edwards, National Director of Education.



Mrs. Edwards is quite well known in this state, and many of you will remember her as an instructor at the State Leaders Conference in Lindsborg last August. She has been in a critical condition in Mercy Hospital, in Denver, the past two weeks. Blood clots have impaired circulation in her lungs and limbs. We hope her recovery will be soon.

FSA has helped one-third of all farmers and ranchers in Colorado and currently has loans to 6,000 farm families.

## 24 Reserves Enjoy Camp In Stafford

"When do we go swimming?" was the question often heard as Stafford County Reserves took over the Lulu Valley schoolhouse for their camp July 25, 26, and 27.

The swimming time really came Wednesday afternoon when the pickup truck took the 24 boys and girls to the John Heyen farm for a dip in their own pool. That was fun, and so was the wiener roast that followed at the Heyen backyard fireplace.

So was the scavenger hunt from the camp schoolhouse to the grove of trees a mile away that took place the next day. Reserves were excitedly busy looking for grasshoppers and spiders and broken pieces of glass to help "their side win."

### Study, Too

The camp days for the North Star and Corn Valley boys and girls who participated in the Stafford County camp weren't all play as the campers themselves will testify. Classes were held regularly using the new Reserve book, "Working Together," and the unit, "Destroy Weeds."

Mrs. Voorhies was in charge of classes with Mrs. Heyen assisting in the weed study. Mrs. Heyen, Corn Valley Local Leader and also County Leader, was manager of the camp. She was assisted by several of the mothers. Roberta Shoop, a community visitor of Junior age from Neodesha, was a kitchen assistant throughout the camp.

### Dust Storm

The picnic supper with the parents on the last evening was held at the Heyen home so that the campers could again enjoy an hour or so of swimming. The supper started off on schedule about 8:30 but only a few had their plates filled when a dust storm swept in. The women managed to keep the food covered and the eating was later resumed—by candle light as the storm put the lights out. There was confusion but everyone took it in good spirit. The only regret was that the program planned by the campers had to be omitted.

This was the second annual camp for Stafford. There will be more, the folks there testify.

## K. P. Song

There are cups, there are bowls,  
There are plates and casseroles,  
But the dishes keep rolling along.

There are knives, there are spoons,  
There are merry kitchen tunes,  
But the dishes keep rolling along.

Oh my, oh me! There's nothing like K. P.  
To make a camper big and strong.

There are pots, there are pans,  
There are dirty empty cans,  
But the dishes keep rolling along.

## We Can All Afford Blood To Save a Life, Says FU Member in U. S. Army

The following was written by Bill Bode, who has a Miami, Florida, A.P.O. address. Bill, a Junior and former F. U. J. A. employe, doesn't forget the Farmers Union even when so far away. He is interested in the Writers' Project. He sent these comments with his last letter:

"The strength of any movement is given an acid test during times of great stress. Many organizations have collapsed during this war through the sheer lack of adaptability to the strain today's conditions have brought about.

"The FARMERS UNION has weathered other wars and will emerge from the present chaos. Our organization has already made a tremendous contribution to the war effort; but when the lives of our fathers, sons and brothers are concerned, we can't make too great a sacrifice. The idea that I am about to express has been with me for some time and I can no longer contain it.

"One of the best things that has come out of the present war is the discovery of blood plasma. The men who are living testimonials to this miracle in modern medicine today are proof.

"The RED CROSS has established mobile units to visit outlying districts to obtain the blood that has saved many a boy from death. We have all read where a unit visited a defense plant or a penitentiary; but wouldn't it be stimulating to read that a RED CROSS UNIT visited MY LOCAL and that MY LOCAL gave part of itself that others might live? The RED CROSS realizes that farmers are tilling the soil harder than ever before but the small amount of blood that they take from you will keep you but one hour from your work. Having donated blood four times, I can swear that fact to be true and also that the only pain is the single prick of a needle which must, indeed, be trivial compared to a bayonet wound.

"Besides the UNION BUTTON on our lapels, there is another button that we can wear with justified pride. We're counting on our UNION BUTTONS to save our farms and we can count on our blood donor buttons to save our loved ones."

## Teachers Will Fight Against U. S. Controls

Replying to statements in political ads during the primary, the Kansas State Teachers Association has made it clear that it favors federal aid to education, but will oppose any federal control of Kansas schools.

"If and when additional federal funds are allocated to education in Kansas, the KSTA will continue to work for their allocation and distribution by and through agencies of the state of Kansas," a statement signed by Minter E. Brown, director of Professional Relations, and C. O. Wright, executive secretary, says.

"The public is not generally aware of the large amount of 'federal aid' Kansas receives for education. Over \$1,700,000 in federal funds was distributed to public educational institutions in Kansas in 1943. There will probably be as much in 1944. Kansas State College at Manhattan, a land grant college, expended approximately \$725,000 last year in federal funds without federal control. The State Board for Vocational Education channeled approximately \$1,065,000 of federal funds last year to Kansas schools without 'federalization' of Kansas schools. This is the way the association wants federal money handled—through autonomous state agencies.

"Millions of dollars of Kansas money go each year to 'the East' through banks, insurance companies, railroads, farm machinery companies, public utilities, etc. The only way any substantial amount of this flow of wealth from Kansas to the financial centers can get back is through federal grants for such things as highways, flood control, irrigation, social wel-

fare, agriculture, education and like projects. The question becomes not one of should the government do this, but of how far should the government go to 'promote the general welfare' mentioned in the Preamble to the Constitution.

"A real danger exists in the fact that if local and state governments do not or cannot meet the educational needs of their children, the U. S. government may meet these needs with an educational system of its own to supplement the state system already existing. The Kansas State Teachers Association believes this must be avoided. Federal support of education in Kansas must remain free from federal control.

"The Kansas State Teachers Association will continue its efforts to keep the distribution of present and future grants of federal money for public education where it belongs—in the hands of the State Department and the Legislature of Kansas. If at any time a bill in Congress proposes to control the schools of Kansas, the Kansas State Teachers Association will be the first organization to fight that bill to the last ditch."

## North Star Local Attendance Good

The North Star Local of Stafford County met at the schoolhouse Friday evening, July 28. Attendance was good even though meetings had been discontinued during harvest.

Merle Stenson was Program Chairman. Ray Henry led group singing, and several musical numbers were presented by Gloria Fuller, Akema Richardson and Mary Margaret Peacock. The Reserve boys who attended the camp, July 25 to 27, answered questions asked them by President Glenn Reed.

Mrs. Voorhies of the State Office was present. She commented on program and discussion material available from the State Office for local use.

Iced tea and cake was served after adjournment.



