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Farm Legislation Into Front Lines Now Kansas Farm Voice In Legislation

Differences of Farmers Are Plainly Brought Out at Farm Conference in Topeka, Called by Senator Capper—Need
Many AAA Changes

Farm legislation has a top place along with relief and rearmament for early consideration by Congress in its sessions which were to begin January 3. President Roosevelt planned to deliver his presidential annual message in person January 4, and little actual bill drafting will result until after his address.

Informed opinion was that the president's address would be coming session of the state legislature was agreed by the following devoted to foreign affairs and the projected increase in armature was agreed by the following ment. He was not expected to ask for any fundamental change in the existing Farm Act, although the Department of Agriculture may agree to some alterations to meet objections raised by

ed States.

pose of surpluses abroad at whatev-

er price these might bring, through

Greater Farmer Control

over their own affairs and let them

"I shall continue to oppose the

rates at the present low prices for

Many Farmers Union Speakers

the platform at the conference to ex-

press views on the farm program, on

the farm problem, and occasionally

on the persons opposing or support-

ing the same. Farmers Union mem-

David Train, president of the Mc-

Pherson county organization, pre-

sented a four-point program which is

would repeal the AAA, separate do-

mestic from foreign markets and in-

sure cost of production for domestic

needs. He also would take the Fed-

eral Reserve Board out of the farm

picture. Money control by bankers is

William Goeckler, secretary of the

Clay County Farmers Union, would

repeal the AAA, but holds that the

farmer cannot hope to get along

American price for domestically con-

Tom Wells, Elmdale, Chase coun-

ty, a veteran Farmers Union mem-

dent at the 1938 convention, said,

living better than my hired help. What we ought to do is to put these

WPA'ers on a seven-day week, ten hours a day. That would give us a

chance to hire some farm help at

Farmers Union conductor, and presi-

dent of the Marshall county Farm-

ers Union, said the AAA farm pro-

gram has failed. The payments to

farmers amounted to bribery. A pro-

the unit, and make that unit pay.

1. Make the family-sized farm

2. Assure the farmer the Am-

3. Regulate the value of the

4. Insure cost of production on

dollar, by Congress, not by bank-

domestically consumed farm pro-ducts grown on family-sized

gram should be substituted:

erican market.

into a freight car.

John Tommer, Waterville, state

ber, and a candidate for state presi-

sumed farm products," he said.

the root of most farm evils, he said.

bers took an active part.

without a program.

decent wages."

Forty-nine speakers appeared on

he said.

farm products."

At the farm conference called by Senator Arthur Capper in Topeka, Dec. 20, the Senator had what he termed "one of the most interesting and informative meetings I have attended in the program should be switched to the domestic allotment plan. Under this proposal there would be government subsidies to insure farmers cost of production plus a reasonable profit for that part of their production required for consumption in the Unit-

years." Need Broad Program

"It is becoming more plain to me," Senator Capper said, "that we are going to have different programs to take care of the 1-crop farmers and of the general farmers. A farm program that fits measurably into the gram that fits measurably into the scheme of things in Western Kansas will not meet the problems of Eastern Kansas farmers. A farm program cannot be worked out along politically partisan lines.

"Unless agriculture is placed upon"

government export agencies. I think there is a great deal of merit in that proposition. If a workable program along this line is presented in the cost of Government.

7. We favor an amendment to the State Corporation laws authorizing co-operatives to transact business, including the mortgaging of their proposition.

"Unless agriculture is placed upon a paying basis; unless farm income and farm purchasing power are restered and maintained our entire economic structure is going to col-lapse. And it is absolutely necessary, in my judgment, that until such time as industry is able to readjust itself in the light of present day conditions to furnish employment for the jobless in industry, agriculture must be aided by Government, in some way, to furnish a market in this country for the products of in-

Clyde M. Reed, junior senator-elect from Kansas, arrived in Wash-ington, D. C., Dec. 22, in a frame of mind hardly optimistic toward developing a satisfactory farm pro-"There is no use to start on any plan until we feel out the situa-tion and see what kind of a program can be worked out with Wallace," he

is quoted as saying. The Farmers Union officially has taken somewhat an attitude of "making the best" of the AAA, recognizing its failure but seeing within it too, its good points. The 1938 Kansas Convention resolved "that we oppose the present AAA Program as a permanent measure. We hereby recommend it to be replaced by the Domestic Allotment Plan, an American price for American consumption and the world price for the unre-

stricted surplus. The 1938 National Convention at Madison went into detail to point out what and how certain features of the present AAA should be continued to be of benefit to the farmer of the family-sized farm.

vises M. R. Miller, a member of the National Farmers Union board, sec-National Farmers Union board, secretary of the Missouri Farmers Union, and editor of the Co-operative Farmer, North Kansas City, Mo. Generally speaking we do not believe the average farmer can afford to stay out of the program," he "Let us use some figures, taking as a basis the farm that has 100 acres for wheat. If the 100 acres produce an averge Missouri crop of 15 bushels to the acre there will be duction from all the land of 1,-500 bushels, which at 50 cents per rel would gross \$750. Suppose the cost of producing per acre is: plowng, disking fifty cents, harrowfifty cents, drilling fifty cents,

seed \$1.00, combining \$2.00, or a total of \$5.50 per acre and a total of "it gripes me to see relief workers \$550 for the 100 acres. Deducting this from the gross income you would have left a net of \$200 for your land

Takes Close Figuring
"On the other hand if you comply with the program and can sow only 60 acres you would produce at 15 bushels per acre a total of 900 bushels, worth at fifty cents per bushel \$450. You would then be entitled to the soil conservation and parity payments which the administration has advised will total about 28 cents per bushel, or \$252, making a total gross income from your 60-acre wheat crop of \$702. From this you would have to pay your \$5.50 per acre production costs on 60 acres, or \$330, which would leave a net of \$372, or \$172 more than the 100 acres would net without the payments."

At the farm conference in Topeka called by Senator Capper it developed that most Western Kansas farmers, in some counties as high as 90 per cent, were much in favor of the pres ent farm bill, while in Eastern Kansas, outside the big wheat producing country, there were bitter assaults upon the farm law, regimentation and crop control. About 800 farmers from every section of Kansas were at the meeting. Most of them came

at their own expense. Senator Capper said of the Con-

"I found farmers are almost unanimous in demanding that the American market be preserved just about 100 per cent for the American farmer. I think they are absolutely right The farmer is in taking that stand. getting little or nothing out of the ciprocal trade agreements.

"Instead of trying to force government control of production and mar-keting down the throats of farmers, the Ark."

Now Kansas

Committee of Farm Organiza-tions Selects Clyde Coffman Again As Representative

The Committee of Kansas Farm Organizations held its regular meeting in Topeka recently. Matters of general farm legislative interest were discussed and united action at the

present distribution of the gasoline tax, auto tag tax and license fee on mitor vehicles. 2. We recommend the establishment of a state-wide agency for more

speedy apprehension and prosecution of those stealing live stock. 3. We approve the enactment of a voluntary brand law. 4. We recommend an appropriation by the State to provide funds for the

continuation of a program for the elimination of Bangs disease. required for consumption in the Unit-Need Constitutional Amendment "Under this plan it would be left 5. We favor a constitutional amendment providing for a Graduated Land Tax. to farmers themselves to grow sur-pluses if they felt it wise, and to dis-

6. We favor a gross Production their own export organizations or tax on natural resources as a means government export agencies. I think of more equitably distributing the

"I also shall insist upon the Amer- property, if carried by a two-thirds ican farmer's right to supply the American market to the limit of his abilities, and upon his being protected in that right."

Creater Farmer Control

Senator Capper said he would support a farm program which would give the farmers greater control mend that no change be made in the Tax is quite satisfactory as compared mend that no change be made in the present Sales Tax Law, or the methdetermine how much they should plant and whether or not they should od of the distribution of the funds. 9. We favor such rules and regulaplant and whether or not they should grow any surplus. The senator said he got some definite ideas as to what Kansas farmers wanted and proposed to vote for them.

"I found the sentiment to be that whatever grants, benefits or subsidies are given, they should go, as nearly as possible to the family sized farm." he said.

9. We favor such rules and regulations as will properly protect all life and public property, but that would not interfere with the free movement of all property by truck as between Kansas and adjoining states.

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· 11. We recommend that the rules committee of the House and Senate spending of dollars upon big reclama committee of the House and Senate tion projects which bring millions of provide that a record vote be made in acres into competition with farmers both the House and Senate on all shall also insist upon the farm credit administration financing agricul- members.

12. We also recommend a rule to ture at lower rates of interest. Three provide that a majority vote may lift per cent is the most that should be charged for federal land bank loans.

Charged for federal land bank interest

Establish Headquarters The farmer cannot pay high interest

Again this year as has been the custom for several years past, the Committee of Kansas Farm organizations will have a suite of rooms and establish headquarters at the Jayhawk hotel. Clyde Coffman, who ably served as the Legislative representative last year, was again manager of the Two-Rivers Farm elected to that position to serve during the coming session of the State The 1,350-acre tract is 20 miles west ing the coming session of the State Legislature.

Dues Are Due

There are still a number of members who have not paid their 1938 dues to their local secretary, and we are receiving and recording same

every day.

Several locals have already remitted 1939 dues for their entires membership—and in some instances have added new members to their membership rolls. This is indeed en-couraging, and we believe indicated the consciousness and realization on the farmer's part, of the need of membership in his own militant class organization.

The Constitution and By-laws provides that of the dues collected, the local secretary shall remit to this office \$1.95 for each adult dues paying member. The 1939 dues become

due January 1.

I hope it will be possible for every local Union, and every county organization to put on a membership drive during the next three or four months. Have organization, or membership solicitation teams, and call on every farmer in your district. This will co-operate and lend ev-

ery assistance possible.

Those Junior boys between the ages of 16 and 21 years will pay the regular dues of 25c a year, which amount should be sent in full to the state office. The Junior girls are accepted without the payment of the Union—with the payment of an adult dues in the family.

Pauline Cowger, State Secretary.

St. Joe Live Stock Savings
The Board of Directors of the Farmers Union Live Stock Commission of South St. Joseph, Missouri took action at their recent meeting, rescinding previous action relative to he 1937 patronage dividends on individual shippers.

As it now stands, any shipper who is shown to have been in good standing on the records of his State Secretary of the Kansas Farmers Union for 1937 will have set up to his cred it his pro-rata portion of the unused earnings.

We are now checking the list of Kansas shippers who did business with the St. Joe house in 1937. Might we suggest that you look up your 1937 membership card and if you cannot find it, ask your local secretary if your dues have been remitted to if your dues have been remitted to the State office? At this same time, it might not be a bad idea to inquire about your 1938 dues payment, as it will be only a short time until we begin checking over the 1938 shippers to that Live Stock department, to ascertain those entitled to their

We hope it will be possible for every member of the Kansas Farmers Union who shipped stock to the St. Joe Farmers Union Live Stock Commission, to qualify in the years of 1937, and also 1938, and receive this dividend. We are anxious to co-op-

erate with you.

