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FARMERS UNITE IN **EFFORT TO RETAIN** GAS EXEMPTIONS

Agricultural Organizations Near Hundred Per Cent Against Repeal of Gas Tax Law

UNCERTAIN ON ALTERNATIVES

Joint Session With Labor Organizations May Determine Stand On Sales Tax December 21st

the present exemption from the gas-oline tax of gasoline used for farm Hays, Judith Lowry and Raymond purposes will meet with determined Johnson in a specially written epi-resistance from the Kansas flarm or-sode of "Uncle Sam's Forest Rangganizations—and just about 100 per ers." The Ranch Boys trio and Wal-

organizations, which met yesterday afternoon at the Hotel Jayhawk to map out its legislative program for the coming session of the legislature. Repeal Not Necessary

"It is all right for the state enforcement agency to stop bootlegging and evasion." explained Cal Ward, former president of the Kansas Farmers Union. "But it is not necessary to to repeal the exemption, to which farmer feels he is fairly entitled." The committee again went on rec-

ord in favor of increasing the state income tax sufficienty to raise 10 million dollars a year; it now raises close to \$2,500,00 a year. Cogswell Was Firm

But Carl Cogswell, just re-elected master of the Kansas State Grange, caused the committee to back up on an action taken last August, just before the party councils met. At that time the income tax resolution adopted provided the income tax receipts could be used to meet social security payments (old age assistance and the like) as well as to lower the state

tax on general property.
"I will not stand for that," said Cogswell, and that ended the matter. ly the greatest Farmers Union meet-under the rules of the committee, on ling ever held in the history of the ly proposals approved by every one Farmers Union from the standpoint of the statewide farm organizations have the backing of the committee of ments. farm organizations.

May Be Break Cogswell also indicated what may be the first break in the farmer-labor lines in Kansas against a general sales tax, John Frost of the Farmers Union urged retention of the restriction of the rest olution which would allow part the income tax receipts to be used to

meet old-age assistance payments. "The alternative may be a sales tax," and we are opposed to a sales tax," said Frost. "You wouldn't abandon our position against the sales tax?" to Cogswell.

Leader Wavers "I am opposed to the sales tax,"

said Cogswell. "We are unalterably opposed to the sales tax," said Frost.

"Not unalterably opposed," declared Cogswell. "All these things we are proposing to do will have to be paid for, and I might change my position. I am opposed to the sales tax but not unalterably." The resolution opposing the sales

but the word "unalterably" is not Cogswell also took issue, and again

won, against approving county participation in the support of the schools. The original resolution, approved before Cogswell arrived, read, "We favor state and county participation in support of public schools." Too Many Sources

Cogswell declared that called for too many sources of revenue for the

"County taxes would have to So county aid for weak school dis-

tricts went off the list. It was voted to employ a legislative agent during the coming session of the legislature, to look after farm the session, at a meeting of the executive committee and heads of the day were generally ignorant, even state farm organizations here De- though Guttenberg did.

Hold Joint Session

At that time also arrangements will be made for a joint session with everyone—aren't you surprised at the organized labor representatives, to work out joint support for farm and especially concerning many of the labor programs on which all the or- very simple, common-place matters ganizations interested can agree. John Vesecky, president of the Kansas Farmers Union and chairman of the committee of farm organizations, presided at yesterday's meeting.
gram as approved yesterday include:

We insist that whatever social se-curity program is adopted shall include in the act provisions for raising the money to pay for it.

fix boundaries for the operation of farm cooperatives.

We favor a chain store tax. We favor a constitutional amendment providing for a graduated land

We favor a bindweed law, giving

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W. L. BLACKSTONE, TENANT FARMER, NAMED MEMBER OF TENANCY COMMITTEE

Secretary Wallace, Chairman of the Special Committee on Farm Ten-ancy, today announced that the Pres-ident had appointed W. L. Blackstone of Wynne, Okla., a member of the Committee. Mr. Blackstone is a tenant farmer and is a director of the Tenant Farmer's Union.

The Committee will hold its first formal meeting on Wednesday, December 16.

PLAN SPECIAL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

A Christmas celebration in a for-From Topeka Capital

Any attempt to repeal or decrease

A Christmas celebration in a forest ranger's cabin deep in the national forest will be dramatized during the National Farm and Home

cent resistance also from the farm- ter Mlaufuss and the Homesteaders orchestra will offer a group of This is the concensus of opinion from the committee of Kansas farm which met vesterday m. EST) over the NBC-Blue network.

President Everson Believes Many Lose Much of Truth By Not Concentrating on the Written Word

READ BOTH SIDES

Analyze The Thoughts of Those Who Criticize Your Beliefs, National President

Advises The meeting which is to be held at the Castle Hotel in Omaha, Nebraska on December 28th and 29th should be one of the greatest if nat actual-

Cooperative Accomplish-I want to make it clear that all Farmers Union members are welcome to attend this meeting. The unorganized should send representatives for

organization. While it will probably be necessary to decide on a definite and specific basis of voting by actual bona fide delegates, representing organized State Unions, members of the Union in good standing in the unorganized states as well as the organized states are welcome to attend and get all the information you can to assist you in building a sound foundation for your Cooperatives which you no doubt will sooner or later want to es-

The Dangers of Reading Without Thinking and Thinking Without Reading

John Guttenberg, who invented the art of printing with movable type, aftax remained in the approved list, ter he returned home from an extended trip, traveling over a large part of the then known world, was asked upon his return to his home by one of his close friends, what he regarded as the most remarkable thing ne had discovered in all his travels. John replied that the most remarkane met and saw.

This, then, perhaps was the thing that inspired him to devote his tallevied on general property," said disseminate truth, facts and information to the people far and wide. This was sometime about 1440, less than

500 years ago. Of course, we in this day and age, with our rapid means of communication, giant presses, telephone, teleinterests. He will be selected, and graph and radios, none of which were provision made for an office during available at that time, naturally do not wonder that the people in that

But let me ask you, aren't you really surprised now, with all these, the modern inventions available to most general ignorance of our people and that one would naturally think most everyone should know about from actual experience and observation? Aren't you surprised at times, at the lack of simple, common-place knowledge and information on the part of many of our so-called intellectuals, so-called statesmen or economists, with alphabetical titles before and after their names, that would natur-We are opposed to any law which ally lead one to believe that they are gives any state agency the power to wise beyond measure—the intelligensia-so to speak of our population? Well, that is the impression I get and I think the reason for it is very largely "Reading without thinking

and thinking without reading." Altogether too many of us read without even stopping to analyze the thought some public help in controling bind-weed and the enactment of a consti-the thought or idea to a practical tutional wind-blowing soil conserva- test to determine its accuracy-its value-or usefulness in dealing with We recommend the present soil actual facts and realities. We often



At this season of the year, when the whole Christian World celebrates the birth of the Prince of Peace, no matter where we are or how far away we may have roamed, our thoughts turn to home and the loved ones there. We forget the trials and hardships of the year just past and remember only the good. May not we, your representatives here at the State office, express to you our appreciation of the kind words you have spoken about our work and the help you have cheerfully given us in our efforts to lighten the burdens which weigh so heavily on the common folks of our land. May we not wish peace, happiness and contentment to you all. John Vesecky, President.



Floyd Lynn Asks For Help To Answer Question, "What To Do?"

