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SOIL CONSERVATION

In Amendment Form

NOT SOLUTION

Does Not Believe Curtailment

of Production Answer to the

Farmers Problem

I deeply regret that my first announcement today is of the death of the President of the Michigan Farm-

ers' Union, Mr. John W. Lentz. His

passing is not only a great loss to the children he left behind but to the

Michigan State Union and to the Na-

tional Union. Under his leadership

Michigan, in less than three years became one of the strongest Farmers

Union states. His untiring efforts,

in spite of advanced years and fail-

ing strength, were a great contribut-ing factor to the almost phenomenal

growth of the Michigan Farmers Un-

ion and his unswerving loyalty and

devotion to the cause was and will be

for a long time to come, an inspira-

The Soil Conservation Act

gress only yesterday. It was passed

This bill was an amendment to the

Soil Conservation Act that was pass-

ed a year ago. This "Soil Conserva-

tion Act" was not considered by any-

after the existing system of grants in

for Highway Construction-Exten-

sion · Service—Social Security and

was passed yesterday, will only fur-

ther extend to an unparallelled degree

the system of the Federal Govern-

dollars for Federal grants in consid-

eration for compliance with Federal

that I want to call to your attention.

This bill provides definitely for the

regulation and control of farm pro-

duction by taking cultivated lands out

There are grave doubts as to the

regulate and control production un-

eral Relief rolls and when we are im-

lic official at any time for any pur-

pose in a Government that makes any

pretense of being a democratic gov-

I want to read to you just one sec-

tion of the bill to illustrate this point. This is section 11: "Notwithstanding

any other provision of law, the action

of any officer or employee in de-

blank check to any public official.

the question, where is the money go-

ing to come from?

exactly the opposite.

over a billion dollars a year.

ernment

der the guise of soil conservation.

There are a few significant facts

the late Triple A. This new

tion to his fellow-workers.

SALINA, KANSAS, THU RSDAY, MARCH 19, 1936 EXPERTS DISCUSS

Conservation commissioners of the states of Wisconsin and New York ACT WRONG MOVE states of Wisconsin and New York and a nationally-known wildlife lecturer will be heard on the Conservation Day programs of the National Farm and Home Hour during March. Each Friday at 11:30 a.m. CST, ov-National Secretary Discusses Bill Recently Passed by House er a coast-to-coast NBC-WJZ network. The Farm and Home Hour features discussions of important conservation problems of wide-spread in-

NATIONAL RESOURCES

H. W. MacKenzie, director of conservation in Wisconsin, will review the part that state has taken in the general conservation movement and tell of some of the problems peculiar to that region-on Friday, March 13. Lithgow Osborne, New York conservation commissioner will be heard on Friday March 20. Osborne will describe the impetus given to conservation in the East, with particular reference to the work in New York.

MEETS AT URBANA, ILLINOIS

The twelfth annual session of the American Institute of Cooperation will be held June 15 to 19 at the University of Illinois, Urbana, it was announced today by Charles W. Hol-

man, secretary. Important this year among 'the many subjects to be studied at this "traveling university" of farmer business organizations, according to Holman, will be the effect upon cooperative organizations of the ad-I want to discuss with you briefly a bill that was passed by the Conjustments in farming practices resulting from the new federal soil

conservation program.
"In addition to considering the changing status under which farm by the House by a vote of 267-97. organizations find themselves operatng," he said, "there will be the usual searching analysis of all phases of one last year as a remedy for the cooperative association activities. Farm Problem. It is impossible to Principal sessions will be devoted to understand that anyone should consider it today even a "Substitute" for the branches of livestock, dairying, grain, fruits and vegetables, coopera tive purchasing and eggs and poul-Conservation Act of 1936" is modelled

"As was the practice for some aid to the States, such as Federal Aid years prior to 1935, the morning sessions will be devoted to problems and numerous other purposes. I want to issues in which all cooperatives are let you know now, that the bill that interested. Following the general meetings, the afternoons will be given over to intensive sectional discussions for each of the several commodity groups. In addition, there will be a number of special conferment inviting the States to match ences on specific problems, as well as group meetings for vocational education teachers, county agents, local officials of the Farm Credit agencies,

The Institute is an educational enof production on a government rental such it confines its activities to the gatherng and disseminaton of knowledge and research results concerning constitutionality of this measure. If the cooperative movement. It is the Congress did not have the power recognized as the authoritive agency in this field. It does not pass reso lutions or take action upon contro-

to regulate and control production under the Triple A, the Federal Govversial matters. ernment does not have the power to Financed by voluntary contributions and governed by a board of trustees chosen by the leading coopera-It is an unwise policy to reduce and tive organizations of the country, the control the production of food and Institute attendance has grown fibre when there are nearly twenty eleven years from a few hundred to million American Citizens on the Fedas many as 2,000 persons. Each summer it meets as the guest of one of porting competing farm commodities the outstanding educational institufrom foreign countries at the rate of tions. It's "scholars" include cooperative executives, federal and state The Soil Conservation Act gives public officials, leaders of general the Secretary of Agriculture powers farm organizations, and employees of "without a formula." Such powers should never be granted to any pub-

the cooperative movement. Hosts to the Institute in former years include Kansas State College of Agriculture, Manhattan, Kansas.

TO THE NEWSPAPER ADDRESSED:

With the cooperation of the newspapers in the enforcement of the cigarette tax law, we were able to show a gain in revenue from that source amounting to approximately \$472,000 during the past two years.

Now, we are confronted with a million dollar loss on tax exempt gasoline, so we have prepared information which will give you the situation as we find it exists. We believe, if you will give this matter the same publicity that you have the cigarette campaign that we can reduce this loss within the twelve months probably \$500,000. We think the tax-payers of Kansas would appreciate this effort. We are not asking you to publish this article but we thought that you would probably want to know more about the situation and that is why we prepared this ar-

ticle if you choose to read it. We are also enclosing copies of two editorials. One from the Honorable William White of Emporia and the other from Senator Jess Denious of Dodge City. If you choose to cooperate along the line of White or Denious we believe that it will do a world of good.

When you realize that we have eighty thousand Permit holders, it is absolutely impossible for the department with the few men we have to be able to control this

situation. We are also enclosing an editorial from the Topeka Capital covering collections during the month of February.

I am deeply indebted to the Kansas newspaper men for the wonderful cooperation they have given this department.

Yours truly, A. W. Logan, Director.

SMOKE TAXES INCREASE Logan's Department Continues to Gain Steadily

Kansas cigarette smokers have paid \$132,119 into state coffers so far this year. The collections for February were \$62,130, a gain of \$11,696 over the same month last year, according to figures pre-pared by A. W. "Bert" Logan, director of the state department of inspections and registration. Collections of gasoline taxes

showed an even greater increase. During February \$973,601 was collected in contrast to the \$684,385 taken in during the same month last year. (Excerpt March 1, 1936, Topeka

Daily Capital, Topeka, Kansas.)
GRAFTERS There is just one word for a man or woman who uses for his or

Thirty-one land use projects in-

volving two million acres of land in

North and South Dakota, Nebraska

and Kansas have been approved by

the Resettlement Administration.

These lands, deemed unfit for arable

farming, will be utilized for grazing,

reforestation, protection of natural

timber, parks for recreational pur-

poses, refuges for migratory water-

fowl and preservation of upland

her own private interests, money or opportunity whch the law . into go into other channels. The farmer who buys tax exempt gasoline and sells it or trades it, the farmer who allows the use of his name for another man to buy tax exempt gasoline, is a grafter. Just a plain ordinary grafter. He is as wicked as a bribe-taker. oline in cars.

He is as un-American as a racket-

LOGAN ASKS COOPERATION OF NEWSPAPERS IN REDUCING LOSS ON TAX EXEMPT GASOLINE

Those who know about the gasoline situation in Kansas are satisfied that we are losing on the gasoline racket one way or another through illegal tax exempt gasoline two or three thousand dollars every day. If we had those dollars, Kansas taxes would be that much lower. In other words the farmer who grafts on his tax exempt gasoline by selling it, using his name to get it for others to use, or misusing the gas-oline himself, is robbing his neigh-

bor of taxes. The figures right now in the midst of winter show an increase in tax exempt gasoline. The grafting farmer is not using that gasoline. He is swapping it or trading his name to someone who virtually steals these Kansas taxes. The grafting farmer alone is to blame. The Kansas farmers have the privilege of buying the com-modity that is manufactured purposely for tractors on which no tax is due. But the facts are, some of the Kansas farmers are using this tax exempt gasoline on highways in their trucks and cars. No politician who wants to be elected or re-elected will say these things, but they might just as well

The farmer who monkeys with the gasoline tax is a grafter right. (Excerpt, Feb. 17, 1936, Emporia Gazette, Emporia, Kansas.)

be said and here they are.

GAS EXEMPTION VIOLATIONS THREATEN FARM AID LAW

A thorough investigation into the uses of tax-exempt gasoline purchased by farmers in southwest Kansas is under way as a result of many claims, made in Topeka that the exemption law is being violated by farmers, and dis-covery in the last few days of

twenty-six violations.

Brother Buis of Meade and George Barkley, Dodge City man employed in the state inspections department are opening an invessales and uses in this section immediately. Mr. Buis was here Thursday to meet Mr. Barkley in connection with starting the in-

Bulk Stations and service stations are issued state licenses if they wish to merchandise tax-exempt gasoline for agricultural

uses, and farmers buying it are required to file statements as to its use and obtain permits to buy it without the tax, before they can get it. It is complained however that the state is losing gasoline tax money by farmers violating the law by using tax-exempt gas-

The inspectors will investigate purchases of tax-exempt gasoline and stores of gasoline on the farms and go into the situation thoroughly in southwest counties,

Violators of that law are endangering the tax-exempt part of the law, west Kansas Legislators warned, because if it is continu-ously violated the exemption will be repealed and gasoline for farming in this power-farming area will have to be taxed which will make a terrific fuel cost for power farming. Legislators say the hardest fight they have won for southwest Kansas was to get gasoline used for agricultural purposes exempted from taxation, and now violators of the law, if there are any, are placing that victory in jeopardy not only for themselves but for the farmers who have held rigidly to observance of the law.
(Excerpt, Feb. 6, 1936, Dodge
City Daily Globe, Dodge City, Kansas.)

Information from the records of the Department of Inspection and Registration relative to that phase of the motor vehicle fuel tax law which provides for exempting from the tax gasoline used for purposes other than propelling motor vehicles of the highways.

It might be well to first go into the history of our motor vehicle fuel tax law. This being chiefly an agricultural state, the main object of providing for these exemptions was to permit farmers to purchase gasoline less the tax to he used in their tractors doing farm work. The first law provided for re-

funds. The tax in that instance was first paid by the consumer who made application to the county commissioners of his county for a refund on all motor vehicle fuel tax paid on gasoline used for nonroad purposes. These claims for refunds were supported by the sales tickets, showing the purchase of such fuels which sales tickets were required to show that the gasoline had been paid for. Under that system, the exemptions were at the beginning 10 per cent of They reached collections. their highest peak at the time that that law was repealed in 1931 or about 16 per cent of the total consumption or two million dollars per annum.

