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Pooling Plan Of The F. U. Wheat Marketing Association Discussed

Complete Explanation of This Important Movement Set Forth in a Series of Questions and Answers

PURPOSE
Q. What is the purpose of the Association?

A. To market wheat cooperatively; to eliminate speculation and to stabilize prices by orderly marketing; to eliminate competition among ourselves and market wheat collectively; to retain control of THIS pool in the hands of experienced cooperators.

Q. How will pooling accomplish this purpose?
A. By paying you shrinkage and storage for storing wheat on the farm, by this means increasing the farm reserves and cutting down the visible; by storing in terminals at such times as to relieve undue pressure on the market; by milling and export contracts which can be entered into by the Association due to assured volume of wheat available; by using all the statistical information at the head office which is available to the larger grain firms and which is not available to the individual.

MEMBERSHIP
Q. Who can become members of the Association?

A. Any member of the Farmers Union producing wheat or collecting rental in wheat.

Q. Why should I join?
A. As the purposes of the Association are realized, you will secure a greater recognition for the labor put forth in raising wheat. If it is necessary for you to raise money on your wheat to pay other obligations, under the pooling plan you can secure finance without being forced to accept sale price on a depressed market.

MANAGEMENT
Q. How will the Association be managed?

A. By twenty-five directors, out of which will be chosen Officers and an Executive Committee who will have power under the Board to carry on the affairs of the Association.

Q. How will the directors be chosen?
A. By primary election held in fifteen districts, each nominating one director, the Board of the Farmers Union nominating ten directors at large, all of which will be elected at the annual convention.

Q. Who is custodian for all money derived from membership fees?
A. The Treasurer of the Organization Committee and other employees of the Farmers Union, all of whom will be adequately bonded.

Q. If organization fees exceed organization expenses, who gets the remainder?
A. If a balance is left in the Treasury, the Organization Committee agrees to turn over this balance to the newly organized Board of Directors of the Wheat Marketing Association to become a part of the general fund of that Association.

QUARTERLY POOL
Q. What is the advantage of the quarterly pool?

A. It gives you an opportunity to select that three-month period during the year which you believe will show the highest average price, thus using your own judgment in marketing while co-operating with all other growers, and it also enables you to secure final settlement on your wheat within a shorter time.

Q. Will the quarterly pool tend to multiply results to be derived from the pooling plan?
A. Positively no. This contract provides for the orderly marketing of wheat, regardless of whether the wheat is sold quarterly or yearly in any pool. The volume of wheat in any quarterly pool cannot exceed one-fourth of the whole amount of wheat under contract. Entries for any quarterly pool will be filed in the order received, and will be mailed to all growers when pool is filled.

Q. May I choose between different pools?
A. Yes, you may choose a quarterly pool providing you notify the Association before July 15, of any year. You must notify the Association that you wish to pool in the first, second, third or fourth quarter, not later than the following dates:
First Quarter—July 15.
Second Quarter—October 15.
Third Quarter—January 15.
Fourth Quarter—April 15.

DELIVERY
Q. How do I deliver my wheat to the Association?
A. You will place your wheat in an elevator or on the cars and forward weight tickets to the Association's office. No deliveries for yearly or quarterly pools will be accepted prior to the opening date of each pool.

Q. When must I deliver wheat?
A. You must deliver as requested by the Association, or you may deliver at other times, amounts sufficient to relieve your finance or storage facilities.

GRADING
Q. Who grades the wheat?
A. Federal and State Inspection employees or others designated by the Association's management.

WAREHOUSE
Q. How will money be secured for building or leasing warehouses if they are found necessary?
A. Money will be set aside out of funds derived from wheat, when so ordered by the majority of the shippers in the district to be served by the warehouse.

Q. Who will own the common or voting stock of the warehouse corporation?
A. Members only.

FINANCE
Q. Will the Association advance money on wheat?
A. The Association will advance to you a reasonable cash advance on all wheat surrendered to the Association. The amount of the cash advance will be determined by financial and market conditions.

Q. Where will the Association secure its finance?
A. Through the usual channels and through such Government Agencies as are provided for that purpose.

Q. Will interest be charged on advances made to me by the Association?
A. Yes.

Q. Will I be allowed interest when wheat is delivered and no advance is requested?
A. No; it would be unfair to the other poolers to pay interest to you on a loan which did not exist; but you will be paid storage rates and shrinkage if you retain the wheat on the farm.