One of the problems facing agriculture today has to do with increasing farm tenancy. I believe the farm organizations recognize the grave importance of this evil. The resettlement program is especially designed to assist in relieving the farm tenancy situation.

It is my desire to make the resettlement program as practical as possible in Kansas. My former close association with the Kansas Farmers Union, and my resulting close contact with the work of the Farm Bureau and Grange and the cooperatives, and my confidence in them, leads me to ask for the cooperation of these farm organizations in the attempt to make the resettlement work effective and practical.

Our program in Kansas calls for the purchase by the government of all grapple with the farm tenancy farms in northeastern Kansas suitable for resettlement purposes. These farms are not being purchased as investments, but are being bought in order that they may be in turn sold ble thing he had discovered was the general ignorance of the people whom who should be farm owners but who cannot become owners if required to purchase direct from individual owners. Naturally, we have to select ents to the invention of printing by farmers who are perhaps a little yovable type in order to be able to above the average in ability to be absolutely sure they will be able to pay out and eventually leave the ranks of tenants to become farmowner-operators. We anticipate no difficulty in finding sufficient farm ers of this class. This anticipation is based on investigation and obser-

vations already made. It will readily be seen, however, of the best farmers who are now tenants, we still have a big problem in dealing with those whom we could not provide for in our present limited program. The question arises: plan can be worked out to offer thousands of Kansas farmers a future agricultural existence higher than a year-to-year, pillar-to-post

type of living?" Can we work out some way program be fostered and aided by sound business practice.

government facilities? In answering these questions we should keep in mind the fact that in 1930 only eight states, according to tables made public recently by the United States Bureau of Agricultural Economics, ranked below Kansas in the share of farm land and build- total exemption from the payment of ings owned by the farmers operating them. We must realize that in 1930, the latest figures available, mend the continuance and constructive development of the program. We
favor inclusion of crop insurance and

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The weat farmers are going to program which their representatives fact and fiction; between the real and the program which their representatives are going to advertise and promote loyalty to the Washington to put up a fight for the program. We fact and fiction; between the real and the program which their representatives are going to advertise and promote loyalty to the Washington to put up a fight for the program. We fact and fiction; between the real and the imaginary; yes, between Truth the percentage of farm mortgage inthe continued on page 4)

(continued on page 4) 34.6 per cent of the value of the ing cooperative associations.

The New 1936 Income Tax A

that in 1935 forty-four out of every one hundred Kansas farmers were renters. Back in 1880 Kansas had sixteen renters out of every hundred

fact that those who have studied the possibilities of cooperative action among farmers are likely to say, 'Let every farmer join a farm orgaization and market and purchase cooperatively. That will practically do away with farm tenancy." Every word of such a statement is true. Such action would settle the tenancy question and a lot of other questions. The attainment of such a condition

should ever be the goal of Kansas

farm organizations. There is no sense in kidding our selves. Farmers are not all going to join their organizations for a long time. In the meantime, unless we figure out some way to check it, tenancy will continue to increase and the farmers will continue to sink deeper into the mire of a bad economic situation. So without lessening our zeal for increased membership in farm organizations, we must

problem as it faces us today. Resettlement is trying to meet the situation in as direct a manner as opssible. Through resettlement the government is seeking to increase (continued on page 4)

# ASSIST COOPS IN TAX EXEMPTION

Farmers Union Auditing Association Will Aid In Filing Claims

Below we are printing a letter which our Farmers Union Auditing Association has recently sent to all its customers. The letter is self exthat after we have made owners out planitory and should prove of interest not only to every manager and director of a cooperative association, but also to every member of a cooperative who takes his privileges and duties, as member, seriously.

Mr. Dunn, the manager of the Farmers Union Auditing Association has made a special study of all tax matters affecting cooperatives and has helped many of our associations out of trouble after they got into trourescue fro mthe worst forms of ten-ancy the farmer family of medium ability? Can we set up a cheaper program, one that can be carried service of the Farmers Union Auditout by farm families of average or ing Association to all our cooperasub-average farming ability? To tive associations and advise them to ed at Washington on December 3, what extent shall supervision be of- arrange for regular semi-annual aufered? To what degree shall such a dits, with Mr. Dunn, as a matter of

> This Should Interest Every Cooperative Organization:

We believe the time has arrived when every cooperative organization should seriously consider the advisibility of being in a position to secure Federal and State Income Taxes and thereby receive the benefit of the concessions granted in the Federal Kansas farm operators owned but and State Income Tax Laws affect-

# BEFORE CONGRESS

when searching for a solution is the It Is Believed That The Program Will Be Acted On This Session

> By A. W. Ricker, Editor of the Farmers Union Herald

Here are the essential facts about a Crop Insurance program soon mal, being estimated at \$29,000,000. Congress:

1st Secretary Wallace has long been an advocate of Crop Insurance. 2nd. Crop Insurance planks were taken to the National Convention of the Republicans at Cleveland, and the Democrats at Philadelphia. Neither convention placed these planks in their platforms.

3rd. During the campaign both candidates Landon and the President, placed themseves on record before the people in favor of a Crop Insurance program.

4th. Before election the annual stockholders' meeting of the Farmers National Grain Corporation endorsed Crop Insurance. The National Grange at its annual convention in Columbus, Ohio, early in November endorsed Crop Insurance. The Farmers Union National Con-

vention held at Des Moines on November 17, endorsed Crop Insurance. The National Convention of the Farm Bureau Federation meeting in California on December 11, endorsed Crop Insurance.

What all of these organaiztions did, is one thing to endorse a principle, but quite another thing to make program through Congress in the form of a law.

Since Secretary Wallace is for Crop Insurance, and since President Roosevelt declared for it twice, in late September and again on the Saturday night before election, it is fair to assume that some kind of a Crop Insurance Bill will be enacted by Congress.

The question is "What Kind." A real Crop Insurance program will win the support of the farmers, passes the bill, and the President who signs it. An ineffective Crop Insurance program will not win support from the farmers, and will discredit the Congress which passes the neasure.

The program which representatives of the Wheat farmers formulatand which was endorsed at the recent stockholders meeting of Farmers Union regional cooperatives, will, so far as wheat is concerned, be ciations in the United States which Crop Insurance.

There is no good reason, however, why this program should be confined to wheat. The corn farmer needs Crop Insurance as much as the wheat farmer. It is up to the corn farmers associations also distributed supplies now to ask to be included in this program. With wheat and corn joined on ally on a car door basis. In 1,000 adthe same kind of a program we ought ditional communities the large-scale to win, but it is for the corn farmer to do his own job of insisting on being included in the program.

Chicago's nationally famous "Poet Priest," the Rev. Father Francis C. Young, will make his ninth con-secutive annual appearance on the National Farm and Home Hour, Wednesday, December 23, when he Wednesday, December 23, when he will present another series of original Yuletide verse.

Father Young, who serves as curate at the Little Flower church in Chicago, is the author of "Our Native has

tion's Prayer," a poem which has been acclaimed by religious leaders of many denominations. Before making his debut on the Farm and Home Hour in 1928, he was heard over KYW in Chicago for many years. He will present several origina Christmas poems with a background of appropriate music by Walter Blaufuss and the Homesteaders orchestra. A group of Chicago school children will sing Christmas carols and Edward Davies, NBC baritone, will sing Shubert's "Ave Maria" during the program of 11:30 a.m. CST leaders averywhere are calling on ing the program at 11:30 a. m. CST leaders everywhere are calling on (12:30 p. m. EST) over the NBC- members to rally unorganized farm-

# OUR COOPERATIVES IN KANSAS RANK FIFTH IN NATION Who is rapidly wearing infinitely out in ceaseless endeavor to save the stricken farmers of his state from fifteen years of financial depression and seven bitter years of drouth.

