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FARM GROUPS IN KANSAS TO FIGHT SALES TAX LAWS

Committee of Kansas Farm Organizations Go on Record in Meeting at Topeka Last Saturday with Good Legislative Program

HIGHER INCOME RATES

John Vesecky of Timken to be Legislative Representative at Coming Session of State Legislature; Most of Groups Represented

Organized Kansas agriculture, through the well established and strongly built organization known as the Committee of Kansas Farm Organizations, will again enter into the Kansas legislative picture when the state legislative body convenes early next year. The Committee met in Topeka Saturday, December 15, and in an all-day session, determined on the course of procedure as a unified body representing the organized farmers in the state.

The farm organization will fight any form of general sales tax, and will work for increases in state income tax rates in the higher brackets in order that the revenue from income taxes shall be increased materially. Increases in the intangible tax rates is another objective of the Committee.

The Committee is also prepared to fight for the retention of the exemption clause, applying to taxes collected for gasoline, in such a way that gasoline used for farming does not pay taxes to maintain roads. The present basis of distribution of receipts from motor fuel taxes and license fees is favored by the Kansas farmers' committee.

Other measures approved by the Committee in its resolutions adopted Saturday include a uniform assessing law under general supervision of the A. C. Craft of Erie and Clifford Miller and controlled locally as much as possible; reasonable state-county aid for support of district schools; a graduated tax on chain stores; a graduated land tax; a continuation of the mortgage moratorium, and various other proposals.

John Vesecky of Timken, Kansas, a Farmers Union leader and former head of the Kansas Wheat pool, will be the legislative representative at the coming session of the Kansas legislature. He, with other Kansas farm leaders, will be on hand in Topeka during the entire session in order to put into effect as much of the proposed farm legislation as possible. Mr. Vesecky was present at the Topeka meeting Saturday.

Harry Witham, manager of the Farmers Union Jobbing Association, presided at the Topeka meeting. E. A. Craft of Erie and Clifford Miller of Brewster also were present representing the Jobbing Association and the Farmers Union. Cal Ward, Salina, president of the Kansas Farmers Union; A. M. Kinney, Huron, president, and Floyd Lynn, Secretary, represented the Kansas Farmers Union.

The State Grange was represented by C. C. Cogswell, Master; Sen. George W. Barnes of Osage county, and J. A. Foltz of Overbrook.

Ralph Snyder, of Manhattan, Jesse Russell of Manhattan and John Steele of Washington represented the Kansas State Farm Bureau.

Other organizations and representatives included, Otto Peka of Kansas City and O. H. Hatfield of Copeland, the Equity Union; E. G. Tharp of Protection, Steele and Witham, the State (Cooperative) Oil Co.; L. E. Webb, of Dodge City and Tharp, the Farmers Commission Co.; Harry Hartshorn, Webb and W. O. Sand of Hutchinson, Cooperative Grain Dealers' association; C. B. Thove of Alameda, Farmers' Union Managerial association.

Others present at the Saturday meeting were former governor of Kansas Clyde M. Reed who has represented the Kansas farm organizations for some years in fights for reduced grain freight rates; Senator A. K. Barnes of Wabasha county, Senator John Frost of Blue Rapids, Vance Rucker of the Kansas State College, Jean McConis, of Lawrence, house commissioner, Ed Rafferty of the railroad brotherhoods, and Senator E. L. Barrier of Greenwood county. W. O. Sand of Hutchinson, served as secretary of the meeting.

Governor Reed made an informal report on the findings of the interstate commerce commission which resulted in the publication, a week ago, of the new grain rates as they apply to Kansas and other midwestern states. The new rates, as reported last week in the Kansas Union Farmer, will save grain shippers some six or eight million dollars yearly, and Kansas will be the chief beneficiary. The extreme western part of Kansas, and some points along the Oklahoma border, are affected adversely by the new rates and orders, due to the fact that the commission saw fit to begin in southern Kansas the grading up of rates to fit in with the higher Oklahoma rates rather than beginning at the Oklahoma line. Just what action will be taken in this matter has not yet been announced.

Governor Reed, supported by Ed Rafferty, representing the railroad brotherhoods, discussed the modification of Section 4 of the Interstate Commerce Act, which concerns the charging of low rates for long hauls on railroads, regardless of rates for shorter hauls, in order to meet competition by carriers going through the Panama Canal. Following the

discussion, the Committee adopted a resolution recommending a modification of Section 4 to allow the railroads to charge the low competitive rates for the long hauls. This conforms with a resolution adopted by the Kansas Farmers Union in its El Dorado convention this year.

Resolution

The following resolutions were adopted: We commend the efforts of the National and state administrations to rehabilitate agriculture and to place it on an equal basis with the other great industries of our country. We appreciate the benefits which have already accrued from these efforts, and hereby express our desire to continue to give full cooperation and support to future measures conducive to the benefit of agriculture.

We favor a uniform assessing law under general supervision of the state tax commission, but officered and controlled, as much as possible, locally.

By majority of 106,000, the people in 1932 delivered to the legislature a mandate to enact a real income tax law. Hence, we recommend that the rates of our present law be raised and that provisions for deduction of losses of previous years and for consolidated returns be eliminated from the present law, so that our income tax collections shall be large enough to make a substantial reduction in the general property tax.

We are unalterably opposed to any general sales tax under whatever name it may be proposed.

We favor an increase in the intangible tax rate, with adequate provision for collection.

We favor reasonable state-county aid for the support of the district schools, to the end that the tax burden may be equalized as between the weak and the strong school districts.

We favor the retention of the present law for the distribution of the motor vehicle fuel tax and license fees.

We favor strengthening of our state and national laws for the protection of our dairy interests against foreign trade.

We favor the adoption of a graduated tax on chain stores.

We favor a graduated land tax.

We favor rigid economy in the administration of state and national relief measures, and recommend an adjustment of hour and wage scales to conform to local conditions.

Due to the emergency still existing on account of the unprecedented drought of 1934, we urged the continuation of the mortgage moratorium law.

We urge the strengthening and enforcement of our present noxious weed law.

We favor revision and improvement of the present Kansas warehouse law and the farm storage act to make these applicable to present conditions.

We favor extending supervision by the state commissioner of insurance to include the regulation of rates charged by surety and casualty companies covering the handling of farm commodities and farm supplies.

We recommend that the anti-discrimination law be strengthened to make it effective.

We recommend an act be passed authorizing the establishment of a division of marketing in the state department of agriculture, with power to regulate grading and inspection of livestock in private stockyards, concentration yards, and community sales.

We recommend the state legislature be requested to memorialize congress to urge passage of the Capper-Hoppe bill.

We recommend an amendment to the state corporation farming law to include raising and feeding of livestock.

We request the state legislature to memorialize congress to pass legislation restricting the importance of farm products, or food products, which are produced in surplus quantities in the United States, or which are in competition with such food products.

We favor an amendment to the national credit act, which will permit the Bank of Cooperatives to make facility loans of Farmers' Cooperative Purchasing associations.

We favor legislation to prohibit renewal of notes or evidences of indebtedness at higher than the lawful rate of interest.

We recommend a modification of section 4 of the Interstate Commerce Act so that, subject to the control of the interstate commerce commission, the transcontinental railroads may be allowed to increase their Pacific coast traffic and revenues by being permitted to make lower charges for such Pacific coast traffic, even though such charges may be less than charges made for a shorter haul.

BRANSON'S STEERS TOP THE MARKET
Wm. Branson, Overbrook, Kansas, consigned a load of steers to the Farmers Union Live Stock Commission Co., Wednesday, November 7th, which topped the market at \$8.50 per cwt. These were Hereford steers weighing 940 pounds and sold to Wilcox & Co. Mr. Branson was on the market again December 11th with a load of the same steers. This load weighed 955 pounds and sold at \$8.50.—The Co-Operator.

"I am convinced that we must follow similar policies in the United States if we are to build a powerful cooperative movement," said Howard Cowden in speaking of the cooperative movement as developed in Great Britain and in the Scandinavian countries.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

This paper, which because of the development of the cooperative spirit in Kansas belongs to all the Farmers Union families in this state, assumes the delightful responsibility at this time of extending wishes for

A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year

from every Farmers Union family and every Farmers Union organization to every other Farmers Union family or organization within the state. We also extend the same Season's Greetings, on behalf of all Kansas Farmers Union folks, to our brothers and sisters in other states.

Here's to the spirit of the Farmers Union, and to the spirit of Christmas!

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BETTER CHECK UP ON MEMBERSHIP TO GET DIVIDEND DUE

Farmers Union members Who are Customers of the Farmers Union Live Stock Commission at South St. Joseph Might Miss Refund

ACT IMMEDIATELY

Cooperative Live Stock Selling Agency Requires Membership in Good Standing for 1934 before Patronage Refunds are Paid

Attention is called to the fact that the Farmers Union Live Stock Commission at South St. Joseph will be paying its patronage dividends to its cooperative patrons soon after the first of the year. Further attention is called to the fact that in order to be eligible to receive a patronage dividend from this cooperative firm, a Farmers Union member must be in good standing for 1934. That means, of course, that his 1934 dues must be paid before he can receive his patronage dividend.

Customers of the cooperative selling agency at South St. Joseph will do well to check up with their Local secretaries and make sure that their dues have been forwarded to the office of the state secretary at Salina. Those customers who are listed as Farmers Union customers have their names on a list which is submitted by the live stock firm to this office. Here the list is checked with the members who are listed as paid up for 1934 on the books of the state secretary.

