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INTEREST IN CONVENTION STATEWIDE

Thousands of Farmers and Economists Throughout Country Will Be Watching Beloit Convention

IMPORTANT ISSUES

Exchange of Ideas Believed Equal Importance to Instructive Talks By Prominent Men

The interest of all the Farmers Union members in Kansas is focused on the coming state convention which is to be held in Beloit, Kansas, on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, October 28, 29 and 30. The convention proper is to be preceded by a meeting of the Managers' Association of which C. B. Thow of Alma, is president.

The people of Beloit have made all preparations to provide the proper local setting for this all-important meeting of Kansas Farmers Union members and delegates. A full program of music by talented musicians has been arranged. Room accommodations have been received the close attention of the local Beloit committee, and thus the personal comfort of all who attend will be assured. George Dean and L. F. Brewer have taken this matter into their own hands. Beloit folks have provided a reception committee, a program committee, and have provided for decorations, registration and grounds.

The program in its entirety was published in this paper last week and reads again this week. One reading of the program will not impart to the reader the full significance of what the convention will hold for each Farmers Union member. A close study of the program is recommended. Each additional reading of the program is likely to bring to the readers attention some feature which has not been previously noted.

Farmers over Kansas are realizing generally that this convention is the official meeting of the leading farm organization in Kansas. There seems to be a realization of the fact that the influence of this convention will extend not only to the Farmers Union members in Kansas but to the Farmers Union members all over the country, and to many who are not actively affiliated with the organization. The eyes of agricultural America, in fact, seem to be watching this convention. Thus nearly every farmer realizes the intense importance of this meeting, and for that reason it is believed the attendance will be one of the largest on record to date. The present condition of agriculture and of agricultural markets is such that a convention, meeting for the purposes of shaping the program of a great agricultural cooperative movement, is one of the big things in the events of the present—especially when held in one of the leading agricultural states.

While the array of speakers who are to address the program includes some of the most prominent men in agricultural and economic affairs of the nation, that feature is no more important, if as important, as the opportunity for the every-day farmers and Farmers Union members to get together for a constructive exchange of ideas and plans. It will be noticed that the period of 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon will be devoted to reports of committees. At the convention last year in McPherson, Kansas, a resolution was adopted which provides for such a period of discussion. The entire afternoon, beginning at 2 o'clock, has been set aside for this particular purpose. This will give a wonderful opportunity for orderly discussion of the various and many problems which will confront the delegates. Although the program in general will sparkle with talks by some of the country's greatest minds, it is believed that nothing will afford more interest than this period Thursday afternoon which is set aside for discussion of committee reports.

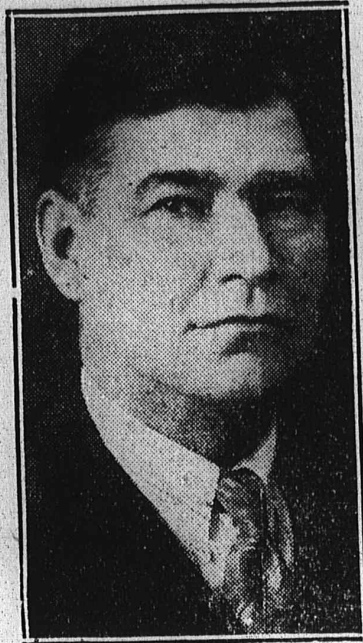
All sessions will be held at the Chautauqua park auditorium with committee and group conferences at the club house and fine arts building. Registration and rooms at Avenue hotel.

THE PROGRAM FOR SWINE DAY MEET
Manhattan, Kan., Oct. 19.—Max Milner of Jarbalo, Leavenworth county, 1931 Kansas Pork Production champion, will be featured as one of the speakers on swine day at Kansas State college, October 23. He will tell other farmers about his methods that produced champion porkers. Mr. Flanner, a believer in cooperative marketing and a patron of the Farmers Union Live Stock Commission Co. Other speakers, representing the Kansas agricultural experiment station, will talk on the value of different grains for hogs and the importance of protein supplements in winter and summer rations. During the forenoon of swine day, visitors will inspect the experiment station. In the afternoon, beginning at 1 o'clock, with Dean L. E. Call of the college presiding, talks will be given.

J. H. Mercer, secretary, Kansas Livestock association, and state livestock sanitary commissioner, will deliver the opening address, followed by Mr. Flanner and three college men explaining the experimental work. The latter will be Dr. C. W. McCampbell, A. D. Weber, and W. E. Connell.

CREAMERY BROADCAST
The radio broadcast Friday evening Oct. 23, 7:30 o'clock over Station WIBW will be under the direction of the Farmers Union Cooperative Creamery Association. Tune in.

SPEAKS IN KANSAS



C. C. TALBOTT

Mr. Talbott is making a series of addresses in Kansas this week and next, and will speak at the state convention at Beloit on Thursday evening, 7:30 o'clock.

KINNEY TO WORK AS FIELD MAN IN KANSAS

Ready to Go on Call to Meet with any Group Interested in Cooperative Marketing of Grain

The many friends of A. M. Kinney, until recently the secretary-treasurer of the Kansas Farmers Union and editor of the Kansas Union Farmer, will be glad to know that his field of activity will be right here in Kansas. The announcement just has been made that Mr. Kinney, representing the Farmers National Grain Corporation, will serve in the capacity of field man, to cover the state of Kansas.

Mr. Kinney, who was in Salina the first part of this week, informed the Kansas Union Farmer that he is available on call to meet with any cooperative group who may be interested in cooperative marketing of grain. His work will be principally with groups affiliated with the Farmers Union, the Equity Union organization, the Kansas Wheat Pool, the Farmers Cooperative Commission Company and the Farmers Cooperative Grain Dealers' Association.

Mr. Kinney, through his long association with matters concerning cooperative marketing, is in an excellent position to further the cause of cooperation among farmers.

COMMUNICATION FROM MAXWELL AT AMERICUS

To Kansas Union Farmer Folks:

Dear Readers: There is every reason to believe that you would be interested in knowing something of the special lines of our members who are advertising in our paper. First, I believe our members should feel absolutely free to order from advertisements carried. Second, we are expecting to sell to our fellow members and therefore must only advertise and sell strictly high quality stock and services. Results are quick and dependable. Rates reasonable.

O. I. C. Hogs by L. C. Peterson & Sons

Seven miles south and a little to the east of Osage City in the heart of the strip coal region is located the modest little home of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Peterson and Sons. Jolly western hospitality causes the visitor to immediately feel at ease and not think of declining the cordial invitation to remain for dinner. It is no wonder that folks seeking O. I. C. hogs, bred to type, call at the farm and buy the stock and take it with them. Peterson's do not pamper or give exhibition attention to their hogs. Rather they produce their breeding hogs under ordinary conditions and equipment. It is altogether common for this Ohio Improved Chester White hog to go to market with a smooth finish and dress out a mature high class carcass at five or five and one-half months of age. Dean Peterson, the alert young man, informed me that their breed of hogs was as strictly a separate breed from the Chester Whites as the Yorkshires or Hampshires are, both physically and legally. The bulk of the fine little herd is sired by Silver Jerry and mated to Osage Wonder, which enables Petersons to supply strictly type stock to the O. I. C. fancier.

The Petersons are consistent advertisers and the leading farm papers carry their advertising, but what pleased me most was that the business manager, Chester Peterson, informed me that the Kansas Union Farmer brought the greatest number of buyers to their farm. In fact, breeding stock is moved almost as fast as it can be produced. Mrs. J. E. Maxwell of Cove county called at the farm last week intending to buy a half dozen or more gilts and a male but had to be content with less or take pigs too young for her plan. Briefly Peterson's O. I. C. hogs are like Union Certified hogs. They stay sold and repeat.

Folks, let's bear in mind that money we spend in advertising in the Kansas Union Farmer is kept in our own organization and doing a good work.

I know of men who want breeding stock of sheep, hogs, dairy and beef cattle as well as poultry and used machinery. Try selling it through the Union Farmer.

Yours for more Cooperative business.

WALTER L. MAXWELL, Americus Kan., Rt. 1.

ANSWERS TO THE QUESTIONNAIRES SHOW CONDITIONS

Every Mail Bringing Bundle of Replies Which Offer Basis for Studying Conditions

SUGGEST DUES CHANGE

Say Reduction of Dues Would Increase Membership and Help Efficiency of Organization

The reaction to the questionnaires which were sent out recently to the local secretaries and to the county presidents and county secretaries has been encouraging to the state officers, in that the promptness with which the locals and county units responded shows a willingness on the part of these units to cooperate with the state office. The picture of conditions over the state shows up in various colors and shades, and a study of the reports is most interesting.

It would be impossible to list the replies, or even a small per centage of them. Following the reading of a large number of the replies, however, the writer will endeavor to set down some impressions received.

As to membership, a study of the lists of replies discloses that some locals show an increase in 1931 over 1930 membership. Several have just held even, while perhaps the most of them show a decrease in membership. Answers showing the best membership conditions almost invariably show activity on the part of the women and children in the locals.

