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Kansas Union Folks Want Junior Program

Nearly Fifty Counties Represented in Five District Meetings Held Last Week in Various Parts of the State to Launch Program

INTEREST IS RENEWED

Junior Program Put Union in North Dakota on Firm Basis, Says C. C. Talbott and Mrs. Edwards; Work to Start Soon in Kansas

Nearly fifty Kansas counties were represented at the series of five district Farmers Union meetings held last week at Ottawa, Blue Rapids, Quinter, Stafford and McPherson, and the unanimous expression was to the effect that all communities are ready and anxious to begin on a real Junior Farmers Union program.

Each meeting was addressed by Mrs. Gladys Talbott Edwards, Junior leader of North Dakota and member of the National Farmers Union board having to do with Junior work; and by her father, C. C. Talbott, president of the North Dakota Farmers Union. Cal Ward, president of the Kansas Union, also addressed each meeting. A. M. Kinney, vice president of the Kansas Farmers Union, and Floyd Lynn, state secretary, spoke at some of the meetings.

Fred C. Gerstenberger, of Blue Mound, director on the Kansas Farmers Union state board, was present at the Ottawa meeting. Ross Palenske, another board member, was unable to attend the Blue Rapids meeting as he had planned, because of an accident which confined him to his home. Henry Jamison, also a director, attended the Quinter meeting. Bert Winchester of Stafford director, had charge of the Stafford meeting, and, together with his family, attended the meeting Friday at McPherson. John Fengel of Lincolnville, director, also attended the McPherson meeting. Pauline Cover of the state office at Salina was at the McPherson meeting. Mrs. A. T. Riley, the "Aunt Patience" of the Junior department, attended several of the meetings. Mrs. Ward attended all meetings.

As a result of the series of meetings, and as a result of the unanimous opinion among the membership to the effect that Kansas must have a real Junior program to supplement the juvenile Farmers Union program already in effect in this state, plans are rapidly taking form looking to the establishment of a definite program which will provide for a Junior Farmers Union leader and department.

As soon as the proposed program is developed far enough, announcements will be made as to the personnel involved. Plans will then be ready to take its place in this great forward movement which centers around the word "Education," which forms part of the name, The Farmers Educational and Cooperative Union of America, Kansas Division.

Mrs. Edwards Tells Plans
Mrs. Edwards in her various talks, graphically pictured the economic condition of this great republic, pointing out the need for a thorough awakening to the task which the Farmers Union must perform if the farmers as a class are to be free from the bondage which oppresses them. She pointed out the real causes of our great wars, and proved her point that most wars are started by the vested classes, that real patriotism and "the flag" are not the real underlying ideas in struggles between nations, but that the thirst for more power and riches by those who are financially involved is the real cause.

The North Dakota Junior leader also took up the subject of the "machine age" and explained the conditions which have arisen because in numberless cases they are now being replaced by one machine. This creates an economic and social problem which calls for drastic adjustment, she declared, and the rights of the farmers must not be neglected in this readjustment.

A number of other pertinent subjects involving problems which confront agriculture, and which accentuate the tragic need for more complete organization of the ranks of farmers, were discussed by Mrs. Edwards. She then brought out the fact that the organized and established Junior program or course of study and practice takes up all these subjects in a way which develops the education of the young folks on the farms.

"Thus," she said, "we are able to educate our young people into the Farmers Union, rather than allowing them to drift entirely away from the Union and all it stands for, and then having to go out and organizing only a small part of them into the Union."

The course of study, together with the activities in which the young folks engage, keep them interested in their own class problems. They do not belong to a separate organization, Mrs. Edwards said, but they take part in the regular meetings just as do the older folks. She cautioned the Kansas members against setting the Junior department up in such a way that the Juniors would feel themselves in a separate organization by themselves.

Mr. Talbott, in his inspiring messages, told of the progress that has been made in the Farmers Union, and told of the fight that is being carried on. He told of how the fight has been carried to Washington for justice and equity, and how the farmers must be more solidly organized if they are to protect their interests. North Dakota has a large number of cooperatives organized under the Farmers Union, and each cooperative contributes a definite amount to the state educational organization. This has added much to the effective fighting strength of the cooperatives, he said. "We must have legislation to protect our cooperatives, and the state educational organization is necessary to gain and keep that protection," said Mr. Talbott.

Mr. Talbott also had much to say about the development of the Junior program in North Dakota. "We know it is of prime importance," he said. "Developing the Junior program to the point where the youngsters show the same interest as do the older folks, and understand what is necessary in order to keep agriculture in its proper place, has been responsible for our success as a state Farmers Union organization."

"There was a time when we had a large proportion of all the farmers in the state in the organization. We were proud of ourselves. We had organized on a halibut basis. Then, when it came time to pay dues again, most of the farmers forgot to pay. We went down to almost nothing. Then we went out again, got them all pepped up, and they came back in. But, as before, they did not stick."

"We knew something was wrong. Then my daughter, Mrs. Edwards who is here with me now, asked to start the Junior program. She started it. We have made wonderful progress. The membership we have now, and it is growing, is with us to stay. The members' young folks are interested. The whole family now knows why we have to have the Farmers Union."

Mr. Talbott and Mrs. Edwards left Saturday for their homes in North Dakota. Their visit to Kansas, it is believed, will start a movement which will give Kansas just what it needs in the way of an enlightening interest in the Farmers Union work and affairs.

Nebraska, Oklahoma, Colorado Unions to Hold January Meetings
Kansas to Be Represented at Each Convention, to Return Calls Made by Representatives of the Neighboring States at Ellis Convention

EXPECT LARGE MEETINGS
Kansas' neighboring states of Nebraska, Oklahoma and Colorado are preparing to hold their annual state Farmers Union conventions during January. Official calls appear in the recent issues of their respective papers.

Kansas Farmers Union annual meeting will be held in the City Auditorium in Omaha, beginning January 9, Wednesday. Convention headquarters will be in the Castle Hotel. H. C. Keeney is the president, and the coming meeting will be the twenty-second annual convention.

The convention of the Oklahoma Farmers Union is called by President Tom Cheek to meet in Oklahoma City beginning January 15, which is on Tuesday. The convention continues until all matters of business are disposed of. The meeting is called as the eighteenth annual meeting.

Frank Safranek, president of the Colorado Farmers Union, is calling the twentieth annual convention of that Union in Denver on the same date of the Oklahoma convention, January 15.

That will mean a happier year for all of us, and for our neighbors and friends.

JOBING ASSN. IS HANDLING A WIDE VARIETY OF COALS

Has Connections in Various States and Mining Centers which Make it Possible to Supply any Kind of Demand Cooperatively

BEST TO ORDER EARLY

Jobbing Association Handling a Good Coal Business This Year, Built on Satisfaction with Prompt Business Done in the Past

The Farmers Union Jobbing Association reports a large increase in the number of cars of coal which they have handled during the 1934 season, as compared with former years. This is primarily due, of course, to the fact that cold weather was experienced earlier in the season, but a good percentage of the increased volume was brought about by connections which the association has made with new mines. Of course, the biggest tonnage handled by the association is from the southern Kansas fields, and they are in a position to furnish good coal from that region. The association is now shipping coal from the Imperial deep shaft mine, and Jayhawk coal, which is handled through the Mackle Connections in "Nation's" mine. They are also handling Sunflower washed coal, or Commercial Fuel Company, washed coal, says the current issue of The Co-Operator, Kansas City.

Quite a number of dealers are using three-inch by eight-inch grate size, which they have found to be a real seller. In this connection we might say that the Jobbing Association can also furnish a two-inch by two-inch fancy nut coal at fifteen cents per ton over standard prices.

One of the most satisfactory connections which the Jobbing Association made this year was with the Oliver Coal Company at Paonia, Colorado. The brand name of this coal is "Red Glow." Many users have formed the opinion that this brand is absolutely the best they have ever handled. Other Colorado connections are in Routte County, Colorado, mining a coal known as Keystone, Bear River, and Gordon. Connections in Montana are at Henryetta, Broken Arrow, Magic City and Poteau. The coal coming from Poteau is semi-anthracite; Henryetta deep shaft; Broken Arrow and Magic City shovel coal. Connections in Arkansas are at Paris. Coal from this mine is semi-anthracite, and can be furnished in both Grade A and Grade B lump and furnace sizes. The Jobbing Association also handles Standard Briquettes in carload lots.

Mention is made of all of these connections so that you may realize the fact that the Jobbing Association can furnish you with practically any kind of coal that you may desire. It will be to your advantage to purchase your coal from the "own business" rather than to depend upon the best product available at competitive prices—in fact if you are in need of coal you need not go further for satisfactory results.

At the present time there is an apparent shortage of railroad coal equipment, and for that reason it is advisable for dealers to contemplate their needs a few days in advance, and to place their orders at least five days ahead of the date they desire the coal to be shipped. However, the Jobbing Association reports that they have experienced no difficulty in making shipments without delay.

Quotations on the various kinds of coal mentioned above will be furnished you promptly by the Farmers Union Jobbing Association. Address your correspondence to their office in the Board of Trade Building, Kansas City, Missouri.

NEW HEADQUARTERS

The state office headquarters of the Kansas Farmers Union has just completed a move into different rooms, just across the hall from the old location in the Farmers Union Insurance Co. building in Salina.

Instead of 208, the room number is now 215. The rooms now occupied are the ones recently vacated by the Farmers Union Royalty Co. Mr. G. E. Creitz, manager of the Royalty Company, now has his office in the front of the building. The former location of the state office occupied three rooms. Four rooms are being used now.

The present location of the headquarters offices were occupied by the state office several years ago, before 1928.

Members are invited to come in and see the headquarters office and to make us a visit.

