

THE PRESIDENT IS DEAD

The news has come that President Franklin D. Roosevelt is dead as this edition of the Kansas Union Farmer is being made up.

There is one outstandingly important thing for People—common people—everywhere to fix firmly in their minds.

THEY MUST BE READY TO STAND ON THEIR OWN FEET AND FIGHT THEIR OWN BATTLES AT ALL TIMES.

They have lost a great and powerful friend. They have lost the man to whom the unemployed turned in their hunger. They have lost the man to whom farmers turned for relief when they had no recourse other than Farm Holidays, Production Strikes, bankruptcy, despondency and finally the almost animalistic life of the Joads, the migrants on the land. Yes, they have also lost the man to whom our greatest financiers turned to avoid an economic cataclysm that might have changed our form of government. And they have also lost the man upon whom not just millions of people, but actually hundreds of millions of people, depended to bring about a lasting peace.

The leader is gone, and the prop upon which so many little people leaned to protect their interests has suddenly been withdrawn from them.

We shall learn in the months ahead if they—the common people—have become strong enough to win the causes for which they all too often let Franklin Delano Roosevelt fight alone.

The fights can be won. Vice President Harry Truman has done many outstanding services in his public career. He has displayed great statesmanship. He may well rise to the heights of statesmanship and leadership that Roosevelt attained. But the common people of the United States, and the world, will be foolish if they ever again place the reliance in a single man that millions placed in the President, expecting him, alone and with little popular aid, to accomplish virtually impossible tasks.

Peace—real peace—is not a set of treaties, nor an international organization, nor a lot of good intentions. It is something that can spring only from the people themselves; it is a way of life, a way of thinking and of living.

Progress toward a humane world, the Four Freedoms and a good life require far more than a single great leader, but a readiness of the great majority of all the people to fight, not only on battlefields during a war crisis but also on every day of their lives within their ordinary existence, for a better world.

With President Roosevelt gone, people must, as never before, press for real Peace, the Freedoms and the better life, as individuals and through their organizations, with every implement they have at hand.

No greater memorial can be built for a great leader who has passed than for the people, by their own intensity, to see that the fine things for which he stood are brought to pass.

Senator Reed Wrong Again on MVA

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FUJA Starts Kansas' First Co-op Soy Mill

Plant at Girard, Kans., Put Into Operation at End of March; Large Capacity

By JOHN VESECKY

The first co-operative soy bean oil mill in Kansas, owned by Farmers Union Jobbing Association, was put into operation the last week in March.

Ted Belden, merchandising manager of FUJA, spent most of the final week in March in Girard, helping to get ready for the machinery to start. On Friday, March 30, General Manager H. E. Witham also went to Girard and was present when operations began.

Mr. Witham and Mr. Belden report that the factory representative present at the beginning of operations said that we have one of the finest installations he has yet seen. All the work on the building and on the foundations for the machinery and the installation of the machinery was done in fine workman-like manner and the whole job is a credit to the contractor, the Ernst Engineering Co., and to Ted Belden and Local Manager Frey, who had most to do with getting the installations made.

Kansas Starts First Program To Stop Cancer

The 1945 Session of the Kansas State Legislature has appropriated funds which make possible the establishment of a Division of Cancer Control in the Kansas State Board of Health. For the first time in the history of the state, an official public health program will be instituted to reduce needless deaths from cancer. This disease has been taking the lives of more than two thousand persons annually in Kansas—half of these lives could have been saved. We now look forward to lowering the rank of cancer as a cause of death, by a more intensive program of public information than has been possible in the past.—Board of Health News Letter.

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Governor Schoeppel Puts Heat on Legislature And Forces Tax on Gasoline Used on Farms

How State Legislators Voted on Gasoline Tax

REPRESENTATIVES VOTING FOR THE BILL AND AGAINST FARMERS:

Edwin F. Abels, Lawrence
H. D. Arend, Beloit
Paul B. Bailey, Hiawatha
Herb J. Barr, Leoti
Fred S. Beatty, Vermillion
Rich. L. Becker, Coffeyville
Jay T. Botts, Coldwater
J. A. Brown, Edmond
Dale M. Bryant, Wichita
Thomas M. Bryden, Pratt
T. R. Cauters, Ashland
H. W. Cramer, LaCrosse
F. F. Dietrich, Fort Scott
G. L. Dunn, Arkansas City
L. H. Dunton, Arcadia
A. D. Elder, Stark
W. R. Flanders, Ellsworth
John S. Foley, Kansas City
E. J. Foote, Ottawa
W. W. Fowler, Augusta
L. M. Gibson, Pottsburg
M. E. Gilman, Leavenworth
Dick Golden, Goodland

C. B. Goodell, Lincoln
Dan W. Goodrick, Admire
Chris C. Green, Courtland
F. L. Hagaman, Kansas City
A. B. Haubold, Bolton
J. A. Hinkinson, Bigelow
J. A. Hinkinson, Dighton
J. A. Holmstrom, Randolph
Hugh L. Hook, Sabetha
Ralph M. Hope, Atchison
Francis Jacobs, Phillipsburg
Emil Kleihorn, Cambridge
Guy Lamer, Iola
J. L. Lattimore, Topeka
L. C. Long, Abilene
C. A. Marrs, Meade
Geo. L. Maser, Parsons
Vern R. Mayo, Garden City
J. E. McBrain, Leavenworth
K. F. McFarland, Chase
W. F. McGinnis, Eldorado
C. R. Mong, Neodesha
Elmer S. Nance, Oswego

R. T. Patterson, Columbus
I. M. Platt, Junction City
Thomas B. Powell, Larned
J. D. Robinson, Pleasanton
W. H. Sellens, Russell
Paul R. Shanahan, Salina
G. I. Shellenberger, Ransom
R. E. Smith, Marysville
J. P. Snare, Washington
J. E. Sullivan, Neosho Falls
Les. Thomson, White Cloud
Wm. Towers, Kansas City
B. O. Weaver, Mulvane
Lee Weeks, Boner Springs
W. H. White, Council Grove
C. A. Williams, Bentley
E. E. Woods, Independence
Linn T. Woods, Newton
Ray T. Wright, Lawrence
C. D. Yetter, Ogallah
C. E. Youse, Baxter Sp'gs

Senators Voting For the Bill and Against Farmers:

Roy F. Bailey, Salina
Steadman Ball, Atchison
W. A. Barron, Phillipsburg
Marc Boss, Columbus
Ben F. Bowers, Ottawa
E. A. Briles, Stafford
H. Buzick, Jr., Sylvan Grove
J. A. Cassler, McPherson
Wilfred Cavaness, Chanute
Rolla W. Coleman, Mission
B. E. Collard, Leavenworth
Elmer Columbia, Parsons
Alfred H. Harkness, Hays
Hal E. Harlan, Manhattan
A. J. Herrod, Kansas City
John H. Lehman, Abilene
L. W. Mahon, Yates Center
F. J. McCue, Eureka
H. A. Newcomb, Fort Scott
R. C. Woodward, Eldorado

Senators Voting Against the Bill and For Farmers:

A. J. Cripe, Pittsburg
Neil Fuller, Beloit
Barton Griffith, Topeka
Ralph Perkins, Howard
Milton Poland, Sabetha
Buell Scott, Johnson
J. F. Swoyer, Oskaloosa
M. VanDeMark, Concordia
Alvin Wight, Antelope

Those Absent or Not Voting:

John A. Ething, Kinsley
Elmer E. Euwer, Goodland
Wm. A. Kahrs, Wichita
R. MacGregor, Med. Lodge
Roy V. Nelson, Hiawatha
John Potucek, Wellington
G. Templar, Arkansas City
B. Woodman, Independence
Paul R. Wunsch, Kingman

Those Absent or Not Voting:

E. E. Lake, Medicine Lodge
F. B. Ross, Emporia
Wm. Ward, Mankato

THOSE VOTING AGAINST THE BILL AND FOR FARMERS:

Howard Adams, Maple Hill
Sylv. Baringer, Westphalia
Guy Barnes, Milton
A. H. Bennett, Coolidge
Ralph Bolinger, Bucklin
K. A. Bush, Harper
E. C. Bussing, Lawrence
W. E. Chisholm, Roxbury
Will R. Christian, Ulysses
E. C. Crofoot, Matfield G'n
Clair Curry, Tribune
E. D. Dennis, Sublette
Clayton C. Diehl, Oberlin
Joseph M. Eves, Lakin
A. H. Fisher, Selden
Frank M. Fisher, Paola
Joe A. Fox, St. John
Arthur Gift, Fort Scott
John W. Gordon, Hill City
C. E. Hadley, Kingman
A. C. Hancock, St. Francis