Pauline Cowger, State Secretary.

Clifford Miller, formerly Farmers Union manager at Brewster, became of Omaha, near Waterloo, Nebr.

On The 1939 Membership Roll

Hays local No. 864 is the first Kansas Local to be 100% paid up for 1939, all 1938 members paying New Year dues. McPherson County

Smoky Hill Local No. 882 with 62 members has paid 1939 dues for all of them, adding two new members in Northside Local No. 1061 has paid for all 69 members

but one, and has added two new members, totaling 71. Enclosed find check for \$27.30 for 1939 dues for 14 members, writes U. H. Myers, McPherson. "Every meeting gets better. We meet every Tuesday night.'

Rooks County 15 members of Stone Local No. 792 have paid their 1939 dues. "The next meeting will be Jan. 17 and each member is to bring at least one new member."

Rush County Liebenthal Local No. 648 has paid 1939 dues for all 1938 members, and an increase of 20 new members to date.

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FOR PROGRAM SERVICE Orders for 1939 Outlines Should Be

Mailed Early

For the last two years the Nation-ruary 1.

The ballot on the proposed change
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The ballot on the proposed change al Farmers Union has supplied a cals which subscribed at a cost of 60c a year, which included postage. Many Locals and individuals have subscribed for this program service and have found it most helpful. It ontains enough material for an en-

tire program for a Local, or it can be used only for its helpful suggestions and ideas which can be worked out to supply the needs of a communi-Mrs. George Branson, Cowley county, divided the crowd at the conference into three parts: Eastern Kansas, Western Kansas, and the Farm Bureau in her speech. With the beginning of the new don't mind limiting production, but we don't want to be limited by Washyear, the state office is anxious to know how many of these programs to provide, and requests orders to be ington," she said.

sent immediately, with remittance of 60c, to Kansas Farmers Union, box Authony Eden is like the other Britishers—he makes a speech that stands up for peace, mother, home and the Golden Rule and does not Plan Farm and Home Week say anything that can be disputed. Kansas State College, Manhattan, There's a statesman for you.-Abilene Reflector. "Can I help you?" said the good-

will again be host to Kansas rural people when they gather here for the annual Farm and Home Week, natured person to a man who was February 7 to 10. As in the past year, the major agricultural unsuccessfully trying to force a mule "Yes," said the man, "tell me how and Feb. 10, crops day.

Send Ballots In The National Referendum Ballot published in the Dec. 15 Kansas Union Farmer should be voted upon by every Kansas Local, and returned to the state office not later than Feb-

monthly program service to all Lo- in the National Farmers Union coninstead of mailing out a separate ballot to each Local. The secretary and president of the Local should clip this ballot, take it to the local meeting and get the expression of the membership on the constitutional change.

> Plan Neosho Creamery Farmers in various parts of Neo-sho county are selling shares of stock in the co-operative creamery to be built in Erie. There must be a total of 3,000 shares of stock sold before any of the money that is col-lected for shares of stock can be used. The shares are \$5 each, and farmers are buying one share for each cow owned, allowing two cows for family use. The cream will be collected from farmers twice a the Norwegian Homestead Law, week.

Then there is the story of the man who got pretty well lit up and decided to go fishing. The moon was full, so was the man, and as grams have been assigned definite looked down into the water he asked: days: Feb. 7 will be poultry day; Feb. "Is this the moon?" His friend told 8, dairy day; Feb. 9, live stock day; him it was. He than asked: "Well, and Feb. 10, crops day.

Akershus county. His reputation for fact, we started this country off them, how did I get up here?"

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Thru FUJA

Jobbing Association Gives Fi nancial Service to About 400 Kansas Farmers

Approximately \$300,000 has been loaned through the Farmers Union Jobbing Association, Kansas City, on stored wheat in Kansas to farmers making use of the government Commodity Credit Corporation which has authorized the making of loans and the purchase of eligible "paper" secured by wheat on farms or in approved public grain warehouses. The

borrowers number about 400. There was a lack of red tape securing the loans through the Jobbing Association, and smoothness was the rule. "The best efficiency of anything that I ever got into by Government," commented Harry Witham, general manager. Two persons have been kept busy handling the loans in the office of the Farmers Union Jobbing Association since the first loan was written, August 26, until the deadline, December 31. Any person, partnership, associaaccepted without the payment of dues, as honorary members the same as their mothers are members of the Union—with the payment of an provided that the acreage of total scale depleting events for 1938 on the soil-depleting crops for 1938 on the farm producing such wheat has not exceeded 105 per cent of the total soil-depleting acreage allotment of the 1938 AAA was an eligible pro-ducer to receive a wheat loan.

Four Point Program for Farm Relief

Writer Is McPherson County F. U. President and Manager of Lindsborg Elevator

By David Train

It is apparent that the ownership of land is rapidly falling into the hands of a minority group of wealthy hands of a minority group of wealthy persons and interests. This situation is most detrimental to the future of the country as its continuance will lead to concentration of land in the hands of a few. The need in America today is for a more widespread basis for the ownership of land. History indicates the situations which result when land is not owned on a wide basis. Since the United States is a democracy, it is essential that ownermocracy, it is essential that ownership of land be based on a more democratic basis than prevails at present. According to the statement of the Resolution and Legislative Committee Report of National Farmers' Union "the wealth of the entire nation is so concentrated that its control is in the hands of less than 10 per cent of purchasing power upon 90 per cent a Class A gulf, he writes. has been the major contributing factor to the ills above cited."

We live in a country which is supposed to be a government "of the people, by the people, and for the people." That ideal has not been attained in view of the vast concentration of land. The future of the United States as a democracy depends upon making the ideals of democracy a realization.

Need Plan Program The verdict of history indicates a Pericles, the leading statesman, declared that "the earth itself was enslaved." In Rome the people known as the middle class and freemen lost their property and virtually became slaves. In the medieval world, the serfs and vassals struggled in vain against the privileged few. We must beware lest this same decline come upon us in this country. If history repeats itself our boasted civilization will go the way of the great civilization of Rome. In our time we have witnessed what has happened in Russia because the land and wealth was in the hands of the nobility. The result was the rise of Communism, a result that we surely do not want in A survey of the modern world indi-

eates that one part of the world, the Scandinavian countries have reached a desirable solution for the problem. A well-organized cooperative program equalizes economic opportunity. In addition, there is a splendid legisllative basis for the economic activity of those countries. In an article by Mr. Robert C. Vance, in the Kansas Farmer Mail and Breeze, November 21, 1936, "How a U. S. Farmer Sees Things on the Other Side of Ocean" an interesting discussion is given of the Norwegian solution to the land problem. I quote him as fol-

atorgram t-dhe emfwyp shrdlu emfw "I am told that in Norway a farm laborer without capital may become a landowner," I said when the interpreter had introduced me and stated my business. "Is that true?"

"Not entirely without capital," Herr Musingset answered, "He should have at least 800 kroner (\$200.) And why not? Wages are good and we would consider a young man who is unable to save 800 kroner as a poor unable to save 800 kroner as a poor must submit to a little tapping themrisk for the amount he has to bor-As explained by Herr Musingset,

Small Holdings Act, works as fol-Need Have Character

A young man applying for a home-stead must first be passed upon by the local branch of the Landbruksselskap. There are 13 local branches in in sight.

Skap. There are 13 local branches in in sight.

It has happened here before. In Akershus county. His reputation for

\$300,000 in Wheat Loans Thru FUJA Set Dates of Big Annual Meetings

Farmers Union Jobbing, Auditing, and Live Stock Associations Plan Meetings in Kansas City Feb. 2, 3.—Royalty and Insurance Ass'ns In Salina

Big, full days are being planned for Thursday and Friday, February 2 and 3, in Kansas City. The Farmers Union Jobbing Association will celebrate its 25th Annual Meeting, and with two record-volume business years in the handling of grain just passed, the association plans a program to interest every member of every co-operative in the state. "We hope that many others in addition to official delegates will attend this meeting," Harry E. Witham, general manager, urges, "hear our reports, and help us make plans for 1939 which is our Silver Jubilee Year."

Special arrangements for entertainment include a Junior luncheon for Friday noon, a tea for the women on Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the home of Mrs. H. E. Witham, and a tour of the city Saturday morning. Junior members of the Farmers Union, and wives of the delegates and friends are cordially invited to attend the meeting.

The Jobbing Association will be host Friday evening at a banquet which will be attended by co-operative patrons and em-

The Live Stock company will have its meeting, Thursday, Feb. On the following day will come the annual meetings of the Auditing Association and Jobbing Association. T. B. Dunn is secretary-manager of the Auditing Associaton.

Urge Action Against Toll Entry Charges Insurance Company.

Port Of Entry Regulations Restrict Okle. Live Stock from Wighita Market, Says Manager Alkire By resolution at the recent Madison, Wis., convention, the National

Farmers Union took a positive stand for the enactment of uniform motor vehicle laws so as to attain universal reciprocity of travel and commerce between the states; and urged the abolishment of all ports of entry and unnecessary expense to taxpayers.

L. J. Alkire, manager of the Wichita branch of the Farmers Union Live

tory of port of entry regulations. The Constitution says the states need. Election of five directors for cannot impose duties and imposts on a term of three years will be held at products from other states. But that the Jan. 20 meeting in Salina. doesn't prevent the state of Kansas from having 66 ports of entry-more custom houses than the federal government has around two oceans and

And it doesn't prevent about 17 other states from splitting themselves off into as many little economic republics surrounded by border patrols to keep out salesmen, trucks, gasoline, liquor, cigarettes and kinds of merchandise sold by "foreigners."

This parade began about 1933 when Kansas found that a lot of bad bootleg gasoline was flowing into state and was being sold free of the Kansas tax. It was perfectly natural serious situation. In Athens of old, to guard against that abuse. So border police were posted on the high-ways leading into the state. The idea turned out to be a good one. First, it gave work to about

people. Next, the border patrol could be used not merely to keep bootleg gasoline out of the state, but also to make difficult the entry of all sorts of competitive products. Then the railroads discovered that they had a ciation meeting. Three outside speakneat little weapon with which to swat their most hated enemy, automobile. to go through Kansas must now pay a tax of 1½ cents per ton-mile. A driver of a 5-ton truck has to fork out \$31.50 for a 420-mile trip through the state, plus \$16 in gasoline taxes —\$47.50 for two days in Kansas.