G. E. Creitz, Manager, and A. D. Rice, President, RePort to Farmers Union Convention at Ellis, on Progress of Company

GET RENTAL MONEY

Report Published Here is Continuation of Full Report of Proceedings of Twenty-Ninth Annual State Convention at Ellis

The Farmers Union Royalty Company, in its report to the state convention of the Kansas Farmers Union at Ellis, was represented by its president, A. D. Rice of Delphos, and G. E. Creitz, manager, of Salina. Following is the recorded report as given:

Mr. Rice said, in opening their part of the program, in part: "It is a pleasure to stand up here and represent our organization and bring you a report. We have not been so active lately. We put down a well in McPherson, which proved to be water instead of oil. At the present time we are engaged in options in a major company and we expect to have developments within the next 10 or 12 months."

"I have been with the Farmers Union 21 years. My first convention was at Hays a number of years ago. I think there have been only four or five conventions that I have not attended. I have tried to be a cooperator and put forward the program of the Farmers Union."

"We are going to have Mr. Creitz, who is state manager, give you the history of our activities. He is on the job all of the time."

Mr. Creitz: "Matters that have been of interest only to members of the Royalty Company have already been taken up in a session earlier in the afternoon. For that reason we will not discuss any matters that would be of interest to members only."

"As you are aware, this Royalty Company is like you find it in some families. One child differs entirely from any of the others. Well, we are that child. We do not solicit business. Only Farmers Union members are eligible to membership in the Royalty Company. Many Farmers Union members are not eligible to membership in the Royalty Company. That is true of any member who does not own land, and who has not bought a mineral right in the pool. That cuts out a percentage of the membership of the Farmers Union."

COLORADO LOOKS TO KANSAS FOR AN INSPIRATION

Frank Safranek, in Address at Kansas Convention, Told How Kansas Union, Under Leadership of Ward Had Helped Them

SAYS AAA GOOD STEP

Tells Kansans That Farmers Have Received All That Could Be Expected Without Greater Membership Strength in Union

In view of the approaching state convention of the Colorado Farmers Union, which will begin January 15, it is appropriate to publish here, in part, the remarks of Frank Safranek, president of the Colorado Union, which he made at the Kansas Farmers Union convention in Ellis on the evening of November 1. Following is the principal part of Mr. Safranek's address:

It is a pleasure to be with you today and tonight. Along with the pleasure, it is an inspiration. I am going to first carry out a mandate made to me. You know I come from the shadow of the Rockies.

We have suffered a drought for 3 years and the fourth, or last year, was the worst of all; yet the Farmers Union of Colorado kept its membership about the same. We have lost a little, but we are approximately just as strong as ever. It has been an awful struggle for us.

We have received benefits, and some of them we owe to you. Particularly the AAA wheat insurance in the allotment plan. Under the original plan we were not going to get very much because we had not had a crop for 3 years. We did not know what to do. We knew your state president and we had heard that through his diplomatic ability and sound judgment he was the one man to approach and who could approach the Department of Agriculture. We called to him and he did not fail us. Your State President, Cal Ward, has been instrumental in getting for the wheat farmers of Colorado at least one million dollars more than they would ever have received had it not been for him. It is that message of appreciation that I bring to you at this time. I want you to know that we think you are a wonderful Farmers Union organization and you have a wonderful president who has heard our plea and helped us when we needed help. To you I extend that thanks.

"We look with interest for your state paper and the message that appears on its pages. To sum up, let me say to you, we are more or less like you Kansans. While Kansas is not my native state, I was born in Nebraska. I attended college in Kansas. Let me say, we look towards Kansas as a leader. Now, friends, do not fail us. See that you are leaders. It is of that leadership I am going to talk to you tonight. I hope some of my remarks may be of benefit to you and me in forming a better understanding and appreciation of cooperation."

"I have heard talks in favor of the AAA and against it. You have heard the Secretary of Agriculture lauded and his program ridiculed perhaps in this convention, and perhaps throughout the year. I know we have not got much out of this agricultural program, but whose fault is it? 10 per cent of the farmers of the United States are about all that are organized. About all the benefits we get, the organized farmers take credit for. If we have any benefits, in spite of the fact that we have received some benefits, we recognize the bad points. Bread went up from 5c to 8c and 10c when it should have been increased only one-half cent a loaf. The reason it happened was lack of ability to protest, and lack of understanding and education and proper organization that they have. Don't you think

Government Buying More Drouth Cattle From Kansas Areas

Additional \$435,300 Recently Allocated to Kansas for That Purpose; Goes Mostly to 50 Western Counties

AROUND 30,000 HEAD

An additional \$435,300 recently was allocated for the purchase of cattle from the most severely affected drouth areas, according to recent information reaching the office of the Kansas Farmers Union. As a result, some 30,000 cattle are moving, or have moved, to the federal state processing plants.

The drouth cattle are being taken from 50 western counties, in accordance with instructions from Harry Petrie, Denver, chief of the cattle section of the AAA.

It is estimated that the added purchases, which are due to be made before the first of the year, the total of drouth cattle purchased in Kansas will be more than 525,000. Based on recent surveys, that will leave around 175,000 head of cattle in drouth areas undisposed of.

so? We are getting exactly as much as we pay for.

We are only 1-10 of the membership of this agricultural nation of ours, yet we have accomplished much. Is it not remarkable? Did you ever stop to figure what we would do if half the farmers belonged to some organization and we were willing to pay some semblance of dues to have our rights protected? The trouble with us farmers is this. We are too prone to little jealousies. We are inclined to think in our little way, to think we have become great leaders.

It is not so much a question of who is your president, or secretary or other officers. It is very important as to what he is and what every one of you is going to take home with you when this convention is over, and you are going to put that in practice to build a greater and stronger Union in the State of Kansas.

Your state officers are unable to organize you if you do not develop that membership in your particular locality and build a better and stronger Union.

Many things in the AAA are not as they should be. It is a step forward. Each farm organization "as wanted different things. One group wanted something. Another wanted something else. They would say, "What do you want?" and then listen to lobbyists of organized industries.

Do you realize you have a duty to perform? Take your message to the state officials and shape this state's program and destinies. When that program is shaped, take the message back to your respective locals. If you shrink that duty, you are guilty of a violation. Every delegate should go back home and with an avowed resolution that you will be responsible for at least 20 or 25 new members in Kansas before this body meets again. Election of officers is not the most important thing.

I said a great deal about your president and I meant it. Idle words bring you nothing. Your actions as you set out to build a powerful organization tells whether you are going to win or lose.

It is a very easy thing to criticize this or that. You hear, "Oh, what is the use?" Let me give this thought. I cannot say this is right or wrong, but are we going to set on a tack and let it stick us, because we won't move off it? Are we going to hit the line and make it a bigger and better Union? Develop the leadership. Make it a bigger and better Union? Develop the leadership. Make it a bigger and better organization. There should be a great deal accomplished in your state and my state and all the other states.

The National Board of the Farmers Union should be in session continuously facing and working and changing conditions economically. We should have sufficient membership so they could stay in session and give them a wage sufficient.

We have the tax problem to face and it is a serious one. You can talk all about relief, but some day we will have to pay for it. We get wealth out of only three things, the lands, forest and sea. In this program, we have taken all we could get, and we must organize ourselves.

Those of you who get a wheat allotment, got that much more than those who didn't cooperate. You folks who have fire insurance, do you know you get your policy for less. So much can be said, and so much is yet to be done. So much to avoid. We must keep this organization independent and strictly a class farm organization. We must entrust its membership to sincere and honorable men and we must always place the opinion of the whole Union on a check-off plan or system, subordinate to the parent organization. Every cooperative that ceases to affiliate itself and show preference to Farmers Union members and

COOPERATION HAS IMPORTANT PLACE IN FARM MARKETS

Article Points Out Fact that Good Times for Country Depend on Farm Prosperity, which Depends on Cooperative Effort

PROGRESS IS MADE

Farmer Organization Going Forward in Spite of Constant Warfare Being Waged by Enemies of the Cooperative Idea

As 1934 draws to a close the people making up the agricultural industry realize more and more the necessity of cooperative organizations in their ranks. During the past year we have seen many plans put into operation by the department of agriculture, and in practically every instance the work was built up around existing cooperatives. Most of these programs had to do with the curtailment of production, in order that prices to be paid for live stock and other farm commodities would be stimulated by the fact that production was no greater than demand, says an article in the current issues of the Co-Operator, an organ devoted to the affairs of the Farmers Union Live Stock Commission Co., and the Farmers Union Jobbing Association, Kansas City. The article continues:

In 1932 when corn reached a low level of fifteen cents per bushel, the Government stepped in and locked up many thousands of bushels of corn to prevent the market being flooded with a surplus of this product, thereby giving prices a chance to increase. This action on the part of the Government has proven to be a wise move, as the corn crop in localities was entirely destroyed by the drouth this year. We believe this also brings out the fact that over a period of years a surplus does not exist in non-perishable products.

The basic plan of the department of agriculture has been controlled marketing, and in order to bring this about it became necessary to control production. For years cooperative organizations have been advancing systematic marketing, and through these organizations the farmers of this country can control the marketing of their products without any great assistance or instructions on the part of the Government.

There are in the United States a number of nation-wide farm cooperative organizations. The membership of these groups represent a good percentage of these engaged in some branch of the agricultural industry. The activities of the major cooperatives are carried into every nook and corner of this great country, and are so diversified that any farmer, dairy farmer, or live stock producer, can join in the movement. These cooperatives do not demand a sacrifice on the part of their members—they do not ask for an unreasonable expenditure of time or any great outlay of capital. All that they ask of their members is their support, through which they can become a great aid to all agriculture. There are no binding contracts forced upon the members which might make their activities become distasteful to them. Rather they depend upon the desire of the American farmer to put himself in a position to cope with organized industry; the desire to be represented in the business world of the United States. An outstanding example of match wits with the heads of organized business, but who at the same time, do not lose sight of the fact that they represent the rank and file of the American farmer.

Special mention should be made here of the trusted officer or employee of the cooperative who turns traitor and sells out so that he may derive personal benefit. This type of individual is in the minority, but he is the worst enemy of organized farm groups.

