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# DEAN REELECTED KANSAS FARMERS UNION PRESIDENT

Farmers Union Includes in Program Resolution to Separate the Triple A From Farm Bureau-William Goeckler **Becomes Kansas Farmers Union Vice President** 

LINDSBORG, Kan., Oct. 31—E. K. Dean, Salina, was reelected president of the Kansas Farmers Union at its annual convention. He was not opposed for the office. Other officers elected were: William Goeckler, Clay Center, vice president; Reuben Peterson, McPherson, Director; Ray Henry, Stafford, Secretary; Bert Harmon, Ellsworth, delegate to national convention; John Tommer, Waterville, conductor; John Scheel, Emporia, door keeper.

The newly elected vice-president, Mr. Goeckler, was also unopposed for the office, since Pat Nash, of Ellsworth, former vice-president, did not wish to retain the office.

F. U. LIVESTOCK SALES

Farmers Union Comm. Co.

the Commission business.

I am not on the farm now so

do not handle livestock. But I wish you the best of success in

I shipped you a number of carloads of cattle while on the

farm and was always more than

pleased with your treatment

Thanking you for past favors,

Yours truly, Brad Hooper, Ellsworth, Kansas.

ITS CONDITION

CATTLE AND SHEEP DEPART-

MENTS SHOW INCREASE

State Convention Delegates

The report of the Farmers Un-

ion Live Stock Commission Com-

pany to the delegates present at

the Kansas City sales force.

the company could be sure to car-

black ink Mr. Bernhardt stated.

the reason for the fact is due to

been discussed so often that fur-

ther talking would be of no avail.

The result of these various meth-

ods of marketing, away from the

central market, on the dollars re-

gauged, but time would be the de-

ciding factor and the producer

which method will be the best for

him over a long period. "Commun-

tinue to use the central markets as

a price base and if there is no

other service a central market

agency performs, it must be re-

tained for the purpose," Mr. Bern-

Mr. Bill Acuff, the Parsons man-

ager, was unable to attend the

meeting, but it was clearly brought

out that the Parsons office is do-

Mr. Barnhardt, in his closing re-

marks, brought out the Kansas

City agency is striving at all times

to perform the services expected

of it and that any criticism of

service is given due investigation

ing well under his management.

hardt stated.

and consideration.

ity sales and direct buyers con-

turned the producers could

must make his decision as

amounts to \$18,784.

J. Alkire of Wichita.

Manager Bernhardt Reports

Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Sirs:

and results.

PLEASE SHIPPER

October 24, 1941

The program adopted at the convention is printed in this issue of this paper and should xbe read carefully by every mem-ber. Probably one of the most discussed resolutions, is that to separate the Triple A from the Farm Bureau, and to move the state AAA office from Manhattan, to "some centrally located city with-in the state." In this resolution, delegates stated that great con-fusion and even lack of compliance with the Triple A program has resulted from the fact that Kansas State college, the extension service, the Farm Bureau and Triple A offices are all located in Manhattan, Not only are farmers confused as to the identity and function of each, but complaints have been received that Farm Bureau members receive better rates and adjustments on crop insurance, because of the association of the Triple A and the Farm Bureau.

F. U. LIVESTOCK IN The Farmers Union Directors' and Managers' association met on Tuesday afternoon, and had a ban-FINANCIAL REPORT quet meeting Tuesday evening. H. E. Witham, general manager of the Farmers Union Jobbing Association was one of the principal speakers during the afternoon session. He was followed on the program by Jess B. Smith, of Wichita, who spoke on the subject "Wheat Improvement in Kansas.'

At the banquet, as the principal eaker, Glenn Talbott, Presiden of the North Dakota Farmers Union, reminded the guests that a few years ago when a farm family moved off the farm north of town another moved on it and took the former's place as a member of the community and the cooperative. But now, all too often a corporation farm takes over the farm, the farm house and buildings are torn down, a machine plows up the pasture—and the community and the cooperative loses out all the way around. The only way to keep this fast-moving trend from eating up more and more farmers and farm cooperative members is for cooperative managers to DO something about it—to help the Farmers Union add thousands and hundreds of thousands of members NOW.

Why? Because while the cooperatives speak for farmers, and speak loudly, they speak in terms of bushels of wheat, or hundred weight in cows and hogs and sheep, or gallons of gas, or pounds of butter. ONLY the Farmers Union speaks for PEOPLE in the effort to maintain the family size farm-the farm from which comes the cooperative member.

Don Wilcox, President, and David Train, Secretary of the Direcftors' and Managers' Association, were in charge of the program and the meetings of this group. On Wednesday afternoon, at

ence opened with a panel discussion which was broadcast over the Mutual network. The members of this panel were Glenn Talbott, National President James G. Patton. and State President E. K. Dean, of

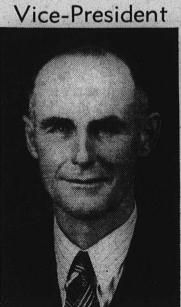
M. W. Thatcher, national chairman of the Farmers Union Legislative Committee and Manager of the Farmers Union Grain Terminal Association of St. Paul, Minnesota, was scheduled as the third member of this panel. Mr. Thatcher was also on the convention program as guest speaker Wednesday evening. However the following Thatcher, which explained his in- ducer has to sell them. He fur- a matter of recorded facts. For not ability to be present at the convention.

E. K. Dean, President, Kansas Farmers Union, Salina, Kansas.

Deeply regret that it is necessary for me to go at once to Washington to handle our farm credit fight which will (Please Turn to Page Five)

CHANGE THE NOVEMBER DATES OF KANSAS UNION FARMER

The publication date of the first issue in November of the Kansas Union Farmer has been changed from November 6th, to November 13, and that of the second November issue, from November 20 to November 27. In the future, it is planned to keep former publication dates unchanged, issues being printed on the first Thursday, and the third Thursday, of



WILLIAM GOECKLER Farmers Union principles and ac-

For several years Secretary of day as follows: Clay County, Mr. Goeckler was ter, for a number of years. He is married and has two sons.

# ST. JOSEPH F. U. LIVESTOCK HAS A

IS LARGEST FIRM ON ST JOS-EPH MARKET

Has Paid in Patronage Refunds Over One Million Dollars in Cash in Twenty-Four Years Since Organization of Company

Lindsborg, Kans., October 30-Paul Steele, manager of the Farmers Union Livestock Con Company of South St. Joseph, Missouri, made the following report to assembled delegates of the Kansas Farmers Union convention to-Mr. President, Ladies and Gentle-

men of the Contention: A year has passed since I have had the pleasure of appearing behe annual meeting of the Kansas fore you to give a report of the Farmers Union was made by W. G. operations of the Farmers Union Bernhardt of Kansas City and L. Live Stock Commission at South St. Joseph. Missouri. Mr. Bernhardt brought greet-Perhaps I will not be consider-

ings from the directors and memed out of order if I recite to you bers of the force. He explained the origin of this house in which that it was impossible for any the Kansas Farmers Union, along members of the live stock board with other farm organizations in to be present due to weather conother states have an actual ownditions and previous engagements ership.

and further that the urgency of business made it impossible to by the Farmers Union of Nebrasbring to Lindsborg members of other farm organizations were The report brought out clearly that the Farmers Union Live celved the privilege of signing our Stock Commsision Company, of marketing contract, and it was Convention delegates.) scarcely any time until the Farm-Kansas is in good financial condiers Union of Nebraska was repaid tion .The surplus account amounts all the funds they had invested. to around \$21,500 as of September 1, 1941. The number of share hold-The business was a success from ers in this cooperative corporation the beginning, and today no one is 9300 and the issued stock has a penny in it as invested cap-

ital-in other words for many Mr. Bernhardt reported that the years it has stood on its own feet. Any business that is unusually operations of the Kansas City, successful is sure to arouse hatred Wichita, Parsons branches showed a profit in 1940 but that the di- and jealousy and the St. Joseph rectors deemed it wise to retain house founded by and for farmers 1:30 p. m., the legislative confer- that profit, as a patronage refund for their own safety and economy would have been small and fur- was no exception. It was with effort that we rether that the surplus account

should be built to a place where ceived pen allotments and were barred from renting office space ry over onother period of light in the Exchange Building, and runs if it should occur again. The snubbed on all sides by competicombined net result of the 1941 tors. The country tributary to the operations should also show up in St. Joseph market was flooded with degrading and malicious slander Volume figures indicated an in- that we could not stay in business crease in the cattle and sheep de- over a few weeks, that we didn't partments in the Kansas City know livestock values, that we agency but further showed a de- couldn't obtain market values-all crease in hog numbers. Mr. Bern- this of course being promulgated hardt stated that hog receipts by old line firms forming the

from Kansas were very small and Live Stock Exchange. How mistaken those competitors the numerous methods the pro- of cooperative marketing were is ther stated the direct selling and only did we do all that anyone else community sales were surely cut- could and would do, but we even ting into the central market vol- | went further-we paid our shipume and that these matters had per members back part of the profits. And in the 24 years since organization we have missed paying patronage refund for only 1 (Please Turn to Page Five)

#### **Conference Groups**

ORGANIZATION Ray Henry, Chairman Bert Harmon, Vice Chairman Jim Petty, Secretary LEGISLATION Carl Gerstenberger, Chairman Reuben Peterson, V-Chairman Wm. Goeckler, Secretary COOPERATIVE P. J. Nash, Chairman Steve Myers, V-Chairman

Norman Flora, Secretary EDUCATION Esther Ekblad, Chairman Mrs. Chas. Olson, V-Chairman Albert Henke, Secretary RESOLUTIONS AND 1942 PRO-GRAM COMMITTEE Chairman-Irtis Ward Secretary, Clarence Yocum

ence groups.

Members, officers of confer-

OWN LEGISLATIVE ORGANIZATION IS FARM CO-OP NEED

DECLARES NEED FOR A FARM ORGANIZATION THAT IS NATIONAL IN SCOPE

H. E. Witham, General Manager Farmers Union Jobbing Association Addresses F. U. Managers and Directors Association

Lindsborg, Kans., October 28-H. E. Witham, General Manager of the Farmers Union Jobbing Association, Kansas City, addressed the meeting of the Kansas Farmers William Goeckler, newly elected Union Managers' and Directors' Vice President of the Kansas Far- Association at this city today. Dismers Union, has always supported cussing the need for a legislative organization, Mr. Witham described the condition of affairs to-

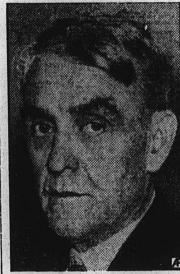
No group of persons in America elected County President last year. He has been an active member of more fully than those of you here the Farmers Union Cooperative this afternoon that we CANNOT Business Association at Clay Cen- LIVE ALONE. That is why there are cooperatives. That is why Vice President Goeckler lives on his farm northeast of Clay Center. the Farmers Union. That is why there is a Managerial Association. Sometimes it is just to get together to exchange ideas, talk over our problems and help one another solve them that we form an organization or an association. Sometimes, as it is in cooperatives, SUCCESSFUL YEAR we join forces to buy supplies or sell our products because we know that only by working together, can we avoid paying high commissions to middlemen for our supplies and that only by selling our products ourselves are we able to build and operate our own facilities and prevent margins between the price paid the producer and the price the product brings on the market from being excessive. But even beyond that there are problems that cannot be solved by local or that the farmer seldom if ever

> and protection. It may be true that Americans worth the annual dues!
> are given to organizing. You've But all joking aside. probably heard the story about the hree Americans who fell from an airplane, and by the time they and work together. In our local reached the ground they were or-ganized into "The Society of the Three Falling Americans"—with and nowadays we organize for one of them elected president, and charity drives. Each organization other the vice president, and the

**Guest Speakers** 



CLAUDE WICKARD Secretary of Agriculture



ARTHUR CAPPER

third the secretary. We'll wager even state-wide cooperation or has the money to ride in an air-"working together." That is why plane and the second reason is we need a farm organization that that if he had the money for the is national in scope, and interest, ride he'd probably still be arguing as to whether or not it was

But all joking aside, we have learned, as a rule, that the only way to get results is to organize communities, we organize to build churches and community halls, (Please Turn to Page Six)

Kansas' Senior Senator

Farmers Union Philosophy Should Be Interpreted to Other Great Working Group in America -Organized Labor LINDSBORG, Kan. Oct. 29-The following address was James G. Patton.

the National Farmers Union,

and Robert Handschin, Wash-

speakers on the organization's

monthly broadcast over the

NBC Blue network, Saturday,

November 22, at 11:30 a. m.

Musical portions of the broad-

WE MUST STAND

NAT. PRES. PATTON

FUTURE ECONOMY OF UNITED

STATES MUST BE SHAPED

INTO SUSTAINED PRODUC-

TION OND CONSUMP-

TION OF ABUN-

DANCE

cast will feature Walter Blau-fuss and an NBC orchestra.

CST (12:30 p. m. EST).

mers Educational and Cooperative Union of America, before the Kansas Farmers Union Convention here today. I am indeed happy to be in Kansas again to meet in conven-

National President of the Far-

tion with as fine a group of people as there is to be found anywhere.
In these troubled times when **ELLSWORTH** we all wonder what is coming

next you can justly take pride in the fact that you are making a real contribution in behalf of farmers all over this country and at the same time providing yourselves with an organization which makes you articulate in places very far from your homes, and make no mistake about it-your interests extend farther from your nomes than ever in the past.

The National Farmers Union is making progress. The growth in membership will not be much this year-but there are a great many more people who are convinced that organizations can be built and there is much less defeatism and 'can't be 'done' attitude. Iowa South Dakota, Wisconsin, Colorado, Kansas, Arkansas and Texas have reported gains. I am sure there will be others. If stated attitudes are any yardstick much larger gains will be made in the next two years. Everywhere I have been I have found people saying,

"We can organize, we must and we will." I would like to point out however that numbers alone do not make an effective organization. Wherever there is a Farmers Jnion our people are becoming better informed, more unified, and more intensive in getting a job done for the lower two thirds of agriculture.

More of our members are awakening to the fact that a strong organization in four or five states is not going to give them needed influence and results in Congress and in other places where it is extremely important that our attitudes and influence be felt! More and more members in organized Farmers Union states are realizing the absolute necessity of a wider spread organization. We are also facing the fact that we must furnish money and man power to organize the Farmers Union in states where we do not have organizations. I think most of us fact that we must build organiza- | mittees be appointed ten days betions in the deep south and in fore the date of the annual meet-Western states where we have lit-(Please Turn to Page Three)

ORDER OF BUSINESS AND CONVENTION RULES Verle Moyer, Chairman Louis Vernon CREDENTIALS Merle Tribby, Chairman

Homer Spence olutions were carried. BY-LAWS AND CONSTITUTION A rising vote of thanks was ac-COMMITTEE

Harold Westgate mers Union auditing association. | Association Ray Emil

# NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL LEADERS WILL BE ON PROGRAM; THREE-DAY MEETING

Secretary of Agriculture Wickard, Senator Arthur Capper, M. W. Thatcher, Chairman National Farmers Union Legislative Committee, Will Be Guest Speakers

#### TO DRAFT NATIONAL PROGRAM PRESIDENT PATTON TO BROADCAST SPEECH

To Speak

M W Thatcher Chairman Na-

tional Farmers Union Legislative

Committee and President National

Federation of Grain Cooperatives.

RONAGE BASIS

Can Serve More Than Three

Terms Consecutively

Thirty-four stockholders of the

Harmon was re-elected to the

Union board. The following report

of the financial status of the

Farmers Union was read by Mart

to \$12,742.30. These savings were

prorated to members on a patron-

age basis as follows: 1c per bushel

on wheat and coarse grains sales

to the organization; 4c on the dol-

lar was rebated on the member

purchases of feeds, seeds and coal

at the elevators. The service sta-

purchases. The grocery store re-

Some of the resolutions passed

the committee on resolutions, con-

be set aside for an educational

county. (3) That no member of

the board of directors be eligible

secutively, and be it further re-

ing on May 31, 1941:

VOTES TO SET

James G. Patton, president of Conference Method of Making An Action Program Will ington representative of the Farmers Union, will be the Be Used Again This Year

> TOPEKA, Kan., Nov. 10-The 1941 National convention of the Farmers Union, scheduled for November 17 to 19 at this city, will feature a number of nationally prominent leaders in the agricultural field.

> Secretary of Agriculture Claude R. Wickard will speak at the Municipal Auditorium on Tuesday afternoon, November 18, at the second afternoon session of the National Farmers Union Convention which opens on Monday morning, November 17.

> Appearing on the program Monday evening will be C. B. Baldwin, Farm Security Administrator and Dr. T. W. Shultz, head of the Department of Economics, Iowa State College.

Others who will speak some time during the three-day convention will be Senator Arthur Capper of Kansas; M. W. Thatcher, St. Paul, chairman, National Farmers Union Legislative Committee; and J. Drummond Jones of the Department of Agriculture, Washington,

D. C., who will lead a panel discussion Tuesday evening. The Farmers Educational and Cooperative Union of America, or the Farmers Union, as it is more commonly called, is one of the three big farm organizations in the United States. In a day of me-chanization and corporation farming, this organization stands firmly for the family-sized farm.

