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SALINA, KANSAS, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1936

EDITORIAL

At this time of the year which is especially dedicated to our children's happiness, it is very fitting to write about a matter that is of vast importance to the future of our Union and of our children. On Dec. 12 when I attended a meeting of the Ellsworth county Union, the county Union voted to donate \$25 from the county treasury to start a Junior Fund. It is hoped this fund will grow large enough to enable the state office to hire a part time Junior leader and really make a start in Farmers Union Junior work in Kansas. Monday evening I mentioned the fact of the donation to a large audience of Osborne County Farmers Union people at Covert in that county and received the assurance of J. C. Gregory, Manager of the Osborne County Business Ass'n. that Osborne county will also donate to that fund. When I brought up the matter of a Junior fund at the county meeting of the Mitchell County Farmers Union, the county Farmers Union not only voted \$25 donation to the fund but John Schulte, Manager of the Mitchell County Business Ass'n., after a consultation with his directors, said that they would also give \$25, which makes a total of \$50 from Mitchell county and I hope not less than \$100 in all from the three counties. We need about a thousand dollars to really take our proper place in Junior work with the other Farmers Union states. I am sure our members all realize the importance of the necessity of giving our farm children the education in farm economics, and the principles of our Union which they can only get through the Farmers Union Junior program and study courses. It should be no hardship for each local and county Union to donate something to the Junior fund. Our cooperatives must depend for their future customers and for their continued success on the coming generation. It is to their interest to see that the future generation understands the principles of Cooperation and is ready and able to defend them. Every Farmers Union Business Association should donate as much as it is able to this Junior Fund. Come let us see who will be next to help the good cause along. Give whatever you can, be it little or lots, but give something.

TRAVELOGUE

The past week I made only two meetings. Monday afternoon, Dec. 14 I took the bus for Osborne in Osborne county. I was met at the bus station by Mr. Johnson of the Osborne County Business Ass'n. staff. We ate supper together and then started gathering up a load of Farmers Union folks and buns and viennas to take to the Union meeting at Covert. When we arrived at the Rural High school, the auditorium where the meeting was to be held was almost full. By the time we were ready to start with the program every seat was full and many people were standing. I will not go into details about the program as that is the duty of the corresponding secretary, suffice it to say that it was in charge of two of the high school faculty and was certainly fine. After the program J. C. Gregory, Manager of the Osborne County Business Ass'n., spoke a few words to the audience and then Mr. Bosching of Covert Local introduced me to make the main speech. I took for my text the statement made by John Simpson while he was National President, "that the Farmers Union stands on two legs, namely, Legislation and cooperation," and that "we must advance on both our legs step by step if we would keep our balance."

After the program and speaking was over we visited around and ate viennas and buns and drank coffee until past eleven o'clock. I cannot help but contrast the spirit of the Osborne Farmers Union folks with what it was just one year ago. At that time the Downs local was about the only active local in the county. Now they have about eight strong lively locals, all centered around their various business activities and helping to make them even more successful than they were before. Much credit is due to Brother Gregory and his associates for this transformation.

Wednesday, Dec. 16th, I attended the quarterly meeting of the Mitchell County Farmers Union at Beloit. At noon the ladies prepared a bounteous feast, of which we all partook. After we had all eaten all that we could hold, the chairs were arranged and the local program committee put on an enjoyable program. After the program I made my

talk. I talked to a very attentive audience on about the same subject as the talk I had made on Monday to the Osborne Farmers Union. After my talk the Union proceeded with the regular business session. After the regular business was finished we discussed various subjects. One of the most important subjects discussed was how to increase the membership in the Farmers Union. The general opinion was that as far as they are eligible, every shareholder of a Farmers Union business should also be made a member of the Farmers Union. It seems that the Mitchell county folks favor a plan something like that followed by a few of our business organizations and about to be generally adopted in Nebraska I understand, that is, that the business association pay the Union dues for all their shareholders who are eligible for membership and charge the cost to the business as an educational expense. If that were done we could have a better and larger Union and we would surely have a more loyal and better informed membership in our cooperatives. All you other Farmers Union business associations discuss this at your annual stockholders meeting or with your directors. Let me hear from you what you think of the proposition.

Neighborhood Notes

REPORT OF MITCHELL CO. QUARTERLY MEETING

The Mitchell County Farmers Union held its fourth quarterly meeting at Beloit, Wednesday, December 16. There was a bounteous pot luck dinner served at the noon hour which was enjoyed by all.

The meeting was called to order after dinner by the president, John Schulte. The program committee took charge and the following program was presented.

Piano Solo.....Lloyd Day
Harmonica Solo.....Carson Hanson
Recitation.....Bertus Frank Mocka

An old fashioned spelling match with ten contestants on each side.

Act by Bill Studer and his wife (Will Treaster).

The roll call showed all thirteen locals represented. The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and approved.

John Vesceky, State Farmers Union president, gave the address of the afternoon.

After the address several plans for membership were discussed.

The bills were allowed and the resolutions were read by Mrs. G. W. Geiser.

The election resulted as follows: President—Chas. Seidel, Tipton, Kansas.

Vice-pres.—Mrs. G. W. Geiser, Beloit, Kansas.

Secretary & Treas.—Mrs. Louis Neff, Glen Elder, Kansas.

Conductor—Chas. Latham, Beloit, Kansas.

Door Keeper—Fred Paulsen, Beloit, Kansas.

Crop reporter—John Koster, Cawker City, Kansas.

John Koster and Hubert Konzem are delegate and alternate to the State Board of Agriculture Convention held in Topeka.

Each local was to appoint a committee to work on a membership plan.

The Business Ass'n. and the Mitchell County Farmers Union agreed to give \$25 to the state organization for Junior work.

Glen Elder was decided upon as the next meeting place.

The following is a copy of the resolutions that were adopted:

1. Resolved that we, as members of the Mitchell County Farmers Union, are opposed to any of our state business organizations going into business in opposition to any Cooperative business that is already operating.

2. Resolved that we are opposed to any change in the gas exemption law now in effect.

3. Resolved that we are in favor of the state organization bringing our Junior work to the front in order that our youth may begin their program at once.

4. Resolved that we heartily thank Mr. Vesceky for his interesting talk.

5. Resolved that we thank the program committee for their part in the quarterly meeting.

6. Resolved that we extend thanks to the refreshment committee for the dinner plan which was respectfully submitted by Fred Boehner, W. R. Carpenter, J. H. Houghton, G. W. Geiser, Resolutions Committee.

Mrs. Louis Neff, County Secretary.

INFORMATION WANTED

The following resolutions were adopted by the Cowley County Farmers Union at their last meeting:

Be it resolved by the members of the Cowley County Farmers Union, meeting in regular session at Hatch, Kansas on December 14, 1936,

that the Kansas Farmers Union with the assistance of its Auditing Association and its Legislative Representative, ascertain the cost of administering the collection of gasoline taxes under the present system, and the amount collected.

Also ascertain the cost of administering the collection of gasoline taxes under the previous system and the amount collected. Comparison to cover an equal period of time in each instance.

Be it further resolved, that the comparative figures obtained in such an investigation be published in the Kansas Union Farmer.

O. C. Servis,
B. R. Smith,
Charles Orr,
Paul Bach,
Committee.

OPPOSED TO GAS EXEMPTION CHANGE

Be it resolved by the North Side Local Union No. 1061 convened at Elvings School, Dec. 14, 1936, that we are opposed to any change in the present gas exemption law.

Roy Nelson, Sec.-Treas.,
Carol Wardell, Pres.

NOTICE

Will the lady from Leonardville, Kansas, who ordered pattern number 8289 on Dec. 18, please give us her name, that the order may be filled.

REPORT FROM PLEASANT VALLEY

Kansas Union Farmer, Salina, Kansas.

Dear Editor:

We had a good meeting on Friday evening December 11.

Mr. John Frost was with us also Mr. Belden and the man from the supply house of the jobbing house and Mr. Neil and one other man from the live stock exchange, all of Kansas City, all Farmers Union, and they all had something good to tell us.

We had a short program and a good oyster supper. The talk those visitors gave pleased the audience which was a well-filled house.

Bro. John Frost made an excellent membership talk and it is my opinion we are going to have a large increase in members in the near future.

A meeting will be held on the 12th of January. The committee on the membership drive made a report that the drive will start soon. The talk given by Mr. O'Neil of the live stock company was somewhat of a surprise to the farmers when he stated that 83 percent of the hogs coming to the K. C. market were coming direct to the packers, giving them the power to fix the price. Surely something ought to be done to stop such a proceeding. At our county meeting at Lone Star on the 12th of this month the committee on the good of the order recommended that the Farmers Union establish some assembly yards whereby the parties with only a few hogs could have the opportunity to join with their neighbors and make a cash or trade deal to take to their own firm in K. C. There ought to be something done about it. Most all the local buyers ship direct to the packers, therefore they pay the price the packers make for them.