In spite of the continuous warfare waged by enemies of farm cooperative organizations, progress is being made, and it must continue if the future of the farming industry is to be sound, and a living guaranteed the six million families in the United States. An outstanding example of what can be accomplished through cooperation among farmers, is evident on practically every live stock market in the country. Existing there are cooperative sales agencies which not only operate at a saving to their customers, but because of the prestige gained by a large volume of business, are able to retain salesmen who are thoroughly trained and capable of handling their customers' assignments to the best advantage at all times. These cooperative sales agencies in practically every instance are sound, and the services rendered by them enter into many branches of the live stock industry. The main argument in favor of their existence is the fact that they not only save their customers millions of dollars annually, but also that their daily volume is so great that it creates active competition among buyers.

If we are to experience good times in this country again, our farmers must realize a profit on their operations which will permit them to purchase the many necessary articles they have been unable to buy during the depression. The leaders of this country do not seem to realize this

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MAKE 1935 A GOOD YEAR FOR FARMERS UNION

Again we stand ready to enter into a new year—1935. Before this paper goes to press again, we will all have yanked the last sheet of the calendar off for the year of 1934, and there, before us, will be a new sheet on a new calendar.

This always reminds us of our challenge as a citizen. It reminds us that we have a new year of fifty-two weeks, for which we must give an accounting a year later. The accounting may be given only to ourselves, but we must account in some way for the manner in which we have lived during the twelve months.

What are we going to do with 1935? What are we going to do with ourselves during the next twelve months?

This is the one particular time in the year when we are prone to make resolutions. A New Year resolution may be made in one second. We have twelve months in which to live up to that resolution.

As we write these lines, and as you read them, let us make a resolution to be better Farmers Union members in 1935 than we were in 1934. Then let us spend a whole year putting this resolution into effect. If we resolve to live up to our opportunities as Farmers Union members, and to our duties toward our own class and class organization, then we will have a full program ahead of us.

Living up to our opportunities means gaining more strength for our own class organization, with more of our liberties and personal right preserved, or regained. It means forward progress for farmers.

Living up to our duties means attending Local meetings, patronizing our own cooperative Farmers Union activities, preaching the Farmers Union gospel to our neighbors. In fact, it means doing just what we should want to do, for certainly we should want our own class organization to make the progress it should.

Take a look at your new calendar—and make plans for a good Farmers Union year during 1935.

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

CAL A. WARD

President Kansas Farmers Union

LOOKING TOWARD 1935

The year 1934 is almost at a close. The total gross income to the farmers of the agricultural states for this year has exceeded, to a very considerable extent, that of 1933. It is, however, far below what the farmers are entitled to and if we can't make greater gains the majority of the farmers will sooner or later be insolvent.

The devastating drought of the past year has will continue to work

through the greater part of 1933 very severe hardships to our people. We, as an organization, must do everything humanly possible to help out in this particular. Some parts of the state are much better off than others in the way of feed for live stock. There was scarcely any corn raised at all, but in eastern and south central Kansas wheat pastures have afforded abundant pasture for live stock, so far; and the farmers pretty generally have enough roughage to carry their stock through the most of the winter, provided there is not too much stormy and bad weather.

In great sections of western and north central Kansas there was no wheat pasture. In fact, wheat, if sown in many instances has sprouted and died. Perhaps more than fifty per cent of the cattle in these sections have been moved out of the country, and this brings us face to face with a bad situation.

Our farmers are going to be faced with the task of buying more feed and grain before the winter is over. Feed is extremely high and the price of stock is cheap, and in addition to this it is next to impossible for farmers to secure finance from the government or local lending agencies to meet this situation.

Public Interests at Stake
We, as officials of the Farmers Union will cooperate with other groups in an effort to get the Government to liberalize their policies. It occurs to me that the public interests are at stake and that if our farmers are compelled to sell the rest of their stock, then these sections of the state will be faced with a bad reaction.

The Government has poured literally millions of dollars into big business and utility concerns which they never hope to get back. Certainly there could be no greater service to the people as a whole than for the Government to come to the rescue of these drought-stricken farmers at this time. When people get beyond the point where they can help themselves then, in my judgment, it is a responsibility of the government to help out in a substantial way.

Look for Better Prices
I believe that prices for all types of live stock, after a few months, will be materially higher than they are now. Therefore, I suggest that farmers think twice before they part with their stock. If you will let us know of the condition in your community, we pledge to do all we can to help out.

Letter from Lemke
I have a rather interesting letter from Congressman Lemke, and he congratulates the Kansas Farmers Union for sending him the first substantial contribution to assist in testing the constitutionality of the Frazier-Lemke Bankruptcy Law. It will probably be tested out in the United States Supreme Court during the month of January or February. It

is now the law and we suggest to our distressed farmers that its provisions should be taken advantage of. In the long pull creditors will be better off if they cooperate with our distressed farmers in working out their financial difficulties.

Congressman Lemke writes me, and press reports bring the news that the Frazier-Lemke Refinancing Bill will be thrown in the hopper in the early days of the oncoming Congress. We want and shall expect every Congressman and the two United States Senators to support this bill. They will come a lot nearer doing it if they have a favorable expression from thousands of our members. I suggest you immediately contact your representatives and I shall appreciate hearing from you at the same time. It will help me materially when I go to Washington and work for this and other measures to help our farmers.

Help at Washington

We are informed that the four states, namely Montana, North Dakota, Minnesota and Wisconsin will have at least ten of their Farmers Union leaders in Washington during the coming session to work for the farmers interests. The membership of these states, through their cooperatives, will underwrite the expense of keeping them there. If all the other states will do likewise in cooperation with the National Farmers Union, we are bound to make gains along the lines of our program.

Many counties and locals have already arranged for extensive membership drives during January. I beg and plead for every one who reads these notes to call this to the attention of your people and immediately bring up our membership for 1935 in order that we may effectively fight for your best interests.

KANSAS OPPOSITION TO THE SALES TAX

In their unsparing condemnation of the general sales tax the Kansas farm organizations represent popular opinion in the state. They look upon it as no more than an attempt by the strong to mulct the weak. In Kansas there is little that can be said for the general sales tax. Its only excuse is as a measure to relieve the burden upon property, and in this state it could not relieve it to any material extent. The property tax is too great and the capabilities of the sales tax, if it is not to be an intolerable load upon the masses of people of small means, too slight to justify the large claims made for it by those who desire to shift their taxes.

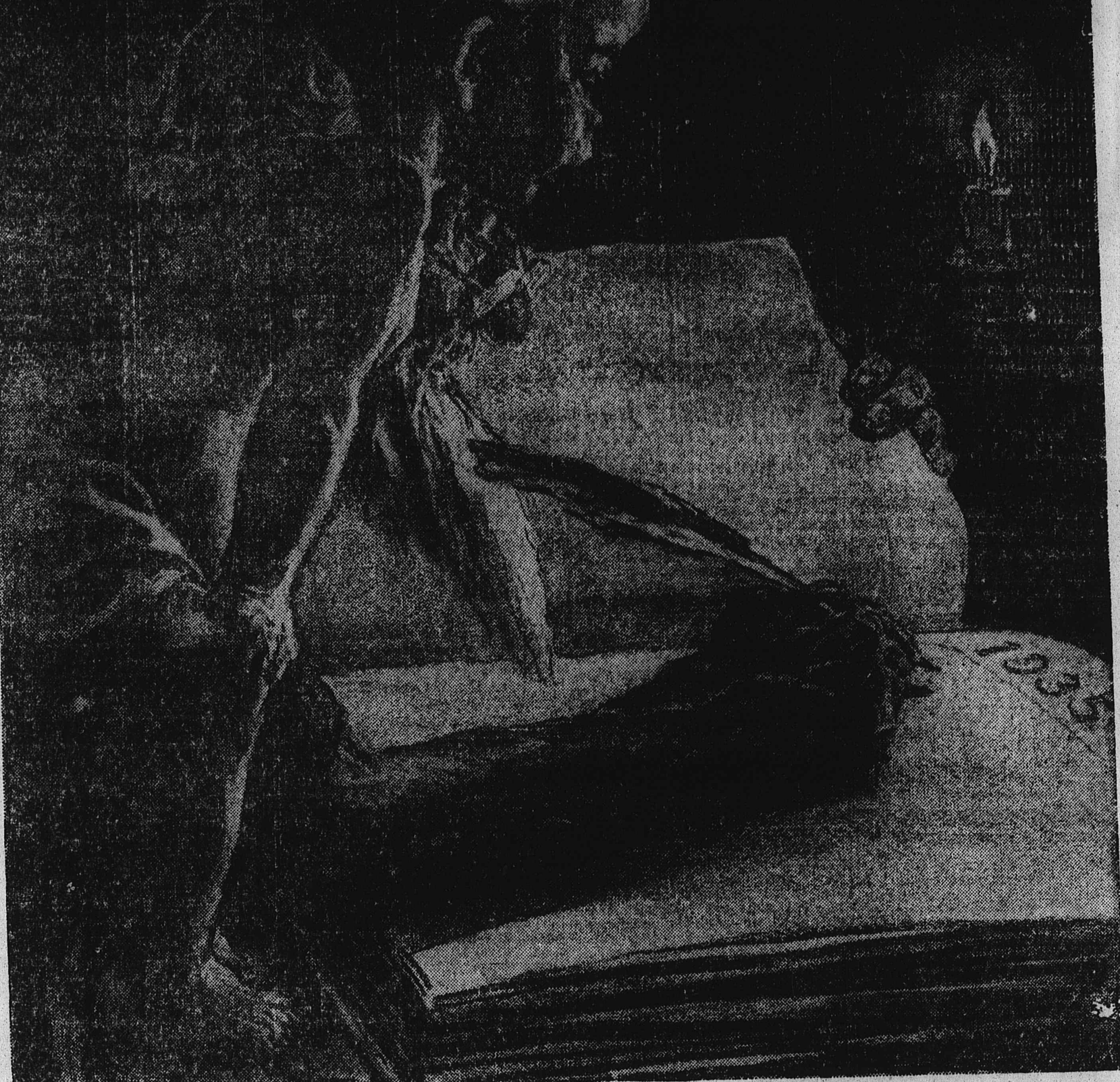
There is an evident inconsistency in the plea for sales taxes by persons who insist that taxes, after all, are passed on to ultimate consumers, as merely a plan to insure the participation of small people in paying cost of government. In all sales taxes farmers are exempt on their own products, yet farmers are not under any illusions about the sales tax. Neither are workers deceived by appeals that they are to be ready to pay "a dollar or two" to support of the government. If it were but a dollar or two it would not be worth the candle, nor would its champions be so ardently for it.