Q. Who pays the insurance and taxes?
A. The Association pays the insurance and taxes after the wheat has been delivered and is in the possession of the Association, but not while it is in storage on the farm.

Q. What assurance have I that the Association will be able to make cash advances?
A. The Farmers Union of Kansas has behind it, years of experience; established credit in both country and terminal points; and its leadership has marked ability and experience in handling cooperative business.

SELLING
Q. What provisions will the Association make for selling wheat?
A. The Association has power to establish selling agencies or cooperate with the Farmers Union agencies now in existence, in such a manner as will insure the best possible results in sales.

SETTLEMENT
Q. When will final settlement be made?
A. Final settlement will be made not more than sixty days after the closing of any given pool. It is understood that the Association will make as early a settlement after the closing of each pool as possible.

Q. Who pays the storage, weighing, inspection, association and other charges?
A. These charges are paid by the Association and are charged against the entire pool.

Q. Who pays the freight?
A. The Association pays the freight, and charges the same to the individual's account.

Q. If my wheat is better than my neighbor's wheat, will difference be allowed?
A. Yes; difference in grade, quality and condition will be recognized in settlement. This can be accomplished better under the pooling system than by any other plan.

Q. Will I benefit from the better prices paid by the mills in my locality?
A. Yes; no advantage of location will be lost under the pooling plan.

MORTGAGE
Q. Can the Association handle mortgaged wheat?
A. Yes; when consent is granted by the person holding the mortgage.

Q. Can I mortgage my crop?
A. Yes; but the Association may take delivery by paying off the mortgage or on consent of the party holding the mortgage.

Q. Am I required to notify the Association before mortgaging my crop?
A. Yes.

HOLDING
Q. What object is there to holding my wheat on the farm?
A. To avoid increasing the visible supply and thereby creating a bearish factor in the market.

Q. What pay do I receive for holding my wheat on the farm?
A. A usual rate of shrinkage and storage. You will not receive interest on the value of your wheat, as no loan exists.

PRODUCTION
Q. Am I required to produce wheat after I sign the contract?
A. No.

SEED WHEAT
Q. Do I agree to deliver any peculiar amount of wheat?
A. No; you agree to deliver all the wheat you raise except such wheat as may be used or sold for seed.

Q. Am I required to notify the Association if I sell wheat for seed?
A. Yes; if you sell more than five hundred bushels for seed.

MEMBERSHIP FEES
Q. For what purpose is the three-dollar membership fee used?
A. To secure as large a sign-up of wheat as possible and to offset organization expenses.

CONTRACT
Q. What is the nature of the contract?
A. It is an agreement that the members enter into, each for himself and collectively binding themselves for a period of seven years to pool their wheat to be sold thru the Association by their own selling agency.

Q. Is my contract enforceable?
A. Yes; the contract is based on well recognized legal principles and contains a penalty provision of twenty-five cents per bushel.

A History Of Co-Op. Movement

Government is Making Exhaustive Survey of All Existing Agencies in This and Foreign Countries

LOCAL ELEVATORS
Q. If I belong to a successful cooperative elevator, how will signing the contract effect my relationship?

A. The Association will use the facilities of the cooperative elevator paying them a fair handling charge sufficient to cover expenses, interest, etc., and will cooperate with the elevator in every way possible.

Q. If I belong to a cooperative elevator association which is financially embarrassed, how can the Association assist?

A. The Association sets forth a plan in its agreement which will aid the weaker cooperative Association in reorganizing as subsidiary corporations as a basis which should insure a successful enterprise in every way possible.

Q. What effort will the Association make to secure reasonable working arrangements for me at my local elevator?
A. Representatives of the Association will work with you, perfecting an arrangement which will be entirely satisfactory to both the local elevator and yourself.

Q. Will my wheat be mixed at local points?
A. It will be necessary in some cases to mix wheat indiscriminately as to quality and variety, just as is being done now by some local elevators with small capacity; but when ever arrangements can be made, your wheat will retain its identity or to be mixed with wheat of like quality. In any case, a type sample of your wheat will be used in determining the actual value of your wheat.