One other recommendation the committee make that the weak locals consolidate and make one large local which would give them more influence than several small ones, and on account of the failure of crops in recent years that the new members that would join but does not feel that they can spare the full amount of dues, to allow them to pay quarterly until they have a chance to raise another crop.

The state organization needs the money and they would get more by that way of doing and those who can pay the full dues should do so.

Now Bro. Editor, if you think this is worth the paper it is written on all right, if not, there will not be any ill feeling on my part.

But there is one thing sure if we do not have something that will show prospective members that they will be benefitted if they will be come members of the Union, you will have a hard time to get new members.

Yours respectfully,
A. L. Holcom.

NEW JUNIOR GROUP ORGANIZED

The Liebenthal Local, number 648 had their regular monthly meetings on Dec. 17. After the usual routine of business, it was decided to start the Junior work at the Ladies auxiliary.

Pres. J. M. Herrman appointed a committee to see to the entertainment at the next meeting.

We then had election of officers. The following were elected: J. P. Enslinger, president; Adolph Dherer, vice president; J. J. Enslinger, Secy.-Treas.; Philip Dreher, conductor; and Freddie Warth, doorkeeper.

In last week's issue of our paper Vice President Frost had an article about his activities in Rush Co. In it he stated that he was accompanied on one of his trips by the old Farmers Union War Horse, Mort Lippert.

If he knew Mort personally he would not call him old war horse, although very complimentary, not so nice sounding. In my opinion he looks more like a Farmers Union guardian angel than a war horse.

I wish to take this opportunity to congratulate State President, John Vesceky on the honor conferred on him by electing him as national vice president.

Wishing every farmer a Merry Christmas and every Local a bounteous supply of members for 1937, I remain,

J. J. Enslinger,
Secy.-Treas.

F. U. ANNUAL ELECTION

The first regular semi-monthly meeting of the Farmers Union, Zephyr Local No. 1622, was held at the Beacon Light school house on Monday night, December 7. The following names were voted on for membership.

Dale Rice, Martiel Rice, Leigh Clark, O. J. Hardesty, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Green, Mr. and Mrs. John Gardner, and Mrs. R. D. Rhodes, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Clark, Mrs. Leo Halsey, and Mrs. C. C. Miller took the obli-

gation for membership, November 6. This being the regular time to elect officers for the coming year, the following officers were elected:

President—B. F. Rice,
Vice President—John Sneed,
Secretary—Edna Baker,
Doorkeeper—Joe Harsha,
Conductor—Arthur Freund,
Lecturer—John Orr,
Corresponding secretary—Edna Baker.

Junior Leader—Paul Thompson, Pianist—Edna Baker.

Oncoming trustees—Vance Clark. The other members of the board of trustees are Fred Orr and George Burget.

After the meeting the members enjoyed singing some good 'old-time songs.

John Fengel, member of the board of the Farmers Union, Lincolnville, is conducting a series of meetings at Cicero this week.

STAFFORD COUNTY EU-REKA LOCAL NO. 2199

Our union opened its regular meeting with Union songs.

Mr. Ray Harter, our county president gave a very interesting talk on Cooperation.

The three amendments sent out by the state Union were read and voted upon. All three carried.

Final arrangements were made to serve the Rotary of Stafford to a 6:30 o'clock dinner on Tuesday evening, December 15, at Eureka school house.

As next meeting falls upon Kansas night, it will be omitted.

Hart Dunham was appointed as delegate to the county meeting which will be at North Star.

Election of officers were held and the following were elected:

President—John Rosaker,
Vice President—Clair Newell,
Secretary-Treasurer—Hart Dunham.

Lecturer—Rayden Newell,
Conductor—Roy Gere,
Business Manager—Harold Minks,
Chorister—Mrs. Fred Davis,
Pianist—Mrs. Elbert Weiss,
Reporter—Mrs. J. C. Rosacker.

Executive Committee—Fred Davis, Rawleigh Newell, James Henry, Legislative Committee—George Leonard, Walter Snell, Albert Pitts.

The literary program was composed of a harmonica band number by the school. An accordion number by Bobbie Brownlee, was given. A short dialogue by Roy and Nadine Gere and readings by Hart Dunham and Mr. Boyd Wallace were greatly enjoyed.

Refreshments were served in the basement to a very large crowd.

Mrs. J. C. Rosacker,
Cor. Secretary.

SOME PERTINENT QUESTIONS

To The Editor:

Will some one who knows tell us why the government issues bonds to pay its expenses when it has the power to issue a full legal tender and does not have to pay interest on it.

Is it necessary if the credit of the Government is good to issue bonds? Why is not its credit good to issue the money? Who issues the money if the government does not? We have never been able to find out. Who is, or what is, back of this money. The government issues the bonds but does not issue the money. Then the government has to borrow the money to pay the interest so there is not any money in circulation, but what we pay interest one. Will some one explain why such conditions exist.

The people are taxed to pay the bonds and the interest thereon, while the constitution of this government provides that it has the right to issue a full legal tender.

And, one other thing, the class that have to feed all other classes is taxed. We do not think they should be for what would the other classes do if it were not for them. What would this country look like. Please tell us.

The farmer feeds the world and he does not have anything to say what he gets for it, but he gets a cussing because he and his helmate do not do more. We do not know what the tax on farms are, only in Douglas county, but they are more than \$1.50 per acre. Here we consider that is too much. We think the farmer should be exempt. Then they could improve the country and have it look nice. This is a very hard year on farmers, and you know the other classes are having a hard time. When the farmers have plenty, others have plenty. The only way that farmers can do is to join the Farmers Union and have something to say in the management of this country. They should have that. If it were not for them there would not be a country very long.

—A. L. Holcom.

BECKMAN RE-ELECTED FARMERS UNION HEAD

County Organization Wants Chance for Farmer to Get on His Own Feet Again

M. L. Beckman was reelected president of the Clay County Farmers Union without opposition, at the annual meeting in Wiberg rural school house Thursday evening.

George F. Frederick was elected vice-president and William Goekler secretary and treasurer.

Approximately 200 members of the county union attended last night's meeting. They heard Mrs. M. L. Beckman's report of the National Farmers Union convention; and John Slingsby, who was Clay county delegate to the state convention in McPherson in October, told of proceedings there.

The report of acting Secretary-Treasurer Wm. Goekler showed the county organization to be in excellent condition financially.

President Beckman discussed in some detail, "The Cause of the Defeat of E. E. Kennedy as National Secretary, and the Methods used to Accomplish that Purpose."

So far as the Clay county organization is concerned, it is opposed to a program of restricted production on the farms; and asks cost of production on the farms; and asks cost of production as a means of regaining stability rather than any sole system. All these farmers ask is a "fair chance to help themselves," according to sentiment voiced at the annual meeting here.

Leslie Roenick of the Consumers Cooperative association in Kansas City explained that organization's purpose and program and the consumers' movement in general.

Reports were made by several of the county union's officers regarding business and general program of the Farmers Union.

Members of the executive board elected last night are George Beckwood, John Slingsby and Emory Alquist. Alfred Woodhof is conductor and Chris Steinbach is doorkeeper—Clay Center Times.

DOUGLAS COUNTY HAS A GOOD CROWD

The annual meeting of the Douglas County Farmers Union was held at Lone Star Saturday, Dec. 12th. A large crowd was in attendance, about one hundred persons dined in the basement of the church at 12 o'clock.

At one o'clock the meeting was called to order by the President, Fred C. Flory.

A short program was given by the Lone Star local consisting of a reading by Patsy Creel, a song by Maxine and Olive Flory.

Visitors from over the state were there and introduced. They included Vice President John Frost, Geo. Hobbs of the Farmers Union Live Stock Commission Co. at Kansas City; Mr. H. Martin also of Kansas City and P. C. Gerstenberger of Blue Mound, a member of the State Farmers Union board.

Geo. Hobbs spoke, on the subject of direct marketing, also of the proposed crop insurance plan.

John Frost spoke of the need of more members in the Farmers Union. His contest of questions and answers proved very enjoyable to all.

C. C. Gerstenberger gave a report of his trip to Des Moines to attend the National Farmers Union convention as a State delegate.

The Douglas County Union went on record as being opposed to a general sales tax, and that the next legislature fix a legal alcoholic content for all beverages. Also favored the lowering of exemptions in the present income tax law, also recommended state inspection of all motor vehicles used on our public highways to promote safety. We again endorse the Frazier-Lemke reforestation bill.

