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ELECT DEAN AS FARMERS UNION PRESIDENT

National FU Convention in Denver, Nov. 18-20

Train Will Reach Denver, 8:00 A. M. Monday—Kansas Invites '41 Convention

The Kansas delegation to the National Farmers Union convention at Denver, Colorado, will take the Union Pacific Pony Express, leaving Kansas City at 10 p. m., Sunday evening, November 18, arriving at Salina at 1 a. m. and at Denver at 8 p. m. The delegation is expected to number from 30 to 75 people, and will get a party roundtrip rate from Salina to Denver of \$11.40. Probably the majority of the Kansans will spend only two nights in Denver, leaving about midnight from there Wednesday on the homeward trip, reaching Salina a 11 o'clock Thursday morning. The return trip may be taken on any schedule, however, on the ticket purchased at the special party rate.

The Missouri Farmers Union people will take a party roundtrip rate to Salina, the latter point being the assembling location for all planning on the Denver trip. Many are expected to drive autos to Salina, leaving them. Persons living westward from Salina may join the party at central points, paying either the Salina party roundtrip rate, or the individual round-trip rate if he lives far enough west that it is the lower.

Those expecting to make the trip are asked to advise the State Secretary, that accommodations may better be provided, and all rate planning may go ahead as anticipated. But for the information of those west of Salina, delegation enlargements are anticipated at Ellsworth, Ellis, Quinter and Oakley.

"But please advise the State Office," urges Secretary Troutman.

The convention at Denver will be for three full days, Monday through Wednesday, November 18 to 20. Roy Green, president of Colorado State College, and Chester Graham, former national Farmers Union educational director, will be the chief "outside" featured speakers at the convention.

Another special feature of the convention will be the panel discussion or round-table by state Farmers Union presidents, Monday evening. Organization and other problems confronting the different states will be considered. The National Junior department will have charge of the program Tuesday evening, and on Wednesday is scheduled the banquet or community supper.

Into Four Conferences

Non-delegates will have real part in the convention. Through the first two mornings the convention will meet as a whole, but in the afternoon will separate itself into four conference divisions, Cooperation, Legislative, Education and Organization.

This program will not limit the activity of a delegate, as he will go from one conference to another to present resolutions and plans in which he is especially interested and responsible. Generally, however, a person will choose the conference in which he best suits his interests—thus each conference will have specialized leadership and talent.

State conventions of the Colorado Farmers Union have followed the conference plan for the last three years, Wisconsin last year, and the conventions have proven very successful, it is reported.

Visitors will be able to hold their living expenses down to a minimum. Denver hotel representatives have promised that rates will not be increased, and that meals will be available at very reasonable prices.

Kansas is inviting the National Farmers Union convention into the state in 1941, and a large delegation will have influence that such an invitation will be acceptable. The directors of the state Farmers Union voted to attend the national convention, only actual expenses to be paid by the State Union; also President Dean, Vice-President Nash and Secretary Troutman.

C. M. Yocum, St. Marys, will go as the delegate from the Kansas Union. David Train, Lindsborg, is being sent as representative of the McPherson county Farmers Union.

INTO MANAGERS' PROBLEMS

Farmers Union Managerial Association Has Discussion Meeting

A splendid discussion meeting was enjoyed by the Farmers Union Managerial Association, October 29, at Parsons. P. J. Nash, president of the association, from Ellsworth, first lead a discussion on problems regarding storage grain and storage rates. Elmer Brown, auditor with the Farmers Union Auditing Association, Salina, discussed taxation problems, and questions from the floor also lead into problems of the wages and hours law.

T. E. Hall, chief of the membership department of the Farmers Union Jobbing Association, lead a discussion toward planning subject material for the fall series of meetings, to be held the second or third week in December. Membership and educational problems seemed to be chief on the managers' minds. A second topic suggested in the "national farm program and the defense program as they affect the farmers' cooperative elevator."

Missouri cottontail rabbits rear 3.8 litters annually, with an average of 4.4 animals in each.

Resolutions

Adopted At the 1940 Annual Convention, Parsons

We would express our appreciation to the City Administration, to the Chamber of Commerce, to the Central Labor Body and others, who have welcomed us to your city, and for the fine manner with which we have been entertained while here; also for use of your fine municipal building, and to the young people of the high schools of this and surrounding towns for their fine music. We also recognize the courtesy of Jerome Cook, dancing school in providing for our entertainment and the colored boys from the C. C. Camp. All these and others have done their part in a fine way and have thereby contributed in making this, our 35th annual convention a most successful and happy one. Many thanks to Managerial Association for the fine banquet, as well as entertainment. Being human, we must profess our disappointment upon discovering the identity of the hula, hula dancer. To the committee also who had charge of local arrangements, Mr. J. P. O'Hara, and Mr. George Reinhart, also Mr. E. Perkins, Secretary, Parsons Chamber of Commerce, who is principally responsible for the local arrangements and splendid entertainment. We express our appreciation.

Recommend the retention of the gasoline tax exemption law in its present form.

No. 2 We favor a constitutional amendment which will provide for a Homestead tax exemption law.

No. 3 We recommend that the present optional bounty law on crows and coyotes be amended to provide for making payment mandatory on respective county commissioners.

No. 4 Whereas the Extension Department in extending a dominating influence in formulating the policies, and in administering, both the Triple A and State Land Use Programs, we recommend that all farm organizations and agencies equal recognition in the planning and the administration of these programs.

No. 5 Whereas Agriculture for the last decade has fallen short approximately \$2,500,000,000 annually of receiving its just share of our national income, according to the Secretary of Agriculture, and whereas the Triple A program has at no time attained its primary objective or parity price; and whereas other classes have surpassed the historical normal base period of 1909 to 1914; and whereas agriculture has repeatedly been promised to be put on an equality with other industries by both national and political parties; and whereas farm debt delinquency in the Central Plain States exceeds that of 1932; It behooves agriculture to assert itself in a militant fashion in demanding that it now be placed on an equality with other industries.

We endorse the Conservation feature of the present farm program and recommend its continuance to preserve our agricultural resources for our posterity.

We also endorse the commodity loan and insurance features and desire their continuance until agriculture has been placed on an equality with other industries.

We appreciate the benefits so far received from parity payments, even though they have entirely failed in restoring parity prices. We accept them only as an emergency measure and in the spirit of a re-embursement for the fair share of the national income which we have not been receiving.

We insist on continuing to work for a farm program which will put agriculture on an equality with other industries.

We deplore the fact that the Triple A program has been used in some sections to promote the building of political fences.

We demand action be taken vesting the administration and formation of policy so far as possible in the hands of those whom the program is intended to benefit.

No. 6 Resolved: That the present National Conservation Act be amended so that the benefit received by any one farm unit be limited to not exceed \$1,000.00.

No. 7 Resolved: That the delegates of the Kansas Farmers Union to the National Convention be instructed to present the above Resolution.

No. 8 We again reaffirm our belief in cooperative medical services and cooperative hospitalization.

No. 9 We believe that the interests of the Farmers Union could be served best if we would be willing to adjust our differences of opinion, eliminate our prejudices and jealousies, uniting our individual efforts to build up and increase in prestige and membership, the State and National Farmers Union.

No. 10 The National Resources of Kansas are: a fertile soil, Mineral deposits of coal, zinc, gas, petroleum, and an abundance of fresh water, all of which are being exploited to the detriment of our state. We recommend a Conservation policy and program for the protection and preservation of these resources.

The abandoned coal mines in Eastern Kansas and the oil and gas development in other sections have lowered fresh water levels, permitted salt and oil pollution

U. S. President

Partisan politics can now be forgotten that all may follow the leadership of our chosen United States president. Our country stands united and strong in democracy.



and contaminations of creeks and rivers. Subsoil moisture is depleted. Springs, creeks, and fresh water wells are dry or ruined by pollution in certain localities.

No. 11 Whereas the Junior Educational Program of the Farmers Union is recognized as outstanding in rural youth education. Be it resolved that we encourage the work of our Junior Department. We believe local should render encouragement and financial assistance toward local Junior activities and support state-wide projects such as the summer Junior Camps. We believe that local should develop discussion programs in which Junior members are invited to participate.