Yet there are necessary exemptions in sales taxes. In Ohio, which goes on to a 3 per cent general sales tax January 1, there is no tax on purchases under 10 cents. Where revenue is the point, that is a large exemption. Ohio meantime retains its 5-cent gasoline tax. New York levies no tax on purchases under 12 cents. Then are the exemptions on all purchases of farm products from the producer. In Ohio, the calculation has been published of the cost of the sales tax to families with not in excess of \$1,200 annual income. It is estimated that such families will pay some \$27. In addition they will pay about \$7 gasoline tax. With other direct taxes families of meager incomes will contribute well towards \$50 a year in direct taxes, without mentioning such indirect taxes as may be passed on to them. It is a delusion not shared by farmers of minimum incomes that they do not pay taxes or contribute to meet the costs of government.

In discussing the plea that the sales tax would relieve property from its crushing tax burdens, the Hutchinson News hazards the prediction that no feasible sales tax would be substantial relief. "Ten per cent," it estimates, "would be a high proportion of the property tax total for any family liable for sales tax." Advocates of the tax have regularly insisted that the income tax and inferentially all proposed new taxes are "just another tax," and for their part have never yet produced any plan to insure that revenue from sales taxes would be taken off property. We do not say it can not be done, but the propaganda for the sales tax has not yet shown how. While property taxes are heavy in Kansas, sentiment is not for the sales tax. There is a belief or hope that better ways are possible to relieve the tax burden. And there is support for that opinion in the fact that without any radical tax reforms the property tax has been reduced in the last three or four years not by 10 per cent, but by more than 30. There are still plenty of opportunities for economies and better set-ups in government to relieve the tax load.—Topeka Daily Capital.

Many grape growers make a general practice of pruning their grape vines at any time during the winter when the weather is pleasant. Such a practice is satisfactory for varieties like Concord, Worden, Lucile, and other winter hardy grapes. But varieties like Niagara, Aggayan, Bright on, and Diamond, which are killed by sub-zero temperatures, should not be pruned until toward the last of February or even in early March, so that the extent of the winter injury may be noted in selecting the fruiting canes that are to be left.

Happy NEW YEAR 1935



NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES

MORE GOOD REPORTS COME FROM ZEPHYR LOCAL 1622

Here are the notes from Zephyr Local No. 1622, Conway Springs:

The regular bi-monthly meeting was held at the Beacon Light school house, Monday, December 17. After the preliminary business the applications of W. W. Bennett, as a new member, and C. A. Dorsey and Roy Somers for reinstatement, were received and voted on. All were elected members of the Local. The reports of the program and "treats" committees for the Christmas Party indicated that a fine time was going to be had at the party.

The constitutional amendments proposed at the State convention at Ellis were voted on next. All passed, and all but two passed unanimously. Francis Parsons, having just arrived, was given the obligation at this point. After considerable discussion the local voted to send \$5.00 to help in the court test of the Frazier-Lemke bill.

As a special program is being planned for the next regular meeting, the Union voted to change the meeting place to the Spring Hill school house, 2 miles west and 1 mile south of town, for our meeting January 7, 1935.

President Ben Rice appointed John Orr as acting president and Gail Hamilton, acting conductor and the following elected officers were duly installed: President, Ben Rice; vice president, George Pillsbury; Secretary-Treasurer, A. A. Reeside; Doorkeeper, J. A. Harsha; conductor J. R. Snead.

As there was no further business or discussion, the meeting was adjourned.

The Christmas Party
About 75 people assembled at the Spring Hill school house, Wednesday evening, December 19, for a Christmas Party and program. After a couple of songs by the congregation the following program was given:

Reading—Betty Marshall
Song—Robert Marshall
Reading—Donna Lee Clark
Song and Yodel—Philip Rice
Song—"The Old Spinning Wheel"
Stanley Hamilton.
Whistling number—Donald Francis
Reading—Carol Lewis
Song, "Santa Coming Tonight"—Winona McKay
Clarinet and Trombone Duet—Dwayne and Dorsey and John Orr.
Song "Mr. and Mrs. is the Name"

Carl and Delia Lewis.
Reading—"The Christmas Stocking"
Danny Harris Pillsbury.
Reading—"A Heap O' Livin'"—Dorothy Hamilton.
Duet—Thelma Harsha and Arvada Plougher.

After a short talk by Rev. Hughes on "Cooperation and Knockers on the Inside" Santa Claus arrived and distributed bags filled with candy and nuts to all the youngsters and a number of the older "young folks" and was on his way again. Nobody seemed in a hurry to leave so several songs and instrumental numbers were offered by various members of the crowd and every one seemed to be enjoying himself or herself.

Due to a recent rain and snow the roads were nearly impassable but the house was well filled anyway. In spite of all the excitement, when eleven o'clock came, it was seen that the sand man was getting in some well-placed thrusts, so the crowd dispersed feeling that they had spent an enjoyable evening.

—John C. Orr.
Acting for Mrs. Orr, Cor. Secy.

SHERWOOD LOCAL ELECTION

The regular meeting of Sherwood Local No. 1158, in Clay county, was held on December 11, and the following officers were elected for the coming year: Fritz Neenen was elected president; Vic Matson, secretary-treasurer.

The amendments to change the constitution were not voted on, as a motion was made to wait until next meeting so the members could study them over.—Gust Carlson.

REPORT OF STAFFORD MEETING

Stafford County Farmers Union entertained one of the five district meetings held in the state in the interest of Junior organization.

The meeting was held at the Nueva Theatre in Stafford, Thursday, December 20. The morning session took care of election of the county officers. Ray Henry, Liberty, is president; Blaine O'Connor, Union, vice president; Ray Harter, Livingston, secretary-treasurer; Joe Dale, North Star, door-keeper; Herbert McClure, Liberty, business manager; Ralph Games, Union, lecturer; Chas. Kendall, Union, correspondent.

It was decided to hold the January county meeting at the Liberty local hall January 8, 1935. It will be an all-day meeting, with covered dish luncheon. We then listened to a talk by Mr. Punk, representatives of the

Santa Fe railroad, from Hutchinson. A bounteous lunch was provided by the women and spread at the noon hour. Representatives were present from Rush and Barton county Union locals as well as from all our own locals. On account of car trouble Cal Ward and the speakers, Mr. Talbott and Mrs. Gladys Edwards were not able to arrive in time for the luncheon.

At 1 o'clock we convened for the main session of the day. A literary program was presented and the Union song was sung. Secretary Lynn spoke to us on the subject of Union progress, using the illustration of 4 per cent of the people controlling eighty per cent of the wealth, and brought up the question of what we are doing about it. He urged us to get into the fight.

Cal Ward then introduced Mrs. Edwards who explained the Junior work as organized in North Dakota. She credited her inspiration to the junior page in Kansas Union Farmer. North Dakota has 2700 junior members who study such subjects as "World Peace," "Money, Banking and Credit," "Cooperative History," and "What Machines Have Done to Men."

Contests are held in which the youth are permitted to speak not less than four nor more than five minutes on any phase of the studies.

C. C. Talbott president of the North Dakota Union for years, spoke to us on the problems of organized farmers, telling us of the splendid organization they have built in spite of the tremendous opposition. Talbott is one of the men who has been fighting our battles in Washington. He has the stamina to tell the East the fact about the conditions of the farmers and his needs.

We all hope to be able to carry on more forcefully because of our contact with these splendid characters.—Chas. Kendall, reporting.

HOPEWELL MEETING

Frankfort, Kans., Dec. 15, 1934
Dear Mr. Lynn and Fellow Union Members:

Howell Local 809 held their regular meeting Friday night the 14th. On account of the bad roads and a meeting at Fairmount Local our crowd was about half the usual size. However, in spite of these things, we had our usual good meeting.

Due to the fact that Vice President Kinney was there we did not have our usual program. However we had our election of officers. J. E. Hibbard was re-elected president and C. F. Teagarden, secretary-treasurer. During the meeting, co-President John

Tommer came in and gave one of his usual heart to heart talks. John is one of those 100 per cent Union workers. If we just had more of his kind!

Mr. Kinney gave one of his usual truth inspiring talks which we all enjoyed. He explained why the cost of production was not included in the triple A.

The local voted to send \$5.00 to help support the fight on the moratorium law.

We also wish to call attention to the members of Kansas in regard to voting on amendments No. 5 and No. 7 in regard to eliminating the words \$3.00 per day expenses. The committee at Ellis said that \$3.00 was too high. In fact it is too high but by leaving out a limit on expense, we ask what is to prevent these folks from collecting expenses up to eight or ten dollars per day. So these two amendments should be voted down until the limit can be lowered.

Here's hoping that we can gain a lot this year. Our next meeting will be December 28. We always extend an invitation and welcome to all visitors.

C. F. Teagarden, Secy.

LOCAL 890 ELECTS OFFICERS

Members of the Smoky Hill Farmers Union Local No. 890, elected officers for the coming year December 7, at the Smoky Hill school house. Sixteen members answered roll call. Preceding the election, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved, and a report was taken of the amount of feed and straw in the community. Officers elected, were: Fred Pfannenstiel, president; J. M. Henrickson, vice president; T. A. Smith, secretary and treasurer; John Moore, doorkeeper; Henry Hauschild, conductor; Tom Moore, organizer.

O. M. Lippert, of LaCrosse, a life long Farmers Union worker, gave an interesting discussion on the "Present Economic Conditions" and their relation to the Farmers Union.