The St. Joseph house has done well during 1934, and has prepared to pay out substantial patronage refunds. It is, therefore, a matter of good business, as well as a matter of loyalty, for member-customers to check up and be sure of their patronage refunds.

This matter should be attended to immediately.

The program of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration and the Kansas income tax make farm accounts more necessary now than ever before.

HAVE YOU CONTRIBUTED?

Several additional contributions were received during the past week from individuals and Farmers Union organizations to apply on the fight to carry the Frazier-Lemke Moratorium law successfully through the Supreme Court. However, the receipts for this purpose are not up to expectations. If you or your Local, or your County organization—or your business organization—have not yet contributed to this worthy and humanitarian Farmers Union measure, just remember that now, at Christmas time, is one of the best times of the year to do such a thing.

STEEL AND WIRE BUSINESS GROWS IN JOBBING ASSN.

Merchandise Department, through Warehouse Facilities, Takes on Popular Line which is Money Maker and Profit Builder

HANDLE FULL LINE

Outlet for Business Bigger than Expected, and Many Eastern Manufacturers Now Sitting up and Taking Notice, Says Belden

The merchandise department of the Farmers Union Jobbing Association in its constant effort to supply cooperatively and at cooperative prices all the necessities which must be purchased by farmers, is now developing a wonderful business in steel and wire products.

In answer to a well defined demand, says Ted Belden, manager of the department, the Jobbing Association has put in a full line of the best there is in the way of farm fences, steel posts, nails, staples, and all articles of that kind including bale ties, barbed wire, lawn fences, steel gates, galvanized roofing, composition roof and wire.

"We are proud of this new line which we carry in our cooperative warehouses at Kansas City and Wamego," says Mr. Belden. "We are not only proud of the quality of product (continued on page 2)

DISTRICT MEETINGS STARTING OFF WITH SPLENDID INTEREST

Several Hundred People, Coming from Ten Different Counties, Attend First Meeting at Ottawa Monday is Report

DEVELOP JR. WORK

Mrs. Gladys Edwards and Her Father, C. C. Talbott of North Dakota, Here to Address All Five Meetings; Finish Friday

The program looking to the establishment of a real Junior Farmers Union department in the Kansas Farmers Union is getting under way with a most encouraging start this week. The first meeting was the district meeting held in Ottawa Monday of this week, which was attended by several hundred people from ten different counties. The second meeting is being held at this is written (Tuesday) in Blue Rapids.

Mrs. Gladys Edwards, daughter of C. C. Talbott, president of the North Dakota Farmers Union and for many years a nationally known farm leader, and Mr. Talbott himself, are in Kansas this week for the purpose of addressing these five planned district meetings, and to help launch the Junior department. Mrs. Edwards is the Junior leader in North Dakota, and has been one of the principal figures in the development of the Junior Farmers Union work in several northern states, and in connection with the National Farmers Union.

Cal Ward, president of the Kansas Farmers Union, is with Mr. Talbott and Mrs. Edwards. Following the Blue Rapids meeting on Tuesday, the party goes to Quinter for a night meeting Wednesday. Two other Farmers Union meetings are being held in Gove county during the day, and these speakers will appear in these meetings. The party will be joined Wednesday by other Farmers Union officials.

The Thursday meeting, an all-day meeting, will be in Stafford. Then the party will move on to McPherson for another district meeting on Friday. This all-day meeting will complete the series, and Mr. Talbott and Mrs. Edwards will return to their homes in North Dakota Saturday.

day. An informal reception and Christmas party will be held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ward in Salina Friday night, at which the North Dakota workers will be guests of honor. The Salina Farmers Union Local will be host.

Mr. Talbott is one of the busiest men in North Dakota, and it has meant a real sacrifice for him to spare the time and effort to come in to Kansas for this work. The same can be said for his daughter, Mrs. Edwards. However, they declare they are glad to be of this service to Kansas. The development of the Junior Farmers Union program is dear to the heart of Mrs. Edwards, she says, and she feels that any effort in that direction is not wasted.

It is the commonly expressed sentiment throughout the Kansas Union membership that the Farmers Union in this state needs a real Junior program. The young folks from 16 to 21 have been more or less neglected as far as the Farmers Union is concerned. They grow away from the Union, and the result is that the Union loses the pep and progressive spirit which only the youths can supply. It also loses a large membership which it would have if the young folks could properly be interested.

The state membership generally feels that now is the time, with the Union standing at the opening of greater opportunities for service than ever before, to develop this great Junior program. Other states have profited immeasurably by it. Kansas can do the same, most people believe.

A full report of the five district meetings in Kansas cannot be given in this issue, but information concerning them will appear in early issues.

A DOUBLED MEMBERSHIP MADE A FARMERS UNION COOPERATIVE FIRM SOUND

Farmers Union Cooperative Exchange at Arkansas City Goes Out and Gets Doubled Membership, Hence No Trouble in Getting Loan

When consideration of its application for a loan brought out the need of greater volume of business, the Farmers Union Cooperative Exchange at Arkansas City, Kansas, went after more members as the first step in that direction. Its efforts resulted in a doubling of membership.

The executive committee of the Wichita Bank for Cooperatives (to which the Arkansas City cooperative applied for an "effective merchandising" loan) pointed to the need of increased business volume to balance fixed expenses. The cooperative, operating elevator and warehouses and handling supplies for members, as well as marketing their wheat, was growing. Organized late in 1931, it did about a \$30,000 total business in 1932 and nearly \$52,000 in 1933—a gain of 40 per cent.

President Ralph Snyder of the bank states that the committee made as a condition of its commitment that the cooperative increase its membership from 46 to 90. The cooperative's records showed creditable management. Its operating loss for the first full year had been cut down to nearly nothing for the second (about one-tenth in 1933 of what it was in 1932), and by the middle of 1932 it was showing a small profit. Already 24 wheat grower members had been added and a small income margin over all expenses was shown. In the first seven months this year, the cooperative handled 36,170 bushels of grain, which was three fourths as much as it had handled in the preceding 30 months, since organization.

When, on November 27, the bank's officers sent the cooperative its first check in fulfillment of the terms of the loan, they praised the officers and members of the cooperative for the all-around battle they had waged under great difficulties. "Not only do we feel kindly toward the people of Arkansas City Farmers Union Cooperative Exchange, as our customers," they said, "but we respect them for having developed a business to the point of soundness and profit. With over 90 members, and probably better than a \$100,000 annual business in normal times, they can meet all payments on their loans and make a fair profit on their marketing operations."

GIVES FARMERS UNION ITEMS TO COUNTY PRESS

John McCormick, vice president of Redman Local near Wellington, Kansas, has the right idea. "Ie not only takes a lead in Farmers Union affairs within the Local, but he believes in informing the rest of the people about what the Farmers Union is doing."

Following are a few little items which he has written for his county paper. This is good information to put before the readers of any paper in any county:

The Farmers Union Coop creameries of Nebraska churned 15 per cent of all the butter churned in that state last year.

In Sweden a cooperative electric bulb factory, opened in 1931, has broken the grip of the European electric lamp bulb trust and reduced the cost of bulbs to consumers by 50 per cent. Three-fourths of the Swedish farmsteads have electricity, much of it cooperatively produced and distributed.

The Farmers National Grain Corporation, owned and controlled by farmer-owned coops, handled 20 per cent of the wheat produced in the United States in 1934. Farmers Union elevators of Kansas are part-owners of the Farmers National.

COOPERATION IN SWEDEN BRINGING MUCH PROSPERITY

Howard Cowden, in Recent Visit, Finds Normal Condition of Employment and Prosperous Farmers in Land of Vikings

A COMPLETE SET-UP

Twenty Per Cent of All Business in Sweden is Cooperative, with Over Half Million Families Belonging to Consumer Cooperatives

America, entering upon the sixth winter of depression with ten million unemployed and other millions on relief, may well envy Sweden, where a condition of normal employment exists, little or no relief problem exists. The main reason is that Sweden has "gone cooperative" to such an extent that purchasing power is widely distributed. This is the report of Howard A. Cowden, president of the Union Oil Company, Cooperative, of North Kansas City, Mo., who recently visited that country. Similar results, Mr. Cowden was told, are being accomplished by cooperation in Norway and Finland.

Twenty per cent of all business in Sweden is cooperative. Over half a million families belong to the consumers' cooperative societies. These societies operate 3500 cooperative stores, called "Konsum", located in every country hamlet as well as in every city. Stockholm alone has 150 cooperative stores.

To a large extent the farmers' marketing coops deal directly with the consumers' purchasing coops, eliminating profit and waste in distribution. As a result, the farmer's prosperous and secure in their homes. The farm buildings, down to the chicken and hog houses, invariably are well painted. Flowers and shrubbery surround the farmsteads. Electric transmission lines are everywhere, and three-quarters of all Swedish farms have electricity. A large proportion of the farm wives use electricity for cooking. This has been made possible by the cheapness of electricity, which is generated and distributed by both the government and cooperatives, working in harmony.

Hereby vbekeCie emfwyp emfwyp a the Swedish consumers' cooperatives are federated in a wholesale cooperative called Kooperativa Forbundet, (KF), or Cooperative Union. In addition to wholesale distribution of all the necessities of life through its member coops, KF is a large manufacturer, making tires, footwear, fertilizers, flour, macaroni, baked goods, meat products and many other necessities. KF is also the educational center of the Swedish Movement.