No. 12 We recommend that all Farmers Union Cooperative Associations in the State of Kansas set aside an educational fund every year from which the State Farmers Union dues are paid through their local Union Secretaries.

No. 13 Resolved that the Kansas Farmers Union encourage a large number of its members to attend (continued on page 2)

The President's Annual Report

By J. P. Fengel

Another year has gone by since our Wakefield State Convention and it again becomes my duty to make a report of my stewardship as president of the Kansas Farmers Union.

I am thoroughly appreciative of the many invitations to attend local and county Farmers Union meetings and am sorry I could not have attended a meeting of every local, county, and state Farmers Union meeting of Kansas during the past year. I wish to reaffirm my position as being a firm believer in the principles for which our national and state Farmers Union was conceived and organized. To me the preambles of the national and state Farmers Educational and Cooperative charts and blue prints the only course or means by which the problems of the farmer and labor in industries can be solved. Our organization seems to be divided against itself and apparently because of this division or misunderstanding we are unable to make any progress. I am asking the delegates of this convention to clarify the situation as to whether we are to adhere to our former preamble and purposes or to make a diversion from those original principles and adopt a new and modern streamlined program.

Attend Local Meetings During the past year I have attended 32 local meetings. Eleven county meetings, reorganized four Farmers Union and one County Farmers Union and attended five county Farmers Union picnics, 2 Farmers Union Silver Jubilee celebrations, one Farmers Labor Day picnic, eight Farmers Union Stockholders' meetings, three meetings of the State Board, our state Junior camp and a Junior banquet, the national Farmers Union Convention at Omaha, the State Conventions of Oklahoma and Missouri, three meetings of the Kansas Committee of Farm Organizations, 1 meeting of the State Board of Agriculture, the Cooperative Committee in Manhattan, Senator Capper's Farm Conference at Topeka also Governor Rattner's Farm Conference, the meeting of the Farmers Union Managerial Association, the E. Drummond Jones discussion series and helped build the joint educational program and discussion topics with the committee from the F. U. Managerial Association, represented the Kansas

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Lively Discussions at Parsons F. U. Convention

Delegates Select Former Crawford County and Beloit Farmers Union Manager to Head Union—E. K. Dean Will Assume Full-time Duties December 1 and Enter Organizational Activity

Are Several Election Races

C. M. Yocum, St. Marys, Is Delegate to National Convention At Denver; Bert Harmon, Ellsworth, Replaces Ross Palenske, Alma, as State Director

Ernest K. Dean is the new president of the Kansas Farmers Union, elected at the 35th annual convention of the organization in Parsons, Kansas, October 30, 31 and November 1. "A tall, husky young man," he is described by The Parsons Sun, "an energetic fellow with a pleasing personality." He has been employed by the West-Central cooperative marketing organization in Omaha for the past year or so, but keeping his Farmers Union membership at Girard, where he was manager of the Crawford County Farmers Union Business organization two years. Mr. Dean was born and reared on a farm in Mitchell county.

Mr. Dean will assume his new duties December 1, and will devote his entire time to the Kansas Farmers Union. P. J. Nash, Ellsworth, was elected vice president, taking the office from Norman Flora, Quinter, by a vote of 74 to 60. The voting for the presidency was 79 to 56, with John P. Fengel, Lincolnville, who has held office the past two years, losing to Mr. Dean.

Clarence M. Yocum, St. Marys, was selected as delegate from the Kansas organization to the National Farmers Union Convention at Denver, Colo., November 18 to 20. Originally there were four nominees, but two, Herman Kohls, Ellsworth, and Jim Moore, LaHarpe, withdrew from the race, speaking briefly to the convention Thursday evening. The vote was 91 for Mr. Yocum, 24 to Victor Hawkinson, Randolph, 11 to Mr. Kohls, and 8 to Mr. Moore. C. W. Coffman, Overbrook, was elected as alternate delegate without opposition.

Bert Harmon, Ellsworth, was selected as a state director from the first Farmers Union district, replacing Ross Palenske, Alma. Mr. Palenske did not enter the race. Harold Swanberg, Clay Center, received nine votes to the 50 for Mr. Harmon. Two other directors were re-elected without opposition, George Reinhart, Parsons, and W. E. Roesch, Quinter.

Lindsborg, Kansas, was selected as the 1941 convention city after McPherson county people, especially from Lindsborg and Marquette, had issued their enthusiastic and

most cordial invitation to the convention people.

Rex Troutman, secretary-treasurer and editor for the organization, was reappointed by the state directors at a board meeting Friday afternoon, following the convention.

John Scheel, Emporia, was unopposed for re-election as doorkeeper. John Tommer, Waterville, was elected as conductor. Steve Myers, Marquette, was nominated for the latter office, and received 58 votes to Mr. Tommer's 76 despite his campaign talk against his own candidacy.

Ninety-four Farmers Union delegates at the convention represented local unions, 33 business associations were represented, 7 county unions, five state-wide businesses, and 12 state officials, total of 151 credentials.

Committees Are Named

Members of the Credentials and Election committee were Merle Tribbey, Cowley county, chairman; Glenn Hewitt, Miami, and Bert Harmon, Ellsworth. A substitution was made for Mr. Harmon when the committee changed into the election committee and Mr. Harmon became a candidate for the directorship.

Charles Pivonka, Rush county, was chairman of the Rules and Order of Business committee, with Joe Inthurn, Greenwood, and Carl Wilson, Labette. The committee adopted the program as printed, and recommended that in convention discussions a person could speak no more than twice on the same subject, no longer than five minutes the first time and three minutes the second.

Members of the Constitution and By-Laws committee were Norman Flora, Gove county, chairman; Mrs. A. K. Kittelson, Cowley, and William Goekler, Clay county. They considered a proposed change defeated was regarding a more central location for the site of the state conventions. Others are printed elsewhere in this paper, and should be voted on by members in their local meetings.

C. C. Gerstenberger acted as chairman of the Resolutions committee. In addition to Mr. Gerstenberger from Douglas county there were John Starkey, Gove, Homer Spence, McPherson; E. T. Fortune, Labette; Irlis Ward, Stafford; Floyd Smith, Clay; P. J. Nash, Ellsworth; J. A. Amnell, Riley; Ray Emil, Thomas, Jacob Depperschmidt, Rush; Art Hunter, Labette; C. M. Yocum, Pottawatomie; Emil A. Johnson, McPherson; and Ernest Deschner, Mitchell county.

The convention opened with an invocation, then addresses of welcome by Mayor Earl Minton, John DeFratus, president of the Central Labor Union, and Mr. Perkins, secretary of the Parsons Chamber of Commerce. Paul J. Lenherr, St. Marys, responded, and described Agriculture as the basic American industry, and the farm home as the ideal home in democratic United States. The farmer wants equality and justice in the nation, he said, and expected his Farmers Union to act as machinery toward getting them.

John Vesecky, president of the National Farmers Union, was the featured speaker of the morning. He pleaded for the elimination of



Courtesy The Parsons Sun
E. K. DEAN

Internal dissension and the wholehearted support of every member and every local union behind the officers and the state program to be selected. He lauded the democratic method of operating governments, and organizations such as the Farmers Union.

But he warned that the people must be continually on guard against the insistance of disgruntled minorities to stick by their pet beliefs even if they are contrary to the will of the majority. That is a weakness of democracy which can prove ruinous. The state convention should decide all issues, he said, and after that every member should be united behind the program, working for it wholeheartedly even though he might have preferred to have things a little different.

Give Business Reports

Mr. Fengel gave the President's report early Wednesday afternoon, followed by the report of the state board, read by Ross Palenske, Alma. Then the different state-wide Farmers Union business activities made their reports: T. B. Dunn for the Farmers Union Auditing Association, Salina; H. E. Witham, and a large delegation of employees and directors, of the Farmers Union Jobbing Association; W. Bushby and W. O. Cole, from the Farmers Union Mutual Insurance Company, Salina; Rex Lear, state manager of the Farmers Union Life Insurance Company, Des Moines; G. E. Creitz, manager of the Farmers Union Royalty Company, and George Larson, president of the Farmers Union Creameries of Nebraska.

