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Farm Legislation Into Front Lines

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 devoted to foreign affairs and the projected increase in armament. 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 farmers.

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 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 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 a paying basis, unless farm income and farm purchasing power are restored and maintained our entire economic structure is going to collapse. And it is absolutely necessary, in my judgment, that such a plan be able to readjust itself in the light of present day conditions to furnish employment for the jobs in industry, agriculture must be aided by Government, in some way, to furnish a market in this country for the products of industry."

Clyde M. Reed, junior senator-elect from Kansas, arrived in Washington, D. C., Dec. 22, in a frame of mind hardly optimistic toward developing a satisfactory farm program. "There is no use to start on any plan until we feel out the situation 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 that it is too good for nothing. 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 unrestricted 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.

"Better co-operate if you can," advises M. R. Miller, a member of the 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 writes. "Let us use some figures, taking as a basis the farm that has 100 acres of wheat. If the 100 acres produce an average Missouri crop of 15 bushels to the acre there will be a production from all the land of 1,500 bushels, which at 50 cents per bushel would gross \$750. Suppose the cost of producing per acre is: plowing, disking fifty cents, harrowing fifty cents, drilling fifty cents, seed \$1.00, combining \$2.00, or a total of \$5.50 per acre and a total of \$550 for the 100 acres. Deducting from the gross income you would have left a net of \$200 for your land used."

Takes Close Figuring
"On the other hand if you 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 \$550 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, from some counties as high as 90 per cent, were much in favor of the present farm bill, while in Eastern Kansas, outside the big wheat producing country, there were bitter assaults upon the farm law, rearmament 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 Conference:

"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 in taking that stand. The farmer is getting little or nothing out of the reciprocal trade agreements. "Instead of trying to force government control of production and marketing down the throats of farmers,

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 United States."

"Under this plan it would be left to farmers themselves to grow surplus crops if they felt it wise, and to dispose of surpluses abroad at whatever price these might bring, through their own export organizations or 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 coming session of Congress I shall support it."

"I shall insist upon the American farmer's right to supply the American market to the limit of his abilities, and upon his being protected in that right."

Greater Farmer Control
Senator Capper said he would support a farm program which would give the farmers greater control over their own affairs and let them determine how much they should plant and whether or not they should grow any surplus. The senator said he had 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 far as possible to the family sized farm," he said.

"I shall continue to oppose the spending of dollars upon big machine projects which bring millions of acres into competition with farmers struggling to make a living. I shall also insist upon the farm credit administration financing agriculture at lower rates of interest. Three per cent is the most that should be charged for the federal bank loans. The farmer cannot pay high interest rates at the present low prices for farm products."

Many Farmers Union Speakers
Forty-nine speakers appeared on the program at the conference to explain their views on the farm program, on the farm problem, and occasionally on the persons opposing or supporting the same. Farmers Union members took an active part.

David Traub, president of the McPherson county organization, presented a four-point program which is printed elsewhere in this paper. V. E. Hawkins, president of the Riley County Farmers Union, spoke. He would repeal the AAA, separate domestic from foreign markets and insure cost of production for domestic needs. He also would take the Federal Reserve Board out of the farm picture. Money control by bankers is the root of most farm evils, he said.

W. H. Goeckel, secretary of the Clay County Farmers Union, would repeal the AAA, but holds that the farmer cannot hope to get along without a program. "We want an American price for domestically consumed farm products," he said.

Tom Wells, Elmdale, Chase county, a veteran Farmers Union member, and a candidate for state president at the 1938 convention, said, "It grieves me to see relief workers living better than my hired help. What we ought to do is 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 decent wages."

John Tommer, Waterville, state Farmers Union conductor, and president of the Marshall county Farmers Union, said the AAA farm program has failed. The payments to farmers amounted to bribery. A program should be substituted:

1. Make the family-sized farm the unit, and make that unit pay.
2. Assure the farmer the American market.
3. Regulate the value of the dollar, by Congress, not by bankers.
4. Insure cost of production on domestically consumed farm products grown on family-sized farms.