U. E. Heckert, Tescott
C. T. Henderson, Atwood
Henry F. Herrman, Hays
W. F. Hubbard, Hugoton
Andrew Johnson, Sedan
O. E. Josseland, Johnson
W. P. Kirkham, Wallace
A. H. Knoepfel, Colony
Aug. W. Lauterbach, Colby
Albert Lovitt, Quinter
C. J. Lutz, Sharon Springs
Harold Malone, Sedgwick
J. H. Mayhew, Trousdale
Frank E. Miller, Langdon
R. Montgomery, Montezuma
I. E. Nickell, Smith Center
Leo Paulsen, Concordia
J. A. Ramsey, South Haven
Ralph Rinker, Great Bend
W. S. Robinson, Topeka

Fred Rumford, Jetmore
W. W. Ryan, Clay Center
Albert E. Smith, Elkhart
C. A. Smith, Topeka
Forrest Stamper, Plainville
H. A. Storer, Alton
Glenn S. Strickler, Ramona
Laurence Turner, Moline
Chas. Vance, Liberal
Geo. Welschaar, Scott City
Emmett White, Effingham
B. E. Wiggins, Eureka
E. P. Yust Hutchinson

Budget Fund "Victory" Month Set for May: Kansas Contributions Now Total \$695

Total contributions from Kansas to the Kansas and National Farmers Union Budget Fund have jumped to \$695.75 as of April 10—but the state is still behind last year's total and its goal.

Here are Kansas Farmers Union Budget Fund contributions to date:

Erwin D. Goodson	1.50
Wm. E. Roesch	2.00
Esther Voorhies	50.00
John Shirley	11.50
Wheaton Slyter	6.50
Parsons Local No. 1304	101.20
Fanney Pickering	15.00
Bob Laubengayer	1.00
Waterville Grain Co.	10.00
Aurora Co-op Association	25.00
F. U. Co-op, Clifton	25.00
Headquarters Local No. 2133	62.00

Allen Center Local No. 2155	5.00
Excelsior Local No. 606	10.00
C. W. Emlg	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bartlett	1.00
North Side Local No. 1061	25.00
Haves Local No. 864	2.00
Elevation Local No. 1916	30.05
Corn Valley Local No. 2201	25.00
East Wolf Local No. 726	50.00
Rose Hill Local No. 601	16.00
Buckeye Local No. 1031	5.00
A. W. Ekblad	5.00
Hilding Olson	3.00
Walnut Grove Local No. 973	6.25
Little Wolf Local No. 1376	3.00
John Frost	5.00
Turkey Creek, Kaw Valley, Cross Creek, Pleasant View, Sandy Hook Locals	151.75
Fairview Local No. 2154	5.00
Johnstown Local No. 749	45.00
Sherwood Local No. 1158	5.00
TOTAL	\$695.75

Forgets Pledge To Let Solons Vote Own Way

Governor Schoeppel, in the closing days of the 1945 Legislature, took it upon himself to force through a bill placing one cent per gallon tax on all gasoline, including non-highway used gasoline, to raise funds to carry out the state's part in building highways in a funds matching program with the Federal government.

This was one of the hottest issues in the Kansas Legislature this year, and could not possibly have been passed without executive pressure. Governor Schoeppel, in his campaign for re-election last fall, was very vociferous in his opposition to executive pressure on the Legislative branches of government, but all of that proved only campaign oratory when he made up his mind to force through a tax on farm gasoline to help build the Super-Duper highways outlined by the State Highway Department.

No Rural Roads

The Governor, as well as all other proponents of the bill were very careful in their news releases and statements to the press to always include the statement "farm-to-market" roads, but as has been stated in the KANSAS UNION FARMER on two different occasions their interpretations of farm-to-market roads is a great deal different from the farmers' interpretation of farm-to-market roads. Farm people were led to believe that a substantial amount of this money would come back to the county and would be used for providing good roads from their

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Farm Organizations Become Real Factor in Legislation

Lost One Fight Only in Recent Gen. Assembly

(The following report, by Clyde W. Coffman, legislative representative of the Committee of Kansas Farm Organizations, sums up on the recently adjourned session of the Kansas General Assembly.)

GENERAL LEGISLATIVE SITUATION: In line with other wartime thinking, there was a general feeling at the opening of the session that emergency legislation should be considered, appropriations made and adjournment brought about in record time. Action was very slow and cautious in the first weeks, but with the introduction of many highly controversial bills the later weeks were filled with spirited contention and bitterness which delayed final adjournment to the extent that it was one of the longest and most expensive sessions in the history of the state.

CO-OPERATIVE LEGISLATION: For many months before the session started, Karl Kennedy, editor of the KANSAS BUSINESS magazine, had been spreading propaganda among legislators personally and by his press connections in support of his claim that "Co-operatives paid no tax," so it was no surprise when "co-operative tax" became one of the contests of the session.

Bill No. 164, by Strickler of Marion, Holmstrom of Riley and Smith of Shawnee, and Senate Bill No. 170, by Senators Harkness and Perkins, companion bills, provided for amending the Kansas Income Tax law to the effect that earnings of co-operatives would be taxable to the co-operative in bulk rather than to the stockholder at his normal rate, as banks are taxed.

Discussions at committee hearings and in hotel lobbies brought out very plainly that these bills were not promoted as measures to increase the revenue funds of Kansas but to be used as propaganda in efforts to secure similar amendments to the Internal Revenue Act. Numerous public hearings were held at which heated discussion brought out questions of stock value, impounded refunds and many other angles foreign to the question of state revenue and which substantiated our claim that it was the co-operative principle that was under fire and not lack of revenue.

Your committee sponsored two dinners to which all legislators were invited for the purpose of furnishing the members information on the subject, also numerous small dinner gatherings for the purpose of contacting key men and committee members.

Counter Proposal

In all of these meetings your legislative representative was very ably assisted by Sen. C. A. Richard, of the Co-operative Council and other co-operative leaders, including Jimmie Dean, of Dodge City, and John Briggs, of Protection, both of whom spent a week with us.

Failing to kill these bills in their respective committees, we carried the fight to the legislative halls where the Senate passed its bill with a constitutional majority only and the House bill was killed in Committee of the Whole without a record vote.

As a counter proposition, a Concurrent Resolution, sponsored by our friends, and providing for two years' study of co-operative practices by the Legislative Council was passed. The sensation of this fight occurred on March 8, the day following the passage of the co-operative tax amendment

Kansas Episode Shows Need For Organization of Farmers

It takes the farmers themselves to do the job!

This "moral" is rattling all around the country as the result of the effective way in which Kansas farmers buried the co-operative tax bill in the last legislature after it had passed the senate and was scheduled to pass the house.

Although the daily press suppressed the story, it is now known throughout the nation as a demonstration of need for organized farmers—not just professional representatives.

M. W. Thatcher, general manager of Farmers Union Grain Terminals Association of St. Paul, in a recent speech in North Dakota, said he was convinced that co-operatives will not succeed unless they are part of a total organization.

Failure of the old Equity co-operatives, after they had divorced themselves from their parent farm organization, he said, convinced him—and that is why he insisted that Farmers Union be built when he agreed to manage a new regional co-operative to be built out of the receivership of the Equity Exchange.

by the Senate with a bare constitutional majority, when several hundred enthusiastic and loyal co-operators exercised their constitutional right to "approach their seat of government" and make their wishes known to their democratically elected representatives.

HIGHWAYS AND GAS TAX: After other highway bills had fallen by the wayside for lack of support, the Senate Roads and Highways Committee brought out Senate Bill No. 306. (See the vote and story on this elsewhere in this paper.)

The new law provides for the matching of Federal Highway funds by issuing anticipation warrants and that these warrants shall be retired from funds received from a one-cent tax on all highway, industrial, aeronautical and agricultural gasolines, this being the first state tax ever levied on tractor gasoline for highway purposes. The promise was generally made that this was a measure to provide "farm to market" roads but the requirements of the Federal Government on the use of funds so matched make the probabilities very remote that any of this tractor gas tax money will ever reach such roads as we apply the term "farm to market." This measure does, however, create a very serious menace to the agricultural gas exemption law that calls for the constant and diligent vigilance of the agricultural groups.

After this bill passed the senate also with a bare constitutional majority, it appeared, as discussed in hotel lobbies, to be hopelessly "bogged down" in the agricultural House of Representatives and would have been decisively defeated in the lower House but for the administration pressure put behind it.