A discussion period followed, and Victor Hawkinson, president of the Riley county Farmers Union, presented his objections to C. C. Gerstenberger serving as chairman of the Resolutions committee. Mr. Gerstenberger works with a government credit agency, National Farm Loan Association and it was Mr. Hawkinson's opinion that such an administrative officer could not be a good Farmers Union member. Mr. Hawkinson also criticized the Kansas Union Farmer for carrying news of government credit facilities.

John Vesecky asked for the floor, and advised the convention people to demand service from their government employees and government agencies, but not to criticize them for holding their jobs. And it was his judgment that their organization paper should carry news of government agencies affecting farm interests that members might form intelligent opinions.

The pause following this brief argument was pronounced, and Neil Dulane, agent for the Farmers Union Life Insurance company and former president of the Cowley county Farmers Union, decided to make a plea for delegates to talk to, to express themselves that the convention might develop true sentiment of the Farmers Union as it developed a program. He expressed concern over the conditions of the organization's membership.

"This convention should be our turning point," he said. "We should make it go ahead, or we should give it a decent burial. We must put out some effort and quit bellyaching. We must plant the right kind of seed for the right kind of harvest. We must develop a platform that you can fight for."

Regarding membership loyalty toward officers and the organization program, he said that a man who deserves support will get it, and if the man doesn't get support, it isn't the membership's fault.

Senator Clyde Reed, junior senator from Kansas to Washington, D. C., and Tom Cheek, president of the Oklahoma Farmers Union, were the speakers featured Wednesday evening. Senator Reed re-regarded his recent experiences in regard to hearings on political machines, and spoke briefly on the legislative needs of agriculture.

"To have a balanced economy," he said, "we have economic peace and prosperity, all economic groups must move up and down together. The farm group has not moved up with other groups. This is the farm problem. We cannot have prosperity until the solution is found. With a world having concentration of capital and organized labor, the farmer tries to live a highly individualistic life. The farm problem is a hundred and one problems rolled into one to make what is called the agricultural situation."

Senator Reed assured the farm (continued on page 2)

REFERENDUM BALLOT

Instructions

The following amendments to the constitution and by-laws of the Kansas Farmers Union were approved by the delegates at the state convention in Parsons, Kansas, November 1, 1940, and are hereby submitted to the membership for their approval or rejection.

These amendments should be voted on immediately, by the Local Unions, and returns forwarded to Rex Troutman, State Secretary, Salina, not later than January 1, 1941.

The total number of votes FOR, and the total number of votes AGAINST each amendment must be recorded in the squares at the right of each amendment.

Amendment No. 1

Page 6, Division B, Article 1, Section 2 (Election of Delegates). To amend by striking out the following: "Each chartered Cooperative Business Association conducted in the name of the Farmers Union, For providing such associations must have at least 51 per cent of all stockholders in good standing as paid up members in the Kansas Farmers Union, and in conformity with regulations and condition prescribed by the Board of Directors of the State Union shall be entitled to one delegate to the State Union, who shall be appointed by the Board of Directors of the Association eligible to representation."

Page 7, same division and article as above To amend by striking out the following: (line 4) "and chartered cooperative association."

Votes
No

Amendment No. 2—Dues

Page 35, Division C, Article 4, Section 1, Line 4. To amend to read as follows: "The dues of the adult male members shall be divided For as follows: 80c to the local union, 15c to the county union, 75 cents to the publishing account of the Kansas Union Farmer, 30 cents to the National Union and 75 cents to the State Union . . ."

Page 35, line 10, to amend to read as follows: "The State Secretary-treasurer shall remit quarterly to the National Secretary-Treasurer 30 cents and to the County Secretary-Treasurer 15 cents for each adult male member as such annual dues are received by him."

Votes
For

No

Amendment No. 3

Page 38, Division D, Article 1, Section 1. To amend to read as follows: A County Union may be instituted in any county having not fewer than three chartered Local Unions with a total membership of not less than sixty members. After . . ."

Votes
For

No

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

Local, Number . . . in . . . County, Kansas, on the proposed amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Kansas Farmers Union.

Local President

Local Secretary

(SEAL)

Junior and Juvenile Department

ESTHER EKBLAD, Director

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

PEACE OVER EARTH

O let us gather as friends and say,
"Come let us try the Master's way,
And earth is weary of hostile hordes.
Comrades read out His words again,
They are the only hope for men,
Love, not hate must come to birth—
Christ and not Cain, must rule the earth!"
—Edwin Markham.

JUNIORS HAVE BUSY DAY AT CONVENTION

A gloomy rainy day did not dampen the spirits of Juniors enroute to Parsons, Thursday, October 31. The Ellsworth county group set the record by starting from home at midnight, Wednesday, in order to be in Parsons early Thursday morning. McPherson, St. Marys and Winfield groups reported starting the trip at 5:00 a. m.

The day was hurried round of affairs. During the noon hour and at intervals throughout the afternoon, it was to practice for the evening program; to decorate the banquet tables; to find rooms for Juniors and Leaders staying for the night; to listen in on convention sessions and

"What Shall We Put in Our Storehouse?"

The Junior-Leader Banquet at the State Convention was wrapped in an atmosphere of autumn, with thoughts of staring away for future use foremost in our minds. Banquet speakers gave to the guests many helpful suggestions of things needed in the storehouse of our lives. P. J. Nahan, president of the F. U. Managerial Association, spoke of "Knowledge," Orville Rawson, 1940 Torch Bearer Junior, "Sociability," and Mrs. Helen Denney, F. U. Jobbing Association, "Utility." Juniors were encouraged to store knowledge of God, knowledge of self and knowledge of neighbor. Friendliness, companionships and unselfishness was defined as essential to useful living. Juniors were advised to give of their best to any job. If success isn't immediate, lay aside pride and keep on trying.

Music during the banquet was furnished by a String Ensemble from Erie, Kansas. Eighty-eight persons attended.

Group singing with fifty-five Juniors and Junior Reserves on the stage and all Juniors repeating the Farmers Union Creed in unison with musical accompaniment opened the Junior program of the convention. The play, "A Fair Exchange" by Cowley county Juniors and the folk dance demonstration illustrated increased social enjoyment through Junior work. The Minuteman speech, the introduction of Torch Bearer Juniors, and the address by Mr. Vesecky, National President, brought to mind the educational value of our program.

Junior Receives Minuteman Badge

One of the outstanding features of the Junior program was the Minuteman speech on "Rural Youth of Today," given by Raymond Greene of Winfield. Speaking with assurance and answering questions with conviction, Raymond captured the admiration of the audience. Raymond was awarded the Farmers Union Minuteman Badge with the insignia of the lighted lantern, and was also presented with a scholarship to the 1941 Farmers Union Camp.

Once in America's history, a 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—Minutemen of the Farmers Union will aid the organization in awakening farmers, asleep in the midst of economic dangers.

Convention Party

New to a Kansas Farmers Union Convention was the party held at the Mathewson Hotel, Parsons, Thursday evening, immediately following the Junior Program. The party was planned especially for Juniors who were spending the night in Parsons, but all Farmers Union folks at the convention were invited. A varied program of folk games and dancing made up the fun with cider and doughnuts adding to the spirit of the day—Halloween.

Torch Bearers to National Convention, Orville Rawson, Marquette, were elected as Torch Bearers to the National Convention of the vote of Kansas Achievement Juniors and Junior Leaders. Both boys are well qualified. Bernard Schafer this year has earned his third achievement pin, Orville Rawson, his second. We congratulate Bernard and Orville on their election to the torch bearing with them to the National Convention at Denver, November 18 to 20.

Thought for Armistice Day

"We must construct at home rather than destroy abroad. Only an America which has solved her basic economic problems can long stay out of war!"

Annual Report of Junior Department

By ESTHER EKBLAD

The tenth anniversary of Junior education was celebrated last year. The National Farmers Union, Kansas has had some part in the growth of this educational movement from the first. We have been a little quiet from time to time but we are now coming into our own.

This is the third successive year for a Junior-Leader Banquet and Junior Night Program at the Kansas Farmers Union Convention. These evenings with Juniors at the front have served many purposes. The banquets have given an hour of fellowship for the younger Farmers Union members and have served as a reunion of friendships found earlier in the year at the Farmers Union Camps. These days at the convention give to us in the Junior division renewed interest and enthusiasm for the winter months ahead, and through this medium we have hoped to bring to you in a measure we can bring to you who represent so many local and cooperative, a demonstration of Junior education in action.