The program presented was as follows. A song by Ruth Hendrickson, Ruth Freshour and Mildred Hendrickson, accompanied by Mrs. L. C. Freshour at the piano. O. M. Lippert read a poem. Mrs. L. C. Freshour favored with a piano solo. Beulah Higgins, Lester Hendrickson, and Verda Moore sang, "String Along With You."

—Dick A. Moore, Secy.

POTTAWATOMIE COUNTY

The Farmers Union of Pottawatomie county will hold their annual meeting at the Wheaton, Kansas, Monday, December 31, 1934, at 1:30 p. m.

—C. H. Floersch, Secy.



Dear Junior Cooperators: First, of all, I want to wish every Junior who reads this page—and every other person who may read it—a happy, happy New Year—the happiest he, or she has ever known. And it's well to remember that whether or not it will be happy, depends a great deal upon oneself. I know that we think that circumstances have a great deal to do with our happiness, or unhappiness. We think to ourselves: "If I just had clothes like Mary Jane," or, "If my father had as much money as John's," or "If I were as popular as Helen"—the height of our desires would be realized, and we would be unreservedly happy. But it's sad to find that often, when our goal is reached, we scarcely recognize it as having been the one thing desired earlier, for our minds are fastened upon some other longed for thing. It has been said that "happiness is a state of mind" and this is true to an astonishing extent. But I really didn't mean to write a sermon this morning for I had some other things that I wanted to tell you.

Last week I attended several meetings which had been planned by our state officers to begin the new "Junior Farmers Union" campaign. Mr. C. C. Talbot, president of the Farmers Union of North Dakota, his daughter, Mrs. Gladys Talbot Edwards, who is Junior Leader in that state, and a member of the National Junior Committee—Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Ward and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Lynn attended these meetings, also. I want you all to be sure to watch the paper carefully for a further announcement about the work which the Kansas Farmers Union plans to begin in regard to this.

I had a perfectly marvelous time at these meetings. Wednesday night I went to the meeting at Quinter. This was held in the Grade School building. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Jamison, Quinter, were present. Mr. Jamison is a member of our executive committee, of the state organization. Everyone seemed interested in the first public appearance of "Aunt Patience" and I met many Juniors, many of whose names I was unable to obtain. Winfield Hloes of Quinter was there, though, as were Harlan Bowman, Wayne Bowman and Floyd Fahey. I also met Martha Elizabeth Flora, Geraldine Woods, Marie Woods, Vada Flora, Dale Leopold, all of Quinter; and Warren Jarboe, of Collyer, who all said that they were going to write. Mary Webster and Davis Phelps of Quinter came and spoke to me, too, as did Wanita and Helen Jamison, of Quinter. They're also going to join our Club. Doris Kenney of Quinter is going to write, and I met Cecil Phelps of Quinter, who is very interested in the new Junior campaign.

Coffee and doughnuts were served after the meeting—and were they good!

Next day we attended the meeting at Stafford, and this was a splendid meeting, too. Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Winchester, Emma Lou Winchester and Bruce Winchester were at this meeting. Mr. Winchester is a member of our State Board. Rex Lear, manager of the Farmers Union Life Insurance Company in Kansas, and C. C. Cole, of the Farmers Union Insurance Company, Salina, were here, also. As this was a school day, I didn't meet any of the Juniors. We had a perfectly wonderful basket dinner served at noon and after the meeting in the afternoon, left for

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McPherson where the fifth and final meeting was scheduled to be held on Friday.

This meeting was a fine one, too. A. M. Kinney, vice-president of the Kansas organization and J. P. Fengel of Lincolnville, Board Member, were present and addressed the meeting. A grand dinner was served here, too, in the Community Hall, with so much food that it looked as though the entire town of McPherson could have been accommodated with lunches.

I hope I'll be able to attend some others, sometime—and that I will have an opportunity to meet more of the Juniors. There seemed to be a great deal of surprise at my appearance—I think most everyone thought that I would be very old.

Finally, I want to wish every one of you a happy New Year again, in case you've forgotten what I wrote in the first paragraph. Don't forget to write your holiday letter to Aunt Patience.

OF INTEREST TO WOMEN

CREAM-CHEESE COOKIES

1-3 cup butter
3 pkgs. "Philadelphia" Cream Cheese
1/2 cup sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 1/2 cups bread flour
3 teaspoon salt
2 teaspoons baking powder
Thoroughly mix the butter, "Philadelphia" Cream Cheese and sugar, add vanilla. Gradually work in the sifted dry ingredients. Press through a cookie machine into fancy shapes, on greased baking sheets. Bake in a moderately hot oven, 425 degrees, about 10 minutes.

The cookie dough may also be formed into a roll, placed in the refrigerator overnight, and sliced into thin cookies when ready to bake.

CHOCOLATE BARS

1/2 cup butter
1 cup sugar
2 eggs
2 squares chocolate, melted
1 teaspoon vanilla
1-8 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup flour
1/2 teaspoon baking powder
Cream butter and sugar. Add rest of ingredients and beat 2 minutes. Pour into shallow pan lined with waxed paper. Bake 25 minutes in moderately slow oven. Cool a little, using sharp knife cut into bars, 2-3 by 2 inches. Remove from pan and cool. Spread tops with frosting.

3 tablespoons hot cream
1-8 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon vanilla
Mix ingredients. Beat well. Let stand 5 minutes. Mix until creamy and frost bars.

PRUNE COOKIE STRIPS

2 cups small bread cubes; 1 1/2 cups cooked Prunes; 1 cup granulated sugar; 1/2 cup butter; 2 eggs, separated; 1/2 cup pastry or cake flour; 1/2 teaspoon baking powder.
Brown bread cubes in the oven and lay in the bottom of greased baking pan. Pit prunes and cut in pieces, and spread over the bread cubes. Cream sugar with butter, add egg yolks, stiffly beaten egg whites. Pour over the prunes. Bake 45 to 60 minutes in a slow oven of 275 degrees F. When cold cut in strips.

SOUR CREAM COOKIES

1 cup of brown sugar
1/2 cup of shortening
1 beaten egg
1/2 cup of sour cream
1/2 teaspoon of salt
2 cups of flour
1/2 teaspoon of nutmeg
2 teaspoons of combination baking powder
Chopped nuts as desired
Cream shortening and sugar together; add beaten egg and nuts (if used). Sift together the dry ingredients and add alternately with the sour cream. Mix well and drop by spoonfuls on baking sheet. Bake in a moderate oven for fifteen minutes. These cookies have an attractive crinkly surface and a fine flavor.

HONEY DATE BARS

3 beaten eggs
1 cup of honey
1 cup of flour
2 teaspoons of phosphate baking powder
1 teaspoon of salt
1 pound of chopped, seeded dates
1 cup of nutmeats
1 cup of shortening
Beat eggs; add honey and shortening and blend well. Sift baking powder with flour and salt. Add remaining ingredients. Spread one-half inch thick in long baking pan and bake in a moderate oven for about forty-five minutes. These bars should be allowed to stand for several days before cutting into strips, as this greatly improves the flavor.

MOLASSES COOKIES

1/2 cup molasses
1/2 cup sugar
2-3 cup melted shortening
1 egg
1 cup flour
1 1/2 teaspoon salt
1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
1/2 tablespoon ginger
1 cup rolled oats
Mix molasses, sugar, shortening and well-beaten egg. Add the flour, salt, baking powder and ginger sifted together. Stir in the rolled oats. From a teaspoon drop on a greased baking sheet. Bake in a slow oven 35 minutes.



A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

MIDNIGHT, December 31, 1934! The bells burst forth into a joyful clangor. The sirens shriek and the whistles scream. At many gay night parties everyone drinks a toast to the New Year. But, more quietly, at home many couples turn to each other soberly and ejaculate with heartfelt fervor: "A happy New Year to you, my dear!"

What will the New Year bring forth? Well, for one thing, it will bring forth ten hundred and ninety-five meals, if you are fortunate. Did we hear some housewives sigh? Perhaps they don't consider themselves so fortunate to have to plan ten hundred and ninety-five meals! That is the reason why we are going to try to lighten their burden by printing some succulent recipes which should give them a good start toward solving this perplexing problem. There are only a certain number of foods, after all. But of the tempting combinations of them there are no end.

Some Winter Soups

A good, hot, sustaining soup is fine winter provender. So here are recipes for a couple to start with. The first is for that good, old American standby New England Clam Chowder: Dice one-eight pound salt pork, and sauté with one medium sized sliced onion. Add one and a half cups diced potatoes, sauté a few minutes, and then add one-half teaspoon salt, one-eighth teaspoon pepper, a pinch of thyme, one-eighth teaspoon celery seed, two tablespoons chili sauce and one

Sustaining Salads

And here's a succulent and sustaining salad that you can serve at a buffet supper. Turkey, Sweetbread and Pineapple Salad: Dice lightly together, with mayonnaise to moisten slightly, one cup cold, diced turkey, one cup cold, diced sweetbreads, one-half cup white grapes, sliced and seeded, one-half cup diced canned Hawaiian pineapple and salt and pepper to taste. Pile on a large cold plate or in a big salad bowl, well garnished with

lettuce. Serve from buffet table. Serves eight.

To make a salad the main course of a meal, it should contain plenty of proteins. Here's one that does and tastes delicious.

Meat and Cucumber Mold: Soften one tablespoon gelatin in two tablespoons cold water and dissolve in one cup boiling canned tomato juice. Add one teaspoon lemon juice and salt and pepper to taste. When cool and beginning to thicken, add one-half cup mayonnaise, two cups finely cut meat, one cup diced cucumbers and two tablespoons chopped pickle relish. The meat may be one cup ham plus one cup chicken (the contents of a 6-ounce can), or equal quantities of chicken and veal, ham and veal, or any such combination. Pour into wet oblong mold, and chill. Turn out on platter, and garnish as desired. Serve in slices. Serves eight.