Because of Topeka's accessibility to many states in which there are arge Farmers Union memberships, and because of the important decisions to be made, a large crowd is expected to attend the

National President James Patton announced that the conference method, so successfully used in 1940, will be used again this year. This means that during a part of the convention there will be four conferences in session at the same time, Education, Organization, Legislation and

Cooperation. Great national and international political and economic forces are moving rapidly," said President Patton recently. "Never before has the farm family been so much in need of a strong national period

**EDUCATIONAL FUND** o follow. "Hearings have begun on the price-fixing bill, with debt adjustnent and the threatening infla-PRO-RATE SAVINGS ON A PATtion of land values daily growing more pressing-with the Surplus Commodity and ISA and other programs in danger of being veakened irreparably, the National Convention is one of outstand-Decide That No Member of Board

ing importance to Agricultive." ORGANIZATION A M The organization of Luorganized armers around the progressive program of the Farmers Union is most imperative, and on its suc-Farmers Union Cooperative Assoanswer to the question of what is ciation, Ellsworth, met last Saturgoing to happen to our farming day for the annual meeting. Bert

Every member, every local, and every district is urged to extend every effort on the work necessary to make this the biggest and best convention ever held. All Lo-Gwinner, the business year, end- cal groups should do their utmost to arrange transportation and ex-Savings for the year amounted penses for a maximum number of their members to be in attendance at the important sessions of this

convention JUNIORS AN IMPORTANT PART The Farmers Union "Torch-Bearers," Juniors chosen to represent their state, are active at every National Convention. This year, our Kansas Torch-Bearers tion and bulk station rebated 11/2c are Raymond Groene, of Winfield, per gallon on all member pur- and Keith Peterson, of McPherchases of gasoline, distillate and son. Other young Farmers Union kerosene and 5c on the dollar on members will attend the programs grease, oil and other merchandise also. Gladys Talbott Edwards, National Director of Education, and bated 5c on the dollar on sales to these young people, always premembers. Six per cent interest on sent a program that is an inspircapital stock was also paid to the ation to the organization

CONVENTION HEADQUARTERS Headquarters for the 'Convenincluded the following: (1) That tion will be the Municipal Auditorium, which is a beautiful, modare becoming conscious of the stitution, by-laws, and other comvides ample facilities for large fore the date of the annual meeting. (2) That 5 per cent of the seats over 4,000 persons, and has savings of non members business a number of conference each seating from 75 to 400. Its fund to carry on the work of the large lobby, walled in gray and state Farmers Union and \$50 of rose marble, is ideal for the regthe amount to be used for Farm- istration and reception of deleers Union junior work in the gates, members, and guests at the National Convention.

> to serve more than 3 terms con- Baby Daughter for the Pat Nashs' On September 30th, Mr. and solved that this resolution shall Mrs. Pat Nash, Ellsworth, not affect any of the present board nounced the birth of their daughof directors until the expiration ter, Nancy Sue, They have one of their respective terms. All res- other daughter, Patsy, aged three

Mr. Nash is Manager of the Farcorded to Mart Gwinner in appre- mers Union Cooperative Associaciation of services rendered the tion, Ellsworth, a former viceorganization as accountant. Mr. President of the Kansas Farmers Gwinner has taken over his du- Union, and member of the Board ties as auditor with the state Far- of the Farmers Union Jobbing

## 1942 PROGRAM KANSAS FARMERS UNION

Convention, October 31, 1941

The business was started in 1917 | Committee together with members | a fair price for his production, or ka, which was the sole owner. As | Chairmen and Secretaries of Legislative, Organization, Education formed they asked for and re- and Cooperative Committees, pre-

1. Resolved, that we instruct our State Secretary to express our utmost appreciation to the city of Lindsborg for its splendid hospitality, to Mr. and Mrs. David Train, to the Lindsborg Chamber of Commerce, the fine reception we have received in the homes of this city, the Bethany college for the use of beautiful Presser Hall, also the college and high school music and others who have contributed to our special entertainment and comfort during our 36th annual convention in the city of Linds-

borg. 2. We the members of the Over All Committee endorse both the district and conference type conventions 3. We recommend that the State

Secretary of the Kansas Farmers Union be instructed to send greetings to Mr. T. B. Dunn. 4. Our Democracy has its roots

type farm. It cannot survive unless those farm families are made secure on the land. We believe that all farm families are entitled to an average American standard of living and a certain amount of economic independence.

So to help achieve these objectives, we submit the following ressolutions and recommendations from the Legislative, Cooperative, Organization, and Educational Conferences.

LEGISLATIVE

men, clearly reflect that the Amer-

(J. L. Ward Chairman, and C. M., ican Farmer has never had for Yocum, Secretary of the Over All any considerable length of time, committee, which included an equitable situation with relation to other economic groups. Also the facts seem to bear out the contention that insecurity of the sented following resolutions to farmers on the land, the continuation of his unfair income status and the limiting of his buying power, has contributed in no small way to the reduction of the buying power of other groups, the unemployment of labor, and a gen-

eral unsatisfactory economic con-

dition for all of our people. Whereas the foregoing state-ments of facts indicate that the farmers' plight affects the entire economy of our country, because of the fact that his consuming power is all out of proportion to his numbers, when compared with the consumption of other groups: Whereas the maintaining of the family type farm, operated by an actual owner, is the best guarantee of our democratic form of government; where this type of agriculture cannot hope to continue in a nation where all other economic groups are thoroughly organized, unless farmers themselves become equally as well organized; whereas the Farmers Union is a militant deeply imbedded in the family and democratic farm organization, designed to be controlled by farmers in accordance with demo-

cratic processes, now, therefore, he it resolved as follows: That a definite long time program be adopted, looking forward to the establishment of a land policy which would bring about 100 per cent ownership by operators living on and operating a family type farm, with a guaranteed income large enough to insure an average American Standard of Living and an adequate education Facts developed over a period of the last few years by farm organization economists and states-(Please Turn to Page Six)

#### Convention Headquarters



New Municipal Auditorium in Topeka, Kansas, where the 1941 National Farmers Union Convention will be held on November 17, 18, and 19.

### **Convention Committees**

J. P. O'Hara

John Vesecky, Chairman Herman Kohls George Reinhart

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Insurance Co. Building.
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peka, George Bicknell, Manager.

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Wichita, Kansas; Live Stock Exchange Building, Parsons, Kansas.— W. G. Bernhardt, Kansas City, General Manager; L. J. Alkire, Manager, Wichita Branch; W. L. Acuff, Manager, Parsons Branch.

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#### SALINA, KANSAS, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 1941

#### AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE PROGRAM HAS A SPLENDID START By E. K. DEAN

President Kansas Farmers Union bermans' Mutual Insurance Co. cal, but you will be the best and myself made a trip calling on judges as to how many you should agents we already have licensed to have in each local. write Automobile Insurance and also to call on prospective agents. the insurance program a success. We were unable to call on all of We solicit your support. the agents licensed, as the time was too short, but sometime dur- REPAIR YOUR FARM MACHINing this month we will contact all

Almost every place we stopped we found a great deal of interest in the Automobile insurance pro-Several new agents were an- li

been shown and the comments of chinery requires steel and other those who have already made ap- metals, and metals are a prime comments of directors, managers, can help your country and yourand personnel of cooperatives we self by repairing your old mahave called on in regard to in- chinery now rather than attemptsurance, all go to assure us the ing to get new machinery next directors' dicision to place our in- year. surance with Lumbermans Mu- Repair your farm machinery and tual, was very wisely made.

We find that many, in fact almost all of our cooperatives are very well acquainted with Lumbermans Mutual and their splendid record of service. Also that a large number of our cooperatives supply of necessary repair parts, are already carrying some type of insurance with them. Many of them have their Workmens' com- way to be sure of repair parts is pensation insurance in the Lum-

Grain Dealers' Insurance Co. I don't believe that it would have been possible for us to have made a connection for our insurance through any company that would have been better known to dealer. our people and would have been as readily accepted as through Lum-

One of the very important things to think about in automobile insurance is the ability of the company you have your insurance with, to serve you if you should have a wreck. We can very easily boast of the service we have to offer you in this connection.

Lumbermans Mutual has claim service available for you in every State in the United States. They are licensed in every state in the United States.

No matter where you might be going on a trip, if you have trouble and your insurance is through The Kansas Farmers Union, your policy will be recognized as being in a company that is financially responsible. Their claim service is available to you wherever you might travel in this coun-

The interest in the insurance program is increasing faster than we are able to take care of it at the present time, with the limited which prices could be based and personnel we have, so we are asking that every one of you help share the responsibility of seeing that every one is made acquainted with our program and that agents creases which are out of line with are made available in your com-

writing the insurance yourself, er prices, if he is to stay in busitry and think of some one in the neighborhood that is and talk to him about it. We are not trying to appoint full time agents. All of our agents appointed are Farmers Union people, and they will only supplies. Some scientific method work part of their time on the of adapting prices to conditions is insurance program.

We don't have any agents' applications from women yet, but I bet there are a lot of our Farmers Union women that could write a lot of insurance if they tried. I would like to see some of you women

Take up the Automobile Insurquainted with it. Discuss who you released here recently.

would like to have write the insurance for your local. Locals that cover a large territory could easily have two or three agents. The more you have the faster the program can be expanded. You can The past week Mr. Weed, Lum- of course get too many in one lo-

Everyone can help in making

#### ERY NOW A Message to the Farmers

America: by repairing your farm machinpointed and their applications for ery now. The Food for Freedom icenses sent in. The interest in program calls for a record farm program is increasing every production. At the same time de-There is hardly a mail any fense needs will limit available quiry in regard to automobile in- able to get enough labor will have surance, or an application being to rely more and more upon masent in, or something in connec- chinery, but the defense program tion with the insurance program, will mean much less new farm ma-The interest that has already chinery in 1942. New farm ma-

#### equipment now.

The Government is taking steps to provide as much steel and othnecessary repairs for farm machinery in 1942. To be sure of a manufacturers need to know how much will be required. The only to order them immediately. Failbermans' written through the ure to make repairs now may mean a crop loss later. I suggest you do these things at once:

Check over your old machin-Order necessary parts from your

If parts cannot be obtained, notify your County U. S. D. A. Defense Board. As replacement needs arise

throughout the year use substitutes for steel and iron wherever possible. Make your old farm machinery and equipment do another year by repairing it now.

Signed. Claude R. Wickard Secretary of Agriculture.

#### SOUND APPROACH Writing in the Dairymen's Lea-

gue News of New York, Holton V. Noyes, that state's commissioner of agriculture and markets, says that the present marketing program does not provide for quick their meeting to get ready for enough changing of prices when the coming session of the State enough changing of prices when costs are advancing. He believes that cost of production should be accurately determined and farmers' prices established accordingly To achieve that, he suggests the creation of a mobile index upon changed as conditions justify.

That is a sound approach to the nunity.

If you are not interested in costs without being allowed highness. In many cases, the farm price increases that have taken place so far, have not been adequate to cover the rising costs of wages, taxes and materials and

BILL AT HIGH LEVEL Washington, D. C.-American farmers are now paying an average special motor vehicle tax bill 85 per cent as great as their general property taxes, according to local and county officers of the Scenes from 1941 Convention at Lindsborg



(1) Part of the group at the Education Conference. (2) more that we don't have some in- farm labor. Farmers who are un- Members of Panel Discussion which broadcast over Mutual network on "Farm Legislation," President E. K. Dean, of Kansas, National President James Patton of Colorado, and President Glenn Talbott, of North Dakota.

3) Part of the group which were members of Legislative Conference. In front row are Carl Gerstenberger, chairman, and William Goeckler, secretary. (4) Helen Denney, Publicity Department of Farmers Union Jobbing Associaplication for insurance, and the need in the defense program. You tion, Kansas City, explains National Convention plans to Mrs. E. K. Dean, Kansas and Mrs. James Patton, Colorado.

(5) National Director of Education Gladys Talbott Edwards discusses educational program for next year's work with Kansas State Director of Education, Esther Ekblad. Some of the members of Cooperative conference. (7) A gay moment at the Junior Banquet. Left to right Mrs.

James A. Patton, Donald Van Vleet, President Iowa Farmers Union, Esther Ekblad, Dr. Emery Lindquist, President Bethany College, Gladys Talbott Edwards, National Director Junior Education, Keith Peterson, Kansas Torch-Bearer, and Bill Bernhardt, Manager F. U. Livestock Commission Company. At right of picture, with back to camera, is Ray Henry, State Secretary of the Farmers Union of Kansas. View in the lobby at Presser Hall, showing registra tion force. In the picture may be seen John Scheel

who has served the Kansas Farmers Union long and efficiently as Door-Keeper at Convention time. At the conference table-front row: left to right: Ca A. Ward, Regional Director Farm Security, President E! K

Dean, Reuben Nehr, Lawrence Clausen. Back row, left to right: Irtis Ward, B. E. Winchester and Frank Morse.

### President Dean's Report

A year has passed since the last | county. The conference meetings convention at Parsons, Kansas, weren't, we know, as successful as er metal as may be needed for all and at which time you delegated they could have been, but we to me the responsibility of pres- | weren't discouraged, because we | believe it is my job to get the ident of your organization. It now | knew when we started that it comes time for me to make a re- wasn't going to be easy. In fact until the first of December. The month's time to sever my former connections and get moved to Salina. We arrived at Salina on Monday, December the 2nd, and got partially moved into our home that day, and I actively started to dent of the Kansas Farmers Un-

December was a busy month, I nad to get acquainted with the routine of the office, attend the many meetings that had already been scheduled for me, including the series of District managers and directors meetings. I attended all of these but one. The committee of Legislature. I had begun to get acquainted with the many responsibilities of the office I was attempting to fill. I had been spending the entire month running from one meeting to another, most of them local and county meetings, to make talks. I found myself doing the very thing that I agricultural price problem. The was confident would not build up farmer is not entitled to price intion, which was to be making a cost increases. At the same time, lot of speeches, without any plans he cannot pay higher operating for a follow-up after the meeting I discontinued accepting any inviations to speak at local or couny meetings, unless they could be fitted in with my planned schedule

port to you of the work done dur- we were quite well pleased with ing this past year. This has been the results of the meetings, beone of the shortest years that I cause in every county but one, have ever spent. It has seemed to we brought out of the conference, me that it couldn't possibly have some definite plans for local had more than six months in it, meetings in the county, to be fol- the right answers, or at least more In reality I have only worked elev-en months, as I didn't actively drives. Immediately following the responsibility of getting them for take up the duties of my office county conferences we began to follow up by holding the series of board of directors gave me a local meetings which we had planned in the county conferences. This was where we ran into trouble. We held the meetings all right, but I dare not mention what the answer is in raising the dues the time we held them. We had a work that evening. My first series of about three weeks meet- ers in the field building the memmeeting in Kansas, as Presi- ings scheduled and it either rained or snowed every day during those ion, was the county meeting of three weeks. Consequently the folour present convention host coun- low-up of membership campaigns ty, and was held at McPherson. just didn't happen, because when the weather cleared up, farmers in that section of the state had so much work to do that we didn't get back there to carry on the drives. However, I do believe that the time spent in those meetings we did hold, did some good. Any way it let the people know that Kansas Farm organizations held their meeting to get ready for any more county conferences, but we have held several series of planned meetings in various counties over the state. In some of the counties, we were able to follow up the work with an active fulltime organizer; in those counties we had some very good results In other counties we left the follow-up work to the local people, In some cases it worked out pretty good, in other cases there was not much follow-up work done. In the counties that we had the time and personnel to do the necessary work we found that farmers were interested in the Farmers Union, and that they were interested in seeing it carry on the work it was doing. This past year Miss Ekblad and myself began has definitely proven one thing to o make a study of what the patme, which is, that Farmers want tern of our organization work the Farmers Union, and largely would be. We decided to call a they are willing to support it; but series of county conferences, and in the past our plan of contact to invite into those conferences, managers and directors of all of not permit the state office to carthe cooperatives in the county, all of the officers of local unions and the county union, both past and which has left it up to a few good the county union, both past and loyal members, who in the past present. Our thought in holding several years have found it imposthese meetings was to get the persible to spend their own money sonnel of the cooperatives, and ance program at your local meet- a nation-wide survey by the Na- Farmers Union working together zation work. I am firmly of the

here assembled should give a lot much for the first one. In an Edu- way they ask questions about and of time and thought to the membership and financing plan of the organization.