In Fourth Place In Membership Alone; Fifth In Volume of Business

54,000 ESTIMATED MEMBERS

Grain Marketing Cooperatives Volume of Business For Past Year Was \$29,000,000

Kansas ranks fifth of the 48 states for the number of its grain market-ing cooperatives. "Statistics for the crop year of 1935-36 shows the state business," President Ralph Snyder of the Wichita Bank of Cooperatives of all. I wonder how long a few of had 286 such farmers' cooperatives in

Iowa, Minnesota and Illinois exceed it for membership. Each of these states, in fact most of the grain states show a gain in membership of cooperatives over the 1934-35 crop in recent meeting decided to try out year. The gain in Kansas is estimat-

ed at 3,700. "In volume of business done by "In volume of business done by these farmers' cooperatives, Kansas fieldmen, or organizers, to cover the again ranks fifth, tying Ohio for that again ranks fifth, tying Ohio for that again ranks fifth, tying Ohio for the tyear. They are appealing to position. The Kansas volume handled was, of course, far below norto be brought before the Federal The states which equaled or exceeded that, all were more fortunately located in the matter of weather-Ohio, Illinois, Minnesota, Iowa and

Nebraska. "In the nation, at the close of the latest grain marketing seasson, 3, 010 of these cooperatives were given service. Of this total, Kansas had 286, or about one eleventh. They were handling about eight percent of the cooperatively marketed grain of the nation and had nearly nine percent

of such membership in the nation. "This type of marketing organization," said Mr. Snyder in closing, 'makes more use of our cooperative banking services than does any other. From organization to date almost exactly half our applications for loans from the four states of this district have come from these grain cooperatives. They borrow from the bank at four per cent for building, buying or refinancing facilities; at three percent for operations. Through ade-quate facilities and properly financed operations they save their farmer-members hundreds of thousands of was merely to go on record favoring order that all member grain may the principles of Crop Insurance. It grade as high as possible. This prolific source of revenue, once controlthe producers."

Half of Cooperative Farm Supply Business Conducted by 105 Associations

Of the \$300,000,000 worth of supcently completed by Joseph G. Knapp \$4 to \$5 per day. of the Cooperative Division of the Farm Credit Administration.

es and operated 300 branch agencies. dues of all farmers in their trade Supplies were distributed not only to specialized local purchasing association. This \$1.95 covers all the 80c specialized local purchasing associations, but to such local marketing cooperatives as creameries and grain elevators, poultry and fruit marketing associations, and cotton gins. A of our Cooperative Business Associlarge proportion of the estimated 5,- ations that will call and advertise 000 local farmers' cooperative assodistributed supplies to farmers therefore obtained all or part of their supplies for resale through these largescale associations.

In 1,500 communities these major through local representatives, generassociations distributed supplies

through commercial dealers. Of the total business done by 105 large-scale asso ations, \$90,000,-

## CHICAGO'S "POET PRIEST" TO BROADCAST ORIGINAL CHRIST-MAS VERSE ON FARM HOUR DEPOCHABLE TO THE PRIEST" TO BROADCAST ORIGINAL CHRIST-MAS VERSE ON FARM HOUR DEPOCHABLE TO THE PRIEST" TO BROADCAST ORIGINAL CHRIST-MAS VERSE ON FARM HOUR DEPOCHABLE TO THE PRIEST" TO BROADCAST ORIGINAL CHRIST-MAS VERSE ON FARM HOUR DEPOCHABLE TO THE PRIEST" TO BROADCAST ORIGINAL CHRIST-MAS VERSE ON FARM HOUR DEPOCHABLE TO THE PRIEST" TO BROADCAST ORIGINAL CHRIST-MAS VERSE ON FARM HOUR DEPOCHABLE TO THE PRIEST OF THE PRIEST O BY DIRECTORS FOR **MEMBERSHIP**

Board of Directors and President Vesecky Decided, At a Recent Meeting, To Try New Plans

ASK COUNTIES TO HELP

Both Plans Need The Help Of the County Union Organization To Execute

Our National Farmers Union, in ers to battle for our rights and to save us from impending peasantry.
Listen to this cry from the great
heart of Charley Talbott, President
of the North Dakota Farmers Union, who is rapidly wearing himself out

"Farmers of North Dakota, why don't you all belong to the Farmers Union, so that we can have a united front and a strong organization with which to impress the powers that be in the capital of the United States. So few people seem to feel the necessity of belonging to an organization that has demonstrated its ability to do things. Because of our lack of numbers, we show our weakness when we make demands on the federal government for improvement laws and regulations for the benefit of our class. I sometimes feel that it is utterly hopeless to get any of the things that we so direly need, because of our refusal to join tous have to carry this battle before "For its membership in such cooperatives," Mr. Snyder dontinued, Kansas ranks fourth, with an estimated membership of 54,000. Only mated membership of 54,000. Only You will either join together or go down separately."

President Vesecky and the Directors of our Kansas Farmers Union some new plans for a membership drive. The State Office does not have the money to send out enough the County Farmers Unions and to the Cooperative Business Associations to bear part of the burden of waking up unorganized farmers and getting them into the Farmers Union where they will count in the battle for the recovery of agricul-

County Farmers Unions, Will You Help?

The State Farmers Union is proposing two plans, by either of which the County Farmers Unions can help in securing the many needed members. First Plan. The State Union will send, at its expense, experienced fieldman (as soon as called for and as soon as available) into any county for two consecutive evening meetings, each meeting to be followed by a farm to farm canvass the following day for members by the fieldman and one or more local members with their auto. County Farmers Union is asked to arrange and thoroughly advertise these meetings, particularly among non members, and to send to the meetings and for the two days canvassing, one or two or more of its best solicitors and workers, and then dollars by the proper cleaning, con-ditioning and blending of grains, in soon thereafter, at the County Un-ion's expense, a similar series of five or more meetings among the locals of the county, each such meeting to ed by the elevator business, now thru be followed by a day's farm to farm cooperation, is becoming available to campaign for members. The state fieldmen will give encouragement and coaching experience in the drive. Second Plan. The State Union will send fieldmen (as available) to hold 5 to 10 evening meetings in any county, each followed by a day's plies distributed by farmers' coop- farm to farm drive for members proerative associations last year, near- vided the Co. Union will arrange and ly half—\$152,000,000 — constituted advertise the drive, and halp pay the business of 105 large-scale cooperatives, according to a survey re- which will probably average around Cooperative Business Associations

Will You Help? These large cooperatives served 4,700 local associations of various typElevator at Bison is paying \$1.95 local dues. The State Union will gladly send, at state expense, a fieldman (as available) to address any an evening meeting, or better a ban-quet of its stockholders—to be fillowed by several days canvass among the stockholders for Farmers Union members, the Cooperative Business Association furnishing an auto and one or more members to assist the fieldman in the drive. And the Cooperative is asked to pay the special 75c subscription to secure the Kansas Union Farmer, the weekly state paper, for its stockholders. The State Union is trying to build up

a big strong Local around each Cooperative Business Association, to

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### 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 to any change in the gas exemption large audience of Osborne County Farmers Union people at Covert in that law now in effect. 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 each instance. secretary, sufficie 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. Bossing 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 Faramers 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 crdit 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 Union 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 filled.

talk. I talked to a very attentive audience on about the same subject as gation for membership, November the talk I had made on Monday to the Osborne Farmers Union. After my talk the Union proceded 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 Dear Editor: 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 supply house of the jobbing house Schulte. The program committee and Mr. O'Neil and one other man took charge and the following program was presented.