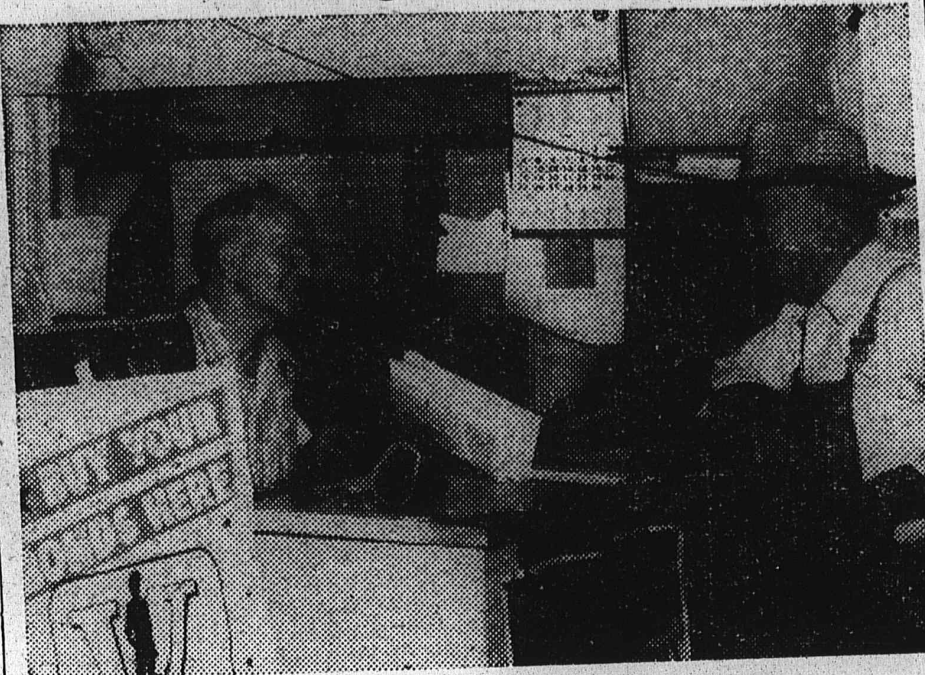
# PICTURES TELL STORY OF SILVER ANN

## Bookkeeper-Manager



Good accounting and good management are fundamental to successful co-operatives, and St. Mary's Farmers Union Co-operative Association has both in the persons of Leo Ronsee, bookkeeper, (seated above) and Clarence Yocum, the manager, who is looking on. Leo, who is credited with one of the best sets of records in the state by F.U. Auditing association, keeps the records in the midst of a bee-hive of business activity.

## Manager-Patron



E. C. (Ernie) Quigley, right above, former National League umpire recently appointed director of athletics at Kansas U., is one of the Co-operative Association's distinguished members. He is at right above, talking with Manager Yocum. As told in a story below, Quigley is a purebred hog breeder, and has co-operated with St. Mary's Co-operative Association in their sponsorship of a hog project among juniors, supervising their first show at the Silver Anniversary Celebration.

## Expansio



Finding co-operation the St. Mary's FU Co-operative Association has implemented the store. Jack Meyer is standing in front of the store. Jim Doyle, who is always with the FU always.

## St. Marys Co-operative Was Organized in '19 By K. F. U. Locals

Loyalty, Persistence and Good Management Have Helped It Recover From Loss and Become Strong, Growing Institution

By E. K. DEAN, President  
Kansas Farmers Union

The 25-year story of successful co-operation in St. Marys, Kansas, which was celebrated at the St. Marys FU Co-operative Association Silver Jubilee, is a story of determination, persistence in the face of hardship and losses, co-operation between and confidence among people—and ultimate splendid success.

The organization meeting of the co-operative association at St. Marys was held May 22, 1919 in the Knights of Columbus Hall. Nels Hammerlund of St. Marys had previously learned that the elevator there was to be sold. He called the state office for help and William (Wild Swede) Swanson responded. They held a series of local meetings, explaining the projects, and a Central Meeting of the "Farmers Educational and Co-operative Union" was held—a meeting of farmers through their farm organization to establish a co-operative project.

### FU Met First

A board of directors was elected at this first meeting for the new co-operative. They were: J. H. Meyer, president; A. Holverson, vice-president; C. H. Reding, treasurer; C. M. Yocum, secretary; George Dedonder, Al Rezac and M. Sweeney, directors.

It was reported in this "Central Meeting of the F.E.C.U." at preliminary meetings, the locals had already raised funds as follows: Pleasant View Local, \$4,125; Turkey Creek, \$3,-

### Credit Trouble

Minutes of the June 7, 1921, meeting of the St. Marys FU Co-operative Association show that, like many co-ops, they had trouble with credit extended to customers. Mr. Collins, the bookkeeper, brought the matter of accounts to the attention of the Board, the minutes said.

900; Sandy Hook, \$1,400 and Shoenman District, \$1,300. This totalled \$10,725. It was not sufficient to buy the elevator and supply necessary capital and the minutes disclose special local sessions were called to raise additional funds.

The June 2 minutes of the directors meeting disclose that the four locals then turned in the following amounts: Pleasant View \$2,400.00, Shoenman \$900.00 and Sandy Hook \$2,300.00. The minutes said Turkey Creek had made "a very good collection" but the exact amount was not (Continued to Column 6)

## Man Who Started It At St. Marys Jubilee

Nels Hammerlund, who 25 years ago was responsible for the organization of the St. Marys Co-operative Association, was an honored guest at the Silver Anniversary celebration last week.

Mr. Hammerlund had been a member of the Pleasant View Farmers Union local for several years and had been interested in the development of a co-operative business association. He had talked with the owner of the local elevator, who was not friendly to the co-operative idea. He did, however, promise to advise Mr. Hammerlund and give him time to organize a co-op if he ever decided to sell out.

Early in May, 1919, the owner notified Mr. Hammerlund that he wanted to sell and sell quick, and that he doubted there was time to organize a co-operative to take the elevator over. Mr. Hammerlund insisted that the owner keep his promise, and was allowed ten days in which to organize the co-operative and raise the funds to buy the elevator.

Mr. Hammerlund immediately called the Kansas Farmers Union and Mr. William (Wild Swede) Swanson was sent to St. Marys to help organize.

Mr. Swanson and Mr. Hammerlund worked day and night for the ten days and succeeded in collecting the necessary cash as is recounted in a history of the co-operative elsewhere on this page.

This was the beginning of one



Nels Hammerlund At the St. Mary's Celebration

of the most successful co-operatives in Kansas and the St. Marys celebration was proud to have its founder present. Mr. Hammerlund is still an active supporter of Farmers Union and will be found at any Farmers Union meeting held in St. Marys.

## Juniors Have A Pig Show At Celebration

With E. C. Quigley, famous umpire, sports figure St. Mary's co-operator of pig, six St. Mary's Juniors a pig show at the Silver Anniversary celebration.

The juniors are participating in the Farmers Union pig show sponsored in St. Mary's co-operative association.

Mr. Quigley, recently ap Kansas U. sports director, remarkable herd of Hampshire hogs. Last sold eight to the co-op, which sponsored the FU pig show, turning the gilts of eight FU juniors. Mr. Quigley, the gilts, agreed with the Juniors, advise with and help in the project. This was an excellent display results obtained.