The committee on the good of the order recommended that we adopt a resolution favoring the establishment of local live stock shipping agencies, which was adopted.

The election of officers resulted in the election of Otto Hack of Lone Star president; Fred C. Flory of Lone Star, vice president; L. M. Williams of Baldwin, secretary-treasurer; H. H. Ulrich of Baldwin, doorkeeper and C. Richardson of Lawrence, conductor. The executive board consists of Roy Merchant, Chas. Banning and C. C. Gerstenberger.

The next meeting will be held at the Farmers Union hall in Baldwin, March 20th.

L. M. Williams, Sec.
Baldwin, Kans.

MINUTES LOCAL 1570. SPRING HILL

Spring Hill Local No. 1570 met Friday night, Dec. 11 for their regular meeting.

The meeting was opened by singing a number of hymns by the crowd with Mrs. Will Allen at the piano.

The secretary then read the minutes of the last meeting which were approved as read.

The election of officers were next in order. The following were elected: President, A. P. Larson, vice president, Louis Miller; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. C. J. Allison; conductor, Thomas Hamilton, Jr.; doorkeeper, Roy White; reporter, J. A. Myers; investigating committee, Oscar Hake, C. J. Allison, Claud Baker.

A membership campaign was opened. The membership campaign committee were: J. A. Myers, C. J. Allison, and William Allen.

Meeting closed with a penny march.

After the meeting the crowd took part in a big oyster stew which was enjoyed by all. The lunch committee was Mrs. C. J. Allison, Mrs. Floyd Larson and Mrs. Myrl Smith.

Our next meeting will be Jan. 8, 1937.

Corresponding Secretary,
Mrs. Nyssell Smith.

LADIES AUXILIARY

The ladies auxiliary to the Farmers Union met at the home of Mrs. John Orr. After a preliminary business meeting the following officers were elected:

President—Mrs. B. F. Rice,
Vice President—Mrs. Roy Misher,
Secretary-Treasurer—Mrs. John Sneed.

Chaplain, Mrs. Fred Orr,
Lecturer—Edna Baker.

Mrs. Fred Orr was leader of the lesson. She gave a review of "Ben Hur," and the second chapter of St. Matthew.

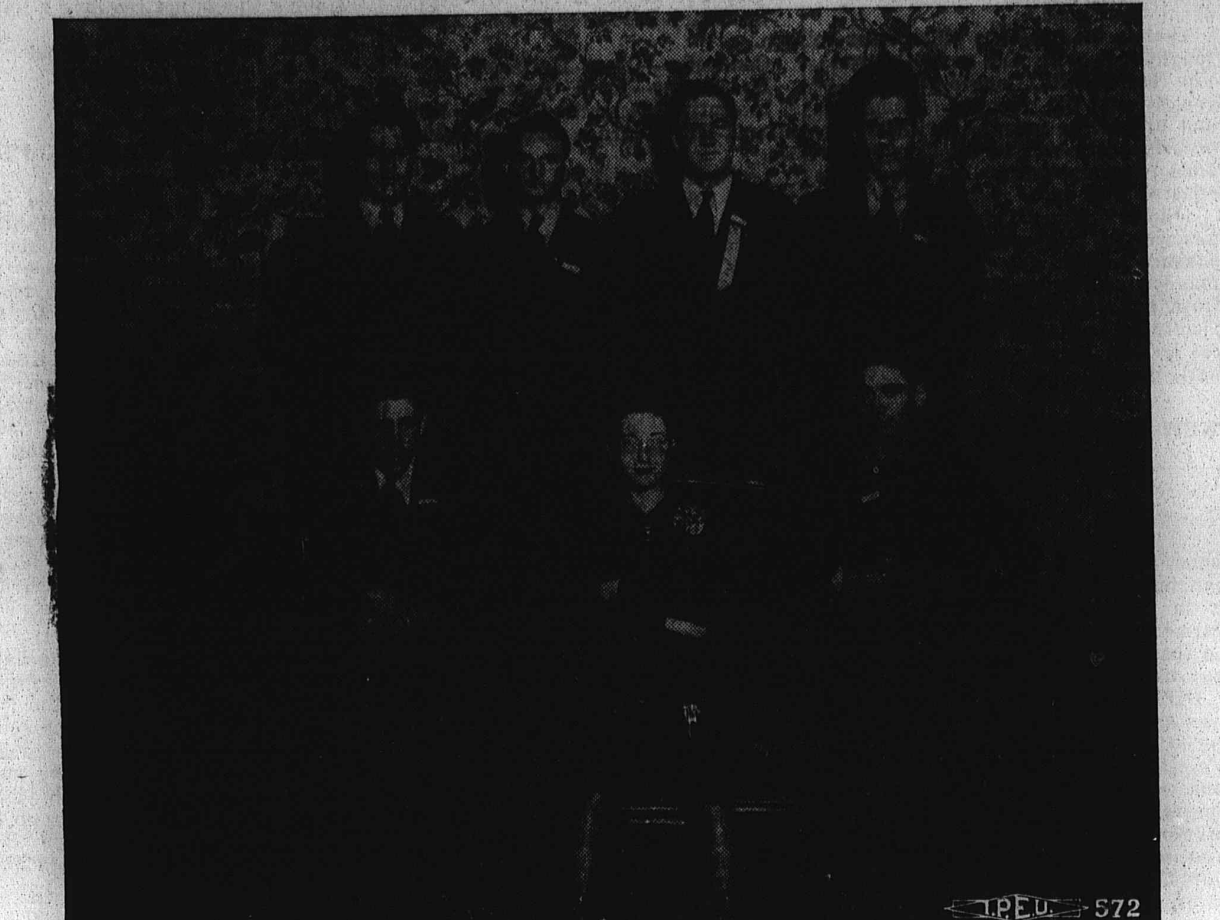
The hostess served refreshments, Reporter, Edna Baker

APPRECIATION

Editor The State Journal:

I was most favorably impressed with your editorial favoring and your breadth of knowledge as expressed in Thursday's editorial. It is indeed true that poultry prices this fall are the "joy of the consumer and the despair of the producer." This was predicted last spring for turkey crop—but the profits a year ago gave it such momentum there was no stopping the increase. The smart producer who reduced his turkey

STATE SPEECH WINNERS AT NATIONAL CONVENTION



Left to right, seated: Alex Johnson, Kansas; Agnes O'Leary, Montana; Dale Hight, North Dakota; standing: Keith Bender, Ohio; Lyle Bear, South Dakota; David Ballard, Oklahoma; Gilbert Jacobi, Wisconsin.

Junior and Juvenile Department

Juniors from 16 to 21

Juveniles from 6 to 16

JUNIOR LETTER

By Aunt Patience

Dear Juniors:

This week we have the picture of the state winners in the four minute speech contests, who attended the national convention at Des Moines, Ala. so, there is published an outline for a Four-Minute speech for this month.

I think we all like to know what other people think of us, and what impressions they might have of us and the things we do. The North Dakota Union Farmer published this very thing this month. Mary Jo Weiler and Mrs. Gladys Edwards wrote of their experiences while at our Kansas Farmers Union convention, and I thought you should like to know what they had to say about us.

Perhaps by the time you read this paper Christmas of 1936 will be a memory, and you will be looking forward to the new year of 1937. But, before it is quite gone, I want to send you one last thought.

We always think of singing in connection with Christmas. When we sing we are happy, and Christmas is a happy time. I clipped from the Missouri Farmers, of which Mr. Wm. Hirth is editor, a story of the origin of one of my favorite Christmas carols "Silent Night, and I am sure it is one of your favorites too. He has given this story in such an expressive way, and I wanted to share the beauty with you.

Silent Night

The story of the origin of this hymn is beautiful. One day, on a starry Christmas Eve, everything was joyful and festive, save the home of Joseph Mohr where there was a great sorrow, for on that day the wife and mother had gone to celebrate Christmas in Heaven. All was sadness. Mr. Mohr sat with bowed head. Going to a window he looked out upon the snow-clad nature while in an adjoining room he could see his little motherless children quietly sleeping. A sigh came to his lips as he thought of Christmas without the mother. Just then he heard without the voice singing the very songs he and his wife and children had wont to sing. The thought rushed upon him that she was singing them and blending her voice with the angels. Musing thus he was impressed with the quiet beauty of the night. He turned quickly, sat down and penned his now famous "Stille Nacht." As soon as it was written he handed it to his organist who was keeping vigil with him, a Mr. Franz Gruber and with a choking voice he said "Go friend, make music to this and bring it to me." He went into the church and sat at the organ. In the morning he called together his choir and rehearsed the melody which floated out from the church choir loft on that Christmas Day, for the first time, made in the night. It seemed to the congregation as if it should seem to us, as if the angels themselves had infused their own spirit into the writer, composer and singers. This beautiful song is sung wherever Christmas is kept in the good old way. It is seldom that it does not bring to the hearts of those to listen a measure of the angels feeling which Gruber's choir awoke in the good people of old Salzburg that Christmas so long ago.