Now Kansas Farm Voice In Legislation

Committee of Farm Organizations 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 coming session of the state legislature was agreed by the following resolutions:

1. We favor the continuation of the present distribution of the gasoline tax, auto tag tax and license fee on motor 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.

Need Constitutional Amendment
5. We favor a constitutional amendment providing for a Graduated Land Tax.

6. We favor a gross Production tax on natural resources as a means of more equitably distributing the cost of Government.
7. We favor an amendment to the State Constitution authorizing co-operatives to transact business, including the mortgaging of their property, if carried by a two-thirds vote of those present, and represented at a legally constituted regular or called meeting.

Favor Present Sales Tax
8. Believing that the present Sales Tax is quite satisfactory as compared with that of other states, we recommend that no change be made in the present Sales Tax Law, or the method of the distribution of the funds.

9. We favor such rules and regulations as will properly protect all life and public property, but that would not interfere with the movement of all property by truck as between Kansas and adjoining states.
10. We favor the enactment of a water conservation and flood control bill.
11. We recommend that the rules committee of the House and Senate provide that a record vote be made in both the House and Senate on all bills reported by the Committee of the Whole, upon the request of five members.

Establish Headquarters
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 served as the Legislative representative last year, was again elected to that position to serve during the coming session of the State Legislature.

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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 1938 dues for their entire membership—and in some instances have added new members to their membership rolls. This is indeed encouraging, 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 provide that of the dues collected, the local secretary shall remit to this office \$1.95 for each adult dues paying member. The 1938 dues become due January 1.

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 office will co-operate and lend every assistance possible.

Those Junior boys, between the ages of 16 and 21 years will pay \$1.00 regular dues of 25¢ a year, which amount should be sent in full to the state office. The Junior girls are accepted without the payment of dues, as honorary members the same as their mothers are members of the Union—with the payment of an adult dues in the family.

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\$300,000 in Wheat Loans Thru FUJA

Jobbing Association Gives Financial 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 in securing the loans through the Jobbing Association, and smoothness was the rule. "The best efficiency of anything that I ever got into by the Government," commented Harry E. 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, association, or corporation, producing wheat as landowner, landlord, or tenant, provided that the acreage of total 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 producer to receive a wheat loan.

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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 employees.

The Live Stock company will have its meeting, Thursday, Feb. 2. 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 Association.

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 Insurance Company.

Royalty Co. Looks Up

The legal difficulty that has been holding up the "run" checks from the Royalty 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 oil pool association has 826 stockholders with 1,231 outstanding shares. A third of the shares are necessary for a legal annual meeting and if attendance is not possible, proxies are requested. The terms of two directors expire. Emil L. Johnson, McPherson; and John Frost, Blue Rapids.

The Farmers Union Mutual Insurance Company has paid out more funds to policyholders in 1938 than any previous year in its

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Know Your Co-operation

The season is here when members and shareholders of a farm organization and its affiliated business associations may well take note of their own institutions; and assure themselves of their good value and service, capable management and direction; and acquaint themselves with the conditions facing 1939 development. Officers of our Locals have already taken office. Their influence toward stirring up co-operative business interest and responsibilities of members would be in place.

It is the farmer who gives the patronage that makes possible the Farmers Union business association. It is for the individual farmer that the business association has been set up. Organized generally under 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 desire a satisfactory state-wide association? Of those directors, do you know whose terms expire? If so, do you wish their reelection? Can you give suggestions toward making your business associations of great service?

The good co-operator knows the answers to these questions; or at least he has this knowledge at the proper time—when he comes to attend the annual meeting.

It is well said that the job of the manager is to manage; that of the director, to direct; of the member and shareholder, to understand, to elect capable directors, and to patronize loyally. The member who falls out on his responsibilities has little call to criticize very severely a director or manager who may have done the same.

Do the Whole Job

Speaking of annual meetings, attendance isn't the whole job. It is a splendid thing, and crowded annual meetings are indeed inspiring. But the purpose in attending is something more than to listen.