In Retaliatory Action
Even though all the 17 states have fect, some of them being merely retaliatory threats, the trend is toward increasing the number of states and the number of uses to which the ports | plishments of the year. of entry are put.
"The utter blindness of communi-

ties to their real interests where sec-

tional emotions are aroused is startl-

ing. A farm association secretary in small Iowa village once told me that that town was, as to all essentials, completely self-sustaining. 'We could put a wall around ourselves and we would have eatin' and sleepin' and wearin'. That is probably true.
"But they wouldn't have much. Because, as that town is organized, its one source of revenue is corn and hogs; and, save for a trivial amount, all the produce of the farmers, on whom that town depends, is sold outside. That town and all other towns that produce anything whatsoever that produce anything whatsoever

Need Free Market "The development of this country has been built on several forces. But certainly one of them has been vast, free market. If we are now to turn back the clock 150 years and are to break the country up into 48 small markets, and even hundreds of small markets, the end of our progress is

In Salina, Jan. 19, the Farmers Union Royalty Company will have its annual meeting; and on the following day, Friday, Jan. 20, the Farmers Union Mutual

Royalty Co. Looks Up

The legal difficulty that has been holding up the "run" checks from the Rooks county wells has been disthe Rooks county wells has been dismissed, according to G. E. Creitz, manager-secretary of the Royalty company, and the division order of funds is now being completed. This will release over \$3,000 to the Royalty and Flag oil companies. This is a secretary of the Royalty and Flag oil companies. oil pool association has 826 stock-holders with 1,231 outstanding shares. A third of the shares are necessary for a legal annual meeting and if at-tendance is not possible, proxies are requested. The terms of two direc-Stock Commission company, strongly tors expire, Emil L. Johnson, Mc-opposes the ports of entry, and re-Pherson; and John Frost, Blue Raptors expire, Emil L. Johnson, Mc-

magazine tells something of the his- company has proved of real service to the policyholder in his time of

> Study Marketing Methods In Kansas City, the discussions at the Live Stock meeting, Feb. 2, relative to methods of marketing will be especially interesting to the stockman. While live stock conditions have not been good, the Farmers Union has had a better year in 1938 than in the previous year.

W. L. Bernhardt, general manager, Kansas City, will lead out in the business reports and discussions. L. J. Alkire, manager of the Wichita branch, and W. L: Acuff, manager of the Parsons house, will be on hand

National and state Farmers Union leaders will be in attendance and will make brief reports.

Come to Kansas City on Friday, Feb. 3, and attend your Jobbing Association meeting. You will hear the reports of a record-breaking year both as to volume of business handled and savings made.

President J. C. Gregory, Osborne, will preside at the big Jobbing Assoers have been invited and are to be featured attractions, but certain an-The truck that wants nouncement has not been made be-A Clear Picture of Operations

H. E. Witham will give a splendid manager's report; T. B. Dunn will read the auditor's report; and T. C. Belden will tell of the record of the Jobbing Association's merchandise department. Wall charts and explanot actually put their laws into efaid verbal reports, so that all may return home with a clear picture of their state-wide association's accom-National President John Vesecky, State President John Fengel, and State Junior Leader Esther Ekblad

are to have places on the program. Approximately 41 per cent of the member companies of the Jobbing Association are as old or older than it which celebrates its Silver Jubilee Year through 1939. The Golden Belt Co-operative Elevator Company, Ellis, which began its present orgniztion in 1903, is the oldest known. The oldest county unit is the Osborne County Farmers Union Cooperative Association which was organized in 1908. Its manager is J. C. Gregory, president of the Jobbing Association. This was followed by Association. This was followed by the Mitchell County Farmers Union

Co-operative Association in 1911. The period in which the present elevator association began operation, and the number of present Jobbing Association members which began operation in each period follows:

Before 1910 1916 to 1920 1921 to 1925 Since 1930

Small Boy: "My father has a wood-

en leg."
Another: "That's nothing; my grandma has a mahogany chest."

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hardt, Kansas City, General Manager; L. J. Alkire, Manager, Wichita Branch. W. L. Acuff, Manager, Parsons Branch.

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KANSAS FARMERS UNION—Salina, Kansas, Room 215, Farmers Union failed. In its place let us establish an

FARMERS UNION LIFE INSURANCE CO .- Room 200, Farmers Union Ins. Co. Bldg., Rex Lear, State Manager, Salina, Kansas.

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prices because of a flooded market.

The farmer has felt he had to sell a larger quantity, increase his produc-

abundance. But the business man

The farmer is the great humanitar-

The "times" are not so bad that

If it is the purpose of the new bil-

lion-dollar naval program to secure

dealing with a clear case of acute

lion Americans rearing to buy every

thing American industry and agricul

people themselves to rise up and de-

It is very difficult indeed to associate a dictator with the co-oper-

Countries have seen dictators come and go and there have been a few

a co-operative organization and changes it into a one-man affair, the

future of that organization as a co-

However, dictators can be easily

mand a hand in affairs.

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lems to a reasonable extent.

tion, to secure a livable income.

Know Your Co-operation

The season is here when members and shareholders of a farm organizaciations may well take note of their own institutions; and assure themselves of their good value and service, capable management and director-ship; and acquaint themselves of the Officers of our Locals have already taken office. Their influence toward the office. Their influence toward the office of the of stirring up co-operative business in- ber's profit increases along with interest and responsibilities of members would be in place.

It is the farmer who gives the pathe best to the world, only with "hopes" Farmers Union business association. of making a living. The American It is for the individual farmer that consumer should realize this, and untronage that makes possible the business association has been set derstand that America will become a Organized generally under the stronger and sounder nation when the Rochdale co-operative principles, the association has its life directed by the orders from those persons it serves.

Do you know the officers of the Farmers Union business associations with whom you deal most? Of the they might not be worse. This can state-wide associations? Of those be realized by the Kansas farmer directors, do you know whose terms with little exercise of imagination. It expire? If so, do you wish their re- is on the other end, with farm proelection? Can you give suggestions grams, tariff adjustments, reciprocal toward making your business associa- trade agreements, tions of great service?

ons of great service?

The good co-operator knows the limit. The Kansas farmer is not too answers to these questions; or at old to dream; just the dream is getleast he has this knowledge at the ting a bit old for the farmer. proper time-when he comes to attend the annual meeting.

It is well said that the job of the The Home Market Is Best manager is to manage; that of the and shareholder, to understand, to and protect foreign markets, we are director, to direct; of the member ize loyally. The member who falls softening of the brain. For there is down on his responsibilities has little a market greater than all of Europe call to criticize very severely a director or manager who may have done to offer right under our sovereign the same.

Speaking of annual meetings, atture is capable of producing, provid-tendance isn't the whole job. It is a ing only they are given the opportu-Do the Whole Job splendid thing, and crowded annual nity of earning the purchasing price meetings are indeed inspiring. But of the goods and services produced by the purpose in attending is something their labor. The rest is either self-delusion or unmitigated swindle.—

Nobody knows an individual farm- Salina Sun. more than to listen. er's needs better than the farmer, er's needs better than the farmers himself. The farmer at a Farmers Union meeting is sure of a fair hear-union meeting is sure of a fair hear-countries. We rather think, how-countries. Union meeting is sure of a fair hear-ing; he should not hesitate to ask countries. for the floor, for the co-operative ever, that their popularity depends sharing of ideas collects dividends upon their military strength and the

more quickly than anything else.

Given at the right time and place, a kick is a boost; and need is the last as long as it takes the intelligent mother of invention and progress.

The cock is said to be the only bird that crows every day and night throughout its whole existence, and no one has ever discovered a satisfactory way of "taking the crow" out of a live cock. However, if this could be done, suggests an expert of poultry husbandry in the state Extension Service, it would be helpful to village dwellers who object to be-The cock is said to be the only to village dwellers who object to being aroused too early in the morning. There ought to be a way to cut down the cock's crow in volume, say to per cent of normal; then the cock would know no better than to think he had something, and the villagers when the cock would know no better than to think he had something, and the villagers whenever a dictator gets hold of would have quiet to sleep.

Credit the Farmer One of the annoying things the farmer must endure, it seems, is the propaganda by the business "middle-propaganda by the business as a co-operative business "middle-propaganda by the business" and the business are propaganda by the business "middle-propaganda by the business" and the business "middle-propaganda by the business" "middle-propaganda by the business "middle-propaganda by the business" "middle-propaganda by the business" "middle-propaganda by the business "middle-propaganda by the business" "middle-prop men," chain stores especially, relative to their highly efficient help to the farmer in getting rid of farm commodity surpluses. Potatoes and farm the products gard the produ various fruits are the products gen- their own business.

We have no quarrel to pick. Farm surpluses are a farm problem and a strated how it can be done. The big one. We are only annoyed at the change back from a dictatorship to a erally used in illustration. propaganda which has a charitable purely co-operative plan can be made ring to it. The facts are that the by the members themselves, especfarmer has been forced to accept low ially if they act before it is too late.

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Our Members' Views

\$1.00 Пинининининининининининини Ellis Co. Farmer Writes His "Theory"

of Needed Program "Inclosed herewith is a copy of my theory of a wheat program that I believe most feasible and most practicable for our wheat farmer, and maybe for any agriculture," writes Leo Rajewski, president of the Ellis county Farmers Union. He writes as

"What have we accomplished with six years' of crop control and including four years of drought with no crop at all? We have plowed under wheat or put "co-operators" out of compliance if they had a fraction of an acre over-seeded their allotted acres and repullized him even if he had "What have we accomplished with res, and penalized him even if he had

"We have put out of production more acres every year until now we have almost 50 per cent reduction with a promise of a 10 per cent par-ity, but no parity if we are over-seed-ed the smallest fraction of an acre. "With all these past reductions we still have the old story of surplus and disastrous prices for our commodities. Let me offer the following sugges-

"I would say first of all we aban-

ing a man of a dictator type to control or ruin a business owned by several thousand intelligent farmers.—
Equity Union Exchange.

the following year when he may not raise a crop of wheat on account of drought.

"In graduating the domestic marketing quota I would say that the

small wheat farmer under 200 acres be given a quota of 90 per cent of his farm productivity; from 200 acres to 500 acres an 80 per cent quota; from 500 acres to 1,000 acres a 60 per cent quota, and over 1,000 acres a 40 per cent quota. This would autopart and per cent quota are made wholly without cause. Fraternally, Samuel D. Stewart, eting quota I would say that the small wheat farmer under 200 acres matically establish an ever normal granary and would keep the big corporation wheat farmer from glutting the domestic market and freezing out the small wheat farmer.

"In addition to the above we should

raise the tariff on wheat and by all means apply it also on all wheat traded from other countries by our industries."

"The Farm Road to Communism" To the Editor:

Until recent years, the nearest approach to Communism we have record of, was the method of living ad-

Jesus.
These principles stressed unselfishness, generosity and kindred virtues. Thus, Communism can successfully operate only within a group made up of kindly, considerate people. It would not flourish well if mixed with that which is called "Americanism." The latter term, when carefully analyzed means, to hog all you can, regardless of how others fare.

While a hog will not take more at one time than he can use, leaving the balance to others, the American ideal study it, criticize it, talk it and do some thinking?