Q. Will the pool tend to destroy existing cooperative elevators?
A. No; it will provide existing cooperative elevators with an assured income as a substitute for the present speculative methods.

Q. Will managers of the cooperative elevator lose his prestige due to the pooling movement?
A. No; the manager of the cooperative elevator will be used insofar as possible to spread information among the various growers, and will be expected to carry on other lines of business which will leave him as big a job as at present.

GENERAL
Q. How does this contract differ from other existing contracts?
A. Our membership fee is less than that of any other existing association; this contract does away with all speculation; this contract has many well organized Farmers Union Cooperative Associations behind it; Farmers Union of experience in the have had years of experience in this cooperative marketing of grain. This is the only contract in existence which provides for quarterly pools, thereby giving you the opportunity to select your marketing period. This contract allows you storage and shrinkage if you retain your wheat on the farm until it is needed in the market. We have selected the best from other contracts and have added features which we are sure are superior to those contained in any other existing contract.

Q. Will I get as much for my wheat as when marketing thru other existing channels?
A. Yes; you are eliminating considerable profit which someone has been making from your wheat and you are creating no greater expense than the proceeds of your wheat have been paying thru existing channels.

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England's long tradition as mistress of the waves and her pride in her seafaring folk would never allow her skippers to become parasites on their government.

While America sits back contemplating this sorry state of the shipping industry, the people of Australia are having the very opposite experience with their shipping venture, also undertaken as a war measure.

In 1916 the Australian Government purchased a fleet of 15 vessels at a cost of \$102,660,000. Up to the end of June, 1921, these vessels had proved so profitable to the government, even after undercutting the freight rates of the shipping trust that the government was able to wire off the entire capital cost and hand a net profit of \$8,000,000 into the public treasury.

In addition to this, the Australian government has operated 18 German vessels, seized during the war, with such efficiency that after deducting an amount equal to the capital cost of these vessels, the net profits returned to the treasury were over \$10,000,000.

American ships could operate its ships as successfully as Australia if it had an equally efficient Shipping Board which did not spend much of its time urging wage cuts and depreciating the value of the ships on hand.

THE MYTH OF HIGHER WAGES
President Harding claims that the high wages paid to American seamen are to blame for the present plight of our shipping and the need for a subsidy to ship owners. The President is ill-advised. In the first place, the statement is untrue; and in the second place, the ship subsidy bill deprives American seamen of what little protection they now enjoy.

American wages have not shattered our shipping industry. Wages are an almost negligible part of ship operation. As an executive of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company recently told the Shipping Board, the highest pay and extra cost of victualizing a ship amounts to less than 2 per cent of the total operating expenses.

In fact the wages paid by American vessels are actually lower than those paid by our most successful foreign competitors. The Editor of the Nautical Gazette reports, "American ships pay a total of \$2,105 per trip to its crew, whereas Danish ships pay an average of \$2,355. Yet Danish shipping rates are lower than those charged by most American companies. One reason for this is more efficient management, the fact that the average American ship has but \$2,970 net trip against \$6,300 for the less efficient American vessels."

SHIPPING BOARD SKINS AMERICAN SEAMEN
Instead of maintaining decent wages for American seamen, the Shipping Board under the present administration has combined with the big ship companies to slash wages to the bone. Twice within a year the pay of American seamen has been chopped, until now the official Shipping Board rate is \$55 for seamen and \$67.50 for firemen. It even sanctions lower wages. Thus today seamen out of Atlantic ports are taking as little as \$30 and \$35. This Cooley wage policy has virtually driven native American seamen out of our merchant marine. The ratio has dropped from more than 50 per cent on December 1st, 1920, to about 15 per cent while the ratio of naturalized Americans has dropped from 20 per cent to less than 5 per cent.