I don't have th eanswer for you as to what should be done. I don't answers for you. It is as I see it, my job to get you working on the problems you have, and if I can do that I am sure you people will get the answers yourself. When the answers are arrived at, in that manner, I am sure they will be responsibility of getting them for

Maybe your answer is a group membership plan, whereby the cooperative pays the dues on a group membership basis for all of the members of the cooperative. Maybe thought of the weather during to about four or five dollars a year and putting several organizbership, which would have to be followed up by a well-financed, well planned educational campaign. Perhaps neither of these is the answer, but I am sure of one thing, there is an answer to people will work it out.

our problem and I am sure you I want, here, to talk a little about the State wide box social we held last spring-how it came about and what the results were. Miss Ekblad and I were riding along one afternoon talking baout the need for more funds to do organization and educational work in the Farmers Union. We had been racking our brains to try and think of some good way of raising money. Our conversation finally drifted to the state election in Missouri and the trouble they were having trying to find out who was going to be Governor. Esther mentioned that one side, I forget which now, gave a box supper to raise funds to carry the expense of their fight. It immediately struck me as a splendid idea. for raising money for our organization and educational program, Before we arrived at our destination that day we had held 500 box suppers of all types and descriptions. We had held at least a hundred different kinds of contests in connection with them. If I remember right we had even held a national box social with all of the Farmers in the United States participating. Well from that time on the box supper idea began to take shape, with the permission of the board, and through the co-

near. We had hundreds of reof the trip. They accepted this lution of these problems. responsibility because Mr. Patton had originally planned to be here, and he sent Mr. Talbott in his for their ideas in regard to holdas much money from the social as of them felt that the problems of ganization expenses this past year. Many of the letters and reports we received were to the effect that if we had another one this next year it would go over better in their community. Many others who didn't hold a social this time, reported they would hold one next year if the state put one on.

I was informed at last year's convention that the State board had been working on a plan to start an automobile insurance agency through the state office of the Farmers Union. I learned that they had appointed a committee to investigate the possibility of getting one started and to contact companies to find out what sort of arrangements could be made. After I took over the duties of my office in December immediately started to work on this idea, as the president was one of the committee appointed to work out the insurance agency, It took a lot of time and effort to finally got complete arrangements made a little over a month ago. Since that time we have appointed several agents and have written several policies. The automobile insurance program is like many other things the Farmers Union has started—it is small to start with, but with the support of the Farmers Union members this can be made one of the major benefits of the organization. We hope that each one of you will lend your support in helping to build this new program. During the summer months

spent a great deal of my time in the office at Salina. I attended and spoke at a great many picnics, attended the State camp part of operation of locals, county unions, the time. I want to talk for just local coops and state wide coops, a minute about these junior camps. the state-wide box social was fi- This was the first one that I have nally held on Monday night, April had the opportunity to attend. I 28. Financially, the box social was was throughly amazed at the inance program at your local metal a nation-wide survey by the local metal planned organization opinion that something should be not the success we had hoped it terest those young people took in and membership drive in each done about this one thing, at this would be, however, I am confident the camp, the splendid attention

convention. I believe the delegates now that we had expected too and attendance at the classes, the cational and publicity way I am discussed the various subjects sure that it was even more suc- The Farmers Union locals and the cessful than we had expected. The cooperative business organization splendid Radio Address given by in the State, that aren't at the Glenn Talbott, brought requests present time encouraging this jufor information in regard to the nior work in their community, are Farmers Union, from far and missing the greatest opportunity they have ever had to develop quests for copies of his talk. Glenn among the young people in their not only donated the time it took community, a real understanding him to come to Kansas for the of agriculture's problems, and the program, but the National Farm- part cooperatives and farm orers Union defrayed the expense ganizations are playing in the so-In the latter part of July

wrote all of the directors and asked

place. Even though we didn't get ing district conventions. Everyone we had hoped we would, it did agriculture in these times were so help out materially with our or- great that we should do every thing we could to develop at this It netted us approximately \$450. year's convention, one of the strongest action programs the Kansas Division of the Farmers Union has ever had. They felt that in order to do this we would have to get a greater number of the members of the organization to take an active part in the forming of this program, than we ever had before. They believed the best way to do this would be to hold the district meetings, elect delegates to attend a state-wide conference, to be made up of the delegates from the various district meetings and Gives the members of the State Board. This was done, the district meetings as you know were held the latter part of August and the first part of September. The conference was held on the 9th of September, immediately following the district meetings. While the crowds at some of these meetings were not as large as they should have been, I was very much pleased with the results of them. I believe the memget this program under way. We bers of the organization appreciated the meetings. If at this convention you make provisions in your by-laws to provide for district meetings each year; which, I, personally, believe that you should because it gives more people a chance to express their ideas in regard to what they think the program of the Farmers Union should be, I believe you should eliminate the State conference, and send the delegates from your district convention direct to the state convention to present the recommendations from their district, to the program committee. I know a lot of you are wonder-

ing what I am going to have to say in regard to the financial report for the past year. There isn't a great deal that I can say about it. The auditor's report has given you a very complete picture of the results of income and expenditures, also the financial worth of

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### FOUR FARM GROUPS NAME COMMITTEE TO WORK WITH CEA

FUTURE TRADING PROBLEMS TO BE DISCUSSED

H. E. Witham, Manager Farmers Union Jobbing Association, Is Appointed to New Agricultural Advisory Committee

The appointment of a committee representing the four major farm organizations to work with the Commodity Exchange Admin-istration on futures trading problems was announced today by the Department of Agriculture.

J. M. Mehl, Chief of the Commodity Exchange Administration, said the purpose of the advisory committee appointed by the farm organizations is to help establish regular and more frequent contacts between the farm groups, and the Commodity Exchange Administration. Membership of the committee consists of three (or more at the discretion of each organization, representatives from each of the four major farm organizations—the Farm Bureau, the National Grange, the Farmers Union and the National Council of Farmer Cooperatives.

"I hope the advisory committee will enable farmers generally to gain a better insight into futures market operations, and to express their views on current reg-ulatory problems more directly and frequently," Mehl said.

"The farm organizations and farmer cooperatives have a largestake in the proper functioning of the Nation's agricultural marketing machinery, of which the futures trading system is a part," he continued. "The experience of the agricultural and cooperative leaders appointed to the advisory committee should be very helpful in attempting to solve current fu-tures market problems and in making adjustments necessitated by wartime conditions. The interest of the farm organizations and cooperatives in futures trading is not new. The original legislation for Federal regulation of futures trading was closely associated with the cooperative marketing act and other agricultural legislation enacted after the World

In the 20 years since, most of the additions to the regulatory legislation were sponsored by agricultural interests."

The membership of the new CEA agricultural advisory committee: American Farm Bureau Federa-

Edward A. O'Neal, President. Earl C. Smith, President, Illinois Agricultural Association. Walter L. Randolph, President, Alabama Farm Bureau Federa-

Farm Bureau.

Vational Grange Louis J. Taber, National Master. Fred Brenckman, Washington representative. A. S. Goss, Grange Research

Farmers Educational and Cooper-

ative Union: James G. Patton, President. M. W. Thatcher, General Manager Farmers Union Grain Terminal Association. Tom W. Cheek, President, Okla-

homa Farmers Union. Glenn Talbott, President, North Dakota Farmers Union.

Harry Witham, Manager, Farmers Union Jobbing Association, Kansas City, Mo. Vational Council of Farmer Coop-

eratives: John D. Miller, President Ezra T. Benson, Executive Sec-

retary. Earl W. Benjamin, General Manager, Pacific Egg Producers

Cooperative. Quentin Reynolds, General Manager, Eastern States Farmers Exchange.

C. N. Silcox, Secretary, Cooperative G. L. F. Credit Corporation. N. C. Williamson, President, American Cotton Cooperative Association. James H. Lemmon, President

National Wool Marketing Corporation. H. B. Lee, Secretary-Manager, Ohio Farmers Grain and Supply Association.

#### Neighborhood Notes

IN RILEY COUNTY

notice of Riley County Quarterly Meeting The fourth quarterly meeting of the Riley County Union No. 45 will be held at the Walsburg school house Saturday, December 6, 1941 at 11 o'clock a, m.

Locals are requested to send delegates and all Farmers Union members and their families are cordially invited to attend. J. A. Amnell,

The Mankato Farmers Union Local met in the Legion hall in Mankato, October 15, 1941.

The meeting was called to order by our President, Mr. Handley. Clarence Proctor was elected Vice President. It was decided to meet in the home of the members. I was decided to meet once a month. Our next meeting will be Wednesday evening, Nov. 5 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bryan McNabb. A lunch of sandwiches and coffee will be served. A very interesting talk on the Farmers' part in our National Defense was given by Mr. Milton Rowen.

SECRET OF HAPPINESS

Half the world is on the wrong scent in the pursuit of happiness. They think it consists in having and getting, and ir being served the organization. It is true that by others, It consists in giving and in serving others.—Henry Drum-

#### 'WE MUST STAND TOGETHER,' Says National President Patton

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tle Farmers Union membership. an abundance and that agriculture The National Farmers Union is has made a decision and that the making progress in breaking down | Farmers Union has made a decithe regionalism, sectionalism, and sion long ago that this future shall stateism and prejudice barriers be an economy of abundance. which have retarded a unified effort and which have made the pat- in a step-by-step "fifth column" tern a patchwork of many pieces sort of way through the defense of cloth. Most of our people seem spending and domestic saving phito realize what should have been to realize what should have been obvious years ago namely that WE cause we have a great national MUST have a strong unified Na- and international emergency and tional organization which has both must spend money for defense authority and ability to place all of its component units squarely be-

I am greatly encouraged over the growing unity within the National Farmers Union and I am the social and economic mechancompletely confident that the Kansas Farmers Union will contniue as it has in the past, to make great contributions toward the political and economic reaction are unity, understanding and strength of the National Organization.

I consider it my responsibility to present to our people my analysis of the present situation, what some of the needs are and what I feel we can and should do with the need for unity of thought presenting the same ideas to each state convention.

We farmers, like most other eccnomic groups in this Country, usually analyse the causes which create existing situations about ten to twenty years after the factors or causes creating the situaon we are currently interested in began their work.

It took some farmers ten years and it took some farmers twenty years to recognize and identify the deep-seated forces and factors which created a 1932. And it took a lot of us a long time to realize that we had been busted in 1920,

and didn't know it. America's future and the future of Agriculture is being determined now. While we wonder what the pattern may be like it is being fixed now. I sincercly believe that the plans and actions taken on these plans in this immediate period and in the next year or two, will determine the course of our country and of agriculture for years, possibly generations, to

The plans and action for defense jured or indefinitely retarded in and for war have a definite relationship to the future. The International Economic Board, head- Triple A Program with its emphaed by Vice President Wallace, has sis on property rights and de-ema specific bearing upon the fu- phasis on human rights is now ture and the present of every far-mer in this nation. In the deter-tenure for farmers in this counmination of international trade try for the future. Not only that, and economic relationships, agribut it is making unstable and miculture has a definite place. The gratory "oakies" out of some of creation of a new agency known as Supplies Priorities Allocation operative members. I should not Board to determine supplies and priorities, definitely affects the life of every American because this Economic Board for domestic purposes can determine within certain bounds the source and for cooperatives to do in many amount of supplies, for consumer small communities in future. goods, and for the operation of the Unfortunately, farmers have not domestic economy. If you are a taken their educational facilities member of a local cooperative, and programs seriously enough mnered by scarfrom your cooperatives you will of course but we now see evidence the decisions of this Domestic Economic Board. A decision, for from a consumer goods industry to one of defense, may mean that

there will be little or no farm machinery to buy through your won't be able to get over-alls, as cheaply as you did before. It may effort out of the living standard ducing our production of condefense effort. The choice in America need not be "guns or butter," but it may be that. An intelligent America can have both-an effective defense program and an adequate living standard. I am unalterably opposed to

will probably affect farm organizations to some degree as the fixizations. To put it bluntly, if farmers' prices are fixed, there isn't pressure to get the prices fixed a little higher. When labor organizations are ineffective in securing wage increases and farm organizations cannot favorably influence farm prices they lose their were shown or even believed posthat you will have regimentation has made gains. such as you have never expeririculture for its entire future.

The campaign for producing food in abundance very definitely raises the choice or the problem of determining the road to the future. The farmers of America have the will to produce and they will undoubtedly answer the challenge of the Secretary of Agriculture and of this nation, to produce food and fibre in abundance. In accepting the challenge to produce food in abundance, agriculture is in effect saying that our choice of roads for the future is the road to abundance and plenty in this country.

Thus, our vote is cast for a future which says in effect that every man, woman and child in America shall have a decent standard of living and freedom from hunger and want. But the total decision is not agriculture's decision. Over on the industrial side and in parts of agriculture, votes are now being cast for a future of scarcity and Fascism. The terrific fight being waged against the St. Lawrence Waterway is a fight which votes for scarcity. The willingness of industry to restrict its production of consumer goods and thus maintain a hungry market for the time when this emergency is over, is a very large vote for the same old kind of an economy, which is scarcity, high prices and

work for the right kind of future to declare that America can have

Decisions are now being made (and I am for defense), but who in the same breath say, we must curtail every kind of domestic expenditure, these are the ones who are voting for a future in which isms for which agriculture and all liberals have long fought, will not be able to function. The forces of now clothing themselves in the garments of defense. This doubles

our danger.
A cry is already being raised "non-defense spending." against There is a movement definitely now under way by the American about it. I am, therefore, in line Farm Bureau Federation and by those profit-minded economists who would solve all of the problems of the masses by having us hitch up our belts two or three more notches every time we take a step as a cure for hunger, to curtail or end the operations of every agency of government now to one student on the land quesserving those of low income—to tion, 59 different pieces of legis-get rid of, if you please, to do lation nationally affecting our away with the Farm Security Administration, the Surplus Marketing Administration and the National Youth Administration. Those who are doing this do not believe in the philosophy that says we must provide ways and means whereby low income people in the cities and on the farms may have a little better standard of living and an opportunity to rehabilitate themselves. Theirs is the philosophy of tooth and claw. Theirs is a future of scarcity and want for the many-of wealth and privilege for the few.

The cause of the cooperative movement is directly at this moment tied and related to the defense effort in such a way that it may easily be permanently inits growth.

The continuance of the present operative members. I should not need to remind you that unless something is done about the trend toward the concentration of land in fewer and fewer hands, that there may not be much business

cities already determined. Apart ciple of free education as a matter find that you, as a consumer, can- on every turn that in the name of not possibly escape the effects of patriotism and defense even our schools are undergoing a mos dangerous change. Educational faexample, to direct supplies away cilities have been turned to defense and to preparing for an all out effort of war, with too little attention being given to the educational needs of the long future. cooperative. It will mean that you Several governors have said recently that we must economizemust reduce all kinds of expendieven mean that we shall take tures including school costs durmost of the cost of the defense ing this period so that we can put more money into the defense ef of the people of America by re- fort. What they mean is more money for defense with less taxes sumer goods and putting all the on the wealthy. An editorial in emphasis on war materials and rather large newspaper in a midwestern state where rural school teachers get such low pay that they have been quitting by hundreds and where rural schools did not open on time in many places for lack of teachers, called upon the CCC and the NYA to devote price fixing as a principle. Yet their efforts to preparing their enwe are in my opinion, going to rollees for war. It stated frankly have price fixing. Price fixing that Federal facilities for educa tion, such as the NYA was providing, was a very bad thing; but ing of wages affects labor organ- it failed to state that in many instances the NYA could, and in some instances had, provided edvery much a farm organization ucational opportunities which were can do about prices except use theretofore wholly lacking for the enrollees because of an inadequate rural system of education. Farm Security, your cooperatives, National Youth Odministration, your schools, Triple A, taxes, defense—these may seem unrelated, effective appeal to many who bbut they are objectives of our would join if favorable results fifth column group which supports scarcity and opposes an ecosible. To have price fixing means nomy of abundance, and this group

We in the United States are now enced in past times. The method in the process of making a deciwhich is used for price fixing may sion which we probably should easily determine the course of ag- have made a long time ago, as to whether or not we are a great involve the establishment of miniworld power or whether or not we recognize the effect of world conditions upon our domestic capitalization of land would ineconomy. So far, the policies have been definitely in the direction of internationalism, but we haven't elimination of Triple A benefit further determined our course. payments predicated upon acre-The matter of hemispheric solidarity is one which has many implications. It can either mean that pheric solidarity by reducing their have the effect of helping South America raise the standard of living of its own people and to use its production powers to make a better life for the peoples in those countries. Here again the philosophy of abundance through full production and free exchange of goods and services must fight

So far as farmers are concerned the most important single determination we are now in the process of making is whether or not farmers shall organize voluntarily for independent action and for want. Yes, the decision is being constructive criticism of the promade now, is being made daily. It is time now to hope and pray and they will be organized by edict and

it out against the philosophy of

scarcity and low living standards

which have made the peons and

multimillionaires of South Amer-

pressure into a common front. If we organize ourselves we will be a powerful influence upon America for a future of security and abundance. If we are organized by edict we shall be but cogs in a exempt family type farms and gigantic machine controlled by workers' homes in the city from thers, producing in abundance

but buying and living in scarcity. The Farmers Union believes that farmers must organize now-voluntarily, rapidly. But we further believe that when a farm organization ceases to fight for the rights of the underprivileged—when it becomes more concerned with mechanics than with principlesnot a crusade—that it can never become a device for organization

by edict. man Board is a plan for mechanism in which they hope that Gov-ernment and the Farm Bureau will be synonymous. Such a mechanism under such controls, in a self organization. NEEDS FOR THE FUTURE

After the Defense What? It would of course be futile for ne to define the vital fields in ter defense or war is over.

lands, ranging all the way from the large railroad grants to the at the rate of about 50 or 60 thoushomestead and grazing acts. But and per year net. as I pointed out we are now rather rapidly determining what our proposals as to just how we expect to maintain our stated priniple of family type or family sized farming. Everyone who has had much to do in public life has given lip service to the ideal of the family sized farm. The three major farm organizations have talked a great deal about the family sized farm. Two of them seem fair-, ly content to have as members mainly those who still hold a semblance, at least, of farm ownership, and to hope for the best in the years. face of conditions which make that best impossible. The Farmers Union has been able to do little about it.