Quota In Bushels

"I would say first of all we abangenerations. The American idea of don the old troublesome acreage reduction program, trying to develop a scarity on the market, which has ly unfair to that animal to mention him in connection with the term "Am-

failed. In its place let us establish an ever normal granary program through a self-sustaining, graduated, domestic bushel market quota, divided in districts, namely, the eastern division and the western division and the western division.

"Each co-operator shall have a dobestic marketing quota set up according to the productivity of his farm for which he shall receive a domestic missing to the productivity of his farm that the productivity of his farm that the productivity of his farm the productivity h for which he shall receive a domestic parity price plus the tariff. All other wheat raised over his quota he may sell at the world market price to keep it on the farm for feed or he may store it on the farm and use it for his domestic marketing quota

THAT LACKED: for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold, and laid them down at the apostles feet; and DISTRIBUTION WAS MADE UNTO EVERY MAN ACCORDING AS HE HAD NEED." "If thy brother take "Government aid means government control."

All in all, the above farm meeting proved the value of a dirt farmer's Kansas Farmers Union convention at Salina; also note the recommendations of the board of

There is no sense or reason in allow- the following year when he may not away thy coat, give him thy cloak

I have purposely capitalized certain lines above, because I believe conditions in our country, also in other countries, justifies the placing of emphasis upon certain ideas. However, though I have read quite carefully in the past I have not found

Route 5, Clay Center.

Names the Author To the Editor:

In reading the Kansas paper I noticed someone quoted a part of this poem and did not know the author. it is Phillips Brooks. Everywhere-everywhere, Christma

tonight! Christmas in lands of the fir tree an pine, Christmas in lands of the palm tre and vine,

Christmas where snow peaks stand solemn and white, Christmas where corn fields lie sunny and bright, Everywhere, everywhere, Christma tonight

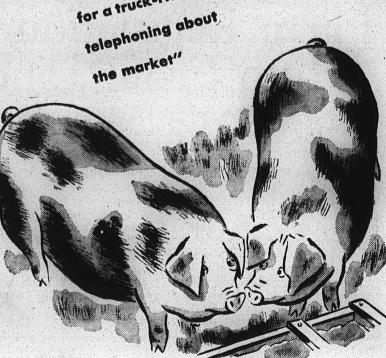
Mrs. John A. Simpson, Oklahoma City, Okla.

The Capper Farm Meeting

To the Editor: The attendance of Kansas farmers at Memorial Hall at Topeka, Dec. 20 was time well spent. It demonstrated that the farmer can place his problem before the public without the assistance of the politicians, county agents, payrollers, etc.

The representative attendance from all over the state indicated an unrest, and that a raw deal has been handed the farmers under the rankest pretense ever known to the American farmer. It is the belief of the writer that upon a reconsideration, Kansas is not as divided upon a proper farm bill as many believe it to be.

"Don't breathe a word of this but I think we're going for a truck-ride—I heard the boss



JALL BEFORE you sell is a good rule any time. Markets change a little from day to day - so let the telephone help you get a few cents more per pound or bushel. The best price for what you have worked hard to produce can usually be found by telephone.

BELL TELEPHONE SYSTEM



New Year's Resolutions

It has been the custom ever since you and I were children for us all to make New Year's "Resolves" according to our needs as we saw them, that we might be better citizens, better men and women, better Christians, better friends or better neigh-

In the making of all these "resolves," we were prompted by a keen desire to be more congenial, to render a greater service to the community in which we live, to abandon some of our habits or practices that were hurtful and to practice and acquire a new and higher standard of ethics to which we aspired to our own benefit, which it seems to me has always been and still remains a worthy ambition for all of us.

I am wondering if it might not be a capital idea for all of us Farmers Union folks to make a few resolutions for 1939 and not to forget them like so many have done in the past, a few days after New Year's Day; but try just for one year to follow up those good "resolves" and see how much better we are going to succeed this year than we did last year, especially so far as the Farmers Union is concerned.

I am making the following resolution myself and am wondering if it would be asking too much of each of you to join with me so we can see just what all of us together can accomplish if we all join in and work together to secure more Farmers Union members, establish more Locals and set up more Co-operative business associations, organize more Juniors' study and recreational groups, more study clubs, for adults and juniors, and then see what we can accomplish when we put ourselves to the task and

Let us Resolve: To see to it that our Local meet's regularly and that we attend every meeting of that Local and be willing to do our part in making every one of those meetings attractive and educational, and to invite every farm family to come to these meetings and enjoy the social and educational programs of the Farmers Union with you.

2. Let us study the objectives of the Farmers Union's program and see for ourselves how much better it fits into the needs of farmers in the solution of the farmers' needs than any other program at present or in prospect, and after we have come to understand it ourselves and really believe in it we can show our neighbor its advantages and secure his co-operation.

3. Let us older members resolve the Farmers Union is and should be a family organization in which every member of the family can and should have a part and interest and that particular program best suited to your community, giving the younger folks an opportunity to give expression of their educational abilities along with such social activities as would interest and attract others, without making any sacrifice of the educational program.

4. Since the Farmers Union is a business concern, operating for the benefit of producers of wealth, and since our first requirement is the marketing of crops produced upon our farms at a price that will sustain and maintain farmers upon the farms our first requirements were grain elevators, cotton gins, Cream and Produce Stations, Creameries, Cheese factories, Live stock shi pping Associations, and Terminal markets for grain and live stock at market terminals. So let us resolve again that we will lend our best endeavors to the building of additional producer Co-operatives and surround them with a strong membership, furnishing our own co-operative all the produce of our farms, and then see to it that what we produce and market through our Co-operatives travels through our own Co-operative channels to the terminal markets, where it should be sold to co-operatives whenever at all possible to do so.

5. Since the farmer's problem is not one of production, or the curtailment of production, but on the other hand, it is Marketing of the crops we produce under our own control and through our own marketing agencies, let us resolve to study and examine our own marketing programs and apply the principles of cause and effect to those programs for the avowed purpose of determining the cause for the farmer's unsatisfactory situation, and when we have done so we can and will build a sane, safe, satisfactory and equitable remedy for the farmer's ills, that will be uniform and with which every farmer can and will be in agreement.

6. Let us also resolve to enlarge and extend the usefulness of our Service Cooperatives, into the lines of Co-operative In surance, Co-operative Medication and Hospitalization, and Credit Unions in every Local, so we can control our own cash and credit for our own use and benefit right at home where it belongs and share in the benefits ourselves.

7. We, as farmers, are not only producers. We are likewise consumers and since we are also interested in the prices paid for consumer goods, let us resolve, that we will encourage the development of consumer co-operatives, and as soon as possible to develop the processing as well as the cooperative distribution to the consumer of raw materials produced by us upon our farms and in this manner to solve our own problems ourselves to the benefit of producers and con sumers alike.

To those farmers not familiar with the Farmers Union program, all of the resolutions might seem to be impossible, a fan tastic notion or a dreamer's dream, but they can all become a stern reality and instead of their real accomplishment being the ultimate end, in fact they are just a good and substantial beginning in the development of Co-operative possibilities.

May we all start in with the New Year, begin building and etending the usefulness of the Co-operatives we have and sur round them with an intelligent and educated membership, be loyal and support them 100 per cent and continue to build, and we can and will soon accomplish the fulfillment of every one of these resolutions.

We can if we will We have the need The challenge is ours. Will we do our duty?

J. P. FENGEL.

directors of the Kansas Farmers Un- I say to you quite frankly, my ion, and then read Capper's review friends, that if a workable program Home Market" on Page 8 B, the senor Kansas Senator states in part. 'American market be preserved for the American farmer. . . the pro-gram should be switched to the do-"The key to recovery is consumption. gram should be switched to the domestic allotment plan . . . insure
farmers cost of production plus a
reasonable profit for that part of sumption in the United States. . . .

of the above conference where in the Capital of Dec. 25 under "Preserve coming session of Congress, I shall support it." In addition to the above, I wish to

add from the Riley Co. "Key" booktheir production required for con- word, consumption, we better ask (Continued to page three)



Fertilizer? Railroads need it too!

SOMEWHERE around 200 million dollars are spent each year by American farmers for

That is a lot of money when you look at it in total. But it's mighty well spent, when you consider what would happen to the land without it.

Now railroads are something like farm lands. They need "fertilizer" too. They need to have money put back into them, if they are going to keep on giving the finest transportation service in the world.

Even during the past eight years -which were lean ones for railroads-about 23/4 billion dollars have been "ploughed back" into developing better service and more efficient operations. This is over and above the more than 91/2 billions spent during the same period for maintenance of roadway and equipment—all of which has made possible faster, safer and more dependable freight and passenger schedules.

When you look at figures like these, you can see that railroads need more than bare running expenses. Unless they can keep on making improvements, their cost of doing business will go up and their service to farmers and other shippers will go down.

That's why the railroads have worked out a program which calls for such common-sense treatment

Treat the railroads as a business. Give them reasonable freedom to "price" their only product—transortation service. Give them greater freedom to adjust rates to meet competitive situations, to adjust services to the demands of traffic; and to adjust expenses to the condition of their business. And give them equality of treatment and opportunity— equality with other forms of transportation in matters of regulation, taxation, subsidy and the like.

You'll find the whole program interesting. Send for your copy



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farmers suffered a contraction of currency and credit to the mellow tune of \$3,000,000, largely from the hands of one, Marriner S. Eccles which was keenly felt in the form of

lower prices in '38. Please try to imagine a farmer controlled Federal Reserve Bank system where, instead of a reflection of the above figure would have been in-stituted, or in other words a differ-meeting will be held January 11. ence of \$6,000,000,000 in the amount of our present medium of exchange?

Well, the future of farm conditions seems to be a matter of who dominates the heads of our govern-

Vivtor E. Hawkinson, Randolph, Kansas.

DECEMBER OF THE OWNERS OF THE OWNER OF THE OWNER. Neighborhood

In Clay County pathy. M. L. Beckman was re-elected president of the Clay County Farmers' Union at a meeting held in the City hall Friday evening. Other officers elected include George Frederick, vice president; William Goeckler, secretary-treasurer; Emory Alquist, George Blackwood, John Slingsby, executive committee; Alfred Woelhof, conductor: Ed Carlson, door keeper; George Slingsby, delegate to State Board of agriculture; Rev. J. O. Vincent, alternate; delegate to meeting, called by Senator Capper, December 20, Clarence Neill.

About 300 members attended the meeting. A number of different locals supplied the entertainment. An eight piece orchestra from Pleas-ant View played several selections. Donald Meenen from the Sherwood local sang a solo and Miss Betty and Miss Marilyn Mugler of the Four Mile local gave a piano and vocal duet. Elsie Carlson of the same local

gave a piano solo. A playlet was given by Marilyn Mugler and Rual Carlstrom also of the Four Mile local. William Goeckler, county secretary and Sam Stewart of the Wheeler local, made short talks giving their impressions of the state convention held recently in Sa-

The following resolutions were passed. We Resolve:

Whereas the Kansas bindweed law has proven to be impractical because its enforcement would impose upon the farmer a burden of costs for machinery, labor and taxes which on the basis of present prices of farm prod-ucts would bankrupt him, and since the increased production which it is claimed would result from the eradication of bindweed, is not now needed and would tend to further depress

Therefore be it resolved that we urge the repeal of this law at the

earliest opportunity.