Nobody knows an individual farmer's needs better than the farmer himself. The farmer at a Farmers Union meeting is sure of a fair hearing; he should not hesitate to ask for the floor, to make the co-operative sharing of ideas collects dividends more quickly than anything else.

Given at the right time and place, a kick is a boost; and need is the 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 being aroused too early in the morning.

There ought to be a way to cut down the cock's crow in volume, say to 10 per cent of normal; then the cock would know no better than to think he had something, and the villagers 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 "middlemen," chain stores especially, relative to their highly efficient help to the farmer in getting rid of farm commodity surpluses. Potatoes and various fruits are the products generally used in illustration.

We have no quarrel to pick. Farm surpluses are a farm problem and a big one. We are only annoyed at the propaganda which has a charitable ring to it. The facts are that the farmer has been forced to accept low

prices because of a flooded market. The farmer has felt he had to sell a larger quantity, increase his production, to secure a livable income.

The mass moving of farm products has been a good thing. It has been of real benefit to the American consumer. It points the way toward the economic system and society with abundance. But the business man collects his profit. The transport company collects its profit. The jobber's profit increases along with increased volume.

The farmer is the great humanitarian! He is the fellow who gives his best to the world, only with "hopes" of making a living. The American consumer should realize this, and understand that America will become a stronger and sounder nation when the farmer's "hopes" come true; when a farm program cancels the farm problems to a reasonable extent.

The "times" are not so bad that they might not be worse. This can be realized by the Kansas farmer with little exercise of imagination. It is on the other end, with farm programs, tariff adjustments, reciprocal trade agreements, "paper" renewals or refusals, etc., that the sky's the limit. The Kansas farmer is not too old to dream; just the dream is getting a bit old for the farmer.

The Home Market Is Best

If it is the purpose of the new billion-dollar naval program to secure and protect foreign markets, we are dealing with a clear case of acute softening of the brain. For there is a market greater than all of Europe, Africa, Asia and South America has to offer right under our sovereign noses—one hundred and thirty million Americans ready to buy everything American industry and agriculture is capable of producing, providing only they are given the opportunity of earning the purchasing price of the goods and services produced by their labor. The rest is either self-delusion or unmitigated swindle. Salina Sun.

No Room For Dictator

Dictators are popular in some countries. They are rather unpopular here, but their popularity depends upon their military strength and the grip they have on those countries. History reveals that dictators only last as long as it takes the intelligent people themselves to rise up and demand a hand in affairs.

It is very difficult indeed to associate a dictator with the co-operative movement. The movement itself is one of the most democratic extant. It depends upon its support from the rank and file of the membership who own and control the business.

Failure of Membership

Countries have seen dictators come and go and there have been a few dictators in the co-operative movement. Many of them are already gone and the others will also soon be gone.

Whenever a dictator gets hold of a co-operative organization and changes it into a one-man affair, the future of that organization as a co-operative institution is very insecure indeed. In other words, when a dictator gets hold of a co-operative business, whether it be small or large, it is a virtual admission upon the part of the membership that they haven't common sense enough to run their own business.

However, dictators can be easily handled. Past history has demonstrated how it can be done. The change back from a dictatorship to a purely co-operative plan can be made by the members themselves, especially if they act before it is too late.

Our Members' Views

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 our agriculture," writes Leo Rajewski, president of the Ellis county Farmers Union. He writes as follows:

"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 penalized him even if he had no crop at all.

"We have put out of production more acres every year until now we have almost 50 per cent reduction with a promise of 10 per cent parity, but no parity if we are over-seeded 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 suggestions and may I ask every reader to study it, criticize it, talk it and do some thinking?

"I would say first of all we abandon the old troublesome acreage reduction program, trying to develop a scarcity on the market, which has failed. In its place let us establish an ever normal granary program through a self-sustaining, graduated, domestic market quota, divided in districts, namely, the eastern division and the western division.

"Each co-operator shall have a domestic marketing quota set up according to the productivity of his farm 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

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 automatically 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 adopted by the followers of Jesus. Therefore "the farm road to Communism" would be the same road these early communists found, namely, follow the economic teachings of 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."