Perhaps the answers dealing with the dues and the present method of collection of dues are the most interesting and varied of all. Many answer that the present system is satisfactory, while a considerable number believe it is not satisfactory. These answers are nearly always accompanied by suggestions touching on new or modified methods of collection. Some suggest that the dues be taken out of the earnings of the stockholders in a few cases, a modification of this plan seems to have been agreed upon among the members. A suggestion develops to the effect that county dues should be paid direct from the local to the county.

A large number of questionnaires indicate that the membership would be increased materially if the dues were decreased. "People feel they can't pay" is a statement often encountered in looking through the answers. The elimination or reduction of initiation fees is suggested. A few feel that if the dues were decreased, the membership would be enlarged, and thus the various business institutions would receive much better support than at present.

The replies to the questionnaires indicate a tendency in many localities to enjoy good meetings with satisfactory attendance during the fall and winter months, but a corresponding tendency to have a few or no meetings during the summer months when farm work prevents.

The types of programs vary to some extent. Some are held in homes, and a large number are held in various school houses. Short talks, readings, music, debates, literary programs, refreshments, and various other forms of programs, are mentioned in the answers to the questionnaires.

Although every mail since the questionnaires were mailed out has brought in a quota of answers, yet there are many which have not yet found their way to the office at Salina. It is believed that most of those which are held out are being held for consideration at some meeting which has not yet been held. Not very much time remains to allow the answers to get into the state office before time for the state convention. It is desired, especially that as many answers be in by that time as possible, for the picture they show will possibly furnish guidance in discussions at the Beloit convention.

TRAIN AND BUS SERVICE

The Union Pacific from the east arrives at Beloit at 7 p. m. Leave for the east at 9 a. m. Passengers coming from Kansas City change at Solomon.

Missouri Pacific arrives from Kansas City at 8:45 a. m. Leave for Kansas City at 9:30 p. m. Direct service. Buses arrive from Salina and points south at 10:50 a. m. and 4:50 p. m. Leave Beloit for south at 9 a. m. and 2:40 p. m.

AN APPEAL FOR HELP

By the time this paper reaches our readers most of you will have made definite plans as regard attending the Beloit convention.

We want to bring to you a suggestion. For several weeks we have been telling our membership through the columns of our paper of the drouth stricken situation of the northwest. That a condition of want and need is evident is unquestioned. Our people in Kansas even though they are hard up and do not have available cash, are blessed with an abundance in many ways. We have plenty of food to eat and clothing to wear and fuel to keep us warm. In western North Dakota and eastern Montana thousands are lacking even of these necessities. The question is raised, "Are we our brother's keeper?"

"Let him that hath abundance give to him that is in need," says the convention bring clothing for the sufferers. We will have delegates and representatives from all parts of the state. Most of our people will come to the convention in cars. Go through your wardrobe and perhaps you will find several garments which for one reason or another have been discarded, yet garments in which there is a lot of wear. Go to your neighbors, whether they belong to the Farmers Union or not and ask them to make contributions.

We want you to bundle together anything you have in the way of shoes or clothing and bring to the convention. Same will be properly arranged at that time and forwarded on to the needy. Mr. Talbott of North Dakota, will be at the convention and can give us information and details.

At the State Convention when all our delegates are gathered together, we will discuss this situation and full definite plans for meeting same will go forward. Let us show through our liberality that we really believe in the Golden Rule and practice what we preach.

MUCH INTEREST IN THE ANDERSON COUNTY MEETING

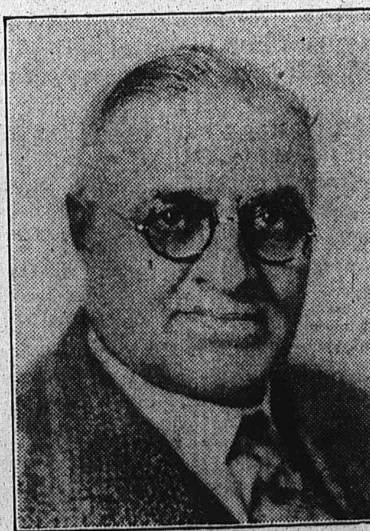
A. W. Seamans, O. W. Schell, and C. A. Ward, Addressed Meeting at Gallia School House

DISCUSS CREAMERY

A county meeting which reflected an encouraging interest in affairs having to do with the advancement of the Farmers Union program was held at the Gallia school house in Anderson county on Saturday of last week. The meeting was featured by a big dinner served by the ladies of the community. Among the speakers at the meeting were C. A. Ward, president of the Kansas Farmers Union, A. W. Seamans, manager of the Farmers Union Cooperative Creamery and Produce Association, and O. W. Schell, office manager of the Farmers Union Creamery organization at Kansas City.

Mr. Seamans told of the Creamery program, of what has been achieved and what program is in store for further development. A great deal of (continued on page 4)

CONVENTION SPEAKER



W. F. SCHILLING

Dairy member of the Federal Farm Board. Mr. Schilling will speak on Wednesday evening at 8:30 o'clock. He will follow Governor Harry Woodring who speaks at 7:30 o'clock.

WARD TELLS OF PROBLEMS WHICH FACE THE FARMER

In Address Over WIBW, Topeka, Tells of Economic Distress of Agriculture At Present

NEED OF LEGISLATION

Stresses Need for Capable Leadership and Complete Cooperation Among Farmers and Groups

"The American people, living under the security of the Stars and Stripes, and under the protection of the most fundamental and aggressive government of all nations, are possessed with an abiding faith and hope that even though the picture may seem clouded and dark, yet just beyond the horizon they feel that there is light some ray of hope," said Cal A. Ward, president of the Kansas division of the Farmers Union in a talk delivered Friday evening, October 16, over radio station WIBW at Topeka.

Mr. Ward's address was at 7:30 o'clock in the evening, which is the regular Farmers Union hour over the Capper publications station. Mr. Ward emphasized the fact that through his constant contact with various groups of men and women over the state of Kansas, he finds that although there is dissatisfaction with many conditions and that there is a diversity of opinion on different subjects, yet, in the main, the interests of the various groups are in common with each other. He cautioned against doing or saying things, because of the intensity of the times and the result, which might be unwise and later regretted.

Mr. Ward continued: "My sympathies, quite naturally, go with the farmers of the country, because of my definite alignment with their program. I know from practical experience because I was raised on the farm, and have lived the most of my life on the farm, of the problems which seem unsurmountable at this time. I say that it has been quite generally recognized throughout the existence of our nation that agriculture has always held a most high position in American life and progress. There is something connected with farm life that puts it in the most favorable position of all with life's tasks and with the problems of the day. The rural homes scattered throughout the length and breadth of the country, representing some 30,000,000 of our population, have at all times and in all places, been a factor in maintaining the high standards of American civilization. Some 7,000,000 farmers now are in a desperate plight. Many of them, because of financial distress, have almost given up in despair. Many are compelled to relinquish their rights to their homes. The government, through its representatives, seems to be doing nearly everything in its power to correct the general economic condition of the country. That the need is no time for delay, no one denies. Not only is agriculture in a state of collapse but the reaction that has come from agricultural distress has caused wholesale unemployment, and the whole financial and economic structure of the country is tottering in the balance.

Need Leadership
"The challenge which comes to the American people at this time in the solution of this problem is leadership. We need more men of wisdom and courage. We need men who are four-square, and who have a sympathetic understanding of the needs of the masses, rather than those who cater to the selfish interests of the few, and especially to those gigantic interests of industry and commerce who are still, at the least, unpatriotic.

"The wealth of the country has been flowing through well-defined channels which have been set up and established through power and monopoly, into the hands of the few. Wealth has been manipulated. Agriculture, the source of most new wealth, has been drained. Her buying power is gone, the reaction has set in. It has now caught up with every phase of business and industry, affecting bonds, securities, investments, etc., from one end of the country to the other, and thus a serious national and even world-wide economic problem has developed.

"We must begin at the grass roots to correct this situation. Agriculture, representing 40 per cent of the buying power of the country, must at this time be stabilized in order to bring about any degree of national prosperity.

"To stabilize agriculture, several things must be done: The farmer must get for his products cost of production plus a living profit. Agriculture which designate them as 'Courtesy Cars' and they will be yours for the asking. You get a card when you register, and all you have to do is to let some Beloit citizen see you carry the card, and you will be whisked to whatever place you want to go.

One of the highlights of the convention will be the banquet which will be given in honor of Governor Harry Woodring and Hon. W. F. Schilling on Wednesday evening at 6 o'clock. The Beloit people are to be allowed to stage this banquet, and they are going to put it on right. It will be in the fleet of Beloit cars will bear placards

NATIONAL PRESIDENT



JOHN A. SIMPSON

Mr. Simpson is scheduled to speak at 3 p. m. Wednesday at the state convention of the Farmers Union at Beloit, Kansas.

would have been in the hands of receivers six or seven years ago if the industry would have been functioning as a corporation. Not only is the new wealth consumed each year, but we have made great inroads into those agricultural resources which have been accumulated in times past. Until the American farmer is in a position so he can receive an American price for his portion of his product required domestically, comparable to the American standard of living, we need not expect any degree of prosperity.

"The farmer must be willing to become organized and to co-operate with his neighbor. We are going through a competitive age. Business, industry, including labor is highly organized and thus our high standard of living has been maintained to date because of this. In order for us, the farmers, to compete and be on an economic level with other industries, we must organize in vast numbers until we are in a position to command and demand our rights.