There were two major objec-

(Continued on Page Four.)

necessities, furniture, clothing, food. transportation, and to pay medical CREDIT UNIONS transportation, and to pay medical expenses and for other similar purposes.

"The new Federal credit unions, as well as those of longer experience under State charters, are fostering to the end of the last quarter of ideas of self-help and self-reliance among large numbers of people, the incomes of many of whom were previously being drained by uneconomic-

FIVE HUNDRED NEW

The Eastern States Farmers Exchange which last year completed a \$300,000 addition to its cooperative feed mill in Buffalo, added 6,000 farmers in eight Atlantic seaboard states to its membership in 1935. The 62,000 farmer-consumer members of the cooperative did a non-profit business of \$14,067,533, according to the report of Quentin Reynolds, General Manager, to the annual meeting of the Exchange last week. This was an increase of 13.5 per cent over the purchases of the cooperative the pre-

This week members of the cooperative will receive checks totaling approximately \$100,000 as a direct return on savings. An additional fifty thousand dollars was voted to be set aside for further expansion of the cooperative. Savings returns in the 17 years of the activities of the Ex- purpose (notice I said declared purchange have totaled well over \$2,000,-000. The Eastern States Farmers Ex- solution of the economic ills besetting change has extended its service to motor oil, paint, spray materials, bin- with the seemingly impossible task der twine, dairy supplies, flours and cereals and has set up 18, regional warehouses in addition to its headquarters in Springfield.

SOUNDNESS OF COOPERATION

without a failure of major importance, cooperative associations of farmers have clearly demonstrated the soundness of the coopertve way of doing business, Dr. F. B. Bomberger, president of the Baltimore Bank for Cooperatives, attending a conference of the chief executives of the district banks for cooperatives of the Farm Credit Administration, declared here today, March 9.

"In spite of the fact that farmers' business cooperatives continued to had is a creation or inflation of debt, grow steadily in numbers, volume of which is the absence of money, but is business, and general strength from a demand for the future payment of 1920 to 1929, when prices of agricultural commodities were at a marked discount in relation to prices for nonagricultural commodities," Dr. Bomberger said, "many persons failed to recognize the fundamental soundness of cooperation.

"Any doubt about its, soundness now should be finally removed in view of what has happened since the economic collapse of 1929. In striking contrast to failures of thousands of banks and industrial and commercial among farmers' business cooperativ-

than local importance.

"This seems to me to be very sig-

#### MEMBERS A MONTH

vious year.

#### DEPRESSION DEMONSTRATED

Coming through the depression

failures among cooperatives since equal amount of money (bank notes) 1929. It would be almost miraculous if there were none. But such failures The answer is no, they will not unhave been relatively few and in no less they can be assured of a profit case has there beein a failure of more on loaning it and that condition no

nificant. In a preiod of such violent strains and stresses, the cooperative organizations escape with only minorinjuries. Does that indicate that there must be something essentially sound n the cooperative way of doing bus- modern industrial life. It is as necesiness? It certainly seems so to me; and I believe that the experimental ness transactions as the ships and period for agricultural cooperation ocean waters are to the transporting and I believe that the experimental n the United States has now definitely passed. It can be accepted as parts of the world. It has been often cearly demonstrated that any type of said that the power to tax is the powfarm business can be carried on co- er to destroy and it begins to look as operatively successfully and with sat- though thmose whom we have honsfaction to the farmers who constiture the organization."

#### FROM FOREIGN LANDS

game.

termining the amount of or in makaudit except by the Secretary of Ag-

While Japanese industry and trade The American people will regret that they ever gave this kind of a have been expanding and prospering, Japanese agriculture has found it-It is considered that it will take self since the World War, and parapproximately one half billion dollars ticularly since 1930, facing a situation growing steadily more critical, to finance this program. This raises according to the first of a series of g to come from?

The proposed plan of taxation, to asse this vast sum of money annual
Foreign Agricultural Service of the raise this vast sum of money annual-

ly being discussed is an excise or Bureau of Agricultural Economics. processing tax on food and fibre and Some of the factors accounting for in addition a general manufacturer's the depression in Japanese agriculsales tax. These are consumption ture are: the sharp decline in world taxes they are "sales" taxes they are prices; a heavy farm debt and tax taxes on the poor to enable the rich burden; the fact that the average to escape the burden of taxation. It farm unit is only 2.5 acres; inability is the Farmers' Union position that to expand further the area of land taxes should be levied by the Federal under cultivation; a rural population Government on the basis of ability to of about 30,000,000 people on a cultipay. During the past five years the vated area of less than 15,000,000 pay. During the past live years the vated area of less than 15,000,000 tric lamp factory in Sweden. The Federal Government has been doing acres; high land prices and rent; and exactly the opposite.

The liberal provisions pertaining specialization on rice and silk as the specialization on rice and silk as the specialization. y the opposite.

February 18th the Honorable chief cash crops.

These factors had been affecting W. D. McFarland, Congressman from Texas, stated on the floor of the Japanese agricultural economy be-House, that in 1930 over 80 per cent fore the world depression but the full That 80 per cent was made duction in agricultural income. commerce.

The Japanese Government has ento increase the purchasing power of farmers, and to ease the burden of farm indebtedness. These measures

ing any payment under section 9 shall not be subject to review or FARMERS levels. keep the export price at profitable levels.

International Trade Between Cooperatives Speeded Regional International Cooperative Wholesale Associations in Southern,

Western and Northern Europe loomes as an immediate possibility as a result of a recent series of conferences at Vienna, Brussels and London. Wholesale cooperatives serving as clearing houses for trade between cooperatives in various countries in Europe have long been advocated by cooperative leaders as an important method of facilitating commerce on a non-profit basis.

owners of the Luma cooperative elec- saving among salaried and wage-Scandinavian Cooperative Wholesale a number of other activities. Executive Wholesale Society, Manchester, met in London late in January to

Representatives of four national resulting reduction in agricultural wholesale societies in Southwestern purchasing power has had an adverse Europe met in Vienna earlier in Jan-Europe met in Vienna earlier in Jan-

gional wholesale society. A conference of French, Belgian, in Brussels late in February explored the possibilities of closer relations in their economic relations, looking forward to the creation of a Western ees of a single factory, store or ofernment control over agriculture, particularly in silk, rice and wheat production. With respect to rice and wholesale associations affiliated in wheat, the government measures aim the International Cooperative Wholeto maintain self-sufficiency in these sale Society did an international busto maintain self-sufficiency in these products through tariff protection and price stabilization. In the case of silk, the measures are concerned silk, the measures are concerned mainly with the problem of how to volume of inter-cooperative trade.

Ways the purchase of electrical fixing the test and continue keeping actions should greatly increase the might be called consumer-loans, since must be demonstratably self supporting the fixing the purchase of electrical fixing the pu

Members of Federal credit unions chartered under the Act of Congress of June 1934 saved \$2,008,000 1935, according to a statement today from Director C. R. Orchard of the Federal Credit Union Section. "Making loans from their members' savings, these new thrift and loan cooperatives, composed primarily of industrial employees, lent ov-

er \$3,228,000 in the 15 months prior to December 31, 1935, "Director Orchard stated. "The average-size loan during the period was \$62." He said that membership increased 46 percent during the fourth quarter to 113,000 and savings increased nearly 60 percent. The amount of oans made in the three months end-

ing December 31 was about as large as the entire amount loaned during the preceding year, he added. "The average Federal credit un ion, which at the end of 1935 had been in operation long enough to make a quartery report, had about 150 members who had saved \$2,800

and were turning over the money

a second time in loans to members, he explained.
"Although only 7 signers are needed to organize a Federal credit un-The first venture of this type was ion and about 50 makes a good beorganized by Scandinavian coopera- ginning, the average membership is tives several years ago when national now much larger than this, and these organizations in Denmark, Finland, new institutions are already doing a Norway and Sweden became joint fine service by encouraging regular

Society which was set up to adminis- to membership eligibility have attter the plant has already engaged in racted much attention, and since an employee may become a member by tives of the SCWS and the Coopera- agreeing to save as little as 25 cents a month, every type of employee is eligible to join.

"By obtaining loans from their own savings and loan institution at reasonable rates, credit union members are avoiding excessive charges on personal loans and installment

"The sound economic principles encouraged by credit unions have enlisted the active support of some of the largest companies and corporations in the country. Usually, the credit union is composed of the employfice. Federal credit unions have now been organized in practically every type of industry, and those organized by fraternal, religious and neigh-borhood groups are making good

al financing.'

#### American Farms Are Behind the Times

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THIS chart, prepared by the Rural Electrification Administration, illustrates the surprising scarcity of electric service on American farms, despite its almost uniform availability to city people.

Illumination and running watermade possible by electric pumping are only two of the many advantages which electricity brings to the farm. With them como dependable refrigeration, cool cookery, power for feed grinding and other farm tasks, poultry house illumination for greater egg production, and elec tric dairy machinery-over two hundred farm uses for electricity have been listed.

It is the purpose of the REA to | take electricity to as many farms as possible in the shortest time. and to have it used in quantities sufficient to affect rural life.

Power lines to take electricity into virgin rural territory may be built by public bodies, farm cooper-

By financing the construction of new electric distribution lines in territories now without any electric service, as well as wiring installations on groups of farms, the Rural Electrification Administration is endeavoring to correct the condition which this chart portrays. Assistance in financing purchases of equipment and appliances to utilize the electricity brought by the new lines is to be given by the reorganized Electric Home and Farm Authority, while financing of plumbing and remodeling is within the jurisdiction of the Federal Housing Administration.

Preference is given to applications from public, cooperative and non-profit groups. To help start such projects the REA offers the services of its legal, engineering and organization staff to advise on

specific problems.

REA will also make loans for built by public bodies, farm cooper-atives and similar groups, as well farm buildings. This is not limited as by private utility companies. to the projects mentioned above. construction at 3 per cent interest Ways are also provided for financ-

#### **CONGRESS FACES** INPOSSIBLE TASK SAYS PRESIDENT

Everson Says They Have Appropriated Millions That We Do Not Have

INFLATION OF DEBT

No Inflation of Money Occurred, **But Creation or Inflation** of Debt Instead

The present Congress is in an awful jam. Having appropriated bil-lions of dollars which neither they nor the people have, for the declared pose) of applying the proceeds to the our Nation, they are now confronted of finding the revenue, or rather of imposing taxes designed to raise the necessary revenue. Therefore, the agitation and clamor for inflation has become a paramount issue, since a great many Congressmen are very rereluctant to save their constituents great many Congressmen are very and ask to be returned, having imposed such an impossible burden of taxes upon the people in such a way as to create tax exemption for the fortunate few, which automatically imposes additional burdens upon the unfortunate many. Are there some people so woefully deluded as to believe the money changers have been driven from the temple? May God pity you if you are.