In the bay of Stockholm is Mill Island, where the flour mill of KF is located. Here the ocean-going vessels dock, vacuum pipes are lowered into the holds and the wheat is sucked out into the mill to be ground. A part of the flour conveyed up to the bakery, where it is molded into loaves which travel through a conveyor, are wrapped and made ready for shipment to the coop stores, all without being touched by human hands. Some of the wheat is conveyed into another factory where macaroni is made. Near these mills is a community of homes for the workers, built by KF and sold to the workers cheaply without profit.

The Swedish cooperative leaders showed great interest in the fact that a CO-OP tire was being made in the United States and took their visitor to see the tire factory of KF at Gislaved. Three hundred auto tires per day are made, and 200,000 bicycle tires per year. One-third of all the tire business of Sweden is cooperative. The cooperative tires, as well as rubber insulation, are standard equipment on the only automobile manufactured in Sweden.

Most outstanding of cooperative achievement is the Luma electric bulb factory near Stockholm, which was built and is owned and operated by the central cooperative organizations of Sweden, Norway, Denmark and Finland acting together. Previous to the opening of this factory in 1931, the electric cartel charged exorbitant prices for bulbs. The bulbs were in great demand by the people of these countries because of the universal cheapness of electricity. This prompted the cooperatives to build their own factory. The result was a 40 per cent decrease in price of light bulbs within a year.

"The following things," said Mr. Cowden, "impress me most about the cooperative movements of Great Britain and of the Scandinavian countries:

"1. When they find that they can produce any article of service more cheaply and in better quality than they can buy it, they go into production. And they are able to do this because they follow a policy of accumulating capital from earnings, rather than distributing all of their earnings as patronage dividends.

"2. They do systematic educational work. They maintain colleges and schools. In these schools they teach both the philosophy and the methods of cooperation. They publish newspapers and periodicals. The women are organized into women's guilds; the youth into cooperative youth leagues. Thus they reach the masses and educate them from youth up to patronize their own cooperative business."

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A CHRISTMAS EDITORIAL

Farmers Union members always have much in common with each other; but at Christmas time, perhaps we have more in common with each other than at any other time.

At this time of year we remember only the good there is in our neighbors. During the year, we perhaps spend too much time thinking of faults which may be found in others. Now, however, we crowd out those thoughts and think in terms of brotherhood and common friendship.

At Christmas time, the whole Christian world becomes devotional, and all the people commemorate the birth of the Christ, the Man who taught and suffered and died for the very principles upon which our great organization is built.

The principles of Cooperation are essentially the principles of Christianity. We as an organization advocate the brotherhood of man. We seek to replace the cruel system of heartless competition with the system of cooperation—of mutual helpfulness.

This is a time, then, for us to determine anew that our principles shall be spread afar, and that the cooperative Christian spirit shall become permanently established and shall permeate the entire structure of human relationships.

We as an organization have the responsibility, three hundred and sixty-five days in each year, of doing this very thing. It is our foundation. It is the very essence of our being.

Now, at Christmas time, the feeling of brotherhood, the cooperative, Christmas feeling, is common to all mankind. The Farmers Union member who believes in his organization should feel this way all the time.

It is fitting, then, that we, as Farmers Union members, should now wish for each other a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

CUMMINS TO CHICAGO

J. W. Cummins, who for several months has had charge of a department in publicity and organization in the Kansas City offices of the Farmers National Grain Corporation has been transferred to the central offices of the great cooperative in Chicago. This news will be of particular interest to thousands of Kansas Farmers Union folks and to Kansas people in general. Mr. Cummins is a member of the Kansas Farmers Union, and has taken an active part in the development of cooperative marketing in this state.

Mr. Cummins has had a wealth of experience which fits him for his responsible position. He was for some years editor of the Kansas Wheat Grower, a publication which was devoted to the interests of the Kansas wheat pool. He was at one time city editor of the Wichita Eagle. He knows the inside of the cooperative movement, and has been a student of cooperative development for many years. Jim will go far in his new field.

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

CAL A. WARD

President Kansas Farmers Union

AGRICULTURAL RECOVERY

Editor's Note: President Cal Ward is this week engaged in attending the series of Farmers Union District Meetings in company with C. C. Talbot, president of the North Dakota Farmers Union, and Mrs. Gladys Edwards, former Farmers Union leader. His weekly message which appears in these columns will, for that reason, depart from the usual order this week, and we will publish Mr. Ward's radio address which he delivered over WIBW, Topeka radio station, Thursday evening, December 13.

Mr. Ward's Address

The very nature and character of my work takes me about over the country the most of my time. I have the opportunity to contact a lot of people and to talk to various groups about the social and economic welfare. I find that people are quite frank to discuss their problems and to tell of their misfortunes and hard luck.

Having been raised on a farm and now occupying the position as President of the Farmers Union of Kansas, I am primarily interested of course, in the farmers of our country and in agricultural recovery.

In order to understand the real condition of the farmer, we must live and mingle with them. To me it is very gratifying to observe the courage and determination on the part of large numbers of our people who have experienced and are experiencing extremely hard times because of economic conditions.

I, for one, believe that general conditions all over the country are better than they were a year or so ago. But we have not yet reached the place where we are on safe ground. The purchasing power of the large majority of our people is at a low ebb. People just aren't buying and spending, because they haven't the money. The American standard of living, which has been developed to a high level, confronts almost every American family with fixed charges which require more income than comes to the average American citizen.

Producing at a Loss
First, the farmers of the country, over a period of years, have been producing at a loss. Farmers have sold their commodities at far less than cost of production. At the end of the year, they found out they didn't have enough money to go around and, instead of debts being liquidated, more debt was piled up. When the farmer couldn't pay his debts, it wasn't long until it reacted unfavorably on every business up and down the streets of our cities, and finally stretched from one end of the country to the other.

For the last four or five years we have found the entire country in a chaotic condition. When times were good we expanded in every line of activity by leaps and bounds. Many industrialists and business men figured they would become millionaires in a short time. Credit was easy and manufactured goods were put out to the general public by the ton on the

installment plan. There was a great orgy of stock buying. The ultimate result of it all was the universal crash which came at the close of 1929.

The financial and economic structure of our Government found itself in almost a state of total collapse. Our Government for the past year or more, has been putting forth a vigorous attempt to correct and adjust a lot of our economic ills. It is quite easy for most of us to take an inventory and determine what is wrong with the country. It is quite another proposition to be able to figure a way out.

Money Not in Circulation

First, we must have a starting point. At that starting point we find the wealth of the country tremendously concentrated in a few hands. The money barons and the big financial institutions of the country have this money piled up. They seem to be afraid, or don't know how to release it and get it into circulation. Therefore, we have millions of farmers and millions of other people with little or no money.

Along with that, there are still eight or ten millions who are unemployed and cannot get jobs. When people are not employed social upheaval takes place. People become nervous and lose confidence in the Government. We must put people to work. Putting people to work and giving them buying power will help the millions of these farmers who are bankrupt or nearly bankrupt. And, helping farmers in turn will help every other line of business.

The various industries of the United States are so closely related one to the other that if one goes down together. In my humble judgment, at the present time, those who control the major part of the wealth of this country are directly responsible to our Government and to our citizens to ease and loosen up our economic condition.

Relief Plans Top Heavy

It is true that our Government has been compelled during this time of depression, to render aid to those who were unable to help themselves. Through the various departments of Government much has been done to meet existing conditions to bridge our people over this gulf of despair. I am also of the opinion that the Government has resorted to by our Government have become too heavy, are impractical, and are altogether too political.

The Federal Emergency Relief set-up is an administrative expenditure of millions of dollars. It is a hard statement, but it is true, that much of this money is extravagantly wasted. In our attempt to help distressed humanity, our Government should see to it that as nearly as possible, we get value received for every dollar expended.

That wage scale which is paid to all relief workers, in my judgment should be on a subsistence basis. Society is better off even if the man works for less cents per hour, and puts in more hours per week. There is, in my judgment, an abundance of work for every one.

Projects should be planned and developed which will be for the public benefit of the masses of our people. We are now looking forward to the next Congress and wondering what will be done in this regard. While the masses of our people are going through extremely hard times many of our industrialists, including the processors, manufacturers, wholesalers, jobbers, etc., are reaping long margins of profit. Our industrialists, who operate without restraint, so far as our Government is concerned.

I am of the school of thought that many of our industries, including agriculture, should be regulated. But, the whole structure will crumble and fall unless the big interests of the country are brought under control and regulation. Money and wealth are requisites of thrift, but when wealth is used to obtain power and influence to a select few as against the masses of the plain people of this country, it fails to serve in its rightful capacity.

Return Farmers' Buying Power
Our interests out here in the middle west are mutual and Kansas is purely an agricultural state. There can be no permanency in business stability unless buying power is returned to our farmers. The industrial interests of the Allegheny east have for generations been in opposition to the agricultural interests of the middle west. The wealth from this section of the country has been drained, and the money kings and money barons of Wall Street.

Our tariff regulations have generally contributed more to industry than they have to agriculture, and if we are to have any real prosperity, we not only must have higher price levels for our farm commodities but we must have industrial expansion.

Our President has indicated that something is to be done to put the industrial and private capital and industry isn't set in motion then our Government itself must of necessity step in. We are passing from an old to a new order of things, and the day of the survival of the fittest has passed.

We can no longer boast of our rugged individualism. Selfish avarice and greed must be buried forever and in its stead must come the true spirit of cooperation. In other words, it is a shame and a crime that we are in such a fix. We ought to be able to have an optimistic outlook for the future. We should not be required, nor asked, to go back to the primitive times. We, in this country, because of our intelligence, have a right to claim and expect a high standard of living.