It is not possible to classify the work of the Junior Department entirely in the terms of the Junior work. A part of our activity with youth is with those boys and girls below the Junior ages of 16 to 21. We often say Junior work for short but in that same breath we are thinking of the Educational program of the Farmers Union and Juniors. And on the other hand much of our educational program is designed for the Senior members of the Farmers Union.

For clarification I should like to divide our review of the year into the following groupings: Junior work, senior work, and contacts with other organizations, and publicity.

Names Objectives

First, Junior work. In the Junior Manual, which is the road map of your youth program, the following objectives of the Educational program of the Farmers Union are given:

1. "To teach the farm children of America the principles of cooperation, its ideals and its philosophy, that they may be a more enlightened and a happier class of society than their fathers have been."
2. "To educate the farmers of America so that they may fully understand the necessity of belonging to the Farmers Union, and thus, through organization, accomplish what they, as individuals, have failed to do."
3. "To create an interest in, and a consciousness of, the social and economic forces at work in the world, against which rural people must pit their brains and energy and understanding."
4. "To develop, through contact with their neighbors, a sense of

study topic, "Cooperative Grain Marketing," which is a topic for Junior Reserves. Juvenile classes have had the Unit, "Banded With My Brother," a story of the Farmers Union which delights children of the Juvenile age.

To earn their achievement points these folks have kept notebooks, prepared reports, assisted with committee and program work, and have given four-minute speeches. Four-minute speech work is encouraged because of the training speech preparation gives in the thought and assimilation of facts. We have our Junior program special work in speech training through the Minuteman Project. This evening a Cowley county Junior will give what is known as a qualifying speech to win the Minuteman Award. In preparation for this the Junior who appears tonight has given eight speeches varying in length from four to eight minutes, all speeches on different topics. Raymond Greene is the first Kansas Junior to complete this project and he would be the first to declare that he has received valuable training from his speech work. This is training which every person could bring into service thousands of times.

Important also, as has been previously mentioned, is the social activities in Junior work.

To stimulate social enjoyment and acquaintanceship, one of our projects has during the year sponsored monthly parties for all the Juniors and Junior Reserves of the county. Local Junior groups have taken turns in entering into their respective local meetings. McPherson county also initiated last December 1, a county-wide Junior Banquet. This was a joyous affair with over one hundred Juniors and Junior Reserves, Juveniles, Leaders, and county and local officers in attendance. The second annual banquet is being planned for an evening during the Thanksgiving holidays.

For Juniors who enter wholeheartedly into the work and complete their projects, we try to provide from time to time trips and activities which will give them encouragement. Three Juniors and three leaders were guests of the Farmers Union Jobbing Association at their Annual Meeting in February. The group enjoyed the trip and really saw regional cooperatives in action.

Each year two Juniors are elected to Torch Bearers to National Convention. Bernard Schafer, McPherson county, and Wilfred Sack, Nemaha county, attended the National Convention at Omaha last November and there received the Torch Bearer Award. Bernard Schafer, Johnston Local, and Orville Rawson, No. 8 Local, both of McPherson county, will go to the National Convention this year as Torch Bearer Juniors. The Juniors who are elected to the Torch Bearer nomination by their achievements and are then elected by ballot with all Achievement Juniors and active Junior Leaders to the National Convention.

The outstanding state-wide Junior project of the year was the six-day camp held at Eureka Park, Manhattan, July 28 to August 3. Seventy-two Juniors from ten counties participated in the week of recreation and study. The course of study for this third Kansas Farmers Union Camp included discussion, classroom, field, and practical work. The program included: Studies, Cooperatives, and Leadership Methods. Informal activity periods gave training in program planning, handicraft, news writing, and Junior work. The camp members were given the Nebraska Farmers Union, the Kansas Adult Education Project, and the Farmers Union Jobbing Association. General sessions were held for Juniors from among local leaders and Juniors.

The summer camp is a very important link in the chain of our Junior work program of education. With our careful attention the camp program can be expanded and can be increased in value as a medium of leadership training, and as a source of enthusiasm and inspiration. The camp is a center of vacationing and recreation for the young people from our Farmers Union homes.

As an advanced summer training school, we have the Farmers Union All-State Camp. Held in the Black Hills of South Dakota and directed by the Farmers Union Education Service, the camp affords a scenic trip and ten days of intensive cooperative education. This year two Juniors, Irma Kietzman of Alta Vista, Irma Niles Gibson, McPherson, a local leader, and a local leader, Mrs. Helen Denney, of the Farmers Union Jobbing Association, and I attended the All-State Camp. Mrs. Denney is a camp faculty member in the role of publicity director.

The Kansas quota of students to the All-State Camp has been six persons. There is a possibility that our next year's quota will be ten persons. If so, I hope that we may work together in finding ways and means of sending the full number of campers allowed.

Develop Senior Interest

We now come to the second phase of our report—Senior education. In the interest of Senior members we last November successfully conducted two county schools or institutes. Two counties in which the experiment was successful were McPherson and Ellsworth. The schools were in each county four successive evening meetings with a program, continued from one evening to the next. We reviewed the organizational information that every Farmers Union member, old or young, should know; we studied the Junior program in detail; explored the realms of program planning, and all took part in discussion of farm problems and programs. The meetings were well attended and enthusiastically received. We will resume the cooperation of counties in the expansion of local units of a county program this winter.

Last autumn the Farmers Union Managerial Association and the State Board of Education were actively interested in the introduction and development of group discussion in local committees. Through a joint meeting of the State Board and a committee appointed from the Managerial Association, plans were formulated for a series of group discussion outlines to be published in the Kansas Union Farmer. The out-

Co-op House Is Boy's Dorm

North Dakota Students Find Answer To Housing Problem

The N. D. A. C. Farmers Union Cooperative Association is the way it is listed in the Fargo telephone directory, but Co-op House is the name by which the Farmers Union boys' cooperative dormitory is known throughout the state of North Dakota.

The Co-op House was organized by the Farmers Union College Local. It offers a home to Farmers Union students at the Agricultural College at lower cost than other dormitories or boarding houses provided. It also offers a place where young men, brought up in Farmers Union homes have an opportunity to discuss the problems of farmers and of the nation. Many are the discussions at which weighty problems are discussed, yet there is plenty of time for fun as any member of the house will tell you, and time for study, too. Some of the highest ranking students are members of the Co-op House. The College Debate Squad has drawn on the Co-op House for members each year and since 1939 it has had several members of the House took part in radio forum discussions over WDAY, Fargo, and from the Moorhead station, also.

The House is operated by a board of directors elected by the members. A cook is hired and the manager (one of the members) is paid a small sum for his work. The Juniors, Junior Reserves, Juveniles, Leaders, and county and local officers in attendance.

The second annual banquet is being planned for an evening during the Thanksgiving holidays. For Juniors who enter wholeheartedly into the work and complete their projects, we try to provide from time to time trips and activities which will give them encouragement.

Three Juniors and three leaders were guests of the Farmers Union Jobbing Association at their Annual Meeting in February. The group enjoyed the trip and really saw regional cooperatives in action. Each year two Juniors are elected to Torch Bearers to National Convention. Bernard Schafer, McPherson county, and Wilfred Sack, Nemaha county, attended the National Convention at Omaha last November and there received the Torch Bearer Award.

Boys from all over North Dakota and from Minnesota as well, make their home at the Co-op House. In addition to those who room in other places, it is the plan of the Co-op Association to establish other houses since buying groceries in quantity would save living expenses. A considerable degree of economy is possible. Raymond Novak of Alexander, North Dakota, long prominent in Farmers Union Junior work, is House manager this year.

Lines were prepared and were published throughout the winter. The discussion of special topics were of general farm problems and cooperatives.

The committee in planning for the discussion promotion indoors and outdoors, held a series of meetings for the week of February 26 to March 3. We obtained the services of A. Drummond Jones, Dis. given by Rex Troutman and me, the second February 7 the Juniors of McPherson county; the third, June 27, by the Juniors of the Ellsworth Local. The fourth was given by the Juniors of the Kansas State College Station, while the Junior Camp was in session.