Oh, but I hear someone say we have had an inflation, Inflation of money? No indeed. What we have money together with interest, with the added privilege of tax exemption to those bankers and bond holders who hold those obligations of our Government, which insures them against their being required to pay any portion of the debt, created through issuance of these bonds. Now let us see, are these bonds money in the sense that they will pass from one to another as money in exchange of commodities and services? Indeed they are not. They are as sterile as the more than ten billions of dollars enterprises of all kinds, the failures of idle gold in the Treasury vaults. It is true, of course, that the banks es have been relatively unimportant. holding these bonds can deposit them "There have been, of sourse, some in the U. S. Treasury and issue an against them, but will they do it? longer exists since the volume of existing loans outstanding already exceeds the ability of the debtors to pay them or the interest thereon because of the lack of money, and you know these loans are payable in mon-

> I say money is indispensable in our sary to the carrying on of our busiof goods and merchandise to other ored and entrusted to govern, establish justice, provide for the common defense, and promote the general welfare, are too much inclined to permit the money changers to execrice that

A thoroughly organized, enlightened, active and articulate citizenship can and will prevent it.

power.

The Farmers' Union is the one strictly cooperative class organization through which the farmer can have an active expression of his rights and needs and who membership for more than 39 years have made evhaus tive studies of the farmers' problems from all angles and from an actual and a practical standpoint. Its success will be measured by the number, the intelligence, the courage, the determination combined with the genuine spirit of cooperative fellowship that we can muster and mobilize in a great and powerful organization. Its power, influence and prestige is now many times greater than the number of its members would indicate because of the influence its active enlightened and courageous membership has on the rest of society. Let us make of it the eaven that leaveneth the whole of society, blotting out corruption, selfishness, greed, malice and hatred that lead to war, and substituting therefor, the kindly graces of truth, honor, virtue, brotherly love and cooperation that will make for an everlasting joy, happiness and social wellbeing, that leads to Peace on earth and Good Will Toward Men. Every member, man, woman and Jun-ior can and should be an active crusader in this noble cause, and do you realize Brethern, that nobler work than this was never conceived in the mind of man? And then too, no work could possibly bring greater rewards, for the compensation, if we succeed will be a crowning victory of human liberty of all mankind over those who would make us serfs of the soil to be dominated by feudal lords.

The next month or two will constitute critical times for the keeping of many farm accounts. The test usually comes in the second or third month of record keeping. Those who meet the test and continue keeping ac-

of our Federal revenues were re- significance, says the bureau, was not ceived from taxes based on ability revealed until 1930 when the prices of to pay, while only 18 per cent was rice and silk declined precipitously. work out possibilities of closer assowhat one might call consumption This price decline caused a great reciation. up of taxes on income, estates, gifts, inheritances and taxes on capital stock. This situation has gradually effect upon Japanese industry and uary to negotiate for a permanent rechanged until last year, in 1935, the Federal Government collected only 42.8 per cent of its revenue from acted measures designed to prevent Dutch and Swiss cooperative leaders taxes on incomes and so forth while a further fall in agricultural prices, 57.2 per cent of our federal revenue came from consumption or excise taxes. He went on to say, that the rich were able to escape their just tax involve a considerable degree of govburden, while a heavier tax burden was placed on those less able to pay.

The day or days you spend in helping get more members into your Local may be the most effective days of work you'll do for yourself during | silk,

(to be continued next week)

Wm. E. Roesch

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SALINA, KANSAS, THU RSDAY, MARCH 19, 1936 While in Chicago some time ago I our State Gasoline Tax law. I am was amused at the cartoons and ar- afraid that the release indicates a ticles appearing in the Chicago papers about the high cost of living now as compared to 1933 and previous. All tending to prove that the New Deal and especially the Farm Legislation is responsible for the added cost which the city dweller has and to give a large portion of the to pay. In the same issue of the patax money to the cities to be used on following. General Electric has the pers were many such items as the best year since 1929. Net profits over \$27,000,000. Fairbanks Morse wish to keep the law as its, to first of all obey the lay so that no one net profit for this year equal to \$2.40 per share of common stock compared with 39 cents last year, Arthur Cutten is trying to compromise his suit in which the Federal government is sueing him for \$1,247,000 income taxes due and unpaid on the profits he made on the boards of mended by the organized farmers trade. It seems to me the sothrough their accredited representacalled friends of the poor city consumer should look into the sources of the inflated profits of the big concerns controlled by our so called Captains of Industry and members of not be right to penalize the already the Liberty League. With farm inoverloaded farmers because some comes only 10 per cent over last year one evades the law. It would be just even including the AAA payments the as right to fine all city automobile New Deal and the cost of Farm drivers because some city guy inproducts is surely not to blame for sists on driving through a red light. the increased cost of living It is time that both farmers and city consumers got wise to such old tricks and started in earnest to build strong Presidents producers and consumers coopera-Travelogue tives so as to cut down the margin of BY JOHN VESECKY profits of those in between who add nothing to the value of our products but insist on their "God given" right to take toll of both the producer and the consumer. Of all the leeches fattening on us farmers about the worst are those of the species to which Arthur Cutten belongs. The

commodity market gambler might

covote he waits until his victim is

courage enough to attract him. It

short in order to bring additional

pending in congress.

The first meeting that I made last week was at Lyndon in Osage county, the evening of March 12. As the stop at Lyndon it was necessary for better be likened to a coyote. Like a the meeting with Mr. and Mrs. Nico- | ghbor farmers and merchants. lay. There were about 35 present at either lamed or sick before he has the meeting. What the meeting lacked in numbers it made up in qualwas proven in court that Arthur Cutten had deliberately sold wheat ity. Among other prominent Union folks present were two State Senators: Ex-Senator Behrens and Senaload on an already overloaded martor Clyde Coffman. The program ket. He and his associates deliberateconsisting of songs, music and a ly forced the market down so that short dialogue was fine. After my the farmer received as low as 20 talk and some other short talks we cents per bushel for his wheat. It was proven that he was short many all partook of ice cream and cookies and visited for about an hour. Mr. millions of bushels in the option Nicolay took me back to Osage. market, which he failed to report to

the Grain Futures Administration as Friday, March 13, I spoke to the Greenwood county meeting in Madi- ed from choice. Taking care of needy required by law. In spite of all the son. Owing to poor connections I ar- suffering people becomes a responsioffenses proven again him a U. S. Court held because of a slight tech- rived there about 40 minutes late. nical flaw in the wording of the Mr. Soule, the county president, had Grain Futures Act he cannot be pun- about talked himself out try ng to ished. Our farmers should make it fill in until I arrived. Some of the their wrongs. a point to singly and as local and members were just going out to county organizations write to our search for me when I arrived, and representatives in congress, the according to their statement, I saved not merely possible it is practical for President of the United States and their lives. I was sorry that I dethe chairmen of the agricultural com- layed the meet ng by being late, esmittees of both the House and the pecially when the ladies told me what Senate urging the immediate passage a fine lunch I missed. I talked for of the commodity exchange act now about an hour, after that Mr. Peet, who had been manager of the Farm-In this week's issue we print a re- ers Union store at Madison for more lease from the Kansas Oil Inspection than a dozen years, spoke and gave department relative to evasions of some good advice on getting new

in Coffey County. After some more d scussion the meeting adjourned.

On Saturday, March 14 I met with the Chase County Farmers Union in Strong City. We had a fine lunch at noon consisting of pies, cakes, roast chicken and other good things. President Barrett opened the meetng by calling on the president of the Farmers Union store to explain some has just competed a week's meetings in their hydrays. The next in Marion, Morris and Chase Counchanges in their by-laws. The next speaker was Mr. Young of the C.C.A. Mr. Young made a fine presentation Lincolnville the evening of the 10th of the need for, and the history of at the high school auditorium. Music the Consumers Cooperative movement and of the services of the CCA. I then talked for about an hour. After my talk the president called on our director, John Fengel, to give them a short talk. Then on the suggestion of one of the members, committees were arranged for a membership drive. The final details for the drive will be worked out at the drive will be worked out at the Clements meeting. I sincerely hope that every good member of the Chase county Farmers Union will give at State and National. least one day to this drive. Tom Wells, as ready as always to build the Union, volunteered to give at paign the next day, before going on .. Stafford, Kansas least two days.

The time is right now for a concerted drive to put our Union over man we saw except 1 and he promised the top by more than doubling the to come into the local at their next membership. The farmers realize as head to use just any hind never before the need for a strong of paper we had to take their place.

At Burdick, we had a splendid at sas. It is not handicapped by any tendance, Mr. Frost, with Mr. A. D. "foreign entanglements" with groups Peterson worked in the vicinity of whose interests might be directly an- and secured a goodly number. In the tagonistic to the farmers' interests. afternoon, Mr. Frost went to Lost It does not receive any Federal, Springs and signed up ten new mem-State or county subsidies so that it bers in three hours, when he had to is free to defend the rights of the leave for the Bazaar meeting that farmer even against the encrouchments if need be, of Federal Bureaus ment at Bazaar, where Mr. Frost with and the State extension department, the assistance of Mr. John Fisher Because we do not have any county and others received 13 new applicaagents, paid with tax money, to push tions. organization work for us; it is up to On Saturday the Chase County us to do the job ourselves. We can Strong City, which was attended by do it because wherever the members President John Vesecky. really put on a real drive the results This was an all day meeting and were even much better than the most was a dandy since the good wives optimistic expected.

The Farmers Union folks that I basket dinner. met at the meetings this last week Our Farmers Union folks in Chase exemption on the gas not used in au- is indeed a pleasure to meet with our a splendid idea. tomobiles and trucks. There is al- people and not only talk to them but ways a strong lobby in Topeka also to listen to them and get their Executive Board for this district was watching for a chance to change the ideas of our current farm problems. also in attendance at each of these law so as to take away our exemption I hope to meet all of them again Board and assisted Mr. Frost. some time this year.

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the Kansas Labor Weekly shows that task before us. farmers, and second, to personally in- the Electrical Workers' Local 304 terview both the present members of looks upon some of our National ecoour state legislature and also all can- nomic problems much the same adidates for legislative office and let we Farmers Union folks do? It piainthem know that we farmers will not and agriculture are so interwoven stand for any changes in the gasoline that what benefits one class in gentax law that is not first recom- eral will also benefit the other and what is detrimental to the best interests of one is also detrimental to the best interests of the other. More intives. There may and probably is terchange of ideas and a better unsome evasion of the tax law but I am derstanding of the fundamental econsure that most of the evading is by omy of both groups will surely lead others than farmers. It surely would to better cooperation and better conditions for all common folks.

trying to redeem itself for the mistake it made in deciding that a duly elected law making Congress could not make laws to promite general welfare of people who elect them, or this nation, it will probably cause a few utility heads to take a couple of new hitches in their galloses, and begin to pay a little more attention to selling kilowatts instead of spending so much time selling watered stock.