The United States is rich in natural and artificial resources. The earth produces almost everything in the way of raw material which can be converted into the finished product for our convenience and happiness. If that be true, we ought to put to work our unemployed to work in public enterprises. We have only scratched the surface when it comes to developing the physical possibilities of our nation.

As I see it, my friends, the solution to this whole problem lies in equality and distribution. If these principles can be worked out everybody will be happy, because we will be enjoying the freedom and liberty of our homes in the city and in the country.

country.

All patriotic loyal American citizens owe it to their state and national government to cooperate to the fullest in bringing about the things about. The farmers of this country have representation in all walks of life, through their organizations. The Farmers Union is a national organization composed of farmers in more than 30 states. We are a class organization and have a large membership in the state of Kansas. We have hundreds of successful cooperative business associations.

The farm leaders of this country need power to fight the battles for American agriculture. Our class represents more than one fourth of the population of the United States. If we are to have power we must have numbers in our organizations who will join hands and pull together for the things we need. We ask every Farmers Union member at this time to make himself a committee of one to get his neighbors to join the Farmers Union and go along with us in this fight for human equality.

STEEL AND WIRE BUSINESS GROWS IN JOBBING ASSOCIATION

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ucts we can supply the cooperative trade with, but we are also proud of the success we are having in building up a volume of business in this line. Our cooperative warehouses and the good cooperative managers are making it possible."

Mr. Belden went on to say that he is hearing from several of the managers of cooperative Farmers Union stores and elevators over the state, who are handling the steel and wire products, and that they express themselves as being highly pleased with their experience in taking on this line of merchandise. "The managers are happy because they are able to handle this line at a nice margin of profit; which, of course, reflects back advantageously to every cooperative member or customer."

The Jobbing Association is prepared to supply steel and wire products in carload lots or in small shipments. Any amount may be procured from the Association, through its warehouse facilities, so that if a cooperative manager wants just small package of bundle sent out by mail, or in any other way, his order can be filled promptly.

"Business in this line is exceeding our expectations," declares Mr. Belden enthusiastically. "The addition of this good line has opened up a new outlet for trade for us and for the cooperative managers, stores, elevators and business associations. I know that several manufacturers in the east now have their eyes on this new outlet for business. We have hit on a good thing here. It is so good that our whole cooperative business set-up is going to continue to develop it and to reap substantial benefits."

NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES

BIGGEST MEETING IN LONG TIME FOR MITCHELL COUNTY

As usual we are very anxious to let the rest of the Farmers Union folks know what we are doing here in Mitchell county," writes Mrs. Charles Oplinger from Glen Elder. She continues: "You will also find a check of \$15, which was voted on at the quarterly meeting to be used to help the fight to pass the Frazier-Lemke Bill through. In regard to our meeting the other day, Ross Strawn said, 'This is the best and biggest meeting we have had for a long, long time.'"

Here follows Mrs. Oplinger's good report:

The fourth quarterly meeting of the Mitchell Farmers Union was held at Glen Elder, December 12. An unusually large crowd helped stave away the tattle vands that the Mitchell Co. farmers' wives prepared.

The business part of the meeting was interspersed by a reading from 'Winifred Carpenter'; poets by John and Joe Schuler; violin and guitar numbers from Mrs. Hallie Stanley and Mr. John Smith.

There were 11 locals represented when the roll was called.

Mrs. Mae Muck read the set of resolutions that were written, which were accepted as a whole.

Mr. Vance Rucker gave an illustrated talk that was quite instructive and cleared a good many questions in our minds as to standing of the business of the Farmers Union, which was quite encouraging.

The election of officers was held, resulting as follows: John Schulte, president; Will Carpenter, vice president; Mrs. Chas. Oplinger, secretary and treasurer; Charles Latham, conductor; and F. W. Paulsen, doorkeeper.

F. W. Paulsen was elected as a delegate for the Board of Agriculture meeting to be held in Topeka. It was decided we should have the March quarterly meeting at Tipton. Mrs. George Geary was elected as a delegate for the district meeting at McPherson.

Installation of the newly elected officers was conducted by William Stanley and Fred Bohner.

The following resolutions that were presented are:

No. 1—Resolved, That we favor the Townsend old age pension in order to get money in circulation and create work for the younger people.

No. 2—That we are heartily in favor of the Junior Cooperator movement.

No. 3—That we are back of the National Union program favoring parity prices for our products.

No. 4—That in view of the fact that some farmers claim the Frazier-Lemke Bill is unconstitutional, be it further Resolved, that we favor the Frazier-Lemke Bill and recommend the bill be declared constitutional and put into effect.

No. 5—Resolved, that we are heartily in favor of the resolutions passed at the National convention which has

been held in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Signed
G. W. Geiser,
F. W. Paulsen,
Henry Fueser,
F. W. Neff,
Mrs. J. A. Muck.

OSAGE COUNTY MEETING

The regular quarterly meeting of the Osage County Farmers Union was held Thursday, December 13, in Overbrook, Kansas. The meeting was attended by a good crowd of interested farmers, who started the program off by partaking of a good meal prepared by the ladies.

The business meeting and election of officers in the afternoon was interspersed with good entertainment numbers. The principal speaker of the afternoon was Cal Ward, state president. Mr. Ward's talk was instructive, and was well received. Floyd Lynn, state secretary, was also present and made a few remarks. The list of officers as elected for 1935 will be published upon receipt of the same at the office of this newspaper.

The following resolutions were voted on and adopted:

Resolutions:

1. Whereas, the farmers are still paying the highest rate of interest of any group and whereas; it is a fact that great corporations are able to borrow from the Federal Government at a very low rate of interest on properties rating as extremely high risk;—Be it resolved that we demand the passage of the Frazier-Lemke Mortgage bill setting the interest rate at not more than 3 per cent total, and extending the privilege to all farmers of re-writing existing mortgages under the terms of the new Frazier-Lemke bill, when passed by the Congress.

2. We condemn the report of the Legislative Council Committee severely criticizing the management of the Kansas State College, and its Extension Service department; believing that there now exists ample authority in state and federal government to do in order to secure any legislation. We do not approve of any change that would cripple the work of the Extension department in behalf of the farmer.

3. In regard to the agitation for some form of Old Age Pension law, be it resolved that we favor a law benefiting people above 65 years of age, who can prove themselves to be in need of charity.

4. In view of the present heavy poor-relief burden thrown on the Federal Government, be it resolved that we condemn the practice of borrowing money for this purpose and paying interest on it, thus doubling the debt; when the U. S. Constitution expressly gives power to Congress to issue money at need and regulate its value.

5. Whereas there is a general movement looking toward flood control projects on all "headwaters" streams, we recommend that a state project be outlined to free the valley of the Marias river and its tributaries in this country from flood dangers.

6. Whereas the direct buying of livestock by the packers appears to work a hardship on the farmer, and whereas commission and stock-yard companies have charged high rates for their services and for hay and grain furnished, and have fought every effort at government control; be it resolved that we demand some effective control measures.

7. We commend the efforts of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration to better the economic condition of farmers in general; realizing that no program of such gigantic proportions can be perfected in the short time it has been on trial.

8. We condemn the present system of issuing a new tag every year for every car, as being unnecessary and very expensive; believing the proper way of raising highway department funds is by tax on gasoline consumed on the road.

We recommend that a tag issued to every new car be good for the life of that car, under the original ownership; a new tag being issued at a nominal fee to every new owner.

Respectfully submitted
B. O. Hoover,
W. B. Manning,
L. D. Coffman.

The Cooperative Way

Cooperation among farm people will not only persist but will have fundamental, advantageous effects upon rural progress and rural life. After all, while we are primarily concerned with the business side of operating cooperatives, there is more to cooperation than just doing business. There is involved the creation of attitudes of mind that vitally concern a way of living as well as a way of doing business. It is particularly fitting that at this Christmas season of seeking justice for all and good-will to men we re-emphasize the spirit of cooperation.

We sometimes become so engrossed in the economic and commercial aspects of our every-day jobs as to forget the social values in which rural people must be vitally interested and which somehow they must obtain if there is to be a satisfying rural life. Some people say there cannot be. I submit that there will be and that the answer lies largely in the hands of the rank and file of interested farm people. This interest will be expressed through their chosen leadership, made effective by organization and education. The government may assist rural people to achieve for themselves many of these intangible but nevertheless fundamental values via "the cooperative way," but they will not come about because of government edict, government credit, or government control—they can only be attained through the "cooperative" efforts of farm folks.

F. W. PECK,
Cooperative Bank Commissioner.

RESOLUTIONS OF CONDOLENCE

Whereas; It has pleased Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom and goodness, to call from this life of toil and labor the soul of Maria Meyers, mother of our loyal brother member, Peter J. Meyers; and whereas, her death has caused grief and sorrow to our brother; Therefore, be it,

Resolved, That we, the members of Odin Local No. 233 extend to our brother, our deepest and sincerest sympathy in this hour of sorrow; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to Brother Peter J. Meyers, a copy be spread upon the minutes of our local, and a copy be sent to the Kansas Union Farmer for publication.

Wm. B. Zecha,
Fred Jacobs,
A. A. Beran
Committee.

DOUGLAS COUNTY HAD BIG QUARTERLY MEETING

The last quarterly meeting of the Douglas County Farmers Union was held at Lone Star, Kansas, on Saturday, December 8. A large crowd was served by the Lone Star local and others. Those of you who did not attend really missed a real treat in the dinner. The beef and potatoes are cooked in large iron kettles in the basement of the church, which are served hot with plenty of pies, cakes, salads and coffee. You should have seen Cal Ward eat.