While a hog will not take more at one time than he can use, leaving the balance to others, the American ideal of success is to grab and hold individual wealth until a group or family controls so much, that their heirs may wallow in idleness for untold generations. The American ideal of success, spelled "Success," outdoes the hog in selfishness and it is really unfair to that animal to mention him in connection with the term "Americanism."

Communism, or the unselfishness taught by Jesus, will not flourish well in America as this country is now constituted. "Sell all that thou hast and give unto the poor." "NEITHER WAS THERE ANY AMONG THEM 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

away thy coat, give him thy cloak also."

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 any propaganda for Communism in our paper, so your reader's objections to anything in that line, are made wholly without cause. Fraternally, Samuel D. Stewart, 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, Christmas tonight! Christmas in lands of the fir tree and pine, Christmas in lands of the palm tree and vine, Christmas where snow peaks stand solemn and white, Christmas where corn fields lie sunny and bright, Everywhere, everywhere, Christmas tonight.

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

The Capper Farm Meeting

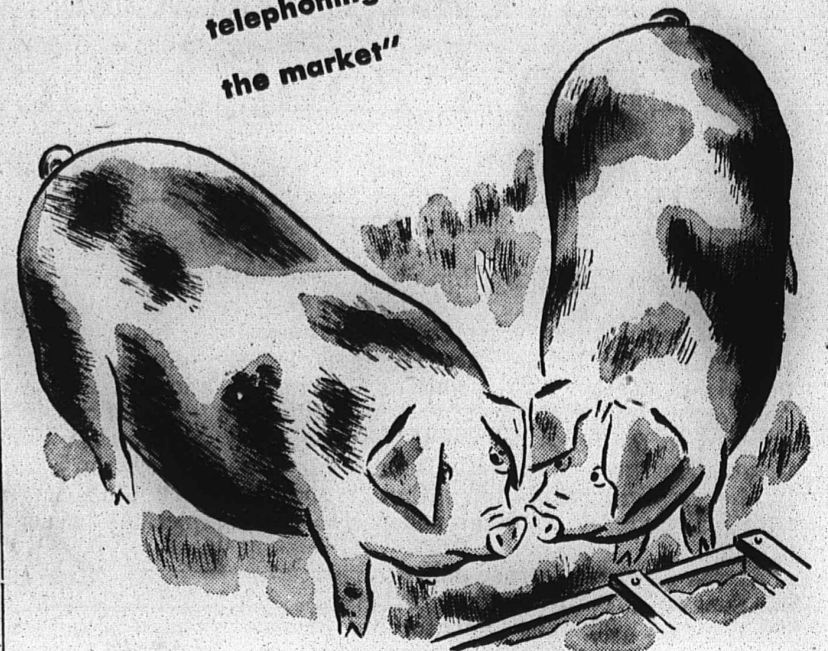
To the Editor: The attendance of Kansas farmers at Memorial Hall at Topeka, Dec. 20, was time well spent. It demonstrated that the farmer can place his problem before the public without the assistance of the politicians, county agents, payrollers, etc.

The representative attendance from all over the state indicated an unrest, and that a raw deal has been handed the farmers under the rankst pre-tense 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.

It is true some western Kansas farmers are desperately holding on to AAA in the hopes of local administration or local control of its operation; this the western farmer may well drop from his thinking, because the old rule will stand, that "Government aid means government control."

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

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



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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 neighbors.

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 really try.

Let us Resolve:

1. To see to it that our Local meets 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 shipping 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 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 Co-operatives, into the lines of Co-operative Insurance, 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 consumers alike.

To those farmers not familiar with the Farmers Union program, all of the resolutions might seem to be impossible, a fantastic 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 extending the usefulness of the Co-operatives we have and surround 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 Union, and then read Capper's review of the above conference where in the Capital of Dec. 25 under "Preserve Home Market" on Page 8 B, the senior Kansas Senator states in part, "American market be preserved for the American farmer. . . the program should be switched to the domestic allotment plan. . . insure farmers cost of production plus a reasonable profit for that part of their production required for consumption in the United States. . .