When more kilowatts are sold, more of humanity are enjoying the comforts and pleasures of this great gift to mankind

More electrical workers are needed to generate, and distribute these kil-Missouri Pacific R. R. train does not owatts, and incidentally more electrical workers will also be able to enjoy me to stay at Osage City. I rode to will be of great benefit to their neithe use of electricity. All of which

> Electrical workers are not needed to promote watered stock schemes, hence such schemes, regardless of how hig and how successful they are, do not put any more buying power handy to be shared in by neighbor farmers and merchants.

This administration through REA. is offering utility heads a golden opportunity to increase their sale kilowatts, and careful study of REA will convince any thinking person that this government is not entering the electrical field from choice, any more than it is spending money regular duties as a local of the Farto take care of the needy unemploybility of government under our Constitution, when the industrial manipulators who managed to bring about such a condition, refuse to right officers are: Everett Bowden, secre-

The standard of living is such for the people of this naton, that it is everyone to enjoy the comforts and pleasures obtained from the use of electricity, but if the people who have managed to get the control of such a precious utility, are determined to use it merely as a vehicle to peddle worthless stock, rather than serve humanity, then it becomes the res- ter the meeting. ponsibility of the government to make up to the masses of its people, for, the stupid mistakes and short comthe tractor gas exemption clause of members. Mr. Peet is now farming ings of a few of its people.

### **Neighborhood Notes**

JOHN FROST MEETING

Our vice president, Mr. John Frost ties.

was furnished by the famous Lincoln-ville High School Band.

Our next meeting was at Burdick, this meeting being held for the Lost Springs and Burdick membership. The third meeting was at Bazar in Chase county, at which place the ladies and young people were in evidence and greeted us with a fine program, with

does. These meetings were all well attended, with a lot of interest in the program of the Farmers Union, both

Mr. Frost followed each of these meetings with a membership camto the next meeting as scheduled and met with the best of encouragement. At Lincolnville we signed up every blanks and had to use just any kind that Local until noon the next day

We also found the same encourage-

On Saturday the Chase county Far-

brought well filled baskets and did themselves proud as usual, serving a

showed by the attention they paid to county have decided to make a memthe talks that they are in earnest and bership drive on their own account new drive by antagonistic interests to that they realize the need for a following their county meeting, drafttake away from our farmers the tax strong Farmers Union in Kansas. It J. P. Fengel, the member on the

> meetings and represented the State There is no question about the pos sibilities of these meetings and the

ELECTRICAL WORKERS LOCAL progress we can make in the development of our program, or, the increase in our membership and activities, if The following article taken from we will only apply ourselves to the

Let us adopt the slogan for Kansas "Every Farmer in Kansas a serve Bank System. member of the Kansas Farmers Union" for 1936 and work for it.-J. P.

FARMERS UNION JOBBING AS-SOCIATION-For Tankage and Meat Scraps.

FAIRVIEW LOCAL MEETING

Fairview Local Number 2154 held heir regular meeting on March 5, 1936. The meeting was called to order by

he president of the local, Charles Now that the Supreme Court is Gerdsen. In the absence of our secretary, John Lust, Mrs. Charles Stewart served. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The report was made that there had been several more new members added to the Union, there now being sixty-one paid up members for 1936 in the Fairview Local. Alice Harris was elected Union reporter. Mr. H. V. Adams, county commissioner was present and made an interestng talk on county affairs. An anouncement was made of the Allen County Union Meeting which is to be help in LaHarpe, March 18. plans were made toward the Allen County Union Supper which will be sponsored by the losing side of those

on the membership drive. In closing the meeting, the meeting was turned over to the program committee. The program consisted of dialogue by the Fairview School two piano numbers by June Heathman, tap dancing by Ruth Jean Smith, and Moore.

The meeting was adjourned. Next meeting will be April 2.—Alice Harris, Reporter.

FARMERS UNION JOBBING AS-SOCIATION—For Prime Corrugated

NEW LOCAL IN STAFFORD CO. A new Local was organized in Stafford county last Friday night, when | meeting. Antrim was admitted to membership. and elected officers to carry on their

With Blaine O'Connor and Ray Harter in charge of the installing, R. W. Goodman was named for the presidency of the Antrim local, Roy Russell is vice president, and the other tary-treasurer; Ronald Curtis, doorkeeper; Harve Leiss, conductor. Members of the executive committee are Edgar Gobin, Chas. Curtis, and Floyd Bowden. Victor Garner was elected business manager, and Ted McCand-

ess, lecturer. There are some 25 members in the ewly formed local. Antrim members, hosts to the others present, provided a program of all organization is in sympathy with entertainment, and refreshments afprograms that we feel are necessary

FARMERS UNION JOBBING AS-SOCIATION-For KFU and Union

ACTIVE DRIVE IN ELLSWORTH COUNTY

Mr. Chester A. Chapman, County Secretary of Ellsworth county, tells us of a week of meetings they have

Monday, March 16 is a personal canvas in the day time, as they will do during each day of the week. Monday night the meeting is

Summit school house.

Tuesday, in the Wilson neighborhood, with the meeting in one of the local meeting places that night.

Wednesday, Black Wolf neighborhood, and the night meeting will be in Liberty school house.

Thursday will be spent in the com-munity tround Buckeye, and the meet-ing that night will be there. Friday will be closely adjacent to Ellsworth, with a big meeting that night in the Farmers Union hall over

the store. At this meeting, a lunch be served after adjournment. These meetings are so planned as to give every farmer an opportunity to attend, and join the Farmers Un-

ion. Let every member come out, and hear Mr. Frost. Mr. Chapman further states—"Last Saturday Mr. John Fengel met with the county Union and talked to us about Farmers Union affairs. Every one who heard him seemed

benefit by his talk." RILEY COUNTY RESOLUTIONS

The Kansas Union Farmer, Salina, Kansas. Gentlemen: The following resolutions were

passed by the Riley County Farmers

Union in quarterly session at Walsburg schoolhouse March 7, 1936. We endorse the program of the National Farmers Union.

We endorse the Frazler-Lemke farm re-finance bill and demand its passage.

gale Cost of Production Bill, and any program that does not give us cost of production is not acceptable.

producers and consumers and benefit were taken from his discourses. only processors and federal office-Therefore we go on record as be-

farm commodities.

Whereas the gag rule is the means of preventing any important bill from coming up to a vote on floor of the house:
Therefore be it resolved that we

the gag rule.

ey and credits system is vested, in private hands called Federal Re-VII

Union Board of Directors: We ask the State Board of Directors to fill no vacancies in our State offices until the entire personnel has received Federal jobs. officer will not learn the 'political

ropes' from the other senior officers Resolved that we thank the ladies for arranging and serving dinner and also the Walsburg ladies for the delicious Co-op Coffee.

Gust Larson.

LKIRE SPEAKS TO

FARMERS UNION The members of the Farmers Union Sephyr Local 1622 were pleasantly surprised Monday night March 2 at noon and much valuable informatheir regular meeting by the pre-tion on the raising of better poultry sence of L. J. Alkire, manager of the was given by a representative of the group on the new problems confronting the farmer as a result of the upreme Court's decision. With Mr Alkire were his two daughters Zella and Stella, and Miss Margaret La

FARMERS UNION JOBBING AS-SOCIATION-For Cottonseed and RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY

Rooks County Since God in His infinite wisdom two violin solos played by Esther has seen fit to remove from our midst the mother of brother Clyde Bedore and sister Mrs. B. H. Dick.

> Therefore be it resolved that we the members of Stone Local 792, extend to the bereaved family our heartfelt sympathy in this their hour of sorrow.

Be it further resolved that a copy of these restolutions be sent to the Kansas Farmers Union, and a copy be spread on the minutes of our

Mrs. Vina Pixwell, Mrs. Clare Balthazor, Mrs. May Marcotte,

FARMERS UNION JOBBING AS-SOCIATION-For Tank Heaters and

LOCAL ACTS

Winona, Kans. Kansas Union Farmer: Enclosed you will find a resolution vhich our Local adopted at our reg-

lar meeting. 1305 is deferring the payment of dues until June 1st, at which time we feel that we can ascertain if our Nationrograms that we feel are necessary our welfare.'

You may send this to our National president.

Prairie Bell Local 1305 Oscar W. Nelson, Secretary.

PRESENT DAY NEEDS

Dear Cooperators: While I have not written you for quite some time, owing to the fact we have been very busy with our bulk oil and service station equipment, under the C. C. A. sponsorship. However 1 do mentally visit with each of you very often.

Should any of our good cooperators journey this way, he may now have access to his own products, Gas, Oil, and Tires. Each wek I scan the F. U. paper for all the cooperative news one of the first things I look for,

is the list of shippers who support our F. U. Livestock Company in Kansas City. Wish it was more lengthy and if all producers of livestock felt as I do it would be.

I have a picture of the future when producers and consumers will come more closely together. I have at county meetings, as well as locals, heard the proposition of a Federation of Farm organization discussed.

The only thing I know of that would beat that would be a Federaion of Farm-Labor organizations, both farmers and laborers are producers and consumers and each dependant on the other, and being exploited by the same group. The big job before us is first an educational program, followed by activities around which the membership may build. and more closely cement their relat-

Over a period of twenty or more years as a member and fighter for the principle of cooperation. I have never had so many inquiries as to the workings of a cooperative, by men in all walks of life, as has been in evidence during the past year. Some seem to think there is mystery and complications in the cooperative movement. Some seem to think that t is so complicated only a few can grasp it. On the contrary, it is so simple and easy to understand, a ten year old child with but little coaching could teach the fundamen-

tals of cooperation. It is easy to see why questions are being asked. We find ourselves still on the brink of despair, and I still maintain our economic problems will never be solved as long as mon-We endorse the Thomas-Massin- ey rules the roost. I note many are now tuning in on Rev. Chas. E. Coughlin, I have done this for nearly years and have many of his discour-Whereas Proceeding taxes on farm commodities are a determent to both I had relative to facts and figures

I am glad he is fighting for the Frazier-Lemke bill. A bill I have much explained and discussed, only ng unalterably opposed to any and a week ago I asked an audience how all forms of processing tax on any many knew anything about the bill, not a single soul responding, only one recalled having heard of it. There again education is needed.

I feel all important bills, both state and national should be thoroughly explained in public schools and that some means should be provided for are bitterly opposed to the control by the enlightenment of the adult on important pending measures. That done, there would not be so many We believe there can be no farm warped minds in this haze of confusrecovery as long as our national mon- ion. Then give Mr. Farmer a Cost production program guarantee, while Mr. Farmer and laborer repair their fences, build their bridges, etc. When each may share in the profits To the chairman, State Farmers of his labor and we will have a Great Free and Independent country our forefathers fought, bled and died for. Genuine Cooperation is indeed the Solution to our economic problems. A stop gap to waste and promotes By pursuing this practice the one courage, honesty and Brotherly love. Yours Cooperatively J. E. Shipps.