Be it further resolved that we express to the Board of County Commissioners of Clay County our appreciation for the lenient and common sense way in which they have administered the bindweed law.

We are unalterably opposed to any legislation which will deny the osteopathic or chiropractic doctors the use of surgery, medicine or the use of electrical equipment in their practice. We insist that they be allowed to continue to practice as at present by securing a license from a board of their own choosing.

For the benefit of all classes of

society as well as the farmer and to prosperity, we must all work for the following legislation: First. A fair and just cost of prod-

pction price for that part of our major farm crops consumed in the United States:

Second, A graduated land tax to break up large tracts into family siz-Third, A graduated production tax xempting the family sized farm;

Fourth, We are opposed to the present AAA farm program. We demand public employees should pay income taxes the same as others

now taxed to support them. We are also against the building of huge reservoirs on our rivers for the protection of cities in other states. We think flood control can be handl led more economically at the source of the streams.

Whereas schools and colleges are built and maintained by taxes and education should be the primary object instead of athletics. Whereas Senator Capper has called

a meeting for December 20, 1938, for the purpose of finding out what farm legislation the farmers want for their farm program. We recommend our County Union send a delegate or delegation to this meeting. Wm. Goecker,

County Secretary.

In Cloud County In Local No. 592, after the business routine was carried out, G. B. C. Ruffner was admitted to membership

by demit. It was decided to remember our sick members in the way they most needed. Election of officers was postponed until the January meeting. Mrs. Lewis Geist and Mrs. Joe Regnier were appointed on Menu commit-tee; Lewis Geist and Clint Urban for

dent John Fengel. County President Beckman and others from Clay Cen-ter were in attendance. It was a very interesting meeting and we hope they

can all come again.
Mrs. J. E. McKelvey, Reporter.

In Crawford County
The Crawford County Farmers Union held its last quarterly meeting in Girard. A report on the State Convention was given. A general discussion of Junior work brought enthusi sion of Junior work brought enthusi-

Officers elected for the coming year were S. E. Smith, Girard, president; Wortham Blain, Walnut, vice president; Lawrence Clausen, Girard, secretary; S. E. Smith, Girard, lecturer and organizer; Albert Clausen, Girard, conductor; C. H. Marten, door-keeper and Miss Elsie Clausen, county junior leader.

Executive Committee is J. Henry

our Senators to look into that part of the farm program. In 1937 the zelton; and Leonard Vance, Walnut. County Secretary.

> In Douglas County
> George Butel was elected president at the meeting in Baldwin, Dec. 21. Other officers are C. E. Story, vice president; and Cecil Vining, sec-

Officers of Hays Local o. 864 for 1939 are Leo Rayewski, president; Joe Bahl, vice president; and Frank B. Pfeifer, secretary-treasurer. Frank B. Pfeifer.

Resolution of Sympathy, Local No.

cal No. 606 extend to Brother Land and all relatives our heartfelt sym-

Committee: Ed Niernberger Wenzel Neuburger Fred King

In McPherson County Officers of Hays Local No. 864 for 1939 dues for 14 members. Also reerendum ballot.

Every meeting gets better. Every meeting gets better. We old officers were reelected. It was demeet every Tuesday night. We expect to have 30 paid up for 1939 by the 20th of January. The election of officers was held Dec. 6: Norris Carstenson, president; Thomas Darrah, vice president; U. H. Myers, sections of the second section of th treas.; Steve Myers, conductor. U. H. Myers, Sec'y.

attended at the annual meeting, Dec. 9, and heard Manager E. A. Sawyer give a splendid business report. Refund checks were passed out, going to Farmers Union members, ranging in amount from 50 cents to one of \$125.57 to James Walker. J. R. Horn, D. R. Yoder and E. T. Swanson were re-elected to the board.

In Marshall County Liberty Local No. 782 held its regalar monthly meeting on Friday, Dec. 16. The meeting was called to order by the president, Mr. Tommer. The delegates to the county meeting then

gave their report.

The referendum ballot printed in the paper on Dec. 15 was then voted on and carried 100 per cent. On mo-tion it was decided that our president get in touch with our county officials and demand that a delegation from Marshall county be sent to the meeting at Topeka, Dec. 20.

A very interesting program was then put on by Miss Musil and Miss Tommer. Lunch was served by the ner and other rlatives, our sincerest

Next meeting: January 20. E. R. Dettmer, Sec.

Co-operative Association on Thanks- patrick was chosen vice president; giving day. The Mitchell County Farmers Un-

ion quarterly meeting was held at Beloit, December 21. A large crowd attended this meeting which was opened with a pot luck dinner at noon. After dinner a short program was presented, consisting of several numbers by two girls from the Industrial bring back a permanent and lasting School and their teacher; also another reading and some music by John Smith and Victor Clover.

After the general business was taken care of, H. M. Deshner gave a report from the State Convention, John Schulte gave a report from the National and State Conventions. The resolutions' Committee report ead by John Schulte:

1. A number of farmers attended a meeting called at Topeka by Senator Capper for the purpose of getting sentiment of farmers as to farm legislation. It was noted that a strong faction there seemed to want repeal of all farm legislation, and that farmers wanted to be let alone.

Now therefore be it resolved that we, the Mitchell County Farmers Union, and the directors of the Mitchell County business association, here assembled do favor the retention of part of the present program, and amending it so as to give the American farmer an American price for at least that part of farm products consumed in this country, giving special consideration to the familysized and family operated farm, and the act should be farmer controlled. We believe that this is imperative if this country is to maintain its Agriculture on equality with industry and mantain the American standard of

2. Resolved that we ask Senator Capper and Congressman Carlson to ask in the next session of Congress to reduce the rate of interest on farm mortgages held by the govern-ment to 3 per cent, and that a copy of these resolutions be sent to each Senator Capper and Congressman

Carlson. 3. Resolved that we are in favor of tax exemption on occupied improvements on our farms.

After two numbers by the Pleasant View orchestra the meeting was given over to the state Vice President, Norman Flora and the state President, and the state President, Norman Flora and the state President P

5. Resolved that we wish to thank our officers for their efforts the past Signed: W. R. Carpenter, C. L.

Hendricks, C. E. Bellas, Fred Boehner, J. L. Schulte. W. R. Carpenter, Arnold Schilling-er and Roy Porter were appointed on the auditing committee. The election resulted as follows: Cecil Boehner, president, Glen Eld-

er; Frank Hauptli, vice president; Glen Elder; Ernest Deshner, secretarytreasurer, Beloit; Chas. Latham, con ductor, Beloit; Roy Porter, doorkeep-

tion held at Topeka. The next quarterly meeting will be held the third the Philippines on July 4, 1946, but that mutually beneficial economic arrangements should be continued for County Secretary.

In Riley County
A hat is lost. At the Riley County F. U. meeting, December 3, someone took a hat which was not his own. took a hat which was not his own. Would the person who has a hat with the initials J. W. O., inside, please communicate with J. W. Oman, Leonardville, Kansas?

In Rooks County

December 20, about 20 farmers met at the George Ondrasek home and enjoyed a very pleasant day and a big dinner that was enjoyed by all present. The forenoon was spent in visiting, and the Farmers Union Stone Local 702 held their business meet-

ing in the afternoon. The meeting was called to order by the president, Chas. Pywell. Several interesting articles were read and discussed from the Farmers Un-Whereas: It has pleased Almighty
God, the Ruler of all things to call
from this life the mother of our
brother, Ignatz Lang;
Therefore be it resolved: That we
members of the Farmers Union Local No. 606 extend to Brother Land
and all relatives our heartfelt sym-

gram in the near future.

The next meeting will be held at the Lee McClelland home Jan. 17 and each member is to bring at least one new member.

M. E. Thomas, Co. Sec.

In Rush County
Liebenthal Local No. 648 had its regular meeting and election of officers on Thursday, Dec. 15. All of the old officers were reelected. It was de-

will not be interested in anything that's good for him unless he's forced to take interest. One of the earliest Seventy-five shareholders of the Groveland Co-operative Association er also interested. If we could get all the farmers' wives interested in the Farmers Union they would drive

the menfolks to the Farmers Union. The annual Farmers Union dues, small as it is, would be the best crop insurance, farm relief or anything you want to call it, if the farmers would take interest, in their local, county and state meetings. And see to it that your neighbor joins!

—Reporter.

In Stafford County

Resolutions of Sympathy
Whereas God in his infinite wisdom has removed from our midst Brother Charley Thompson, Be it resolved that North Star Local No. 1979 extends Mrs. Thompson and two sons, George and Joy our deepest sympathy.

In submission to the will of the Heavenly Father in removing from this life Jess Holmes, the brother of our beloved sister, Mrs. Daisy Fortner, Be it resolved that North Star Local No. 1979 extend to Mrs. Fort-

Della Powelson, Anna Vice, Evelyn McCune,

Bruce Winchester, secretary-treasurer; Walter Goodman, conductor; Glenn Reed, crop reporter; and Mrs. Walter Goodman, news reporter. Members of the excutive committee will be appointed by the president.

Ray Henry, assisted by F. M. Riggs and Donald Minnis, will lead the Junior work. Young Riggs was sent to Stafford county to the state convention at Salina last October. There he won in the speaking contest a trip to the national meeting at Madison, Wis. There is a real place for young folks in the Farmers Union and it is planned that at each monthly meeting they shall hold a meeting in a

separate room. Some splendid musical numbers were put on by local talent and by the German band of Stafford, Refreshments of cake and coffee were

In Wabaunsee County Just to let you know that Wabaun-see county is still organized. Our regular quarterly county meeting was held at Alma on Dec. 10. While the attendance was somewhat small

the meeting was very interesting. Alfred Schwanke, delegate to the state Convention, made a good report of the meeting. Rural Elecctrification was taken and discussed. A motion was passed to get more information on the subject and discuss it further at our next meeting.

Harold Hoobler was elected dele gate to the meeting of the state Board of Agriculture. The following officers were elected for the coming Arthur Allen, president; Paul Gei-

sler, vice president; J. J. Richmond, secretary-treasurer; Harold Hoobler, doorkeeper; and James Petty, conduc-

Executive committee: Chas. Halrick. A. H. Dieball and V. P. Hoobler. Co-lecturer, James Petty.

The first meeting in 1939 will held with Turkey Creek Local. The meeting adjourned, hoping for better year in 1939. J. J. Richmond, Co. Sec'y.

FARMERS UNION SONG

(Tune: Yankee Doodle) The Farmers Union's on its way To teach cooperation; We'll help them all with all ou might, To build a better Union.