Loyd Day Piano Solo. Harmonica Solo......Carson Hanson Recitation.....Bertus Frank Mocka An old fashioned spelling match with ten contesetnts on each side. Act by Bill Studer and his wife

(Will Treaster.) The roll call showed all thirteen locals represented. The minutes of and approved. John Vesecky, State Farmers Un-

ion president, gave the address of the afternoon. After the address several plans for membership were discussed. The bills were allowed and the esolutions were read by Mrs. G. W.

The election resulted as follows: President-Chas. Seidel, Tipton, Kansas. Vice-pres.—Mrs. G. W. Geiser, Be-

loit, Kansas. Secretary & Treas .- Mrs. Louis Neff. Glen Elder. Kansas. Conductor-Chas. Latham, Beloit, Kansas.

Door Keeper-Fred Paulsen, oit, Kansas. Crop reporter-John Koster, Cawer, 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 comnittee to work on a membership

Secretary

on and the The Business Mitchell County III Union each agreed to give \$27, or to the state organization for Junior work. Glen Elder was decided

the next meeting place. The following is a copy of the resolutions that were adopted: 1. Resolved that we, as members ion, are opposed to any of our state terly until they have a chance to ernment has to borrow the money to business organizations going into

business in opposition to any Cooperative business that is already operating.

of the state organization bringing any ill feeling on my part. our Junior work to the front in orprogram at once.

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 plans. These resolutions were respectfully submitted by Fred Boehner, W. R. Carpenter, J. H. Houghon, G. W. Geiser, Resolutions Committee.

#### County Secretary. INFORMATION WANTED

Mrs. Louis Neff,

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 Hackney, Kansas on December 14, 1936, that the Kansas Farmers' Union with the assistance of its auditing Association and its Legislative Repre-sentative, ascertain the cost of administering the collection of gasoline taxes under the present system, and he amount collected.

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

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

B. R. Smith. Charles Orr, Paul Ibach,

#### 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 num-ber 8289 on December 18, please give us her name, that the order may be Mrs. Clyde Clark, Mrs. Leo Halsey, and Mrs. C. C. Miller took the obli-

REPORT FROM

Kansas Union Farmer.

PLEASANT VALLEY

Salina, Kansas. We had a good meeting on Friday

evening December 11. Mr. John Frost was with us also Mr. Belden and the man from the 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 the last regular meeting were read 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 livestock 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 and readings by Hart Dunbar and 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 car or truck load 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 raise another crop.

The state organization needs the money and they would get more by that way of doing and those who 2. Resolved that we are opposed can pay the full dues should do so. Now Bro. Editor, if you think this s worth the paper it is written on 3. Resolved that we are in favor all right, if not, there will not be

But there is one thing sure if we der that our youth may begin their do not have something that will show prospective members that they 4. Resolved that we heartily thank will be benefitted if they will be Mr. Vesecky for his interesting talk. come members of the Union, you will do if it were not for them. have a hard time to get new mem-Yours respectively,

A. L. Holcom.

NEW JUNIOR GROUP ORGANIZED

The Liebenthal Local, number 648 of business, it was decided to start the Junior work and the Ladies auxiliary. Pres. J. M. Herrman appointed a committee to see to the enterfollowing resolutions were tainment 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 Werth, 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 Vesecky 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,

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 mem-

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

This being the regular time to elect officers for the coming year, the following officers were elected:

President-B. F. Rice, Vice President-John Snead Secretray-treasures-Leo Halsey, Door keeper-Joe Harsha, Conductor-Arthur Freund, Lecturer-John Orr, Corresponding secretary

Junior Leader-Paul Thompson, Pianist-Edna Baker. Oncoming trustee-Vance Clark. The other members of the board

of trustees are Fred Orr and George After the meeting the members enjoyed singing some good old-time

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

STAFFORD COUNTY EU-REKA LOCAL NO. 2199

Our union opened its reguar meetng with Union songs.
Mr. Ray Harter, our county presi-

dent gave a very interesting talk on The three amendments sent out by the state Union were read and voted

upon. All three carried. Final arrangements were made to 6:30 o'closk dinner on Tuesday even-ing December 15 at Francisco calcol serve the Rotary of Stafford to a tion on the farms; and asks cost of ing, December 15, at Eureka school As next meeting falls upon Kan-

sas 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 he following were elected:

President-John Rosaker. Vice President—Clair Newell. Secretary-treasurer - Hart Dun-

Lecturer-Harden Newell. Conductor-Roy Gere. Business Manager-Harold Minks. Chorister-Mrs. Fred Davis. Pianist-Mrs. Elbret Weis. Reporter-Mrs. J. C. Rosacker.

Executive Committee-Fred Daris, Rawleigh Newell, James Henry. Legislative Committee - George Learned, Walter Snell, Albert Pitts. The literary program was composed of a harmonica band number by the school. An accordian number by Bobbie Brownlee, was given. A short dialogue by Roy and Nadine Gere Mr. Boyd Wallace were greatly en-

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

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

SOME PERTINENT QUESTIONS

Fo 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? local which would give them more in-fluence then several small ones, and money? Who issues the money if the Who issues the money if the on account of the failure of crops in government does not? We have nev- of direct marketing, also of recent years that the new members er been able to find out. Who is, or that would join but does not feel what is, back of this money. The govthat they can spare the full amount ernment issues the bonds but does of dues, to allow them to pay quar- not issue the money. Then the govpay the interest so there is not any money in circuation, 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 is-

sue 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 would this country look like. Please ways to promote safety. We again

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 had their regular monthly meetings per acre. Here we consider that is too on Dec. 17. After the usual routine 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 a country very long.

#### FARMERS UNION LOCAL 792 CELEBRATES WITH STEWS AND COKES

The evening of December 15 some 20 members of the Farmers Union ular meeting. Local 792 met at the Chas. Pywell home and enjoyed an oyster supper with coffee and coke. After supper a short business session was held and officers were

elected for the coming year. It was decided that another supper be held on New Years eve at in order. The following were electhe Elza Mendenhall home, and on ed: President, A. P. Larson, vice January 19 an all day meeting and president Louis Miller; secretarybasket dinner at the Emil Honemichel home.

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

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

Chaplain, Mrs. Fred Orr, Lecturer—Edna Baker. Mrs. Fred Orr was leader of the esson. She gave a review of "Ben Hur," and the second chapter of St.

Mathew.

The hostess served refreshments. Reporter, Edna Baker

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 rice-president and William Goeckler secretary and treasurer.

Approximately 200 members of the county union attended last night's neeting. 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 Mc-Pherson in October, told of proceedings there.

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

President Beckman discussed ome 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 producstability rather than any dole system. All these farmers ask is a "fair chance to help themselves," according to sentiment voiced at the annual meeting here.