> A LARGE ATTENDANCE AT-CREAMERY'S OPEN HOUSE

The Farmers Union Creamery reports a large attendance at their open house held last Saturday. Over one thousand people visited the plant during the day and 143 dozen doughnuts, 15 dozen cookies and 66 gallons of coffee were served. on the Good of the Order, based his

Three complete shows on poultry raising were given during the after- talk on the Junior Work in our or-Farmers Union Livestock Commister the resarch department of the No. 1. Be it resolved that the Marsion of Wichita, Mr. Akire spoke to Washburn-Crosby Mills, A. M. Kin- shall County Farmers Union stands ney, of the Farmers Union Jobbing 100 per cent behind the National Far-Association was present.

mers Union program and we urge H. D. Wilson, representing the our state officers to support and co-Northwestern Barb Wire Company, operate with National Farmers Un-Mr. Armstrong and Mr. Cowan of Doux and Mr. John Criser.—Comway the Washburn Crosby Company, and eryman and poultry expert of Quintea Kansas.

Mr. P. F. Peterson, Alta Vista, President of the Farmers Union Creamery was active in seeing that the guests were all well taken care of, other employees of the plant.-Western Kansas World.

RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY

Clay County Since God in His wisdom has seen fit to remove our brother, Thomas Thornton, we the members of Hays Local Union 1130 extend our sincere sympathy to the family in their recent bereavement. Be it resolved that a copy of these

resolutions be sent to the familyone to the Farmers Union paper and one spread upon the minutes of this meeting. Mrs. Everett Alquist Emma Mall

Wm. Goeckler, Committee. SPRING GLEN LOCAL 1976

Kansas Farmers Union: Salina, Kansas. Dear Sirs:

Spring Glen Local met on March 1936. A short business meeting was 3, 1936. A short business meeting was ture meeting at Manhattan, Kansas, held, after which we discussed the It was resolved that the board of diat our local. The member's of the local have been divided into two teams; each team competing for the greatest number of new members to be brought in. Our campaign is to close on May 5. The losing team is to furnish the treats for the local at the close of the campaign. We hope to double

~ The ~ Cloak Room

W. P. Lambertson

A few fear that the Republicans night nominate someone who doesn't have sufficient publicity-others are confident that that would be publiciy enough. This Congress may erect a statue

of Betty Ross. She is about the only one of the famous who doesn't now decorate the webbed streets of Washington. Tilman Parks of Arkansas, fluent,

but nervous and high strung, is easity irritated by confusion in the House and is constantly demanding that the Speaker maintain order.

During the consideration of the Townsend Investigating Resolution, one opposing it said: "I smell a rat, I see it everywhere in the air, and I think it ought to be nipped in the

The youthful looking Clifford Hope, 42, serving his fifth term, is the ranking minority member of the Agriculture Committee. He has served his District longer now than any previous Congressman.

There are three outstanding men's clubs in Washington. One is known for its brains and little money, another for its money and little brains. while the third is reputed to have

neither. Michael Stack, Democrat of Philadelphia was born in Ireland and carries his native brogue. He shed blood in France under the "Stars and Stripes." On the floor this week he defied Senator Guffy and the Democratic bosses of his city and dared them to

get him. "The right to alter, amend or repeal any provision of this act is hereby reserved to the Congress." Such a section was actually a part of the bill before the House this week. Jim Wadsworth thought this was of such terrific importance that it should be amended, "except in Leap Year." It costs more to eat in the House

bership, paying no rent nor aiming at profits, than across the street. A good iddustration of Government in ousiness. Twenty-two peace organizations were heard on the Navy Appropriation, however some after advocating the sinking of all existing ships wound up their testimmony endorsing

Restaurant which is run by the Mem-

the President's program. Another evidence of F. D. R's witchery. When a bigger and better Navy is built-a Roosevelt will build it.

our membership during this drive if possible.—Mrs. Maudie Roth, Secre-

MARSHALL COUNTY QUARTERLY MEETING

The first quarterly meeting of the Marshall County Farmers Educational and Cooperative Union of America was held on March 3, 1936 at the K

of C. Hall in Marysville, Kansas. President George Rombeck appointed members to fill vacancies on the different committees. Dinner was then served by the Ladies who are members of the various Locals over he county, under supervision of Mrs. Alvin Meyer of the Blanchville Local. At 1:30 o'clock the meeting was called to order by our president. Roll was answered by 28 members representing 9 Locals. The Blanchville Local favored us with a short program. Reading by Mrs. James Nielson, en-

titled Mustard Plasters. A dialogue entitled, "At the Ticket Office" which was enjoyed by ev-

erybody. Mrs. Joe Chase of Beattie on the Good of the Order gave us a good talk on the educational part in our organization. Joseph V. Holly, our next speaker

ganization. Upon motion the following resolutions were adopted:

No. 2. We commend the Mr. M. E. Neher, well known hatch- put forth by Father Charles E. Coughlin for the passing of the Frazier-Lemke Refinancing Bill, also his untiring efforts to restore to Congress the right to coin money and regulate

the value thereof; No. 3. In order to encourage and as was N. A. Ormsby, manager and promote the Junior Work in this district, be it resolved that the Marshall County Farmers Union invest at least \$5 in this work and this money to be paid to the Junior officers of this district.

No. 4. In order to distribute the voting power more equally we recom-mend that our state officers take steps to arrange the voting of proxies at the Livestock and Jobbing Association meetings by a representative of the county in which the proxies originate. C. F. Tegarden, delegate to the Live Stock and Jobbing associations' meeting at Kansas City gave his reports At concusion of his talk he thanked the organization for the privilege to attend the meeting. By this time our state president, Mr. John Vesecky, arrived on the scene and the meeting was turned over to him. Everybody present enjoyed his talk. It was a splendid talk on educational and cooperative work in the Farmers Union. Mr. Joseph V. Holly was selected as Junior leader of Marshall Co, Mr. A. N. Peterson gave us a short report on the agriculmembership campaign now in motion rectors of the Marshall County Farmers Union arrange for a membership

> Beattie Kansas. June 2, 1936-F. C. Fralle, Secv-Treas.

The next meeting will be held

drive in the near future.

MORE NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES ON PAGE THREE

Juniors from 16 to 21

Juvenile's from 16 to 6

NATIONAL LEADER, CHESTER GRAHAM WRITES AUNT PATIENCE ABOUT TOPIC FOR JUNIORS IN THE COMING YEAR

Dear Juniors;
This week I have a long letter from our national leader, Mr. Chester Graham. I had planned to print his letter in full, but we are rather short on space this week. Word From National Leader

He now has an assistant in the office, so the work will go forward a little more rapidly. Mr. Graham It is possible for every one of the further says "The National study topic for this year is 'Peace and Patriotism.' The first lesson outline is on What do we mean by Patriotism.' The second is to be on 'Is War Inevitable,' or 'Why Do Men Fight.' Six lessons will be outlined on this general study topic for the year. As soon as these can be published they will be available from my office. The policy is to build a united un-

ion of youth and maturity. The organization of Juniors entirely separate from the senior union has not proven satisfactory. The policy of planning special activities and special for the Juniors in connecfunctions tion with the local union and the meetings of the local union, is the policy advised by this department. The national study topics from year to year are planned for permanent growth of the Union and the

Just as soon as these outlines for study are released, we will carry them in this column, so be watching In the mean time, there are many points you can be considering.

normal advancement of youth into the active ranks of the Farmers Un-

Coach Contest for Boys

This week we are pubishing information about the Craftsmans guild contest, Each year this is sponsored by Fisher Body manufacturers I've seen a lot of these coaches that were entered in the contests, and I could hardly believe they were made by boys from 12 to 20 years of age. boys in the Farmers Union groups to construct a coach and enter it in this contest. Wouldn't we all be proud to have one of our organization win a prize. Get busy right away. Credit Union Material

Week before last we carried an outline for a 4-minute speech on Credit Unions. We have already had several calls for literature but we still have a supply should you want it. On this page is also an article from Washington, telling of the good showing some of the Credit Unions have made. Perhaps your own local will have a credit union organ zed and operating before long. I'm closing this weeks letter with a thought from the March lesson,

Faith says, "I can;" Doubt says, "You can't;" Hope says, "I'll try;" Hate says, "You shan't;" Right says, "I will;" Fear urges, "Run;" Love gives us strength Truth says, "It's done!"

COUNTY will be 20c. Limit on adults' boxes
JUNIOR LEADER \$20. Remember the ladies bring FROM OTTAWA COUNTY

Dear Aunt Patience, Juniors and Re-

Perhaps I should explain further Junior Program, part of a national just what the little corresponding secretary of the Jolly Juveniles meant World Peace.—Conway Springs Star. by stage settings. He means that they have defined such terms used in the theatrical world as the following: play cast, stage business, cues, scene plot, tag, up, down, etc. Their intention is to become thoroughly acquainted with amateur play production. After a study of the duties of a director, stage carpenter, property man, wardrobe mistress, and others, they plan to give a play with which to raise some club funds. Just as soon as school is out they will start work on their own production. We are also interested in poster

up here in Ottawa Co. At our county Farmer Union mecting Friday night it was decided that the county organization would give a carnival and plate lunch in order to raise funds to help our junior work If any of you folks in Salina or other places not so far away want to see lots of strange sights, eat some

good food, hear swell music, and enjoy yourselves in general; we invite you to stop in at the I. O. O. F. hall in Minneapolis on Friday night, Ap-

We extend best wishes from Ottawa County to all Juniors and Reserves of Kansas.

Sincerely, Frieda Maelzer Oattwa County Junior Leader.

BOX AND PIE SUPPER The Farmers Union Juniors are sponsoring a Box and Pie Supper to be held at Spring Hill School House, Monday, March 16, at 8:00 p.m. A

DRESS AND ENSEMBLE



8625. Smart Ensemble for Slim-Designed in Sizes: 36, 38, 40, 42, 44, 46, 48 and 50 Size 38 requires 3 yards 54 inch material for coat and skirt and 2 1-8 yards 39 inch mater-

ial for blouse. Price 15c. 8234. A Girl Could Make This Her-

Designed in Sizes: 8, 10, 12, 14, and 16 years. Size 12 requires 2 3-4 yds of 35 inch material, with 3-8 yard

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Sincerely, Aunt Patience.

SAFEGUARD YOUR COLD WEATHER COMPLEXION

boxes or pies, and the gents bring

cash. Proceeds of the evening will

When great-grandma washed her ter to keep her skin soft and smooth, -or Mrs.-America, 1936, goes the The valuable cold-weather protective properties of glycerine which an it's in the carefully worked out formulae of just about all those potent preparations you use in your daily

battle against the beauty encroachments of old man Winter. The answer is in that unique power glycerine has of absorbing and retaining moisture. This makes it especially helpful in these cold-weather days to prevent chapping and consequent soreness of face and hands when you're out-of-doors a

good deal. Even if you're the sort of gal who refers her winter sports indoors in fireside comfort, glycerine is equally important. The hot dry air of the average home can work havoc with your rose-petal complexion by drying out your skin. And when the skin dries out, wrinkles are just around the corner.