The meeting was called to order by the County President, Fred C. Flory, at 1:30 o'clock.

Several songs were sung by some Lone Star girls, also a violin solo by Mr. Dietz.

Bob Lieurance and Bill Acuff of the Farmers Union Live Stock Commission Co., of Kansas City, were introduced and gave short talks. Mr. Jim Anderson gave a good talk on the solution of farm problems.

President Cal Ward gave a very interesting talk on his experience in Washington and of the very hard work he and other farm leaders have to do in order to secure any legislation. He also talked on membership and urged the farmers to join some farm organization at this time.

Jim Anderson was elected County delegate to the state board of agriculture meeting to be held at Topeka, January 7.

All of the old officers were re-elected for the year of 1935.

Resolutions were adopted as follows:
We favor the State Union putting on a membership drive.

Resolved, the legislature should fix the maximum alcoholic content of any beverage.

We oppose the consolidation of townships and counties.

We favor a graduated land tax. We are opposed to a sales tax.

—L. M. W.

REDMAN LOCAL NOTES

Redman local of the F. E. and C. U. of A. held a regular meeting at the Chero hall, Friday evening, December 12. All officials were present. Officers for 1935 were elected as follows:

President, H. A. Vesil; vice president, John McCormick; secretary-treasurer, Milo Schiffbauer; conductor, Clifford Carter; door keeper, Tivis Pendleton.

Mrs. Nettie Zimmerman, W. M. Gensch, Joe Erwin, were appointed as a committee to provide refreshments for the first meeting in January.

The referendum amendments to the state constitution were all approved. Short talks by Joe Erwin, Herman Zimmerman and John McCormick on future laws and rules affecting agriculture, were given.

The next regular meeting is called for Friday evening, December 28th. A short program will be offered. New officials will be installed.—Reported.

NEWS FROM MARQUETTE

Marquette, Kans., Dec. 15, 1934
Floyd H. Lynn, Sec.
Farmers Union,
Salina, Kansas.

We are having our regular meetings two Mondays each month, our smoker on one Monday of each month and a social on the third Friday of each month.

At our annual meeting on Monday, Dec. 10, the following officers were elected:
Eben Berg, president; Renuis Carl-

son, vice president; Gifford Peterson, secretary-treasurer.

We are having some very good times at our meetings and hope to increase our membership and create new interest for the coming year.

Richard Burnison, Sec-Treas.

EXCELSIOR MEETING

Excelsior Local 606 held their regular meeting at the city hall at Ellis on December 3, 1934. There were seven applications for membership and these were voted on and were accepted.

After all business was transacted, the following officers were elected for the year 1935: President, Wenzel Neuberger; vice president, E. J. Erbert; secretary-treasurer, Frank G. Erbert; conductor, John J. Weber; doorkeeper, Isadore Koslowski.

After the meeting the evening was spent at playing cards. Refreshments and dutch lunch were served by the committee. The elected officers will be installed at our next regular meeting on Dec. 17, 1934.

Frank G. Erbert, Sec.

FAIRVIEW LOCAL MEET

Fairview Local in Allen county, held its regular monthly meeting Dec. 6, 1934. A large crowd was in attendance, with a group of visitors from Bellview Local of Anderson county.

Election of officers resulted in retaining all the old officers. A short program was given after which coffee and sandwiches were served.

We voted to have a rabbit hunt in about two weeks, and the proceeds will be used to have an oyster supper. Our Local joined two of the other Locals and had a program and pie supper at Allen Center school house Dec. 7th. The proceeds were divided between the three Locals.

Allen county is very proud of the fact we are to be hosts to the State Convention for 1935, also that Mr. Ward was re-elected and of course you couldn't get rid of Mr. Kinney so just had to keep him. At that, Mr. Kinney is a very popular man in this county.

Mrs. Chas. Stewart,
Reporter.

TRIPLE "A" FACTS

By H. Umberger, Director, Kansas State College Extension Service

JUNIOR COOPERATORS

Conducted by
AUNT PATIENCE



Dear Junior Cooperators:

Nothing quite gives me the feeling of Christmas as this poem, "Twas the Night Before Christmas," which I'm printing for you today. I know you've all read it, or have had it read to you, many times. But it's one of those things which you can read many times and enjoy more the last time than you did the first.

We're going to have an announcement to make soon about our Club, and the Junior work, that will interest all of you. Many of you have read of the visit to our state of Mrs. Gladys Talbot Edwards, who is in charge of the Junior work in North Dakota, and a member of our National Junior Committee. I do hope that many of you will be able to attend the meetings at which she is scheduled to appear, and which have been listed in the paper. Her leadership of the Junior work in North Dakota has been most successful and we're hoping to be able to do the same things which have been so well accomplished there, in Kansas.

And now—I'd like to wish for every one of you—the very merriest Christmas you've ever had. I'll be thinking of all of you on Christmas day—and I'll hope that each one of you will stop and give just one thought to me.

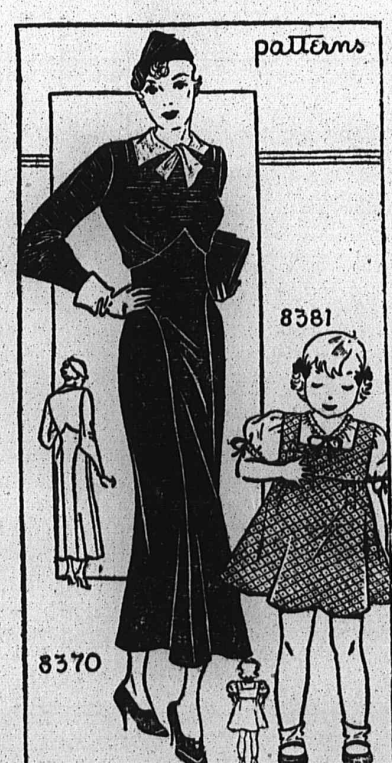
Merry Christmas!
—Aunt Patience.

Waterville, Kans., Nov. 16, 1934
Dear Aunt Patience:
How are you? I am fine. I would like to be a member of your club. My sister asked me to join. She would like to have a star. Her name is Gertrude Tommer.

I am nine years old and in the fourth grade. My teacher's name is Miss Luella Geyer. For pets I have 2 canaries, 1 white rat. I have a cat too, and a little white calf.
Yours truly,
—Margaret Tommer.

Dear Margaret:
I was so glad to hear from you and to know that you are to be a new member of our Club. Yes, Gertrude will have a star placed after her name. You have some nice pets. I don't suppose you let them play together! My little girl has a bowl of tropical fish, and our kitten ate half of them when we weren't looking. So you'd better not let your pets become too friendly. Your pin will be sent at once. Be sure to tell me your birthday date in your next letter.

TODAY'S FROCKS



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LaCrosse, Kans., Dec. 1, 1934.
Dear Aunt Patience:
I am going to join your club too. I am 11 years old and in the sixth grade. My birthday is February 8. My daddy belongs to the Farmers Union.

For my pet I have a little calf. Paul is my brother. He joined the club too. He told me to join it so I did. Please send me a pin. Well, I think I have to quit for my letter is getting long.

Your loving
Abbie Herrman.

Dear Abbie:

I'll send you pin right away and I'm so glad that you are joining our club. Paul will receive a star on our Membership Roll. I hope you'll both write soon and tell me how you spent your Christmas holidays.—Aunt Patience.

Glen Elder, Kan., Oct. 28, 1934.
Dear Aunt Patience:
I would like to join the Junior Club. We have been making jack-o'-lanterns out of gourd halves in English. We had a Halloween party night before last and I had lots of fun. We played two deep parts of the time.

I am 9 years old. My birthday is the 30th of May. I am in the third grade at school.

Your friend,
Jimmie Weidenhaft.

Dear Jimmie:
I was so glad to hear that you wished to join our club and I'll send you pin this week. I've made jack-o'-lanterns from pumpkins, but I've never seen one made as you did. I know you must have had fun at the party. I'll try to find your twin and I'll expect another letter from you soon.—Aunt Patience.

Glen Elder, Kans., Oct. 29, 1934.
Dear Aunt Patience:
My daddy has been a member of the Farmers Union for a long time. I like to read the club letters and would like to join the club.

I have three brothers, Jimmie, Bobby who is 6 years old; and Freddie who is 4 years old.
For pets my brothers and I have a duck, two dogs, some cats and a pony.
I am in the 6th grade at school. I am 12 years old my birthday is Mar. 17. Do I have a twin?
Your friend,
David R. Weidenhaft.

Dear David:
I'm glad that you enjoy the club letters and I hope you'll write often for unless we receive letters, we can't print any, can we? Your pin will be sent at once and I'll let you know when I find your twin.—Aunt Patience.

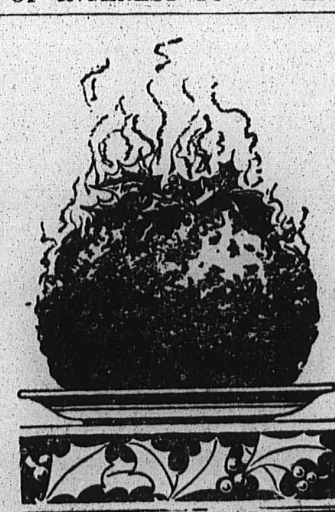
Manhattan Kans., Oct. 29, 1934.
Dear Aunt Patience:

How are you? I am just fine. I am 7 years old and I am in the third grade. My birthday is November 30. I would like to have a pin. I go to Keats grade school. We have two ponies. Their names are Pet and Snip. They each raised a colt this summer.
Your friend,
—Earl Dean Schibler.