A Winter Dessert

A nice warming dessert to end a meal with in winter is the following Steamed Oatmeal Pudding: Mix together one cup uncooked oatmeal, half the contents of a 1-pound can mince meat, three tablespoons corn syrup, one-fourth teaspoon salt and two-thirds cup milk and let stand about an hour. Add one tablespoon melted butter, one-half teaspoon soda dissolved in a little hot water, two tablespoons dry crumble mixed with one teaspoon baking powder and two well-beaten eggs. Pour into buttered pudding dish and steam one and a half hours. Serve hot with hard sauce. Serves six.

MOTHER'S FRUIT COOKIES

2 cups of sugar
1 cup of shortening
1 teaspoon of ginger
1/2 teaspoon of nutmeg
2 eggs, well beaten
1 cup of molasses
1 teaspoon of cinnamon
1 teaspoon of soda
1 cup of sour cream
2 cups of raisins
1/2 teaspoon of cloves
4 1/2 cups of flour
Cream sugar and shortening, add beaten eggs, molasses and spices. Stir the soda in the sour cream. Add raisins and flour. Drop with tablespoon on greased tins and bake in a hot oven. Nuts may be added if desired. This recipe makes a fine fruit cake also.

CHOCOLATE DROP COOKIES

1 cup of sugar
1/2 cup of shortening
1 egg
3 tablespoons of cocoa
1 teaspoon of vanilla
1 scant teaspoon of soda
1 cup of sour milk
1/2 cup of nutmeats
3 cups of flour
Mix sugar and lard, add egg and milk, in which the soda has been dissolved. Add nuts. The cocoa is mixed with the flour and enough flour is added to make a dough to drop by spoonfuls.

QUICK BROWNIES

2 eggs
1-3 cup shortening
1 cup sugar
1/2 cup flour
1/2 squares unsweetened chocolate, melted
1/2 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon vanilla
1/2 cup broken walnuts
Combine eggs, sugar, shortening and beat well. Add melted chocolate and blend. Sift flour, baking powder and salt into chocolate mixture. Add vanilla and nuts. Bake in shallow oiled pan, 9x9 inches, in moderate oven (350 degrees F.) 30 minutes, or until done. Cut in 1 1/2 inch squares immediately. Makes 3 dozen Brownies.

MARKET QUOTATION SERVICE

The service rendered by an average commission firm takes in a wide field. Of course, the foremost is the actual handling and selling of live stock consigned to it. Competent men, with adequate knowledge of markets and live stock must be maintained. This fact is taken for granted.

One of the chief services is that of supplying its patrons and prospective patrons with market quotations which reflect the true condition of prices and demand. This service is carried on through the use of weekly circulars, daily market letters, direct answers to correspondence, personal soliciting, radio, telegraph and telephone. This service is one which is expected of a commission firm, and is one which costs a large firm thousands of dollars yearly. We, the Farmers Union Live Stock Commission Company, fully realize the necessity and importance of this service, and hope that our efforts along

that line have given satisfaction. We intend to do our best to supply our customers with true reflections of our market.

We have mentioned the matter of cost. Needless to say, the telephone end of this service is the most expensive, and in itself amounts to a good sum each year. It is the first duty of a cooperative agency to operate in a manner which is efficient, but, under the circumstances, economical. With this in mind, we ask the cooperation of our patrons. Ordinarily the fluctuation of markets is not so pronounced that a letter written a few days previous to the completed date of shipment will not bring as satisfactory results as a hurried telephone conversation. It certainly allows a more detailed explanation by both the shipper and our salesmen. Of course, there are times when the telephone cannot be substituted, and on such occasions we do not hesitate to use it. But again, we ask that our customers see the cost end of this service, and cooperate with us in an effort to reduce this expense, which will result in larger savings and bigger dividends for all stockholders.—The Cooperator.

TWENTY-ONE CONTRIBUTIONS

Ten individuals and eleven Locals or county Unions have sent in contributions to the office of the secretary of the Kansas Farmers Union to apply on the fight being waged through the National Farmers Union to maintain the constitutionality of the Frazier-Lemke Moratorium Act.

The lists are as follows: "Find enclosed one dollar as a donation in a small way to assist in defending the Frazier-Lemke act in Supreme Court. I am not a member of the Farmers Union. I do not live convenient to a Local. But I am a farmer and hoping the bill is held valid. I saw the request in the Kansas Union Farmer."

Ed Walsh, Sr., Wheaton, Kansas, writes the following message which accompanied his dollar donation: "We appreciate the effort made in our interests by these few loyal men, and pray for their success. I enclose a one dollar bill."

The names and addresses, together with amounts de-

nated, of the individuals heard from to date:

Albert McConnell, Edgerton	1.00
Ed Walsh, Wheaton	1.00
Lewie Weeks, St. Marys	1.00
C. C. Beiber, Bison	1.00
John Sims, Oakley	1.00
A. W. Boller, Cawker	1.00
Wm. Seifert, Leavenworth	1.00
Aaron Strohn, Sabetha	1.00
Wm. Lyons, Hildale	1.00
Bert Harmon, Ellsworth	1.00

Following is the list of county Unions and Locals which have contributed:

Mitchell county Union	15.00
Ellsworth county Union	10.00
Wabunsee county Union	5.00
Marshall county Union	10.00
Beeman Local 1903, Alta Vista	1.00
Pleasant View 833, Washington county	6.00
Hopewell 809, Frankfort	5.00
Snowflake 1181, Winona	5.00
Zephyr 1622, Conway Springs	5.00
Mt. Thoes 1859, Alma	2.00
Culver 2170, Culver	5.00

This makes a total of \$79.00 going to this worthy fund. Let us make it still more.

A COOPERATOR GONE

The cause of cooperation among farmers suffered a tragic blow recently in the death of A. C. Millington, treasurer and manager of the Farmers Union Cooperative Insurance Company of Nebraska. Mr. Millington died, after a period of illness, in the Methodist hospital at Omaha on November 23. He had been in the hospital since November 6. He submitted to an operation for pressure on the lower part of the brain, on November 9. However, he was unable to make a recovery.

Mr. Millington was president of the Nebraska State Association of Mutual Insurance Companies, and was well known and well loved throughout the state and the middle west. He was born in Lincoln, December 1, 1891. He had been manager of the insurance company since January, 1926.

Ben L. Peters, whom Mr. Millington succeeded, now has been reappointed to manage the company. Farmers and stockholders in the primary drought areas may now obtain feed loan allowances for purebred cows, heifers or bulls acquired for breeding purposes since April 1, 1934, according to a recent announcement.

Price List of Local Supplies

Application cards	20 for 5c	Farmers Union Buttons	25c
Credential blanks	10 for 5c	F. U. Song Leaflets, doz.	10c
Demit blanks	15 for 10c	F. U. Song Books	20c
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November 26 was a bright day for the Oil Department of Union Oil Company Cooperative. On that day, oil sales totaled 8,600 gallons, which was nearly as much as sales for the whole month of November in 1930, and one-fourth as much as during the whole month of November, 1931. It is loyalty back at the crossroads that brings such growth.—Cooperative Consumer.

The Continental Oil Company and subsidiaries have announced a net income of \$2,055,281 for the quarter ended September 30.—Cooperative Consumer.

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that 1935 will bring added blessings to all with whom we have come in contact during 1934. We hope we may merit your continued friendship, and that we may be mutually helpful to each other.

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Dorney N Linder—Wabunsee Co Ks—22 str 1188	8.00
Fred Bangs—Greenwood Co Ks—23 str 988	8.00
T R Evans—Coffey Co Ks—53 str 986	7.50
D E Oman—Diley Co Ks—23 str 925	8.00
W F Houx—Carroll Co Mo—7 hfrs 743	8.00
A J Nelson—Saline Co Ks—6 str 1031	6.25
J W Falk—Wabunsee Co Ks—29 str 830	6.00
James Brandon—Caffey Co Ks—24 str 1207	6.85
J B Pogue—Ottawa Co Ks—14 str 971	5.50
H G Pfaff—Riley Co Ks—18 str 909	5.50
John Z Thomas—Osage Co Ks—6 str 1068	5.50
Angus Kay—Clay Co Ks—3 hfrs 933	5.25
Ray Houston—Coffey Co Ks—32 hfrs 749	5.25
Phillips Bros—Lyon Co Ks—5 hfrs 760	5.00
Scott Archer—Nemaha Co Ks—8 str, hfrs 566	4.50
Angus Kay—Clay Co Ks—8 str 465	4.25
Sam Gard—Ottawa Co Ks—7 str 774	4.00
A J Tyson—Osage Co Ks—8 str 785	4.00
C H Prothe—Miami Co Ks—9 str 602	4.00
Joseph Furthmeyer—Russell Co Ks—6 str 323	3.50
J T Flynn—Jackson Co Mo—27 str 1207	3.50
Jean Holapirek—Rush Co Ks—5 str 845	3.50
Ernest George—Pottawatomie Co Ks—7 hfrs 612	3.50
J P Hutchinson—Leavenworth Co Ks—6 str 871	3.25
R H Herpik—Dickinson Co Ks—2 cows 1220	3.00
Joseph Furthmeyer—Russell Co Ks—6 str 657	3.00
Froelich Bros—Russell Co Ks—15 cows 970	2.50
Froelich Bros—Russell Co Ks—18 hfrs 777	2.50
Joseph Furthmeyer—Russell Co Ks—9 cows 854	2.10
W H Mills—Osage Co Ks—6 cows 935	2.10
Plus Meeder—Rush Co Ks—6 cows 855	1.50

SHEEP

White and Oskins—Jackson Co Mo—17 91	7.75
Neal Armstrong—Lafayette Co Mo—22 102	7.70
S L Shannon—Johnson Co Mo—35 87	7.70
Harry McCampbell—Pettis Co Mo—7 71	7.70
W S Richard—Henry Co Mo—17 101	7.70
Farmers S A—Chariton Co Mo—9 80	7.70
Roy Sadtler—Henry Co Mo—18 91	7.70
Ted Turner—Johnson Co Ks—8 91	7.70
E Yambert—Grundy Co Mo—8 76	7.25
E L McCain—Neosho Co Ks—65 100	7.15
Edd Davis—Wabunsee Co Ks—10 86	7.00
J A Williams—Woodson Co Ks—13 89	7.00
W H Shattuck—Linn Co Ks—5 72	7.00
Frank Fowler—Franklin Co Ks—16 77	7.00
Dan Combs—Washington Co Ks—6 70	7.00
W S Taylor—Covley Co Ks—115 77	7.00
Lewis E Hess—Cass Co Mo—19 112	7.00
Irvin Phillips—Lyon Co Ks—10 54	5.50
W S Taylor—Covley Co Ks—26 65	4.50
W S Taylor—Covley Co Ks—5 86	4.50
W S Taylor—Covley Co Ks—30 95	3.00
W S Taylor—Covley Co Ks—17 93	1.50

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BUTTER AND EGG MARKET LETTER

By P. L. Betts
Dairy and Poultry Cooperatives Inc.