The fact is that the present administration of the Shipping Board is distinctly hostile to labor. It has not only aided the big "payroll" ship owners in their wage slashing program, but has even permitted them to man government-owned vessels with cheap Asiatic labor in preference to American seamen. Today most of the American ships on the Pacific trade routes are manned by the lowest type of European and Chinese seamen, who will accept slave wages and poor food, while able-bodied American seamen walk the streets, denied any employment. If the ship subsidy is to make it possible for American ship owners to pay decent wages, why is there no provision in the ship subsidy bill compelling the employment of a single American seaman? If President Harding is sincere

LOOKS LIKE A JOB FOR A DERRICK

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Department of Practical Co-Operation

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

M. O. GLESSNER
December 11-16—Anderson County.
C. E. BRASTED
December 14—Vassar.

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

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

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

DOUGLAS COUNTY MEETING
DECEMBER 21
Douglas County Farmers Union will hold their fourth quarterly meeting on Tuesday, December 21st at Eureka. All locals are requested to send a full delegation of officers and other business of importance will be transacted. If you stay at home you may get an office, or some one may get in with a well filled basket, and enjoy the drive. All members welcome.
G. W. HARTDART, Co. Pres.

MARSHALL COUNTY MEETING
DECEMBER 15
The annual meeting of the Marshall County Farmers Union will be held at Frankfort on Friday, December 15, commencing at 11 a. m. All locals are urged to send a full delegation to this meeting as we will elect officers for the ensuing year. A basket dinner will be served in the hall and all members in good standing are invited to attend.
RICHARD H. MACKAY, Sec.-Treas.

TREGO COUNTY MEETING
DECEMBER 18TH
The Trego County Farmers Union, No. 34, will meet at the court house at Wakeney December 18th, 1922, at 1:30 sharp. A good attendance is earnestly requested.
W. J. BARDWELL, Pres.
DAY CYPHER, Sec.

SUMNER COUNTY MEETING
DECEMBER 15
Sumner County will hold its last quarterly meeting on Friday, December 15 at Wellington in the K. C. hall. Meeting called at 1 p. m.
As you all now know that our present county president goes to Topeka to represent his district. Election of officers at this meeting. Every local in Sumner county is requested and urged to send a full quota of delegates.

It is much more satisfactory to attend to our own business and make our wants known rather than have someone do it for us. Which shall it be, stay at home and growl because things don't go to suit, or come out and boost for a better year?
JOE ERWIN, Pres.
O. F. HUMMEL, Sec.-Treas.

LYON COUNTY MEETING
DECEMBER 20th
The fourth quarterly meeting of the Lyon County Farmers Union will be held in Labor Hall at Emporia, on Wednesday, December 20th, commencing at 1:30 p. m. Election of officers for the ensuing year and other important business will come before the meeting. Every local should have a full delegation. Every community booster and Union enthusiast is hereby named a committee of one on the good of the order and will be expected to report and give their version of Union possibilities.
Charles Day, County, Pres.

HARPER COUNTY MEETING, DECEMBER 20th
The Harper County Farmers Union will hold its annual meeting at Harper, Kansas, in the City Hall, Wednesday, December 20th, commencing at 10 a. m. The election of officers will be taken up before noon. After dinner there will be speaking, and other business of importance.

ance will be taken care of. Each local in the county should elect their delegates early and see that they are represented at the meeting.
H. A. Yowell, Sec.

WABAUNSEE COUNTY MEETING
DECEMBER 12
The Wabaunsee County Farmers' Union will hold its last quarterly meeting at Alma at 1 p. m. on Tuesday, December 12. Officers for the ensuing year will be elected at this meeting. The Secretary-Treasurer will also make his report. Locals are requested to send one copy of the credentials to the County Secretary-Treasurer and give one copy to the delegate-at-large as provided by the constitution.
E. C. Troemper, Sec. Treas.

PHILLIPS COUNTY MEETING
DECEMBER 20
The fourth quarterly meeting of the Phillips County Farmers Union will be held in Phillipsburg, Wednesday, December 20, 1922.
Let us have a real representative meeting.
L. P. Johnson, Co. Sec.-Treas.

THE FARMERS' NATIONAL MAGAZINE
One of the good pieces of news coming from Washington, is the announcement by Jacob H. Taylor, editor of the Farmers' National Magazine, of a special club rate to Farmers' Union Members of 50 cents a year. The Farmers' National Magazine was endorsed and adopted as the medium of the National Farmers' Union at the national convention at Topeka, Kansas, last year. As the magazine of the National Farmers' Union, it has rendered decidedly interesting and valuable service.

When the Farmers National Magazine was started, it was necessary to fix the subscription price at \$2.00 a year in order to insure its successful operation. Mr. Taylor states that support of the Farmers Union folk has been such that it is now possible to reduce the general subscription to \$1.00 per year and still better to make a special rate of 50 cents a year to the Farmers' Union members. This is a practical demonstration of the value of co-operation and the support of our own institutions by the farmers.