Need Legislation
"At the present time, we need legislation, both state and national. We need our present national agricultural legislation, namely, the Agricultural Marketing Act, amended, carrying provisions that will bring about a price for farm commodities which will reflect the benefits of the tariff to the producer. It is my determination, it is the purpose of the Kansas Farmers Union, to cooperate with other constructive farm groups on a united program, and go to Washington at the coming session of Congress, and demand such legislation.

As To Taxes

"Over Kansas there is a concerted action for lower taxes. This is timely and in place, and in this connection I again state that in working out this tax revision program, we should not place all the stress on the minor angles of the problem. I believe that we will have lower taxes in Kansas because of the agitation and discussion of the question, especially the last few months.

"We may, and we probably should, secure a reduction in salaries of state and county officials and employees. We may be able to economize in the cost of state government with reference to our road program, particularly, but we will not have solved the tax problem, in my judgment, until we have recognized a few fundamentals in our revision and equalization of taxes. Every citizen pay at least some tax. This will increase loyalty to our state, obedience to laws, and will develop a condition of patriotism which is most essential to the security of our people. We must find an equitable manner of property tax, an equitable manner without discrimination. And most important of all—we must be in a position to tax all wealth. As it is today, large amounts of wealth are being hidden and in many cases those most able to pay are tax dodgers and pay little or no taxes. It would not be burdensome today if all wealth in the state bore its proportionate part of our tax burden. But as it is, that which is tangible, namely, real estate including farms, is bearing its unjust portion.

"Today we are face to face in Kansas, as are other states, with political quackery. In a lot of cases men who have been hangers-on or political parasites have capitalized on a condition of unrest, brought about by hard times and are stamping the country from one end to the other with the most radical and unworkable types of proposals and programs. When we do finally come out of this condition we find that those leaders, which have contributed most, are those who are four-square, and those who have a reputation for honesty and integrity.

"Farmers, keep your feet on the earth. Do your own thinking. Join hands with your neighbors through organization to correct some of these evils. No farm organization has a greater opportunity than the Farmers' Union. It is a class organization and supports its own program with its own funds. We are not clamorous or selfish. We co-operate with any and all groups, who will work with us to secure better conditions on the farm.

Mr. Ward concluded his talk with a reference to the coming state convention which is to be held at Beloit, Kansas, October 27 to October 30, inclusive. He mentioned some of the principal speakers who are to appear on the program, and spoke of some of the questions which would come up for discussion and action at the convention. He urged that as many as possible should attend the convention.

TALBOTT WILL BE IN KANSAS DURING THE WEEK

First Meeting In Cowley County On Friday Evening At Kellogg Community Hall

CITIZENS COOPERATE

Sunday Meetings At Blount, Osage, Other Meetings At Lawrence, Blue Rapids, Forceful Speaker

Charlie Talbott, president of the North Dakota Farmers Union as well as an official of many of the cooperative groups of the northwest is coming in to Kansas this week. President Ward will accompany him to all of the meetings he holds in this state.

The first meeting will be Friday evening, October 23, at 8:00 p. m. in Kellogg Community Hall, Cowley county. This hall is six miles west and two miles north of Winfield. Mr. Talbott and Mr. Ward will then drive to Burlington, county seat of Coffey county, for a meeting on Saturday afternoon, October 24, at 2 p. m. Saturday night will find our speakers at Lawrence, Douglas county. This meeting will be held in the Douglas county Court House, at 8 p. m. On Sunday afternoon a community-wide meeting will be held in the City Hall at Blue Rapids, Marshall Co., at 2 p. m. Monday night closes the series with a meeting held in Clay Center, Clay County.

Not only are the Farmers Union members expected to attend these meetings and cooperate in making them a success, but the leaders of the civic organizations of the communities are cooperating and all are urged to come and bring neighbors and friends whether they belong to the Farmers Union or not. Help make the meetings a grand success. "We want to urge the ladies and children to be in attendance at our meetings. You have long since learned that the Farmers Union program means progress more rapidly when the whole family cooperates," says President C. A. Ward.

President Talbott is an outstanding farm leader. He has had many years experience in leadership and has a practical understanding of our various problems. Not only is he a big man when it comes to dealing with farm organization and agricultural problems, but he is big in stature. He impresses his audience because of his sincerity. He is always vigorous, his presentation of ideas is never commonplace middle ground. He has proven himself to be in accord with any constructive movement that will strengthen the Farmers Union organization from its various angles. He occupies a little better position than farmers in a little better position than they occupy at present. Communities in which these meetings are to be held are urged to use the telephone, the press and every other available means of properly advertising the meetings.

JUST SUGGESTIONS

By Frank A. Chapin, Winfield, Kansas

Brother John Frost, in the last issue of the Union Farmer puts up a splendid plea relative to taxation. His arguments are beyond successful refutation, and seem to cover all contingencies connected with possible conditions but the one thing that continually confronts the borrowing public, is this ever present interest charge. It never stops but works a twenty-four day and a three hundred and sixty-five day year with no vacation and no moratorium injected to postpone interest payment for a year or more, but nothing is said about interest on deferred payments of interest; for financiers seem to insist on interest on this item.

During the civil war treasury notes were issued, which carried the war to a successful end, and thus saved the nation millions of dollars in interest, and debts were fully canceled; as the greenback was made a legal tender for all debts, both public and private, and now, in this poverty-stricken condition of our treasury, to the tune of several billion dollars, all bearing interest, it would seem that another issue of treasury notes, as suggested by a good Western Republican senator with progressive vision, which means the issuing of a few billion dollars by the government, by act of congress.

But the wall would go up "Why not bonds?"—Because of the interest charge. If we could but recognize that this very millstone is the burden the country is now groaning under, and we still insist on issuing more bonds, to draw more interest.

The money invested by loaners thus escapes taxation; the very thing we are seeking to remedy by an income tax. The treasury notes would be underwritten by the United States Government, and as long as the government stands, these notes are as good as gold. All the taxable property in the nation guarantees their standard of value; the only thing these notes fail to do, is to bear interest.

We can't see why this government should pay tribute to a private capitalist, for the privilege of just existing. We watched the old greenback operate through the rebellion and for a time after, but Shylock was on its trail and finally relegated it to the discard pile. A National Shame, so to day, the same interests that caused the retirement of the greenback, stand today, ready to oppose any existing financial policy of the great common people.

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SALINA, KANSAS, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1931

LINN COUNTY GETS THINGS DONE

In Linn county, Kansas, the farmers are real cooperators and are real boosters for the Farmers Union and for the principles for which the organization stands. They have a county organization in that county which would be a good one for some other county organizations to pattern after.

The writer had an opportunity to watch this county organization in action last Saturday, October 17. He had a ringside seat, and if he missed anything, it was his own fault. Right at this time we do not intend to take up a report of the details of business as handled by the meeting, but we want to call attention to the manner in which the meeting was conducted, and to the spirit of cooperation which was prominently displayed.

In the first place, the farmers of the county, through this county unit, have cemented themselves together into a workable unit. They are united by bonds of common understanding, which is a thing too often neglected in some communities. Through this unity of thought and action, they are in a position to meet issues squarely and effectively.

Capable leadership is another thing that is apparent in the meetings conducted by the Linn county organization. It is apparent that the leaders give a great deal of thought to the meetings before they are called. Things move along in order, and thus confusion is avoided.

A spirit of friendly rivalry between the various locals of the county has been developed. A system has been devised whereby a definite number of points may be earned by various activities within the unit. The local with the largest number of points earned wins a banner which it holds until the next contest, or until the next quarterly county meeting. The plan is so workable, and produces such good results, that we believe it would not be out of order to publish it here. It is something like the following:

For the largest percentage of membership attendance at local meetings, 25 points; for each new member added to the local, 25 points; for the largest percentage of members with dues paid for the current year, 25 points, and for each member attending the county meeting, 10 points. In addition to the banner which is won on points, the county unit pays a prize of \$2.50 each quarter to the prize winning local. If any local holds the banner for three or more quarters, that local is awarded a prize of \$5.

Another thing that is apparent is the fact that the interest in the various meetings is not confined to any one little group of leaders. Interest in the affairs of the Farmers Union is widespread. Women take active parts and children are given places on the programs from time to time. Everyone naturally feels that he or she is taking part in his or her own meeting. Right at this point it might be well to mention the fact that the women in Linn county certainly are good cooks, and one of the influences which make for close fellowship within the group comes from munching wishbones, drum sticks, pumpkin pies, apple pies, ice cream, cake and all the items of attractive and tasty food that can be assembled. This, of course, is true not only in Linn county, but in all other communities where Farmers Union folks gather for such meetings.

The writer was honored with an opportunity to appear on the Linn county program. George Hobbs, manager of the Farmers Union Live Stock Commission Co., presented an interesting talk, in which he told of the progress which has been made by that outstanding cooperative institution. The live stock firm is in excellent financial condition, the report shows. Attention was called to the fact that that cooperative has paid back large amounts of money to shippers, as direct benefits of cooperative marketing.

Mr. F. C. Gerstenberger of Blue Mound is president of the Linn county unit, and presided at the meeting last Saturday. Mr. V. F. Carrio is the secretary.