The Speaker of the House, majority floor leader, and many members openly pleaded on the floor for support of the bill because it was the Governor's bill and deserved support as such. On final roll call it received but 3 votes over a constitutional majority and then with explanation of vote going so far as to admit voting for it, only because of promise and being opposed both as to the principle of it and the way it was "forced" through the House. I again call to your attention the votes and explanations in the Senate and House Journals as referred to in above statement and trust you will not fail to give due credit to the 55 representatives who, under pressure, stood as loyally by our contention that agricultural gasoline should not be taxed for highway purposes.

INSURANCE — The intro-

duction of measures to give the Insurance Department control of premiums charged for statutory compelled surety, fidelity and also casualty insurance and the bill placing a 2% premium tax on domestic companies as a state revenue measure, created one of the four most controversial classifications of legislation for the session just passed.

The fight for control of surety rates ended a legislative controversy of 19 years' standing and vindicated the contention of those who believe that when the state requires such bonds of gasoline distributors and officers down to school districts it should also put a ceiling on rates charged such involuntary customers.

OTHER LEGISLATION—The wheat variety analysis bill, House Bill No. 250, aimed at discouraging the production of poor baking wheat, lacked two votes of passing the House. House Bill No. 292, known as the "marketing bill" passed without compulsory grading provision and to be administered by the State College at Manhattan.

An attempt to put all farm trucks used occasionally for hire, under regulation, insurance and ton mile tax failed.

The bill to appropriate funds supplementing gifts for a 4-H camp was amended to authorize the State Board of Regents to receive gifts and select a site for the legislature of 1947.

The Industrial Alcohol bill supported by the committee as beneficial to grain growers of Kansas was passed with no serious opposition.

The grain tax law was amended to a minimum of 50 cents tax.

The bill known as the "Loan Shark" bill, authorizing 42% per annum interest on loans under \$300.00 was killed in the House by a substantial vote.

A bill to legalize the practice of osteopathic physicians passed the house but was killed in a Senate Committee.

CONCLUSION—The session just closed has brought farm organizations into the Kansas legislative picture more definitely and effectively than ever before. This is not only true as to strictly legislative controversies but around the counsel tables we have been treated with the greatest of courtesy and have had a full measure of consideration both from state officials and representatives of other major groups.

On most of our controversial interests we have been on the defensive and we have the consolation that we met but one defeat, and then only by the power of a popular Governor with a one-

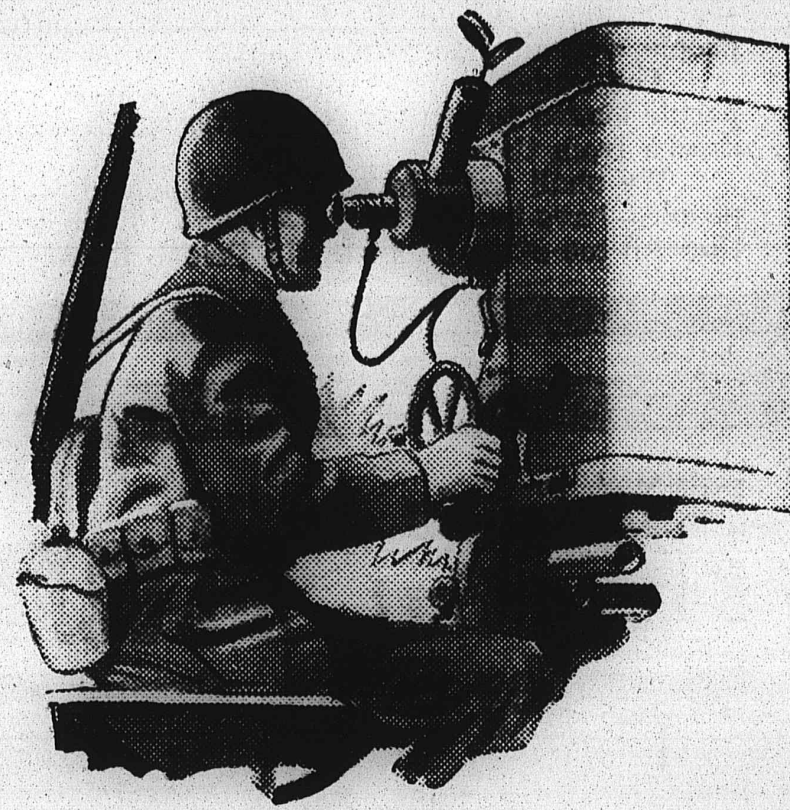
sided legislature and a record of never before having openly asked for legislation.

The arrangement by which we worked with the Co-operative Council and the Executive Manager of that organization became Special Assistant Legislative Representative of the Committee of Kansas Farm Organizations has been most congenial and the success of our mutual interest with

the handicap of getting off to the start speaks for itself.

The reasons for continuation and possibly expansion of our efforts have been so evident in this session that it is unnecessary for me to make recommendations on the subject.

With the ending of the war, I do recommend that headquarter facilities be enlarged and that an effort be made to secure a man stenographer and assistant.



FROM GUN DIRECTORS TO FARM TELEPHONES



Sharpshooting with anti-aircraft guns seems pretty remote from telephone

science—yet Bell telephone research created an "electrical brain" that gives deadly aim to sky-pointing gunners. One gun in Normandy, controlled by the Western Electric gun director, bagged a Nazi plane in only three shots.

The same expert telephone research that developed the electrical gun director has already found new ways to extend and improve farm telephone service. Practical telephone men are busy right now planning how best to use those new ideas.

They'll be ready to go when the wartime telephone job eases up.

SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE CO.



Senator Reed Sneers at TVA—But Tennessee Economy Has Gained As Kansas Falls Behind

Senator Clyde Reed (R. Kan.), is the latest U. S. Senator to sneer at the Tennessee Valley Authority, to deride it as a possible model for Missouri Valley or Arkansas Valley Authorities for Kansas benefit, and to come out in defense of the Power Trust.

Said Senator Reed: "TVA is the most over-advertised government agency. . . . We did not have to have TVA come along and start a program of soil conservation for Kansas. . . . So far as their (TVA) soil program is concerned it is admirable when utilized in an area where the soil has been dreadfully abused, and agriculture has been sadly backward."

He added: "There is entirely too much mush being spilled around about TVA and REA, and I think it is a lesson we

can take to heart that 60 per cent of the farms of the U. S. get electricity from private corporations and only about 40 per cent from REA."

Kansas vs. Tennessee

So let's dig up the figures which will compare Mr. Reed's home state of Kansas with Tennessee, the central state of the TVA region:

Farm tenancy if it decreases is the best possible index of a healthy and growing agriculture. Increase in farm tenancy is a sign that agriculture is declining and rotting:

Between 1930 and 1940 farm tenancy DECREASED in Tennessee from 46 to 40 per cent of all farms. In the same years it INCREASED in Kansas from 42 to 45 per cent.

There is less tenancy now in Tennessee, where according to Senator

Reed "agriculture has been sadly backward," than there is in his own Kansas.

Decline vs. Increase

Between 1934 and 1944, electrified farms increased 300 per cent in Kansas—from 13,783 to 41,200. Between the same years they increased in Tennessee from 9,927 to 61,700, or 534 per cent.

In Tennessee the total value of manufactures INCREASED between 1929 and 1939, from \$687,000,000 to \$728,000,000. In Kansas the total value of manufactures DECREASED from 1929 to 1939, from \$722,000,000 to \$464,000,000.

Salaries and wages paid in industry INCREASED in Tennessee, from 1929 to 1939—from \$132,000,000 to \$137,000,000. In Kansas they DECREASED—from \$69,000,000 to \$49,000,000.

Electrical energy produced in Tennessee in 1940 was almost two and one-half times that of 1930—increasing from 1,037,000,000 kilowatt hours to 2,453,000,000. In Kansas the increase was only

from 1,014,000,000 KWH in 1930 to 1,399,000,000 in 1940.

Tennessee Ahead

Tennessee GAINED 300,000 people between 1930 and 1940. Kansas LOST 79,000—and it has continued to lose since.

Kansas reported \$219,921,000 in personal income to the U. S., in 1929, only \$180,456,000 in 1939. Tennesseans reported \$213,576,000 in 1929—it was up to \$253,495,000 in 1939!

Kansas bought \$799,000,000 worth of goods at retail in 1929 but could buy only \$473,000,000 worth in 1940. Tennesseans bought \$650,000,000 worth in 1929, \$606,000,000 worth in 1940.