Leslie Roenigk of the Consumers Cooperative association in Kansas City explained that organization's purpose and program and the con-

sumers' 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 Emery Alquist. Alfred Woellhof 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 fas 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,

A short program was given by the we object to the Professor's sugges-Lone Star local consisting of a tion as appears in above quotations. 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 F. C. Gerstenberger of Blue Mound, a member of the State Farm-

ers Union board. posed crop insurance plan. John Frost spoke of the need of

of his trip to Des Moines to attend the National Farmers Union conven-

tion 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 recommend state inspection of all motor vehicles used on our public highendorse the Frazier-Lemke refinance

The committee on the good of the order recommended that we adopt a resolution favoring the establishment of local live stock shipping ag-

encies, 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 Law rence, 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, Ses. Baldwin, Kans.

MINUTES LOCAL

1570. SPRING HILL Spring Hill Local No. 1570 met

Friday night, Dec. 11 for their reg-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 treasurer, Mrs. C. J. Allison; con- conference," and the ultimate results ductor, Thomas Hamilton, Jr.; doorkeeper, Roy White; reporter, J. A.

ened. The membership campaign committee were: J. A. Myers, C. J. Allison, and William Allen. Meeting closed with a

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. Myrll Smith. Our next meeting will be Jan. 8 1937.

Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Nysell Smith.

APPRECIATION

Editor The State Journal: I was most favorably impressed with your editorial logic and your preadth of knowledge as expressed n 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 predecided last spring for turkey crop -but the profits a year ago gave it such momentum there was no stopping the increase. The smart produc-

flock next year. Your grasp of the importance of this industry as a provider of food, clothing and gasoline for the family needs is a correct statement of the facts. As has often been said, "poultry has been a life-saver which has kept many flamilies afloat through

er who reduced his turkey production

this year will increase the size of his

these depression years."

Cooperation of the retail stores in keeping the price of poultry in line with country-paying prices plus a reasonable profit for processing and distributing will do much to alleviate storage surplusses and clear the way for more profitable production next year. While Kansas farmers lead the farmers of the nation by consuming 15 chickens per capita, it is probably true that the residents of our towns and cities in this section of the counry consume ess than in any other section. Producers can increase local for sale and thus relieve the housekeeper of this drudgery. In this way, many carloads of dressed poultry, which normally congest refrigerator plants in the eastern cities could be

consumed in the central west. I am sure that others interested in the poultry enterprise join me in expressing our thanks for the interest you have shown in the welfare of an industry which has a greater followty consume less than in any other single plant or animal activity.

Poultryman in Charge Kansas State College.

Reply to the Professor's Appreciation in Topeka Journal of Dec 5

We still seem to be searching for the key to better prices for farm products; the latest suggestion which comes from a Professor of K. S. C. is in part as follows: "Producers (the farm women) can increase local consupmption by fully preparing poultry for cooking before offering it for sale, and thus relieve the house keeper (of our towns and cities) of this

drudgery?. With so much work on the farm which always needs to be done, and so much unemployment in the cities,

The Professor makes another assertion as follows, which sounds as if it came direct from Washington: "Cooperation of the retail stores in keeping (admitting price control) the prices of poultry in line with country paying prices plus a reasonable profit for processors and distri-

butors" (?) Why does the phrase, "plus a reasonable profit," always skip over the Geo. Hobbs spoke, on the subject farmer producer, and come in for ef-

the farmer's premises? Of the 900 NRA codes written on more members in the Farmers Un- the wings of the late Blue Buzzard, ion. His contest of questions and 899 of these codes were based on "plus answers proved very enjoyable to a reasonable profit," or "cost of production," and the other one remain-C. C. Gerstenberger gave a report ing code had to be different because it was designed for the farmer, so it

read "parity." To the writer it seems as if the hunting season had to be kept open 12 months of the year in the agricultural region affording opportunity for fleecing of the poorly organized far-

Whether right or wrong, it has worked that way anyhow. Remember this: as prices of poultry products are dominated or controlled, so are prices of other farm products also in danger.

Farmers as a rule allow others to do their thinking for them. When the wheat growers' bins and back yards were full of wheat Federal payrollers would come around and tell them how to grow more wheat, and the farmers listened; now, when the same farmers' bins are empty, the farmer is induced to grow less wheat-he is still allowing others to do the thinking for him. The South, supposed to have a cot-

ton surplus, is hungry for bacon; the north, was supposed to have a bacon surplus and is deprived of satisfying their cotton needs .- Why? As a generous 1936 turkey crop means bankruptcy to the producer, so likewise would the hoped for 1936 bumper corn crop have affected its

Oh, you Professors, study the present monetary system; the medium of exchange, this exchange which we are not able to make. Large business fields must go glim-

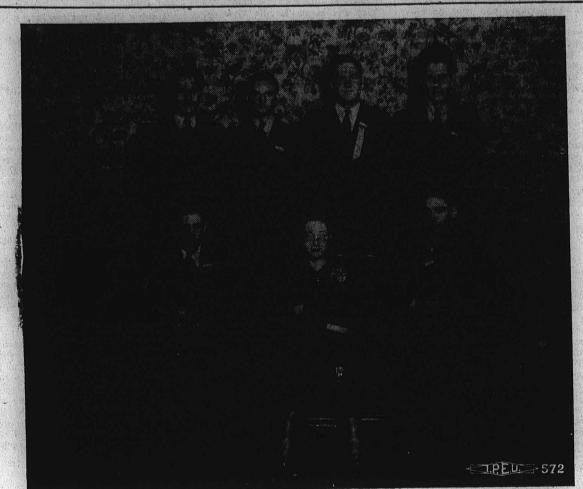
mering, Resources wither. The farmers are in need of millions of dollars worth of new equipment and the city laborer is willing to make it for us, but our exchange system (?) where is it?

And yet we are supposed to terrace our fields and develop an intensive soil and moisture conservation program while our foreign trade agreements spell Joy-to the foreigner. Some one has said, "Uncle Sam ne ver lost a battle, and never won a are, "farm women, dress your poultry for city market or take less.'

Victor E. Hawkinson, Randolph, Kansas.

HUTCHINSON-The first building in Hutchinson is said to have been brought from Newton on wheels. It was built of black walnut. C. C. Hutchinson who founded the town in the seventies, also founded Ottawa in 18-66. He was pastor of the Baptist Church in Topeka from 1860-62.

Chicken feed prices are high and are likely to stay high until next spring or summer, or until the new feed crops come on.