In thinking of "Silent Night," I am always reminded of Madam Schuman-Heink, and the way she sang this song. It was her favorite Christmas Carol, also. I can picture this year, after having lived this earth a good bye such a short time ago, that she is leading in the singing of this choir at this Christmas time, and that perhaps all these fathers and

mothers are the members of her innumerable choir.

This makes us realize how very true are those words of Brownings: The day's at the spring, The year's at the morn Morning at seven The Hillside dew pearled, The Lark's on the wing, The snail on the thorn God's in his heaven All's right with the world. Sincerely, Aunt Patience.

JAYHAWKING

We have just paid a visit to another Farmers Union State—Kansas, blessed with resources; Kansas, the "Inland Empire" rich in wheat, coal and oil.

It was an especially interesting trip for among other things, we saw our first oilfield. The derricks of the recently developed field rose for miles to the north and east of McPherson, the convention city.

For all its natural wealth, Kansas has been ruthlessly exploited. The winds blow across the prairies, piling light soil in the ditches, scouring the paint off the farmstead buildings, ripping the bark off the dead trees in the groves.

Conservation Experiments Symptoms of drought were everywhere evident, once we were out of the rich Kaw valley in the east and crossing prairies very much like the plains of the Dakotas. We noted the reservoirs dammed up on small creeks and draws, and the check dams along the roadsides to prevent soil erosion. We drove through at least thirty miles of an area set aside as a government conservation project, and it was good to look upon late rains had filled the reservoirs and the grass was green as the forgotten springs of pre-drought days. The valleys were brilliant with maple and oak leaves turned by early frosts.

Oil McPherson has two oil refineries, the largest of which is the Globe. The Farmers Union Central Exchange is one of the Globe's largest patrons and we were not surprised to see "Goop" tankcars among the mile-long train of tanks being filled near the plant.

Americana The political advertising flaunted from billboard, post and tree appealed to our sense of humor on more than one occasion. There was the Iowa billboard that proclaimed: "Elect . . . Governor for Social and Economic Security—the economical part of it intended to be a touching appeal to voters. Somewhere in Kansas a quarter acre of stumps was impartially decorated with pictures of an aspiring candidate who evidently was substituting "stump advertising" for the "stump speeches" of yore.

The Kansas Juniors For the first time, Kansas will be represented in both the National contests. The essays were splendid; the winning paper is outstanding in style and social value and you may hear more about the author, Esther Ekblad from Riley County.

Two boys and a girl entered the speech contest, but we did not get the name of the winner. Probably all five of the entrants in the state contest will be sent to the National Convention.

We talked to Vincent Larson who last year entered the National Essay contest from Kansas. Vincent inquired about Hendrick Richardson and Raymond Novak and the Juniors from Wisconsin whom he had met at Kankakee last year, and we gave him a copy of the anniversary bulletin because it will mean a lot to him as a result of the contacts he has made through the Farmers Union.

Something new in Farmers Union

Junior activities—at least the first one we have come across—is the Junior Glee Club of Crowley County. They sang several selections beautifully. A Junior boy is their accompanist and a college student their director. The girl who entered the speech contest and another who played a Rachminoff composition with skillful fingers said—"Tell us about the camps you have in North Dakota." We did so gladly for we like to talk about them. Several of the Kansas had planned to go to the All State Camp and at the last minute could find no transportation. They were very much disappointed about it.

John Vesceky, state president said as he bade us good-by, "Somebody made a mistake when they put two states between us. You seem just like some of our folks." After all, what's a state line anyway? A few more years of Junior work and a dozen states between us in the age of wings will make no difference!—Mary Jo Weiler.

TO THE JUNIORS OF KANSAS CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Christmas—Christ's birthday we all turn our minds to this beautiful time once a year. With a spirit giving to those we hold dear, and to those less fortunate than ourselves.

Fathers and Mothers tell the children about dear old Santa Claus. Santa Claus is kindness, love that fills us to overflowing to do some kindly deed for our loved ones. This year, the rural children of Kansas will not have many gifts. The third year of drought there is not much cash except for the very very necessary things of life.

But there are so many little things we can do that will make Father and Mother and our Grandmothers and Grandfathers most happy. Some very special little gift we can make with our very own hands. It may be a foot-stool Junior can make, or some embroidery on a towel or scarf for mother that Sue can do; or perhaps we can help some one for a day with extra work. But all the Junior boys and girls in the Farmers Union homes, I know will want to cooperate to make someone happy this year at Christmas time.

I like to think back to some of my happiest Christmas days. Once my son made me a wood box. My daughter that year made for me a lovely sofa cushion top. And I believe my joys are very much like your mother's joys.

So each one in the home can do his or her bit toward making this a wonderful Christmas time, in spite of the drought.

I am sending all of you a happy Christmas greeting.

Mary E. Winters.

BLUE CRANES FLYING My little baby lying On his cot of pain. (I hear the blue cranes flying— It will be Spring again.)

My little baby sobbing As we wait for spring. (All night long the blue cranes flying— Harbingers of spring.)

My little baby dying Before spring appears. (All night long blue cranes flying— Over a thousand years!) Topeka, Kansas.

My Dear Miss Conger: I want to thank you for your nice birthday card this morning. It came to me here at a hospital. Also a letter from a reader of your paper asking for an address to buy blue spruce trees.

I am most happy to be of some assistance in a small way to children and adults.

I am wishing for you a joyous Christmas.

Letters to me will reach me by addressing them to me at 1108 Ohio Street at Lawrence, Kansas.—Mary E. Winters.

Get acquainted with the many types and varieties of begonias which have been developed in recent years. There are now so many you can have a whole window garden of them.

FOUR-MINUTE SPEECH OUTLINE

"Peace On Earth . . . Cooperation Among Men"—Rita De Vine

I. December brings the Birthday of the "Prince of Peace," Christian Nations everywhere, during this month pause in their activities, and celebrate the Christmas Season.

A. One thousand nine hundred and thirty six years ago a little child was born in a stable in the town of Bethlehem, and this child became the world's most outstanding teacher, and the redeemer of mankind.

B. Nations throughout the world agree with the teachings of Christ. All have churches in his honor and people designated to do nothing but carry on his philosophies and ideas to all generations.

C. Are Christian people forgetting that Christ's first example and whole teaching was based on a foundation of brotherly love, and Peace upon earth?

D. Are not Christians who profess to be followers of Christ and advocates of war at the same time very inconsistent? Is it possible to be both Christian and Militarist? We think not.

II. Does our Present Economic System make war impossible?

A. Hardly, A capitalist system fosters free competition. Competition in turn leads to selfishness, greed, and lust for power.

B. Foreign possessions, private-

ly owned, are acquired to compete in trade with domestic produce.

C. Wages are lowered, prices are cut. Standards of living is lowered, and unemployment is prevalent.

D. Capitalists and manufacturers, and big business men have no outlet for their produce. Internal disorder which they know of no solution for leads the way to a foreign war. Munitions Makers sponsor war thru propaganda and temporary "prosperity" reigns while the nation's finest manhood leaves their homes and children to be shot to pieces on a foreign battlefield.

III. Cooperation . . . the Christian Way.

A. Men, at last, are establishing an economic system which will make future wars impossible. . . . The Cooperative Commonwealth.

B. In a cooperative system all business will be cooperatively owned and controlled. Each person will have interest in mills, factories, mines, refineries, bakeries, and shoe-makers will be decided by the consumer by the shortest and most economical route will be the slogan. A standard wage and price level will be agreed upon and there will be no reason for competition.

C. Amount of benefits to the workers will be decided by the amount of patronage. At last all men will be equal.

D. Profit will no longer be the motive for production, and quality of manufactured goods will be higher.

E. A happy contented people, secure in the knowledge that their needs will always be employment for youth, and retirement with compensation for the aged; living in a progressive, intelligent, cooperative world will not wage war.

THE KANSAS CONVENTION

A Leader's Conference and the Literature table brought out many interesting conversations.

An interesting side light of the convention was the extreme young news reporters during the speech by your Educational Director. The reporter that heard a high school student in living for your country than in dying for it elicited oaths of dissent from these two examples of cannon fodder who spent their time in the back of the room.