### Six Contestants

Six juniors participated in the contests. FU elevator Mary's gave \$2 first prize class, and FU Livestock Commission of St. Joseph and Central Co-op gave \$2 in each to make up second and prizes.

Winners in the contests Junior Sow-Pig contest: 1st, Prior; 2nd, Wm. Meyer; 3rd, Melnhardt; 4th, Loren Reiner; Alberta Grieshaber.

Junior Barrow Contest: 1st, Prior; 2nd, Alberta Grieshaber; Loren Reiners; 4th, Wm. 5th, Geo. Wild.

Sow Contest: 1st, Shella; 2nd, Alberta Grieshaber; 3rd, Meyer; 4th, Loren Reiners; Melvin Seale.

Litter contest: 1st, Shella; 2nd, Wm. Meyer; 3rd, Alberta; 4th, Loren Reiners; Geo. Wild.

Sow-Litter contest: 1st, Prior; 2nd, Alberta Grieshaber; Loren Reiners; 4th, Wm. 5th, Joe Melnhardt.

The six Juniors participating in the program were George Turkey Creek Local; Loren Reiners, Kaw Valley Local; Joe Melnhardt, Turkey Creek Local; Prior, Pleasant View Local; Alberta Grieshaber, Pleasant Local; Melvin Seale, Kaw Local; and Mm. Meyer, Hook Local. Tommy Immeson of Mrs. P. B. Immeson had one of the gilts and have shown, but he has been working for the FU Central in detasseling corn and have time to get his sow to the celebration. The pig and contests were one of the highlights of the celebration.

Mr. Quigley displayed outstanding hogs from his herd. Some are native in Hampshire breeder.

## A General View of Picnic at the Silver Celebration





# ANNIVERSARY OF ST. MARYS CO-OPERATIVE

## Hardware



elevator business successful, the Association expanded into the structure above to house the department. The manager, an old-timer in the organization of St. Mary's and supports

## Principal Speakers



Celebrations have speakers—and here are the principles at the St. Marys event. They are Father Conway, rector of St. Marys College, left, and Fred Hagge, manager of the Farmers Union Creamery at Aurora, Nebraska. Father Conway strongly supports FU and the family type farm, and is deeply admired by FU members. Fred Hagge is a leader in the Nebraska Farmers Union and his state's co-operative movement.

## President, Manager Get Silver



Silver really poured forth for the veteran president and manager of the St. Marys FU Co-operative Association. President Julius Immenschuh (right above) was presented a crown on which 25 silver dollars were pasted, then covered with cellophane. Manager Clarence Yocum and Mrs. Yocum received a "bokay" in which the flowers were 25 silver dollars, symbolic of his 25 years as manager. The gifts were presented by the four St. Marys locals which managed the silver anniversary celebration.

The four local secretaries, with Mrs. Paul Lenherr acting as their spokesman, were Mrs. Clara Greishaber, Pleasant View local; Mrs. J. L. Conley, Sandy Hook local; Dorothy Bernitter, Turkey Creek local, and Ruby Holz, Kaw Valley local.

## Distinguished Guests—and Eats!



Ah, the eats! But who are the people at this head table? They are distinguished guests including, on the left side, Mrs. and Mayor Grover Urbansky, Father Conway and Manager Clarence Yocum. On the right side are President Julius Immenschuh, Father Barrens and Johnny Wenzel. Mayor Urbansky is a member and patron of the co-operative association, and is ever present at annual meetings to bring greetings and be a symbol of splendid co-operation between the co-op and St. Marys business men—an outstanding example of such co-operation in the state.

## History Of Co-operative

(Continued from Column 2) reported. In the same board meeting, M. Sweeney refused to serve on the board and Joe Peterson was selected to serve in Mr. Sweeney's place. The first board was elected for one year.

**Yocum Manager**  
The first annual meeting of the organization was held in the Royal Neighbors Hall June 8, 1920. At the first semi-annual meeting, January 6, 1920, Clarence Yocum tendered his resignation as secretary as he had previously been hired as manager. At the first annual meeting held June 28, 1920, Mr. Meyer and Mr. Rezac retired from the board and Julius Immenschuh and Mr. John Pearl were elected to succeed them. Mr. Immenschuh became president of the organization at that time and has served the organization in that capacity ever since.

The organization, like many other co-operative organizations, early met with serious financial difficulties. In the annual meeting held June 6, 1922 the minutes disclose that a motion was made to assess each share of stock \$5.00 and carried by a vote of 44 to 9. The organization, like practically all of the organizations in the early days, was faced with the problem of learning how to operate a business of this kind. The minutes disclose that there

was considerable discussion as to whether the organization should accept wheat from farmers for storage and if the wheat was accepted for storage if they should make any charge for storage on it. A motion was made to the effect that the organization would not accept any grain for storage for speculative purposes.

**Supported FUJA**  
In the January 6, 1920 meeting a motion prevailed instructing the board of directors to buy some stock in the jobbing branch of the Kansas Farmers Union, which is now known as the Farmers Union Jobbing Assn.  
The organization had a net savings the first year of \$3,500 and showed a loss the second year of \$15,000. Clarence Yocum, the manager, in com-

menting on this said they had made all sorts of provisions in the organization of the co-operative to take care of earnings, but had made no provisions to take care of loss. He stated that after this experience of losing \$15,000.00 the organization started building up a substantial reserve to meet any losses they might have in future years. This policy has been followed and the organization has at the present time approximately \$40,000 surplus. This is a surplus of better than 2 to 1 for the issued capital stock, which is less than \$20,000.00.

**Members Loyal**  
For several years the organization retired all stock of debt. (Continued on Page 6)

## 500 Help Celebrate St. Marys Co-op's 25th Birthday

Picnic, Program and Dance Show Enthusiasm of FU Co-operators For Fine Association They Have Built

More than 500 enthusiastic co-operators gathered in St. Marys, Kansas, Aug. 3, and celebrated the Silver Anniversary of their co-op, the St. Marys Farmers Union Co-operative Association.

The association, founded 25 years ago, now operates with annual savings for patrons ranging over \$25,000, besides the savings in price, both on purchasing and marketing, which it assures them.

Gathering at noon for a bountiful basket dinner, the group was treated to addresses by the Rev. Daniel Conway, S.J., of St. Mary's College, and Fred Hagge, manager of the FU Creamery at Aurora, Neb., with additional remarks by President E. K. Dean of KFUA, John Vesecky of FUJA, Mayor Grover Urbansky of St. Marys, and their own president and manager, Julius Immenschuh and Clarence Yocum.

**Pig Show and Dance**  
A Junior program, honoring the officers and directors, was given. (See Junior Page for account.)

At 5:30 a pig show was held. In the evening, a dance sponsored by the business organization, with an orchestra from

WIBW, concluded an enjoyable day.