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. Also, 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 Da-kota Union Farmer published this very thing this month. Mary Jo Weiler and Mrs. Gladys Edwards wrote of their experiences while at our Kanthought you should like to know what they had to say about us.

memory, and you will be looking for- Pherson, the convention city. ward 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 ChristmasCarols "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. It was a clear 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 cele-brate 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 The Farmers Union Central Exchange little motherless children quietly sleeping. A sigh came to his lips as and we were not surprised to see he thought of Christmas without the "Coop" tankcars among the milemother. Just then he heard merry voices 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 blend-ing 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 fa-mous "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 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 same feeling which Gruber's choir awoke in the good people of old Salsburg

In thinking of "Silent Night", I am always reminded of Madam Schu- and Raymond Novak and the Juniors man-Heink, and the way she sang from Wisconsin whom he had met this song. It was her favorite Christ- at Kankakee last year, and we gave mas Carol, also. I can picture this him a copy of the anniversary bulyear, after having waved this earth letin because it will mean a lot to a good bye such a short time ago, him as a result of the contacts he that she is leading in the singing of this choir at this Christmas time, and ion.

has made through the Farmers Unhave been developed in recent years. Ver be measured in words. Only through as faithfu service to the same that perhaps all these fathers and

mothers are the members of her in-

umerable 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 snails 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 Perhaps by the time you read this the recently developed field rose for paper Christmas of 1936 will be a miles to the north and east of Mc-

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 drouth were everywhere evident, once we were out of crossing prairies very much like the plains of the Dakotas. We noted the reservoirs dammed up on small creeks and draws, and the check 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-drouth days. The valleys were brilliant with ma-

McPherson has two oil refineries, the largest of which is the Globe. is one of the Globe's largest patrons

the plant. 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: On his cot of pain. "Elect . . . Governor for Social and Economic Security"—the economi- It will be Spring again.) cal part of it intended to be a touching appeal to voters. Some- My little baby sobbing where in Kansas a quarter acre of As we wait for spring. stumps was impartially decorated (All night long the blue cranes flywith pictures of an aspiring candidate who evidently was substituting "stump advertising" for the "stump distance of spring.)

speeches" of vore. The Kansas Juniors For the first time, Kansas will (All night long blue cranes flyingbe represented in both the National Over a thousand years!) contests. The essays were splendid; the winning paper is outstanding in My Dear Miss Conger: 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

We talked to Vincent Larson who last year entered the National Essay contest from Kansas. Vincent inquired about Hendrick Richardson

Junior activities—at least the first one we have come across—is the Jun-ior 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 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

John Vesecky, 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, more years of Junior work and a men will be equal.

dozen states between us in the age D. Profit will no longer be the moof wings will make no difference!— Mary Jo Weiler.

They were very much disappointed

Christmas-Christ's borthday we time once a year. With a spirit giving to those we hold dear, and to those less fortunote than ourselves. Fathers and Mothers tell the children about dear old Santa Claus.

Santa Chaus is kindness, love that fils us to overflowing to do some kindly deed for our loved ones. This year, the rural children of Kansas will not have many gifts.

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 the rich Kaw valley in the east and Grandfathers most happy. Some very special little gift we can make with our very own hands. It may be a footstool Junior can make; or some embroidery on a towel or scarf for modams along the roadsides to prevent ther 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 blands, seeking a place to make betsomeone 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 daughofa cushion top. And I believe my joys are very much like your moth-

So each one in the home can do his or her bit toward making this a wondrought. long train of tanks being filled near

I am sending all of you a happy Christmas greeting.

Mary E. Winters.

BLUE CRANES FLYING My little baby lying (I hear the blue cranes flying-

My little baby dying Before spring appears.

Topeka, Kansas. 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

I am most happy to be of some as sistance in a small way to children and adults. I am wishing for you a joyous

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 gratitude to her and to them can ne-Something new in Farmers Union a whole window garden of them.

FOUR-MINUTE SPEECH OUTLINE "Peace On Earth . . . Cooperation Among Men"—Rita De Vine

1. December brings the Birthday of the "Prince of Peace." Christian Na-tions everywhere, during this month pause in their activities, and cele-

brate 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

D. Are not Christians who profess to be followers of Christ and advo cates 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 Sys tem make war impossible? A. Hardly, A capitalist system fosters free competition. Competi-tion in turn leads to selfishness, greed, and lust for power.

B. Foreign possessions, privately 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 disor-der which they know of no solution for leads the way to a foreign war. Munitions Makers sponsor war thru propaganda and temporary perity" reigns while the nation's finest manhood leave their homes and children to be shot to pieces on a foreign battlefield.

III: Cooperation . . . the Christian

A. Men, at last, are establishing speech contest and another who played a Rachminoff composition 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 the Kansans had planned to go to the Kansans had planned to go to the All State Camp and at the last minute could find no transportation, wholesale houses. The producer to 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 shareholder will be decided by the

manufactured goods will be higher. E. A happy contented people, secure in the knowledge that there TO THE JUNIORS OF KANSAS cure in the knowledge will always be employment for youth, and retirement with compensional living in a prosation for the aged; living in a pro-

#### 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 The third year of drought there is your Educational Director. The remark that here is a higher parriotism in living for your country than in dy-ing for it elicited oaths of dissent from these two examples of cannor 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 huster homes for their children. The statute depicts a woman, wearing the heavy boots necessary for rough travel, yet clinging to the love of feminine things by wearing a bonnet with ter that year made for me a lovely 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 endurnace. Her eyes are fixed aheard on the vision of the land derful Christmas time, in spite of the that is to give a home to her chil-

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 s new deal. 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 cooper ative. But the women on the farms today, who are keeping the house go ng 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 alight 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 belov-

ed mother. In all the women who con tribute to the cooperative movement while their husbands go out to educate their neighbors, I see her. My 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 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. 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

It's stony fields and little brooks with hidden age old springs, It's tender songs of youth and love that some old mother sings. It's love of home and fireside light,

it's sweat and faith and toil, The soults of men who earn their bread from sun and rain and

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 faces that you meet. It's something deeper still than this, beyond our thought and ken, The faith that sees the good that

woman glad to bear a child, protected by 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-

veloped a toaster that made perfect containers for cut flowers—oftencrisp, golden toast, they added much to the quality of modern luncheons.
The sandwich shop came as an infor the flowers.

The sandwich shop came as an in
CORN FRITTERS

lunch counter.

Toasted Apple Sauce Sandwich
Toast bread on one side. Butter other side and spread with apple of flowers. Be sure you get a good scissors, made especially for in a skillet and brown on both sides.

Good served with chicken. Makes sixteen. what's a state line anyway? A few amount of patronage. At last all sauce. Add a slice of Bermuda onunder a low fire until bacon curls tive for production, and quality of and onion is brown. If available serve with a glass of fresh, cool, apple cider.

#### BUDGET SURPRISE

"Budget Surprise" is the appropriturn our minds to this beautiful e once a year. With a spirit givyou can make a dessert delicious enough to serve your most important guests and at the same time use up those last-winer jams or jellies that have sugared on you, it's a secret worth knowing. The trick is in the

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

30 marshmallows 1 cup raspberry jam 1 tablespoon glycerine 2 tablespoonsful lemon juice

1/2 pint whipping cream Cut the marshmallows in quarters and soften over hot water. Beat the raspberry jam and glycerine togeth er well, and fold into the softened marshmallows. Add lemon juice and mix thoroughly. Then gently fold in the whipped cream and chill

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their untiring and fait ful work of yards of 39 inch material, plus 2-3 keeping the home and a farm going yard ribbon for bow and 3-8 yard contrasting 35 inches wide, with long ter seven minutes, or until tender. sleeves. Size 10 requires 3 yards of Melt two tablespoons of butter and 35 inches wide. Price 15c.