I say to you quite frankly, my friends, that if a workable program along this line is presented in the coming session of Congress, I shall support it."

In addition to the above, I wish to add from the Riley Co. "Key" booklet, the words upon its cover page, "The key to recovery is consumption. The key to consumption is money."

If the present private control of money holds the destiny of that big 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 fertilizer.

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 2 1/2 billion dollars have been "ploughed back" into developing better service and more efficient operations. This is over and above the more than 9 1/2 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 as this:

Treat the railroads as a business. Give them reasonable freedom to "price" their only product—transportation 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.

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

our Senators to look into that part of the farm program. In 1937 the farmers suffered a contraction of currency and credit to the mellow tune of \$3,000,000, largely from the hands of one, Marriner S. Eells which was kept 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 a difference of \$6,000,000,000 in the amount of present medium of exchange?

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

Vivitor E. Hawkins,
Randolph, Kansas.

Neighborhood Notes

In Clay County
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; Enory A. Blackwood, John Slingsby, executive committee; Alfred Wohlf, 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 Pleasant 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 Senator Capper, made short talks giving their impressions of the state convention held recently in Salina.

The following resolutions were passed:

We Resolve:

Whereas the Kansas hindweed 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 products would bankrupt him, and since the increased production which it is claimed would result from the eradication of hindweed, is not now needed and would tend to further depress prices.

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 hindweed law.

We are unalterably opposed to any legislation which will deny the osteopathic or chiropractic doctors 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 bring back a permanent and lasting prosperity, we must all work for the following legislation:

First, A fair and just cost of production 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 sized farms;

Third, A graduated production tax exempting the family sized farm;

Fourth, We are opposed to the present A. A. 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 handled 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. Goeckler,
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 Committee; Lewis Geist and Clint Urban for Program Committee.

After two numbers by the Pleasant View orchestra the meeting was given over to the state Vice President, Norman Flora and the state President John Fengel. County President Beckman and others from Clay County 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 enthusiasm.

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, doorkeeper and Miss Elsie Clausen, county junior leader.

Executive Committee is J. Henry

Meyer, Farlington; C. H. Dunn, Brantelton; and Leonard Vance, Walnut. Lawrence Clausen, County Secretary.

In Douglas County

George Butts was elected president at the meeting in Baldwin, Dec. 21. Other officers are C. E. Story, vice president; and Cecil Vining, secretary-treasurer. An oyster supper was served to 100 guests. The next meeting will be held January 11.

In Ellis County

Officers of Hays Local No. 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. 608

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. 608 extend to Brother Lang and all relatives our heartfelt sympathy.

Committee:
Ed Niernberger
Wenzel Neuburger
Fred King

In McPherson County

Officers of Hays Local No. 864 for 1939 dues for 14 members. Also referendum ballot.

Every meeting gets better. We meet 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 Carstensen, president; Thomas Darrah, secretary; U. H. Myers, secretary-treasurer; Steve Myers, conductor.

U. H. Myers, Sec'y.

Seventy-five shareholders of the Groveland Co-operative Association

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 \$125.37 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. 752 held its regular 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 motion it was decided that our president get in touch with our county officers 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 ladies.

Next meeting: January 20.

E. R. Dettmer, Sec.

In Mitchell County

Miss Anna 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 Co-operative Association on Thanksgiving day.

The Mitchell County Farmers Union quarterly meeting was held at Beloit, December 21. A large crowd attended this meeting which was opened with a pot luck dinner at noon.

A dinner and short program was presented, consisting of several numbers by two girls from the Industrial School and their teacher; also an oral reading and some music by John Smith and Victor Glover.

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

A number of farmers attended a meeting called at Topeka by Senator Capper for the purpose of getting the A. A. farm program off 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 left alone.

Now there is a movement to amend 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 family sized and family operated farm, and that the farm should be farmer controlled. We believe that this is imperative if this country is to maintain its Agriculture on equality with industry and maintain the American standard of living.