The Kansas Farmers Union was the host for the State Fair, Hutchinson, September 15 to 21, with a Farmers Union booth. The Juniors of the Kellogg Local, Cowley county, as a special project, entered a booth in the Junior Division at the Cowley county Fair, Winfield, October 8 to 11.

Take Moving Pictures

Another of our publicity mediums in the Junior Department are the monthly mimeographed letters to Junior Leaders, the occasional mimeographed letters to former campers, and the personal correspondence with folks at work out of the county.

A newcomer in the Kansas Farmers Union is the movie camera. A camera, movie projector, and projection screen were purchased last summer. With the camera we are hoping to develop a Farmers Union movie and also to use our equipment in bringing a variety of entertaining and educational films to local Farmers Union meetings.

This then is a brief resume of 1940. It is with sincerity that I say—the Farmers Union has gold opportunities to bring forth an alert and alert rural population. As yet in Kansas we have scarcely scratched the surface. We have a good start and the go signal is with us.

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TOP: Keeping the home fires burning, Carl Moelled of Devils Lake stops doing dishes long enough to stoke the furnace. BELOW: Getting ready for a gay evening, Don Richardson wields the hot iron on his best pants.

Adult Education Council. Such, it is thought, is needed if there is to be the best coordination of educational agencies and programs. As a member of the National Farmers Union Junior Council, I have on a few occasions gone to conferences as a representative of the National Farmers Union. February 9 to 12 I attended the National Citizenship Institute held in Washington, D. C. The Institute was sponsored by the American Youth Congress and attracted 500 young men and women from over the nation. The Farmers Union holds no membership in the American Youth Congress. My position at the Institute was merely that of a fraternal delegate with the privilege of speaking in behalf of our organization at any of the Institute sessions.

The NBC Farmers Union Hour Broadcast was presented by the National Junior Council from Denver, Saturday, August 24. Taking part in the broadcast were Mrs. Gladys T. Edwards, National Director of Education, Mrs. Mildred K. Stoltz, Montana, Paul G. Erickson, South Dakota, and myself. Our broadcast topic was, "What is a Farm Organization's Responsibility of its Youth?"

Looking ahead to November 12, I am invited to be a member of a panel group discussing Older Youth Problems at a meeting of the Land Grant College Association in Chicago.

We have this year given four radio programs. Three of those were on KSAL, Salina, each fifteen minutes in length. The first, January 22, was given by Rex Troutman and me, the second February 7 the Juniors of McPherson county; the third, June 27, by the Juniors of the Ellsworth Local. The fourth was given by the Juniors of the Kansas State College Station, while the Junior Camp was in session.

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BABY TALK "Oh, I say, is that a dray horse you have there?" "No, it's a brown horse and stop that baby talk!"—Vernon (Texas) Tri-County Trade News

At Your Service

Farmers Union Cooperative Educational Service
Gladys Tabott Edwards
Director

"Education—A debt due from the present for future generations."

Conventions Make History One of the first conventions on the calendar this fall was that of the North Dakota Farmers Union. Topping all previous records, more than 2,000 persons were in regular attendance, with the figures jumping to over 4,000 on the day Secretary of Agriculture Wickard addressed the convention.

With the convention being held here in Jamestown, it enabled the Educational Service office force to get in on the highlights of the program, and listen to the various speakers on the state-wide radio hook-up, while we worked on posters and exhibits for other conventions.

The program opened with the audience singing "America," followed by invocation, and the responsive reading, "America First"—"in ideals, principles, character, assumption of duties, courageous cooperation, sympathy, love and understanding—America first in blazing a new trail." "Men of the Soil" and "God Bless America" were sung by the DeLamarter quartette, and the "Farmers Union Creed" was given by Fred Thoms, one of the earliest members of the Farmers Union.

Ten Years of Junior Work The Department of Education may be proud of the exhibits displayed by Juniors, Reserves, and Juniors as well as project work carried out by the local groups, and other organizations. The displays emphasized the local, county, state and national groups, and other organizations. The displays emphasized ten years of Junior work.

Estimating that the Convention parade was more than two miles in length is conservative. It was the longest one this city has seen in years—and certainly impressive with all activities of the Farmers Union represented. The parade ended at the Talbot Memorial Park, with dedicatory services. Here is the site of the \$65,000 Co-operative Center voted for by the Convention through an increase of annual dues.

A beautiful Memorial Service was held, honoring those who had given their lives for the cause, those tireless, fearless workers of local, county, state and national Farmers Union.

Teach Them How to Think, Not What to Think Two outstanding discussions were held during the convention. The first, a panel, participated in by Chas. D. Egley, manager of the Farmers Union Livestock Commission; Norma Olson, state field worker of the NDFU; Mrs. Nellie Erickson, county secretary; Rev. E. McCarty, Ole L. Olson, vice-president of the NDFU; and Dr. Cyril W. Grace of the Mayville State Teachers College, was a discussion of "What Challenge Does Democracy Have to the Future?"

On the Junior Day program, members of the forum discussed on "Is It Too Late to Preserve Democracy?" were Juniors grown up; one a farmer, one a college student and one a vocational agriculture teacher, expressing their viewpoints, and then throwing the discussion open to the convention. A. Drummond Jones of the USDA, Washington, D. C., well-known to Farmers Union folks, was discussion leader.

The All-Convention banquet held on the last evening was addressed by National President, John Vesecky, with E. E. Greene, former state secretary as toastmaster. More than twenty persons who had attended the first convention banquet in 1927 were also present.

Notable during the entire convention, were the many young people who were acting as delegates, ushers, pages, and took charge of the loud speaking system, and the exhibit room. They are a part of the Farmers Union, and take their responsibilities in hand.

"At Your Service" Another new unit for the Juniors is ready for use. "The Time Has Come," study Unit V deals with little lessons on citizenship and community life. Unit IV on Conservation is not yet completed, so if the Juniors have studied their first three units, order "The Time Has Come" at the same price as the other units—15c. per copy. It is cleverly illustrated with pictures by Mrs. Butts, and Mrs. Edwards has written some very interesting stories along with the studies.

Another leaflet for organization purposes and publicity just "hot off the press" is "On Guard—The Cop of the Corner," and the "Cop of the Corner." A small charge is made for it, but it is one every member of the Farmers Union should have, to pass on to his neighbor.

Exhibits Sent Far and Wide This has been a busy month, preparing exhibits for conventions and conferences for other groups who are asking for Farmers Union displays. The Cooperative League Congress in Chicago reserved a booth for the Farmers Union. On display were Farmers Union ties, batteries, etc., from the Central Exchange, and Juvenile Reserve and Junior study units, reference literature, recreation material and organization helps published by the Education Service. Another attractive poster carried the slogan, "We must hitch the everyday wagon of cooperative business to the star of a new social order," which gave a pictorial story of camp life, class discussions, radio broadcasts, co-op meals and housing and the building of cooperatives, credit unions and insurance lodges.

Mrs. Gladys Tabott Edwards, Director of Education Service, and Joe Nolan of the Farmers Union Central Exchange represented the Farmers Union at the Congress.

Exhibits have also been sent to the Committee on Consumers Program, Washington, D. C.; National Catholic Rural Life Conference; Assumption Abbey for Rural Life Day, Richardson, North Dakota.

Winter brings opportunity to fix farm telephone line

OUR PHONE LINE NEEDS SOME WORKIN' ON ALL RIGHT, JACK. I'LL BE OUT TOMORROW TO HELP YOU FELLOWS FIX IT UP. I'VE GOT A LITTLE SPARE TIME NOW, ANYWAY.



LET'S PUT UP SOME POLES AND MOVE THE LINE OFF OF THIS OLD FENCE



NOW LET'S TRIM THESE TREES SO THAT THE BRANCHES WON'T RUB AGAINST THE LINE. WE'LL BE ABLE TO HEAR A LOT BETTER IF WE DO.



YOU KNOW THIS IS A GOOD TIME TO WORK ON OUR LINE—WHEN WE DON'T HAVE A LOT OF OTHER THINGS TO DO.



When crops are in and you have some spare time, why not invest a day or so on your farm telephone line. Farmer-owned telephone lines, after all, are partnerships, and a little co-operative effort by all members of the line will yield big returns in improved service.

If you own your line and get service from a town served by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, ask for your free copy of the book "How to Build and Repair Your Farm Telephone Line." It's yours for the asking.

SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY

State Social Works Conference in North Dakota; and literature has been sent to the State Farmers Union convention in Ohio, South Dakota, Kansas, Montana, Wisconsin, Louisiana, North Dakota and Minnesota.

Need Any Credit Union Material? If so, we have lots of it—small leaflets on what is a credit union; the purpose and how organized; to be sent out on request. Then, too, have you seen the Credit Union Calendar Banks for saving your nickels, dimes and quarters? Put in a nickel every day and your calendar remains up to date. For a new month, slip in a quarter. Keep your savings in a Dollar Credit Union Bank—or give the Banks for gifts.

By Frances Link

4-POINT PROGRAM

Kansas State College President Outlines Consumer Defense Needs Outlining a four-point program of "consumer defense" President F. D. Farrell took his theme from the national preparedness program for his talk before the delegates to the Kansas Conference on Consumer Education at a dinner at Kansas State College, October 21.

The President suggested the following defenses: (1) Better protective laws and regulations, especially for labeling of commodities. (2) Wise consumer customs based on real values rather than a desire for expensive fads. (3) Better knowledge of things offered for sale, not only goods but services. (4) Good sense.

"The consumer must depend chiefly on himself for his defense," President Farrell said. "He may make use of laws, cus-

toms and knowledge only if he possesses the good sense to make effective use of them."

President Farrell said that the consumer was constantly being urged to buy through the use of advertising, fashions, fads and the psychology. He said the large part of the things offered to the consumer were valuable, but added that the consumer had to select the more useful, since he could not purchase everything.

Greetings to Kansas Juniors and leaders, read a telegram from Gladys Tabott Edwards, director of education for the National Farmers Union, received by Esther Ekblad, state junior director. "Congratulations on a year of splendid effort. Special congratulations on the outstanding work of your state junior leader. Best wishes for 1941."

\$4,000,000 TO JOBLESS

Benefit Check No. 433,372 Took Total Over The Figure TOPEKA, (AP)—Benefit check No. 433,372 issued by the state unemployment compensation division the week of October 21-26, brought total insurance payments to Kansans since January 1 last year to more than \$4,000,000. Director Charles B. Nevell said an unemployed packing house worker in Wichita was the claimant receiving the check. An estimated 13,000 claims amounting to approximately \$121,000 were paid in October compared with 12,944 claims and \$118,328 in September. Nevell said the thin load was "about normal" for the period. An upturn is normally expected in the fall months.

The Ohio state employment service is 50 years old.

Price List of Vaccines and Serums

WE PREPAY SHIPPING CHARGES ON ALL ORDERS OF \$10.00 OR MORE

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Do the Job Yourself... Be Money and Pigs Ahead

Clear Concentrate Serum.....	\$0.65 per 100 cc
Edwards' Vaccine.....	1.50 per 100 cc
Hemorrhagic Septicemia Serum.....	1.80 per 100 cc
Anti-Hemorrhagic Septicemia Serum.....	1.80 per 100 cc
Mixed Infection Bacterin.....	.06 per dose
Pig Scours Bacterin.....	.06 per dose
Hog Worm Oil.....	7.00 per gal.
Worm Capsules.....	.02 and .03 1/2 each

MIXED INFECTIONS IN SWINE

Blackleg Bacterin.....	\$0.07 per dose
Hemorrhagic Septicemia Bacterin.....	.06 per dose
Anti-Hemorrhagic Septicemia Serum.....	1.80 per 100 cc
Koratitis (Pink Eye) Bacterin.....	.06 per dose
Mixed Bacterin Bovine.....	.06 per dose
Abortion Vaccine.....	.25 per dose

FOR HORSES AND MULES

Encephalomyelitis (Sleeping Sickness) Vaccine.....	1.25
Type "Chick" Vaccine. One complete treatment of 20 cc. dose bottles (NOT RETURNABLE).....	1.25
Hemorrhagic Septicemia Bacterin.....	.06 per dose
Anti-Hemorrhagic Septicemia Serum.....	1.80 per 100 cc

FOR SHEEP

Hemorrhagic Septicemia Bacterin.....	.06 per dose
Mixed Bacterin Bovine.....	.06 per dose
Anti-Hemorrhagic Septicemia Serum.....	1.80 per 100 cc
Worm Capsules.....	.02 1/2 and .03 1/2 each

FOR POULTRY

Mixed Bacterin Avian.....	.01 1/2 per 1 cc. dose
Stained Pullorum Antigen, B. W. D. Test.....	4.80 per 500 tests
Anchor Elastic Worm Capsules.....	.01 1/2 each
Kamala-Nicotine Tablets.....	.00 1/2 each

FOR DOGS

Rabies Vaccine.....	\$0.50 per dose
"We will absolutely pay Patronage Dividends on our Serum Profits to Members of the Kansas Farmers Union."—Paul Steele	

Giant Farming Spreads at Expense of Small Holders

Tolan Committee Witnesses Report Increased Farm Migration; 1,500,000 Farmers and Farm Workers Pushed Off Land

By Farm Research

After making a swing around the country and holding several hearings on the problem of farm mobility, the Tolan Committee, officially known as the Select House Committee, Investigating the Interstate Migration of Destitute Citizens, has returned to Washington and is now drafting its report to Congress. A corps of investigators is busily sifting the voluminous testimony and preparing the basic material which will provide the groundwork for the Committee's recommendations.

What these recommendations will be has not been indicated by the Committee, and no report is expected until January 1. However, a survey of the testimony presented to the Committee shows that much of it is comprehensive in scope and delves deeply into the roots of the farm problem. Outstanding experts and representative farm leaders attended the hearings. Farm Research presents some of the highlights from the Committee hearings.

How many migrants are there in the United States?

"Not many know that there are perhaps four million men, women, and children constantly on the move, seeking the means of livelihood where they may find it."

—Rep. Carl T. Curtis of the Committee.

In addition to these "habitual migrants"—farm hands who follow the crops—there are hundreds of thousands of uncounted "removal migrants" who are farm families forced to move from one farm to another, year after year, usually moving within the same county, and who are often among the first to be pushed into the ranks of the migratory workers.

How many farm families have been pushed off the land in recent years?

"More than 14,000 of our Oklahoma citizens have migrated since 1930."—Tom Check, President, Oklahoma Farmers Union.

"About 350,000 farm families have left the Great Plains since 1930."—C. H. Willson, Regional Director, FSA.

"In the mechanization of farms more than a million and a half workers have been displaced, who can never again find work on the land."—Gladys Talbot Edwards, Education Director, Farmers Union.

Is there a trend toward large-scale farming which jeopardizes the traditional system of family-sized farms?

"The family-sized unit could not compete for rented land because the higher immediate returns from the cash-crop operator were greater than from the general farmer who wanted to devote part of the land to the more stable livestock industry. Many family-sized units were absorbed by the larger scale operator."—E. H. Aicher, Soil Conservation Service, Lincoln, Nebraska.

"The trend is toward more large farms and more small farms and toward less farms of medium size."—Professor William G. Murray, Iowa State College.

Changes in Size of Farms, 1910-35

Size of Farms Percentage Change
Under 500 acres . . . x 48.0 Per Cent
500 to 999 acres . . . x 6.8 Per Cent
1,000 to 4,999 acres . . . x 1.0 Per Cent
Over 50 acres . . . x 1.6 Per Cent

"The figures just cited indicate a decreasing homogeneity of the farm population—a growing division between the 'large farmer' and 'small farmer.' This results in a growing divergence of interests as between the large and the small farmers."—Professor William S. Hopkins, University of California.

"Here (in Florida) exists the most propitious conditions for the development of a large-scale industrialized agriculture and here such a form of agriculture is fast developing. In Hall, in whose honor and gang-plows and crop dusting by airplane, thousands of intensively cultivated acres under the ownership of a single individual, tens of thousands under that of a corporation."—John Beecher, FSA Supervisor.

Does the AAA program protect the system of family-sized farming?

"During the past two years an entirely new and different type of migration of agricultural families from the farms has begun. . . . This movement is caused by farmers, mostly tenants, being forced off the land by owners and large operators who are able to increase the size of their farm units very profitably because of the benefit payments of the AAA program. Well-to-do operators, some of whom live in town, are finding that it is exceedingly profitable to operate large units with a maximum of power and large machinery and a minimum of labor, due to the practical elimination of risk as a result of the AAA payments. If their crop is a failure the AAA payments or crop insurance covers taxes or rent and the low operating costs. If they secure a good crop, their profits, including AAA payments, are enormous. Following are excerpts from letters and reports from some North Dakota County Welfare Boards.