QUARANTINE Solely for the protection of the

public health, the state legislature has passed certain quarantine laws, big program of local talent will be the purpose of which is to prevent offered. Everybody is urged to come. the spead of communicable diseases. Boxes of children under 12 should be thus reducing the number of cases marked, as the limit on their bidding and deaths from such diseases. Quarrequire strict quarantine of persons surprisingly fast. attendant upon the sick, and temporary quarantine for observation, of and for this job one needs a spading tact with a diseased person.

follow mild cases. So through indif- peated until the garden is done. ference, stupidity and carelessness of cases were not reported at the onset evidence appeared for the first not readily decay; pieces of wood, ime on death certificates. This was shavings, etc., should be kept out of not due to negligence on the part of the garden. the medical profession—parents had not reported cases to the health de- it decays and in spading next year

even called a physician. When your physician or health of- or so of the subsoil to the top soil icer gives instructions for quaran- each year the layer of friable soil is tine-obey those rules to the last let- gradually deepened and the producter. When schools are closed for fear tive powers of the garden increased of a disease epidemic, keep the children at home, away from other fami- garden thoroughly for seeding with lies. Such a closing is not a holiday—
it is a serious effort to prevent sickit is a serious effort to prevent sickness and death.—Kansas State Board corners may be reached, which is

Approve 1936 Guild Program



GENERAL MOTORS officials place their stamp of approval on plans for the 1936 model coach-building competition of the Fisher Body Craftsman's Guild, for which awards valued at \$50,000, including four \$5,000 university scholarships, are being posted. Left to right are, Vice-President Lawrence P. Fisher, a member of the operating staff and executive committee; William S. McLean, secretary of the Guild and W. S. Knudsen, executive vice-president of General Motors.

CRAFTMANS GUILD CONTEST tude or training in the use of their hands. RESERVES

Awards valued at \$50,000 for the 1936 model coach-building competition of the Fisher Body Craftsman's Guild were announced today by William A. Fisher, president of the General Motors sponsored educational foundation and head of the automotive concern's body-building division.

Four university scholarships totalng \$20,000 constitute those for which American youths enrolling in the be devoted to the carrying out of the master class will compete. Approximately the same amount in cash will go to the winners in the ap-prentice division in the 48 states and the District of Columbia, the remainder being disbursed in the form of trips to the sixth Guild convention.

The dual competition is open to hoys who were 12 years old or older face with rain water and used glycer-ine and rose water through the win-To achieve equality for all contestants, two age classifications have she knew a thing or two. Today Miss been established within these limits, a junior division for youths under crinoline belles one better with face creams and hand lotions, but the complexion first-aid is still the same. cate awards are provided for each

Participants in the master class Kansas, Minnesota, Iowa and Misso- til light brown and serve at once. making, so if you still have those samples, Aunt Patience, we would like very much to look them over like very much to look them over scientific research confirms. Today of the Guild competitions since 1930, models closes August 1, and judging competing on a national basis for will be commenced the four \$5,000 university scholar- thereafter at the Guild hearquarters ships, two of which are offered the in Detroit. Winners in the apprenjunior winners and a like number tice class will be announced just prithe senior. Entrants in the appren- or to the convention to be held late tice class will construct the simpler in August and those in the master traveling coach designed especially class at the award dinner the openfor youths with little natural apti- ing night of the gathering.

SPADE YOUR OWN GARDEN

The first tool an earnest home gardener has need of in the spring is a spade and the first operation, after the ground is dry enough to work, is to spade the garden.

This task may seem appalling to one unaccustomed to it and the temptation to hire a man with a plow is always strong. And many a farden fever has grown cold waiting for the plowman to keep his promise, while always strong. And many a garden because the work entrusted to the plowman or a laborer was poorly

done. Spading the garden after a winter of inactivity means sore muscles and are ine means that a person or per- a weary back, but nothing more. And sons affected with any communicable what a satisfaction to start on time disease shall be isolated until such and be independent! All the garden time as the attending physician, or need not be spaded in a day or even health officer, shall declare the pa- in a week, since the early crops octient no longer a menace to the public cupy a small portion only of the enhealth, is that he is free from the tire space. And when once at work lutions be sent to the bereaved. A copy germs of the disease. Some diseases and a bit hardened to it spading goes

Good tools are always important all persons who have come in con- fork, strongly made, a sharp, shorthandled spade and a steel rake. It is Despite the fact that quarantine best to work in an avenue 6 feet wide laws have been in force in our state or so. Begin by digging across this for many years, there is a shame- avenue a trench about 2 feet wide ful lack of cooperation on the part and one full spade's depth. Remove of parents, in many cases. Children, all earth from this trench. Clean the believed by parents to be having a surface of the next two feet of all demild form of some disease, such as bris and tramp this debris down in Measles, whooping cough, scarlet fe- the bottom of the trench. Then spade ver or mumps, are permitted to go to up and throw into the trench the earth school and spread their germs with from the next 2 foot strip across the abandon. Severe cases may easily re- avenue. This in turn provides a secsult from such contact, and serious ond trench, which may filled as was after effects and complications often the first; and this operation is re-

Burying debris, including the remadults-really, in the face of our laws nants of last year's crops, is said by criminal negligence-many boys and department of agriculture experts to girls meet needless death, crippling be as good as burning it for destroyor permanently weakened bodies. The ing the fungi of plant diseases. But measles epidemic of last spring, in the method here described must be which so many children died is a followed with exactness and the debris glaring example of what defiance of be buried deeply, so it will remain quarantine regulations will do. Many undisturbed until decay is complete. Nothing should be buried that will

partment, and worse yet, had not this humus is taken up into the top soil and enriches it. By adding an inch Spading in this manner prepares

difficult with a plow, and the damage

so often done by careless plowmen is avoided. And best of all, the garden can be prepared immediately the condition of the soil permits, without the wearying wait for someone to come and do it for you. Immediately after spading the surface can be raked smooth, and the task of putting in the early seeds begun.

Eight hundred and two awards in

all are being provided in the traveling

coach competition. These include 16

cash awards totaling \$400 to be dis-

tributed in each state and the Dis-

contestants and nine for the senior.

steping stone that will enable youths

to progress naturally and easily through the various stages in the de-

velopment of manual skill, Mr. Fish-

er states. He explains that discoura-

gement at the outset has prevented

many from learning the joy of be-

ing able to do things with their

hands, denying them the self-assur-

ance and appreciation of the crafts

basis of population, consists of North

The competition for both types of

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This judging region, created on a

ucational foundation.

that normally follow.

All models submitted in this com-

NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES

RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCE (Stafford County)

Whereas, Almighty God in His ininite wisdom and knowledge has called from this life the son Kenneth of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cotton. Resolved, that the Farmers Union Livingston Local No. 1984, express our deepest sympathy in this hour of

Resolved that a copy of the Resobe sent to the Kansas Farmers Union and a copy be put on the permanent record of the Local. Mrs. R. B. Jordan,

Mrs. Fannie B. Neill Mrs. Pearl Harter.

JOHNSTOWN LOCAL 749

Johnstown local 749 in McPherson county will hold their next regular meeting on Monday evening, March 23. Mr. John Vesetky, state president of the Kansas Farmers Union will be the speaker for the evening. Get your neighbors, and all come out to the meeting.

Johnstown local, so far this year, has a total of 41 members with their 1936 dues paid. We meet the second and fourth Monday nights of each month, at the Morning Star school house.—Gust G. Olson, Secretary-Treasurer.

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#### :-: Of Interest To Women :-:

BANANA PUDDING

Beat the yolks of 3 eggs and to them add 2-3 cupful sugar, 4 table-spoonfuls flour, 2 1-2 cupfuls milk, canned peaches or apricots and serve and 1-2 teaspoonful salt. Cook unti thick like a custard. Into a buttered baking dish place a layer of sliced bananas, next a layer of vanilla waf-ers, and continue until 6 bananas, wish in a roaster. Season with salt, pepper, dot with butter, and on each and 20 vanilla wafers have been used. Then pour the custard over this mixture. Beat 3 egg whites until stiff. To them add 4 tablespoonfuls sugar. Cov-1 tablespoonful of finely minced celthem add 4 tablespoonfuls sugar. Cover pudding with egg whites. Place in a moderate oven and bake until egg and on top of the pork chops. Next whites are nicely browned. This is add sufficient canned tomatoes to sufficient to serve 8 people.

CASSEROLE OF SALMON

Combine together in order given, 2 upfuls canned salmon, 1 cupful diced celery, 2 cupfuls milk, 4 table-spoonfuls minute tapioca, 2 tablespoonfuls butter, 2 tablespoonfuls finely minced onion and 1-2 teaspoonful salt. Pour into a well greased casserole and place in hot oven, 400 degrees, for 30 minutes. Stir occasionally. When the mixture is thoroughly heated, cover with small, unbaked baking powder biscuits, return to oven, and bake until biscuits are a gold-

Almond Icebox Cookies

1 1-2 cups flour, 1 1-2 teaspoons baking poyder, 1-2 cup chopped almonds, 1 cup (1-2 package) sliced dates, 1-2 cup shortening

1 cup brown sugar

1 egg 1 teaspoon valilla. Sift the flour and baking powder ogether. Mix the finely cut nuts and trict of Columbia and 18 regional dates through the flour with the fin-

awards consisting of trips to the ger tips. Guild convention, nine for the junior Cream Cream the shortening, stir in the sugar gradually. Add the unbeaten egg and the vanilla, tir until well petition will be judged by regions, mixed. Stir in the dry ingredients. Shape the dough into a roll about

Two boys from each, one junior and one senior, whose coaches obtain the wo inches in diameter. Chill thorohighest scores, will attend the anughly. Cut with a sharp knife into nual convention as guests of the edhin slices. Bake on a well oiled bakng sheet in a moderate oven (375 de-No national awards are affered grees Fahrenheit) for ten to fifteen the apprentices, since the primary purpose of this class is to provide a

BAKED ALASKA

1 sponge cake, 1 pint ice cream. 3 egg whites, tablespoons sugar,

3-4 tablespoon vanilla. Remove center from top of sponge cake, leaving a shell at least threequarters of an inch thick. Fill with ice cream and cover with meringue made by adding sugar and vanilla to well-beaten egg whites. Bake in a Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, hot oven, 450 degrees Fahrenheit, un-

> BUTTERSCOTCH BISCUITS Biscuits: Make biscuit dough, using 2 cups flour. Roll 1-4 inch thick, spread with 2 tablespoons melted butter, 1-4 cup brown sugar, Roll like elly roll, cut in 1-2-inch slices, place cut side down in pan spread with 2 tablespoons butter, 1-2 cup brown sugar. Bake in hot oven.