Kansas had a total income of \$996,000,000 in 1929, dropped to \$974,000,000 in 1941. Tennesseans had total income of \$906,000,000 in 1929, went away up to \$1,194,000,000 in 1941.

Senator Clyde Reed of Kansas may be satisfied with this comparative picture of progress and prosperity. But we doubt his constituents are.

Schools Make Progress in 1945 Legislative Acts

State to Assist When Tax Levy Is Not Enough

The close of the legislative session found important bills passed affecting elementary schools, high schools, and the State Department of Education.

An important phase of the new elementary school law is reorganization. Before June 1 the County Commissioners in every county must appoint five members to a reorganization committee, and the committee appointed must have a plan of reorganization completed in three years, or with special permission, not later than December 31, 1948. An important provision on this is that three of the committee members must be from rural areas.

An immediate job of the committee is to get all property attached to live districts. Any district that has held no school for a year must by March 1, 1946, be made a part of another district.

STATE HELP

The new elementary law provides for a 4-mill district levy. The state will give aid up to \$1,000 for one-teacher schools having 10 or more pupils if the 4 mills plus other revenues such as intangible tax, sales tax residue, dog taxes, etc., are less than the \$1,000. There is also a guarantee of \$5.00 per month for each pupil who lives over 3 miles from the school house of the district, or for children who must attend school outside the district and travel over 3 miles.

There are also financial guarantees for two-or-more-teacher schools.

The high school measure passed repeals the Barnes Law, the Tuition Law, and the special high school laws that have been passed from time to time to help various counties. The Community High School Law is unchanged.

With this new law, high school pupils may attend any high school in the county or outside without permission or tuition. The only requirement is that the student register with the county superintendent of his own county.

COUNTY LEVY

There will be a county levy. That will be sufficient to pay each school \$125 per pupil for the first 100 pupils; \$110 for 101 to 200; \$95 for 201 to 300, and on to still further graduations.

In addition to the county funds the district may levy up to the usual limit, without including the county levy in the limit. Tuition for pupils attending from outside districts will be paid the school through the county funds.

The State Department of Education is getting its face lifted. Bills were passed raising the salary of the superintendent, and making appropriations for the department. Of much importance are the changes that came through Senate Bill No. 276. It raises the qualifications for the State Superintendent of Schools. Among other requirements he must hold the highest teaching certificate issued by the state, have at least five years teaching experience, and at the time of election must be currently employed as an instructor or administrator in a Kansas school system.

LAY BOARD

The State Board of Education, which has been predominantly teachers, will now be a lay board of seven members. The board will serve in an advisory capacity to the state superintendent; all administrative functions will be solely in the hands of the superintendent. This is a change in that the present board has handled some administrative duties.

One of the carry-over activities for the new board will be the adoption of textbooks from the lists prepared by Elementary, Junior High, and Senior High School Textbook Advisory Committees.

ALTERNATE BOOKS

A new provision is that there may be multiple adoption of textbooks. That is, more than one book can be adopted by the State Board for any one subject. This adds flexibility in books used and is looked upon as a progressive step. Along with multiple adoption, comes a lifting of the requirement that all textbooks used in elementary schools must be printed in the State Printing Plant. The new law states that if the State Board cannot find satisfactory texts that are available from publishing companies for state printing, the board can adopt textbooks printed by private companies.

One of the school failures in the Legislature is that no emergency school law was passed to tide over financially the next couple of years. A bill for direct emergency state aid was killed in the House Education Committee, and a later proposal for higher levies also died in committee. The latter in our opinion seemed to be a bad approach to

Five Locals Join to Raise \$151.75 Fund

The five Farmers Union Locals in the St. Marys community held another very successful budget fund program this year on Monday evening, April 2. The five locals participating in the funds raising program which was in the form of a dance were the Pleasant View, Kaw Valley, Sandy Hook, Turkey Creek and Cross Creek Locals.

The President of each of these Locals served as the committee in charge of the budget fund program, with A. T. Rezac, president of the Turkey Creek local, serving as chairman of the committee. The presidents of all the locals, as well as the other officers of the locals, were all on hand at the dance Monday evening to help out with the program in any way they could to make it the success it turned out to be.

The dance took in a gross of \$262.59, from which had to be deducted \$110.84 expense and taxes leaving a balance to be contributed to the Budget Fund of \$151.75. This is better than \$30 for each of the five locals.

emergency aid. Why should it be considered aid, if school districts already taxed to the limit, simply be given the privilege to tax themselves still heavier?

Progress was made for schools in this legislative session. Now with the continued perseverance of parents, teachers, and all interested citizens, Kansas can have the best in public school education. The immediate job ahead is to watch the appointments and the work of the Reorganization Committees. Talk it over in your meetings and suggest to the Commissioners the name of a Farmers Union member for service on the committee.

NFU Raising Fund to Start Auto Ins. Co.

The National Farmers Union has started raising \$200,000 for the capital fund of a new Farmers Union automobile insurance company.

The fund, which must be deposited in the form of government bonds or other sound securities with a State insurance commissioner, is being raised by state Farmers Unions throughout the nation. Subscriptions to the fund draw 4 per cent interest and are repayable in 5 years or before.

A new National FU auto insurance company will start business with an annual premium income in excess of \$100,000. Rocky Mountain FU has 4200 policies in force, underwritten in an established company in such a way they can be transferred to the new company quickly.

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Kaw Valley Local Discusses Dumbarton Oaks

Kaw Valley Local No. 1935 held its regular meeting at the Greenwood School house April 2.

Meeting was called to order by Mr. Wilson. It was opened by singing several songs. Minutes of previous meeting were accepted as read.

Everyone was urged to write

their Senator and Congressman and let them know how you feel about compulsory military training. The members also had some discussion on the Dumbarton Oaks proposals.

The four Locals are proud to turn over \$151.75 to our state organization for the funds raising program. The dance was well attended and successful.

Mrs. Sebring Rainers was program chairman for the evening. The Junior classes were appointed for the program for the next

meeting.

Mrs. George Seele reported that the Junior classes were off to a good start.

Lunch was served at a late hour. Sandwiches and coffee were be served at the next meeting May 4.—Irene Soelter, Reporter.

This war will end with us owning more and better tankers than we ever had—tankers capable of greater speeds, many of them with a capacity of 6,300,000 gallons each.

Carl Bohnert Heads No. 667

The first meeting of this year of the Farmers Union Local No. 667 was held at the East Buffalo Schoolhouse on March 30. The meeting was opened by the president and minutes of the last meeting read and approved.

The following officers were elected for 1945: Carl Bohnert, president; LeRoy Foulke, vice

president; Roy Carlton, Conductor-Doorkeeper; W. F. Burk, secretary; and Mrs. Carl Bohnert, educational director.

It was decided to hold the next meeting on the 20th of April, everyone is invited. Pie and coffee were served to the members after adjournment of the meeting.—Ed Carlton.

Male Ferrett at Stud. L. C. Peters, Box 56, Salina, Kans.—Adv.

No Runts among these grunts

A LOT of credit goes to our Agricultural Colleges and Experiment Stations where men spend their lives working out improved methods of breeding and feeding. For example, E. F. Ferrin, head of the swine division of the University of Minnesota, recently ran a feeding test with seven lots of pigs. He found that too small an amount of protein in the ration produces more runts, slower gains and less profit.

All pigs in the test started at an average weight of 50 pounds and were self-fed without pasture for 14 weeks. All seven lots received the same kind of protein supplement which was tankage and soybean meal in equal parts with 10% alfalfa meal to supply adequate amounts of B vitamins. Some lots got a high-protein ration (18% of the total feed); others were cut down to 15% and 12% protein. As pigs get heavier, they need less protein, so in some lots the amount of protein was reduced as they gained in weight. The best results came from an 18% protein ration until the pigs reached 100 pounds, and 15% protein after that weight. The hogs on low-protein rations made smaller gains and were more uneven in individual weights when the test ended. By just such careful experiments, the "know-how" of hog raising has reached its present efficiency.



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SULPHUR FOR LAMB COCCIDIOSIS

Coccidiosis in lambs may be successfully prevented by the addition of ground crude sulphur to their feed in proportions ranging from 1/2% to 1 1/2% of the ration, claims the Idaho Wool Growers Bulletin. Effectiveness of this sulphur treatment has been demonstrated by the U.S.D.A. working in cooperation with large lamb feeders, the report states.



CATFISH CAN'T RAISE CORN

Nature has equipped catfish with feelers so they can find their way about in muddy, silt-laden rivers. Most of that mud and silt is rich topsoil from once fertile farmlands. The type of soil that should still be producing 50 to 100 bushels of corn.