"A well-to-do farmer in the Red River Valley who has in the past operated 11 quarter sections increased his holdings to 21 quarter sections and forced three families off from the land into town, where they are on relief. These families were unable to rent farms because of the keen competition for land on the part of the big operators hoping to benefit from the AAA program.

"In one county in the western part of the State 10 operators control 70 sections of land."—E. A. Wilson, Executive Director, Public Welfare Board, North Dakota.

"Recently authentic word came to me that John Blank of Churches Ferry and Devils Lake is asking 20 of his renters in Benson and Ramsey counties to vacate the farms they have been renting, some for many years, as he intends to farm these places himself next year.

"These people will now be forced

ed on smaller and less profitable units . . . and those who are unable to locate farms will probably be forced to sell their stock and machinery and eventually wind up in town on the WPA.

"Just today the local Farm Security office advises me that seven of their standard loans borrowers are either without farms or cannot find a large enough unit to operate on a profitable basis as a result of big operators taking over the farms. . . .

"Jens Jensen, a farmer . . . in this county is farming at present 8,000 acres of land. When he began to approach the limit on the amount of land he is allowed to contract on AAA payments, he decided some of his land over to his son who is starting to follow suit. . . . Off hand, I can think of a dozen more who are doing the same thing on a small scale. . . .

"I am not blaming these big fellows personally, they are getting by with just what AAA regulations permit. I realize that the tractor is responsible for much of the difficulty. However, I believe that these soil conservation programs were set up primarily to protect the family sized farm unit rather than the big operator, but it would appear that the original purpose is being somewhat smothered. This problem will go on gaining momentum even more rapidly than it has in the past two or three years if those of us who pick up the aftermath sit idly by."—Clara Sweetland, Executive Secretary, Benson County Welfare Board, North Dakota.

What were some of the chief recommendations to the Committee?

1. Limit AAA benefits to a family-sized economic unit.
2. Enact a graduated land tax.
3. Raise farm prices.
4. Enlarge the program of the FSA.
5. Increase the tenant purchase program.
6. Lengthen the term of tenant leases.
7. Include migratory families in social legislation.
8. Refinance and scale-down the farm mortgage debt.
9. Establish a farm placement service.

How It Was Named

PITTSBURGH—Named for Pittsburgh, Pa., but without the final "h" because of its similar position in the coal mining and smelters area.

MOUNT OREAD—The hill on which Kansas university is located was named by F. Fuller, an architect, who inscribed on his tent in August, 1854, the name "Mount Oread" in memory of Mount Oread seminary, Worcester, Mass., which was founded by Eli Thayer, benefactor of the Emigrant Aid society.

ARGONIA—Named for the Greek ship, Argo, in which Jason and his companions sailed in quest of the golden fleece.

ARKANSAS RIVER—River, first sighted by Spaniards of the Coronado expedition in 1541, was called by one the "River of Quivera." Marquette, the French explorer, named it the "Arkansas." Mexicans called it the "Rio Napete." In 1700 William Delisle labeled it the "Arkansas" and Emanuel Bowen's map of 1752 listed it as the "Rio Das Arkansas." In 1757 Le Page du Pratz' map designated it as the Arkansas, probably one of the earliest spellings of the present name.

ALMENA—This Norton county town was named by Mrs. Mary Hall in memory of her old home town, Almene, Mich. She was the wife of Jim Hall, in whose honor the first post office in the county was established when the town was settled in 1871.

MENUS

Of the Day

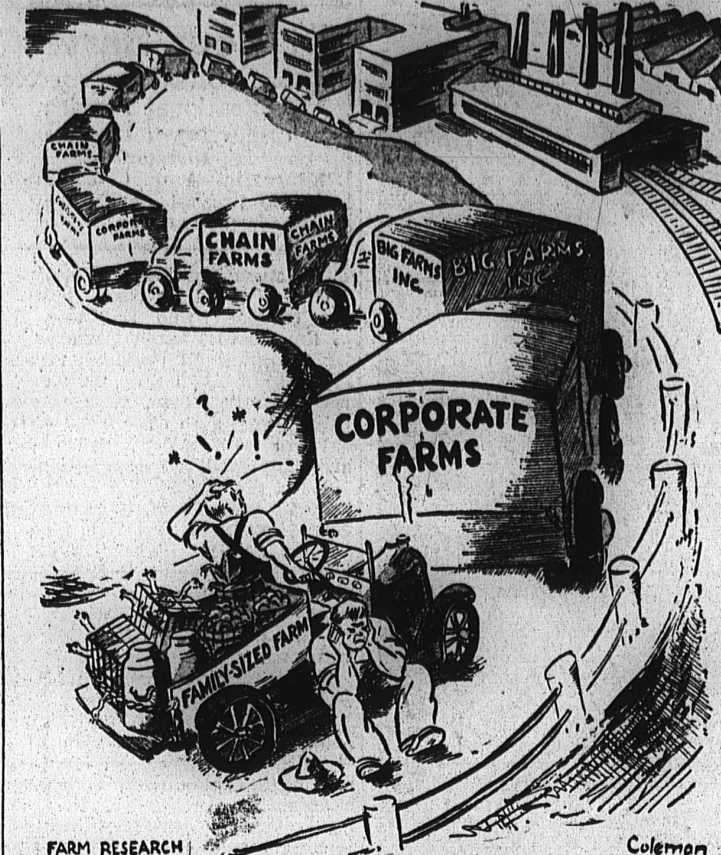
By MRS. ALEXANDER GEORGE
As the dessert—so goes the meal.

Dinner Menu
Hot Mushroom Broth
Toasted Waters
Roast Beef Browned Potatoes
Buttered Sauté Cabbage
Brown Gravy Spiced Apples
Bread Endive Jelly
Mocha Pecan Dessert Coffee

Standing Rib Roast
2 ribs beef ¼ teaspoon pepper
(about 6½ pounds) 2 tablespoons flour
1 teaspoon salt
Wipe off the beef with a damp cloth. Sprinkle with the seasonings and flour and place, fat side up, in an open roaster. Roast in a moderately slow oven (325 degrees)—about 20 minutes per pound for rare, about 25 minutes per pound for "medium" and about 35 minutes per pound for "well done."

Mocha Pecan Dessert
(With Swissback Crust)
2 cups rolled ½ teaspoon cinnamon
swissback (unsweetened) 5 tablespoons butter, melted
¼ cup sugar
Mix the ingredients. Reserve a cupful and sprinkle the rest on the bottom and sides of a shallow glass dish (9-inch pie dish is excellent). Add the filling.

Filling
1 cup granulated sugar 1½ cups freshly made coffee
¾ cup flour 1 teaspoon strong
¾ teaspoon salt 1 teaspoon vanilla
3 egg yolks ½ cup pecans
beaten
Mix sugar, flour and salt. Add the yolks and coffee and cook until thick and creamy in a double boiler. Stir frequently. Add the rest of the ingredients and pour into the crust.



State Board's Annual Report

By Ross Palenske, Alma
Chairman

To the members of the Kansas Farmers Union convention assembled at Parsons, Kansas, October 30, 1940. Your State Board submits the following report.

Several misunderstandings have arisen in the past year as to resolutions and other reports given in the annual convention of one year ago at WaKeeney. Resultantly, more time will be planned for discussion. A skeleton resolution committee was named, composed of five members, one member from each director district, being named by the directors, to reach Parsons in advance of this meeting.

This committee was planned to formulate plans, work various resolutions presented and with members later added to the committee to make reports and post resolutions where members of the convention can study the content before any vote is taken.

The board desires to maintain our paper as an educational medium with full and free power to analyze any subject pertaining to agriculture, but in no way and under no circumstances act as a sales or merchandising medium for any federal farm agency or any private institution which might benefit from the swaying of farm opinion.

Our people should be able to look upon the Kansas Union Farmer as a reliable and dependable agent of organized agriculture. We can maintain our forum and in that Forum, any signed article which can pass postal inspection should be printed.