CHORUS: Oh our dear Union We'll help you with all our might. And do the very best we can, To build a better nation. Let's not put off until tomorrow

What we can do today. Let's all join up with the F. E. C. And do our best al-ways. -By a Juvenile, Johnstown Local McPherson County.

President Roosevelt recently Frank Hauptli was elected crop reproved the report of the Filipino-porter and delegate to the Kansas American committee which decided State Board of Agriculture convensations after 19 months' study that full and

Junior and Juvenile Department

Juniors from 16 to 21

Junior Motto: "He loves his country best who strives to make it best"

THE NEW YEAR

Why greet the New Year, if it is to be A copy of the years that went before-A tale of wrongs unrighted, golden ore Unmined and songs unsung, of victory That infirm hands let slip, of children's tears That infirm hands let slip, of children's tears Another page, unless it set alight A beacon for the marchers down the years?

Now, by our vision of a brighter day, Our hope of dawn in everlasting night, Let this year see us farther on the way That winds through darkness to thes un-crowned height Where gleams a shining city. Ah, be bold-And make the new year better than the old!

YOUR LEADER'S MESSAGE

Esther Ekblad

Happy New Year "Ring out the old, ring in the new,

Ring, happy bells, across the snow-" Year after year for a brief moment, we pause and take an inventory of ourselves and the things about us; then in another moment we are launched into a new year. A New Year filled with many possibilities, brand new opportunities, and a thousand speculations of what the year will bring.

As we look back on the accomplishments of Kansas Juniors and Leaders during the year, 1938, our hearts are glad. Juniors and Juveniles here and there have been busy as bees, holding classes, giving programs, working on projects, and doing so many other things that are adding pep and enthusiasm to Farmers Union Locals.

We are exceedingly happy that 1938 brought a Junior camp into Kansas. Those five days of roughing it together meant so much to many of us that we are ready right now to start planning for the '39 camp. By the

that we are ready right now to start planning for the '39 camp. By the way Juniors, now's the time to plan a program, social or some other kind of "moneymaker" which will pay your way to camp-take a tip from the McPherson Juniors and get a truck-load to go to camp this year.

While many of us younger folks have become interested in the Farmers from the North Dakota Farmers Un-Union during the past year and now do realize that organization with cooperation and legislation is so necessary, we too realize that we number such a very small per cent of farm young folk in Kansas. That realization tells ing that we have worked until train the tale of the task ahead of us. We must increase in numbers as well as in accomplishments during this year. We cannot stand still, either we go the depot to get it into the mail car. forward or we go backward. We must go forward!

The Farmers Union is an organization through which farm your can work for greater economic equality among men, through which we can strive to preserve our democratic form of government, and through which interesting. It is at this time that we can build for peace. That is a big order, but—"From little acorns we have a chance to see how much

mighty oak trees grow." May the New Year make us better and wiser cooperators, and bring the report: health, peace, and happiness to all.

Miss Alice Corbett, daughter of Mrs. Anna Corbett of Tipton, was married to John P. Streit, manager since 1934 of the Tipton branch of the Mitchell County Farmers Union at the Mitchell County Farmers Union of McPherson who is leader of a very peppy Junior which was chosen vice president; Mrs. Charles Olson of McPherson county leader, and she is already busy orders of more than \$50. Imagine the monthly meeting at Lamreaux schoolhouse, December 15. Chas. Kirkston of McPherson who is leader of a very peppy Junior was chosen vice president; Mrs. Charles Olson of McPherson county leaders and she is already busy orders of more than \$50. Imagine of the county Farmers Union at the monthly meeting at Lamreaux schoolhouse, December 15. Chas. Kirkston orders of more than \$50. Imagine of the monthly meeting at Lamreaux schoolhouse, December 15. Chas. Kirkston orders of more than \$50. Imagine of the work of the monthly meeting at Lamreaux schoolhouse, December 15. Chas. Kirkston orders of more than \$50. Imagine of the work of the monthly meeting at Lamreaux school orders of more than \$50. Imagine of the work class had been appointed McPherson county leader, and she is already busy FREE MATERIAL: About \$1,000 class had been appointed mernerson county leader, and she is already worth of free material has been sent with a study project sent out by the out to the states of Wisconsin, Monout to the states of Wisconsin, Monout to the Morning Star School, county. Mr. Troutman and your writer went to the Morning Star School, December 19, to attend a meeting of leaders which Mrs. Olson had called for the purpose of formulating plans for educational work in the various locals of the county. The meeting was very informal, but many of us felt, was very helpful. Arrangements were made for a series of meetings to be held the second week of January.

Elsie Clausen of Girard who is leader of a very active Junior class, was recently appointed county leader of Crawford county. Elsie is giving much time and thought to plans for increasing Junior membership in her county; we wish her all success.

Juveniles Send Greeting Acknowledgements to the Seneca Juveniles for the unique Christmas Greeting sent out by them. The card, made by the Juveniles, was blue with

white spatter work and the greeting written in gold. Junior Council Meets in St. Paul A meeting of the National Junior Council gave your Junior Leader occasion for a trip to St. Paul, Minnesota, December 11 to 14. Our National Junior Leader and four State Leaders make up the Council, which meets occasionally during the year to plan details of the Junior educational

The Annual Stockholders Meetings of the Northwestern states' regional cooperatives were being held in St. Paul that week. The cooperatives included in the meetings were the F. U. Livestock Commission Co., Grain

Terminal Association, and the F. U. Central Exchange. Of the three short days spent in the Twin Cities, the little time outside of Council meetings, we found such a variety of things to do and see. Just to go for a walk or a ride was a thrill with the business houses and

streets so beautifully decorated for Christmas. One afternoon, the Juniors and Leaders attending the meetings in St. Paul, visited the modern home of the Farmers Union Central Exchange which was then all decked out in holiday dress. An employee took us through the plant, explaining the process and showing us the equipment used in compounding oil; we could really listen too, as we did not need to be fearful of leaning against something oily and greasy. The building was as clean as the home of any industrious housewife. Farmers Union members of the Northwest have a right to be proud of theirE xchange, which

is entirely up-to-date in methods and equipment. Other trips brought us to the Co-op House of five girls who are employed at the Central Exchange, and to the Chamber of Commerce which is the same as the Board of Trade in Kansas City.

At other times it was our privilege and pleasure to listen to the reports and discussions of the meetings being held. The annual meetings of our own regional cooperatives will be held within another month. We hope that many Juniors and Leaders will plan to attend for the purpose of getting a clearer picture of the cooperatives that serve us. The Jobbing Association is planning a very special meeting commemorating the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Association.

BUTCHERNG TIME A White Elephant Sale The Juniors of the Johnstown Lo-Try this:

county as visitors.

eal, McPherson county, had a White After you have cured your pork in Elephant sale and oyster supper the evening of November 28. The Junthe usual way and it's ready to hang up, whitewash it with lime, two coats, and it will be sealed and will iors sponsored the evenings entertainment for the purpose of enlarging their camp fund and so that they could pay their share on a light plant insects or spoilation, just like when insects or spoilation, just like when insects or spoilation. purchased for the schoolhouse. The evening was one of gaity and fun with Mr. John Fengel, state president, and Floyd Leity of Marion and is dry when whitewashed.

The Johnstown Juniors had a sur-Harriet Eaton, at the R. W. Peterson home, December 9. To show with his stenographer. the Philippines on July 4, 1946, but that mutually beneficial economic arrangements should be continued for 15 years thereafter.

Harriet Eaton, at the R. W. Peterson with his stenographer.

Son home, December 9. To show their leader, their appreciation to their leader, the Juniors presented with a lovely locket.

Maid—Oh, I don't believe it. You are only saying it to make me jeal-ous.—U, of P. Punch Board.

AT YOUR SERVICE Farmers Union Cooperative Education Service Gladys Tabott Edwards

"Education-A debt due from the present to future generations."

Four typewriters are clicking as Four typewriters are clicking as this column is written, and Mrs. Butts is busy at still another desk, doing what is referred to by the masculine part of the Farmers Union as "cutting paper dolls." In other words she is making up the scrapbooks on the State and National Convention and the All-States Camp. These scrapbooks, only appear to be These scrapbooks, only appear to be trifling. They are really our only source of current history. Mrs. Butts is also busy preparing the exhibits which the Education Service will show at the St. Paul conven-

One typewriter is clicking out the letters to State Leaders which are to accompany the checks for the Juniors who attend the St. Paul conventions, another is setting up monthly statement of expenditures for the National Junior Department and another is making copies of the National Convention speeches which must be kept on file. The fourth one is just now protestingly pounding out this column. It is a portable and has a tendency to crawl about over the room so that one needs a wheel chair in order to keep up with it.

During the past week, the clean-up work of the National convention, and the preparatory work for the St. Paul conventions have met and over-whelmed this office like a wave. Plans for the meetings of the National Junior Council has to be made, in order that we can adequately plan the 1939 work. Plans for the meeting of the Education Service Board must also be in readiness. That is the convention, letters answered and or-ders filled and sent out. The result is that we have worked nights as well

as days, called in all our friends to help, borrowed the adding machine ion, and in office parlance, "chased the train out of the yards each evewhich is another way of sayning."

That Annual Report Making up an annual report is a great deal of work. It is also very year. Here are a few figures from

SALES: Over \$2,200. This means educational material, in orders from Welcome County Leaders

We welcome two new county leaders to our fold; perhaps I should say

ten cents to ten dollars, with a few orders of more than \$50. Imagine how many perhaps I should say

partments and to persons who have written in from many states, from Canada, from Nova Scotia and from the Philippines for information; from colleges, schools and church study groups and from students who are

plied with educational material. ages. The complete report will be "Cooperative Purchase of Farm Suppublished in the Herald. This is plies."



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just a bit of advance information.

New Material The MANUAL FOR RESERVES AND JUVENILES has been revised and brought up to date, in this new edition. This Manual will be distributed at the first of the New Year. The proof on it will be sent to St. Paul to the Education Service Board

so that they may make any corrections deemed necessary. Banded With My Brother is the title of the new Unit I for Juveniles. Mrs. Stoltz is the author of this unt, which will contain songs, games and exercises for the youngest of the

Farmers Union membership. The Farmers Union Triangle in its new edition, revised and up to date as to history and accomplishments of the Farmers Union will be ready for distribution early in the New taking Year. This work is taking more time than was projected, and with the Institute coming up, time is a scarce article in the Junior offices and the Education Service office as

well. The Poultry Project is a new one worked out for the Junior Reserves by the North Dakota Farmers Union in cooperation with the Poultry Plants at Minot and Williston. It is the pet idea of Lyle Fugle, Ramsey County Board member, who suggests that the Reserves be given a batch of baby chicks, under a marketing agreement from the Poultry plant, idea made plain throughout the

course.

Juniors To St. Paul The Juniors from the five states of Montana, North and South Dakowriting articles and theses on the ta, Minnesota and Wisconsin who are cooperative movement.