Week Ending December 19, 1934

Butter

The butter market closes the week one-half cent to three-quarters cent higher. Extras 29c up one-half cent. Standards 28c up one-quarter cent. Higher, 89 score 27 cents and 88 score 26 1-2 cents both up one-half cent. The market is firm at the close. The cash price at the close of last week gave way earlier in the week under review, to a better feature which has carried both Chicago and New York higher on all grades.

Continued light production of fresh butter further augmented by the pinch of real winter weather over much of the producing area and a good pre-holiday demand has resulted in further inroads on storage stocks thus increasing the shortage as shown by the December 1st Government report. The December 20th U. S. Department of Agriculture daily report for the four principal markets shows stocks of butter on hand (as follows) to be approximately one-third of the amount on hand a year ago.

Cities On Hd Dec Same Day Yr Ago	
Chicago	22,264,375
New York	2,629,220
Boston	991,830
Philadelphia	896,374

Due to reduction in production brought about largely by the severe drought conditions coupled with good consumption made possible by marked improved economic conditions, the activities of another year in the dairy

industry along with other lines will soon be recorded as history with the last entries of the year recording prices of butter nearly doubled those of a year ago. While this improvement has not benefited all to the minimum extent because of curtailed supplies, especially in drought areas, it has benefited many producers and we feel lends hope and encouragement to all for better conditions during the coming year.

Eggs

Irregularities have featured the egg market during the past week. A steady opening was followed by advances of one-half to three-quarters cent the 15th which held until the 18th when the same grades declined one-half cent holding there on the 19th still closing fractionally higher than the opening. Extras closed at 27 cents, Firsts 26 cents, Current Receipts 23 cents, Dried 19 1-2 cents, and Checks 17 1-2 cents.

The pre-holiday buying has stimulated the market in spite of slow movement of storage movement which is still lagging behind a year ago. Receipts of fresh eggs continue light with less than normal December increase. We are, however, getting into the season when some increase in fresh eggs can be expected and the activities of the market from this point on will be very little indication of any immediate marked increase in fresh egg production.

As we draw near the close of the old year and advance soon to cross the threshold of the new year we extend to each and all of our readers

seasons greetings with best wishes for a happy and successful New Year. A. W. Seamans, Asst. Mgr.

COOPERATION HAS IMPORTANT PLACE IN FARM MARKETS

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vital importance of making it possible for farmers to operate at a profit, because if they did, a system guaranteeing cost of production and a nominal profit would have been worked out long before now. It therefore becomes the duty of every farmer to help bring this about, and the only way it can be done is through systematic marketing and control of surplus.

COLORADO LOOKS TO KANSAS FOR AN INSPIRATION

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due reverence to the parent organization, should not be permitted to carry its name. The sooner we get together with each and every one of our cooperatives, the sooner we will make a militant fighting organization of farmers. Agriculture is the basic industry.

I am extending to you a word of thanks for the good you have done to us. I plead with you, not for my sake and not for your sake, but remember this, it is not so many years ago this was all a wilderness. We have the tax problem. We have the legislative problem. It is not a question of democracy or republicanism. It is a question you owe to your ancestors and posterity.

We extend you a welcome to come and see us. Carry on. With sincerity of purpose, strive for quality. We will succeed. Do all things the best way you can and when all is said and done, when you are ready to close the book, you can look back at your life knowing that you have left the world better than you found it.

PROGRAM OF THE ROYALTY COMPANY MAKING HEADWAY

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the finances. The Royalty Company does not owe anything. It is a debtless company. Its only expenses we have now are our quarterly reports to the state, \$5.00 a quarter, and the actual expense of our directors when they attend directors meetings, and we have not called a directors meeting for quite a while because there is nothing special to bring them together.

"Costs of operating the pool are very nominal. We have received rentals, up to time \$404.00. That is not very much, but it is something."

Mr. Rice then asked if anyone had any questions they wished to ask. He closed his remarks by thanking the group for the attention given in listening to the report. He hoped all the members would attend the annual meeting of the Royalty company which is held in January, in Salina.

NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES

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DELEGATE GUST LARSON REPORTS ON CONVENTION

As one of the two delegates from Kansas to the National Farmers Union Convention at Sioux Falls, S. D., I beg leave to submit the following report.

Arriving at the Convention headquarters on the day previous to the opening day of the Convention, I went to see Secretary Kennedy about my credentials. I was surprised when the

Secretary informed me that Kansas had only 5,091 paid up members, giving us only five votes; and according to the National Constitution we were entitled to only one delegate (our State Secretary reported at the Ellis Convention that Kansas had on October 1, 8,419 paid up members, giving us 8 votes and 2 delegates.) I went before the Credentials Committee and presented my claim for one half of all the Kansas votes, which was immediately granted. Finally, before the Convention ended, our State Secretary paid dues for 2,419 more members, making a total of 7,510 members, or enough for 8 votes.

On the morning of November 20 the Convention opened. Mildred Simpson read the President's report from the time of the last Convention until the death of President Simpson. President E. H. Everson and Secretary E. E. Kennedy gave their reports showing that the National Union had gained a membership 42.2 per cent during the past year.

John Vesesky, delegate from Kansas was appointed on the Cooperative Committee and I drew an assignment on the Legislative and Resolutions Committee, and I will say for this committee that they gave me everything I asked for and all the resolutions this committee presented before the Convention were adopted. This Convention certainly believed in free speech. We had Presidents from many State Unions and all of them made speeches.

Congressman Wm. Lemke of N. D. spoke for the Frazier Bill and he put up a very good argument. Milo Reno, President of the Farmers Union Life Insurance Co., of Iowa, spoke in his usual forceful manner.

In point of numbers there were about four thousand Union members present at this Convention. The parade, mostly staged by South Dakota folks, beggars description. It required thirty minutes to pass a given point.

The Wednesday evening was used for the adoption of resolutions and election of officers. C. C. Talbot of North Dakota challenged Mr. F. Schultheiss, a member of the National Board, the right to serve on the Board, also the right to vote at this convention on the grounds that Schultheiss was now holding a Federal position. (The Constitution specifies that no body can hold a position in the National Government.)

Mr. Schultheiss said he was not a candidate for re-election and did not intend to vote.

Mr. E. H. Everson was unanimously elected President.

Mr. C. Rogers of Iowa, and Mr. Cal Ward of Kansas, were nominated vice president. A rather heated argument was started and the good old book, the National Constitution, was again brought out which showed that Mr. Ward was not eligible to serve as vice president. President Everson also ruled that if a man received money as an employee of the Federal Government then from the Union he was not eligible to serve as a state president. Mr. Ward withdrew and Mr. Rogers was elected vice president.

Mr. E. C. Kennedy of Illinois and Mr. A. C. Davis of Missouri were nominated Secretary. Mr. Davis received 18 votes and Mr. Kennedy received 81. Mr. Kennedy was declared Secretary.

The following were elected on the Executive Committee: Mr. Joe Plummer of Colorado, Mr. John C. Epp, of Minnesota, Mr. J. M. Graves of Oklahoma, Mr. George A. Nelson of Wisconsin and Mr. W. C. Irby of Alabama.

In conclusion I will say the cost of production flag is still nailed to the masthead. Everson and Kennedy are at the wheel; the National Farmers Union is going places; if we want to ride along we must get aboard. If we are ever going to get cost of production the National Farmers Union is the only organization that will ever get it for us.

—Gust Larson, Leonardville, Kas.

Editor's Note:
In order to forestall any wrong impressions which might be created by Delegate Larson's reference to the number of members' dues paid in to the national secretary, we will state here that the fiscal year of the National Farmers Union, or the twelve months' period for which Kansas pays National dues, does not coincide with the 12 months for which the membership report is given at the state convention. The state convention report is from September 30 to September 30, whereas the National dues are figured from November 1 to November 1. As the result of a drive in the fall of 1933, a large number of Kansas memberships came in during the period included in the 1934 state convention report, but before the period covered in the total payment of current National dues, or between September 30 and October 31, 1933. The 2,419 members' dues were for those members who had been issued cards since the last Kansas report to the National secretary this year and before the first of November.

In the past, some state Unions have held all their National dues until the National convention—Kansas usually makes about four reports and payments during the year.

CLAY COUNTY MEETING

The Clay County Farmers Union held their annual meeting Friday night, Dec. 14, at the Idylwild School house with an estimated crowd of 200 in attendance.

The meeting was called to order with Pres. M. L. Beckman in the chair. A report of the State convention was made by the county delegate, Leslie Roenigk, followed by a report of the National convention by the county delegate, Gust Larson, of Leonardville with Mrs. M. L. Beckman supplementing his report.

All three of the speakers stressed the Farmers Union National Program and the way in which these reports were received clearly indicates that a large majority of those in attendance stand squarely behind the entire program and Mr. Everson and Mr. Kennedy as their president and secretary.

Officers for the coming year were

selected as follows: President, M. L. Beckman; vice president, Wm. Goeckler; secretary-treasurer, Leslie C. Roenigk; conductor, Chris Steinbach; Door Keeper, H. H. Beckman, executive committee: Jake Slingsby, Geo. Blackwood and Emory Alquist.