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 government 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.

4. Resolved that we wish to thank all those who took part in the program and the members of the committees to make this meeting a success.

5. Resolved that we wish to thank our officers for their efforts the past year.

Signed: W. R. Carpenter, C. L. Hendricks, C. E. Bellas, Fred Boehrer, J. L. Schulte.

W. R. Carpenter, Arnold Schilling and Roy Porter were appointed on the auditing committee. The election resulted as follows:

Cecil Boehrer, president, Glen Elder; Ernest Desher, secretary-treasurer, Beloit; Chas. Latham, conductor, Beloit; Roy Porter, doorkeeper, Glen Elder.

Frank Hauptli was elected crop reporter and delegate to the Kansas State Board of Agriculture convention held at Topeka. The next quarterly meeting will be held the third Wednesday in March at Glen Elder.

Mrs. Louis Neff,
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. 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 792 held their business meeting in the afternoon.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Chas. Pywell. Several interesting articles were read and discussed from the Farmers Union paper. A motion was made and carried that the old officers should retain their present offices for the coming year. Fifteen members paid their dues, and joined the Farmer's Union for the coming year. The young people are to get up a program in the near future.

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

M. E. Thomas, Co. Sec.

In Rush County

Liebhenthal Local No. 648 had its regular meeting and election of officers on Thursday, Dec. 15. All of the old officers were re-elected. It was decided to have another social meeting in January. We had a social meeting in November, and though the results are not so very much, they are noticeable.

It seems that the Kansas farmer will not be interested in anything that's good for him unless he's forced to take interest. One of the earliest ways to do that is to get Mrs. Farmer also interested. If we could get all the farmers' wives interested in the Farmers Union they would be the menfolk 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, in their local, would take interest in their local, would take state meetings. And see to it that your neighbor joins.

Reporter.

In Stafford County

Resolutions of Sympathy for the Heavenly Father in his infinite wisdom has removed from our midst Brother Charles Thompson, Be it resolved that North Star Local No. 1979 extend Mrs. Thompson and two sons, George and Joy our deepest sympathy.

In submission to the will of the Heavenly Father in removing from our midst Brother Charles Thompson, Be it resolved that North Star Local No. 1979 extend to Mrs. Fortner and other relatives, our sincerest sympathy.

Della Powelson,
Anna Vice,
Evelyn McCune,
Committee.

Wabauwasee County

Irtus L. Ward was re-elected president of the county Farmers Union at the monthly meeting at Lamreux schoolhouse, December 15. Chas. Kirkpatrick was chosen vice president; Bruce Winchester, secretary; Glenn Reed, crop reporter; and Mrs. Walter Goodman, news reporter. Members of the executive committee will be appointed by the president.

Ray Henry, assisted by F. M. Riggs and Donald Minnie, 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 ticket 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 served.

In Wabauwasee County

Just to let you know that Wabauwasee 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 Electrification was taken up 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 delegate to the meeting of the state Board of Agriculture. The following officers were elected for the coming year:

Arthur Allen, president; Paul Geisler, vice president; Harold Hoobler, secretary-treasurer; Harold Hoobler, doorkeeper; and James Petty, conductor.

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

The first meeting in 1939 will be held with Turkey Creek Local.

The meeting adjourned, hoping for a 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 our 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.

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Let's not put off until tomorrow What we can do today.

Let's all join up with the F. E. C. U. And do our best all-ways.

—By a Juvenile, Johnstown Local McPherson County.

President Roosevelt recently approved the report of the Filipino-American committee which decided after 19 months' study that full and final independence should be granted the Philippines on July 4, 1946, but that mutually beneficial economic arrangements should be continued for 15 years thereafter.

Junior and Juvenile Department

Juniors from 16 to 21

Juveniles from 6 to 16

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 the uncrowned 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 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 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 part of farm young folk in Kansas. That realization tells 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 forward or we go backward. We must go forward!

The Farmers Union is an organization among men, through which we can work for greater economic equality of government, and through which we can build for peace. That is a big order, but—"From little acorns mighty oak trees grow."