Readily admitting that any obectives which we adopt will need evision and enlargement and that accomplishment of those objectives will not be easy I believe that we should not seriously consider and adopt objectives which involve the following principles:

1. Revise ways and means for a more equitable distribution of the farming population to the land. To do this it would be necessary to

(a) Make it easy for farmers in over populated areas, particularly in the deep south, to find room elsewhere, so that those families who are left in those areas have an opportunity to be come self-supporting.

(b) Determine economic farm units for a given area and encourage trends which will create them by combining units that are now too small to maintain a family on a decent standard or level of living. (c) Divide up large holdings

which are capable of supporting a larger number of families with a decent level of living The Farm Security Administration has done this in several instances by purchasing large plantations in the south

(d) Continue our reclamation program in areas where good agricultural land which is no now utilized can be reclaimed or can be rendered much more productive by irrigation, clearing or drainage. (e) Seriously adopting a policy

in connection with the Forest Service of leasing or purchasing large tracts of cut over land and enabling farmers who are now on unproductive land to move to those tracts to engage in forestry. 2. To set up controls designed

to keep land prices and rentals consistent with the use value of the land as contrasted with the speculative value. The Farmers Union debt adjustment bill very definitely recognizes this principle. We should establish safeguards against capitalization of earnings into increased land price ather than into increased living standards of those who till the soil. In this connection it seems to me that the Congress should adopt a policy or an objective which says in effect that every farm family tilling the soil shall have a decent standard of living whether that family is a family of agricultural workers or tenants or farm owners. This of course would mum rates for agricultural workers. Directing earnings away from volve such things as minimum rural housing standards and the

age ownership. At the present time one who owns 10,000 acres of land receives our farmers shall be asked to as- ten times as much from Triple A sume and pay the bill for hemis- as one who owns 1,000 acres and one who owns 100 acres receives, production and thus give part of approximately only one per cent of their market to South America, or the amount which is received by it can mean a joint program be- the person owning 10,000 acres. tween the Americas which might Such an arrangement puts property above people-money above

> men. To get away from speculative land values and to set up a trend work in every state for a graduated land tax system which levies progressively higher taxes against units in excess of sound family type farms. I suggested rethat we determine a minimum amount of income necessary o decently maintain a farm fam ly and then tax all income above that on a progressive basis for

three purposes:
(1) To aid the defense effort.

I sincerely believe that we should seek the adoption of homestead exemption laws which would

property taxes. One day we must establish and

large land holdings into family type farms. Naturally it would strike out hard for an adequate though I feel some lasting things be necessary to compensate owners of such large holdings but the land should be paid for on the basis of the use value or producwhen it becomes an institution and tion capacity value of the land. 3. It is futile to adopt objectives and to set up mechanisms such as the Farm Security Administra-The Farm Bureau proposal for tion if we are not going to have administrating all agricultural the distribution of all federal al, state and local, but which does credit and Triple A through a 5-man Board is a plan for mechanmade in a way which will encour
The raim But agricultural the distribution of all federal al, state and local, but which does not permit government to use it.

The cooperative movement needs age and help family type farming. In this connection it seems to me that we in the Farmers Union should demand minimum annual field of farm necessity provides benefit payments to families tilorganization by edict in the guise ling the soil of not less than \$500, provided, of course, the family has an economic farm unit and devotes full time to efficient farm-

ing.
4. We are not moving nearly which I think determinations are rapidly enough in the tenant purbeing made, without stating what chase program. The rate of wreckconsider the needs for the future age outruns the present rate of to be and without at least attempt- repair. We should set as our obing to analyze what we can do af- jective the reduction of farm tenants in the United States from America has never had a land the present figure of about 2,330,policy. We have had, according 000 to not more than 1,000,000 during the next 25 years. To do this the present tenant purchase prolation nationally affecting our gram would have to be enlarged to where we converted tenants

5. We in the Farmers Union, er rapidly determining what our since we aren't going to succeed future land policy will be. It is in having all of those who are therefore urgently necessary at tenants become owners in the next this time that Farmers Union clar- 25 years, should very definitely ify its thinking and state more adopt the principle of long-term specifically its objectives and its written leases and should fight for state and federal legislation along the line. Naturally such renters and above all should provide an incentive for the tenant to improve property. Even in a country like Argentine, where 2,-000 large land owners hold about 90 per cent of the land, there has

> 6. As rapidly as experience makes it safely possible to do so, cooperative farm leasing and cooperative farm purchasing associations such as the Farm Security Administration is now undertaking should be increased.

7. The Farmers Union has long system and although some improvements have been made we have yet a long way to go. In this field there is certainly some better way of providing funds for farmers to seed and work their crops than is now in use.

If these objectives could be put have approximately the following tion. This is necessary, but more important in the immediate future in Kansas City the Chairman and is necessary that we make now in the course of the chairman and the course of the chairman and the chairman and

picture:
(1) Something like a million farms curity on the land and some management before attempting land ownership.

(2) It would mean somewhere federally financed and supervised family type farms capable of maintaining a decent standard of living for the families thereon

(3) It would mean somewhere in the neighborhood of three million additional owner-operated farms varying in size and earning power but not requiring governmental financing or su-

somewhere in the neighborhood farms operated cooperatively cooperative associations in which

(5) It would probably mean another million part time farmers who rely primarily upon industrial work with supplemental income in terms of food produced for their own use. This latter would probably answer the problem of farm couples who are too old to actively operate large farming units.

Such a set of objectives for a land policy would mean many other things than those I have mentioned. There isn't any reason why we shouldn't have minimum health standards with rural hos pitalization and medical care. There isn't any reason why we shouldn't fill the housing need for two or three million farm families. There is every reason why we should. The greatest reason for making these changes is that if we continue the ever increasing trend of making tenants, then hired workers, then migrants out of our farmers we yield the basic principle for which we are spending billions—name!y, democracy. For democracy will not survive in America if family type agriculture disappears by such a process. After defense, or war, we must have some kind of a rural works

program which will take up the slack, until we can find ways and means of getting our industrial productive machinery into gear for future production of abunthree million farm families in this country, that we need community toward breaking up large land building and electrification, that holdings, we should adopt and we need federal aid for rural education and many other things in whose income may be too small can have some compensation for useful work creating a better community in the intense adjustment period which is sure to fol-

> Obviously such a program of objectives such as I have outlined necessitates the operation of our ndustrial economy on a basis of

duced under family type farm- stated its position for adequate old age security and retirement and we should again state our position more affirmatively seek a higher level than we have It is a pretty difficult job for previously sought. There isn't any fundamental reason why people who have given to this nation a fine family of citizens should have cisive accomplished, when we conuse the right of public domain in to be treated as paupers or as sider order to secure the subdivision of wards of charity. We in the Far- year

> farm people who are not benefit-ed by the Social Security program. In the past defense period the greatest need for working farmers will be a strong independent Farmers Union which cooperates with and uses government, nation-

to awaken to a new challenge and

mers Union must strike out and

old age security and retirement

program for all people, especially

needs to reaffirm in action its stated position of providing abundance. It must dream new dreams and put these dreams into action. There must be new services and better coordination. I suggested recently, for example, that the far-mers cooperatives of this nation should ask the lease-lend authorities to build a war-tank factory which could be leased by the co-operatives and in which, during he defense period, the cooperaother defense materials and which can interpret for us the complicould be used after this emergency is over for the manufacturing of future. The present government tainly if it is a proper thing for factory and lease it to a farmers isn't it right for the federal govinterests of both owners and ter factories, cheese factories and sions and actions are hung. We renters and above all should pro- other defense food processing factories and lease them to farmers

> insist that it has a mechanism converted to processing farm products for peace time consumption, and supplies which farmers need in their productive efforts?
>
> What We Do About Our Needs

It is undoubtedly true that too insisted that the farmers of this nation be given an adequate credit to take specific action. The first need we in the Farm-

merely to build a larger Farmers areas. Union in places where we already into effect immediately we would have a well-established organizais the building of Farmers Union members of the standing commitoperated by tenants organizations where none now exunder long-time leases with se- ist. In the Farmers Union fight for specific legislation, the deterincentive for improving their mination of whether or not we farms and homes. A million succeed revolves largely around rented farms would meet the the attitude of the Congressional needs of young people, allowing delegation from the South. Those them to test their ability and men, several of them very fine workers in behalf of the lower two-thirds of agriculture, and such service agencies as Farm Sein the neighborhood of a million curity Administration, have little pressure or support from organiations which believe in our kind of objectives and philosophy.

Some of these men, of course, believe in a commercial type of agri-culture themselves. In that case it is necessary for us to have enough members in the State to make our point of view felt with Congressmen. In the case of those statesmen in the Congress of the Un?ed States who believe in family-(4) It would probably mean type farming and our philosophy we need very badly to have State of a million farm families on Organizations which will strengthen their position and assure them inder long-time leases from their that there are farmers in their States who are members of a milall have equal voting rights and itant organization which will give them support and help them take longer steps in the right direction. There are millions of low-income farm people in the South who cannot go on-unless they completely give up the fight against peonage and serfdom—without finding a way of organized expression. They need our Cooperatives and our organized strength

and we certainly need their patronage and their membership. We can set our plans forward substantially by co-ordinating our Cooperative activities in a National Farmers Union Program wherein we can pool our resources and our present strength to aid the development of new cooperative services in the areas where we are already well established, and the establishment of new cooperatives along with our organizations' program in States where we do not have at the present time an effective organization. In fact, in light of the present situation it is not fluence and more power we can- our people—rather than upon dola question of whether or not we want cooperation among our Farmers Union Cooperatives and the take us. Matters of great imporcooperation of their efforts and pooling of their resources. It is icy are being determined every simply a question of whether or not we are willing to act now to make certain we can continue our cooperative services. We must use every resource at our command to fight for an improvement of the standard of living of the familytype farmer and to give him se dance. I need not remind you that curity on the land. It is imperawe need new housing for two or tive that we make an "all out" fight for such security and the elimination of activities on the part of the federal government which endanger our cooperative business enterprises, and that we the providing of which a farmer have a policy under which our cooperative enterprises shall not be put out of business through priorities, price fixing and scar-

It is imperative that those State Organizations and Cooperative Units which have trained personnel and can give leadership shall lend or share such leadership with (2) To create a reserve to retire farm debt on the particular farm involved, and
(3) To discourage production above amounts normally pro
industrial economy on a basis of full production, lower prices, adequate distribution and the elimination of monopoly.

The Farmers Union last year in above amounts normally pro
industrial economy on a basis of full production, lower prices, adequate distribution and the elimination of monopoly.

The Farmers Union last year in the way of raising funds and in the way of raising funds and in the way of educating our people, I the way the National Union to develop new

corn in the waiting soil of new States-developing into new membership and new leadership in other areas and helping us build a stronger organization

only one or two persons on a full time basis to get anything dethe total need. This year I have worked diligently and traveled a great deal, and alhave been done-it isn't enough For the past several years M. W. Thatcher has sacrificed his time and health to do a splendid job for the National Farmers Union in its legislative program. Bill acomplished an amazing number of things for us; in fact, if it were not for his tactical efforts we would still lack much of what we now have. The time has come, however, when things are moving so fast and there are so many problems arising and most of those problems are so complicated that as I see it—it is absolutely necessary to have additional per-sonnel in Washington and in the field of organization. As I said earlier in my talk-long time decisions are now being made. American farmers need the Farmers Union even more than in the past. The Farmers Union needs badly the aid of experts and technicians. We need a liberal econoives could manufacture tanks and mist on our Washington staff who cations those moves carry for the tractors and farm machinery. Cer-tainly if it is a proper thing for large extent a government of adthe federal government to build at mistration. A principle is adopt-Denver a bullet factory at a cost ed in a law, but the administra-of ten million dollars and lease it tive orders written for the applito DuPont then why isn't it reas- cation of the law sometimes decomple for the federal government feat its purposes or change the reed to be. Good administration cooperative? If it is right for the strengthens good laws and may federal government to build and even modify the bad results of pay for all kinds of defense factories and rent them at a very low fore, that we have a brilliant lerental to large corporations, why gal mind, not only to help write laws, but one who knows where farmers additional cooperative butneed one who can interpret to us ways and means of securing adcooperatives with the option to ministrative orders in line with purchase when the emergency is the interests of family type farms over? Why shouldn't agriculture and in the direction of an economy of abundance. We are seriously in been adopted a minimum tenure law which gives the tenant right of occupancy for a period of five years.

| 90 per cent of the land, there has been adopted a minimum tenure through its cooperatives which can assist in the defense effort in processing its products and in processing its products and in manufacturing those things which ers who may be interested in helpneed of someone who can effeccan be used in the defense effort ing our organization. This pub-in a factory which can later be licity work should include the interpretation of Farmers Union philosophy and thoughts to the other great working group in America—organized labor. We seriously need to have full time organizational people in new without setting up plans on which who can become effective local and state leaders. We need several full time educational field ers Union have is to build a much workers as an "army of occupation" to establish our philosophy larger Farmers Union. I do not mean by this that it is sufficient and program in newly organized

Recognizing the necessity for action the National Farmers Unees on Cooperatives, organization and legislation and Mrs. Edwards, Chairman of the standing committee on Education. This joint group composed of your National Directors Officers and the standing committees without a dissenting vote adopted a resolution, which gives recognition to the fact that a great emergency exists and recommends that cooperatives and state organizations raise a very sizeable budget for the purpose of legislation to accomplish our historic objectives of the family type farm and the building of the Cooperative movement. On the second day the group

agreed on a special bduget above

for Legislative, \$25,000 for Edu-

important phases of our work, education, legislation and organization. Those present representing the so-called Northwest group agreed to attempt to raise \$40,000. Not all of this would be new or additional money. Since it is hoped and plans are being made for the Farmers Union Education Service to become a part of the National Farmers Union work,, foundation upon which abundance \$7,500 ordinarily budgeted by you can be built. Naturally, the propeople would not be a new item. The \$15,000 Legislative fund you ordinarily raise would not be an additional item and the \$10,000 spent in Minnesota would not be a new item. Thus the increase proposed in the Northwest group of states was only \$7,500.00. Oklahoma, Kansas, Colorado agreed to raise money to help in the effort. This may sound to you like a tremendous job. It is a big job, but neither agriculture nor the Farmers Union have ever before faced tical and economic forces are moving rapidly, and unless we tion in which these forces may tance in the national domestic polhour and every day. The farmers place at the national dinner table where national income and economic security and health services and educational opportunities are divided around, is being determined, and he farmer is at the present time very inadequately represented in the decisions. In this great and trying hour the farm organizations of America are divided. This is regrettable, but I do not believe we can find

common ground with the other two in their present position with-out the sacrifice of fundamental principles. So the Farmers Union, with some liberal people in Government and a few farm leaders outside of the Farmers Union, are fighting a lone battle unless we can secure the support and co-

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I believe in the future. I believe the will to use a justly distributed we can win! One road—the all-out abundance. effort-can lead us to the position of strength and character and influence where we can be a great cation of hearts and minds to its and often the final force in the decisions for the future. The other our reach—if we stand on high road—"It can't be done," or "It ground—together. costs too much," or It is too difficult," or "The problems are too complex and confusing"—leads us ultimately back to the plow in si-lence and into mute ineffectiveness. I cannot believe that this every possible effort to raise the and to provide the leadership, the man-power, the vision to give to that majority of American farmers, the lower two-thirds as

the proper destiny of the Farmers The Road of Abundance Within the framework of political Democracy we must set up an organized force to shape our future economy into one of susorganizing education and securing tained production and consumption of plenty. The very fact that "War-time Prosperity" is possible is double proof that we can be truly prosperous in peace-time when our energies are turned to producing and using new wealth instead of forging weapons of dethe regular National Farmers Unstruction to protect the too scant ion budget of \$75,000.00, \$30,000 physical and social goods we now cation and \$30,000 for organizapossess. Our first need is to remember that money is but a sym tion, agreed that one fund would bol of wealth. We ought to worry be raised to cover costs of three less about hoarding our moneyalthough farmers don't need to-do any such worrying-less about the national debt and more about conserving and developing the hu

to income, decent, continuing and

effective representation. This is

man physical resources which are the real wealth of the Nation. The tremendous productive capacity of the American agricultural and industrial plants is the duction of true abundance must be useable goods. By this I mean it would be futile to produce more wheat or more cotton or more o any product than we can use. Our total ability to consume is limit-

We can do a lot about the long future if we will insist now that every possible effort, during the defense period and regardless of the money cost, shall be made to produce consumer goods and services in adequate amounts as well as defense goods, and that industhe crisis they face today. Great as defense goods, and that indus-national and international polidicate production, insofar as supplies make that possible, upon the have more members and more in- needs and consuming power of not do too much about the direc- lar profit for the balance sheet through scarcities. We need now to set in motion all possible forces to see that the road to abundance is the road chosen by America, and that we forever close the road to scarcity. Farmers have always operated their production on an abundance basis. Industry has operated on controlled scarcities. Onv if we insist and make possible bundance for all in this country can we maintain our democracy.