Barrett, head of the National Farmers Union states that the Farmers National Magazine has been of inestimable value in support of the Farmers Union efforts at Washington and that the more of the members who can get this publication, the stronger will be their support in all organization efforts. We all realize the need of a national organization published in Washington to supplement the work of our state papers. Through such a medium we can get a great deal of valuable live information direct from the seat of the national government that can not be conveniently or promptly obtained by the state organs. Since the special club rate of 50 cents a year is made every Farmers Union member should send in his subscription. This should be done promptly. Send subscriptions direct to the Farmers National Magazine, Temple of Agriculture, 1731 Eye Street, N. W. Washington, D. C.

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INTERESTING PROGRAM
AT CARLTON LOCAL
The Carlton Local, No. 1011, held their annual good time social Friday evening, December 1. A social gathering which will long be remembered by those present, and a credit to the Carlton local, as well as to the executive committee; Mr. Lowman, Mr. Haney, and Mr. Masten, who's efforts

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made it possible to render such an elegant program.

Fresh oysters, pickles, sandwiches, and hot coffee, were served from 6:30 to 9:30. It being a lovely evening the hall was crowded, and many a silvery vivavoive shellfish went to that place where none will return.

At 9:30 the rattle of spoons, the sip of soup, and the chatter of visitors were lulled by a concert by the Carlton Military band.

At 10 o'clock the stage was cleared for one of the best local programs ever rendered in this community, viz: Piano Duet: Misses Mildred and Mary Eest Howie.

Piano Solo: Miss Reo Logan, accompanied by Whistling Rufus Robertson.

Accordian Solo: Mr. Ryff.
Solo: Miss Mary Alice Logan.
Speaker of the Evening: Mr. Reese. Soprano Solo: Mrs. Eulich of Abilene.
Piano Duet: Mrs. Logan and Miss Reo Logan.

Speech: By our local president, Mr. Hembarger.

Recess: At which 23 members were added to the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Carlton local, No. 1011.

Male Quartet: Mr. Haven, Mr. Ireland, Mrs. Gantenbine, Mrs. Norton. To cap the climax Mr. Hill with his radio set tuned in and gave a radio concert, securing music from Dallas, Texas and Detroit, Michigan, and a lecture from Kansas City, Missouri.

Hoping the Carlton local will enjoy many such evenings as this, the crowd left at a late hour.

—A Member and Cor.

FARMERS' UNION OF GRETA ADOPTS RESOLUTIONS

We, the resolution committee, hereby submit the following resolutions: 1. We favor a state organization to which they may extend any aid to a local organization in need of same.

2. We recommend that all business organizations be a member of the Farmers' Union Auditing association.

3. We recommend that the president of each local appoint a committee to see that all dues are paid by the first of each year.

4. We wish to extend our thanks to the ladies of Greta and vicinity for the bounteous dinner served at our meeting today.

—W. C. Dubois, Francis Jacob, C. A. Whitney, J. B. Edwards, Gilman Carle.

COLUMBIA LOCAL ELECTIONS OFFICERS

Columbia Local, No. 123, having slumbered for some time has awakened—held session very good meetings, Saturday evening, December 2, we met in regular session with all officers present, it being time for our annual election of officers a good crowd was in attendance and showed a good union spirit.

The following were chosen for another year: A. W. Bonar re-elected president; E. B. Ingle, vice-president; M. E. Barhart, secretary-treasurer; U. A. Turner, door-keeper; B. A. Tatcher, conductor.

After the business meeting an oyster supper was served to members and their families, after which it was decided to have a rabbit hunt, December 9, the losing side to furnish a supper in the near future.

The Ladies' Auxiliary will serve dinner for the hunters at Columbia school house the day of the hunt. Adjourned until our next regular meeting in two weeks. Let all members be present and boost for the Union.
—MRS. A. J. POWELL, Cor.-Sec.

AN OLD-TIME HUSKIN' BEE

Editor Kansas Union Farmer: The following poem is my version of an old-time "huskin' bee," which recently took place on the Palmer farm, one and one-half miles east of Wamego. It often puzzles me how some of our own members can stand up in meeting and declare that

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Trusting that the article meets with your approval, and wishing you the best of success in Union work, I am Fraternally,
HORACE F. SMITH.