The President's Column

By G. A. WARD

STUDYING OUR PROBLEMS

I suppose every local and county secretary in the state has given some thought and study to the questionnaire which was forwarded from this office a couple of weeks ago. Many local and county units have considered and answered this questionnaire at their meetings. As a result each mail is bringing the office a number of replies from the different locals and counties.

Some very valuable information which is included in these answers will help the Farmers Union in the working out of its program. As stated in a former issue of the paper, when once the office is in possession of these reports coming from some 700 or 800 locals, we then will spend some time in analyzing them that we may understand the general trend of thought among our membership relative to these various questions.

The questionnaire forwarded to our people, of course does not touch every phase of our program and organization. The facts are, we will probably forward another questionnaire later on in the year. The information sought in this questionnaire will be based on the facts as revealed in those that are coming back to the office now.

Your state office will attempt to keep abreast with the times with its program and endeavor to meet all issues and questions which apply to the farmers and their problems in a way that will bring the best results. It might be said that the Farmers Union has two distinct functions. One, the maintenance and support of the parent organization including the local and county units for educational purposes. Second, the maintenance and support of the local, county and statewide business organizations. For argument's sake I will discuss each briefly.

May I say in the outset that our business associations throughout the length and breadth of the state, including our statewide business organizations, are a result of long years of toil and much experience of all types, on the part of the educational phase of our program, namely the Farmers Union itself. Our business institutions have come into existence comparable to the extent that our people were educated in the belief of cooperation, especially in marketing. Each branch of the Farmers Union still has its function and must be reckoned with.

To begin with, last year we were represented at the National Convention by 15 votes, meaning more than 14,000 dues paid up during that year. This year we will probably fall some short of that. In Kansas we probably have some 700 or 800 cooperative business associations. In these business cooperatives, we probably have between 50,000 and 60,000 farmers who are a part of the Farmers Union program, either through the ownership of stock in these various Farmers Union business associations, or by holding insurance policies.

The point I wish to make is the fact that these some 50,000 or 60,000 farmers have put their money into Farmers Union activities which are going forward under the Farmers Union banner. Yet, the large majority of such are not paying dues into the organization and are not definitely aligned with the organization through membership. Our challenge is that an equitable program may be worked out looking toward every farmer, who is aligned definitely with any of these business activities, carrying the Farmers Union card.

No one can estimate the large amount of good which can come from such an organization, with every member owning stock in a Farmers Union cooperative or holding an insurance policy, holding a Farmers Union membership card and being in possession of every facility that the Farmers Union offers.

How Can We Work This Problem Out?

A lot of suggestions have been offered. In the first place the reports which come from the questionnaires sent out would indicate most of the locals feel the present annual dues of \$2.75 are too high, taking into consideration the condition of the times. Yet, all questionnaires seem to indicate that we dare not slack up with the educational part of our program, which means holding meetings regularly by the local and county units throughout the state. If the dues are lessened how can the slack be taken up?

Something of the following has been proposed and is being considered by a Committee authorized by the State Board of Directors. Any proposed change will mean that our constitution and by-laws must be amended and this will require an action of the delegates at the state convention and a referendum to the membership. One idea presented was that we accept group membership into the Farmers Union. That each local, county and statewide business activity be asked to take a membership in the Kansas Farmers Union by paying an equitable annual membership fee.

A lot of our members who have given definite study to our program feel that there should be a closer tie-in of all the business groups into the parent organization. The proposal mentioned above would incorporate this principle. One thing is certain in its relationship to our organization, and that is our strength lies in the fact of a closer cohesion of all groups centralizing into the parent organization itself.

Another plan suggested was that in addition to the annual membership fees from the business cooperatives into the parent organization that we lower the annual dues and thus provide our revenue through organization membership fee and annual dues from individual members, which will be materially lowered. Most all are agreed that the fact of each member paying a stipulated sum in dues would hold or increase loyalty to the parent organization.

It was also suggested that additional revenue might be raised from a percentage of the net earnings of the statewide business activities.

In the consideration of the above referred to suggestions it is advocated that instead of considerable amounts of money and energy being expended each year to hold up our membership, that these same expenditures would build up and create new business for our various institutions all over the state. Thus automatically increasing our membership and putting our business institutions into a position of being fully able to give the proper financial support to the state organization.

As it is today it costs about so much money to carry on the work of the state organization, including salaries, office overhead, traveling expenses, etc. One can readily see it would be much less burdensome for 50,000 or 60,000 to pay this cost rather than 10,000 or 15,000 as it now stands.

Our great problem is the working out of an equitable financial program which will tie-in every farmer in Kansas who is definitely aligned with any of our institutions through stock or membership.

In all these proposals, it is understood that the present method of collecting dues will remain in force until the new plan can be applied. This will require an action on the part of the various cooperatives throughout the state.

Another feature which is to be considered as an advantage which would be brought about by an increased membership, is the fact that a materially increased circulation of the Kansas Union Farmer would result. This would, of course, help to spread the gospel of cooperation among farmers and would be an additional force in raising finances for the parent organization. The paper would be improved greatly as an advertising medium and would command improved finances from that source.

THE INSURANCE CORNER

By W. J. Spencer, President-Manager

The past week has been marked by one of the most destructive wind and hail storms of the year. Last Saturday evening, October 10, a storm struck the north central and extended to the northwestern part of the state. A great deal of damage was done, many buildings being partially wrecked and some completely destroyed. Fortunately however, there was no loss of life and no injuries as far as we were able to determine.

Needless to say, we sustained many losses. Some of them were rather large, but for the most part, our losses will not be very great, most of them consisting of small damage to roofs, windows, and the smaller farm out-buildings.

It is at a time like this that insurance shows its true worth. As usual, we are paying our losses in full and making prompt adjustments. Mr. C. C. Cole, our Secretary, has been assisting Mr. G. C. Peak, the adjuster, in this storm area the past week. Mr. Peak will probably finish the adjustments this week.

Mr. Peak requests that we give special mention to Mr. Henry Kresin of Glen Elder who gave a great deal of assistance in making possible prompt adjustments, by notifying those who sustained losses, that the adjuster was in their locality. Mr. B. L. Folsom of Randall, P. J. Paulsen, Concordia, and W. N. Byers of Jewell, are some of our agents who helped make possible the continuance of our record of prompt adjustments.

Mr. Cole was given a great deal of assistance by Roy M. Clarke of Kirwin, Ivan A. DuBois of Agra, George Brown, Norton, and J. A. Schoen of Lenora.

We wish to thank all of these men for their help, and appreciate the true cooperative spirit which was shown by them.

NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES

FRANKLIN COUNTY UNION HAD INTERESTING MEETING

We had another good meeting Oct. 9 with the Minneola Local.

The resolution committee presented the following resolutions which were adopted:

(1) Resolved, that we as a body go on record favoring the adoption of the income tax law and use our influence in securing the same.

(2) Resolved that in this time of depression and crop failures we favor the lowering of all township, county and state taxes, of which real estate is bearing an unjust share.

(3) Resolved that we, as a body, ask our senators and representatives to work for the betterment of the farming people in making and framing the laws in the future.

T. G. Ramsey,
H. A. Kissinger,
John Cartmull.

Brief talks for the good of the order were given by several of the members present and this expression of ideas should be a part of every meeting. And like the Dutchman in Mr. Thayer's story, we should take an interest and discuss these important subjects, "just in time."

The motion carried that the county offer a prize to the local securing the largest percent of delinquent dues before the next meeting.

The literary program consisted of the following numbers:

Songs—"Daddy and Home," "Waiting for the Train," Marvin Pearson Reading—"Sis Hopkins' Funny Family," Miss Agnes White Jig—"That's Where My Money Goes," "In Ohio," Elson Thayer Short Stories—"Donkey Song," "Ticklish Reuben," "Donkey Song," Allen Vick Reading—"I'll Betcha," Miss Ellen Brady Vocal Duet—"Down in the Little Green Valley."

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Ford Zerbe's Orchestra with some change in the personnel, furnished their usual good music. The numbers were all very good and we surely appreciate the cooperation of everyone in helping with the programs, and especially thank the children for their numbers.

The next meeting being election of officers and as we will also have the report of the delegates to the State Convention, it was thought best to have the November meeting in Ottawa. We will have a basket supper with Mrs. J. H. Young, Mrs. Elson Thayer and Mrs. A. A. Kazmaier in charge. Supper is to be served at seven o'clock.

At the close of the meeting nice refreshments of sandwiches, cake and coffee were served to the 175 present. Don't forget to come to Ottawa. Our next regular county meeting will be Tuesday evening, Nov. 10th. Basket supper and election of officers.

Mrs. Harry Morgan, Sec'y.

MEN SERVED THE LUNCH

Minneapolis, Kan., Oct. 10, 1931

Floyd H. Lynn,
Salina, Kans.

Dear Sir:

The Spring Hill Local No. 1570 meets every second and fourth Friday nights of each month. Our last meeting was October 9. There was a good sized crowd out. The regular order of business was conducted. Geo. Smith was appointed by the President to attend the state meeting at Beloit October 27.