STUFFED EGG3 egas, hard cooked 3 strips of bacon 1-2 teaspoon of minced onion 1-4 teaspoon of salt 2 tablespoons of tomato catsup

Mayonnaise Paprika Mash egg yolks, add cooked and inely chopped bacon, minced onion, catsup, papika and enough mayon-

the egg whites with this mixture.— Serve with or without mayonnaise. FRUIT SHORTCAKE 3 cups of flour

naise to make a smooth paste. Stuff

6 teaspoons of phosphate baking powder

3 tablespoons of sugar 1-2 teaspoon of salt 6 tablespoons of shortening 1 cup of milk

Blend the flour and dry ingredients with the shortening. Knead lightly on a floured board, then roll to onehalf inch thickness. Cut into rounds. Spread lower round with melted butter, and place another round on top. Bake in a hot oven for about twelve

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Below is a Price List of Local Supplies, printed for the convenience of all Local and County Secretaries in the Kansas

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with whipped or thick cream.

BAKED PORK CHOPS AND POTATOES

Place as many pork chops as you

chop place a thin slice of onion and

cover the meat and partly cover the

potatoes. Cook with cover on the ro-

aster until vegetables and meat are

PICKLED PIGS' FEET

Cook pigs' legs (the part from be-

low the knee joint) until tender. Salt

while cooking, and remove bones.

Pack in jars while hot, not too tight-

ly. Fill jars with a mixture of vine-

vour taste. Seal and cold pack one

hour. Tongue and heart may be pick-

BROWNED SLICED POTATOES

Place fat in frying pan. When hot,

quickly add potatoes and onions. Cov-

er and cook until potatoes have browned. This will require about 10 minutes. Add salt and water. Lower

SPEAKING OF WOOLENS

Those smart Spring woolen of

ours-and that sweater dress you

are probably knitting-need quite

a bit of glycerine. That sounds rath-

er surprising to the average woman who usually thinks of glycerine chief-

ly in its cosmetic and medicinal ap-

plications, in cooking and other house-

hold uses. But it's as important to

our clothes as to our beauty and

The woolen experts list no less

than eight uses for glycerine in the

process of making woolen and worst-

ed yarns and fabrics. According to the National Association of Wool

Manufacturers, it is used as a mois-

ener, preservative, lubricant, and

olvent in various processes of man-

n sizing and finishing, to add smoo-

thness and to give body. In addition

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ride and Union Standard Flour.

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led and canned in the same way.

3 cups sliced raw potatoes

1-4 teaspoon salt

5 tablespoons fat

2 tablespoons water.

4 tablespoons chopped onions

More Liberal Use of pices and Herbs Advised to Make Food Palatable minutes. When done, split and fill with fresh crushed fruit or drained

And Enticing

GREATER EMPHASIS ON FLAVOR NEEDED IN AMERICAN

COOKING

Seasoned travelers tell us that no nation under the sun takes as little pleasure in eating as does ours. They say that the humblest peasant round the world would scorn our daily fare and classisfy it as anemic food—lacking in all the robust zestfulness which makes eating a pleasure instead of a merely nutritive act.

The trouble with us American cooks is that we have become so obsessed with vitamins and calories and food values that we are in danger of losing the finer points of our art. In the effort to make our three meals a day conform to medical (and more often pseudo-medical) advice and dicta, we have gradually lost our prospective on food.

Sure as fate somebody is going to blame this state of things on the de-pression and the inability of many people to buy choice items but if we are honest we will admit that American cookery was on the wane even in the days when there was a chickgar, onion and mixed spices to suit en in every pot. No it isn't a matter of economics—it's a matter of ima-gination. A piece of flank steak or the breast of lamb can be either a sop to hunger or an epicurian revel—and so can the king of foods, roast sirloin of beef. It depends upon the cooking, and the cooking depends largely up-on the skill with which seasonings and spices are used to bring out flavor and aroma.

That, unfortunately, is where we Americans fall down. Few of us even salt properly, and as for pepper, clove, nutmeg, mace and the manyo other minutes. Add salt and water. Lower spices and herbs that give piquancy to cheap or expensive cuts to most of us they are names, and to some of us, unrecognized words.

No wonder that sitting down to a

FARMERS UNION JOBBING AS-SOCIATION-For Feed Ingredients. meal is in the most of our homes a humdrum occurrence without antici-Don't let our enemies say "I told you so." Show them the Union is patory salivation. In no other department of living do we display such apathy of spirit as we do when the dinner gong rings.

American women yield to no others in matters of smartness, style or charm, but until we have learned the art of seasoning food-meats, vegetables, puddings, cakes, and pies— we will not be able to claim the culinary crown, nor that more satisfying reward, the well fed approval of our men-folk who now hint that our meals aren't like those that mother used to

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#### MANY INTERESTING BROADCASTS ARE SCHEDULED FOR THE COMING MONTHS

RADIO BROADCAST

The National Farmers Union will present its monthly program on the fourth Saturday of each month, 11:30

a. m., over the regular Farm and Home stations. Interesting speakers are heard on these regular broadcasts, WSB, Atlanta; KAPI, Birmingham: and vital problems of the day are dis-

FARM-HOME STATIONS

The National Farm and Home Hour may be heard over the following stations associated with the National Broadcasting Company, at 11:30 a. m. to 12:30 p. m. central standard time, each week day: WJZ, New York; WBZ, Boston; WBZA, Springfield; WMAL, Washington; WHAM, Rochester; KDKA, Pittsburgh; WBAL, Baltimore; WGAR, Cleveland; WCEF Chicago; KWK, St. Louis; WREN. Lawrence; WKYZ, Detroit; WCKY, Raleigh; WJAX, Jacksonville; WIOD. | questions of the day.

Miami Beach; WWNC, Asheville; WIS, Columbia; WFLA, Tampa; WHO, Des Moines; WOW, Omaha; WJDX, Jackson; WSMB, New Orleans; KTBS, Shreveport; KVOO, Tulsa; WKY, Oklahoma City; KPRC. Houston, WOAI, San Antonio; WF-AA, Dallas; KTHS, Hot Springs; WIRE Indianapolis; KFYR, Bismark; WSOC, Charlotte; WAVE Louisville; WTAR, Norsolk; WFIL, Philadelphia. On Saturdays only, the following stations also carry the National Farm and Home Hour; KFI, Los Angeles; KOMO, Seattle; KTAR, Pheonix; KHQ, Spokane; KGIR, Butte; KGHL, Billings; KPO, San Francisco; KF-SD San Diego.

At 3:00 p. m. every Sunday after-Covington; WLW, Cincinnati; WSYR | noon over the National Broadcasting Syracuse; WRVA, Richmond; WHTE, system. Father Coughlin discusses

#### **BUTTER AND EGG** MARKET LETTER By P. L. Betts Dairy and Poultry Cooperatives

Week ending March 11, 1936 Chicago Butter Market

The butter market made further radical declines during the past week with 321c at the opening. Extras declined on the 6th to 314c, holding there until the 10th, declining further on that date to 301/2c, holding steady at this figure at the close. Standards started the week at 32c went down to 31c on the 6th, held there until the 10th, declining on that date to 30c. Today a somewhat better situation resulted in a fractional advance with the close 301c. 89 score cars closed at 29%c, 88 score 29 %c.

New York Butter Market Some irregularities were recorded in the New York Market. Opening at 33%c Extras lost 1c on the 6th,

advanced 11/2c to 34c on the 7th. This was followed by sharp declines of 1c on the 9th and 1½c on the 10th, 1c on the 9th and 1½c on the 10th, 4c advance today brings Extras to a market yet in a very large way, supclose of 31% c. Firsts opened at 321/2c plies have been accumulating and to 334c, advanced on the 7th to 32½c have found buyers only at bargain tity of dynamite when blasting is to 33%c, the high for the week, later declining to close at 31c to 311/2c. February contract of the Chicago Mercantile Exchange was the principal reason for the higher prices subsided. Further evidence of lighter movement into consumptive changer movement into consumptive changer movement into consumptive changes as result of a high retail price in recent weeks narrowed demand, resulting in heavier accumulations of supplies. This along with the increased anticipated arrivals brought about freer offerings by holders, and at the same time causing buyers to operate very conservatively. It has been another one of those so called "sick spells" when even at reduced prices buyers displayed lit-

ther developments. duction trends which have been difficult to get a definite line on recently on account of the affects of bad weather and road conditions which delayed deliveries from the farm to creameries and the finished product to terminal markets. While last weeks going on, now is the time for all report showed marked increases in practically all quarters, many of the reports this week showed a shrinkage. The more conservative group does not look for any marked increase in production for several weeks. With only normal production, light visible storage stocks of butter, and the probability of increased movement into consumptive channels resulting

from lower retail prices lend encour-

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00 Chinese Elms 1 year \$3.50, ex-

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alwreath Spirea \$1; 7 Blooming shrubs \$1; 8 blooming size Phlox \$1; 5 No. 1 Everblooming Roses \$2;

Nursery, 3104 West Tenth Topeka,

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Plants, reasonable. Fike Feed Store, Council Grove, Kansas.

GARDEN PLANTS

Certified frostproof cabbage and

farm seeds reasonable. Fike Seed Store, Council Grove, Kansas 4-2c

Kansas.

pounds Blue Grass \$1. Sarber

Orange Hedge for wind breaks and

tle interest, operating on a hand to

agement, looking to improvement. While there have ben some import arrivals during the week quantities received have not been of proportions to exert much influence on the mar-

At the present writing there appears to be more confidence in practically all quarters. However, at this time of the year the market is usually surrounded by a great deal of un-

Chicago Egg Market#

The egg market has also shown sharp declines during the week, Extra Firsts opening at 23c, closing at 19c. Fresh Firsts opened at 221/2c and closed at 181/2c both 4c lower. Current Receipts closed at 18c down 3%c. Dirties 16%c and checks 15%c, both down 31/2c.

New York Egg Market Standards opened at 27%c, setting at the close to 21c to 214c. Firsts opened at 26% c to 274c, closing at 20c to 201/2c.

Increased receipts and the sad experiences of last years egg deal fresh n the minds of the trade has resulted in pressure, forcing egg prices to lower levels than reached at any time during last year. With immediate consumption not consuming all the arrivals and neither storage buyers

It is still early to determine just no doubt, get under way shortly and when that takes place demand for storage may result in some improve ment. At present the situation is

quite unsettled. Dairy and Poultry Cooperatives, Inc., A. W. Seamans, Ass't. manager.

#### DOUGLAS COUNTY MEETING

The Douglas County Farmers Union will meet in its first quarterly mouth basis. Many buyers, who ofmeeting of the year in the Farmers ten buy freely on sharp breaks, dis-played little interest even at price March 21. Basket dinner at 12. A speaconcessions, preferring to await fur- ker and program are planned for the ner developments.

Much interest is manifested in proday. We are going to try to have four hundred paid up members in this county by convention time this fall. L. M. Williams, Cor. Secretary.