May the New Year make us better and wiser cooperators, and bring health, peace, and happiness to all.

Welcome County Leaders

We welcome two new county leaders to our fold; perhaps I should say that they were already with us, but have been given added responsibilities. Mrs. Charles Olson of McPherson who is leader of a very peppy Junior class had been appointed McPherson county leader, and she is already busy making plans for introducing Junior work in other Locals of McPherson 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, 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 program.

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 a variety of things to do and see, side of Council meetings, we found such 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 men as clean as the Northwest have a right to be proud of their Exchange, 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.

A White Elephant Sale

The Juniors of the Johnstown Local, McPherson county, had a White Elephant sale and oyster supper the evening of November 28. The Juniors sponsored the evenings entertainment for the purpose of enlarging their camp fund and so that they could pay their share on a light plant purchased for the schoolhouse. The evening was one of gaiety and fun with Mr. John Fengel, state president, and Floyd Leity of Marion county as visitors.

The Johnstown Juniors had a surprise party for their leader, Mrs. Harriet Eaton at the R. W. Peterson home, December 9. To show their appreciation to their leader, the Juniors presented Mrs. Eaton with a lovely locket.

AT YOUR SERVICE
Farmers Union Cooperative Education Service
Gladys Tabott Edwards
Director
"Education—A debt due from the present to future generations."

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 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 conventions.

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 the 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 lurch about and over 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 overwhelmed 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 list of things which must be presented to the board by the director. The annual report of the Education Service had to be made up, the Junior Page of the Herald had to be written, the Junior Page of the National Union Farmer prepared, this column prepared, plans made for the Juniors who will attend the St. Paul convention, letters answered and orders 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 from the North Dakota Farmers Union, and in office parlance, "chased the train out of the yards each evening," which is another way of saying that we have worked until train time on material that had to be mailed on that train, and then dashed to the depot to get it into the mail car.

That Annual Report

Making up an annual report is a great deal of work. It is also very interesting. It is at this time that we have a chance to see how much we have accomplished during the year. Here are a few figures from the report:

SALES: Over \$2,200. This means educational material in orders from ten cents to ten dollars, with a few orders of more than \$50. Imagine how many packages must be mailed, how many orders handled in order to make this sales record.

FREE MATERIAL: About \$1,000 worth of free material has been sent out to the states of Wisconsin, Montana and North Dakota. Junior Departments 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 writing articles and theses on the cooperative movement.

INVENTORY: We have in our stock room, inventory amounting to about \$1,500, so we are still well supplied with educational material. We have published a dozen pamphlets and leaflets, prepared the sub-topics of reference material, edited the Junior Pages and columns and handled thousands of letters and packages. The complete report will be published in the Herald. This is



8990. Ideal For The Growing Girl. Designed for sizes: 4, 6, 8, 10, 12 and 14 years. Size 12 requires 2 yards of 35 inch material and 6 yards of braid for trimming. If ribbon is used for sash, 2 1/2 yards are required. Price 15c.

8383. Frock With Lengthening Lines. Designed for sizes: 36, 38, 40, 42, 44, 46, 48, 50 and 52. Size 38 requires 5 1/8 yards of 35 or 39 inch material for long sleeves. With short sleeves, 4 1/4 yards, together with 1 yard contrasting. Price 15c.

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 unit, 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 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 Fagle, Ramsey County Board member, who suggests that the Reserves be given a batch of baby chicks, under a marketing agreement from the Poultry plant, with a study project sent out by the State Union upon care, feeding, marketing, etc., with the cooperative idea made plain throughout the course.

Juniors To St. Paul

The Juniors from the five states of Montana, North and South Dakota, Minnesota and Wisconsin who are guests of the St. Paul Farmers Union convention program in four minute speeches upon the following topics: "The Farmers' Cooperatives," "History of the Farmers Union Livestock Company," "Cooperative Marketing," "The Farm Organization," "The Value of Cash Trading in Building Financial Reserves" and "Cooperative Purchase of Farm Supplies."

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