Mrs. Carl Cline, Mrs. Geo. Smith, Mrs. R. Richards and Mrs. Earl Hansen were appointed as program committee. We would like all the members to come to the meetings and listen and take part in these programs. The men served a nice lunch consisting of coffee, sandwiches and cake.

Mrs. Chas. E. Blades,
Reporter.

QUESTIONNAIRE WAS READ AT CENTER LOCAL MEETING

Regular meeting of Center Local No. 2132, Ottawa County, was held Friday night October 9th. The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. C. L. Rupert. The regular order of business followed. A nice crowd was present and the evening was much enjoyed. Election of delegates to the State Convention at Beloit was held and W. H. Nelson was elected as delegate and J. T. Watson was chosen as alternate.

The questionnaire sent out by State President Ward and State Secretary Lynn was read.

Mrs. W. B. Gard expressed her appreciation and thanks to the Union for flowers and cards sent her during a recent illness from which all were glad she had recovered enough to be back with us. The prize winning essay on "Cattle Industry" which won first place in the "Queen of the Prairie Contest" was then read, after which cider and doughnuts were served. Each one present was given a number on a half gallon bottle of cider on which A. Husted held the lucky number.

Mrs. W. H. Nelson, Sec.-Treas.

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PROGRAM

Kansas Division Farmers Educational and Cooperative Union of America. Beloit, Mitchell County, Kansas

Tuesday, October 27, 1931

- 1:00 P. M. Meeting called to order by President C. B. Thowe. Reading of Minutes of previous meeting. Appointment of Committees. Report of President C. B. Thowe.
- 1:30 P. M. Address, C. A. Ward, President Kansas Farmers Union.
- 2:00 P. M. Address, H. A. Cowden, President Union Oil Company, Kansas City, Missouri.
- 3:00 P. M. Address, H. E. Witham, Manager, F. U. Jobbing Association, Kansas City, Missouri.
- 3:15 P. M. Address, A. W. Seamans, Manager, F. U. Co-operative Creamery, Kansas City, Missouri.
- 3:30 P. M. Election of Officers and Delegate to State Convention.
- 4:00 P. M. Round Table Discussion, Chairman, Clifford Miller, Brewster, Kansas. Adjournment.
- 7:00 P. M. Music and Entertainment.
- 7:30 P. M. Address H. G. Keeney, President Nebraska Farmers Union, and other prominent speakers. Adjournment.

Wednesday, October 28, 1931

- 9:00 A. M. Music, High School band or orchestra.
- 10:00 A. M. Meeting called to order by President C. A. Ward. Invocation, Rev. L. R. Honderick, M. E. Church. Address of Welcome, Mayor and President Chamber of Commerce. Response, F. M. Giltner, Winfield, Kansas. Appointment of Credential Committee.
- 10:30 A. M. Memorial Service.
- 11:00 A. M. Fraternal Greetings—Ralph Snyder, President Kansas Farm Bureau. C. C. Cogswell, Master Kansas State Grange. John Vesceky, President Kansas Co-operative Wheat Marketing Association. E. G. Tharp, President Farmers Co-operative Commission Company. L. E. Webb, President, Farmers Co-operative Grain Dealers Association.

- 1:00 P. M. Music or entertainment.
- 1:30 P. M. Appointment of Committees.
- 1:45 P. M. Report of State Secretary.
- 2:00 P. M. Report of Executive Committee.
- 2:15 P. M. Report of President C. A. Ward.
- 3:00 P. M. Address, John A. Simpson, President National Farmers Union.
- 4:00 P. M. Farmers Union Royalty Company, G. E. Creitz, State Manager.
- 4:15 P. M. Farmers Union Mutual Life Insurance Company, Rex Lear, State Manager. Adjournment.
- 7:00 P. M. Music, band.
- 7:30 P. M. Address, Governor Harry H. Woodring.
- 8:30 P. M. Address, Hon. W. F. Schilling, member Federal Farm Board. Adjournment.

Thursday, October 29, 1931

- 8:45 A. M. Music. Invocation, Rev. W. W. Pfantz, Presbyterian Church.
- 9:00 A. M. Farmers Union Auditing Association, T. B. Dunn, Secretary-Manager.
- 9:15 A. M. Farmers Union Live Stock Commission, George W. Hobbs, Manager.
- 9:40 A. M. Farmers Union Jobbing Association, H. E. Witham, Manager.
- 10:00 A. M. Nomination of Officers. Directors of Fourth and Fifth Districts. Delegates to National Convention.
- 10:30 A. M. Farmers Union Mutual Insurance Companies, W. J. Spencer, President-Manager.
- 11:00 A. M. Farmers Union Cooperative Creamery, A. W. Seamans, Manager.
- 11:30 A. M. Union Oil Company, H. A. Cowden, President-Manager. Adjournment.
- 1:15 P. M. Music.
- 1:30 P. M. Ladies Auxiliary.
- 2:00 P. M. Reports of Committees. (This period for discussion of committee reports is left open in accordance with resolution adopted at the McPherson convention.) Adjournment.
- 7:00 P. M. Music.
- 7:30 P. M. Address, C. C. Talbott, President North Dakota Farmers Union.

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COOPERATIVE OIL NEWS

HOWARD A. COWDEN,
President Union Oil Company

WOULD THE MAJORS "USE" THE COOPERATIVES

Just a few days ago a representative of an oil company owned by a certain "major" called at our office, and asked me to call a tariff on crude oil. The man, who has been in the employ of a large western cooperative, explained to me that it was his job to interview farm organization leaders and editors of farm organization papers, to convince them that they should oppose the tariff on crude oil.

When he presented this idea to me my reply was that I was in favor of using home products in preference to imported products. I explained this by saying in view of the fact that millions of Americans are facing the problem of caring for families and many of them now without jobs I was not in favor of importing petroleum products and especially so since we have a tremendous overproduction of crude in our own United States.

But, regardless of the merits of the tariff on crude, to me it was a strange thing for this man to come to my office, and tell me, and of course he had made the same statements to many others, that I should oppose a tariff on crude oil. And, it was still a stranger thing to me, for him to say that the "major" he represented was interested in holding the price of petroleum products down to benefit farmers. He even went so far as to make the statement that it was good "farm relief" to fight the tariff on crude, although in his conversation he admitted that the low prices for farmers on petroleum products would not necessarily follow; were there no tariff.

What he was trying to do was to line up the cooperatives' support to help the "majors" defeat this tariff, on the theory that the interests of the "majors" were likewise the interests of the farmers. Summing up the whole thing up, he was attempting to use the power of the cooperatives to "pull the chestnuts" of the majors "out of the fire." Is it not common knowledge that the "majors" are against the cooperatives? Yet when the strength of the cooperatives can be used to their advantage do they hesitate to try to turn that strength to their advantage?

We will do well to read Washington's warning in his Farewell Speech to "steer clear of alliances" and to not "entangle" ourselves.

As cooperators we should be on the lookout for "wolves in sheep's clothing," and certainly we should beware of the influence of the big interests which are known to be unfriendly to cooperatives, who come to us only when they can use our "influence" to their advantage.

Kansas Oil Men recently held a conference at Wichita, Kansas. During their discussion they passed a resolution characterizing the companies which are importing oil and oil products as "guilty of treason to American industry." The resolution was adopted by 125 Kansas oil men. These same companies were also renounced as being instrumental in wrecking the third largest industry in the country. This action followed a discussion of reports that Russian and Rumanian gasoline was being docked at Detroit.

Beloit, Kansas, October 12, 1931—The Mitchell County Farmers Union is making an outstanding record in the operation of their bulk oil stations. The company operates a bulk station at Glen Elder and Tipton, as well as Beloit. This department, according to a recent statement made by the management, shows a profit of almost \$7,000.00 for the past three months. The company plans to put on an intensive resale campaign during the winter months which they expect will result in a substantial increase in volume. George Dean is manager with H. C. Fisher at the Glen Elder plant, and Roy M. Ellenz at Tipton.

COUNTY WORKS WITH FARMERS

Wray, Colo., Oct. 10, 1931—The Cooperative Oil Company here has just secured a contract with the county to supply their gasoline requirements. The contract runs for twelve months. The farmers in this territory who own the Cooperative Oil Company appreciate this cooperation from the county. The business was secured on a competitive basis, and the company can assure them of the very best of quality.

WAREHOUSE HANDLES GOOD VOLUME

North Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 12, 1931—The Union Oil Company has within the last week made additional carload shipments of Union Certified oils and greases to their warehouses at Aberdeen, and Sioux Falls, South Dakota. The nice volume distributed through the warehouses indicates that members of the company appreciate having this warehouse distribution which gives them quicker service. This also has been the means of bringing many new customers. The establishment of the warehouses is in line with the company's policy to do everything possible to render the best service to local cooperative companies. The company plans to establish warehouses in other territories where the volume justifies.

Ellsworth, Kansas, Oct. 10, 1931—The Farmers Union Oil Company which is made up of a large number of farmers in this territory, returned to their members cash dividends amounting to \$5,265.66 at the close of their fiscal year. Checks received by many of the members ran well over \$50.00. The patronage refund for Ernest Palmquist amounted to \$125.95. Among the other larger dividend checks were the following: R. J. Ellrich, \$50.98; Aidan Murphy, \$75.49; Fred Nienke, Jr., \$60.44; Edward Westerman, \$71.97; Tom Zavesky, \$60.79; Joe Zeman, \$63.89 and Chas. Pfinghoft, \$75.06.