"The Madonna of the Trail" Located all along the old National Trail, which we traveled a part of our way in Kansas, are statues called the "Madonna of the Trail" erected in honor of the pioneer mothers who walked that trail with their husbands, seeking a place to make their homes. The statues depict a woman, wearing the heavy boots necessary for rough travel, yet clinging to the love of feminine things by wearing a bonnet with a rose in it. She carries a baby in one arm. The other hand holds a gun, while a small child clings to her skirts. On her face is a look of great strength and endurance. Her eyes are fixed ahead on the vision of the land that is to give a home to her children.

Looking at this heroic figure I thought of all the women who are today following their husbands, while they break a trail to a new social order, a trail which will bring better homes to their children.

These pioneer mothers—pioneers following a new idea—do not carry a gun. They probably carry a lantern or a milk pail. Their husbands do not drive an ox team nor fight Indians. They attend meetings of cooperatives and they fight forces which are just as vicious as were the Indians.

It was easier to follow the ox teams. It is easier to keep to a wagon trail, than to keep bright the visions of a new social order. There is no romance in milking cows or helping in the hay so the man of the house may help to interest the neighbors in a new cooperative. But the women on the farms today, who are keeping the home going while their husbands fight for the cooperative movement, are rendering a greater service to humanity than even the women who followed the wagon trains, was able to render.

The women, who, by their unsung service, are able to keep alive the torch of a new ideal, have the greatest of patriotic service to their country and their kind. All honor to them.

Among such women was my beloved mother. In all the women who contribute to the cooperative movement their untiring and faithful work of keeping the home and a farm going while their husbands go out to educate their neighbors, I see her, my gratitude to her and to them can never be measured in words. Only through as faithful service to the same cause may we be able to repay the

BUILDING A NATION

It isn't battlefields and guns that make a nation great, Or clanking arms, or marching men, or panoply of State.

It isn't pagentry or power where Might and Triumph ride, For kingdoms are not built on war, or nations fed on pride.

It's little homes against the earth where peace and love abide, It's rugged hills and quiet fields across the countryside.

It's children trudging off to school, secure and clean and gay, Who own the right to childhood's land, the right to laugh and play.

It's stony fields and little brooks with hidden age old springs, It's tender songs of youth and love that sound old mother lullabies.

It's love of home and fireside light, it's sweat and faith and toil, The souls of men who earn their bread from sun and rain and soil.

It's churches built on quiet streets, it's winding roads and downs, It's apple orchards in the sun and prosperous, cheerful towns, It's cattle on a hundred hills in pastures green and sweet, And happiness that sets a seal on faces that you meet.

It's something deeper still than this, beyond our thought and ken, The faith that sees the good that lives within the hearts of men. A woman glad to bear a child, proud to see her mate, It's home and love—and little fields that make a nation great.

Edna Jaques.

debt we owe to these pioneer mothers of a new day.

Mrs. Gladys Edwards.

ANOTHER SANDWICH—AND A BETTER ONE

When bakers changed their bread formulas and put more milk into their doughs to make better bread and makers of toasting devices developed a toaster that made perfect crisp, golden toast, they added much to the quality of modern luncheons. The sandwich shop came as an innovation and is now established restaurant practice, and a toasted sandwich with a glass of milk is the noon day lunch of millions.

Here is a new sandwich which is just as good in the home as at the lunch counter.

Toasted Apple Sauce Sandwich Toast bread on one side. Butter other side and spread with apple sauce. Add a slice of Bermuda onion and 2 strips of bacon. Broil under a low fire until bacon curls and onion is brown. If available serve with a glass of fresh, cool, apple cider.

BUDGET SURPRISE

"Budget Surprise" is the appropriate name for the newest dessert delight for the thrifty housewife. When you can make a dessert delicious enough to serve your most important guests and at the same time use up those last-winter jams or jellies that have sagged on you, it's a secret worth knowing. The trick is in the glycerine.

The following directions call for raspberry jam, but other preserves may be readily substituted. Just take:

30 marshmallows
1 cup raspberry jam
1 tablespoon glycerine
2 tablespoonsful lemon juice
1/4 pint whipping cream
Put the marshmallows in quarters and soften over hot water. Beat the raspberry jam and glycerine together well, and fold into the softened marshmallows. Add lemon juice and mix thoroughly. Then gently fold in the whipped cream and chill.

Farm buildings in Kansas represent a total value of more than \$300,000,000.

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Send orders to Kansas Union Farmer Box 48, Salina, Kans.

:-: Of Interest To Women :-:

FLOWER HOLDERS, CONTAINERS WELCOME CHRISTMAS GIFTS

There Are Variety to Fit for Every Occasion. Trimming Scissors Is Another Suggestion

"What shall I give?" is an oft repeated phrase these days when Christmas shopping takes so much of our time, and in spite of the increased variety of gifts offered this year, we must still be in a quandary about some of them. If she who is to receive your gift, however, is a flower lover, your selection can be easily made, and at no great expense.

If the ideal gift is something the receiver can use, and still might not go out and get for herself, then a flower holder (sometimes called a "turtle") would be in order. For some reason these inexpensive appliances, which must vary in size and shape to fit different bowls and types of flowers, are all too lacking in many homes. In case you are not familiar with them, they are used at the bottom of a container, and their holes, fasteners or grooves, as the case may be, are made to fit the ends of flower stems and hold them in place. Where an arrangement is to be made in a shallow bowl, one of these handy gadgets is indispensable and even in a large arrangement, where the flower stems are closely packed, a holder will enable one to place certain blooms at just the right angle, and keep them there.

Here is a precaution. Do not select, however attractive they may be, holders which do not allow adequate circulation of water at the base. In such cases the flowers suffer for lack of moisture.

Fancy pottery for both cut flowers and plants are other Christmas suggestions for the flower lover. It is almost impossible to have too many of them, for their uses vary as much with every arrangement of flowers. Be careful of two gaudy containers for cut flowers—often-times they will attract so much attention themselves that little is left for the flowers.

A trimming scissors is another gift which will find a welcome. Most women do not have such an instrument, and must depend upon kitchen knives, which are never too sharp for the purpose, and in many cases they resort to breaking the stems, a method which measurably shortens the lives of flowers. Be sure you get a good scissors, made especially for cutting flowers, or none at all.

PORK-UPINE MEAT BALLS

1 1-2 pounds of lean pork shoulder, ground.
1 small onion, chopped finely,
1 cup of raw rice,
1 egg.
Salt and pepper to taste,
1-4 teaspoon of ground cumin seed. Mix all ingredients into twelve balls. Place in Dutch oven or large casserole and cover with one can of tomato soup. Be sure you get a good can of tomato soup. Bake in a slow oven for one and one-half hours.

CLOVER LEAF BISCUITS

Two cups sifted all purpose flour, One teaspoon salt, Four teaspoons baking powder, Three tablespoons shortening, Two-thirds cup milk. Utensil—(Milk muffin pan)—Sift dry ingredients, cut in fat, add liquid. Pinch off small pieces of dough and roll into balls. Place 3 of those in muffin pans. Brush over with milk and bake in a very hot oven (450 degrees F.) 15 to 20 minutes.

LIVER BAKED IN SOUR CREAM

Flour six slices of liver one-half inch thick and brown quickly on both sides in a frying-pan greased with a bit of fat or bacon fat. Place meat in a baking dish. Salt generously and cover with one and one-fourth cups of thick, sour cream. Bake in a slow oven until tender. Remove cover during the last fifteen minutes of baking, so that cream will brown lightly.

WASHBURN'S FRITTERS

1 1-4 cup puree of split peas,
1 egg
1-2 cup milk,
1 1-4 teaspoons salt,
Pepper
1 cup flour
3 teaspoons baking powder.
Mix puree, egg and milk together. Beat. Add flour, sifted with baking powder, salt and pepper. Beat again. Drop by spoonfuls into deep fat. Fry until a golden brown. Remove from fat and drain. Serve piping hot with hot applesauce. These can be warmed over in oven next day if desired.

BAKELESS FRUIT CAKE

1-2 pound graham crackers rolled fine,
1-2 cup nutmeats chopped fine,
1-2 pound marshmallows, cut fine,
1-2 pound dates cut fine,
1-2 cup thin cream,
12 maraschino cherries chopped, Mix together thoroughly and press firmly into a tube pan lined with heavy wax paper which has been buttered or oiled. Let stand overnight in refrigerator or other cool place. Turn out, slice and serve with whipped cream. Or ice with whipped cream and garnish with colored candies.

NOODLES—BUTTERED CRUMBS

Cook noodles in boiling salted water seven minutes, or until tender. Melt two tablespoons of butter and in it brown one-half cup fine dry bread crumbs. Add two more tablespoons of butter and combine with drained noodles.