INVENTORY: We have in our stock guests of the St. Paul Friners Union Business Cooperatives will appear on room, inventory amounting to more than \$1,500, so we are still well supplied with educational material. We ics: "The Farmers' Cooperatives," have published a dozen pamphlets and leaflets, prepared the sub-topic kits of reference material, edited the Junior Pages and columns and handled thousands of letters and packages. The farmers Cooperatives, "History of the Farmers Union Livestock Company," "Cooperative Grain Marketing," "The Farmers Cooperatives," "History of the Farmers Union Livestock Company," "Cooperative Grain Marketing," "The Farmers Cooperatives," "History of the Farmers Union Livestock Company," "Cooperative Grain Marketing," "The Farmers Cooperatives," "History of the Farmers Union Livestock Company," "Cooperative Grain Marketing," "The Farmers Cooperatives," "History of the Farmers Union Livestock Company," "Cooperative Grain Marketing," "The Farmers Cooperatives," "History of the Farmers Union Livestock Company," "Cooperative Grain Marketing," "The Farmers Cooperatives," "History of the Farmers Cooperatives," "Marketing," "The Farmers Cooperatives," "History of the Farmers Cooperative Grain Marketing," "The Farmers Cooperatives," "History of the Farmers Cooperatives," "H



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Travelogue

By John Fengel

Again I am anxious for you to know of the very pleasant visits I have enjoyed so much among our Farmers Union folks.

Any who have been privileged to attend our State Conventions for the last several years, has come to know the leadership from all over the State, and developed a real friendship that is enduring; and then to have the privilege of meeting with them in their home community is to me a treasured privilege and inspir-

May we always cherish the old friends and cherish the fellowship of our new friends in the building of this great Co-operative Movement. On Saturday, December 17, it was my privilege to attend an all-day meeting of the Douglas County Farmers Union, at Lone Star. A very nice crowd was in attendance and the ledice are in their acceptance. and the ladies, as is their usual custom (so I am told) served a pre-Christmas dinner, where every table really groaned under the load they had provided, complete in all of its appointments, from the choicest of meats to your favorite pie and cake.

Well, I survived the dinner and since no fatalities have been announced, I suppose fate must have been kind to every one who attended and brought their appetite with them and then went home and left it at "Lone too small to sustain a family or too

They had what any one should propounce a very splendid meeting, with
songs by five young ladies, a report
of the delegate to the last State Convention at Salina, by H. A. Ulrich,
who rendered a very good report.

After 7 years 4 non-cent is charged

ment on our State Convention resolutions, voicing his approval of the Co-operative Hospitalization and medication plans and the extension of our entire Farmers Union pro-gram, including our Junior movement and it was the sentiment of this meeting, that they make arrangements to organize and develop and encourage interest among their young folks as soon as possible and will call upon us for assistance, after they council and have the time to ing the number of small land owners lay their plans for the work. This is splendid and we are looking for- his holding. The money received

From the meeting at Lone Star, to "Ratner Industrial Development Conference" at Parsons, I had the pleasure of an over-Sunday visit with my sister, Mrs. Dora Wade, at La Harpe, and from there to Parsons, where I also had a visit with Bill Acuff and his help at the Stock Yards, and found the boys all busy as bees, which is as it should be, and the boys were doing all they possi-bly could to encourage their shippers to continue to patronize their Farmers Union Live Stock house. I also called George Reinhardt and had him. meet me at the yards and go with me to the Industrial conference, which he did and when we got over there, we found our old friend Carl Gerstenberger, so, we three attended the conference, which was primarily for the development or 'Industry, or, rather new Kansas In-dustries, but which failed to consider the Agricultural industry, which is

Brother George and I found the time after the close of the Industrial Development Conference to small rate of interest including pay
1. Reduce the dues to \$2.50. call at their elevator and get acquainted with the boys down there, just before closing time. They report the elevator and its business going strong, but, they do need more membership and I am in hope we can do some work there and build their membership back to where it should

George invited me out to his home to meet his wife and their two daughters. I enjoyed their acquaintance so much and hope to know them better

as 'ime goes on.
From the Parsons meeting, I was scheduled for the 'Capper' meeting in Topeka on Tuesday, the 20th, which in a way was very educational, in so far as the Senator was given to understand in no uncertain terms, that the present AAA was not at all acceptable to the eastern two thirds of Kansas, while in the western one third it seemed to meet with

general approval. efficient manager, David Train of Lindsborg, presented a plan in the form of resolutions, as a substitute, that was splendid and also Brother John Tommer and others, brought to the attention of the Senator the attitude of the Kansas

Farmers Union program.

Directly following the Senator Capper meeting, I made the drive to Clay County, in response to an invitation from Brother A. W. McNeil, secretary of Pleasant View Local in the evening of December 20 the evening of December 20.

Since our Vice President, Norman Flora, was in Topeka attending Senator Capper's meeting, I availed my-self of this opportunity and took him with me to the meeting, that he might meet our good people in Clay County and they might meet and get acquainted with him. President George Blackwood called upon Vice President Flora for a talk, to which he responded very ably and I

know our folks enjoyed. Pleasant View Local is very much alive and anxious to develop our program and any one could know they understood and were vitally interested in the program from the many questions concerning it they asked us and of one another during the meet-ing. The ladies served lunchc.

According to G. B. C. Ruffner the manager of the elevator at Mil that locality and am sure we shall be more than glad to render any assistance possible, soon as they are

ready to begin their work.

I attended the meeting of the Kansas Committee of Farm Organi-Kansas Committee of Farm Organizations in Topeka the 21st, where we built up our recommendations in a legislative way for the advancement of and protection of the best interests of the farmers of Kansas and elected Clyde W. Coffman, as will pay the difference between \$1.50 if he has only one membership in an interest of the county. This agency is through the natural channels for the county it is six of the "dues credit slips" of tained from his local cooperative astained from his local coopera

our Legislative Representative for the next session of the State Legis-lature. Brother Coffman is Presi-dent of the Osage County Farmers Union and was the farmers representative during the last session at Topeka. Wishing you a Happy and prosperous New Year.

FOUR POINT PROGRAM FOR FARM RELIEF

(Continued from page one) sideration. Even his girl friend is taken into account. If she chances to be some flighty flittergibet the chances are against the homestead being granted.

If the homestead is granted, the land is taken from some large estate acts. and the estate owner is paid the value of the land and as appraised by the government. Theoretically the escentage of his land under cultivation is exempt from this condemnation. However, I got the impression that few owners of large states are taking the trouble to bring more land into cultivation. On estates larger than the acreage provided in the Small Holdings Act the taxes are raised until the estate becomes a

liability instead of an asset." This last sentence is in reality a Norwegian application of the graduated Protective Land Tax.

"Farms granted under the Small Holdings Act are from 9 to 60 acres. large to be worked by the farmer

wention at Salina, by H. A. Ollica, who rendered a very good report.
Our old time friend, J. W. Anderson, was Chairman of the Resolusion, was Chairman of the Resolusion, was Committee and this committee the loan in 20 years. In addition to the government loan, the farmer gets an outside the loan of \$500 for a barn. After son, was Chairman of the Resolu-tions Committee and this committee sponsored several splendid resolu-tions, which were all adopted. Brother Anderson, could not resist the urge to offer constructive com-ting the resolu-all buildings are complete they are appraised and the homesteader is paid one-half of the appraised value

In view of the above facts and conditions which prevail in American life, and in keeping with the general policy formed at the National Convention of the Farmers' Union, the following 4 point program is recom-mended for your consideration:

1. Graduated Protective Land Tax The purpose of this tax is not revenue but as a means of increasing the number of small land owners is splendid and we are looking forward to the time when we shall receive their invitation, which I am so in hopes will include Miss Esther Eklandowner. The tax would not be applied until the land holding was applied until the land holding was than the amount considered greater than the amount considered as necessary and desirable. The tax would be effective on land in excess to the first unit. The extent of the land in the first unit would depend on value and productivity. This tax

homestead in Alaska.

The plan could be introduced on a similar basis as in Norway as indicated in the reference to Norway which was made a few minutes ago. A prospective landowner could purwhich no interest would be charged ment on capital on amortization payable in 25 or 30 years would be charged. A person with a small amount of money could in this way obtain a homestead. Several pro-visions of the present law, such as the one requiring 5 years residence and the impossibility of applying for one homestead after leaving one previously obtained, should be re-

> 3. Graduated Protective Production Tax

The recommendation here embodied in the report on the Committee on Resolutions at the Convention of the National Farmers' Union held at Madison, Wisconsin. It reads as "Whereas, in as much as the fam

ily-sized farm has always been the basis and the backbone of our great American agriculture, and, Whereas, our surplus problem is very largely a result of the production of large-scale corporation farms

which practice in undermining the traditional family-sized farm, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that we go on record for a graduated production tax upon all production above that produced on a family-sized farm, in order ahat we may discourage big business farming; and that the pro-ceeds of said tax be applied to bene-

fit payments for family-sized farms.

4. Cost of Production The National Farmers' Union has been advocating this point for a num-ber of years but a cost of production program without restrictions would be one of the greatest curses to befall the nation. What would happen, especially to the state of Kansas, is that farms would rapidly become larger and larger so that we would no longer see the 80 and 160 acre farm but in its stead 5,000, 10,-000 and 50,000 acre farms and 600 farmers would easily be able to produce as much wheat as the farmers

of Kansas are producing today.

The Cost of Production plan should be worked on the basis of a guaranteed price on a stipulated amount produced. For instance, in the case of wheat a guaranteed price of \$1.50 per bushel be applied on 1,000 bushels produced, which could be worked the manager of the elevator at Mil-tonvale, there is a desire to rebuild on the basis of a guaranteed price on the Farmers Union membership in a stipulated amount produced. For a stipulated amount produced. For instance, in the case of wheat a guaranteed price of \$1.50 per bushel be applied on 1,000 bushels produced, which could be worked out as follows: the producer sells his wheat be applied on 1,000 bushels produced, which could be worked out as follows: the producer sells his wheat through the natural channels for the to six of the "dues credit slips" ob-

and the price of No. 1 wheat represented on the producers ticket.

This plan does not only serve as a Cost of Production program but will, to a certain extent, act as an ever normal granary. If in a good crop year a producer would grow 2,000 oushels of wheat, he would naturally, if the price is low, retain on the farm the extra 1,000 bushels which n turn he would market the following year in case of a crop failure and then receive the benefit pay-ment. This same plan can be apment. This same plan can be applied on other products in each particular district where he lives.

Finally, in order to protect the American market for the American farmer there must be a high protectice tariff on all agricultural products.

URGES ACTION AGAINST TOLL ENTRY CHARGES

(Continued from page one) that way. Massachusetts began it, right after the Revolution, by putting a tariff on British ships and goods. New Hampshire and Rhode Island joined her. This hurt Connecticut, because it kept out all British goods, which Connecticut needed. So Connecticut put a retaliatory tariff on Massachusetts and threw her ports open to Britain. Pennsylvania made discriminatory regulations against Delaware. New York slapped a duty

Connecticut replied by not shipping anything to New York. no one can say, except probably in the establishment of 13 isolated little republics. To put an end to this the Constitution provided that no state shall lay any impost or duties on imports or exports, except what may be absolutely necessary to the revision and control of Congress.