> With the membership campaign members in the state to be doing the same thing at the same time.

> By all means, don't refuse to take part in the membership campaign. When your Local needs men for teams of workers, forget excuses. Every member can spare a day or a fev days out of the year for his own class organization. , Such days will count for more this month than in any other month this year.

GETTING FARMERS OUT OF THE MIRE

Delayed plantings, replantings and, possibly, crop failures are among the troubles many farmers may face in ome sections, due to wet and soggy fields and an excess of ground water, it is pointed out.

Heavy snows and low temperatures that prevented thawing could be blessings to farmers, except for the fact that the surplus water will keep back for weeks the spring plowing and seeding. But this handicap, say agricultural engineers, may be overcome by providing the necessary drainage, either by cleaning out clogged ditches, or, where required,

digging new ones.

To the farmer is left the choice of three methods of doing work. They are (1) by hand tools and labor, (2) mechanical means, and (3) blasting

with dynamite. Manual labor is, obviously, slow and costly. Mechanical methods will be handicapped by the water-logged condition of the ground. Blasting is quick, efficient and economical, and it may be carried on regardless of the presence of water. In fact, the wetter the ground, the better dynamite will work.

A good ditch, with a depth of three feet or less and proportionately wide—depending on the type of soil—can be blasted with single sticks of ditching dynamite, spaced eighteen inches apart in a row down the center line. This, by the so-called propagated method.

When blasting by propagation, it is necessary to prime but one stick of dynamite. This saves cost of caps. Either an electric blasting cap or a cap and fuse may be used. It is important however, that in crimping a cap to a fuse, the joint be nade water-tight.

The primed stick should be loaded last. It may be placed at the end of the line of holes or in the middle. Many blasters prefer to load it in the middle hole ..

When the primed charge is exploded, by fuse or current from an electric blasting machine, it sets up a detonation wave. This "wave" travels through the water in the ground, exploding the next charge, or those on either side, which in turn sets off the lynamite in the next hole, and so on. The effect appears to be a single exolosion of all the charges, so rapidly does the detonation wave. This is true, regardless of how long the line

f holes may be. As a rule, dynamite should be loaded to a depth of about one-half the depth of the required ditch. But where there is a stratum of clay or sand at a depth of two to three feet, the dynamite should be loaded against the hard material. More material will be blown out by the same quan-

lone under that condition. Large open commitments on the how production will be, although the use long enough fuse or leading wires present indications are it will show to a blasting machine to permit the considerable increase as compared blaster to take a safe distance. After with last year. Pending further def- loading, all holes should be tamped which prevailed during the last days with last year. rending further derinite trends the buyers prefer to with earth, using a wooden tamping of February. With the termination await developments with the result stick, unless the holes fill with water, demand is indifferent. There has in which case no other tamping is

> familiar with its handling and thoroughly understand safety rules and observe them strictly.

> Don't delay. Talk the Farmers Union membership campaign over in your next meeting-or see that a meeting is called for that purpose.

> The sooner you and your Local get into this 1936 membership campaign the more successful and the more surprising will that campaign be.

> LOGAN ASKS COOPERATION OF NEWSPAPERS IN REDUCING LOSS ON TAX EXEMPT GASOLINE

> > (Continued From Page One)

tions raised by the farmers in regard to this method. The first one was that they had their money tied up in otax for several months. The second being that in order to get refunds, they must have first paid for the gasoline. In that case a man that was unable to pay his bill promptly was unable to get a refund. It worked a hardship upon the poor man. Hence, the Legislature of 1931 provided that gasoline should be

exempted from the tax at the time

Wakeeney, Kansas

To Members of The Kansas Farmers Union Royalty Company

An effort is being made to so amend the By-Laws that the Board of Directors may have greater facility in handling the affairs of the Company, and to enable them to better protect and promote the interests of the members. Under the provisions of Section 17-229 of the Revised Statutes of Kansas the request for a meeting to consider any amendments must come from the members or stockholders. We have mailed to each member a synopsis of the amendments proposed and approved by the members present at the annual meeting, with the request that the members sign the request for a meeting, and mail to this office. The signing and mailing of the request is not a vote either for or against any of the proposed amendments, but is only a request that a meeting of the members be called to consider and act upon them. If members representing a majority of the shares of stock outstanding respond, such a meeting will be called. If at the meeting a majority vote for the amendments, they will then be submitted to all of the members for a referendum vote. Approval by the State will be necessary before any amendment can become effective.

In order that the matter may come to a vote of the members, and be decided one way or the other, we appeal to those members who have not yet sent in their signed requests, that they do so at once.

Respectfully, THE KANSAS FARMERS UNION ROYALTY COMPANY, By G. E. Creitz, Secretary.

was sold by the distributor to the consumer when such fuels were to be used for purposes other than propelling motor vehicles on the highways. Under this new system exemptions immediately increased almost a million dollars a year or 27 per cent of the total

The question then naturally arises: "What was the reason for this enormous increase in exempt gasoline?" Under the present system it is much easier to obtain exemption from the tax than it was to obtain a refund. Any easy

method invites evasion.
Under the old method, the evasion was limited to one class of people, which was the consumer, and that consumer's claim was sworn to under oath and was required to be passed upon by his County Commissioners. Nearly everyone in a county is known by at least one of the commissioners, naturally, an applicant would hesitate to make an illegal claim, but under the present system another class of people or the dsitributor of motor vehicle fuel becomes in a position where they may evade the tax which materially increases the difficulty of the state department in enforcing the law.

These distributors have practiced all sorts of evasions by means of these exemption statements. They have raised the amounts of original statements, thereby obtaining relief from the tax on a greater number of gallons of motor vehicle fuel than was sold tax free. They have also made false statements, signing the names of farmers in their communities with whom they are familiar. They have represented to farmers that they had lost certain exemption statements and asked these farmers to sign another statement for them, which was done with the result that both statements were sent to this office and exemption from the tax obtained on twice as much fuel as to which they were entitled. They have entered into coalition their customers, under agreement an exemption statement would be made out much larger amount than the actual sale and the profits would be split between the distributor and

purchaser. These examples I have mentioned are those which we have discovered. Doubtless there is a great deal of evasion about which we have not learned, but we do know that from the percentage of tax free fuel sold in some counties that there is a large amount of evasion for the reason that the figures are entrely out of line for the normal consumption of fuel used in tractors or other non-road purposes. We also know that exemptions allowed in Kansas are out of line with neighboring states. Statistics also show that approximately 80 per cent of the tractors used in Kansas are kero-

sene-burning tractors. The Legislature of 1933 attempt-

ed to plug this leak by providing for permits to be issued to people who were entitled to purchase tax free motor fuel and for a time it seemed as though this might tend to stop a lot of evasion. For the first year under the present law, exemptions were decreased about one half million dollars or to 23 per cent of the consumption, but began increasing again almost steadily under the second year and have continued to increase in such proportions that for the first time in the history of the motor vehicle fuel tax law, tax exempt gasoline exceeded the three million mark in 1935. The present indications are that they will continue to increase.

This department through careful examination of the exemption statements and by its enforcement activities has refused to allow exemption from the tax on a great number of claims that have been submitted. It has brought about the arrest of a large number of violators which has done a lot of good, but when we consider there are approximately eighty thousand people who hold permits to purchase tax free motor vehicle fuel and that there are over nine hundred incensed motor vehicle fuel distributors and that some of these distributors have several hundred agents selling motor vehicle fuel, it can readily be seen that unless this department has the cooperation of those that receive the benefits of this privilege, evasion can-

not be properly controlled. These exemption statements are prepared under circumstances about which this department cannot know except after expensive and far flung investigations which in many cases prove futile. It is the general belief that there is approximately a million dollars in taxes evaded because of this section of the motor vehicle tax law and since the increase is so rapid it has caused widespread attention throughout Kansas, with the result that it is a rather common belief that this section which was written for the purpose of benefiting the farmers should no longer stand. If those that are benefited by this privilege desire to retain such benefits, now is the time they should wake up to the fact that they should abide strictly to the law themselves and should aid in the enforcement of this law by helping the authorities to prosecute any others whom they

know are evading just taxes. There seems to be a general lack of sincerity among the purchasers of tax free motor vehicle fuel in regard to this matter which if it continues will mean but one thing and that is the Legislature will eventually take away from them the privilege of obtaining exemption from the tax on motor vehicle fuel purchased for use other than propelling motor vehicles on the

highways.

A. W. Logan,

Director of the Department of

#### **FARMERS UNION LIVE STOCK SALES**

Below is published a representative list of the sales by Farmers Unon Live Stock Commission Company of Kansas City.

O. D. Smith—Furnace Co Nebr.—23 Strs 998 Herman J. Bischoff—Lafayette Co Mo.—6 strs 956	8.25 8.10
J. W. Price -Pawnee Nebr-4 hfrs 915	8.00
T. E. Sanderson—Johnson Co Ks—15 strs, hfrs 852	8.00
S. D. Myers—McPherson Co Ks—20 strs,1038	8.00
Joe Haller—Osage Co Ks—23 strs 1071	7.85
J. W. Price-Pawnee, Nebr-16 strs 1125 Ross B. Andrews-Steel City, Nebr-27 strs 987	7.65
Howard K. Woodbury-Osage Co Ks-15 hfrs 894	7.60
Frank Metcalf - Neosho Co Ks-8 strs 1056	7.50
Floyd Hulse-McPherson Co Ks-6 strs 811	1.25
D N Cooper Osage Co Ks-6 strs and hirs by	7.00
D. G. Keister—Leavenworth Co Ks—12 hfrs 922	7.00
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Frank Metcalf—Neosho Co Ks—9 strs 998  H. E. Turner —Johnson Co Ks—15 strs 646	6.75
I T Pools Clay Co Mo-15 strs 722	0.00
L. E. Martin—Ray Co Mo—16 strs 751	6.50
J. T. Reeds-Clay Co Mo-11 hfrs 600	6.50
Robert Forbes—Osage Co Ks—7 hfrs 776 Eben Olson—McPherson Co Ks—9 strs, hfrs 635	6.25
H. E. Dennis - Osage Co Ks-22 cows 907	5.25
L. E. FisherJohnson Co Mo-14 cows 1017	4.90
H. E. Dennis-Osage Co Ks-18 cows 907	4.00
SHEEP	0.95
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John A. Fursman-Allen Co Ks-27 58	8.85
J. K. Mills—Daviess Co Mo—19 68	8.00
J. W. Widler - Dickinson Co Ks-9 76	7.50
HOGS	
McCloud Bros—Johnson Co Mo—21 248	10.20
Howard Harrison-Anderson Co Ks-6 231	10.20
John C. Young—Franklin Co Ks—6 233	10.15
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Edw. and Leo Bauerle—Lafayette Co Mo—42 268 B. A. Case—Carroll Co Mo—6 235	9.90
W. M. Hubert—Chase Co Ks—6 281	9.85
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