Dear Earl:

I think you're very clever to be able to type such a nice letter. Remember that I like to get letters, so send as many and as often as you wish. I'll send your pin and I hope that you'll take very good care of it, and wear it always. Don't forget to let me know about your Christmas.—Aunt Patience.

OF INTEREST TO WOMEN



NEW FASHIONED CHRISTMAS PLUM PUDDING

1 level tablespoon Gelatine
1/2 cup cold water
1-2 pint milk
3/4 square chocolate
1/2 teaspoonful vanilla
1/2 cup seeded raisins
1 cup currants
2 egg whites
1/2 cup sugar
2-3 cup dates
1 cup nut meats
Salt.
Soak gelatine in cold water about five minutes. Put milk with fruit in double boiler. When boiling, add chocolate which has been melted with part of the sugar and salt, remove from fire, and when mixture begins to thicken, add vanilla and nut meats, chopped, and lastly fold in whites of eggs, beaten very stiff. Turn into wet mold decorated with whole nut meats and raisins. Chill. Remove to serving dish and garnish with holly. Serve with whipped cream, sweetened and flavored with vanilla, or with a currant jelly sauce.

THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

(By Clement C Moore)

'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house
Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse;
The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,
In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there;
The children were nestled all snug in their beds,
While visions of sugar-plums danced through their heads;
And Mamma in her kerchief, and I in my cap,
Had just settled our brains for a long Winter's nap,
When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,
I sprang from my bed to see what was the matter.
Away to the window I flew like a flash,
Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.
The moon, on the breast of the new-fallen snow,
Gave a lustre of mid-day to objects below;
When what to my wondering eyes should appear,
But a miniature sleigh, and eight tiny reindeer,
With a little old driver, so lively and quick,
I knew in a moment it must be Saint Nick.
More rapid than eagles his coursers they came,
And he whistled and shouted, and called them by name:
"Now, Dasher! now, Dancer! now, Prancer! now, Vixen!
On Comet! on Cupid! on Donner! on Blitzen!"
To the top of the porch, to the top of the wall!
Now, dash away, dash away, dash away all!
As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly,
When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky,
So, up to the house-top the coursers they flew,
With the sleigh full of toys, and Saint Nicholas too.
And then in a twinkling I heard on the roof
The prancing and pawing of each little hoof.
As I drew in my head, and was turning around,
Down the chimney Saint Nicholas came with a bound.
He was dressed all in fur from his head to his foot,
And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot;
A bundle of toys he had flung on his back,
And he looked like a peddler just opening his pack.
His eyes how they twinkled! his dimples how merry!
His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry.
His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow,
And the beard on his chin was as white as the snow.
The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth,
And the smoke it encircled his head like a wreath.
He had a broad face and a round little belly,
That shook when he laughed, like a bowl full of jelly.
He was chubby and plump—a right jolly old elf—
And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself!
A wink of his eye, a twist of his head,
Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread.
He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work,
And filled all the stockings, then turned with a jerk,
And laying his finger aside of his nose,
And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose.
He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle
And away they all flew like the down of a thistle;
But I heard him exclaim, ere he drove out of sight,
"Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good-night!"

CHRISTMAS PLUM PUDDING:

Combine one-half cup grated raw sweet potato, one-half cup grated raw carrot, one-half cup suet, one-fourth cup molasses and one-fourth cup sugar. Add one-half cup chopped English walnuts, one-fourth cup thinly-sliced citron, one-fourth cup chopped candied orange peel, and mix well. Add two tablespoons white grape juice and 2 well-beaten eggs. Sift together three-fourths cup flour, one-half teaspoon salt, one-fourth teaspoon soda, one-half teaspoon baking powder, one-half teaspoon cinnamon, one-half teaspoon nutmeg, and one-fourth teaspoon cloves, and add to first mixture. Pour into a greased pudding mold, cover and steam three hours. Serves eight.

BAKED DATE PUDDING

Perhaps you would like to try baked date pudding, made with generous spoonfuls of whipped cream on each portion. Use one package of dates and one teaspoon of soda. Pour a cup of boiling water over the dates and soda, and let stand until cold. Add one cup of sugar creamed with one tablespoon of butter, one beaten egg and flavoring. Add one and one-fourth cups of flour in which has been stirred one-half cup of finely chopped nuts. Bake in a flat, square pan in a medium oven. Cool and serve with whipped cream.

PEACH RICE PUDDING

2 cups of cooked rice
1 well beaten egg
1/2 cup of sugar
2 teaspoons of lemon juice
1/2 teaspoon of salt
1/2 cup of cream
1-2 cup of peach juice
2 teaspoons of butter
1-4 teaspoon grated lemon rind.
Mix all together. Pour into a greased baking dish. Arrange on top, cavity side up, six canned or fresh peach halves. Combine three tablespoons of chopped nuts, one tablespoon of melted butter and four tablespoons of powdered sugar. Fill peach cavities and bake in a moderate oven (350 degrees) for one hour, or until firm. Serves six.

SPICE PUDDING

1-3 cup fat
2-3 cup sugar
1/2 cup sour cream
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon cloves
1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
1-3 teaspoon salt
1 egg
1 1/2 cups flour
1 teaspoon soda
1 cup fat and sugar. Add rest of ingredients and beat well. Pour into shallow greased pan. Bake 20 minutes. Serve warm with spicy sauce.

SPICY SAUCE

2-3 cup sugar
2 tablespoons flour
1 1/2 cups water
3 tablespoons butter
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1 teaspoon cloves
1 teaspoon vanilla
Blend sugar and flour. Add water and cook slowly, stirring constantly, until sauce thickens a little. Add rest of ingredients, mix, serve warm.

COCOANUT TAPIOCA PUDDING

Four cups pared and sliced apples, 1/2 cup pearl tapioca, 1/4 cup sugar, 1 cup hot water, 1 1/2 cups shredded coconut, few grains salt.
Sago can be substituted for pearl tapioca if you like. Let tapioca or sago stand in water for one hour or

cream. The white of egg may be beaten, mixed with three tablespoons of sugar and used for a meringue.

TRIPLE "A" FACTS

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to make these benefit payments?

A: The funds are derived from processing taxes levied on the processing of the various agricultural products concerned.

Q: Doesn't this tax add to the burden of the consumer by increasing the cost of the products he buys?

A: The processing tax naturally adds to the cost of the finished product, and the consumer pays this added cost, but the amount in most cases is not large. For example, the processing tax has brought about an increase of one-half cent a pound for bread since February, 1933. The rise in the price of foodstuffs in general has been about six per cent during the last year. Three per cent of that increase is the normal seasonal rise experienced almost every fall. The tax on processing is a means to secure for the farmer a parity price for his products, a price which would normally be included in the cash return he received on the market.

Q: Doesn't this method cost the producer more than if the farmer receives all of his cash income from the market?

A: An average Kansas wheat crop would, under conditions such as existed from 1909 to 1914, cost the consumer approximately one million dollars more than it costs him under the present conditions.

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Week Ending December 12th, 1934

N F Thome—Douglas Co Ks—13 str 1084	8.50
Wm. Branson—Osage Co Ks—26 str 956	8.50
H R Falk—Wabunsee Co Ks—23 str 1155	7.85
B H Gilmore—Butler Co Ks—34 str 1426	7.50
H R Falk—Wabunsee Co Ks—19 str 1246	7.50
L F Kaump—Riley Co Ks—26 str 1074	7.50
A L Beale—Lafayette Co Mo—4 str 1017	7.00
W A Morgan—Wabunsee Co Ks—28 str, hfs 705	6.50
H Sapsey—Jackson Co Ks—22 str 986	6.25
Oberte Bros—Osage Co Ks—11 str 1987	6.25
Glen Badger—Osage Co Ks—4 hws 790	6.25
J W Falk—Wabunsee Co Ks—56 str 812	6.00
Ted Borquin—Thomas Co Ks—3 str, hfs 753	6.00
E Boardman—Greenwood Co Ks—6 str 113	6.00
Howard Woodbury—Osage Co Ks—38 str 744	5.50
Homer Evans—Chase Co Ks—14 str, hfs 650	5.50
Earl Bullock—Pottawatomie Co Ks—15 str, hfs 588	5.25
Henry Seufert—Wabunsee Co Ks—23 str 960	5.00
J T Moffett—Jackson Co Mo—28 str 806	4.75
Chas. A. Fritz—Riley Co Ks—15 str 650	4.25
Herman Schmidt—Miami Co Ks—10 str, hfs 649	4.00
W M Johnson—Osage Co Ks—21 str 929	3.90
Spradlin, Martin—Keys, Okla—39 clvs 377	3.50
W H Lockwood—Anderson Co Ks—9 str, hfs 600	3.50
Chas. A. Fritz, Son—Riley Co Ks—6 str 515	3.50
W H Lockwood—Anderson Co Ks—23 clvs 414	3.25
Glen Park—Lane Co Ks—20 str 385	3.00
Leonard Walstrom—Riley Co Ks—9 str 417	3.00
W J Laughlin—Rush Co Ks—13 str 656	2.85
Robert Wilson—Rush Co Ks—7 str 780	2.85
Leonard Walstrom—Riley Co Ks—19 str 754	2.75
J T Southwell—Thomas, Okla—12 cows 1022	2.50
J F Tucker—Cass Co Mo—18 cows 1001	2.35
Ira V Chandler—Morton Co Ks—21 str 404	2.50
R A Hughes—Johnson Co Ks—23 cows 920	2.00
E M Cook—Logan Co Ks—20 cows 953	1.75
John Zumwalt—Cass Co Mo—5 cows 912	1.75
H Turner—Johnson Co Ks—37 cows 760	1.25
John Zumwalt—Cass Co Mo—11 cows 790	1.25