Priorities, scarcity of consumer goods and inflation promise to almost destroy the small business man on main street. White collar fixed salary workers who are almost completely unorganized will find their living standards reduced and their pay envelope too thin. These two very large groups of people, who have no particular organization and very little philosophy and understanding of economics and underlying causes is America's fertile seed bed for fascism. operation of organized labor. And They were in Germany, they were unless we are ready to meet the in France, and they are in this challenge of doing a bigger task country, squeezed disgruntled, challenge of doing a bigger task country, squeezed disgruntled, than we have ever done before in confused they will no doubt seek

be facing the turning point in get new disciples. We must preach Farmers Union history. Do not a gospel which declares that Amermisunderstand me. I am not a delica has the ability to produce and featist. I believe in our program. to consume-the intelligence and

This is the future which we have chosen. We need a new dediachievement. It is a goal within

USDA REPORTS ON 1941 WHEAT LOANS

The Department of Agriculture reported today that through October 25, 1941. Commodity Credit Corporation made loans on 272,117, 809 bushels of 1941 wheat in the ahount of \$270,599,944. The wheat shels stored on farms and 201,341,-896 bushels stored in public warehouses. Loans to date last year had been made on 230,000,000 bushels.

In Kansas, the wheat under loan includes 17,023,752 bushels stored on farms and 51,354,051 stored in public warehouses, in the amount of \$71,496,127.22.

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### MARKET SYSTEM FOR LIVESTOCK **FACES BARRIERS**

DECIDED DROP IN AMERICAN MEAT CONSUMPTION DUR-ING RECENT YEARS

More Than One Fourth of Total Farm Income Is Gained from Sale of Livestock

by L. B. Mann Senior Agricultural Economist

Farm Credit Administration. In recent years we have heard a great deal about trade barriers between States and between nations .In surveying the present livestock marketing field one is also impressed with the numerous barriers in the way of an efficient marketing system for livestock.

Livestock is the most important branch of American agriculture. The sale of meat animals alone in 1940 totaled approximately \$2,400,-000,000, or more than one-fourth of the total farm income. Livestock is a nationally grown com-modity being widely scattered

through the country.

In spite of this fact, however, approximately two-thirds of it is produced west of the Mississippi River and about the same percentage is consumed east of that dividing boundary. This calls for a number of local associations in system of marketing and distribution built on a national scale.

Because of widespread produc-tion, livestock producers can never hope to exert the same degree of control in marketing as can growers of specialty crops, such as lemons, walnuts, etc., and probably the most we can hope for is to strive to maintain as nearly as possible open and competitive mar-kets which guarantee the free flow of goods and the active play of unrestricted competition which assures both producer and consumer fair market prices.

An appraisal of our present marketing system, however, indi-

tem for livestock. Among some of these are:
1. An inefficient assembly and

maarketing system.

2. Lack of standard grading sys-

3. Restricted buying competition.
4. Unregulated local markets. . Inequalities in freight rates.

6. Reduced consumption of meat.
7. Costly and inefficient distribution and merchandising meth-

Today livestock producers are maintaining and supporting a lot of excess marketing machinery, including hundreds of local markets, auctions, direct packer-buying points, local speculators, and small markets, most of which are privately owned and controlled. According to a study recently completed by the Research and Service Division covering 14 midwestern and eastern Corn Belt States, we found 35 public terminal stockyards, 319 interior packing plants, 201 concentration and buying yards, and 960 local auctions, or a total of 1,515 places where farers sell their livestock. This list does not include hundreds of alditional local buyers, dealers and traders operating in this same ter-

Fifteen years ago farmers in these 14 States controlled their local assembling business through local assembling associations and shipped their livestock to a limited number of large terminal markets for sale, much of it being handled through their own cooperative commission agencies on these markets. In 1925 there were 1,235 local cooperative associations in this 14-State territory and approximately 2,400 were operating in the United States. In 1939 the to 398, and in the United States to less than 900. Today most of this local marketing machinery has passed into private hands, and the sale of the farmers' livestock is scattered to the four winds. Not only is such a system costly but it greatly lessens the producers'

bargaining power. Restricted Buying Competition While on the surface competi-tion appears active as judged by the large number of local selling outlets, yet the actual control of a substantial portion of the buying demand is concentrated in relatively a few strong hands. Numer-

Referendum Ballot

Instructions

Kansas Farmers Union were approved by the delegates at the state con-

vention in Lindsborg, Kansas, October 31, 1941, and are hereby submitted to the membership for their approval or rejection.

Unions, and returns forwarded to the Kansas Farmers Union, Box 296,

The total number of votes FOR and the total number of votes

AGAINST each amendment must be recorded in the squares at the right

Amendment No. 1

Amendment No. 2

Article V, Section 5, Division B, Page 17, be amended Votes

by striking out the word "thirty" and inserting in

its place the word "forty" in order to comply with the

provision in the National Farmers Union consitution and

by-laws increasing the national dues to 40 cents beginning with the year 1942.

Article I. Section 16, Division C, begining on page 28 be

amended by adding to the section the following proviso:

"provided further that any funds or property belonging

He Secretary-Treasurer of the State Union, to be held in

trust for the membership of the local union. If the Local

union is not reinstated or reorganized within three years

charter, the trust funds and property shall be converted

into the educational funds of the state union to be used

Division C, Page 34, Article IV, Section I, be amended by

striking out the entire section and substituting therefore

the following new section: The dues per adult member

shall be \$2 per year payable in advance, provided, how-

ever, that the minor members of the Union are exempt

from paying dues when there are one or more dues pay-

ing members in the family to which they belong, but

must pay the regular dues that all adult male members are required to pay. The dues of all dues paying members shall be divided as follows: 40 cents shall be sent to

the Secretary Treasurer of the National Farmers Educational and Cooperative Union of America as National dues, 60 cents to the publishing account of the Kansas

Union Farmer, and the balance of the dues shall go to the State Union. The State Secretary-Treasurer shall remit the money collected as National dues to the Na-

tional Secretary-Treasurer quarterly in accordance with

the National Farmers Union Constitution and By-Laws.

Provided that local and county Unions may assess local

Article IV, Section 2, Division C, Page 35, be amended by striking out the entire section and substituting therefore,

join the Farmers Union during the last three months of

the fiscal year, to be initiated upon the payment of the

with all the privileges of membership for the balance of

All members shall pay dues for a full year in advance no matter when they join the union, provided however that the State board may by resolutions permit members who

full membership dues for the next succeeding fiscal year Agains

The above is a true and correct return of the vote of ......

Kansas, on the proposed amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws

Local President

Local Secretary

Amendment No. 4

or county dues for their own use.

the following new section:

the current dues paying year.

of the Kansas Farmers Union.

where there are no adult dues paying members in the family one of the minor male members of said family Votes

in furthering Farmers Union Education.

to any county or local union whose Charter had been suspended, canceled, or forfeited shall be turned over to

of such suspension cancellation or forfeiture of its Against

Amendment No. 3

These amendments should be voted on immediately.

Salina, Kansas, not later than January 1, 1942.

of each amendment.

The following amendments to the constitution and by-laws of the



tion furnished by the Department ing position of Agriculture, with the exception of cattle, four large national packers have increased their combined percentage of livestock slaughtered. Ten packers, including these four, purchase approximately twothirds of the total commercial wholesale slaughter of the coun-

les control the purchase of a high percent of the total volume, but an analysis of their purchases at ucts at reasonable prices.

To keep those pictures from fadseveral important markets indi-cates a definite sharing of the substantial progress is being made try operations.

The highly decentralized and dis-

marily for the purpose of reduc- packers. Such a situation plays ining active competition. Several of to the hands of an organized packthese plants have been closed down after being acquired.

er buying system, by reducing efcamera, in taking pictures, that fective buying competition and by the developed picture could fit in Since 1920, according to informa- weakening the farmers' margain-

**Industry Relations** in consumers and they should use their influence in interesting packers and retailers in selling meats on a graded basis, in reducing unnecessary costs of merchandising, and in sound education and promotional activities, which will make it possible for larger numbers of

market supply and in some in- along several of these lines which stances there is evidence of a division of buying territory in counthese might be mentioned the intures, so pure that they will imcreased sale of government-graded beef, the new methods of curing organized selling system now prac- and tenderizing meats, and the cates that there are a number of barriers which hinder the development of an efficient marketing sysretailing methods by some large retail establishments, such as the aging, grading, cutting, and processing from large central storage

plants to retail stores. It is also encouraging to note the changed attitude and relationship between producers' groups and many retailers in the movement of temporary surpluses through intelligent and well-timed promotional sales campaigns. The constructive work being carried on jointly by producers, packers, and retailers through the National Livestock and Meat Board is worthy of spec-

ial mention. While of a more or less emergency nature, considerable assistance has been given livestock producers through Government purchasing programs and through fields of Kansas. the operation of the Food Stamp

Livestock Promising

In the readjustment that is taking place in agriculture today, livestock is coming to be considered as the most promising system of farming to be followed. This is true not only in the old cotton South but also in the wheat country and in many areas of specialized fruit and vegetable

If the livestock industry is to be maintained on a profitable basis, more efficient and less costly methods of production, marketing, and distribution must be perfected.

Over 130 million domestic customers can and will purchase sub- diary bombs that could have caus-

stantially increased amounts of ed a fire but they realized the meat, provided these bottlenecks 'danger and every one felt better or barriers which now hinder the when the bombs were put back in free movement of livestock and livestock products can be lowered or removed.

If these needed improvements are to be brought about, it will call for the organized efforts of producers. These problems present a real challenge to cooperatives to set the pace, exert needed pressure, and lead the way.-News for Farmer Cooperatives.

Secretary Henry Makes Radio

Mr. Ray Henry, of Stafford, Secretary of the Kansas Farmers Union, has been in Salina for several days following the State Convention, where he has been preparing the Minutes of the Convention. While resting from his duties one evening, Mr. Henry and William Bode who is a well known St. Marys' Junior, decided to go to a local movie.

They chose a night on which a "Looney Auction" was in progress. Hearing from the Master of Ceremonies that any person past forty who would appear upon the stage and sing a few bars of "Sweet Adeline" to the audience, a feat which was also going to be broadcast over the radio, would receive \$5.00. State Secretary Henry wavered, and urged by Bill Bode, decided to avail himself of the

opportunity.
The State Office has been informed that Mr. Henry's performance was excellent and, hav-ing heard that he had received the sum mentioned above, the office force decided that real cooperation called for a split on his earnings. Mr. Henry agreed with the idea and before his departure entertained the personnel of the State office with Hershey candy bars, boxes of chocolates and salted peanuts..

Seventh Son for the Jim O'Haras' Mr. and Mrs. Jim O'Hara, Parsons, are the parents of a baby boy, born October 20th. This baby is their seventh son, and their eleventh child, their oldest child

being 18 years of age. Jim O'Hara is Manager of the Farmers Union Elevator at Parsons. He has been employed at the elevator for 19 years and has been manager for the past eleven

His children are: Jimmy, Ed ward, Margaret, Elaine, Joe, Jack, Charlie, Katherine, Betty Ann, Robert, and Michael.

#### Our State Convention

The flying was good at Lindsborg with our light bomber, "The Managers and Directors Associa-tion." The pilots of the plane are: Don Wilcox, and co-pilot David Train. When a plane leaves the ground with new pilots at controls, the others aboard are not at ease until they have confidence in the new pilots; the flight was in progress but a short time when each manager and others aboard sat back at ease, with confidence in the pilots.

The purpose of the flight was to take new aerial pictures for future guidance, and study the pictures taken on other flights. The plane is equipped for aerial photography, and each manager had a camera for taking mental pictures of the ground as the ship passed over it.

After the first reel of films had

been used the plane soared among the clouds high in the air, too high for taking good pictures with small cameras, so the pilot asked for General Manager of the Farmers Union Jobbing Association, Mr. H. E. Witham, to explain to the group some of the pictures he has taken on his many, many

so easily and neatly and with the right shade, into the whole picture—a cooperative picture. Mr. Producers have a vital interest Witham showed us (verbally) some of the mental pictures he has taken in his many years of experiences, and some of the pictures others have taken and permitted him to assemble into one picture, that looks like it had been taken with one large camera. Those pictures can be seen at Kansas City, Topeka, Wakeeney,

> To keep those pictures from fading, members are going to be called on many times to keep the atprove with age and be so clear that future generations can use them to keep the economics of the world well balanced.

Mr. Witham's pictures were enjoyed by all who were there and lesson in developing will be helpful to all of us. It is hoped by the group that Mr. Witham will be on many more flights with us, and help us to assemble more small shots into big shots.

Mr. Witham's pictures were so interesting that the group forgot to watch their instruments for location, as they looked out of the plane on the great space below zation, education, and legislation, they could not identify what part and the co-operative radio crew. of the country they were over. As The last minute instructions of other groups do when they are lost, this group also turned to their leader, as they turned inquiringly to their pilot, Don Wilcox, his smiling expression assured them that he had been watching his instruments and knew over to distribute on flights to the where they were, over the wheat legislative halls of the country.

He called on wheat improvement gunner, Jess B. Smith, to explain the assembly of the gun, wheat, and the names of the different parts, the more important ones and the more delicate ones, he told them of the way to get their sights to score a bulls-eye in good wheat. The change that took place on the group of people on this flight was so sudden it was a surprise to them all. When Mr. Witham was talking they had the appearance of students, during the wheat talk the group resembled pioneers or should I say 49'ers.

Some of the boys were playing around on the ship, tossing incenthe containers.

The pilot was now flying in the Bethany College Dining Room where plenty of Swedish food was well served and well prepared. The entertainment of the Bethany College students received well earned applause.

The talk of Mr. Glenn Talbott, President of the North Dakota Farmers Union, was worth the trip to Lindsborg. If any of you have never heard Mr. Talbott you should do so at the first opportunity. Our pilot Don Wilcox is now making a three-point landing and tomorrow the convention takes off in the big tri-motored bomber, "The Kansas Farmers Un-

ion," for a three days' flight.
Wednesday, October 29 and all set for the flight of the big bomb-State President E. K. Dean, Copilot, Vice President, Pat Nash, instrument men, Directors, Bert Harmon, Wm. Roesch, Geo. Reinhardt, Reuben Peterson, and Ray Henry, Conductor, John Tommer, Doorkeeper, John Sheel and Stewardness, Junior Leader, Esther Ekblad. That seems to be a good crew.
The Pilot, President Dean, calls tawatomic County.

all those going on the flight other | The address of Mrs. Gladys Tal-

Terminal Elevator of the Farmers Union Jobbing Association

a, Kansas. This elevator now has a capacity of 1,250,000 bushels

#### Hotel Rates in Topeka, Kansas August 1, 1941

JAYHAWK HOTEL Single Double Four people in Single room without bath (toilet & lavatory) .....\$2.00 \$3.00 room with (toilet & lavatory) .....\$2.00 \$3.00 bath ......\$8.00 Single room with bath .... 2.25 to 3.50 to Six people in 4.50 6.00 bath ..... 9.00 4.00 to Twin beds ..... Suite ..... 7.50 up KANSAN HOTEL Single Double Corner ...\$3.00 to \$4.00 to Single room without bath. 1.50 rooms .... 3.50 2.50 3.00 Single room with toilet ... 1.75 Single room with shower . 2.25 Corner rooms, Single room with bath ... 2.50 twin beds with

Four people in room without bath ..... 4.50 5.00 Suite ..... 6.00 up (without toilet)..... 5.00 CAPITOL HOTEL Twin beds with bath..... 3.00 Single room without bath Two double rooms (toilet & lavatory)..... 1.50 with connecting Single room with bath.... 1.75 Single room with bath.... 2.00 bath for four or more ..... 1.25 ea CHESTERFIELD HOTEL Twins beds with Rooms without bath..... 1.00 1.50

bath ..... 4.50 to

Rooms with bath..... 1.50 to bath ..... 3.50 flights.
Mr. Witham told the group that each manager should focus his Single Double COMMERCE HOTEL ...... 1.00 to 1.25 to European Hotel Plan (no private baths) 1.50 REID HOTEL Room with bath Room without bath..... 1.00 1.50 more than two Room without bath more people ...... 1.00 ea One apartment than two people ......

> Room with bath...... 1.50 2.00 up and bath..... \$35 mo FIFTH AVENUE HOTEL Room without bath Room without bath..... .75 for more than Room with bath..... 1.25 two people .... COLONIAL HOTEL

Room without bath Room without bath..... 1.00 1.50 for more than two people (no cots) ..... 1.50 THROOP HOTEL Single Double Room with bath..... 1.50 2.00 Room without bath ... 1.00

The three-motored plane, "The Kansas Farmers Union," is equipped with a membership fuel tank til some of the supports appeared with a capacity sufficient to safely to be out of alignment, it looked and successfully carry our messages to the legislative halls, but is in need of more membership fuel. It was temporarily repaired.