HOMEMAKERS' HELPFUL HINTS

Treasure hunting in the attic has resulted in many valuable "finds," especially when a family has occupied the same homestead for more than one generation. Rural women everywhere have been eager to learn how to remove old paint and varnish and restore the original finish to such old pieces as have a value. In Kansas some 3,395 different pieces, chiefly chairs, tables, or entire dining room suites were restored to usefulness by home demonstration groups during the past year.

Wood needs an occasional oiling to feed the pores and keep it from drying out. Ruth J. Peck, home furnishings specialist, Kansas State College extension service, reminds homemakers. The air in houses is usually too dry and helps furniture to dry out so that parts become loose. The wood warps and cracks, and veneering may loosen. One thing to do, therefore, in addition to going over the furniture with a good oil polish from time to time, is to keep the room air moist by means of a pan of water near the source of heat.

To make an excellent furniture polish, mix 2 parts boiled linseed oil with 1 part turpentine. This is used for a plain oil finish. It is satisfactory to use at least once or twice a year on varnished or oiled furniture. The mixture is put on with a soft cloth. After all excess polish is wiped off with a clean cloth, the surface should be rubbed with the grain of the wood until it is thoroughly dry so that no fingerprints show on the wood.

To clean badly soiled wood use a mixture consisting of 1 quart of hot water, 3 tablespoons of boiled linseed oil, and 1 tablespoon of turpentine. Warm this mixture in a double boiler, and use it while warm. Put it on with a soft cloth, polishing off with a dry one.

To restore a waxed surface which has been scratched or spotted, first wash with turpentine and then re-wax. If the wood is dark, add a little black oil paint to the wax.

CORN FRITTERS

Chop contents of one 1-2 ounce can whole kernel yellow Bantam corn or put through a food chopper. Add two well-beaten eggs and one-fourth cup milk. Then add two-thirds cup flour, one teaspoon salt and one-half teaspoon baking powder. Drain by spoonfuls into hot fat or drippings in a skillet and brown on both sides. Good served with chicken. Makes sixteen.

SALLY'S SPOONBREAD

Two-thirds cup cornmeal, One-half cup brown sugar, One-third teaspoon salt. Two cups milk, Three egg yolks, Three tablespoons butter, melted, Three egg whites, beaten. Pour water over cornmeal and let stand five minutes. Add sugar, milk and yolks. Beat two minutes. Fold in rest of ingredients, mixing lightly. Pour into buttered baking dish (glass is excellent) and bake in pan hot water 45 minutes in moderately slow oven. Serve in dish in which baked.

RAISIN SAUCE

Mix 1-4 cup sugar, 1 tablespoon of flour and few grains of salt. Add 1 cup boiling water; cook until clear. Add juice and grated rind 1 orange, 1 tablespoon butter, 1-3 cup seedless raisins. This sauce is very good on steamed fruit puddings.

LIMAS BAKED

Arrange alternate layers of cooked or canned limas, seasoned, sliced onion browned in bacon fat, and grated cheese in a greased casserole. Pour over canned condensed tomato soup. Bake until piping hot. A family supper dish.

SEVEN MINUTE ICING

Put 2 unbeaten egg whites, 1 3-4 cups sugar, 6 tablespoons orange juice and 3-4 teaspoon grated orange rind in double boiler. Cook, beating constantly, until thick about 7 minutes. Roll tiny cup cakes in this or use for top of cake.

KETCHUP APPLES

Cup apples in halves, remove cores, place in pan, add little water and bake in usual manner, but sprinkle with brown sugar and pour 1 tablespoon tomato ketchup on each half. When almost baked, turn fruit over in pan to form glaze. Serve.

SURPRISE CUSTARD

Put a marshmallow in the bottom of each cup before pouring in the custard mixture for baking. Or sprinkle brown sugar generously on the plain custard when taken from the oven. Set in the broiling oven just long enough to melt the marshmallow.

WALTER LIPPMAN—POLITICAL ECONOMIST

Six million families read the articles of this great political writer every day. Although not an old man he was formerly the editor of the New York World and at present is an editor and writer on the New York Herald-Tribune.

Mr. Lippman has shown such a grasp of the national situation that he has visited with President Roosevelt to discuss the problems affecting the country. His articles are so simply worded that anyone can understand them—yet he ably deals with the situation today. He visited the Economic Conference at London last year.

His article is found on the editorial page in the Kansas City Journal-Post.

MRS. EDWARDS TALK IS AN INSPIRATION

She Makes A Plea For Renewed Effort In Educating Our Youth.

Address of Mrs. Gladys Talbot Edwards before the Annual Convention of the Kansas Farmers Union at McPherson, Kansas, October 28th, 1936.

Editors Note:

We are printing below a stenographic report of the splendid address of Mrs. Edwards. We are only sorry that it was not possible for us to broadcast this address so that all our members and thousands of other farmers families could have enjoyed it with us. It is physically impossible to take down in shorthand a long address, word for word, much less is it possible to give the feeling, the earnestness, with which it was delivered, nevertheless there is so much of solid value in this address that it merits our careful reading and serious consideration of the advice contained therein.

This is your 31st annual convention. You are 30 years old. That is half a life time. In that time you people in the Kansas Farmers Union have done fine things. You have built cooperative institutions. You have returned millions of dollars to the farmers of Kansas, but you have done something else besides return dollars to the farmers. You have given them a voice.

I heard your state President testify before a congressional committee on the Commodity Exchange Bill. When I heard his testimony I was glad I was a member of the Farmers Union. People listened to what he had to say. He was speaking there for you. Lights were flashed, taking his picture, because of the things he said; and news reporters flocked in to listen to what he had to say. The things he said, they were put down and remembered because he was your voice. You have a right to be proud. You have an organization to be proud of can send such a man down to Washington to defend your rights.

It is easy to read in your faces how long your Farmers Union has been going on in this state of Kansas, you have kept it going for 30 years, half a life time. It is easy to see you are no longer young in the work. Very few of your young people are in the Farmers Union convention here. I understand a number of reports had been made by members of the Farmers Union for 25 years. You have been carrying the torch for cooperative education for that many years. You have shown what organized farmers can do. To whom are you going to pass the torch when you cannot carry it any longer. Are you going to pass it on to a group of young people who are educated in the work you have done so they can carry on from where you stopped? If you let your organization go until all of you are gone then where will the torch be? Can you send out new organizers to organize a new generation. Let me tell you what Junior work has done in some of the other states.

In Montana they had 2000 people at their state convention. 400 of them were Juniors and leaders. At that same convention, I heard their state secretary tell that their organization is 22 years old. He told of a state convention at which there were 11 members present, and yet out of that small group they have gone on with their education, they have built up an organization that is getting bigger and better every day, they carry on their work further than their fathers carried it.

In North Dakota we are 10 years old. In 1914, about the time the Union was organized in Nebraska, they came up to North Dakota and organized the Farmers Union. We were very much interested in politics and so we started a political organization and our members took sides, and our farmers could not get their own meetings because they would not speak to some of their neighbors. That was a terrible way to do, but that very situation developed. In 1916 the state charter was revoked because everybody was so mad at his neighbor that they could not take care of their own economic problems. So, the Farmers Union died, and when the war came along and we became most interested in something that was not giving us bread and butter. We then became very patriotic and sent our boys over seas along with the rest of the boys. It was not until 1925 that the Farmers Union began to be organized in North Dakota again. For two years we were organized before the state organization was set up. We have had Junior work there for six years.

A Junior is a member of the Farmers Union between 16 and 21 years of age, so a Junior member is a member for 5 years and many of them are now adult voting members, who were Juniors in our first years of organization. Our state Secretary is 28 years old. Our assistant State Secretary was a Junior when the Junior Work began. Our state Junior Leader, you heard this afternoon. She was one of our Juniors, 6 years ago. That is what Junior work and educational work for your young people means in carrying on the work. That is how they grow up in the program, and carry on where you leave off. That is what it has done for us, and will do for you.

You had demonstrations here this afternoon in your Junior program. I will say I have seldom heard finer papers than you listened to this afternoon. You should be proud that young people can come to you as they did this afternoon. Your Four-Minute speeches were on the same topics. What mistakes were made in position, posture, etc, will be corrected, but the thought was well thought out. It is not easy to put so much

in four minutes of time as those young people did this afternoon.

The way to do this work, as experience has taught us is perhaps your question. You must have a local leader, a county leader and some one in your state office to help you out in your work. I know you have been getting the material, for I read your state paper. I want to say Miss Cowger has been doing a fine work in your state office as your state Junior leader. I know a little of the handicaps, and your program here today demonstrates her success.