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# :-: Of Interest To Women :-:

FLOWER HOLDERS, CONTAINERS WELCOME CHRISTMAS GIFTS

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

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 a groups during the past year. to receive your gift, however, is a groups during the past year. flower lover, your selection can be easily made, and at no great ex-

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 to do, therefore, in addition to going types of flowers, are all too lacking over the furniture with a good oil in many homes. In case you are not polish from time to time, is to keep familiar with them, they are used the room air moist by means of at the bottom of a container, and pan of water near the source their holes, fasteners or grooves, as the case may be, are made to fit the ends of flower stems and hold polish, mix 2 parts boiled linsed oil the ends of flower stems and hold polish, mix 2 parts boiled linsed oil them in place. Where an arrangement is to be made in a shallow bowl, one of these handy gadgets is lives within the hearts of men. 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 mixture consisting of 1 quart of hot

lack of moisture. Fancy pottery for both cut flow- tine. Warm this mixture in a double AND A BETTER ONE ers and plants are other Christmas boiler, and use it while warm. Put suggestions for the flower lover. It it on with a soft cloth, polishing off When bakers changed their bread is almost impossible to have too with a dry one. formulas and put more milk into their doughs to make better bread most with every arrangement of the bas been scratched or spotted, first most with every arrangement of the bas been scratched or spotted, first most with every arrangement of the bas been scratched or spotted. and makers of toasting devices de- flowers. Be careful of two gaudy wash with turpentine and then recontainers for cut flowers-often- wax. If the wood is dark, add a lit-

novation and is now established res-taurant practice, and a toasted sand-gift which will find a welcome. Most wich with a glass of milk is the women do not have such an instru-noon day lunch of millions. women do not have such an instru-ment, and must depend upon kitchen or put through a food chopper. Add Here is a new sandwich which is knives, which are never too sharp for two well-beaten eggs and one-fourth just as good in the home as at the the purpose, and in many cases they cup milk. Then add two-thirds cup resort to breaking the stems, a meth- flour, one teaspoon salt and one-half

#### PORK-U-PINE MEAT BALLS

1 1-2 pounds of lean pork shoulder, ground.

1 small onion, chopped finely, l 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 omato soup and two cans of water mixed together. In this add one-half teaspoon of baking soda. 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-(Mirro muffin pan)-Sift lry 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 de-

## grees 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 suet 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 light-

## 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 spoonfulls into deep fat. Fry until a golden brown. Remove from fat and drain. Serve piping hot with hot applesauce. These can warmed over in oven next day if de-

BAKELESS FRUIT CAKE 1-2 pound graham crackers rolled

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 with firmly into a tube pan lined heavy wax paper which has buttered or oiled. Let stand over night in refrigerator or other cool place. Turn out, slice and serve with whipped cream. Or ice with whipped cream and garnish with colored can-

NOODLES-BUTTERED CRUMBS Cook noodles in boiling salted wain it brown one-half cup fine dry bread crumbs. Add two more table-spoons of butter and combine with

#### 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 var-"What shall I give?" is an oft how to remove old paint and var-repeated phrase these days when nish and restore the original finish to such old pieces as have a value.

> 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,

the room air moist by means of a To make an excellent furniture with 1 part turpentine. This is used for a plain oil finish, and it is satisfactory to use at least once or twice indispensable and even in a large a year on varnished or oiled furnigrain of the wood until it is thor-

oughly dry so that no fingermarks show on the wood. To clean badly soiled wood use a such cases the flowers suffer for water, 3 tablespoons of boiled linseed oil, and 1 tablespoon of turpen-

To restore a waxed surface which

Chop contents or one 10 1-2 ounce

SALLY'S SPOONBREAD Two-thirds cup cornmeal, One-half cup boiling water, One-third teaspoon salt.

Two cups milk, Three egg yolks, Three tablespoons butter, melted, Pour water over cornmeal and let stand five minutes. Add salt, 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 untl 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 sup-

#### per 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.

#### SURPPRISE 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 marshmal-

#### 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 ne has visited with President Rooserelt to discuss affairs 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 Econ-

# MRS. EDWARDS TALK

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

Editors Note:

less is it possible to give the feeling, delivered, nevertheless there is so much of solid value in this address that it merits our careful reading and serious consideration of the ad-

This is your 31st annual convenhalf a life time. In that time you 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

It is easy to read in your faces how long your Farmers Union has been going on in this state of Kanmber reported they had been memthat many years. You have shown what organized farmers can do. To to a group of young people who are educated in the work you have done so they can carry on from where you you send out new organizers to orsome 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 builded up an organization that is getting bigger and better everyday, to carry on their work further than their fathers carried it.

In North Dakota we are 10 years zation and our members took sides, sas will all order of this service. and our farmers could not go to 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 19-16 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 the war came along and we became or "Through Play of Understanding." 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 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 "whether it agrees with what you work. That is how they grow up in the program, and carry on where you leave off. That is what it has we have to understand and make done for us, and will do for you.

You had demonstrations here this afternoon in your Junior program. rights. We cannot continue to have I will say Thave seldom heard finer war to protect property. A lot of peopapers than you listened to this afternoon. You should be proud that war and always will. People used to young people can come to you as they did this afternoon. Your Four-Minute happened. Somebody got busy and speeches were on the same topics. did some thinking and learned why What mistakes were made in posi- they died. They studied, found that tion, posture, etc, will be corrected, they ate the wrong kind of food. but the thought was well thought Thinking people found the remedy out. It is not easy to put so much and got rid of scurvy. They found the

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 She Makes A Plea For Renewed Ef-fort In Educating Our Youth . 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 pro-We are printing below a steno- gram service and I will put it up graphic report of the splendid add- to you whether you bring it up to ress of Mrs. Edwards. We are only your locals. The monthly programs sorry that it was not possible for us to broadcast this address so that of those programs and we are able to all our members and thousands of print them at what we consider a other farmers families could have very low cost. It is possible for you enjoyed it with us. It is physically to have them 11 months of the year impossible to take down in shorthand for 50c. You can have this service a long address, word for word, much come to your local secretary or your Junior leader, or who ever is the earnestness, with which it was 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 feelin gof friendliness and brotherhood and gives your state office an opportunity to send you a message once a month, also. Then, the Juntion. You are 30 years old. That is ior lesson or study program, is 10c additional, which makes a total cost people in the Kansas Farmers Un- to you of 60c per year. I believe you Farmers Union office at Salina.

We have in the United States a unable to pay for their education think, and make our young folks for high school in towns, a good think. 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 Union. People listened to what he had far in equiping the children to make to say. He was speaking there for their way in this world. The Farmers you. Lights were flashed, taking his Union in North Dakota originated world peace, no trade treaties can picture, because of the things he a bill calling for a high school corsaid; and news reporters flocked in respondence course for farm boys to listen to what he had to say. The and girls who were unable to attend things he said, they were put down high school in town. This provided proud. You have an organizations to high school correspondence course down to Washington to defend your 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 sas, you have kept it going for 30 who came to the legislature to fight of you. Coming out here yesterday, years, half a life time. It is easy it, although you would have thought we came through Council Grove, and to see you are no longer young in those very people were in favor of the work. Very few of your young it, such as high school principles, at the statue dedicated to the mother people are in the Farmers Union and teachers. We were working for of the pioneer trail. It is a fine and cooperatives and independents—and convention here. I understand a nu- it, and we started with our program noble effort on the part of the D. A. make up their losses where they do service. We sent out resolutions R. I wish all their efforts towards not have competition. bers of the Farmers Union for 25 which went to the locals in North patriotism were as fine as that. years. You have been carrying the Dakota, resolving that the bill should torch for cooperative education for be passed. We told them to get signatures, and that one copy was to be sent to their Senator or Reprewhom are you going to pass the sentatives, and a copy was to be torch when you cannot carry it any sent to the State Junior department. to make a new trail. longer. Are you going to pass it on These resolutions came in in floods. | carry a gun in your hand, but you committee for consideration and then to follow the vision. Your husband with a large percentage of non-memfor vote, we had a sheef of the res- is not making a trail with an ox bers or nonstockholders will be heastopped? If you let your organization go until all of you are gone of the sponsors of the bill. As the vator meetings, store meetings and house in order to qualify for total then where will it be. Have you members of the legislature were canmoney for organization work. Can vassed, if any representative said, my people are not interested in that ganize a new generation. Let me tell bill, then they were shown the resoyou what Junior work has done in lutions which came from their people, and they could do nothing but part in making it possible.

school bill, and 2000 are registered through by the program service in state, each of your locals can have Her part was just as necessary as old. In 1914, about the time the that service for 50c per year. You anything that we had done. Union was organized in Nebraska, can also have the lesson outlines for they came up to North Dakota and 10c extra, which makes a total cost part. It is hard to stay at home and organized the Farmers Union. We of 60c. That can be taken care of, tend to things there. I want to give were very much interested in politics and ordered through your state of you a little poem about the farmers and so we started a political organi- fice. I hope your locals here in Kan- wife.