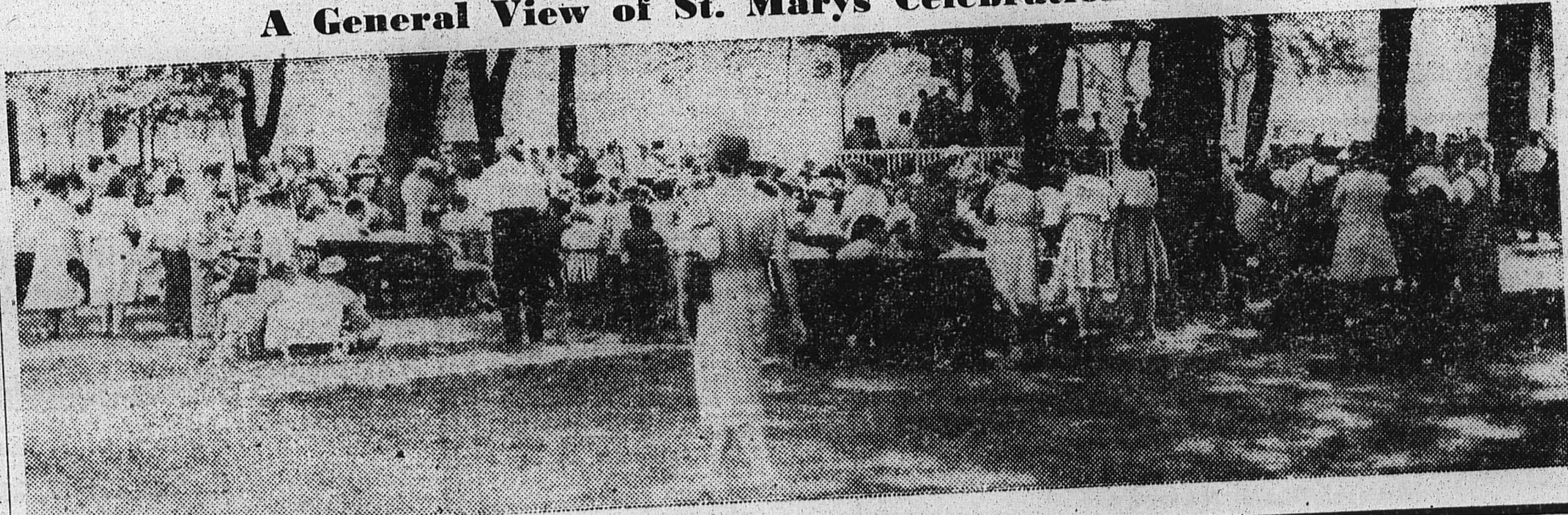
The celebration, financed by the co-operative association, was arranged and handled by the four St. Marys locals, their officers and committees of the Farmer Union membership.

**Savings Large**  
The St. Marys co-operative is one of the most successful in Kansas. Last year its savings for patrons were \$31,096. This year they were \$27,832. Proportions last year on wheat, corn and oats were 2 1/2 cents per bushel and 5 per cent on merchandise.

The co-operative has paid out approximately \$40,000 in patronage dividends in the past two years. It has never missed an interest payment on stock, now 4 per cent. It was 7 per cent before a reorganization a few years ago.

Julius Immenschuh, for nearly 25 years president, was presented (Continued on Page 6)

## A General View of St. Marys Celebration Crowd





## History of Co-Operative

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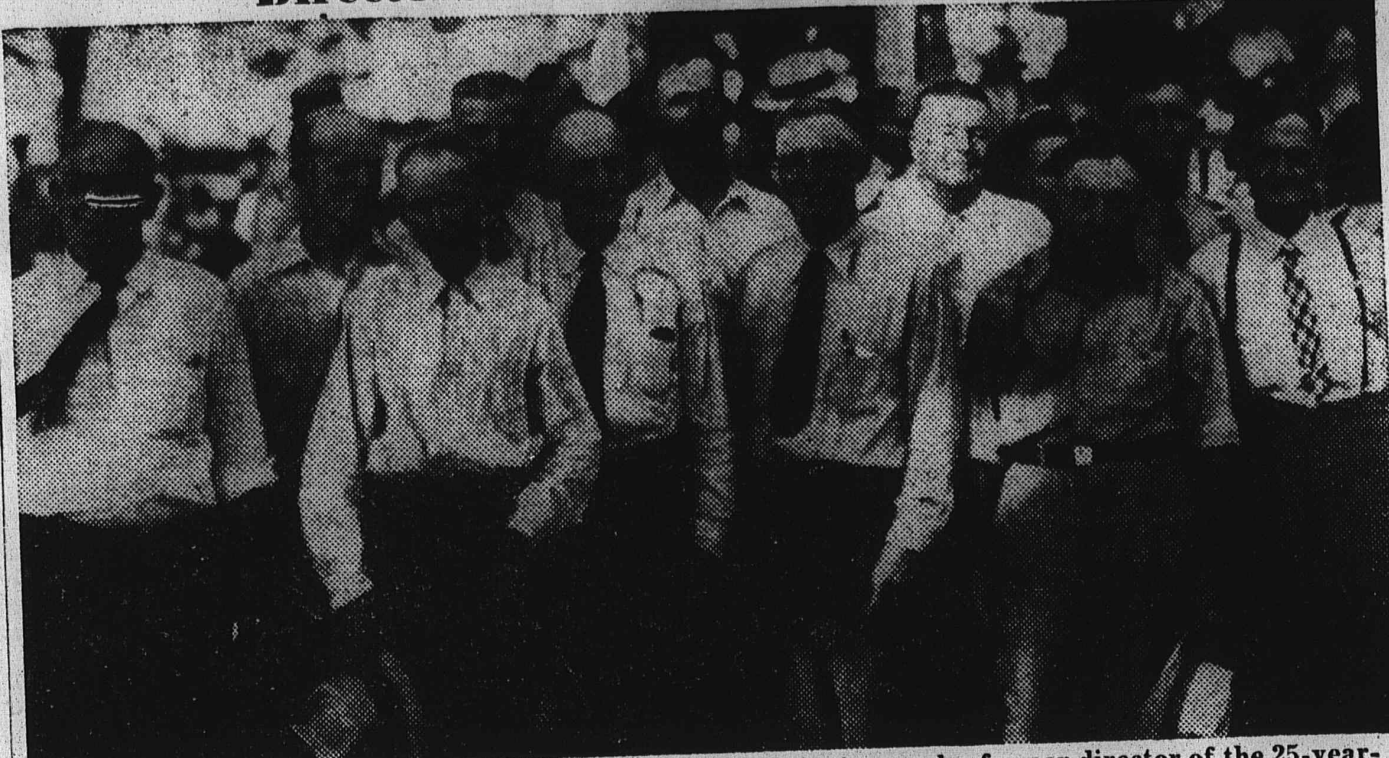
ceased members and those who moved out of the community until their capital was down to about \$12,500 when they reorganized a few years ago. There had been a substantial reserve built up behind the stock during the years of operation and in the reorganization it was voted to pay a 33 1/3 per cent stock dividend to the old stockholders and to set the organization up on a 100 per cent co-operative basis, permitting all members who patronize the organization to earn a share of stock. Since reorganization the capital stock has increased to a little less than \$20,000,000 and the number of members has grown substantially.