The Secretary was elected as a delegate to the Kansas State Board of Agriculture and the president elected as a delegate to the State-wide Business Organizations.

The treasurer was instructed to send \$10.00 to the National Farmers Union Legislative Defense Fund.

The following resolutions were read and adopted:

Whereas, The Dodge-Skovgard-Palmer, legislative council, special investigation committee has found many faults in the conduct of the Kansas State college resulting in great waste of the taxpayer's money. Therefore be it resolved

That we commend the committee for its good work and urge that all changes be made that are necessary for the economical and efficient conduct of the school.

Whereas, The department of Agriculture has set aside \$25,000,000 to start a campaign to eradicate Bangs disease in cattle, resorting to an arbitrary program that proposes to remedy the disease by killing the diseased animals, that will require the employment of a horde of federal employees and paying for thousands of cattle,

And whereas there is a remedy known as the Boyman's Formula, which according to the testimony of many cattle men, is an effective and cheap remedy,

Therefore be it resolved, that we demand that before launching a destructive and expensive program proposed by the department of Agriculture, the congress of the United States make a thorough investigation of this matter, in order that the people may determine the merit of the various abortion remedies for which curative properties are claimed.

Whereas, the processing tax on hogs works a hardship on hog producers. Therefore be it resolved that we urge our representatives in Congress to work for the removal of the tax on hogs.

We wish to extend our sincere congratulations to Frank Niell, James Hatfield and Harold Hartner, the State Champion 4-H Live Stock judging team, and their coaches.

In extending our congratulations to the coaches we wish to include the seemingly forgotten coach, Prof. Ed Hedstrom of the Clay Center Community High School.

Whereas the State board of directors have ruled that any Shipping Association or Elevator association affiliated with a Farmers Union State wide business association, is entitled to a delegate with voting power on the State Convention.

And whereas, this is a clear violation of Article 1, Section 2 of the Constitution and by Laws of the Kansas Farmers Union. Therefore be it resolved by the Clay County Local No. 40 that the State board of directors change the above ruling to conform with our State constitution, so that at future conventions only bona fide Farmers Union business organizations may have delegated voting power.

Whereas, National President Everson has ruled that Cal Ward is ineligible to hold office in the Farmers Union either State or National because he receives more money from the Government position than he does from the Farmers Union.

And whereas we believe that it is impossible for a man to serve two masters,

Therefore be it resolved by this convention that we ask the State Board to demand that Mr. Ward either resign his position with the AAA or as President of the Kansas Farmers Union.

After the meeting adjourned lunch was served by the Idylwild Local.

Leslie C. Roenigk, Secretary-Treasurer.

Mr. Ward's comment:
National President Everson made the above referred to ruling after my eligibility to run as a candidate for Vice President of the National Union had been challenged and after national delegate Gust Larson had raised the question of my eligibility to serve as State President.

The constitution of the Kansas Farmers Union says nothing on this question. The constitution of the National Farmers Union states: "No National or State officer shall hold any political office."

I hold that my position as an advisory member of the National Wheat Committee is not a political office. Our state Board had a board meeting following the National convention, unanimously reaffirming its former position by asking me to remain as a member of this committee along with being state president. I am subject to the will and decision of the State Board at the present time.

As a member of the National Wheat Committee of four, of which we members are prominent Farmers Union leaders of the nation, we have been instrumental in guiding and directing the what program in a way which has materially helped the wheat farmers of the country.

It occurs to me that in accepting this advisory position, and serving on this committee is in line with the sentiment of the large majority of the Kansas Farmers Union membership. Throughout the state I am asked by our members to work to the end that more of our people be represented on the various agricultural committees which have been set up under the present national political administration.—Cal A. Ward.

CO-OP ANNUAL MEETING TO BE HELD FEB. 5-6

The Annual Meeting of the stockholders of the United Oil Company Cooperative is to be held February 5-6 in North Kansas City, Mo.

Plans are going forward to make the meeting a memorable event. Special speakers already secured, are H. H. Hull, general manager, Indiana Farm Bureau Cooperative Assn; Ivan Lanto, sales manager of the Central Cooperative Wholesale, Superior, Wis.; a cooperative store organization with over a hundred members; and Mrs. O. H. Olson, Mitchell, S.

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D., education director of the South Dakota Farmers Union junior department. The F. U. male quartet of Quinter, Kans., is also expected to be present.—The Co-Operative Consumer.

FURTHER ADDITIONS TO WAREHOUSE STOCKS AID TO F. U. MEMBERS

The Farmers Union Jobbing Association has recently added a line of corrugated roofing to its regular stocks in the warehouses at Kansas City and Wakeney. They are now carrying a complete stock of 28 gauge 13 inch corrugation in six, seven, nine and ten foot lengths. Other gauges can be furnished on short notice.

This addition of corrugated sheets rounds out a complete stock of steel products which you can obtain at the warehouse, consisting of wire, steel posts, field fence, nails, staples, and kindred products. The Jobbing Association is gradually making the stock of their warehouses such that practically all of a farmer's requirements can be purchased there. It is the aim of the association to continually add to their already vast stock, so that it will not be necessary for dealers to order their supplies from many different jobs, but can send their truck to either Kansas City or Wakeney and pick up any desired articles through their own agency. Members of the Jobbing Association are always pleased to have suggestions from their customers as to what additions should be made to the stock on hand at their warehouses.—The Co-Operator.

PASS IT ALONG

(By Frank A. Chapin, Winfield, Kas.)
In almost every mail come greetings and well wishes from friends far and near. We get these from the Atlantic to the far away Pacific coast.

Then, as though we could not speak personally, one came from Salina. Editors are not usually considered warm-hearted and kindly disposed, but rather somewhat hard-boiled. But for once in our life time, one came from the editor of the Kansas Union Farmer. How he ever came to turn his thoughts in this direction is, to say the least, still a mystery—and yet a most sincerely appreciated one.

For many years our "old paper" has been scribbling our ideas on paper without visible compensation, but rather, with that recompense of reciprocal friendship—a gem that all may possess, but that not all do possess. To pass these pleasantness on to others should be a part of our mission; for, to many, this old world is quite dark enough, and these seemingly cheap tokens passed on, carry a glint of sunshine to an imprisoned convalescent. Should we stop to note the many such bright spots thus bestowed upon us, we would be surprised.

During all of these bygone years we have been the recipient of countless blessings, even from the cradle to old age; but not until one becomes helpless and decrepit, do we the more fully appreciate this recognition. The occurrence of these two or three occasions when we stop to take an invoice of ourselves, do we begin to prize their worth.

Today, possibly as never before, are we confronted with more need for a deeper conviction of our mission or duty. Not in all these 153 years of our history as a nation, have we been confronted with such wide-spread, deep-hearted demands for the exercise of this element of concern for the welfare of our brother. So the Farmers Union stands at the threshold of 1935 with such a message of cheer, and such a helpful message of encouragement to a suffering peasantry, that, to pass this by as our opportunity would be to fail in our duty to an oppressed constituency. That one doesn't live who is wholly independent. Should the machinery of production stop, money and material wealth would be as chaff. The ultra-rich would perish beside the poor mendicant—another case of "Dives and the Rich man."

Even though our lives cannot be prolonged by kind words and sympathy, these go a long way toward our life goal. To supplement these with the needful products of the earth completes a combination which spells "happiness" to those in need; and who isn't a creature of circumstances?

No. Brother, even in your boasted physical strength, you are still as dependent as when you first saw the light of day. You can't even take a step without Divine and human assistance; so don't swell up and boast of your independence, for you are only a small infinitesimal atom in God's great Universe. Not until you

realize your true worth can you appreciate real friendship.

Today Farmers Union arms are beckoning to the world of tillers of the soil paddling their lone bark against a tide which constantly threatens them with destruction. A friendly greeting is extended you; a kindly reception awaits you. A bounteous table spread with good things is yours for the taking.

Then, too, just ahead, a condition confronts the country which calls for the best there is in every man who prizes his liberty and his loyalty to a righteous cause. It calls on us to lend a hand in shaping the policy that shall direct the activities, not only of today, but as well, for the generations to come.

So let this Yule Tide see you sizing yourself up as to your future welfare and that of your children.

SIMPSON'S WRITINGS NOW IN BOOK FORM

The writings of the late John Simpson, former president of the Farmers Educational and Cooperative Union of America, have been compiled by his wife and daughter, and are now being published in book form. Mr. Simpson was one of the strongest farm cooperative leaders this country has ever known, and it was through his efforts that much legislation favorable to the agricultural industry was passed. His knowledge of current events pertaining not only to the agricultural industry, but to the economical situation in our country as well, was a great asset to the farmers of this country. This knowledge, coupled with an unflinching force to fight for the principles he thought were right, made him feared by those opposing organized agriculture.

These articles written by Mr. Simpson set forth his views on the many questions which were foremost in his mind, and the principles for which he fought. It is a book full of valuable information and interesting facts, and should be read by every farmer in the country. This book Oklahoma. The cost is \$1.25 per copy may be obtained from Mrs. John Simpson, Route 3, Oklahoma City, Okla.

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YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO HELP WITH FRAZIER-LEMKE LAW

The following resolution was passed unanimously at the National Farmers Union Convention at Sioux Falls November 21:

"Whereas, the constitutionality of the Frazier-Lemke Amendment to the National Bankruptcy Act will be decided by the Supreme Court in the near future;

"Whereas, there will be some expense attached in order to have the Farmers' side of this case properly presented, therefore be it resolved, that the membership of the respective states contribute through their respective state Unions to this cause."

In conformity with the above resolution, and conforming also with the expressed sentiment at our own state convention, the Farmers Union of Kansas is offering, through the columns of this paper, the opportunity for all members and all Farmers Union organizations to contribute whatever amount may be spared.

A blank form is printed below for the convenience of contributors. Any amount will be gladly accepted. Of course, the larger the contribution, the greater the help.

Members are urged to keep in mind the fact that this money, to be thus raised, will be needed as early as early in January. Do not delay, but send the contribution today if possible. A nation of farmers thanks you for whatever you may give.

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