Catfish can't use that fertile mud to raise corn, and that's too bad. Because right now, America needs all the corn it can produce. There's no need to let catfish have any part of your farm. Your topsoil can be saved. Soil conservation practices hold the raindrops where they fall, control water erosion, stop gullyng, stabilize the soil. The Agricultural Extension Service of your State University will be glad to help you work out a special program to fit your farm.

Through soil conservation practices fertility is maintained, crops make better yields, carrying capacity of pastures is increased, more and cheaper feeds are provided for livestock. All this means more money in the farmer's pocket. Swift & Company believes that whatever helps livestock helps all of us—producer, meat packer and consumer. To you as a producer, we earnestly suggest that an investigation of soil conservation land management may be worth your while.

F.M. Simpson.

Agricultural Research Dept.

Keep Your Cream Checks Up!

If you've noticed that the cream content of your milk goes down at this time of year, it may indicate that your dairy cows are not getting all the feed they need for heavy production. Those first blades of grass aren't as good as they look, for they won't give the cows all the proteins they require. So don't turn your dairy cattle out to graze and expect them to take care of all their feed requirements with early pasture.

Supplement their spring ration of grass with grain and protein supplement mixture, and hay... grain and protein supplement for milk production, hay for necessary roughage. This tonic is sure to put new spring in the step of an undernourished cow.

The best indication of contentment in the dairy herd is the butterfat test of your milk!

\$5 IDEA Salvage metal pails or tubs which have holes in the bottom by pouring in a half-inch of concrete. Let stand a week before using. Makes them a trifle heavier, but serviceable.
—Mrs. A. L. Miskimon, Wellsville, Kans.

SODA BILL SEZ: That you can't make fat hogs on slim rations. That money invested in War Bonds buys tanks today—tractors for you tomorrow!



A Martha Logan Recipe for PARTY-STYLE MEAT PIE

To serve four, buy 1/2 pound of table-ready meat loaf—either minced ham, New England cooked specialty or bologna. Dice. (Or, if you prefer, use 1 1/2 cups of cubed beef.) Mix 2 tablespoons flour with 1 teaspoon salt and dash of pepper. Dredge cubes of meat in flour mixture. Brown in 2 tablespoons of melted fat. Add 1 medium onion which has been diced, and brown. Combine with 1/2 cup each of cooked green peas and cooked sliced carrots. Cover with hot water or leftover gravy. Pour into a deep, wide casserole. Top with mashed potatoes. Bake in a hot oven (450° F.) about 20 minutes, or until potatoes are browned. Serve with a fresh fruit salad, hot rolls and dessert.

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LOST! A MILLION EXTRA ANNUAL MEAT RATIONS

Approximately 200 million pounds of meat a year are being wasted as a result of bruises, crippling and death losses of livestock in transit to market, according to H. R. Smith of the National Livestock Loss Prevention Board. This Board has found that all of us who have to do with the handling of livestock can help save much of this needed meat by following these simple rules:

1. Inspect chutes, trucks and cars for nails and rough corners.
2. Do not overload or jam animals. Partition mixed loads of livestock.
3. Never beat or prod with whips or clubs.
4. When trucking, start and stop with caution; watch for bumps, ruts and sharp curves.
5. Check your load frequently. Livestock shift in transit.

By observing these simple rules, we can all cooperate in cutting down this loss of a million extra meat rations a year; and we can help contribute to the nation the additional meat supplies which it needs so greatly right now!

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1. Keep first aid articles—tape, gauze, iodine, etc.—handy in a glass jar in the kitchen, workshop or barn. Also keep nuts, bolts, and nails assorted as to size in glass jars.
2. Use a salt shaker in planting small seeds in vegetable or flower gardens. They are distributed more evenly.

—Z. A. Dine, Borger, Texas

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Bill to Abolish Poll Tax Needs More Support

Measure Needs Backing of 45 Congressmen

When the House began its Easter recess Tuesday, 173 members had signed Discharge Petition No. 1 of the 79th Congress, designed to take H.R. 7, the Marcantonio bill to abolish poll taxes as a condition of voting, out of the hands of the House Committee on the Judiciary and bring it to the floor of the House for immediate consideration.

Signature of 218 members, a majority of all the members, is necessary.

A bi-partisan steering committee headed by George Bender, Republican representative at large from Ohio, is making every effort to obtain earliest possible consideration by the House in order to bring the bill to final

Rees Has Signed; Rep. Carlson Will

WASHINGTON—Congressman Rees of Kansas alone, among the state's representatives, has signed the petition to bring the poll tax bill to the House floor. Congressman Carlson advised Farmers Union offices in Washington that he will.

passage in this session. Passage by the House, once the bill is out of committee, is conceded by Washington observers on the basis of House passage in previous Congresses.

Urge Letters

In a letter to supporters of poll-tax repeal, the National Committee to Abolish the Poll Tax urged an immediate letter campaign to Congressmen to insure immediate signing of the discharge petition and a favorable vote, and also urged that members home for the recess be interviewed personally.

Text of the letter said:

"We believe that very few representatives from Kansas, Colorado, Illinois (outside Chicago), Iowa, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New Mexico, New Jersey, upstate New York, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota and Utah have signed. If you are in one of these states, stress the signing of the discharge petition.

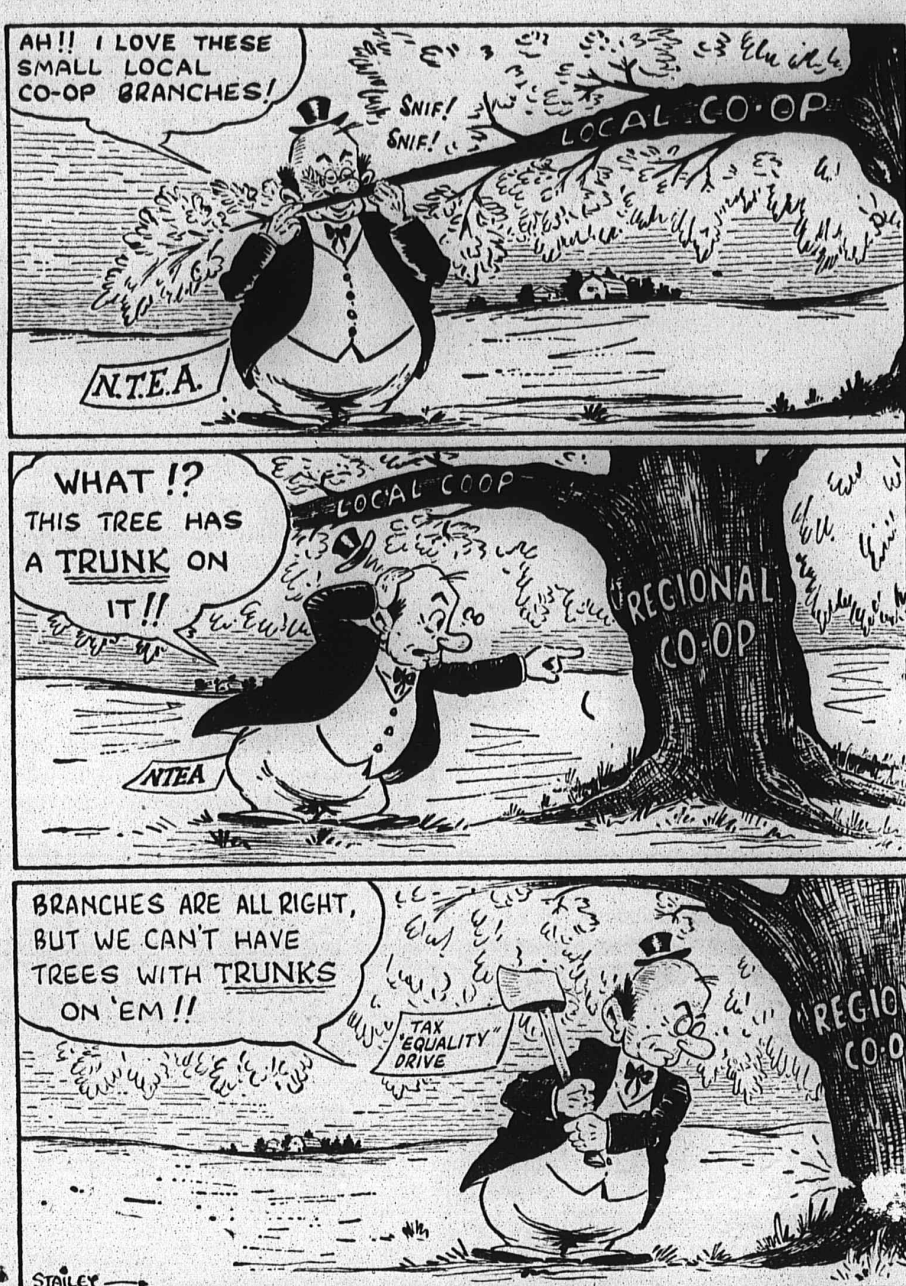
"The immediate job of all friends of poll tax repeal is to start a flood of messages—wires, letters, postcards, telephone calls and, best of all, actual visits—to House members, urging a favorable vote on H.R. 7. When you write or visit:

1. Ask your Representative if he has signed Discharge Petition No. 1.
2. Commend him if he has done so.
3. Urge him to sign if he has not acted.
4. Get his commitment to vote for the bill—H.R. 7."