The organization has active members for a radius of 25 or 30 miles surrounding the town of St. Marys. Members frequently haul grain from 25 to 30 miles, and through one or two towns where there is no co-operative elevator. This is done because of the fact that Clarence Yocum, as manager, has built up a reputation for the organization of fair dealing and fair prices, in addition to patronage refunds of any savings.

**Expanding**  
When the organization first bought the elevator they paid \$10,000.00 for it and had an old house for an office and warehouse. They immediately raised additional finances and tore down the old house, built a new office and tile warehouse. Since that time the organization has made steady progress in adding to its facilities and the service of the organization. A few years ago additional warehouse space was added for the handling of feeds and seed. Just a few years ago the organization decided to extend their services to handling hardware and implements and a new warehouse was built for this purpose.

The organization supports the KFU. It pays FU dues of all its members. The FU locals and the business organization have, down through the years, worked very closely together and the locals have been a great help to the business organization in maintaining co-operative understanding among the members, thus keeping a large volume of business flowing through the organization. The business organization has loyally supported the FU locals in providing funds for educational programs both on a local, county and state-wide basis. For the past few years the big run of wheat and corn have taxed the facilities of the organization beyond their capacity. The organization recently purchased the facilities of the Barnes Grain Co., making it possible to give more efficient service at wheat and corn harvest as well as throughout the year.

## Directors of St. Marys Association



In the picture above are the directors, manager, organizer and a former director of the 25-year-old St. Marys FU Co-operative Association. They are, from left to right: Clarence Yocum, manager; Art Holverson, director; Jim Doyle, director; Fred Greishaber, director; John Pearl, secretary; John White, director; Billy Gutshall, director; Nels Hammerland, organizer, and Louis K. Fleck, a former director.

## 2 More Co-ops Quit Grain & Seed Assn.

Two more members of the Kansas Grain, Feed and Seed Association have resigned, protesting anew that association's unfair attitude toward co-operatives.

Kansas Farmers Union is advised that resignations have been sent in by W. H. Hines, manager of the FU co-operative elevator at Anthony, and August Geist, manager of the FU elevator at Grinnell.

More than a month ago P. J. Nash and John Shulte withdrew, with an open letter protesting attacks on co-operatives arising from the association. Kansas Farmers Union's exposure of association anti-co-operative attacks has been followed by other warnings to co-ops that they should not contribute money and lend prestige to an organization opposed to them.

Doubtless other co-operatives have withdrawn from the organization. If your organization has withdrawn, please advise the Kansas Farmers Union.

## Day by Day with FUJA

By JOHN VESECKY

The Twentieth Century Fund, an independent research organization set up twenty-five years ago by the late Edward A. Filene of Boston, Mass., has announced that it will make a study of cartels and monopolies.

Evans Clark, executive director of the fund stated in connection with the announcement of the studies that here in the United States we are mixed in our thinking, some times we are for and sometimes we are against cartels and monopolies; while Great Britain is openly favoring cartels and monopolies.

In regard to our thinking, Mr. Clark is mistaken. Our thinking is very consistent. The farmers, generally speaking, the thinking of small business men and the common every day folks working in our mines and factories are almost unanimous in opposition to cartels and monopolies. The only groups favorable to cartels and monopolies are the big business groups, their hired minions and

few out-of-date so-called "economists." It depends on whom you listen to, what view you will think America has of cartels and monopolies.

As to the British view of cartels, Herbert Morrison, Minister of Home Security and Secretary of State for Home Affairs, writes in his book, "Prospects and Policies" that there is a great difference in American and British thinking, on political and

## A Word of Thanks



Through the columns of the Kansas Union Farmer I wish to take the opportunity of thanking my many friends for the fine complimentary vote given me at the primary. It is most gratifying for one to know that he has such staunch supporters and it is needless for me to tell you how much your friendship means to me.

It is my desire to spend a few weeks in the district between now and election in the hopes of thanking you personally, but whether or not I will be able to do this depends upon the legislative program. If re-elected I pledge to keep the welfare of my country and my district uppermost in my mind at all times.

Again, I thank you!

FRANK CARLSON

## 500 Celebrate At St. Marys

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a pasteboard crown with 25 silver dollars pasted to it at the Junior program.

### "All Deserve Crown"

Father Conway, in the principal address, declared that the success of the co-operative had been due to leadership and the loyalty of all the members. All of them, as well as the president, deserve crowns, he said.

"To keep in our lives the principle of unselfishness can lead to a fairly straight path to world peace," Father Conway said.

People, he said, must have a stake in their country. A slave and serf country doesn't last. Big business is invading the rural towns and communities and co-operatives should watch and be first, he said, congratulating the Farmers Union co-operators on their accomplishments.

### Fine Attitude

President E. K. Dean of KFU extended congratulations to the members, not only for having a successful business operation, but for success in establishing a fine attitude.

"The Farmers Union people of St. Marys are not only interested in the business angle of the co-operative, but in all the problems of common people on the land," he said.

Mr. Hagge said the solution to post-war problems was through economic action and not politics. "Co-ops take the greed out of the dollar and make it human," he said. He said the Nebraska creameries were planning a creamery in northwest Kansas after the war.

### Must Have Co-ops

John Vesecky declared co-operatives are a necessity for today—not an institution for tomorrow—for immediate economic action is necessary to maintain our freedom.

## Resolution Of Condolence

**BE IT RESOLVED:** The Farmers Union Local 1868 extend our heartfelt sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. John M. Browne and Family in the loss of your son, Lawrence J.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** We place a copy in our Farmers Union paper, a copy be sent to the Family and a copy spread upon the minutes of our Local.

**BY COMMITTEE:** A. H. Struble, Mrs. L. K. Fleck, M. F. Child.

economic affairs. In Great Britain, he says there is a firm resolution to go on with social reforms and to replace the competitive system for private profit to a considerable extent with and to favor the development of cartels and monopolies which will either be controlled by the government or be transferred to public ownership.