The adult membership fuel tank. The ship landed, and the crew draws fuel at times from the Junade up a bunch of grease charts nior reserve fuel tank; whenever to be presented to the state and the fuel is taken from the Ju- national service stations with the nior fuel tank faster than it is instructions that our ship was to replaced, our Junior Leader, Esther Ekblad, then needs the cooperation of the adults to replenish the fuel tank she is in charge of.

On board the ship is the Chief Pilot, National President, Jim Patton, with a weather report for our pilot and crew to use in this flight, so that the ship can fly in a direction and in a manner that it work in harmony with other states, yet fly on our local weather chart for state flights.

Daytime, the 30th of October he ship working fine and flying over Presser Hall, Bethany College. The crew is assembled to sominate crew members for the 1942 flight year. After lunch every member was back at his post working steadily, with only peek in to the assembly room to see what was going on. The reports of the several peeks were that reports were being made by President Dean, E. C. Broman, H. E. Witham, W. G. Bernhardt, of Kansas, and J. C. Norgaard of Nebraska, and Paul Steele of Miss-

Flying over the Messiah Lutheran Church (basement) the Juer. There she is, big and capable of long and hard flights with the proper crew and fuel. Do we have such a crew ?Here is our Pilot, Juniors are now hearing reports of the live stock projects by Bernard Schafer, poultry Projects report by Mrs. Wm. Hysell, County Junior Leader of Ellsworth County. Music by the McPherson County Junior Chorus. The Minuteman Qualifying Speech "Three Dots and a Dash," by Wm. Bode Junior of Sandy Hook Local, Pot-

tion, National Farmers Union, was Some of the crews were called back to duty to prepare some of the pamphlets for distribution on some of the Juniors' fun and Pro-The crew worked until about

two rooms

the new crew for 1942. The old ship was going good un-

receive a grease job comparable to the other ships using the state and national airports. One ship should not leave the

field with grease dripping from its bearings, and the Farmers Union Plane leaving with some bearings

dry.
If the farmers wish to have their ship serviced they must help furnish the membership fuel to make long and hard trips possible. This is your problem and the Farmers Union of Kansas furnishes the ideal set-up for the farmers to express themselves. J. L. Petty, Wabaunsee Co. Pres.

### LARGE GAIN IN STORED GRAIN

MERCHANDISE VOLUME IN-CREASES

500,000 Bushels More Wheat Stored This Year by Farmers Union Jobbing Association

Lindsborg, Kan., October 30-The following report was given by H. E. Witham, General Manager of the Farmers Union Jobbing Association, at the Kansas Farmers Union Convention at Lindsborg, Kansas, today:

"The addition of 250,000 bushels storage space at the terminal elevator in Topeka helped Farmers Union Jobbing Association care for a part of the increased storage business handled this year. But even that space was but a small part of that used to store the 4,343,603 bushels of grain shipped us to be stored for our members. This is a gain of over 500,-000 bushels of stored grain over the total handled in 1940. At least 80 per cent of this stored wheat was on loans-we made 5,480 of them or an increase of 750 separate loans. There is much more work involved in handling loan wheat than in handling consignment wheat, as most of you know who either have secured wheat loans or handled it for your customers through your local elevators. We are only too glad to make these loans for our farmer-members, however, and hope that through them the farmers may be able to get considerably more for their wheat than would have been possible otherwise. So far this year we have handled 1,800 more cars of grain, storage and consignment, than we did in the same nine-month period in 1940. As far as volume of grain handled, we expect 1941 will be our largest with the exception of 1938 when, in the month of July alone, we handled nearly 5,000 cars of wheat. At Wakeeney, Kansas, where the Association owns and operates

an elevator, a warehouse, and a small feed mill, there also has been a gain in the volume of business. The wheat crop in that territory was better this year than for the several preceding it ,and we believe this gain warranted the new office we built there and the new scale installed to better equip this facility.

The feed mill in Topeka has progressed steadily, each year gaining new accounts and increasing the volume of feed manufactured.

In all lines except those effected by priorities, merchandise volnext year's flight, and they missed ume also has increased over 1940. We have shipped 125 more cars of coal so far this year than in the same period last year. In petroproducts we have made a leum 31st. With the engines working fine the flight continued on with fine the flight continued on with the crews assembled to vote for the new crew for 1942. volume has been maintained.

The remaining three months in 1941 will stand at practically a standstill as far as the grain business is concerned, but even so I believe that we can, with safety, guarantee a considerable increase in the savings over those of 1940, which amounted to over \$70,000.00. Those of us who have been em-

ployed to handle the affairs of the Association, as well as the directors, have certainly appreciated the pleasant business relations that have existed with the many Farmers Union Business cooperatives, with the Kansas Farmers Union and its directors, and with the various state wide Farmers Union regionals during this past year. We look forward to a continuation of this and toward a big improvement in the Farmers Union movement in 1942 under its planned organization drive."

Cooperative marketing renders big dividends on time, capital, and patronage.

#### STRENGTH



#### IN UNITY

UNITY in thought and action is the basis of the strength of any people. The plow, the rake, and the hoe have become almost as familiar a symbol of unity to producers as is the Cross to a greater brotherhood.

The Farmers Educational and Cooperative Union of America is an organization which early realized that the farmer needs other tools than those he uses to produce his crops if he is not to be lost in the complexities of our modern existence. -

Cooperation is one of these tools. Simple to understand, powerful in its potentialities, within reach of every farmer-keep this tool shining and sharp through use.

FARMERS UNION JOBBING

Wakeeney Kansas City

# Junior and Juvenile Department ESTHER EKBLAD, Director

Junior Motto: "He Loves His Country Best Who Strives to Make It Best"

Not in marble halls, mid polished splendor

Where pompous men speak reverently her name, Nor shut in ivyed walls With the dry bones of sterile

learning . . . Not where the Flag flies And the drums beat And the mobs shout

No! Far from these . . . Out where hill and tree and water Stretch as God intended; Within plain walls, amid plain

She lives with those who live, Not speak, Her way. Henry L. Richardson, 1935 Torch bearer

ONWARD WITH JUNIORS

Eighty Juniors, Junior Reserves Juveniles and Leaders sang in clear tones from the convention stage "Onward We Go, Work To-gether; Onward We Go, For Each other ... Once again in the history of Farmers Union conventions the Junior Program was a highlight. Every part of the program signified accomplishments and well defined directions in the training of Farmers Union youth.

Reports of the McPherson Coun ty Live Stock Project and the Ellsworth County Poultry Projects, given by Bernard Schafer and Mrs. Wm. Hysell were well received, and members from other, counties are now asking questions about the projects. The audience was pleased with the ease with which Wm. Bode, St. Marys Junior answered questions when giving his Minuteman speech. The clapping expressed appreciation after the McPherson County Junior Chorus, under the able leadership of Mrs. Nyla Rawson of Marquette, sang three numbers, closing the contribution to the program with the challenging "Song of the New A cooperative song that is a favorite in many Farmers

Union circles. The Ponca City Junior-Leader Camp movies were a special treat of this year's program. In color the beauties of the camp and student activities were illustrated.

In costume two Scandanavian folk dances "Gustaf's Toast" and "Weave the Wadmal" were presented by Juniors. The costumes used were those given to the Juniors by the F. U. J. A.

MRS EDWARDS SPEAKS This Is Our World

Symbolizing the flags of all nations, the international flag of cooperation, tables for the Junior-Leader Convention banquet were ed with rainbow colors Flowers of rainbow hues and programs in the shape of world glob-es helped to tell the story of "This Is Our World-We, the People," the theme of the banquet. Speakers at the banquet were Dr. Emory Lindquist, Acting President of Bethany College, using as his subject, "Stars and Stripes-In This Our World," and Mrs. Edwards speaking of cooperation as a way of peace through the topic, "The Rainbow Colors—In This Our World." One-hundred and thirtyone persons attended the banquet. Except for a few guests, all were Juniors and Junior Leaders. CIRCLE LEFT

A party at the college gymnasium followed the Junior Program. A grand march that cut fancy figures across the floor, "O Susanna" and other favorites brought the day, so filled with activity, to a gay finish. A special entertainment feature of the party was the demonstration of Swedish folk dancing in costume by girls from the Lindsborg High school. As the party closed refreshments of punch and wafers were served by McPherson County Juniors and their mothers.

EDUCATION CONFERENCE With both sessions forty persons, Juniors ,Junior Leaders, and other adult Farmers Union members, and out-of-state visitors, Mrs. Bill Bowles of Iowa, Mrs. James Patton, Denver, and Mrs. Gladys Edwards, attended the discussion conference on education.

Only one thing was wrong with vancing education work was so readily forthcoming and all com-ments were so valuable, that we often found it difficult to leave one subject and move on to the next. This discussion was loke mother's cooking, it tasted like

Be sure to read the reports from the conferences. Those reports are the resolutions of this conven-

TORCHBEARERS ELECTED In the Junior Torchbearer election conducted previous to the Peterson, McPherson, and Rayard Kittelson of Winfield are al-

ber of the Johnstown Local in ics to be taken up at the meeting, ber of the Johnstown Local in ics to be taken up to the discussion. Fair booths, earned his fourth achievement pin. county state and All-State Camps, bott Edwards, National Director of the inspire. He has been an active Junior in his local and county since Junior work was started there four years and Minutemen projects were disago. Keith has taken an active cussed at length. Discussion which part in the organization of the was not completed on Wednesday Junior Livestock Project and is was carried over to the afternoon president of the Project Associa- discussion period on Saturday. tion. He is a student at the Mc-Pherson college this year. His every tion were outstanding and top must be done about it. He got a rating poster and handicraft malantern, lit it, and told the boy to er ready smile and his sincerity in rating poster and handicraft malantern, lit it, and told the boy to every task undertaken will win for terial will be exhibited at the Nature 1 take it and go to the barn for a

Farmers Union membership. troduced to Kansas Farmers Un- Torch Bearers from Montana. he couldn't see the barn. The fathion members last year when from Montana voted in Leaders Conferthe 1940 convention platform he ence that Torch Bearers should gave the first Kansas Minuteman be given certificates for a year. peech. Before and since that time Raymond has been an active Ju- Kansas has an ambitious pro-

WHERE LIVES DEMOCRACY? nior member. Last winter he organized and led a panel discussion on "Cooperatives" at a local meeting. Members of the panel included both adults and Juniors. In the summer of 1940 Raymond was one of ten boys to win a trip into Canada through an essay contest

sponsored by the Goodrich Tire and Rubber Company.

Congratulations, Keith and Raymond. May you ever carry your Torches high.

OCTOBER PARTY The Kellogg Juniors, Cowley County, had their October party the National at Topeka, also. at Kellogg Hall, October 25. To start it off we had a hamburger

fry and pop. Then games and folk dancing were enjoyed. We also talked about the State Convention Those present were Ruth Anna Cadwell, Joyce Kerr, Laura and Hilda Schantz, Mary Bonewell, Margaret, Elaine and Loretta Gro ene, Junior Leader, Mrs. Letha Tribbey, Gerald Ehmke, Leon and Norman Payne, Paul Bonewell, Millard Kittelson, Roland Nixon, Roland Schmidt, and Raymond,

Robert and Leonard Groene. Raymond Groene, Reporter.

At Your Service Farmers Union Cooperative Educational Service

Gladys Talbott Edwards Director 'Education-A debt due from the present for future generations."

Conventions-Conferences-Exhibits

First of the Northwest Farmer Jnion conventions this fall was that of North Dakota, held October eighth through the eleventh, at Jamestown. Guest speaker on Junior Day was Miss Helen Watson of the Manitoba Federation of Agriculture, Canada. Mary Jo Uphoff, former Junior Leader in North Dakota and now of Wisconsin, was guest speaker at the Ju nior Homecoming Banquet and led a panel of Junior grown-ups

before the convention body. The Leaders breakfast, held on Thursday morning, had a total of 87 leaders present representing 25 counties. Following breakfast, discussion continued through until the noon hour. County Schools, Camps, Institutes, Units of Study and discussion groups were discussed. All county Leaders met with the County Councilors two days prior to the opening of the convention to discuss plans the coming year. Each county leader was present with a kit containing each of the study units manuals, achievement sheets, and other material helpful in their work. Andy Kovash, Dickinson, and Arthur Johnson, Ray, were

elected Torch Bearers. The exhibits at the North Dakota Convention were outstanding, with many fine entries. The series of posters, titled "Cooperation -The Answer of Free Men" will be among exhibits on display at the National Convention in Topeka, Kansas.

at Mitchell, from October fourteenth through the sixteenth, held a Leaders' Luncheon on Wednesday afternoon, and spent the remainder of the afternoon in discussing plans for the coming year. Recommendations made by Leaders included: Pians for a National Fieldworker to assist the states in their work and that certificates be issued Torch Bearers for a period of one year, during present at the meeting voiced their Forch Bearers elect to the National Convention, Elden Thompson of Ethan and Delonides Osvog of Canton. It was the feeling of the group that the Torch Bearer rank should not be treated lightly, and that a Junior worthy of this rank St. Jos should accomplish sufficient work Steele. during the year to be eligible for the conference—there wasn't this award. Mrs. Radke, county enough time. Discussion on adgether all of the Units on the sewing machine before passing out so they would not so easily come

Leader of the discussion at the leaders' conference was Mrs. Gladys Talbott Edwards, National Diers Union. Mrrs. Edwards also adsmall people, but we can think dressed the all-convention ban-big thoughts."—And again, "The all of the meetings.

mond Groene, Winfield. Donald convention with the Leaders' religious and educational stand-Johnson of McPherson, and Mill-Breakfast at 7:30 a. m. on Wednes-point. day morning. Attractively mimeo-

Exhibits at the Montana conven- father decided that something him many friends as he goes on in tional Convention. Ransom Brown and LeVaugh Gilbertson, Flathead Raymond Groene was first in- County Juniors, were elected house for it was dark outside, and

gram schedule for their conven-tion, with the Managers and Disaid, 'See, the lantern casts enough light for each step so you can find your way there.' rectors Association of the Farmers Union cooperatives meeting at Lindsborg on Tuesday, October 28.

discussion session in the after-noon, and a Swedish banquet dinner in the evening. Glenn Tal-The Junior program included a Minuteman Qualifying speech, "Three Dots and a Dash" by William Bode, of Pottawatomic Counbott will be the banquet speaker. The thirty-sixth annual conven-tion opens the morning of October twenty-ninth, with conference sessions on Legislation, Organization, Cooperatives and Education on Wednesday afternoon and Thursday Morning. It is planned to open the legislative conference with a panel at 1:30 p. m. Wednesday with James Patton, M. W. Thatcher and Glenn Talbott members of the

Panel and Mr. Patton and Mr. Thatcher will speak Wednesday evening. Thursday evening will be the Junior and Leader banquet, followed by a Junior Program before the convention body. Mrs. Gladys Talbott Edwards will be guest Junior Day speaker. Movies of the 1941 Junior Leader camp will be

Kansas will bring exhibit material from their state convention to

They will hold their business and

RECEIVES MINUTEMAN AWARD William Bode, Junior, Sandy Hook Local, Pottawatomie County

"Once in America's history, man, at the signal of a lantern in a church tower, rode through the night arousing the sleeping farmers to the danger that menaced the newly declared democracy.
"That democracy is again enangered by economic forces. The

countryside sleeps-"The Minutemen strive to bring the light of education to awaken those who sleep in the midst of danger."—The Junior Manual.

The insignia on the Minuteman padge is a lighted lantern. This year for the second time the Kansas Farmers Union was privileged to present the Minuteman badge and a camp scholarship to a Junior. Bill Bode of St. Marys at the convention gave his qualifying speech, using as his topic.
"Three Dots and a Dash," or the V of victory for the farmer. Bill spoke for ten minutes and then answered questions directed to him from the audience.

DEAN REELECTED KANSAS FARMERS UNION PRESIDENT

(Continued from Page One) make it absolutely impossible for me to attend your convention I was anxious to enjoy. It is far better for the Kansas Farmers Union people that I be at Washington than at their convention. Mr. Talbott has consented to cover the legislative problems for me. Please convey my regrets and also my hopes and cooperation for a greater and stronger Farmers Union organization in Kansas. Personal Regards. M. W. Thatcher, General Manager Farmers Un ion Grain Terminal Associa-

Wednesday evening brought National President Jim Patton to the platform of beautiful Presser Hall, where the Convention was held. His pleasant "from-me-to-you' manner of speaking won him many friends in his native state (he was born in Bazaar, Kansas.) All of those who listened attentively were glad to know what the organization is doing nationally and something of the plans that will be worked out at the National Convention in Topeka. Especially interesting was the time given over after his speech to answering questions-The South Dakota Convention, with first Mr. Patton and then Mr. Talbott answering any questions put from the floor.

ton's address will be found elsewhere in this paper. On Thursday afternoon various reports were given to the convention delegates—including the State President's message, reports of State Secretary Henry and the State Board of Directors, reports which they are nominees for the rank of Torch Bearer. Juniors C. Broman, of the Farmers Union Jobbing Association, by General opinion on this matter, as did the Manager H. E. Witham of the Livestock Commission Company by General Manager William Bernhardt, of the Farmers Union Creameries of Nebraska by General Manager J. C. Norgaard, of the Farmers Union Livestock of St. Joseph, Mo., by Manager Paul

Thursday evening the Junior program at Presser Hall was preceded by a banquet for Juniors and Junior Leaders. State Junior Leader Esther Ekblad presided at this banquet. State President Dean Farmers Union faster than that if quist, President of Bethany College spoke also, describing the inscription he had seen over a door in Norway which read that rector of Education for the Farm- in Norway which read: "We are a quet on Wednesday evening. A best defense against a half-truth fine crowd was in attendance at is a whole truth; the best defense against a poor idea is a good idea; the best defense against propa-The Montana Convention, held ganda is information." In five minutes or so, Dr. Lindquist gave State Convention Juniors and Ju-through the eighteenth, welcomed the young people, and grown-ups nior Leaders voted this national their largest attendance in three as well, a fresh enthusiasm for Farmers Union honor to Keith years. Eighty- two leaders the philosophy with which he was Peterson, McPherson, and Ray- were off to an early start at the in agreement from an economic,

Bringing us news that nearly ernates.