The whole history of the franchise in these United States has been toward removal of obstacles to voting and extension of the right of franchise. The states first abolished property qualifications. They brought about direct election of United States Senators. They adopted the 19th amendment to the constitution to extend the suffrage to women.

Seven States

There is active discussion everywhere of the propriety of laws which would penalize a failure to vote. Georgia already has adopted, and legislatures in other states are considering acts to lower the legal voting age to 18. This has been endorsed by Farmers Union.



Schoepel Puts On Heat to Get Gasoline Tax

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farms to their market place. The next few years will tell how much of this fund will really be used in building the kind of farm-to-market roads farm people mean by this statement, and farmers will find out exactly how they were sold down the river.

Many conscientious Representatives fought bitterly to defeat the Bill, recognizing that it was class legislation and an injustice to farm people, and that farmers would not receive the benefits they had been led to expect. This is shown by the statements made by many Representatives in casting their vote against the Bill. Some of these statements follow:

New Tax Policy

"MR. SPEAKER: Senate Bill 306 is setting a new policy for the collection of taxes to construct highways, by placing a tax on gasoline used for farming purposes. I am opposed to the policy and believe if we pass this bill with that clause in it we are inaugurating a policy that will eventually lose the farmers all exemption on gas used for farming purposes. I vote NO on Senate Bill 306". —Frank B. Miller.

"MR. SPEAKER: I vote NO

Still, in seven Southern states the act of voting—not the failure to vote—remains under penalty. A citizen who performs the duty of voting must pay for it.

There is further defeat of popular government when the Federal Congress fails to exercise its constitutional right to establish qualifications of voters in Federal elections. A legislative proposal clearly favored by a majority of all members of Congress—the anti-poll tax bill—cannot be brought to a vote, except by the devious methods of a discharge petition, because a handful of willful men, entrenched in committees by the poll tax system, will not bring the bill to the floor. Is this what we're fighting for?

think the farmers should be taxed without an exemption on non-highway gasoline, especially when there is so little chance to get this tax back on the farm-to-market roads. Gas for industrial and aviation purposes should be exempt also. Therefore, I shall have to vote NO on Senate Bill 306."—C. E. Hadley.

Tax Is Unfair

"MR. SPEAKER: I wish to explain my vote on Senate Bill 306. In my judgment this Bill is a little unfair as to its application. We do not know how much money it will raise or just how it will be divided. There seems to be a wide spread of figures as to the amount of money available, also difference of opinion as to whether or not this money can be used on the roads needed; therefore, the uncertainty of all of this, I am counselled to vote NO on Senate Bill 306."—Frank M. Fisher.

"MR. SPEAKER: Taxing tractor gasoline for the purpose of building highways would establish a precedent against which my predecessors have fought to the end and which would soon result in an attempt to remove the exemption which we now enjoy. I am opposed to the principle of taxing either tractor or aviation gasoline for highway purposes. The farmer is already staggering under an unjust federal gasoline tax of one and a half cents a gallon on his tractor gasoline and six cents on oil. Section 10, Article 11, of the Kansas Constitution could hardly be construed to author-

ize this tax. I vote NO on Senate Bill 306."—J. M. Eves.

An Injustice

"MR. SPEAKER: To me, and to the people I represent, this Bill is not acceptable, without the amendment which adheres to the obvious and unrefuted premise, that only that gas that uses the highways should be taxed to build and maintain the highways. In my judgment (and at this last moment, I must rely on none other) the practical application of this unfair principle will work an unwarranted injustice. I cannot concur in it. I therefore vote NO on Senate Bill 306."—Sylvester Baringer.

"MR. SPEAKER: I represent no one but my representative district. On this bill I must vote my convictions. I am not going home and tell my people that I voted to tax the farmers tractor gasoline. Such a tax is unjust and is an abandonment of the principle that those who use roads should pay for them. I vote NO on Senate Bill 306."—Howard Adams.

"MR. SPEAKER: I cannot go along with the Governor on Senate Bill 306, to raise the gas tax, straight across, one cent, as most ranch owners and farmers use a great amount of gas which they have already paid their three cents on in their daily operation of those farms and ranches which is not used on any road. This tax is one extra tax where he gets both boot and bootjack used on him. I therefore vote NO."—W. P. Kirkham.



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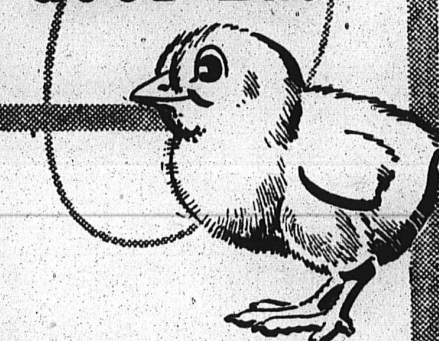
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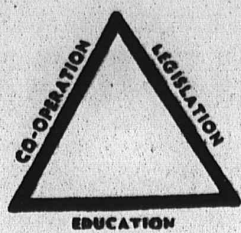
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AROUND THE TRIANGLE

By Esther E. Voorhies
KFU Education Director

"Recreation is health, vigor, romance, and fullness of living, and should be accepted as a necessity for living as much as eating and sleeping."—Melvin.

Private Sjostrom

A popular Junior and County Leader, Ralph Sjostrom of Lindsborg, said goodbye to the farm and the Farmers Union Elevator a few weeks ago and is now in Uncle Sam's employ. His name is added to the list of the many fine Farmers Union young men and women in the Army, Navy and Marines. Our thoughts are with them often.

Ralph's contribution up to now has been a home-front job. Good luck to you in the Army, Ralph.—Don't whisper a word to the top Sergeant about your camp KP experiences; or you may get a permanent job.

Youth Speaks

The March quarterly meeting of the Pottawatomie County Union was a whiz. Of most interest for this Page was the Reserve and Junior speech contests. Two-minute speeches were given by the Reserves; four-minute talks by the Juniors. The five Reserves' subjects were like this: "Why My Father Belongs to the Farmers Union," "Weeds Are Costly as Well as Destructive to the Farmer," "Bird." The three Junior participants spoke on the following subjects: "Junior Activities in St. Marys," "Home Recreation," and "Peacetime Conscription."

The speeches were all so fine and inspiring that comments by adults following the contest were testimonials for the Farmers Union. The County Agent, Mr. Croy, was fluent in praise; Mr. Jacobson of the U. S. Soil Conservation Service was grateful for the understanding of the boys and girls, and the two visiting Fathers from St. Marys had many compliments for the Farmers Union program.

Shall It Be Equality?

The following was clipped from the Wisconsin Union News. It was written by Humphrey Bogart and was first in the Writer's Digest:

How'd you like to earn a decoration from Hitler or Hirohito? Here's the way you work it. You don't have to join the German Army, or the Jap Army. You don't even have to blow up an American war plant.

It's easier than that. All you have to do is follow the line the Germans and their stooges are handing out in this country. All you have to do is swallow the race-bunk. That's what the Germans want us to do. They figure that if enough of us talk this race-bunk, we'll get to fighting among ourselves. That'll weaken us so much that we'll be easy pickings the next time—even if we should win this time.

Listen, brother. In this man's country you can marry the girl you like. You can pal around with the folks you like. You can pray in a Church of your own choosing. Okay. But that doesn't mean that one kind of Church is better than another. It doesn't mean one kind of people is better than another.

Let's look at the record.

Here's what science KNOWS. It doesn't say MAYBE. It KNOWS.

There are no "superior races." There are only people who for a time happen to be luckier or better situated than other people.