"And the next paragraph provides that no state without the consent of Congress shall lay any duty on tonnage. How they manage to get around these provisions must be left to the constitutional lawyer."

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Slap Medics With Charge of Monopoly

Cause Is A. M. A.'s Opposition to Group Hospitalization and Health Care

The American Medical association, three local societies and 21 individual physicians were indicted Dec. 20 by a federal grand jury for violation of the Sherman anti-trust act. The so-cieties named were the Medical So-ciety of the District of Columbia, the Harris County (Texas) Medical society and the Washington (D. C)
Academy of Surgery.

It was specifically charged that

the medical association, some local societies and individual physicians were preventing other physicians and co-operative medical organizations from supplying medical service by re-fusing membership in medical so-cieties to individual physicians who

joined such groups.

Particularly involved were the af fairs of Group Health Association, Inc. This co-operative agency was established more than a year ago, of-fering medicl care and hospitalization to some 2,600 government employees

ards of medical practice and likely to break down the close relationship of the physician and his patient.

The association accused the society of hampering its activities by threatening exclusion of its doctors from hospitals and thus restraining

and the individual physicians named "have adopted and for many years have pursued a policy of opposition" have pursued a policy of opposition memory ing monopolies. . . . (3) It can thus to experiments in group medical realize better prices for farmers as care, "and have taken affirmative well as lower prices for consumers.

Suggests New Membership Plan

ion, whose state organization faces a

more people to own land that is productive. This objective would not writes in the Natural Work of the Farmers Union of Nebraska," he ed to the general budget. make it necessary for Americans to writes in the Nebraska Union Farm-"I feel sure now that something will be done about it."

"I should like to throw in my suggestions in the hope that they may help you formulate a solution for this chase a holding of good land and re-ceive a loan from the government on I submit the following proposals." The plan follows:

2. Have a budget committee, whose penses of the educational work of the Farmers Union, excluding from the budget National dues, delegates' railway found, and institute scholarships (these to be provided as indicated be-

(b). To assess each and every affiliated cooperative association, large and small, a just share of the budget. The budget committee would base this just share on a due consideration of the size of the cooperative, the extent and nature of its business, and

its ability to pay. 3. Where an association accepts its assessment and remits the amount to the state secretary (quarterly payments may be arranged), the manager or secretary will also submit a list of the names and addresses of the association's members, shareholders, policyholders, or patrons-referred to

hereafter simply as members.

"Credit Slips" to Apply on Dues
4. Under receipt of this assessment and list of names, the state secretary shall first examine the list, and shall place on the mailing list of the "Nebraska Union Farmer" any whose names are not already on the mailing list, and second, shall send to the manager of the secretary of the asso-ciation a number of "dues credit slips" equal to the number of names submit-

equal to the number of names submitted as members of the association.

5. The "dues credit slips" will be accepted by the seate secretary in lieu of 25 cents each when and if returned to the state office by the secretary of a Farmers Union local before July 1 of the current year in payment of members' dues.

"It would tend to stir up class hatred, and would result in all kinds of devices for cheating. It just wouldn't work." The Montana senators aid he thought a way could be found to increase agricultural exports without the payment of export subsides. A group of Administration officials recently has been seeking methods of increasing wheat exports. payment of members' dues.

6. The manager or secretary of the now affiliated cooperative association may give to each member of the association one, and only one, of the "dues credit slips," writing or typing there-on the name and address of the association issuing it and his own signa-

Can Use Six Credit Slips 7. The member may then present this "dues credit slip" to his Farmers Union local secretary as a 25-cent part payment of his dues. The local secretary will accept as payment on dues as many as six of the "dues

A new membership plan into the Farmers Union is offered for consideration by Henry Negley, educational director of the Nebraska Farmers Union the "Nebraska Union Farmer," regardless of whetherh e pays the balance of his dues.

Local Would Get 50 Cents like situation as Kansas in that the number of patrons, stockholders and shareholders of local and state-wide business institutions are many thousand greater than the membership figure of the state Farmers Union.

Local Would Get 50 Cents

8. The local secretary shall reating 50 cents cash from each member's dues for the local treasury, and shall remit the balance, with the credit slips, to the state secretary, indicating on his reports how much each 2. Amended Homestead Act.

The purpose of this recommendation is to protect land values which might be decreased as a result of the Graduated Protective Land Tax and to give increased opportunity for more people to own land that is productive. This objective the first of the first of the educational work of ductive. This objective the first of the state Farmers Union.

"It is very gratifying to note the active interest on the part of so many much in credit slops. The state secretary, indicating on his reports how much each member has vaid in cash, and how much in credit slops. The state secretary will allocate 25 cents to the delegates' railway fund, and 25 cents to the National Farmers Union dues.

Any balance remaining will be active.

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9. The budget committee will profunds for use by the various county rection and management over to a

and district organizations.

10. The purchase of scholarships in

"JUST WOULDN'T WORK" Income Groups

Senator Wheeler, (D., Montana) described Secretary Wallace's proposed two price farm program Noinstead, an increase in agricultural exports, according to an Associated Press dispatch from Washington, D.

good any losses suffered on such

Wheeler, who said he now is working with Northwestern farm leaders "A two-price system for agricul-ture in the United States—to give one class one price and another class an-

other price-is cock-eyed. "It would tend to stir up

methods of increasing wheat exports.

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DECIDE LOCATIONS

Gov't Farm Laboratory for This Dis-trict At Peoria, Ill.

The location of the four government laboratories to find wider industrial uses for agricultural prod-ucts and farm waste has been an-nounced. The laboratory for the northern region, including Kansas and Missouri and states bounded on the east by Pennsylvania and the west by Colorado, will be erected at Peoria, Ill. At this place research will be conducted into new uses for corn, wheat and agricultural wastes.

The other three regional laboratories will be at New Orleans, the San Francisco bay area and Philadelphia. The laboratories, on which construction will be started before next June, 30, will cost about \$1,000,000 each, and will employ about 200 chemists, scientists of different kinds and technicians to carry on the experimental work. The present plan is to turn over the results of the government experiments to private industry for commercial use. Appropriation the laboratories was made by the last Congress.

FOR MIDDLE WAY

University Writer On Economics Favors Co-operative Business

"The great masses of Americans want a system which economically will be midway between the extreme connecticut, and the merchants of Connecticut replied by not shipping anything to New York.

"Where all this would have ended no one can say, except probably in the establishment of 13 isolated lit-Europe. The society denounced such system as undermining high standards of medical processing and of medical process. cago in his new book, "Co-operation: a Middle Way for America."

"In the preservation and extension of democracy," he writes, "the cooperative movement has, in its various aspects, a great part to play. It can improve the standard of living o their efforts to earn a living.

In summing up the reasons for the indictments, the grand jury declared that the American Medical association the many gains which would other the many gains which would other wise go to the few. . . (2) It can well as lower prices for consumers.
(4) It can help to integrate the quansteps to oppose their formation and operation throughout the United States."

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(4) It can help to integrate the quantities produced with those consumed and reduce the alternating cycles of optimism and pessimism which accompany and in part cause the various phases of the business cycle."

ABOUT PROXY VOTING

Should Be No Excuse for Permitting Poor Attendance

Proxy voting is provided for by the laws of most states and as long as these laws are in effect it would be illegal for a co-operative to attempt to set them aside through provisions made in the by-laws. Even where

his preference for directors. In othvide in the budget allocations of er words, proxy voters turn the di-

The best policy is to build up cothe educational institutes would be operative sentiment and co-operative optional with the associations desihinterest. Make the business attracing to support this educational activitive. Popularize it in the community ty, and would not be properly a part among its stockholders and patrons. of the budget. However, that part of the institute expense borne by the State Union would, of course, be included in the budget. All the above tive organization should strive to get may seem to be quite involved, but out as large an attendance as possible the problem is also quite involved. I at the regular annual stockholders' have tried in the plan above submit-meeting and then other meetings

Official Canadian experimental farms are trying to develop a perennial wheat in an effort to Against Giving Bargain Prices to Low with the labor of sowing fields every year, reports the Leavenworth Times.

If they are successful in their efforts, what a great thing it will be for hard working formans. hard working farmers who must plow and cultivate their ground, and vember 23 as "cock-eyed" and urged, drill in their wheat every season with instead, an increase in agricultural the types of wheat which they are accustomed to sow, the paper con-

Modern machinery has made the Under Wallace's recently outlined program farm surpluses would be sold to low income groups at bargain prices. The Government would make good any losses suffered on such if the spring work can be done away. if the spring work can be done away with, and wheat can be grown which will sprout spontaneously each year like the grasses of the field, then on new agricultural legislation told indeed, the farmer will be approaching the more abundant life—even if he doesn't attain parity of prices and the other things for which he hopes.

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WRITE TO Kansas Farmers Union

Salina, Kansas

If you like some particular piece in the paper, let your neighbor read it. If you don't like a particular piece tell the editor.—North Dakota Union Farmer.

BASIC PRICE 60c Argentina Guarantees Farmers

the board in other Argentine ports, Capital. it was stated. Actual prices received by farmers will be less, depending on

any losses sustained in connection Sun. with their sale by the board will be met by the profits realized by the Argentine government in its pur-chase and sale of foreign exchange. If sufficient funds should not be available from that source, however, the Bank of the Nation will advance the difference.

A. A. McPheeters, 48, vice-president of the Wichita Bank for Co-operatives and a Wichita resident the last five years, was found dead by his wife at his home December 21. G. C. Davis, coroner, said death had been caused by a gunshot wound. A .22 rifle was found at his side. Mc-Pheeters, prominent in agricultural tion: Farme co-operatives in the Middle West for Alma, Kan. ears, spent most of his life in Ok-

Denver, Colo.-Tentative steps tovard the erection of a sugar refinery

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4 Stationed Radio in All Rooms Popular Prices H. C. Kyle, Manager

plant were launched by the Colorado Farmers Union at its annual state convention here in November. If such a project is begun, the first unit of a state-wide chain will be erected in Morgan county.

Harold McGugin, Coffeyville, cam-paign manager of Senaor-elect Clyde Minimum Price

Min Price

With prospects for excellent crops of wheat and linseed in Argentina this season and relative program in the season and relative program of production. And it must be season and relative program of production. And it must be season program of production. in world markets, the Argentine government on November 14 decreed that farmers would be guaranteed a minimum price of 60 cents per bushel for wheat and \$1.05 per bushel for lineard. linseed.

These are the basic prices to be paid for good quality wheat and flaxseed delivered to the Grain Regulating Board in Buenos Aires. The board will fix differentials for quality as well as for grain delivered to the board in other Argentine ports.

Capital.

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H. E. WITHAM, GENERAE MANAGER

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