I want to tell you about the program service and I will put it up to you whether you bring it up to your locals. The monthly programs are printed. We have a large volume of these programs and we are able to print them at what we consider a very low cost. It is possible for you to have them 11 months of the year for 50c. You can have this service come to your local secretary or your Junior leader, or who ever you wish in charge of your program service. Each program is prepared by a different leader. You have ideas from different states and different ideas of the Farmers Union. It gives you a feeling of friendliness and brotherhood and gives your state office an opportunity to send you a message once a month, also. Then, the Junior lesson or study program, is 10c additional, which makes a total cost to you of 60c per year. I believe you are to order these from your own Farmers Union office at Salina.

We have in the United States a system of education up to the eighth grade. If the youngsters parents are unable to pay for their education for high school in towns, a good many do not have a high school education. The figures are appalling because so many of those youngsters cannot attend high school. An eighth grade education does not go very far in equipping the children to make their way in this world. The Farmers Union in North Dakota originated a bill calling for a high school correspondence course for farm boys and girls who were unable to attend high school in town. This provided they would continue to attend their own country school but they had a high school correspondence course which is the same as any other high school course and is accepted by other high schools and colleges, and this is paid for by the state.

Many people fought that bill. There was a large group of people who came to the legislature to fight it, although you would have thought those very people were in favor of it, such as high school principals, and teachers. We were working for it, and we started with our program service. We sent out resolutions which went to the locals in North Dakota, resolving that the bill should be passed. We told them to get signatures, and that one copy was to be sent to their Senator or Representative, and a copy was to be sent to the State Junior department. These resolutions came in in floods. When this bill came up before the committee for consideration and then for vote, we had a sheaf of the resolutions made up, and in the hands of the sponsors of the bill. As the members of the legislature were canvassed, if any representative said, my people are not interested in that bill, then they were shown the resolutions which came from their people, and they could do nothing but be in favor of it. We got our bill all right, and the Juniors had a big part in making it possible.

600 farm boys and girls last year were in some school under that high school bill, and 2000 are registered this year. It has actually been put through by the program service in our state. The people in the locals look forward to their program service. They are accustomed to looking for the program service, and know it will have something in there for them. In order not to throw any additional financial burden to your state, each of your locals can have that service for 50c per year. You can also have the lesson outlines for 10c extra, which makes a total cost of 60c. That can be taken care of, and ordered through your state office. I hope your locals here in Kansas will all order this service.

In 1936 the national study topic was "Peace and Patriotism." The 1937 topic is "Cooperation." For this Junior Reserves it is based on "The story without end," or using the Farmers Union triangle, if you so wish. For the Juniors, between the ages of 8 and 12 years, it will be based on a pamphlet, "War on Weeds," or through Play of Understanding. We know we cannot hope to educate our young people if we wait until they are 16 years old. We have to get them young and train them. We begin with them as young as 8 years old. You will be surprised at how many of the children that age can absorb those lessons.

It is about time we were taking care of our own and seeing they get the right kind of education.

We are linking peace and patriotism with conscious intent. Too many of us have an idea of patriotism that it is to die for your country. The right kind of patriotism is living for your country. Patriotism of peace which means you have to get down and study the causes of war. It teaches you you have a man sized job before you of perfecting some kind of peace plans, or we will have war, as they have across the seas. You have a battle to protect freedom of speech, freedom of assembly, and our other inalienable rights. A man said, "whether it agrees with what you think or not, I have a right to give my opinion," and that is true.

We have to understand and make our young people understand that human rights are above property rights. We cannot continue to have war to protect property. A lot of people will tell you we have always had war and always will. People used to die by the thousands of scurvy. What happened. Somebody got busy and did some thinking and learned why they died. They studied, found that they ate the wrong kind of food. Thinking people found the remedy and got rid of scurvy. They found the

reasons and got rid of that disease, and now we do not have it any more. The same is true also about getting at the cause of war. Find the reason for it, get the remedy and then you will solve the trouble. We have to develop thinkers if we are going to keep our freedom. We must have thinkers instead of cannon fodder. I remember a poem, "The Boys in Armor", one line says, "Because you did not think, we had to die. We died, yet there you stand, no step advanced."

Are we advanced? They did die. They went out there to make the world safe for democracy, and where is it today. Is there democracy in the world. You cannot save it by dying for it, you have to live for it. We must have the right of free speech, the pursuit of happiness and liberty. We are entitled to do that under our Declaration of independence, and we are going to keep those rights.

It is harder to think than it is to die. It is harder to follow an ideal than it is to die for it. It is harder to stand up and say, I disagree with every word you say, but I will give my life that you may have the right to say it. Those are the things we want our boys and girls to know. It is what they have to know. Unless we teach them these things, they are going to follow the paths of red blood in Europe. What has it been since the world war except just that.

We have had the depression here with our nose to the grind stone and all other things that follow war. We have not realized the terrible things, the awful things that happened in Europe since the World War. We are not so far from Europe as you might think, and make our young folks think.

We tried to show you through patriotism in our study topic of 1936, the true patriotism. In 1937 we are going to try to show you how to put true deeds in the cooperative movement. It is only through real brotherhood that you can bring about world peace, no trade treaties can bring it about as can the cooperative movement of world brotherhood.

The machinery of this education is your office. Your officers, your local people out in the country. If there is one thing more important than others, it is hte cooperation of the individual member. I know how hard it is to work and feel that you are standing all alone. I know what you are up against. I want to say to the wives, I know how hard your battle is. I know because your mother was one of you. Coming out here yesterday, we came through Council Grove, and we stopped in the park and looked at the statue dedicated to the mother of the pioneer trail. It is a fine and noble effort on the part of the D. A. R. I wish all their efforts towards patriotism were as fine as that.

You farm wives out in the country running the farms while your husbands are attending board meetings or some other Farmers Union business. You are helping your husband to make a new trail. You do not carry a gun in your hand, but you have a lantern in your hand. It is hard to follow the vision. Your husband is not making a trail with an ox team. He is making a trail with elevator meetings, store meetings and other things the people out in the country have to follow. We need an operative movement a success. I know the money to pay for the gasoline could probably better be paid for shoes for the children. Yes those pioneer women faced the dangers of the trail by Indians, but the dangers about my mother, whom I knew so well. Sometimes I know she felt that the things she did were not so very worth while. She said what we did amounted to so much, but what she did could not amount to much. Her part was just as necessary as anything that we had done.

You women on the hard part. It is hard to stay at home and tend to things there. I want to give you a little poem about the farmers wife.

"If you would plant for a year—plant grain
Yours shall be many an ear of gain.

If you would plant for a decade—plant trees;
Yours shall be olives and shade and ease.

If you would plant for eternity—plant men;
Eternal harvest shall be yours, then."

I ask you here in the Kansas Farmers Union to think seriously of that thing. Lets plant men that eternal harvest shall be ours in the Junior work and in the growth of the cooperative movement in this state. I thank you.

HOW WELL DO WE
THINK ABOUT THE
THINGS WE READ

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and genuine falsehood. Ah! we must learn to think while we read—to analyze motives—yes, to really understand the subject or things we read about. Clear, sound, straight thinking is absolutely essential to intelligent action and must precede such action if we are really to make progress toward our objective.

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WHO narrowed the spread in butterfat prices?
WHO forced other cream buyers to pay better prices?

Your only opportunity to help in these matters has been through your Farmers Union cooperatives.

THE FARMERS UNION COOP.
CREAMERY ASSN.

Colony, Kansas

We should read with critical minds—which simply means weighing the printed thought or idea up in our own mind in the light of our own experience and observation and testing it out in every detail. How often I have heard folks say, No, I wouldn't read that slander sheet or that radical paper or that subsidized propaganda sheet. While it is desirable of course to read good wholesome and true literature, I often enjoy reading and analyzing the other fellow's viewpoint.

I like to read the attacks of the opposition on our Farmers Union principles, purposes and program, for the purpose of analyzing their motives or for the purpose of detecting the errors in their logic and reasoning or for the purpose of discovering our errors, if there are such. I find this broadens my mind and gives me a must keen on it and accept it to some al and economic structure as it is and how best to improve it.

Our National Union Farmer, being a farmer-class organization organ, tries to present the farmers class interests and the greatest many complimentary letters from thousands of the best informed farm readers as well as prominent men in other walks of life, who have a keen interest in Agricultural equality, convinces me it is bearing good fruit. So when you have read your paper put a one-cent stamp on it and send it to some neighbor or friend who does not belong to our organization, thus helping him to become familiar with our organization. He will want to join us. This is important and will be a big help at the least cost in building our organization bigger and better.

FARMERS UNITE IN
EFFORT TO RETAIN
GAS EXEMPTIONS

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production adjustment features in any program that may be adopted, and we favor reasonable benefit payments to farmers cooperating in the soil conservation and crop production program.