Keith Peterson is a Junior memried a list of the discussion topried a list of the discussion topFarmers Union Camps this summer, and that about 1,000 others Education, was one of the inspirations of the Convention Program. Mrs. Edwards told a story which

was especially timely:
"There was once a little boy who
was afraid of the dark, and his pail that was hy the door. But the and attention. These calves were little boy didn't want to leave the er asked him if he didn't know in

So it is with us, Mrs. Edwards

pointed out-we may not be able to see "all the way to the barn" but we can see our next step and can be on our way.

Among the prominent visitors who attended many of the convention sessions were Cal Ward, Regional Director Favo Carrello Residue 1 and 1 a

partment of Lumbermans' Mutual Casualty Company, William Youngdahl, State Tax Commissioner, George McCarty, State Director of FSA, B. E. Winchester, State Co-operative Advisor of FSA.

PRESIDENT DEAN'S REPORT

(Continued from Page Two) our expenditures the past year were \$585 more than the income of the organization. I told the diectors last year in February that if we continued the work we had started, and unless we could subsidize the income of the organiza tion in some manner, we would show a deficit at the end of the year. The directors realized this themselves. They were, however, firmly of the opinion that we had just as well spend the money the organization had, in trying to develop a way to continue and expand the organization, as to sit down and live within the income which couldn't help but result in the income gradually falling off until the organization couldn't ev-

en support a paper and would eventually mean disbandonment. It is true that we increased the expenditures of the organization, for which I have no apologies to make. I was sure that if the Farmers Union in Kansas was to mean anything to the members that the expenditures of the or ganization had to be increased, because the activity had to be inreased. The only thing I am reretful about is that we couldn't ncrease the income enough to completely pay for increased ex-penses. When I started to work for you last December, your organization was sending the paper to almost 10,000 people and you had only received pay for about 3,500 of these papers. In other words you were sending out 6,000 papers twice a month free. It wouldn't have done any good to take these people off of the mailing list, for you would have had to pay for the printing of the paper anyway because your contract for printing the paper requires that you have a minimum number printed February I asked the directors to let me sell these extra papers on a group subscription rate basis to some of our cooperatives. This would let the cooperative send the paper out to their stockholders and would help them in building the cooperative as well as give us new prospects for members in the union, and at the same time it would give us some income out of the papers we had to send out anyway. They voted to do this. We didn't get to work on it right away, as we had a lot of other work to do right then. This summer however, we got to work and sold the biggest portion of the six thousand papers. Right now we have an income of about 75 to 80 dollars a month from group A complete report of Mr. Patsubscriptions, which will help out substantially with the income of the organization next year. In summing up the work done this past year and analyzing the accomplishments, I couldn't help but feel that we have made some progress in the rebuilding of the or-ganization. While I am not ganization. ashamed of the effort put forth, on the part of your directors and officers, I certainly am not proud of the accomplishments. We have er than it was at the same time last year. It is a little bit encouraging to know that we were able to check the downward trend in the membership. There is however

one thing certain in my mind, which is, that we are going to have to build membership into the us in the next few years ahead.
(This concluded the prepared part of President Dean's which had been written for delivery at the Convention. Following these remarks, President Dean spoke extemporaneously, discuss-

HEREFORD CALVES WIN FIRST PLACE

ing farm and organization prob-

r. I. Mudd and Sons Again Place First in American Royal Mr. T. I. Mudd and his sons, Bernard and Paul of Gorham, Kansas followed their usual procedure this year and walked off with first place in the car load lot show in the Baby Beef Produc-

tion Class. This year the road entered in the Royal consisted of 15 head of mixed calves of the Hereferd breed. These babies were a sight to behold. Closely even in size, flesh, and quality, they made a very pretty picture, and readily showed the result of constant care

walked with him a step or two and place in the money,

# LIVESTOCK MARKET

Farmers Union Livestock Commission Company, Kansas City

gional Director Farm Security Administration, and former Kansas State President, Donald W. Van Vieet, of Des Moines, Iowa, Pres- ing from 9.50 to \$10.50. Our heavy ident of the Iowa Farmers Union.

A. R. Weed, head of Farm Deprice. Most fed steers weighing over 1200 pounds are selling from over 1200 pounds are selling from \$10 to \$10.50. Our stocker and feeder market is 25c to 75c lower for the last two weeks. Choice Whiteface feeders selling from \$8.50. Odd lot yearling wethere \$6.50 to \$10.50 to \$10. Whiteface feeders selling from \$9.75 to \$10.50 with the inbetween inds selling down around \$9.00 to \$9.25. Good light Whiteface stock steers selling right along in line with feeders. Red feeders selling all the way from \$8.00 to \$9.00 depending on the quality. Light red cattle selling from \$7.50 to \$8.50 for the best. Holsteins and Jerseys from \$5.50 to \$6.50. Hog

> Butcher Johnnie Hannon, Salesman. The Market butcher market on cows is 25c to 75c ower for the past two weeks. Canners \$3.50 to \$4.50. Cutters up to \$5.75. Beef cows mostly \$6.00 to \$7.00. Stock cow market 25c lower than the first part of last week. Top bulls selling at \$8.25.

Russ Kemp, Sales-man. Veal calf mar-Calf ket steady to weak. Most top veals sell-ng \$11.50, with a few choice up to \$12. Bulk veals selling from \$6.00 quotable at around \$9.75. to \$10. Canner calves \$5.00 to \$6.00. November hog prices ar

Minuteman Qualifying speech, "Three Dots and a Dash" by William Bode, of Pottawatomic County, a Folk Dance demonstration, movies of the 1941 Junior Camp at Ponca City, reports of Junior livestock and Poultry projects, and introduction of Torch Bearer Juniors to the National Convention—Raymond Groene of Winfield and Keith Peterson of McPherson.

Among the prominent visitors

| Minuteman Qualifying speech, "Three Dots and a Dash" by Will-sales man: We Sales man: We Sales man: We Mostly \$8 down. Stock calf market is mostly \$8 down. Stock calf market we would see a scheap as they have been at any time this year. Most they are as cheap as they have been at any time this year. Most they are as cheap as they have been at any time this year. Most they are as cheap as they have been at any time this year. Most they are as cheap as they have been at any time this year. Most they are as cheap as they have been at any time this year. Most they are as cheap as they have been at any time this year. Most a lower market. From information which we have received here at the two weeks is probably 25c to 50c to \$10.50, with a few choice up to \$11.75. Shorthorns from \$6.00 to \$11.75. Shorthorns from \$6.00 to \$8.50. Heifer calves \$1.00 under the prominent visitors is always and the first of the year.

Among the prominent visitors Sheep
Fred Grantham and Dale Thurman,
Salesmen. Early

lamb market today opened steady to one packer. Ex-treme top \$11. Other interests bought lambs at \$10.75 down. Our market is generally steady to 25c \$9.75 down. Fat ewes to killers \$5 to 5.50. Medium ewes \$4.50 to \$5.00. Cull and canner ewes \$3.00 to \$4.00. Four and five year old native ewes \$6.50 to \$7.00. Yearling ewes \$9.00 to \$10, according to quality.

W. F. O'Neal, Sales-

man. The hog mar-Market ket hasn't shown a great deal of change the past two weeks, with an extreme top today of \$10.15 and the bulk of the more desirable kinds of 190 to 300 pounds selling at \$10 to \$10.15. Underweight light hogs, both killing grades and those in just feeder flesh, selling within the same price range at \$9.40 to \$10, for 150 to 180 pound averages. The bulk of the better packing sows \$9.00 to \$9.50, a few smooth light weight kinds at \$9.65. Stock pig receipts continue very scarce and hardly enough coming to test values but choice kinds would be

year and we feel as though that

in prices. ST. JOSEPH F. U. LIVESTOCK HAS A

(Continued from Page One) ear—having now sent back well over one million dollars in cash. We held the honor for many years of being the biggest firm on the St. Joseph market, and thanks to our loyal members everywhere, we are the biggest firm today. And while it is not generally known less than a year ago we were sounded out by Exchange interests as to our willingness to become a member-perhaps it is unnecessary to tell you the offer was rejected.

Perhaps however, you are more interested in the present than the past. If so, the following facts and Durin igures cover our activities on the St. Joseph market for the first 9 months of 1941:

In the commission business our months income amounts to \$40,-757.98. Expenses for the same period are \$29,462.08, leaving an operating profit of \$11,295.90. This represents a patronage saving of 27.71 per cent. This is a decrease November hog prices are usually in profits from a year ago of \$1,- to stay off relief.

We also maintain a loan agency for our members living in the close-in territory tributary to the St. Joseph market. Outstanding loans on September 30, 1941, amounted to \$195,153.84. A 9 months saving in the financing branch of \$1,940.41 has been real-SUCCESFUL YEAR ized, after charging our borrowers only 4½ percent interest. This is a profit increase over a year ago of \$1,457.79.

Less than two years ago we pened a new activity—that of selling serum and associated products. For the first 9 months of 1941 our net sales total \$4,596.42, on which volume a savings to our customers has been effected in the amount of \$1,071.75, equivalent to 18.65 per cent.

Of course, members of the Kansas Farmers Union who patronize us through the commission business, or who purchase serum from us are entitled to participate in the refunds to be declared by our board of directors who govern our

During the present year the Kansas Farmers Union has been represented on our board of directors by President Dean, who has attended all meetings and has been active in the affairs of the busi-

Rehabilitation loans have helped more than 800,000 farm families

# Recent Representative Live Stock Sales

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Of Farmers Union Live Stock Commission Company

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C. D. Scoggan, Mitchell County, Kan., 24 head.....
Ervin D. Rose, Mitchell County, Kan., 24 head...... Paul Uhlmann, Jackson County, Mo., 20 head.....

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10.30	Newcomer Bros., Sedgwick County, Kan., 10 hfs & strs 370	10.50
10.25	Fred Newcomer, Sedgwick County, Kan., 3 calves 876	9.00
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10.50 T. B. Sidener, Marion County, Kansas, 3 sheep .....

### Day by Day —

by HELEN DENNEY

through Secretary Wickard, and

bill in its present form was thought probable. One Oklahoma

bill would permit Henderson to

hold in check everything but in-

of course, attempt to have the

bill reconsidered before reporting

it out to the House. The criticism

is that the language of the bill is

ineffectual and doesn't permit

Right at present this coming

legislation is probably the most

important single factor in shap-

ing the trend of grain prices. War

and political news are the guiding

light to traders instead of supply

and demand statistics. The hun-

dreds of millions of bushels of

wheat temporarily frozen under

loans of this and last year, the

holding tendency of producers of

free wheat, inflation psychology,

and delay in seeding operations in

the East all combine to hold prices

fairly close to the loan level de-

spite a tremendous surplus and

little or no exports even under

subsidy. There is not much spec-

ulation in grain markets as com-

pared to past periods. We feel that any material declines from this

witness the recovery from the vio-

lent ten-cent break last month.

Soft wheat is in an even stronger

Corn futures have held within

comparatively narrow range for

some time. The small amount of

ed and quality reduced by very wet weather. The new loan price

should be announced within a

week, and our guess is about 75c.

KNOW HIM?

HARRY NEATH

Jobbing Association since 1934-

a farm near Parsons, in 1907?

ASSOCIATION RECOMMENDS PROPOSALS TO

SAFEGUARD FAMILY-SIZED FARMS

The Following Resolutions Were Made at the Annual Meet-

ing of the Mitchell County Farmers Union Co-Opera-

tive Association, at Beloit, Kan., October 23, 1941.

1. Whereas figures from econ-omists clearly reflect that the Am-whereas the values of these com-

erican farmer has never had for modities will deplete after the de-

any considerable time a fair price fense program will cease; There-

Therefore be it resolved that we appreciate inventories to such an

assembled here in our annual extent to take care of the depre-

meeting on this 23rd day of Oct- ciated values as much as possible

an operator living and operating a able time and effort was given in

sure an American standard of program today, therefore be it re-

recommend a graduated land tax committees and to all that took

law, a program of financing land part our warmest thanks.

1941 do firmly favor a long

ment of 100 per cent ownership by

family sized farm enough to in-

living. To bring this about we

purchases at a low rate of inter-

at a lower rate of interest.

near as possible.

est and refinancing land now held

2. Due to war economy as a re-

sult of the world war and the de-

pression that will strife the world

chell County Farmers Union make

a strenuous effort in the collection

of accounts and in the future fol-

low the cause of cash trading as

3. Whereas values of all commo dities are being inflated due to

wars, Be it resolved that The Mit- affairs.

time land policy in the establish- gram ceases.

BUT DID YOU KNOW THAT

when the national defense pro-

4. Due to the fact that consider-

the preparation of the lunch and

solved that we extend to these

5. Owing to the apparent sound

Farmers Union Co-op Ass'n, Be it

resolved that we the members ex-

of directors and manager, in the

C. C. Guard, F. W. Harlow,

Joe Roberts.

J. L. Schulte,

on milling wheat.

ight enough control.

Half buried beneath plans for yesterday Vice President Wallace the National Convention in To- was carrying the ball for the adpeka next week, your reporter is having difficulty in finding anything for this column that won't be mentioned in other columns of the farmers in a bad light of greedipaper. Anyone here in the office ness in this time of national emwho has a free moment is helping ergency. A presidential veto of the with the pre-convention publicity. Everyone is interested and is planning to attend as many sessions as congressman remarked that the possible, "commuting" between Topeka and the office. Every Kansas Farmers Union member and every flation. The administration will, Farmers Union cooperative in Kansas is anxious to help make

held. We'll see you there! PRIORITIES AFFECT DELIV-

this the friendliest, and most suc-

cessful National Convention ever

ERIES T. C. Belden, manager of the Mercantile Department of FUJA, is urging all managers to send in their orders for coal at least 15 days before they actually need the coal. It takes about 60 days to get deliveries on steel and wire goods, corrugated sheets, and on tires. This means that members of local cooperatives can help their managers by anticipating their needs and making purchases early. At the present time these itis mentioned are the only ones handled by the Association which have been delayed on delivery, but the list may increase any time.

The American Royal this year was one of the best ever held, and

it brought many visitors to Kansas City and to the office of their cooperative. Among them were elevator at Cedar Vale and his brother from Lincoln, Nebraska: brother from Lincoln, Nebraska; Bob Walsh, formerly manager of the Farmers Union Cooperative Association at Udall who is now at Kinsley; C. B. Thowe, a director of FUJA and manager of the Alma Farmers Union Cooperative Association; Jimmie Dean, formerly in the office here but now manager of the big Dodge City Cooperative Exchange (he had a pocket full of pictures of a mighy fine baby!); August Geist, manager of the Grinnell Elevator; Bob Starky, manager of the Farmers Cooperative Business Association at Grainfield; and E. K. Dean, Kansas Farmers Union president.

GLADYS VERNON TO GO TO TOPEKA

Vernon, manager of the Farmers
Union Cooperative Association at Gladys Vernon, daughter of Roy Beattie, and niece of Louis Vernon, manager of the Pauline elevator, will leave the office in Kansas City this month to take over the work of Virginia Eslinger at the Topeka plant. Miss Vernon has very capably handled the grain desk since last spring, and she will prove valuable to George Bicknell, plant manager at Top

with whom she will work. She was guest of honor at a luncheon on Wednesday, November 12, given by the girls in the office, and was presented with a corsage. Miss Vernon and one other secretary from the Kansas City office will attend the National Convention and help with the vast amount of stenographic work entailed in making up a national farm program.

> MARKET LETTER By Roy Crawford

Nov.7, 1941-On Wednesday of this week wheat futures advanced three cents in a slow but firm upturn. This level has been well maintained the past few days. The only particular item in the news that day to account for strength was reports that Russia might be in the market for U.S. cereals. Department of Agriculture officiols admitted that feelers had been received, but no actual consummation of trade had been accomplished. Trade yesterday was dull and warehouse for Farmers Union narrow and was little better today. The President's talk yesterday afternoon contained nothing he was born in Pullman, Illinois new nor did it contain any clues home of the pullman car inventor

modity market prices. The House Banking and Currency Committee finally reported active in Farmers Union work out a price control bill. Among most of the time since he joined other things, it placed a ceiling on in 1911agricultural commodity prices of BUT DID YOU KNOW THAT 110 per cent of parity or the 1919-1929 average or the prevailing pric- him from helping to organize Loes on October 1, 1941, whichever is cal 866, near South Mound at higher. The administration imme- about the same time? diately expressed opposition You may know that he started MITCHELL COUNTY FARMERS UNION CO-OPERATIVE

to work for FUJA back in 1921 as a traveling representative— BUT DID YOU KNOW THAT he helped organize a County Farmers Union, was the local's first secretary and business agent and then the county's first secretary and business agent?