The citizens of this territory are proud of this progressive cooperative company. The large volume which they have handled has made their substantial refund. As they have increased their volume their overhead per gallon has been reduced. In other words, it has paid the consumers in this territory to work together. The company is managed by Art Shannon. The following are members of the board of directors: Henry Schenck, Harry Klin, W. W. Huggins, and Frank Huseman.

we. My cousin's address is Joye Ellis, Erie, Kans. I think I can get some more to join. I had better close, hoping to hear from you soon.
Love,
Grace Ellis.

Dear Grace: Our lessons have been a little delayed the last few months owing to the fact that our Junior instructor has not been able to send them as regularly as before. We haven't had one for quite a while—but we're going to have one soon, and after that we'll try to have them on a certain date each month. I'm glad that you have written to Hilda—do so often. I'm sure Joye has her book and pin by this time, doesn't she—she was sent some time ago. Please write again.—Aunt Patience.

Victoria, Kans., Sept. 4, 1931
Dear Aunt Patience: I want to join the Junior Cooperators, so please send me a book and pin. I will promise to send in my lessons, but I don't understand it about the lessons what you are to do. Will you please explain it to me? As it is the first time I have written maybe it would be best for me to describe myself. I am eleven years old and will be in the sixth grade. My birthday is March 14. Have I a twin? I have read the Junior page a long time and always enjoyed it. We are nine in our family. Well, guess I will close as my letter is getting long.
Your friend,
Ida Weber.

Care of John A. Weber.
Dear Ida: Welcome to the Club—you'll understand about the lessons when we print the next one—everything will be explained with the lesson. Perhaps some of your brothers or sisters would like to become members, too. I'll send your book and pin as soon as I can.—Aunt Patience.

Hays, Kans., Sept. 2, 1931.
Dear Aunt Patience: I have just a few minutes to spend so I thought I would write and ask how you are. It has been quite a long time since I wrote to you the last time.

I am wondering how all the other Juniors are getting along. I haven't found my twin yet but I hope I will find one soon. If there are any Juniors close to my birthday I wish they would write to me.

For pets I have a little pony. Its name is Tricks. My birthday is May 6th. I am 13 years old.
Your Junior,
Marcus Pfeifer.

Dear Marcus: That's a good way to spend a few extra minutes—writing to me and through our Page, to the whole Junior membership. I'd like to see "Tricks." What color is he? I hope you'll find your twin soon, too.—Aunt Patience.

Victoria, Kans., Sept. 29, 1931
Dear Aunt Patience: Please send me your book and pin as I would like to join your club. My Daddy is a Union member. I am 8 years old and in the 4th grade. Will close.
Cecelia Rajewski.

Care of F. Rajewski.
Dear Cecelia: I'm so glad you're joining the Junior Cooperators—and I hope you'll like being a member. Let me know when you find your twin.—Aunt Patience.

Victoria, Kans., Sept. 29, 1931
Dear Aunt Patience: Please send me your book and pin. I want to join your club.
Your friends,
Georgine Rajewski.

Dear Georgine: I'm glad you've decided to join too. Your book and pin will be sent as soon as I can get them. You forgot to tell us your birthday date and age—write again.—Aunt Patience.

Clifton, Kans., Sept. 1, 1931
Dear Sirs: I will be glad to belong to your club. Please send me your pin and notebook as soon as possible.
Very truly yours,
Edith Jurey.

Route 1.
Dear Edith: Welcome to our Club—you, too, forgot to tell us your birthday date and age. Please write us soon again and give us more details about yourself. I'll send you your book and pin as soon as I can.—Aunt Patience.

Dear Aunt Patience: How are you? I am just fine. I am going to join your club. My father is a member of the Farmers Union. I have read your letters for a long



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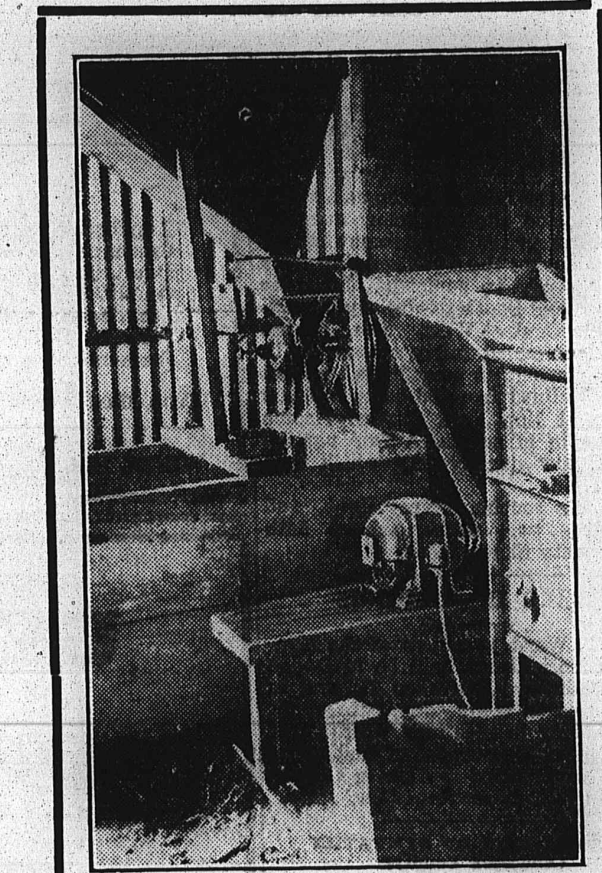
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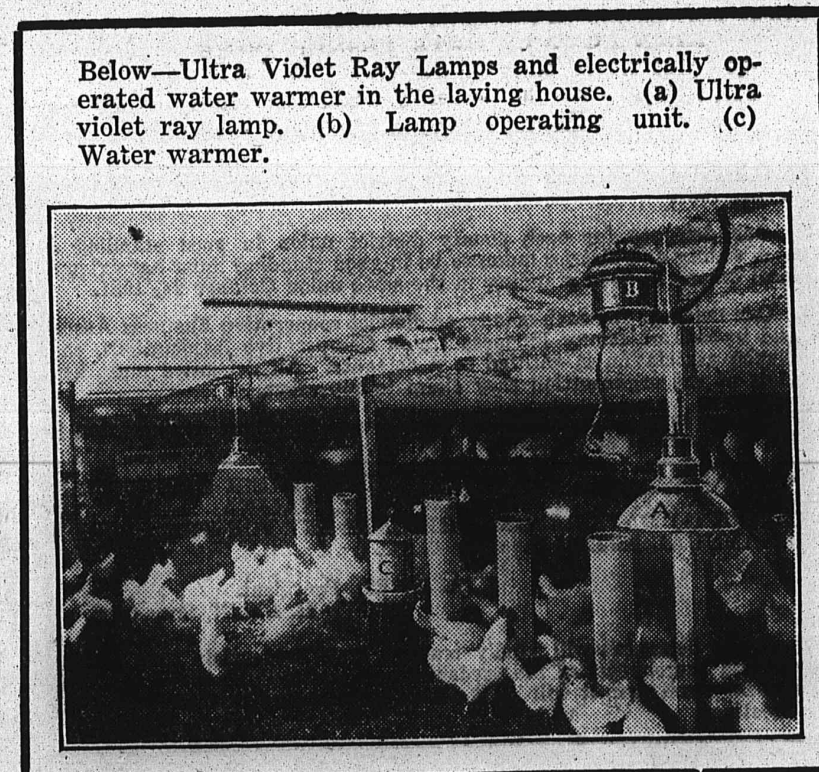


Above—Flock of 700 pullets under lights on the farm of Riddle and Turner near Parsons, Kansas. Mr. Riddle says, "By the use of electricity, I have made money on poultry during the past year."



Above—Mr. S. E. Hood of Madison, Kansas says about his small feed grinder, "with the use of the small grinder and 1/2 H.P. motor, I can grind 8 bushels of feed per hour."

If you do not have electric service, get in touch with your Power Company concerning the availability of electricity for your farm. You will be furnished complete information and your inquiry will not obligate you in any way.



Below—Ultra Violet Ray Lamps and electrically operated water warmer in the laying house. (a) Ultra violet ray lamp. (b) Lamp operating unit. (c) Water warmer.

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time. I sure enjoy reading them.

I am 14 years old. My birthday is Oct. 2. Have I a twin? I graduated from common school when I was 12 years old. Please send me a book and pin. I will send in my lessons. I have two sisters and four brothers. My two sisters are married. Their names are Vida and Lida. Lida has two sweet little boys. Their names are Harold and Harvey. Three of my brothers goes to grade school and one of them graduated the same time I did. Well, as my letter is getting long, I will close.

Your niece,
Vera Sigle.

Dear Vera: I'm glad you enjoy reading our Page and that you're joining our Club. Until you find your twin, why don't you write some other member whose letter appears this time? My, you were very young to graduate from grade school, weren't you? Your book and pin will be sent soon. Please write us again soon.—Aunt Patience.

Hays, Kans., Oct. 12, 1931.