There are no "inferior races." There are only people who've had bad luck, or poor education, or maybe live in a tough climate.

For example, there's no such thing as a "Jewish Race." There are Negro Jews, there are Chinese Jews. If you believe in the Jewish religion, you're a Jew. That's all there is to it—although the Germans want you to believe different.

Examine a man's brain. It tells you nothing about his "race." Test his blood. It tells you nothing about his "race." (Healthy blood plasma can save the life of any wounded soldier of any color.)

Figure this one out. It's funny, isn't it, that the two peoples on this earth who are responsible for the fact that decent Americans are suffering and dying today—the German people and Japanese people—are exactly the two peoples who believe in "race superiority" and "race inferiority" and who are out to murder everybody who doesn't agree with them.

So—if you want to be a German or a Jap stooge, you know how to go about it. Just get out in the street or talk to your neighbor and preach race prejudice.

There's only one thing you won't be.

You won't be a good American.

East Wolf Has Budget Party

Boxes and plate lunches sold high at the East Wolf social at Lucas March 9, and the State Office received a \$50 contribution for the Budget Fund.

There was a large attendance at the social and a very fine program was given by the schools of the community.

The East Wolf Local met at the new Legion Hall, Friday, March 30th. Meeting was called to order by President Stanley Novak. All officers were present.

The speaker was Sam Tribner from Superior, Nebr. His talk was about Farmers Union Creameries.

Motion was made for the men to entertain women at our next meeting.

—Violet Pickett, Reporter.

Lindsborg Juniors Plan Hobby Show

The Juniors of the North Side Local, Lindsborg, will sponsor a hobby show at the next regular meeting, Beans Schoolhouse, May 14. Young and old are urged to bring samples of their hobbies, and all in the community will want to come for the program arranged by the Juniors.

Plans for the hobby show were made at the April meeting, held Monday evening, April 9. Mrs. Esther Voorhies was present to help the Juniors and Reserves with their work. Study of "Living By the Way" prompted the idea of a hobby show.

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ESTHER EKBLAD VOORHIES, DIRECTOR, Salina, Kansas

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THURSDAY, APRIL 12, 1945

Pottawatomie Hears Junior Speech Contest

Maureen Pearl and Josepha Lenherr won the Junior and Reserve speech contests which were the features of the Pottawatomie County Farmers Union meeting at the Swamp Angel School, Wednesday, March 21. Virginia Pearl, Junior member, and Sheila Prior, Reserve, were second-place winners.

Mrs. Esther Voorhies presented each of the five Reserve contestants and the three Junior speakers with a craft book and the first and second place winners were given war stamps. The County Educational Director, Mrs. Ruby Henningsen, was in charge of the speech contests, and all awards were given by the county. Other Reserves speaking were: Alberta Grieshaber, Betty Simecka, and Jerry Pearl. George Marstall was the other Junior speaker.

Movies furnished by the Soil Conservation Service were shown. Three Reserves of the Elbow Local, Bonnie Rae and Kay Hoffman and Myron Parry presented a clever welcome to representatives of the four Farmers Union Locals in Pottawatomie county.

The Pleasant View Local near St. Marys will be hosts at the next quarterly county meeting in June at the Pleasant View School.—Marjorie Tennant, reporter.

Maureen Pearl To Edit Torch; Meyer Assistant

At the Feb. 15 meeting of the Junior Farmers Union classes at I.C.H.S. we elected Maureen Pearl editor of the "Torch" for the second semester. Bill Meyer came through with a small margin for assistant editor. Regina Erbacher and Margie Rodenbough tied for the position of business manager and will divide the duties.

During the first semester the "Torch" editorship was in the capable hands of Jeanne McEnroe, and Nadine Ronnaue was business manager. During their time in office interest in the "Torch" spread noticeably among both rural and town members of the F. U. classes.

Four years have passed since the first issue of the "Torch" was published. In that issue, besides student articles, Father Adams, the moderator; Miss Ekblad, the state leader, and Mrs. Pat Immenschuh, then county leader, contributed. The "Torch" gives the young people a start in expressing themselves in writing about subjects of farm life.

During this time the "Torch" has helped these St. Mary's Juniors to receive Torchbearer nominations and awards: Bill Bode, associate editor in 1941; Regina Lenherr, editor of 1944; and Mary Pat Immenschuh, art editor during 1943; Anna Mae Rodenbough, editor during 1942 and 1943, and Irene Soelter, contributor in 1943.

Some articles this year were considered worthy to be reprinted in the F. U. papers. One on the "Central Co-op" by Wm. Homan, and another on the "Blue Cross" by Regina Erbacher. The third article, by Mary C. Lenherr, on "Rural Electrification" appeared in the National Union Farmer.—George Marstall in "The Torch" Easter, 1945.

The anchor hoy was designed to carry huge anchors and was fully equipped with gear for raising and transporting these anchors to the ships needing them.

Town Builds Gymnasium As War Memorial

Bowie, Texas, has chosen, as the most fitting way to honor its boys and girls who serve in this war, to build a community center for use of other boys and girls of today and tomorrow. Architectural plans are approved for a building which will house a permanent youth center, at estimated cost of \$70,000. It will provide complete facilities for supervised play, for physical training and social activities. The gym will be 90x56 feet. Spectator balconies on the second floor will have a seating capacity of 800. Social and utility rooms, a kitchen, showers and lockers will be provided. In the lobby will be placed a tablet bearing the names of Bowie's young citizens whom the building memorializes.—Nat'l. Recreation Ass'n.

M. V. A.

From
St. Marys Junior Mimeo-Mag
"The Torch"

The Missouri River is one of the most destructive rivers in our country. Beginning as a little creek way up in Montana, it spreads out wider and wider down through Nebraska, cutting along the border of Kansas and running into its native state, Missouri. It does not ruin farms up in Montana, but when it gets to Missouri it is most devastating.

Go into the bottom lands after a flood. You will find the soil crusty and hard—that is, what is left of it. Much of the soil, however, has been washed away into the bottoms of the river. If a flood occurs every year for 10 years, the effect upon the fertility of the soil will be ruinous.

The farmers of this region find it quite difficult to farm under such conditions.

At last a plan has been offered to bridge the river, the Missouri Valley Authority, proposed by Senator Murray of Montana.—Maureen Pearl, Junior.

Recreation Is Bunker Hill Study Subject

The Bunker Hill Juniors, Mitchell county, held their second monthly meeting on March 16th at the home of William Carpenter with eight of the members present. The meeting was opened by singing two union songs, "Co-operation Is Our Aim" and "On His Coat He Wears a Union Button."

It was decided by the Juniors of the Bunker Hill Local to answer roll call by your favorite sport next meeting. Following the business meeting, the usual class was supervised by our leader, Mrs. Floyd Rominger. "Recreation" was the topic of our lesson which told of the folk dances of other lands and the preference of old time dancing to modern dancing.

After the meeting was adjourned all enjoyed playing games. These were followed by a delicious lunch served by Mrs. Carpenter.

Everyone parted after spending a most enjoyable evening and anxious for the next Junior Farmers Union meeting to come.—Harold Munsey, Reporter.

Ralph Sjostrom Is Honored at County Party

Ralph Sjostrom, McPherson County Education Director, was honored guest at a county party held at the McPherson Community Hall, Thursday evening, March 22. The occasion was prompted by Ralph's leaving the next day for induction in the Army.

Before the squares, singing games and dancing, Niles Gibson, county president, presided over a short program. Long and enthusiastic ovations were given after eleven-year-old Kenneth Mowbrey's piano solos, and after vocal harmonizing on popular tunes by Venita Mae Carlson and Floria Lind.

Niles Gibson, in behalf of the county, expressed appreciation to Ralph for loyal service as Education Director, and Mrs. Esther Voorhies spoke in behalf of the State Education Department. Ralph was 1943 Torchbearer and attended the 1944 National Convention.

Betty Lindblade, County Publicity Director, presented a zipper toilet case as a gift from the county. Ralph Sjostrom then spoke telling of the enjoyment that has been his in Farmers Union work, and expressed appreciation to Mrs. Chas. Olson, former County Leader, and others who had given him opportunities in the Junior program. He also introduced his father who came from Kansas City for the occasion, and his uncle, Emil Rosander, with whom Ralph makes his home.

The evening was brought to a close at midnight with the singing of Viva La Compagnie and Taps in the goodnight circle. All the best wishes of Farmers Union friends were sent with Ralph for the days he will spend in service to his country as a soldier.