We favor state inspection and regulation of the direct buying of livestock in Kansas by packers.

We favor a community sales law.

We favor compelling elevator owners and operators buying grain on future contracts to give bond for payment for such grain and be inspected.

We favor amendment to anti-discrimination law to stop old line cream, grain and other companies from manipulating prices where they have competition—to drive out the cooperatives and independents—and make up their losses where they do not have competition.

We favor the present primary law and recommend that its provisions be extended to presidential candidates.

ASSIST COOPS IN
TAX EXEMPTION

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with a large percentage of non-members or nonstockholders will be heavily penalized unless they get their house in order to qualify for total exemption.

The Auditing Association intends to tackle this matter seriously, provided, a sufficient number of our patrons are interested. We intend to compile a standard set of By-laws which will meet the approval of the Revenue Department, to assist members in their claims for exemption, and instruct them on the adjustments necessary in their methods of operating to qualify for exemption.

If you are interested in securing exemption for your organization and are prepared to adjust your business methods so as to qualify—signify by mailing it to us.

Very truly yours,
Thos. B. Dunn,
Secretary-Manager.

FARM TENANCY A
REAL PROBLEM

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the possibilities of a farm family, now operating as a tenant family, to become a farm owning family, operating the own farm. The program is vastly more than a program of mere relocation of farmers. In fact, we expect to transform some families from tenants to farm owners without moving them an inch.

But how can we reach the great number of these tenant farmers with this form of aid? We are looking to the farm organizations, long recognized as the real champions of the farmers' cause, for help in answering this question. Please give the subject some careful consideration. We want to use your suggestions along with suggestions already made, and a sound program should be the result.

May I have the pleasure of hearing from you soon?
Floyd H. Lynn,
Community Manager, Northeastern Kansas Farms, Resettlement Project.

CROP INSURANCE
BEFORE CONGRESS

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adopted on December 3. The corn farmers should join the wheat farmers. We are headed toward a Crop Insurance program. Will it be a workable

and beneficial program, or will it be a program which will be mere glibture, and which in the end will disappoint the farmers and thus do more harm than good.

That is the question which must be fought out with the next Congress. The battle with Congress must be fought by the farmers themselves and unless the farmers do fight vigorously there will be no Crop Insurance program worthy of the name enacted into law.

(Editor's Note: This is the first of a series of two articles on crop insurance written for the Kansas Union Farmer by A. W. Ricker, noted farm paper editor and writer on Agricultural subjects. The second article by Mr. Ricker, will appear in an early issue.)

NEW PLANS OFFERED
BY DIRECTORS FOR
MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

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none but Farmers Union members can buy stock. This Bison Elevator is in flourishing condition, and farmers are anxious to secure stock so that they can share in the patronage dividends.

Officers of County Farmers Unions and of Cooperative Business Associations write to President John Seckey at the State Office at Salina, and arrange dates for your cooperation in these plans to build a bigger and better Farmers Union, and to boost for more business for our Cooperative Business associations.

—John Frost.

OUR COOPERATIVES
IN KANSAS RANK
FIFTH IN NATION

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and \$62,000,000, or 41 per cent, represented the sale of supplies on a retail basis. Over 60 per cent of this purchasing business was transacted by large-scale associations which also marketed farm products valued at almost \$200,000,000. Over 98 per cent of the total business of the 105 associations was made up of feed, petroleum products (including automotive accessories) fertilizer, box shooks, package materials, and other supplies used by farmers in producing and marketing operations.

We have our young folks interested and are getting along fine. We'll

Neighborhood Notes

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY
(Bellview Local No. 2042)

Whereas God in His wisdom and mercy saw fit to remove from our midst, our brother, Robert Lieurance who has frequently visited our Local, always with a cherry smile and good wishes, while working for our Live Stock Commission firm.

Therefore be it Resolved that we, the members of Bellview Local No. 2042 here assembled, do send our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family and that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved family; a copy be spread on the minutes of our Local, and a copy be sent to the Kansas Union Farmer.

Mrs. L. C. Gretten,
Mrs. J. E. Powell,
John T. Anderson,
Committee.

A NEW AUXILIARY GROUP

Dear Miss Cowger:
On Dec. 10th Mrs. Wm. Van Hove and Mrs. M. L. Beckman met with a group of ladies at the home of Mrs. Geo. Frederick and helped them organize a Ladies Auxiliary to the Four Mile Farmers Union local.

The following officers were elected:
President, Mrs. Geo. Frederick.
Vice President, Mrs. Dave Clark.
Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Herman Siever.

Chaplain, Mrs. Roy Bumstead.
Lecturer, Mrs. Will Tempero.
After the work of organizing was completed articles of interest were read and discussed. A delicious refreshments served by the hostess.

Mrs. M. L. Beckman.

BELLVIEW LOCAL REPORT

We, the members of Bellview Local No. 2042, held our election last

evening. The following members were elected:
President—Rolland Chandler,
Vice President—Lucille Gretten,
Secretary-Treasurer—John Anderson.

Conductor—Owen Harbison,
Doorkeeper—L. C. Gretten,
Executive Committee—E. E. Powell and W. F. Varnan and James Martin.

Lecturer—Mrs. L. C. Gretten.
The following program was rendered.
Reading—Julia Chandler.
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Reading—Rolland Chandler.
Piano Solo—Julia Chandler.
One act play—Lucille and Mrs. Gretten.

We also had eats and coffee. All had a lovely time.

John T. Anderson.

100 PER CENT LOCAL FOR 1937

Topoka, Kansas,
December 15

Miss Cowger:
Just a few lines from Elevation Local.

Our Local met Saturday evening, December 12 and held annual election of officers:

President—James Hoffmeister,
Vice President—A. F. Swan,
Secretary—A. R. Swan,
Conductor—Mrs. C. L. Read.

We feel proud of our local in that they have paid their 1937 dues 100 per cent. We think that is the only way that the Farmers Union can keep up the organization.

We have our young folks interested and are getting along fine. We'll

install our new officers January 8. Also our annual oyster supper is at that time.

Hoping this is not too long a letter, we remain, yours truly,
Elevation Local
A. R. Swan,
Secretary

MOLASSES AS LIVESTOCK FEED

In an effort to locate ample supplies of livestock feed of all kinds for the winter feeding period and to prevent undue advances in prices for feed, molasses is one of the substitutes for corn recommended by the Federal Livestock Feed Agency, 755 Livestock Exchange Building, Kansas City, Missouri. A circular entitled, "Molasses as a Feed for Livestock," which contains many practical suggestions relative to the feeding of molasses is being distributed free of charge by the Agency. Persons interested in obtaining the circular and information as to where molasses may be purchased at the lowest cost should get in touch with the Agency.

ABILENE—The most remarkable occurrence of Paleozoic insect fossils yet found in the world is in the lower Permian strata a few miles south of Abilene. A total of 5,000 specimens have been found there and the most common type is the cockroach which is the oldest existing insect group represented by fossils. The early Permian cockroach was four inches long.

Fattening younger steers is generally a better paying practice than fattening older steers.

Tax Problems Accounting System Auditing Service

Cooperative Auditors

KANSAS FARMERS UNION COOPERATIVE
AUDITING ASSOCIATION

Write for Rates

WE WRITE ALL KINDS OF BONDS

SALINA, KANSAS

PHONE 570

WHEN ORDERING COAL

REMEMBER

TO WRITE OR WIRE US

KANSAS—Cherokee District Deep shaft lump and nut, Deep shovel lump, standard nut, fancy nut, Furnace sizes and slack.

OKLAHOMA—All sizes of Poteau, Broken Aro, Henryetta, McAlester and Old Hickory.

COLORADO—Keystone (Routt County)—6 in. Chunks, 3 in. lump, 6 x 3 Grate, Nut and Slack.

Bear River—8 in. Chunks, 3 in. lump, 8 x 3 Grate, Nut and Slack.

ARKANSAS—Paris Semi-Anthracite from the New Union and Jewell Mines.

Anthracite—from the Collier-Dunlap, Sunshine and Fernwood Mines.

ILLINOIS—All sizes of Delta from Saline Co. and All Sizes of Old Ben from Franklin County.

Also—
STANDARD BRIQUETTES.

Farmers Union Jobbing Ass'n.

Central and Water Sts., Kansas City, Kans.
Organized, Operated and Maintained by KFU organizations

We Wish Our Customers and Friends a Merry Christ-

mas and a Very Happy and Prosperous

New Year

FARMERS UNION LIVESTOCK COMMISSION COMPANY

Kansas City

Wichita

Parsons

George W. Hobbs, Gen. Mgr.