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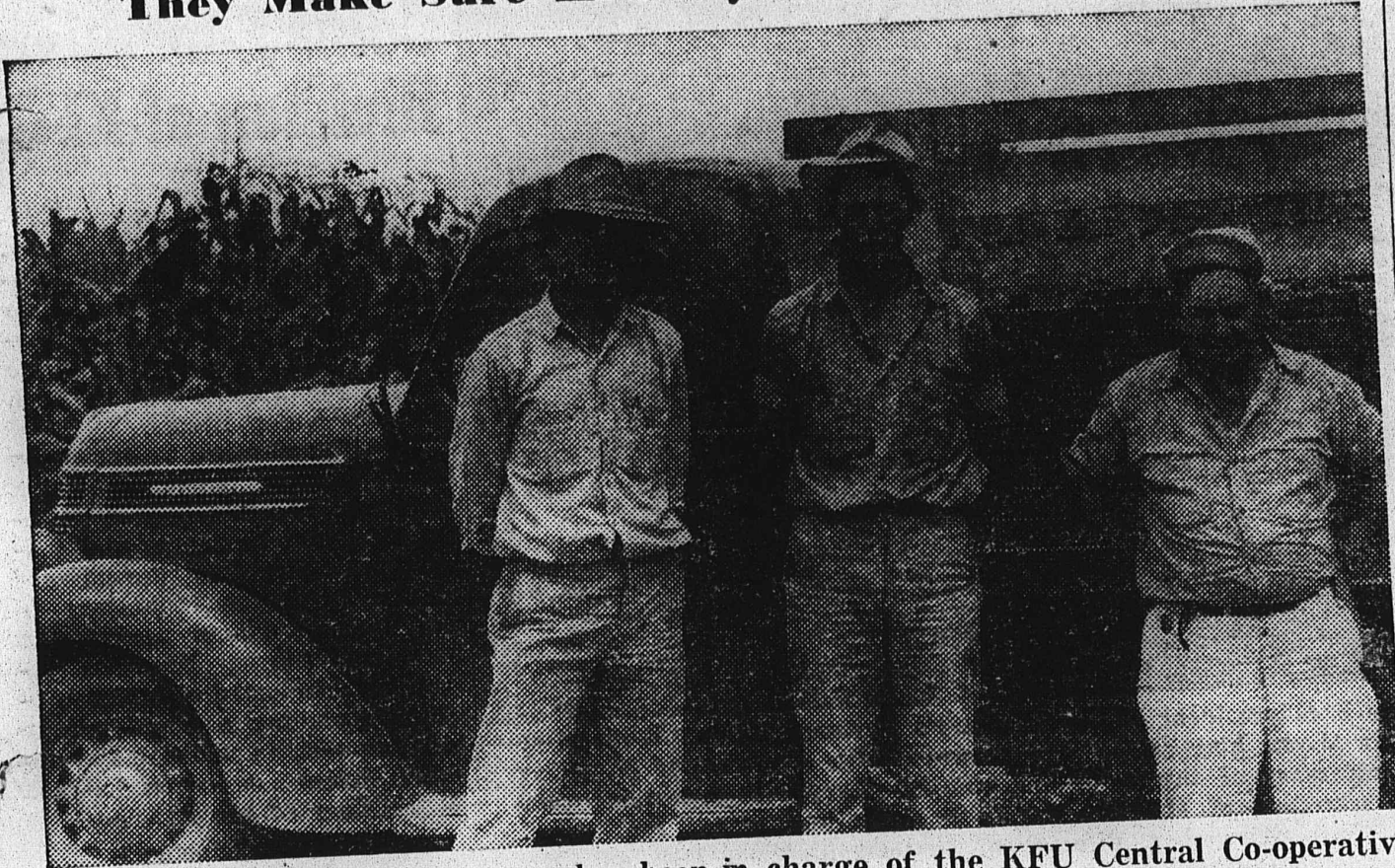
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# LIVESTOCK MARKET NEWS

by the FARMERS UNION LIVESTOCK CO-OPERATIVE, KANSAS CITY  
and  
FARMERS UNION LIVE STOCK COMMISSION, SOUTH ST. JOSEPH, MO.

## They Make Sure KFU Hybrid Corn Is "Tops"



BILL SIMECKA, left above, has been in charge of the KFU Central Co-operative Exchange hybrid seed corn production program at St. Marys and Winnifred. ROLLO HENNINGSEN, center above who recently came to work for Central Co-operative, has been in charge of one of the detasseling crews. He is vice-president of Jewell County Farmers Union and has been actively engaged in farming until he went to work for the co-op.

OMAR DeMARIAS, right above, has been in charge of a detasseling crew and has done a splendid job of seeing that the KFU hybrid fields are given proper care. Work of detasseling the KFU supply this year has all been done promptly, without any labor delays, assuring Kansas Farmers Union members an unbeatable supply of hybrid seed for 1945. Crop prospects indicate a yield of 15,000 bushels or more.

## KFU Hybrid Corn Crop In Good Shape

Detasseling of the KFU hybrid seed corn crop will be virtually wound up this week, assuring Kansas Farmers Union members a supply of splendidly bred seed for 1945 planting.

Inspectors of the State Board of Agriculture have called the Farmers Union job "one of the best jobs in the state of taking care of hybrid seed corn."

Care of the corn has been under the general supervision of William Simecka, a resident of St. Marys who grew up on a farm in Pottawatomie County. He started work in the Central Co-op last year during grading and preparation of corn for shipment. He took charge of the program this spring when Hugh Smith, formerly in charge of grading, resigned. Simecka supervised planting and cultivation and has had general charge of detasseling.

### Five Crews Work

Five crews of detassellers have handled the 700 acres of corn being produced. They include 12 to 15 men each, and work under four crew managers in addition to Si-

mecka and Henry Pedersen, Central Co-op field man who has been assisting. (Rollo Henningsen and Omar DeMarias, crew supervisor, are in the picture above.)

Only one of the five crews is composed of civilians. The remainder are German war prisoners, who have been transported from Shawnee Camp at Eskridge to St. Marys and Winnifred, which are 35 and 85 miles away, respectively.

### Prisoners Helped

The aid of the War Department, in making these prisoners available, made it possible to do a splendid job of detasseling.

The hybrid seed corn program is now the principal activity of the Kansas Farmers Union Central Co-operative Exchange, which is selling Certificates of Indebtedness to help finance the project. A considerable amount of funds is needed the year 'round, but the heaviest capital requirements come between harvesting and marketing season, when farmers must be paid for the corn and it must be graded, sacked and shipped for final sale.

The splendid prospects this year, following a good showing last year, are so reassuring that St. Marys people who have watched the development of the corn program are leading in subscriptions to the Certificates.

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## Resolution Of Sympathy

WHEREAS: It has pleased Almighty God in his Infinite Wisdom, to remove from our midst our Brother, Clement H. Reding,

THEREFORE, Be It Resolved, That we, the members of Turkey Creek Local No. 1868, extend our sincere sympathy to his sorrowing family and friends; also

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: We place a copy in our Farmers Union paper, one copy to the Family, and one copy on the minutes of our Local.

BY COMMITTEE: A. H. Struble,  
Mrs. L. K. Fleck, M. F. Child.