I have read your letter in the paper and have found my twin girl. Her name is Virginia Walter. Her birthday is March 21 and she is in the fifth grade. Please send me my book and pin. I have to close my letter.

Yours truly,
Lucilla Stoa.

Dear Lucilla: You were lucky to find your twin so quickly—have you written to her yet? I'll send your book and pin as soon as I get them. Write us again and tell us more about yourself.—Aunt Patience.

Hays, Kans., Oct. 8, 1931.

Dear Aunt Patience: How are you? I am fine. I am

going to school. I am in the sixth grade. My teacher's name is Miss Leikes. I like her very much. My birthday is March 8. I am 11 years old. Have I a twin? Please send me a book and pin. I would like to join your club. I'll close, with love,
Yours truly,
Isabella Schneider.

Care Emil Schmeller.

Dear Isabella: I'm fine, too, thanks. I'm sure you do have a twin—watch the paper for one—and until you find one, why not write some other new or old member? That is a good way to become better acquainted with your fellow Club members.—Aunt Patience.

Argonia, Kans., Oct. 3, 1931

Well Aunt Patience, I at last have put some time to write and how is yourself. I put some misspelled words on here and had to mark them out.

Well, I found two kids to write to but neither one has written back to me. Their names are Hazel Patterson and John Schneider. Hazel is 10 and John is 11.

I guess I will tell my age again so I can get some other twins to write to me. I am 11 years old June 14, 1931. I have light hair and kinda blue eyes.

Please, twins, write to me.

With love,
Ida Maye Segebart.

R. R. Box 2.

P. S. Aunt Patience, my brother Henry C. hasn't received his book and pin yet. Will you please send them?
Ida Maye.

Dear Ida Maye: It makes me feel awfully bad to think that neither of your twins has replied to your letter. Perhaps they will, yet and have just been slow about answering. Henry's book and pin were sent some

time ago, too—if you haven't them by this time, let me know.—Aunt Patience.

Collyer, Kans., Oct. 9, 1931.

Dear Aunt Patience: It has been a long time since I wrote to you. How are you? I am all right. I got my brother Frank to join but didn't get a star after my name in the membership roll.

My name was spelled wrong in the paper too. It is spelled Stradal. I have a friend who would like to join but his father doesn't belong to the Farmers Union.

Can he join?

Yours truly,
Quentin Stradal.

P. S. My twin is Nick Schmidt. His birthday is February 4. Mine is Feb. 3.

Dear Quentin: Oh, I'm sorry about your not having a star on the Membership roll this time—and about your name being misspelled. I'll correct both mistakes at once. Yes, your friend can join if his father or mother will subscribe to the Kansas Union Farmer for one year. This costs one dollar and we make this a rule as there would be no use in your being a member, unless you received the paper to read the letters of other Juniors, and get the lessons. Have you written to Nick?—Aunt Patience.

Hays, Kans., Oct. 8, 1931

Dear Aunt Patience: I would like to join your club. I am in the second grade. My birthday is March 27. Have I a twin? I am 7 years old. My teacher's name is Miss Meier. My sister Mary Frances told me to join. I will close with love.

Yours truly,
Irvin Walters.

Care of Adam J. Walters.

Dear Irvin: We're glad you're joining our Club—and I hope you'll like being a member. Watch for your twin—I think you'll find

one soon. Your book and pin will be sent as soon as possible.—Aunt Patience.

Hays, Kans., Oct. 8, 1931.

Dear Aunt Patience: How are you yet? I am just fine. I would like to join your club. I am 9 years old. My birthday is the 10th of September. Have I a twin? My sister Mary Frances told me to join so I did. My father is a member of the Farmers' Union. I am in the third grade. My teacher's name is Miss Meier. I like her real well. I will close.

Yours truly,
Harold Walters.

Care Adam J. Walters.

Dear Harold: It's fine that you like your teacher—going to school is so much fun when you do. Mary Frances will have two stars on the Roll—one for you and for Irvin, won't she? Watch for your twin—and write again.—Aunt Patience.

Catherine, Kans., Aug. 23, 1931

Dear Aunt Patience: I would like to join your club. Please send me a book and pin. I will try to get the lesson. I will be in the sixth grade this year. My father is a member of the Farmers Union. I am 11 years old. I am a twin sister. I have three little kittens. My brother always gives them milk. Please put the club song in the paper soon, as I haven't heard it.

Yours truly,
Margaret Schneider.

Dear Margaret: We're glad to add your name to our Membership Roll, and I hope you'll read the letters each week, write to some of the Juniors, and send the letters in. Your book and pin will be sent soon. I imagine your kittens are sweet—they're almost grown up by this time. I expect—Aunt Patience.



Junior Cooperators by Aunt Patience

HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THIS DEPARTMENT
Any boy or girl between the ages of six and sixteen, whose father is a member in good standing of the Farmers' Union, who writes a letter for publication, can be a member of this department, and is entitled to a pin. In order to receive a book, he must signify his intentions to study the lessons and send them in. We cannot send out books to those who do not intend to send their lessons. The address to which all Juniors should send their letters is: Aunt Patience in care of the KANSAS UNION FARMER, Salina, Kansas.

Healy, Kans., Sept., 1931
Dear Aunt Patience: How are you? I am fine. This is the first time I have written to you. I have made up my mind to join your club. Would you please send me a book and pin? I will try and send in the lesson. My birthday is December 27. I found my twin. She is Dorothy Embers, McPherson, Kans. I like to read the letters in the Farmers Union. Well, I will write again. I wrote to my twin. I have four sisters and three brothers.

Well I will close.

From your niece,
Irene Roser.

Dear Irene: We're so glad you're joining our Club. I'll send your book and pin soon, but we are temporarily out of them and I'll have to wait until we get some more. Have you heard from Dorothy yet? Congratulations upon finding your twin so soon.—Aunt Patience.

Penokee, Kans., Sept. 27, 1931.

Dear Aunt Patience: How are you? I am fine. I am 10 years old. The pin and book is pretty. My birthday is on March 12. I have a brother in the third grade. I would like to join your club so please send me a book and pin soon.

Helen Dreiling.

Dear Helen: I'll answer your letters all together, as you're all just joining our Club, and you all wrote at once. Welcome to our Club, all of you—please write me again, and be sure to let me know when you find your birthday twins.—Aunt Patience.

Penokee, Kans., Sept. 27, 1931.

Dear Aunt Patience: How are you? I am fine. I am 8 years old. My birthday comes on September 15. I would like to join your club so please send me a book and pin soon.

Good bye,
Leonard Dreiling.

Penokee, Kans., Sept. 27, 1931

Dear Aunt Patience: How are you? I am fine. I would like to join your club. I am 11 years

old. My birthday comes on August 15. I am in the fifth grade.

Good bye,
Mary Dreiling.

Penokee, Kans., Sept. 27, 1931

Dear Aunt Patience: How are you? I am fine. I am in the seventh grade. My birthday comes on December 19. I like to go to school. I would like to join your club. Please send me a book and pin soon.

Good bye,
Albina Dreiling.

Penokee, Kans., Sept. 27, 1931

Dear Aunt Patience: How are you? I am fine. I am in the sixth grade. My birthday comes on April 12. I like to go to school. I would like to join your club. Please send book and pin soon.

Good bye,
Marry Dreiling.

Dear Helen, Leonard, Albert, and you all wrote at once. Welcome to our Club, all of you—please write me again, and be sure to let me know when you find your birthday twins.—Aunt Patience.

Erie, Kans., Oct. 2, 1931.

Dear Aunt Patience: I haven't written to you for so long I thought I would write you a few lines. How are you? I am O. K. Aunt Patience, you never did send me cousin Joye a book and pin. She is still waiting for it. You know I never have found any lessons and I joined in August. While I think about it I got a letter from my twin and I answered it and got another one from her. Her name is Hilda Wagner, Yates Center, Kans. I will watch for the lessons. About how long are they and what is the heading of them? We have quite a membership roll, don't

GRAIN AND HAY MARKET REVIEWS

Wheat Markets Maintain a Firmer Tone. Feed Grains and Flax Barely Steady

HAY MARKET IRREGULAR

Domestic wheat market maintained a firm tone during the week, ending October 16, influenced by relatively light receipts, stronger foreign markets and a better export inquiry for the Weekly Grain Market Review of the United States Bureau of Agricultural Economics. Feed grains were barely steady with demand generally dull and hardly sufficient at some markets to absorb the moderate offerings. Rye was firmer with wheat. Flax held about unchanged with crushery inquiry dull because of slow demand for linseed oil.

Estimates of the 1931 wheat production in 28 foreign countries which last year produced about 52 per cent of the estimated world wheat crop, exclusive of Russia and China, totaled 1,336,000,000 bushels against 1,995,000,000 bushels produced in the same countries in 1930. The Canadian crop is placed at 271,000,000 bushels compared with 398,000,000 bushels in 1930. The European crop, exclusive of Russia, now appears to be 15 to 20 million bushels greater than last year. Recent reports confirm previous indications that the production in Russia this year will not equal that of 1930, despite the increase in acreage.

The domestic wheat market situation was slightly firmer influenced by small receipts and a fairly active mill demand. Seeding of winter wheat is practically completed in Kansas except in the western third of the State where it has been delayed by dry soil.