TRUE-BLUE CO-OPERATION
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About fifty within the Union. Rushed to the Perine corn field and threw

Many loads in close communion. Early and late the 28th of November, Rummaged they for white ears and "kisses."

Such was the sport that all will remember Uncle "Reuben" while chasing the Mrs. Noon proved to be the best part of the day.

In the house were ladies with "eats." On tables prepared cafeteria way—"Nuff said"—thirty men found seats.

Coming back from that dinner, so good. On the photograph man we gazed; Of course he "shot" while we stood—Poor creatures—by cold most crazed. Empty wagons to fields then went, Roaring laughter resounded still. Another half day saw the corn all

To the Farmers Co-Op. Mill. In such kindness to those in sorrow, On the part of OUR UNION true, Nestles signs that still live tomorrow.

THE AFTERMATH
Now that the conflict is over and the smoke of battle cleared away lets consider the cause of the results of the recent election. Every one even the K. C. Star, now concedes that the farmer vote named the successful candidates. But shouldn't we go a step farther and say the farm organization vote?

This was no doubt just as true in other parts of the state, where the Farmers' Union and Grange are strong as it was right here in Anderson county, where every candidate elected by these organizations was elected.

Another thing these candidates, from governor down, did not receive the support of the Grange because they were Democrats or Republicans, but because they represented the standards of the farmer. These organizations do not believe in partisan politics. If any individual, Democrat or Republican, who does not represent the farmers' ideals, thinks he can use the Farmers' Union-Grange farm organizations as a lever to hoist himself into office, we predict that he has another guess coming. It is the man and what he stands for that we are supporting. We maintain that the farmers' interest has been greatly neglected in legislative affairs and that he has a God-given right to support men and women for office who will look after and protect his interest and see that he gets a square deal along with the other fellow.

The recent election demonstrated as it has probably never before been demonstrated, the power of the non-partisan farm organization.

It shows that by organized effort the farmer can accomplish whatever he desires to accomplish.

—C. E. HENDERSON,
Anderson County Farmers' Union Secretary.

KNOCKERS
Since the dawn of creation we have had our "knockers" and would be "busters."

It was a knocker in the form of a snake that put the Garden of Eden on the blink. Another bunch of human reptiles attempted to destroy Christianity by crucifying our Savior but their dastardly deed only resulted in making the Christian religion dearer and more sacred to its believers.

Benedict Arnold was a knocker and traitor to his country but Benedict Arnold lived to be despised not only by his countrymen but by the very people to whom he sold himself.

Jeff Davis thought that he could disrupt the Union but now even his name has all but passed from the memory of man and the old Stars and Stripes still wave over the Union—the greatest country on earth.

Kaiser Bill knocked all governments and started out to rule or ruin the world but found "might" could not prevail against "right" and was glad to sneak off into oblivion.

There are a few little human warts who think that they can "knock" and if these big devils couldn't succeed how can the little ones expect to get anywhere?

No, the FARMERS' UNION is too solid a structure for puny hands to tear down.

The Lord loves a booster. Even the devil hates a knocker.

This article was a contribution to a recent issue of the Bellview local paper, the Bellview Boomerang.

—C. E. HENDERSON.

SELF HELP FOR COUNTY UNIONS
One Farmers' Union editor says there are too many locals that lean too heavily on the county or state organization. There are too many county unions that depend too much on the services of the state officers and lecturers, is his belief also. He says that the Farmers' Union is a self-help agency.

The Union was devised as a means through which the members might do something for themselves.

Frequently small locals complain that interest has "died out." The state Union is asked for moral assistance. Local leaders do not seem to realize that as long as there is a spark of life in a local it is better able to help itself than it is able to be helped.

The state union is not well acquainted with the peculiar needs of the community, as a rule. The state officers are not able to cope with the strange prejudices that keep certain members from being satisfied; this job of understanding the local is for the leader of the local and for the surviving members.

The state Union is a big brother, always ready to help where it can, but just as a child never learns to walk if it is constantly lead by its mother, so a local union never learns to stand alone if it depends on the state Union for moral support.—Producer.

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