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Frank Brown	Ray Co., Missouri	17 heifers	655 14.25
Leo French	Clay Co., Missouri	15 calves	204 13.50
E. C. Brown	Henry Co., Missouri	36 steers	862 12.00
Leo F. Collins	Franklin Co., Kan.	50 steers	946 12.00
Leo French	Clay Co., Missouri	24 calves	300 12.00
Chas. Burton	Johnson Co., Kansas	19 cows	1,201 11.25
T. E. Backus	Clay Co., Missouri	19 heifers	817 11.00
Paul Uhlmann	Johnson Co., Kansas	12 heifers	574 10.25
Roy Mizner	Clay Co., Missouri	14 cows	1,001 10.00
John A. Baunrucker	Russell Co., Kansas	15 heifers	712 10.00
Jos. Jacobs	Russell Co., Kansas	13 heifers	618 9.25
G. M. Anderson	Grundy Co., Missouri	13 steers	557 9.00
G. M. Anderson	Grundy Co., Missouri	13 heifers	525 9.00
G. E. Force	Wyandotte Co., Kan.	37 heifers	607 9.00
G. J. Wright	Jackson Co., Missouri	22 cows	718 8.60
G. E. Force	Wyandotte Co., Kan.	39 cows	917 8.00
F. J. Greer	Douglas Co., Kansas	11 cows	760 7.35
Leo French	Clay Co., Missouri	18 cows	727 7.00
Roy Mizner	Clay Co., Missouri	28 cows	842 6.40
Chas. Burton	Johnson Co., Kansas	62 cows	676 6.25

## Market Letter

from the

Farmers Union Livestock Commission,  
South St. Joseph, Mo.

Bulk of good and choice fed steers cleared readily at 15.00 to 16.75, with a scattering of warmed-up and short-fed kinds 13.00 to 14.75, bulk of medium and good wintered grass steers 13.75 to 14.25, common and medium grassers ranged 10.00 to 13.50, cutter and lightweight Mexicans sold down to \$8.65.

Grain fed yearlings are scarce, good and choice kinds at 25c or more higher for the week, best mixed yearlings brought 16.65, bulk of good and choice fed mixed yearlings, and heifers 15.00 to 16.65, medium to good kinds mostly 13.00 to 14.75, light grass heifers down to \$8 and below. Grassy yearlings were slow, weak to 25c lower, with the cutters kind very hard to move. Cows are about steady with last week's late close, a few good cows \$11.50 to 12.25, bulk of beef cows 8.00 to 11.00, canners and cutters mostly 6.00 to 7.50, with a good many shelly kind of canners 5.00 to 5.50. Bulls are closing fully 50c or more lower and very slow at

the decline, bulk of bologna bulls 7.50 to 10.50, with 8.00 to 8.50 buying a good per cent of medium weight kind on the close, a few good beef bulls up to 12.00.

There was a light supply of stockers and feeders on our market this week, market 25c higher.

The hog market today is steady, top \$14.50 on all good hogs 180-240 pounds. Top on sows 13.75 for all good sows 400 pounds and under, a few extra heavies 13.50 to 13.65; top on stags 13.75 and down.

Native lamb market good on best kinds, choice lambs 14.75, bulk good to choice 14.00 to 14.75. The market is mean on thinner classes, medium to good 12.50 to 14.00, culls 12.00 down. Top on old ewes to the packers \$3.25, heavy fat ewes from 4.00 to 4.50, some old canners down to 2.50.

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# KANSAS UNION FARMER

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## Central Co-op Capital Fund Up to \$7,750

St. Marys Association Sub-  
scribes \$1,000; Local  
Raises \$350

The KFU Central Co-operative's capital campaign to raise \$25,000 to finance its seed corn program was \$7,750 along the way as this edition of the paper went to press.

Since the last edition of the paper, checks for \$1,000 and for \$50 have been received from the Farmers Union Co-operative Association of St. Marys and Meade S. McMillan of Stafford, Kans., respectively.

Four members of the Kaw Valley local, at a meeting Friday, Aug. 4, subscribed \$350. They were C. B. Wilson, Frank Seele, George Seele and Richard Seele. Mr. Wilson, president of the local and a corn grower in the KFU hybrid seed corn program, believes that others in the Kaw Valley local will subscribe to enough Central Co-operative Certificates of Indebtedness to put that local high among the subscribers when the goal has been reached.

### Wilson a Grower

Mr. Wilson is a grower of bumper crops. One of his fields of hybrid last year (KFU 100) was the best field grown in the KFU program. He has in 60 acres of hybrid this year and is enthusiastic about the seed corn program. It is a long-needed service and is being developed on a sound basis, he believes.

The Kansas Farmers Union Board of Directors, meeting in Salina on Aug. 4, authorized purchase of \$4,000 of the Certificates of Indebtedness to take up accounts now payable by the Central Co-operative to the state organization. This \$4,000 includes \$700 paid for the Farmers Union franchise to write insurance for Lumberman's mutual, \$300 cash, \$500 loaned in January to finance the seed program, \$500 to underwrite the first year's deficit, and approximately \$2,000 of salary and expenses of President E. K. Dean, devoted to the seed program and owed to the state union by the Co-operative.

The purchase of \$4,000 Certificates of Indebtedness practically balance the accounts between the state union and the co-operative.