You may know that he helped with the organization work of the Farmers Union Elevator at Parsons, and was its first manager-BUT DID YOU KNOW THAT he and Mrs. Neath have six tall,

You may know that having traveled in Kansas calling on elevator managers for several years he knows what they need in the way of farm supplies, and as warehouse manager he has learned how to get it for them as quickly and economically as possible-BUT DID YOU KNOW THAT pefore he took on "Farmers Union work" as a hobby he was interested in pure bred poultry, and

ciation? Out of each dollar earned in America, 54 cents is spent for food, shelter and clothing. Taxes either hidden, direct or both, take took five cents of each dollar.

### MOTOR VEHICLE TAX DUE FEBR.

TO BE COLLECTED BY U. S. IN-TERNAL REVENUE DISTRICT

Application Forms Expected to Be
Around January 1; First Payment to be \$2.09, Covering Five Months, Second Pay ment Due July 1, 1942

Collection of the recently en-acted Federal \$5 use tax on all motor vehicles, including passenger cars, effective February 1, 1942, will be administered by the offices of Collector of Internal Revenue in the various states, according to plans approved by the Bureau of Internal Revenue of the United States Treasury. Present plans call for the iniwas secretary of a poultry asso-

tial mailing of application forms from the office of Collector of Internal Revenue to motor vehicle owners in their respective col-lection districts about the first of Here in Kans the year. These are expected to be returned by motor vehicle own- ganizations through which many another 27 cents. In 1910 taxes ers with a remittance of \$2.09, covering the months of February, tions work together to advance

will be obtained from records in LAR. the offices of state motor vehicle administrators. Upon payment of use tax, motor vehicle owners will receive a re-

Revenue stamp which, according to present plans, must be dis-played on each vehicle. Enforcement of collection of the

tax will be by agents of the Bu-reau of Internal Revenue. Instructions on administration and enforcement of the law have been mailed to collectors of internal revenue but have not been made public.

OWN LEGISLATIVE ORGANIZATION IS FARM CO-OP NEED

(Continued From Page One) Here in Kansas we have the

cooperatives and far morganiza-

March, April, May June, 1942. The tax is levied on a fiscal year basis and application forms for the payment of the \$5 fee for the full fiscal year 1942-43 will be mailed about the first of June. about the first of June.

Names of motor vehicle owners help that is for us IN PARTICU-

Most of us here are experienced in our own field, but if we had to write a bill that was to be presented and which we hoped to ceipt in the form of an Internal have adopted by either a state or national legislature, we'd have to call in several lawyers, and then we wouldn't be sure the lawyers understood our particular need or problem. In a democracy such as ours, where pressure groups constantly are working to get laws passed that will be of direct benefit to them in particular, certainly farmers, the least organized group of all, need experienced and intelligent legislative help. They can have it through the Farmers Union. The Farmers Union Legis

for the farmer, and they've lost some. The reason behind their failis for a specific purpose and fills ures, all too often, was lack of support from those of us who should have been in back of them Committee of Kansas Farm Or- pushing instead of "letting George do it." The Farmers Union sometimes has had to go along with others and work on a plan which they believed to be only a poor second best-but only until the chance comes to try again to get what IS best. Our Legislative Committee doesn't know there is a word in the dictionary spelled "q-u-i-t." Mr. M. W. Thatcher is chairman of this committee and he will be here to talk to you later this week. I hope you all will

> It isn't only the legislative help he Farmers Union that we as farmers and as managers mbers of farm cooperatives, it is the help we can get by using

A week or so ago I saw one of those thriller-diller pictures in which one of the "thugs" made a statement I've thought about several times since then. The picture was about a number of alien des either through the cooperative perados who were being deported paying the dues for all eligible to countries who wanted to imshare holders or through a system prison them more than we did for the crimes they had committed We also recommend the box or | before coming to the United States pie social or other functions as a Naturally enough, those criminals means of raising money for or- wanted to get out of the hold of ganization work in order to am- the ship before the ship reached plify and put into operation this any port. One of them said something like this, "We'll find a way

We recommend that an organi- to get out of here all right be cause down here we have ONLY ONE THOUGHT. Day and night mers Union Executive Board, one night and day we think of only one thing and that is, 'how car Union Managers' and Directors' we get out of here.' But those men up on deck are free men. They think of many things besides keeping us down here. They think of the weather, and what they will have for dinner. They think of their homes or sweethearts, and what they will do when they have

their next leave." We managers of cooperatives are something like those men on deck -we do think of the ideal behind cussion topic be named for the the existence of every farm coop-We recommend that in as much as the Congress of the United States are intended the AAA to be a demo-development, be it resolved that the state and also that the topic be a study of the Land Policy Program adopted by the state and national development, be it resolved that think of it often. But we also think cratic organization controlled by every cooperative both local and organizations in convention. And of other things. We think about regional be urged to adopt and further resolved that this be a prices and values; we think of the new man who still needs a little coaching on his jon; we think of the increased cost of operation; we think of priorities and a million or so other things that worry the

manager of a busy or sometimes not-busy-enough cooperative. But this is not so with the Farmers Union. First, last, and always, its every thought and action is centered around that one counties. Since service agencies of ideal of doing "THAT WHICH IS BEST FOR THE FARMER." And in order that no line in the dementarily unprotected, specially trained leaders direct the work of the organizations' three specific tion, and Cooperation. All of us who are members of the Farmers Union tr yto advance the organization and its activities, but some of us specialize in certain phases

of its program. You've watched a group trong-armed men hammering in big stake to hold fast a circus tent rope, or pounding in a spike on a railroad tie. You don't see which hammer strikes the most powerful blow, for it is ALL OF THEM working together that get encouraged to organize county ed- the job done. One man might have done it alone-but it would have

taken too long! So it is with us. Perhaps we might, someday, through a pro-gram of education be able to solve all the farmers' economic and social problems. Or perhaps we may someday have a perfect set of cooperatives-selling, manufacturing and purchasing through which we could accomplish all our present aims. Or. again, enough favorable legislation might be enacted Resolved that through the State someday so that all of the farm-Farmers Union the ways and ers' needs and desires could be satisfied through that means. But source of the Farmers Union, or- fieldman in each Farmers Union it would take too long to accomplish this through any one of these nethods-AND WE HAVEN'T

> That is why farmers and farmers' cooperatives have great need of a farm organization that is using at least three hammers at the same time to work to accomplish "THAT WHICH IS BEST FOR THE FARMER." And the only organization that is doing this today is the Farmers Educational and Cooperative Union of America.

COOPERATIVE MARKETING IRRIGATED NORTHWEST

Cooperative marketing is of increasing importance in the farm economy of eight northwestern irrigation districts, it was found by a committee studying one of the 28 problems of the joint investigations, designed to bring about the successful development and settlement of the vast Columor a similar project, be supported bia Basin Irrigation Project in Eastern Washington.

"In several districts, competition fostered by cooperative mar-keting organizations has not only increased and stabilized prices but has also resulted in more efficient lieve that cooperative marketing is essential to the success of some farm enterprises."

### Cooperative Auditors

KANSAS FARMERS UNION COOPERATIVE **AUDITING ASSOCIATION** 

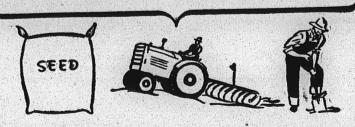
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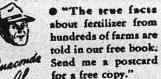
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Jaw Spreaders, each ..... Metal Dose Syringe (2-oz.), each Syringe Barrels (Heay), 20 cc. each Syringe Barrels (Heavy), 40 cc. each

FARMERS UNION SERUM JOBBERS

#### of their productive value on varia- Farmers Union and organize our farmers into the F. U. more rapble payment plans. idly it is necessary to secure the Whereas the Kansas State Col- financial and moral support of all

1942 Program of Kansas Farmers Union

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Be it further resolved that we recommend this policy be implemented through a GRADUATED LAND TAX LAW, HOMESTEAD TAX land, at a low rate of interest, the FARMERS UNION CERTIFICATE level will be only temporary, as PLAN, A GRADUATED PRODUC-TION TAX, or any other legisla-

Nevertheless, many in the trade are extremely bearish, one reason sary to secure the esand proper functiondefinite land policy marketed, especially in the spring mmended. We recomwheat area. At Kansas City demeno that benefit payments unmand continues good for milling wheat, and the premium basis on to \$2,500 to any one individual or hard wheat has been well maincorporation. tained for the past two weeks.

position, premiums advancing a cent a bushel on Wednesday this and regulate the value of money week. Cheapest types of soft wheat are worth at least two cents per bushel more than ordinary hard 8, of the Constitution of the Unitthat Congress authorize and make market advances enough to permit redemption of loan wheat on an all changes in the volume of our medium of exchange. extensive scale, we do not anticipate any weakness of premiums

We oppose fixing a price ceiling on farm commodities.

We urge Congress to prepare adequately for our defense, but encourage all efforts leading toward world peace with justice.

We oppose in no uncertain terms the administration's policy of encouraging the consumption of Oleomargine as a butter substitute.

bona fide farmers, and whereas the State Extension Department of Kansas is dictating too much of the policy and regulation thereof, divorced entirely from the Kan- Farmers Union. Be it further re- in the local and county unions for pacity.

We recommend that the present the opportunity to vote on whether or not they should have a Counvice will not be connected with the Farm Bureau or any other farm organization.

VIII You may know that he has been the manager of the Kansas City of the present gasoline tax exemption law.

We recommend a strict enforce-

ment of the gasoline tax exempwhich might be factors in com- and manufacturer ,and moved to tion law and urge the cooperation benefit.

You may know that he's been WHEREAS: Transportation matany state and particularly to an interior state such as Kansas; getting married in 1912 didn't keep WHEREAS: This applies not onv to farm products, but to all in-

dustrial activity as well; WHEREAS: Neighboring states have taken definite and positive action to provide suitable departments, organizations or individuals within the State Government, charged with the responsibility of protecting the welfare of their states in rate matters, and the interests of such states in many cases are inimical to the interests

BE IT RESOLVED: That this State Convention of the Kansas Farmers Union go on record directing the attention of the peothis situation is working to the disadvantage of the people of Kansas as an agricultural state and as an industrial state; and that the State Legislature be urged to for his products or his equitable fore be it resolved that the board make provision for a Traffic Deshare of the national income. of directors and the management partment within the Kansas Corporation Commission of the national income. make provision for a Traffic Deporation Commission or such other Department of the Government as they deem proper to be in charge of a permanent, non-poliit shall be to investigate rate problems affecting Kansas, the initiating of cases before the Interstate Commerce Commission or other suitable tribunals in the interests of the State of Kansas, and to take whatever action may be necessary effectively to defend the interests

conditions of the Mitchell County press our appreciation to the board We recommend legislation eliminating the 49 cent penalty on wheat fed by the producer. as it has done following previous manner they have handled our

of the State of Kansas in transpor-

We recommend that the Federwho will live on the farms and of education, cooneration and leg- nior Leaders, for travel, supplies, that the farms be sold on the basis islation. In order to advance the

lege, the Extension Service, the cooperatives which carry the name be here to hear him. State Triple A office and the State of the F. U. Therefore, we recom-EXEMPTION LAW, a program for Farm Bureau office are all locatfinancing of land purchases to ed in Manhattan, Kansas; and which are financially and legally people who want to live on the whereas great confusion has arisen among many farmers as to the identity of each, and of its particular function; and whereas in some counties of the state the Triple A office and the Farm Bureau office are located in the same quarters which facts lead to additional confusion; and whereas there have been complaints of der any farm program be limited Farm Bureau members receiving better rates and adjustments on crop insurance; and whereas it appears that some farmers have no We demand Congress exercise complied with the Triple A proits Constitutional power to coin gram because of these confusions misunderstandings of the as provided in Article 1, Section | functions of the respective endeavors: Be it resolved that this wheat of the same test. Until the ed States, and we further demand convention recommends that the Triple A be separated from any association with the Farm Bureau, and that the administration offices of the Triple A be removed from Manhattan, Kansas to some centrally located city within the state

> 14. That we endorse the Farmers Union Debt Adjustment Bill.

of Kansas.

COOPERATIVE

Whereas the Farmers Union program has been and will contine to be of the family type farm and whereas the cooperative movesas Extension Department and solved that in recognition of this that the Extension Department be support, the Farmers Union reused only in an educational ca- frain from entering competitive business with the existing cooperatives.

Farm Bureau Law be repealed and | We recognize the need to build that a substitute law be written the cooperative movement farther giving the people in the county and faster by strengthening our present cooperatives, by coordinating their efforts, building a ty Extension Service Agent, and greater understanding and loyalty that the law be written in such a on the part of present and poten-manner that the Extension Ser- tial membership, and by organiz- or should not do. The preservation departments: Education, Legisla- or should not do. The preservation departments: Education, All of us ing new cooperatives where the of democracy largely depends on need for additional marketing ser- citizen participation in determinvices exist. Be it resolved that co- ing government policy. ordination meetings between the We recommend the continuance Farmers Union officials and the officials of the state wide business organizations be held quarterly operation for their mutual aims

wherever possible. Resolved that the Farmers Union state organization with the business organizations investigate ters are of vital importance to the possibilities of cooperative marketing of produce and also survey the possibilities of establishing our own milling facilities.

> Resolved that the Farmers Union organization encourage and assist local cooperatives in holding local group discussions for the purpose of educating the membermentals of cooperation.

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ORGANIZATION

We realize that the life giving ple of the State to the fact that the life giving elements, (members). So, therefore, we resolve that regardless of any other resolutions presented it is up to the individual interested in the Farmers Union to keep the life giving source alive by contacting eligible prospects and also living in the cooperative spirit.

It is unanimously agreed that it is very essential that we have tical traffic counsel, whose duty a state Farmers Union organization, also that both the state wide and local cooperatives owe their origin to the state organization. It is the concensus of this conference on organization that it is necessary to expand our educational program to reach more peo-

tation matters in cases initiated We need to bring to all our farm people an understanding of the accomplishments of the Farmers Union in the past and what it is doing now for the betterment of conditions on the farm, especially do we need to stress the proal Bank sell the farms which they gram for the future and the nechave acquired by foreclosure or essity for all farmers to join the

mend that all F. U. Cooperatives able to do so set aside 5 per cent of their net earnings as an educational and organization fund. We the entire program of the organi further recommend that the State zation. board of the F. U. and the officers of the F. U. Managers' Association develop a workable plan of group membership through which the eligible share holders of the cooperative can be brought into the F. U.

of check off.

zation committee be formed composed of one member of the Farmember selected by the Farmers Association and one member representing the State Farmers Un-Educational Department, which shall be charged with the formulation of organization plans. Secretary.

**EDUCATION** 

Resolved that a uniform disconsistently follow the policy of program for both Juniors and paying 5 per cent of the net earn- adults, and that both age groups ings as an educational fund to the be encouraged to meet together

> Resolved that the study of government agencies and ways in which these agencies relate to the welfare of farmers be included in the study program of locals and

to promote understanding and co- District, be appointed to meet and tional program of the state. IV

> V Resolved that the State Board of Directors and the Director of Junior Education be instructed to investigate the possibilities of a 1942 winter institute for leadership training, the school to be

iginates from the Farmers Union District, and that these persons be locals and to keep the state organi- responsible for organization and zation active we must keep the membership development in their THE TIME TO WAIT! life giving source supplied with respective districts. Be it also re-

> stock Project, as organized in Mc-Pherson county, and the Poultry Project, as set up in Ellsworth county, be given more publicity by the State Department of Junior Education, and that the development of the projects in other counties be encouraged.

Resolved that a state-wide education fund program, Box Socials by the state, and be it also resolved that the funds raised be used for specifically stated purposes in the field of education, or-

ship and managers on the funda- of the other Farmers Union states. VI

> work on a commission basis. Resolved that the Junior Live-

as at present organized be in-dorsed and that full support be given it by local and county unions. And be it also resolved that, if suitable sites can be procured, that the camp be kept in Kansas. ple, juniors, adults, members and

#### government deal more closely other groups, farm people must fense of the ideal is left even mofreedom of action of farmers and be informed on the programs so that they can be a check and bal-

III Resolved that a State Education Committee of five members, one member from each Farmers Union advise with the State Director of Junior Education on the educa-

Resolved that county unions be ucation committees to direct the educational work in the county.

fashioned after those held in some

means be worked out to have a solved that, if possible, these men

Resolved that the camp program

ganization, or legislation.

Resolved that county and local service to producers," the group's unions give consideration to the report states. "Many farmers besurrender of title, only to families F. U. and help push its program financial needs of adult and Juand materials.