Sherwood Elects Junior Officers

The Leader, Miss Vera Mae Carlson, called the meeting of the Sherwood, Clay County, Reserves and Juniors to order on March 20, 1945. We elected officers as follows:

President, Dora Meenen; vice-president, Delores Mauch; reporter, Phyllis Wiberg; song leader, Ione Wiberg.

The class was organized and plans were made for the next meeting. The following program was presented to the Local: violin solo by Dora Meenen, reading by Delores Mauch, reading by Ione Wiberg, solo by a little Junior Reserve, Roxann Oelschlager, age 3; another reading, Phyllis Wiberg. The meeting adjourned, and lunch was served by the ladies of the Local.—Phyllis Wiberg, Reporter.

Smoky Hill Junior Meeting

The Smoky Hill Farmers Union Juniors met on Monday evening, March 26, with eight members and the leader present.

Mrs. Arnold appointed Leland Bengston and Vance Arnold to teach the Junior class for the remainder of the year. They take Ralph Sjostrom's place who went to the Army last month.

The following program was given: Poem by Lola Hanson, poem by Lloyd Hanson, and a poem by Arlen Patrick. We then dismissed to classes. After class refreshments were served, and we adjourned to meet again on April 23.—Vance Arnold, Reporter.

Day by Day With FUJA

By JOHN VESECKY

English Co-operatives Educate Their Youth at Centers; Vesecky Suggests U. S. Copy

A Canadian exchange carried, some time ago, an article saying that several hundred young co-operators from all parts of England were spending "Educational Vacations" last summer in two recently opened residential Co-op Youth Centers, one being a beautiful Queen Anne mansion in Yorkshire, and the other a part of a restored and modernized 15th century castle in Cumberland.

The Co-operative Youth Movement has about 70,000 well organized members in Britain, who besides their social and educational activities, "pitch in and help wherever their help is needed." Membership in the Co-op Youth Movement is considered a way "to learn something of the art of citizenship."

The following are some of the fundamentals of the members' code:

I believe that fellowship is life, and I shall value friendship above all things.

I will honor truth and will pursue it.

I will have courage and perseverance in the struggle for right.

I will cultivate a clean mind and a healthy body

I believe that the resources of the world and the accumulated knowledge of the past centuries should be the common inheritance of all mankind, and I pledge myself to work for a community wherein all men shall live co-operatively in peace and happiness. I cheerfully accept the club motto, "I serve."

A Lesson

We are not reviewing the admirable doings of our British co-operators solely for information. We would like for our co-operators to take a lesson from them and do likewise. There are many old CCC camps and will be many army or navy training camps which could be made into fine all year recreation and educational centers for our farm folks. Many of the camps could be bought for a small fraction of what they would cost to build. If they are well selected as to facilities and location they could be put to use the whole year around. Not only our youth could use them but also our farm women could take a much needed and well earned vacation in them.

There is, to the writer's mind, no limit to the use to which such recreation and educational centers could be put, and as far as we can see there is no reason why we cannot have them.

If every co-operative would set aside 5 per cent of its net earnings into an EDUCATIONAL FUND, using half of the fund to support the educational organization, the Farmers Union, and the other half to pay for the Center, one year would put us well on the way to paying for one center in each state. Also many of our co-operatives have transient business the savings on which could well be used for an educational purpose such as this.

Let's Do It, Too

It is the writer's opinion that savings on business done with persons to whom a refund of the savings on their business cannot be made should definitely be used for some project of benefit to all the people rather than be added to the reserves of the co-operative, where is sometimes causes trouble and leads to efforts to sell the co-operative in order to benefit some of the large stockholders who have not had

the proper Co-operative Education. They sometimes think that a co-operative is like a pig: when it is fat is the time to sell it and divide up the spoils, realize on their investment and get two or more dollars for every dollar invested in the co-operative. Let's talk this over and show our British cousins that the Yank Co-operatives are not only coming but that they are already here when it comes to co-operative projects.

Farmers Should Prepare to Store Their Grain Now

Discussions of the present shortage of grain cars and the very probable much tighter car situation to be expected when wheat harvest gets under way, brings up again the question of farm storage.

Last week in a letter to our farmers co-operative managers your reporter asked them to talk over the storage situation with their customers and urge them to buy whatever government grain bins are available and to put into condition to hold grain any bin or building on their farms that can be made to hold grain and to be made reasonably rain proof.

We want to stress the need for prompt action on the part of our farmers to provide as much storage of their own as possible.

With the war in the Pacific working up to a climax, when the maximum number of cars will be needed to transport to the Pacific coast the supplies needed by our armies and our navy, with the need to haul the greatest possible volume of food to the freed peoples of Europe so as to keep them from starvation, there is no doubt that we will have one of the tightest grain car situations that we have ever had. The only salvation possible is for increased local storage, and that with the present shortage of farm labor will also have its difficulties.

Other Buildings

In some localities it might be possible to buy some of the buildings, the warehouses, etc. in abandoned army camps. It is the writer's understanding that Camp Phillips, near Salina, is partially or wholly vacant. If a group of farmers, or their co-operative, would take the matter up with the proper authorities it might be possible to buy some of the warehouses there and move them in sections or in whole to a site near their elevator, install a portable grain loader and thus help the storage situation and also the labor problem at the same time. When the emergency passes, the warehouses would make fine farm storage bins.

LET US GET BUSY BEFORE HARVEST CATCHES UP WITH US.

Now Is Time To Buy '45-46 Coal Supplies

Ted Belden is in receipt of a letter from C. J. Potter, Deputy Solid Fuel Administrator for War, calling attention to the very tight coal situation facing the middle west this year. Mr. Potter says that in spite of the very mild winter enjoyed in 1944-45, in the middle west, if it were not for the loyal co-operation of our coal merchants in taking ship-

Joe Vanbebber Joins FUJA Staff

FUJA has secured the services of Mr. Joe Vanbebber of Osborne as fieldman. His territory will be the part of Kansas north of No. 40 highway. Mr. Vanbebber has been employed for some time by the Osborne County Farmers Union Co-operative Ass'n., and the experience acquired there will enable him to render the customers of UJA exceptional service in the lines that the FUJA carries. We hope that elevator manager in his territory will make full use of his services.

ment on all the coal they could get in the spring, summer and fall storage season of 1944, and of the equally loyal action of coal consumers in buying their winter supply whenever their dealer had it on hand, we would have had a definite shortage of coal last winter.

With the probability of a tougher winter in 1945-46 than the one now past, and the possibility of strike troubles in many of our mining districts, and the CERTAINTY of a car shortage especially after harvest, there is only one way we can avoid a serious coal shortage and much consequent suffering from cold next winter. That one way is for all dealers to take as much storage coal as they can get whenever they can get it, and for all coal users to buy and store at home as much of their next winter's coal supply as they can get.

If we all do our best to take the coal that is mined, the miners, barring prolonged strike shut down, will be able to work in the mines full time and produce to their full capacity. As most of our folks know, most mines have no place to store coal so they can only operate when there is sufficient demand for the coal to take it away from the mines as fast as the miners get it out. So let us make the pull all together and take all the coal we can as soon as we can get it. In that way we can best help the war effort, keep the miners busy and contented and what is not the least consideration, keep ourselves and our children warm during the blizzards that will come next winter.

Co-op Meeting Well Attended

Saturday, March 31, your reporter attended a special membership meeting of the Ellsworth County Farmers Union Co-operative Association held in Ellsworth, Kans.

The purpose of the meeting was to amend the by-laws of the association to provide for the accumulation of reserves for possible future expansion and to bring the by-laws in line with present day co-operative practices and the requirements of federal regulations.

In spite of the rush of farm work, the meeting was well attended. All those at the meeting took an active part in the discussions. It is a pleasure to take part in such a meeting of farmer co-operators. It shows the results of the co-operative education which the Ellsworth county folks got at their Farmers Union County and local meetings, and in the discussion group meetings held in the county the last two winters.

Manager Pat Nash and the board of directors made a full report to the membership present on the operation of the business thus far and told them what difficulties their co-operative has to contend with and what improvements and changes need to be made as soon as possible to meet the needs of the members. Indications are that the Ellsworth County Farmers Union Co-operative Association will show a nice saving at the close of the present fiscal year.

Saturday, April 7 your reporter is invited to meet with the Fur-

ch Farmers Co-operative Association and Wednesday and Thursday evenings he will meet with the patrons of the Wakeeney, and Collyer Farmers Union Jobbing Association patrons respectively to discuss with them how the FUJA may best serve them. We will report on the meetings "in our next communication," as we used to say in the Farmers Union when we yet had a ritual.

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