The smallest movement on the crop was reported at Kansas City where out-shipments amounted to nearly twice the arrivals. Prices advanced 3-4c with ordinary protein No. 1 hard winter quoted at that market at 49-44c October 16. No. 2 hard winter or-

inary protein sold at 42 3-4 to 46c; 12.50 per cent protein at 46-50c, and 13 per cent protein at 50-52 1/2c per bushel. The protein of the wheat receipts averaged 12.22 per cent. Receipts at Omaha consisted largely of shipments from Kansas City on earlier sales to Omaha mills and elevators.

Prairie markets mostly held about steady with moderate to light offerings in fair request. Demand continuing very light at Chicago but was fairly good at Minneapolis-St. Paul despite the somewhat heavier offerings at the latter market. A total of 89 cars received at Kansas City during the week were about in line with market requirements. Local retailers, shippers and stockyards buyers offered the principal outlet for the top grades. Lower grades were comparatively slow sale with discounts often necessary to effect sales, but the clearance was good until the close of the week, when demand became draggy and prices of medium grades declined 50 cents to \$1.00 per ton.

CORN

Corn markets were barely steady except at one or two points where the market advanced because of light receipts. A crop of 2,702,722,000 bushels was in prospect at the first of October, according to the official estimate. The warm weather in September favored maturing and drying of the crop but reduced yields in some Western States. The crop matured without frost damage except in some northern areas. Husking is now under way throughout the Corn Belt States. Production in the Corn Belt is placed at 1,839,000,000 bushels or approximately 300,000,000 bushels over the 1930 crop. The crop in Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan and Wisconsin was about 350,000,000 bushels larger than last season and totaled approximately 789,000,000 bushels. Production in the seven Corn Belt States west of the Mississippi River is only slightly larger than last year and is estimated

at 1,050,142,000 bushels. Increases in Iowa, Missouri, and Kansas more than offset heavy reductions in other States in this area. The average yield of this season is reported at 25.6 bushels compared with 20.6 bushels in 1930 and a 10-year average of 23 bushels.

The Kansas City Corn market was independently firm and prices advanced 2 to 4 cents as a result of light receipts which totaled only 72 cars for the week. Only one car of new corn arrived. This grade No. 2 mixed weighed 55.2 pounds, with 15 per cent moisture and sold at 38 cents, the same price as old corn of the same grade. Shipping demand was lacking at Kansas City with feeders substituting wheat and other feeds. Local buyers, however, readily absorbed the light offerings. No. 2 white was quoted October 16 at 41-42c, yellow at 32-43c, and mixed at 38-39c per bushel. Demand was rather slow at Omaha with neither Pacific Coast buyers nor industries taking much corn at that market.

OATS

The oats market remained dull and featureless. The crop is now placed at 1,173,999,000 bushels against 1,841,000,000 bushels below last year's output. The quality of the crop is below average and much poorer than last season. Marketings continued relatively small but both local demand and shipping inquiry was barely steady. Prices were also dull at most points. No. 2 white oats quoted at Chicago, October 16, at 22-23 1/2c; at Minneapolis at 21 1/2c, 22 1/2c; at Duluth at 23 3-4c, 24 1-4c; at St. Louis at 22c, at Cincinnati at 22c; at Kansas City at 23 1/2c, 24 1/2c; and at Omaha at 21 1/2c per bushel. No. 2 red oats were quoted at Fort Worth at 23-24c delivered Group III rate points.

HAY

Hay markets, although slightly irregular, averaged about steady during the week ending October 16 according to the Weekly Hay Market Review of the United States Bureau of Agricultural Economics. Offerings ranged from moderate to light and were in fairly good demand. Pastures are generally in need of rain throughout the South and from the Central Rocky Mountain region westward, but recent rains improved conditions considerably from the Ohio river northward and westward over the Great Plains.

The October 1 estimated of 88,352,000 tons of all hay produced in the United States this year is slightly below last year's short crop and below production in any previous season since 1913. The same hay crop was estimated at 79,292,000 tons of which 25,537,000 tons were alfalfa. The September 1 estimated of 9,060,000 tons of wild hay was not changed. The comparatively light output of hay this year is largely due to the drought which has affected most of the area from the Pacific Coast east as far as Michigan, Kansas and Texas. The quality of the 1931 hay crop as a whole was reported slightly below average.

Timothy prices were somewhat irregular during the week ranging from barely steady to somewhat lower in the East and South to slightly stronger in the Central West. The Boston market remained fairly steady with small offerings in very light demand. Prices declined from 50 cents to \$1.00 per ton at New York City with some increase in offerings. A fair portion was of low quality hay which sold slowly.

Arrivals continued very light and quotations were unchanged at both Kansas City and St. Louis.

WARD IN MEETINGS

Cal A. Ward, president of the Kansas Farmers Union, will be in Dodge City Wednesday, October 21, and in Hutchinson on Wednesday, October 22, participating in meetings which will be called for the purpose of furthering the development of the Union Oil Co. program in that section of the state.

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY (Anderson County)

October 9, 1931. Whereas—Death having entered our ranks and removed from our midst our brother W. C. Biessel, an earnest and loving member in our local Farmers Union activities.

Therefore—Be it Resolved: that we tend to the bereaved wife and relations, our heartfelt and sincere sympathy in this their hour of sorrow; be it further resolved that a copy of these resolutions be mailed to Mrs. Biessel and a copy mailed to the Kansas Farmers Union for publication and a copy spread on the minutes of the meeting.

Mrs. F. C. Hill
Mrs. J. R. Hill
Mrs. Harry Smith.

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY (Biley County)

Whereas, death has again entered our ranks and removed from our midst, our friend and brother, Roy Swanson, son of our highly esteemed members Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Swanson, therefore be it resolved that we the members of Center Hill Farmers Union Local No. 1147, hereby extend our heartfelt sympathy to his family in this time of sorrow and bereavement. Be it further resolved that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved family; a copy be sent to the Kansas Union Farmer for publication, and one copy be placed upon the minutes of our local.

Emil Samuelson
E. G. Kannup
R. N. Samuelson.
Committee.

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY (Wabassan County)

Whereas, God in His Infinite Wisdom has seen fit to remove from our midst and esteemed member Fritz Laging. Be it therefore resolved: that we the members of Lone Cedar Local No. 1 extend our heartfelt sympathy to his family in their time of sorrow and bereavement; Be it further resolved that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved family and a copy be spread on the minutes of this meeting and one copy forwarded to the Kansas Union Farmer for publication.

Emil Redmond
L. A. Tenbrink
Geo. Kraus.
Committee.

MUCH INTEREST IN THE ANDERSON COUNTY MEETING

(continued from page 1)
terest is being felt in Anderson county relative to the creamery program, since the community is backing the establishment of a branch creamery plant at Colony. The opinion was ex-

pressed by those who are in close touch with Farmers Union affairs in Anderson county to the effect that the establishment of a creamery plant in that county, which is very nearly assured, will do much to revive interest in the Farmers Union and its program, and to strengthen every department of Farmers Union work, as well as to materially increase membership in Anderson county.

The Anderson county Farmers Union at its meeting Saturday, unanimously voted its endorsement of the establishment of a branch plant of the

Farmers Union Cooperative Creamery and Produce Association in Anderson county.

President C. A. Ward, in his talk before the members, discussed among other things the questionnaires which had been sent out. Proposed changes which had been suggested in answers to the questionnaires were also discussed. Mr. Ward also stressed the importance of participation in Farmers Union affairs by the ladies of the various locals. The possibilities of the Ladies Auxiliary were discussed, and the question was brought up as to whether the women folks would do

more good for the organization through membership in an auxiliary or as honorary members in an active capacity. Several of the members of the Ladies Auxiliary in Anderson county were present at the meeting, and gave out the information that they would be well represented at the Beloit convention. Special consideration will be given the ladies Auxiliary at the convention.

Mr. C. A. Watkinson, president of the Anderson County Farmers Union, presided at the meeting at Gallia school house Saturday. Mr. Lee Smith is the county secretary and served at the meeting.

TAX RELIEF DEPARTMENT

By JOHN FROST, Blue Rapids, Kansas

Number 5

A SURPLUS INCOME TAX FOR HARD TIMES

In the previous article it was shown that a bond issue in hard times is much better than a bond issue in prosperity, and that any deficit in revenue in hard times from an income tax could very properly and profitably and equitably be met by an issue of bonds. Another method by which an income tax deficit in hard times may be met, is by the levying each year of an income tax rate slightly in excess of estimated budget needs, and thus build up year by year in normal and prosperous years a surplus to tide over the years of adversity.

This surplus should be invested in safe and liquid securities, so that in time of need it can be cashed and used to pay the expenses of the state or municipality. If the state or municipality has a bonded debt, this surplus should be invested in its own bonds, thus reducing its own debt.

It is considered very proper for an individual to lay by savings for a rainy day. Why should not a government or a municipality take the same wise course? A 5 per cent to 10 per cent surplus tax each year would build up a fund to overcome any loss of revenue by an income tax in lean years. This is far better than to increase tax levies in times of adversity. The income tax is always right.

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erness these sixty years instead of forty.

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