SHEEP

Lowell Chamberlin—Osage Co Ks—16 92	7.40
Ed Hemme—Jefferson Co Ks—17 85	7.40
Latter Bros—Osage Co Ks—18 92	7.40
J A Reh—Franklin Co Ks—6 91	7.40
F W Robbins—Cass Co Mo—24 71	7.40
Herman Schmidt—Miami Co Ks—10 str, hfs 649	7.40
Albert Tempel—Lafayette Co Mo—17 78	7.40
J D Wilcox—Johnson Co Ks—6 85	7.40
Ewing—Barnett—Lafayette Co Mo—6 100	7.15
T B Barnett—Lafayette Co Mo—6 91	7.15
Clyde Beary—Linn Co Ks—13 79	7.15
John Bowlin—Lafayette Co Mo—16 86	7.15
Emma Coop—Elev—Lafayette Co Mo—8 82	7.15
Vincent Homler—Ellis Co Ks—6 78	7.15
H W Scott—Lafayette Co Mo—8 86	7.15
John Shumaker—Lafayette Co Mo—8 95	7.15
H W Wray—Franklin Co Ks—24 89	7.15
Ed Allen—Pettis Co Mo—18 83	7.00
Elmer Derr—Rush Co Ks—10 92	7.00
Clyde Husted—Douglas Co Ks—27 76	7.00
Harvey Janke—Geary Co Ks—6 95	7.00
U G Keever—Coffey Co Ks—10 84	7.00
Roy L Lee—Miami Co Ks—6 88	6.75
Farmers Coop Assn—Thomas Co Ks—28 71	6.50
C F Nissen—Nemaha Co Ks—16 117	6.50
F W Robbins—Cass Co Mo—5 60	6.50
Cale Steffel—Norton Co Ks—19 57	6.50
Albert Tempel—Lafayette Co Mo—5 66	6.50
C F Nissen—Nemaha Co Ks—6 165	6.50
T B Barnett—Lafayette Co Mo—5 130	6.50
Cale Steffel—Norton Co Ks—29 80	6.50
John Lawson—Osborne Co Ks—70 86	6.50
Emma Coop—Elev—Lafayette Co Mo—12 129	6.50
Cale Steffel—Norton Co Ks—22 79	6.50
Chas. Tromhauser—Grundy Co Mo—5 84	6.50

Heavy Butchers—230 Lbs. Up

Fritz Albert—Miami Co Ks—8 265	6.10
John C. Flint—Nemaha Co Ks—46 237	6.00
A M Nissen—Nemaha Co Ks—19 331	6.00
Wilbur Lloyd—Vernon Co Mo—6 275	6.00
C P Kohlenberg—Miami Co Ks—18 233	5.90
Frederick Flack—Wabunsee Co Ks—6 245	5.85
Herman Schmidt—Miami Co Ks—7 238	5.80
Light and Medium Butchers—170-230 Lbs.	
Will Fredrickson—Cloud Co Ks—50 221	6.15
Chas H Chippy—Dickinson Co Ks—5 224	6.10
Phil Smith—Marshall Co Ks—30 212	6.10
Lorenz Meyer—Lafayette Co Mo—10 229	6.10
John Knehaus—Lafayette Co Mo—14 2215	5.95
W A Williams—Coffey Co Ks—9 221	5.95
J J Halterman, Son—Cladwell Co Mo—49 229	5.90
Oakley Shipping Assn—Logan Co Ks—10 200	5.85
Hansy Buer—Republic Co Ks—7 204	5.80
Clyde Thompson—Allen Co Ks—15 215	5.75
Otis Warrenburg—Nemaha Co Ks—10 197	5.75
U G Keever—Coffey Co Ks—5 2124	5.75
C F Nissen—Nemaha Co Ks—20 215	5.75
C L Hendricks—Mitchell Co Ks—15 202	5.75
W O Hogsett—Miami Co Ks—11 195	5.75
Henry F. Jones—Livingston Co Mo—24 205	5.65
L C Cleveland, Mgr—St. Clair Co Mo—6 198	5.65
John Knehaus—Lafayette Co Mo—15 202	5.60
Robt. Smith—Johnson Co Ks—6 191	5.60
Homer Smith—Lafayette Co Mo—14 201	5.50
Henry Newland—Clay Co Ks—5 200	5.50
John Brady—Osage Co Ks—5 198	5.50
C C Collins—Grundy Co Ks—17 226	5.50
Norman Steinbruck—Geary Co Ks—17 226	5.50
Tom Gibb—Bates Co Mo—11 198	5.50
J L Vaughn—Grundy Co Mo—5 2212	5.50

V H Pierson—Pottawatomie Co Ks—25 195	5.40
Robt. Beringer—Lafayette Co Mo—22 188	5.40
Kirby—Condon—Carroll Co Mo—13 184	5.35
Floyd Williams—Osage Co Ks—5 194	5.25
J B Singer—Linn Co Ks—6 178	5.25
I M Shook—Coffey Co Ks—8 177	5.25
J H Kraft—Marshall Co Ks—7 184	5.25
Ray Wilkinson—Washington Co Ks—15 178	5.25
Earl Wiseman—Nemaha Co Ks—14 186	5.25
J F Ellis—Anderson Co Ks—8 178	5.25
Gifford Appleberry—Livingston Co Mo—17 191	5.25
C D Brown—Lafayette Co Mo—5 183	5.25
Harry McMullen—Grundy Co Mo—14 174	5.00
Floyd Condray—Riley Co Ks—10 182	5.00
Farmers Union S A—Marshall Co Ks—11 191	5.00
J D Wilcox—Johnson Co Mo—22 186	5.00
Roland Roepke—Marshall Co Ks—17 176	5.00
Mrs. Cora Gehring—Nuckolls Co Neb—7 185	5.00
L M Martz—Bates Co Mo—18 173	5.00
Dave Robinson—Wabunsee Co Ks—7 182	5.00
Mrs. Rose Linderman—Marshall Co Ks—3 178	5.00
G T Whitt—Livingston Co Mo—9 165	4.75
Frank Minden—Miami Co Ks—13 168	4.75
S H Hull—Franklin Co Ks—10 170	4.75
Julius Vahrenberg—Lafayette Co Mo—15 176	4.75
Arthur Collins—Grundy Co Mo—7 170	4.50
J D Martin and Son—Douglas Co Ks—6 294	6.05

Light Lights—131-170 Lbs

Frank Plugg—Montgomery Co Ks—28 162	5.00
Oakley S A—Logan Co Ks—19 164	5.00
L A Taylor—Osborne Co Ks—7 155	4.75
B D Courter—Osborne Co Ks—7 144	4.75
F H Herwood—Leavenworth Co Ks—9 160	4.75
S G Smith—Grundy Co Mo—7 154	4.75
Arthur Jennerette—Nemaha Co Ks—18 167	4.75
L J Bryson—Osage Co Ks—16 166	4.75
Gus Masenthin—Osage Co Ks—8 166	4.75
Romer Sanneman—Washington Co Ks—22 167	4.75
Ivas, Smith—Livingston Co Mo—13 160	4.75
L G Czapanaky—Cloud Co Ks—46 166	4.65
J R Sullivan—Miami Co Ks—5 146	4.50
L C Cleveland, Mgr—St. Clair Co Mo—19 154	4.50
Herman Prothe—Miami Co Ks—10 168	4.50
Steve Long—Henry Co Mo—5 154	4.50
Fred Martin—Livingston Co Mo—7 148	4.50
Farmers Union S A—Marshall Co Ks—6 155	4.50
C R Soward—Douglas Co Ks—17 151	4.35
Farmers Union S A—Marshall Co Ks—6 155	4.50
Farmers Union S A—Marshall Co Ks—13 156	4.25
Harry Bryan—Nemaha Co Ks—7 167	4.25
Frank Frederick—Leavenworth Co Ks—11 162	4.25
G B Walker—Riley Co Ks—12 165	4.25
Oakley S A—Logan Co Ks—46 146	4.00
Will Fredrickson—Cloud Co Ks—14 144	4.00
Claude Douthitt—Lafayette Co Mo—7 164	4.00
A E Thomas—Grundy Co Mo—8 148	4.00
Joe W Campbell—Lafayette Co Mo—5 164	4.00
Paul C Singer—Linn Co Ks—21 164	4.00
John Schnackenberg—Lafayette Co Mo—6 132	3.50
Albert Georgeson—Norton Co Ks—6 138	3.50
Geo Arth—Lafayette Co Mo—5 154	3.50
Vietor Moulins—Osage Co Ks—5 138	3.50
J B Kay—Nemaha Co Ks—11 132	3.50
Mrs. B. F. Rounds—Cass Co Mo—7 138	3.25
F H Snyder—Vernon Co Mo—10 135	3.25
Emil Samuelson, Mgr—Riley Co Ks—13 131	3.25
Joel Modene—Marshall Co Ks—13 131	3.25
Joel Modene—Marshall Co Ks—8 140	3.00
D W Johanning—Douglas Co Ks—14 131	3.00
Rouland Bros—Osage Co Ks—14 132	2.75
Ernest Starke—Lafayette Co Mo—14 132	2.75
Romer Sanneman—Washington Co Ks—11 131	2.35
Karl Schrader—Dickinson Co Ks—10 216	6.10
W G Good—Sullivan Co Mo—10 216	6.10
Aron Schneele—Sullivan Co Mo—5 200	5.75
Ray Schneele—Sullivan Co Mo—15 197	5.75
Clyde Thompson—Allen Co Ks—12 190	5.65
Dud Davis—Sullivan Co Mo—17 162	4.85
Ernest Schockey—Dickinson Co Ks—8 160	4.35
Jess Davidson—Lafayette Co Mo—8 167	4.00
Frank Barker—Lafayette Co Mo—15 141	3.60