### "Seeing Is Believing"

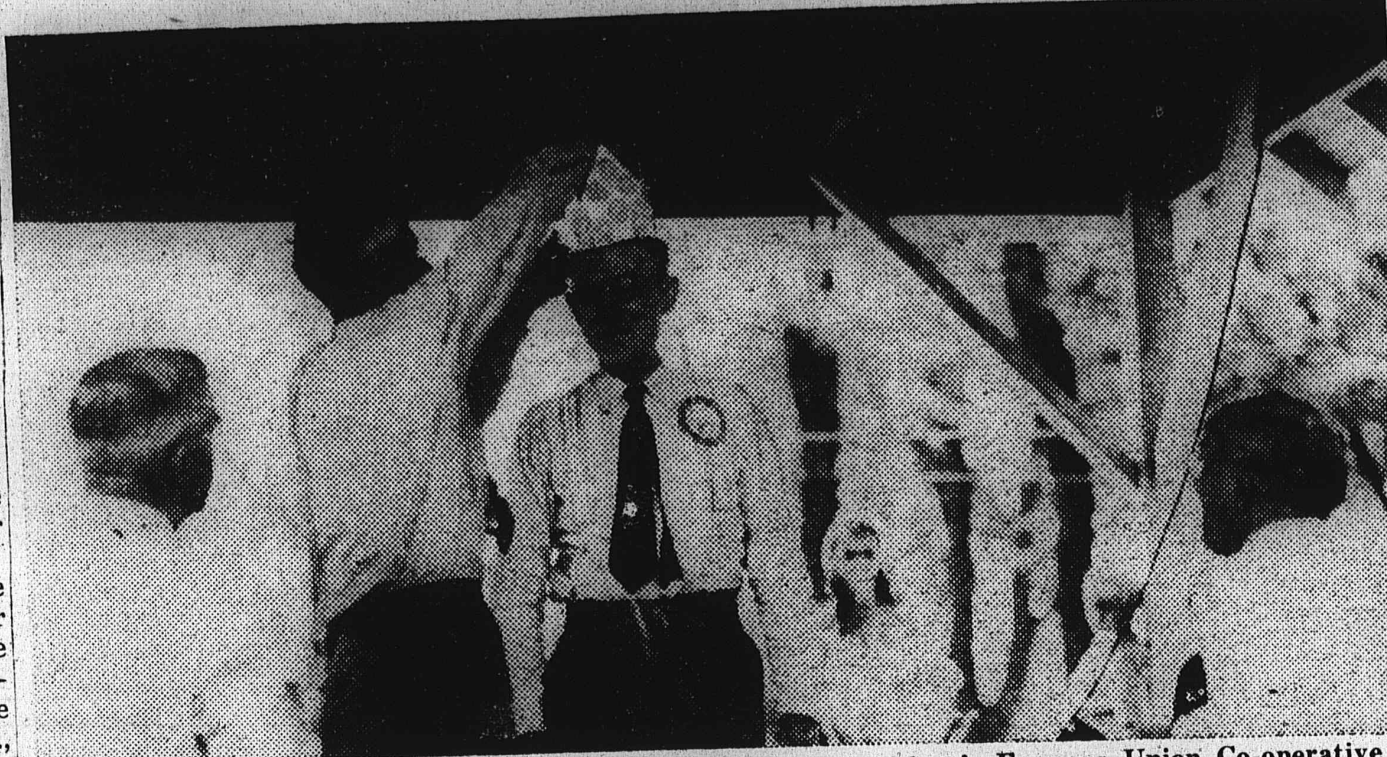
"One of the very significant facts about the early subscriptions to the co-operative's capital is that a large portion have come from St. Marys, Kansas, where the hybrid seed corn program is being closely watched by the members, officers and directors of the Farmers Unions and the co-operative association," says President E. K. Dean. "They obviously have confidence in the success of the program, after watching it develop, for \$3,050 has been subscribed in the community. This includes the \$1,000 subscriptions of Henry Otto, a corn grower, and the co-operative association; \$200 subscribed by individual directors of the association, and \$850 pledged at two local meetings by the locals and individuals within them.

"Mr. Meade McMillan's subscription, from Stafford, Kansas, is proof that there is interest in the program outside the corn area, and in the wheat area."

### Who Can Buy

Mr. Meade's subscription is the

## THE CO-OPERATOR IS KING!



Julius Immenschuh, who has been president of the St. Mary's Farmers Union Co-operative Business Association since 1920 is shown here as he was crowned with a crown of 25 silver dollars—symbolic of the 25th anniversary of the co-op—at the St. Mary's co-operators' celebration August 3. John Pearl, secretary of the St. Mary's organization, places the crown. Mr. Clarence Yocum, manager, and Fred Grieshaber, director of the organization, look on. Mr. Immenschuh is wearing a large pasteboard replica of the Farmers Union pin, presented him earlier by Mrs. Billy Wild during the singing of "On His Coat He Wears a Union Button," by the Juniors.

In presenting the crown to Mr. Immenschuh for the St. Mary's Farmers Union, Mr. Pearl said:

"Long before they had dollar a year men in Washington—25 years ago, lacking a few months—the Farmers Union at St. Marys hired a dollar a year man. After all these years without an income in salary he is just as enthusiastic, gets up a little earlier and works a little later in the interests of the Farmers Union, the family type farm and our own local organization."

"Now I consider it a privilege and an honor on behalf of the directors of the local organization to place this crown on a man who has been our No. 1 director and for almost 25 years our president—Julius Immenschuh."

For story and pictures of the St. Mary's Silver Anniversary celebration, turn to pages 4 and 5.

## On State Staff



Mrs. Rollo Henningsen, above, is now assistant to Esther Ekblad Voorhies, state director of education. Mr. Henningsen is employed by KFU Central Co-operative. Exchange and they are now making their home in Salina.

## Group Studies KFU By-Laws

Members of the KFU Board of Directors and the By-Laws committee joined in a day's discussion of Kansas Farmers Union constitution and by-laws at Salina Saturday, Aug. 5, to make a preliminary study of revisions.

John Vesecky, Ray Henry and Orville Tennant constitute the by-laws committee.

The present constitution and by-laws were studied section by section and desirable changes discussed. Members of the committee will now each study the proposed changes and drafts of changes, and then meet again prior to the state convention to adopt recommendations to the convention.

A division of the KFU basic laws into a two-part Constitution, which can be amended only by referendum, and by-laws, which could be amended by the convention is under consideration.

## Mrs. Henningsen Joins Education Division of KFU

Mrs. Ruby Henningsen, Education Director of Jewell county, started work Aug. 1 in the Education Department as assistant to Mrs. Esther Voorhies. Mrs. Henningsen will assist in the office and in the field, meeting with Farmers Union Locals.

Mrs. Henningsen is known by many Kansas Farmers Union members. She has been a faithful attendant at camps and conventions. She has proved her ability by her contributions to the Farmers Union program in her own county. She has effectively conducted a Junior program, including a county camp last summer. In addition to education duties she recently served as secretary of her own local.

### Cited In "Unsung"

A column for County Leaders "The Unsung" in the National Union Farmer featured Mrs. Henningsen a year ago. To make this introduction more complete we quote the column:

"Coming from generations of farmers has given Ruby Henningsen a clear perception of both the dark days and the glorious days of farm life. Because of these experiences her capable hand knows no peer in directing the Farmers Union youth group in Jewell County, Kansas.

"Before her marriage Mrs. Henningsen taught in rural schools. After their marriage, she and her husband, with the help of the Farm Security Administration, purchased their farm equipment and livestock. Harmon Guard, then a Kansas organizer, introduced them to the Farmers Union organization and within a short time they felt sure they had joined the 'right' farm organization.

### Husband With Co-op

"Mrs. Henningsen began her Farmers Union work as Junior leader of her local. Two years later she was appointed County Education Director. She and her husband have worked side by side in helping to build the Union in Kansas. She believes 'The Farmers Union can become one of the greatest benefactors the common people have ever had.'"

The Henningsens will make their home in Salina as Mr. Henningsen is being employed by the K.F.U. Central Co-operative, at present in the detasseling of hybrid seed corn.

## Gives Boost to KFU Central Co-operative Finance

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This \$1,000 check from the Farmers Union Co-operative Business Association of St. Marys, Kansas, which has 25 years of successful co-operation behind it, gave a big boost to the capital drive of KFU Central Co-operative Exchange. It is for Certificates of Indebtedness and is the second \$1,000 subscription to the certificates. Henry Otto of St. Marys individually subscribed \$1,000. Farmers Union members, Farmers Union locals and Farmers Union co-operatives are all co-operating to spread co-operation by helping to subscribe the finances for the new KFU enterprise.