In 1936 the national study topic was "Peace and Patriotism." 1937 topic is "Cooperation." For th Junior Reserves it is be based on "The story without end," or using the Farmers Union triangle, if you so wish. For the Juveniles, between the 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 hose 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 vou vou have a man sized job have a battle to protect freedom of speech, freedom of assembly, and our other inalienable rights. A man said, think or not, I have a right to give

our young people understand that human rights are above property ple will tell you we have always had die by the thousands of scurvy. What

reasons and got rid of that disease, and now we do not have it any more. The same is true also about ting 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

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 ion have done fine things. You have are to order these from your own all other things that follow war. We have not realized the terrible things, the awful things that happened in Eusystem of education up to the eighth rope since he World War. We are not grade. If the youngsters parents are so far from Europe as you might

> 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 bring it about as can the cooperative movement of world brotherhood.

The machinery of this education is your office. Your officers, your loand remembered because he was they would continue to attend their cal people out in the country. If there your voice. You have a right to be own country school but they had a is one thing more important than others, it is hte cooperation of the inbe proud of can send such a man which is the same as any other high dividual 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 my mother was one

You farm wives out in the country

running the farms while your hus- extended to presidential candidates. bands are attending board meetings or some other Farmers Union business. You are helping your husband When this bill came up before the have a lantern in your hand. It is hard other things the people out in the country have to do to make the cooperative movement a success. I know shoes for the children. Yes those piobe in favor of it. We got our bill neer women faced the dangers of the all right, and the Juniors had a big trail by Indians, but the dangers were in some school under that high fields because you have not thought. Act as one unit in building the cothis year. It has actually been put operative movement. Do not hear that your work is not as important as is our state. The people in the locals that of your men. May I tell you look forward to their program ser-vice. They are accustomed to look-well. Sometimes I know she felt that ing for the program service, and the things she did were not so very know it will have something in there worth while. She said what we did for them. In order not to throw any amounted to so much, but what additional financial burden to your she did could not amount to much.

You women, yours is the hard

"If you would plant for a yearplant 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

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

I ask you here in the Kansas Farners 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 coperative movement in this state. I thank you.

HOW WELL DO WE THINK ABOUT THE THINGS WE READ

(continued from page 1) 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 thinkbefore you of prefecting some kind ing is absolutely essential to intelliof peace plans, or we will have war, gent action and must precede such as they have across the seas. You action if we are really to make progress toward our objective.

We should read with critical minds — which simply means weighing the printed thought or idea up in our own a program which will be mere gesture, and which in the end will disappear of the program which is the end will disappear of the program which is the end will disappear of the program which is the end will disappear of the program which is the evening. The following members were a program which will be mere gestured the program which will be mere gestured the program which is the program which will be mere gestured t 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 view-

I ike 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 Declaration of independence, and we this broadens my mind and gives me a much cearer concept of our social 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 great 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

(continued from page 1) production adjustment features any program that may be adopted, and we favor reasonabe benefit payments to farmers cooperating in the soil conservation and crop production program.

gulation of the direct buying of livestock in Kansas by packers. We favor compelling elevator owners and operators buying grain on future contracts to give bond for pay-

ment for such grain and be inspect-

We favor state inspection and re-

We favor amendment to anti-discrimination law to stop old line cream, grain and other companies from banipulating prices where they have competition—to drive out the

We favor the present primary lav and recommend that its provisions be

TAX EXEMPTION

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exemption Your Auditing Association intends to tackle this matter seriously, prothe money to pay for the gasoline vided, a sufficient number of our could probably better be paid for patrons are interested. We intend to compile a standard set of By-laws which will meet the approval of the Revenue Department, to assist mem you have to face in that your sons bers in filing claims for exemption 600 farm boys and girls last year may lie upon the shell strewn battle 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 signing the enclosed post card and mailing it to us.

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

FARM TENANCY A REAL PROBLEM

(continued from page 1) the possibilities of a farm family now operating as a tenant family to become a farm owning family. operating its 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 greater number of these tenant farmers with this form of aid? We are looking to the farm organizations, long ecognized 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 May I have the pleasure of hearing

from you soon? Floyd H. Lynn, Community Manager, Northeastern Kansas Farms, Resettlement Pro-

CROP INSURANCE BEFORE CONGRESS

(continued from page 1) 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

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.

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point 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.

(Eidtor's Note: This is the first of series of two articles on crop inurance 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

(continued from page 1) none but Farmers Union members can buy stock. This Bison Elevator is in flournishing condition, and farmers are anxious to secure stock so that they can share in the patronage dividends.

Officers of County Farmers Un ions and of Cooperative Business Associations write to President John Vesecky 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

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 shook, package materials, and other supplies used by farmers in producing

## Neighborhood Notes

and marketing operations.

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 our Local, and a copy be sent to the Kansas Union Flarmer

Mrs. L. C. Gretten, 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 elect-

President, Mrs. Geo. Frederick. Vice President, Mrs. Dave Clark. Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Herman

Sieverin. Chaplain, Mrs. Roy Bumstead. Lecturer, Mrs. Will Tempero. After the work of organizing was completed articles of interest were read and discussed. We then acijourned to partake of 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

Vice President-Lucille Gretten Secretary-Treasurer-John Ander-

Conductor-Owen Harbison, Doorkeeper—L. C. Gretten, Executive Committee—J. E. Pow-ll and W. F. Varnan and James Mar-

Lecturer-Mrs. L. C. Gretten. The following program was ren-

Reading—Julia Chandler. Reading—Mrs. L. C. Gretten. Reading—Rolland Chandler. Piano Solo-Julia Chandler. One act play-Lucille and We also had eats and coffee. All

had a lovely time. John T. Anderson 100 PER CENT LOCAL FOR 1937

Topeka, Kansas, December 15

Just a few lines from Elevation Lo-Our Local met Saturday evening, December 12 and held annual elec-

Miss Cowger:

tion 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 foks interesst-ed and are getting along fine. We'll ally a better paying practice than fattening older steers.

install our new officers January & 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 my be purchased at the lowest cost should get in touch with the Agency.

ABILENE-The most remarkable occurence of Palezoic insect fossils yet found in the world is in the lower Permain 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.

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Bear River--- 8 in. Chunks, 3 in. lump, 8 x 3 Grate, Nut and Slack. ARKANSAS --- Paris Semi-Anthracite from the New Un-

ion 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.

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