SOWS

L G Czapanaky—Cloud Co Ks—10 372	5.75
J B George—Woodson Co Ks—5 406	5.65
Norman Steinbruck—Geary Co Ks—6 340	5.60
B F Touk—Allen Co Ks—8 245	5.50
J T Johnston—Linn Co Ks—7 147	5.50
H M. Donham—Johnson Co Ks—6 343	5.50

PIGS—130 and DOWN

L C Cleveland, Mgr—St. Clair Co Mo—5 130	4.25
Geo. Roepke—Marshall Co Ks—19 129	2.85
Henry Roepke—Marshall Co Ks—11 132	2.85
G B Leachman—Republic Co Ks—15 125	2.85
John Forst—Marshall Co Ks—5 124	2.50
H T Booth—Anderson Co Ks—6 130	2.50
Neal Udo—Henry Co Mo—17 124	2.50
Farmers Union S A—Marshall Co Ks—11 124	2.50
Chas Heary—Johnson Co Mo—24 115	2.35
Frank Link—Wymette Co Ks—15 125	2.00
Julius Vahrenberg—Lafayette Co Mo—18 101	2.00
Chas Lucke—Lafayette Co Mo—7 125	2.00
Mrs Lena Minden—Miami Co Ks—10 96	2.00
Clyde Stanifer—Osage Co Ks—9 67	1.75
J R Sullivan—Miami Co Ks—9 67	1.75
Jake Deters—Mitchell Co Ks—15 56	1.50
Alva Hart—Neosho Co Mo—10 96	1.50
Martin Pragman—Johnson Co Ks—5 92	1.50
Gale Betts—Dickinson Co Ks—29 103	1.25
Geo Roepke—Marshall Co Ks—10 108	1.00
Sam Flugal—Lafayette Co Mo—25 84	.75
A B Cleveland—Jefferson Co Ks—73 70	.75
Chas Lucke—Lafayette Co Mo—20 70	.75
Jess Davidson—Lafayette Co Mo—24 99	.75
Herbert Lincoln—Henry Co Mo—16 68	.75

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 January. Do not delay, but send the contribution today if possible. A nation of farmers thanks you for whatever you may give.

HELPING IN THE FIGHT

Herewith is the contribution from.....

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Amount.....

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BUTTER AND EGG MARKET LETTER

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

Week Ending December 13, 1934

BUTTER

Only fractional changes have been recorded in the butter market during the past week with Extras closing at 29c one-quarter cent lower, Standards 28c unchanged, 89 score 27 cents, one half higher, and 88 score 26 cents unchanged.

With existing Government relief contracts about filled there has been but little buying of fresh butter from this source during the week. Dealers who have continually predicted a lower market when Government requirements were satisfied have been standing by waiting for their ideas and hopes to materialize into a reality.

While the market has remained quiet in the absence of active relief buying, which has prevailed for the past several weeks, the comparatively light receipts coming to hand have been cleared at prevailing market prices.

Snow and much colder weather over central and northwest sections have resulted in further production declines. Reports from some sections of the country state the most serious production conditions ever experienced are being encountered at the present time. In these sections the cow population has been greatly reduced with only a very limited supply of feed left for the remaining herds. From other sections come reports that while there is a fair supply of roughage, the concentrates must be shipped in. Due to high prices producers are unable to buy concentrates and as a result their production is at low ebb. Reports covering ten counties received at this office during the week from a heavy

producing area of Wisconsin states that due to light milk supply it has been necessary to buy butter from neighboring plants to fill regular orders. This is said to be very unusual. Similar reports come from Iowa. From the northwest come reports that plants which normally have good production at this season of the year and have considerable tonnage for open markets have only sufficient butter to supply local demands.

The monthly U. S. Department of Agriculture Cold Storage report of December 1st, released the 12th, shows 81 million pounds of butter on hand December 1st. This is approximately 57 million pounds less than a year ago and in excess of two million pounds less than the five year average. The cut of storage movement since the first of December has been very good, especially during the past week when over five million pounds more butter was taken out of the four principal markets than a year ago. These facts all point to a good possibility for a marked shortage in butter by February.

Even though the butter market is somewhat easier and unsettled at this writing the conditions as we view them point to a better market situation within the next few weeks. The extent to which the market advances above 30 cents will as we see it be greatly dependent on the effect of imports.

EGGS

The egg market has declined from one-half cent to 2 cents during the past week. Extra Firsts closed at 26 3-4 cents 1 3-4 cents lower. Current receipts 23 1-2 cents, 2 cents lower. Directs 19 1-2 cents and Checks 17 1-2 cents, both 1 cent lower.

The decline during the past week comes as a result of the light consumption of eggs. The receipts of fresh eggs continue comparatively light but the out of storage movement has been very unfavorable as compared with a year ago. Although there is no definite way in which to determine exactly why consumption is lower, we believe it is due to the bootlegging of storage eggs and attempts to sell them at the prevailing high price of fresh eggs. With limited purchasing ability consumers are refusing to pay 30 cents to 40 cents per dozen for these eggs and are turning to the purchase of other food stuffs. Here it would seem is a field for cooperative effort. One where producers through cooperative marketing could with proper facilities for handling provide a much needed service, that of supplying consumers with eggs according to quality and classification at prices in keeping with actual values and thereby benefit both producers and consumers.

Just recently an appeal has been made to the Government by a number of representatives of the egg industry to get the Government to buy some eggs for relief purposes. While late reports indicate that the Federal Relief Department at Washington is giving this matter due consideration no definite announcement has yet been made as to whether or not any purchases will be made.

While the Government report as of December 1st shows over 2 1-2 million cases of eggs less in storage than the same date a year ago, the out of storage movement at the present time is comparatively light and unless this movement is stimulated by Government buying the market is very likely to decline further in the near future.

100 PER CENT LOCALS

Below are listed the Farmers Union Localities which have sent in paid-up 1934 memberships for all who were paid up in 1933, or more. Put your Local on the list by paying YOUR dues.

Allen County	Brown County
Fairview 2154.	Carson 1035.
Silver Leaf 2156.	Evergreen 1068
Fairlawn, 2158.	Meadow Brook 1168
Anderson County	Chase County
Emerald 2137	Bazaar 1926.
Indian Creek, 2050.	Cottonwood 1833
Barton County	Miller 1929
Odin 233	Clay County
Brown County	Broughton 2173
Carson 1035.	Olive Hill, 1120.
Evergreen 1068	Pleasant View 592.
Meadow Brook 1168	Chester 1125
Chase County	Fact 566
Bazaar 1926.	Ross 1124.
Cottonwood 1833	Swanson 1191.
Miller 1929	Wheeler 1082.
Clay County	Sherwood, 1158.
Broughton 2173	Cloud County
Olive Hill, 1120.	Carmel 1056.
Pleasant View 592.	Cottonwood 317
Chester 1125	Wilcox, 2203
Fact 566	Buffalo Valley 507.
Ross 1124.	Crawford County
Swanson 1191.	Monmouth 1714.
Wheeler 1082.	Ozark 689
Sherwood, 1158.	Walnut Grove 1308.
Cloud County	Coffey County
Carmel 1056.	Independent 2145.
Cottonwood 317	O'Leary 2146
Wilcox, 2203	Sunny Side 2144.
Buffalo Valley 507.	Wolf Creek 1878.
Crawford County	Cherokee County
Monmouth 1714.	Melrose 2059 (reorganized)
Ozark 689	Stony 2066.
Walnut Grove 1308.	Cowley County
Coffey County	South Bend, 1561
Independent 2145.	Tisdale Busy Bee 1986.
O'Leary 2146	Douglas County
Sunny Side 2144.	Pleasant Valley 652.
Wolf Creek 1878.	Worden 842
Cherokee County	Dickinson County
Melrose 2059 (reorganized)	Herrington 1063.
Stony 2066.	Ellsworth County
Cowley County	Burnmeister 343.
South Bend, 1561	Cass Ridge 1038.
Tisdale Busy Bee 1986.	Excelsior 975.
Douglas County	Franklin 1301.
Pleasant Valley 652.	Liberty 925
Worden 842	Little Wolf 1376
Dickinson County	Shamel 974
Herrington 1063.	Summit 992
Ellsworth County	Walnut Grove 973
Burnmeister 343.	Ellis County
Cass Ridge 1038.	Excelsior 606.
Excelsior 975.	Munjoy 581.
Franklin 1301.	Perry 1777
Liberty 925	Smoky Hill (reorganized) 230
Little Wolf 1376	
Shamel 974	
Summit 992	
Walnut Grove 973	
Ellis County	
Excelsior 606.	
Munjoy 581.	
Perry 1777	
Smoky Hill (reorganized) 230	