Our Farmers Union Institute planned for Salina in early spring did not materialize; however, if more time had been available better understanding. It is now believed the institute could have been carried out with success.

The executive committee, after considerable investigation, bought a picture machine and have been taking pictures of our work, our people, and our activities to be used by the Union in the future.

The Junior Camp was carried out as planned at Eureka Lake park in 1940 and plans are already under way for 1941.

The condition of the State Union has been a matter of serious concern of the State Board, and all loyal Union members for some time. The board has asked Secretary Troutman to post in the convention room, comparisons for the last several years. These comparisons are for members only and will be removed at the close of the executive session Thursday, 12 o'clock noon, October 31.

As of September 30, 1940, the membership was 3,597, or a loss of 321. The net gain for state office activity during the period closed was \$543.56.

In all the years of our existence we have struggled for equality. Today the need is even more urgent. We need our class organization and our organization needs us. The fight will continue until

either we or our opponents are entirely defeated.

The national government has sought to make all states one people. In like respect, all classes should be one great society, meeting on a common ground. We have in the past produced a little more than all peoples in our country needed to live. The unneeded part has been called a surplus and used to depress the prices of all that was absolutely necessary to maintain life. We producers, here assembled, are asking only for our place in American society.

It was to this end that all activity of the state board and our Kansas Union Farmer has been directed.

While the war lords reign over Europe, the American Legion and Auxiliary care for a past not yet forgotten, and weary Gold Star Mothers spend their fading years in sadness or alone, may we as Farmers Union folk do all in our power to preserve a country founded on equality, that the future generations it shall not have perished from the earth.

Signed: Ross Palenske, Reuben E. Peterson, W. E. Roesch, Geo. W. Reinhardt, and Ray Henry.

THE PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT

(Continued from Page One)

Farmers Union on the Board of the Farmers Union Livestock Commission Company of St. Joseph and two Auto Truck Insurance conferences, the State Fair at Hutchinson a full week with our booth, also attended Governor Ratner's Water Conservation Convention in Topeka taking exception to the methods now being employed by water conservancy in Kansas, also directing attention to the ruthless practices employed in the petroleum industries in drilling and operation of oil wells, abandoned wells and coring operations through their failure to maintain use of core drilling machinery for exploration purposes.

We made several attempts to reorganize a Farmers Union Elevator at Miltonvale, Kansas, and failed because of the lack of local interest. We realize the need and benefits to be derived from a Farmers Union Creamery and since the Nebraska Creameries are now contributing so much to our membership lists in Northern Kansas, we contracted the Board of Directors at Aurora, Nebraska, and invited them to come across the state line into Kansas.

The invitation being accepted by our Nebraska folks if a suitable location can be had in the territory in which there was a desire or interest among the farmers in the project. We conducted a survey but were unable to interest farmers to support the project with contracts or financial backing. Realizing the importance and the value of a real farmers creamery connection in Kansas we solicit the assistance of cooperators in any section of the state in this worthwhile project. I wish to assure the membership groups of the Kansas Farmers Union that I have given my entire time during the year to our organization. My headquarters and office is being maintained in my home at Lincolnville, 60 miles from the state office in Salina.

During the past year as near as I can determine from my records I have drawn and received pay for 144 days of service including the week of the WaKeeney Convention. During the past year I have worked at the office 15 days which includes the meetings of the State Board and conferences of our State Board with the committee from the Farmers Union Managerial Association in the development of our study and discussion topics. The membership in the Kansas Farmers Union indicates another decline for the year. Because of strict economy and sacrifice on the part of our official family we have closed the year in the black with what we consider a very substantial financial gain. To me it is self evident that the life line of the Farmers Union is anchored in our successful co-operatives as a means of self help for farmers believing that they represent the first line of defense in sound economic stability and that the check off system which confines the benefits of our co-operatives to our membership in good standing to be the soundest investment of cooperatives which they can possibly make. It guarantees an organized cooperative minded group of producer stockholders, capable of solving their marketing problems themselves.

To my mind and from my observations in Kansas and other states the real cooperative, plus the check off system spells life insurance for the farmer and the Farmers Union and may I cite some examples that are outstanding as positive proof of this assertion. Our Farmers Union in Kansas is very largely centralized around such cooperatives. Now we could direct your attention to specific localities in supporting this theory for instance District No. 1, Clay County, 12 locals a county union and 454 members; Cloud County, with 6 locals and 146 members; Ellsworth, 9 locals, 230 members; Mitchell four locals with 48 members; Pottawatomie County three locals 47 members; In District No. 2, Penoche and Graham County the jewel of the Kansas short grass locals with 144 members. District No. three, Allen County 2 locals, 85 members; Miami County 64 members; Osage County 50, District No. 4, Cowley County four locals, 121 members; McPherson County nine locals 383 members; Sedwick county one local 95 members. District No. five, Stafford seven locals 141 members.

Maybe we should call your attention to our neighbor Farmers Union states with large Farmers Union memberships and find without exception their success can be attributed to the successful co-operatives confining the benefits to Farmers Union memberships. I wish to bring to your attention the membership in our sister state to the South—Oklahoma. Their co-operatives are very closely bound together using the check off system and the Farmers Union Insurance Company not only requiring Farmers Union membership but that Farmers Union dues be paid annually or their policy is invalid.

To the North we have the wonderful Farmers Union organization in Nebraska with all their co-operatives working very closely with the parent organization, their wonderful Farmers Union Creamery system while dealing with and soliciting the patronage of producers generally confined to the ownership of its stock and the benefit of patronage refunds to the Farmers Union membership in good standing. The Farmers Union Insurance Company of Nebraska is also on a membership basis. To the North I wish to mention North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana, and Wisconsin where the check off system involves more of the cooperatives and in addition it is a common practice for local cooperatives to contribute 5 per cent of their earnings to an educational fund which is divided 40 per cent to the county union and 60 per cent to the state organization being used for educational and organization purposes. Would not your program be successful in our neighboring states function as well in Kansas as elsewhere?

We realize the value and necessity of the organization of our Junior groups. We have cooperated to the fullest extent with our Junior leader and given every possible assistance and encouragement to our Junior educational program. We find it impossible to build Farmers Union members or Junior Organizations except in those communities surrounded by successful cooperatives.

At the WaKeeney Convention, I made several recommendations to the membership, the only one to survive the ordeal, being number 5 regarding the purchase of motion picture equipment. This we have done and a Farmers Union Picture show is being built up. Believing there is the need for recommendation number 3, "That we hold district quarterly meetings to afford district discussions of our problems and programs, to facilitate contacts between our membership and our local and state wide business facilities." This subject seems to me to be worthy of the consideration of the delegates and committees of this convention.

Since we have our Managerial meetings in series, why not arrange for them in counties having large and successful cooperatives, inviting their managers, officers, stockholders and Farmers Union folks, making it an all-day affair. In this way our stockholders and membership would become acquainted with and know more about our Farmers Union Livestock Commission companies, the Farmers Union Jobbing Association, the Farmers Union Mutual Life and Property Insurance Companies and those who represent them. I am anxious to have suggestions from our Managerial Association and our state wide business organizations.

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SOME FUN, THIS SUN.—The nation's youngest "quads," the Badgett in Galveston, turned "glamor girl," posing in their first swim suits. They are Joyce, Jeanette, Jeraldine, Joan Badgett.

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EDUCATIONAL GUIDANCE

State Department Recommends Program for Junior High Schools

WASHINGTON, (AP)—Kansas' department of education is recommending a program of educational guidance for all Kansas junior high schools, and is placing increasing emphasis on vocational life. This was recognized in a report of the office of education which reviewed occupational and guidance programs of the nation's school systems. It declared the specific task of vocational guidance was to lead youths toward careers suited to their desires and capabilities.

The Kansas education department believes group educational guidance should use one period a week and be supplemented by conferences with the pupil and his parents, the report related. It asserted problems in vocational guidance could best be considered in the review of vocations. A project for improvement of instruction in Kansas has been under way for three years, the office of education pointed out.

OPEN SEASON ON ROAD SIGNS

SAN FRANCISCO, (AP)—The deer and duck hunting seasons are not welcomed by the California State Automobile association, which erects the official road signs.

The period is regularly marked by extensive damage to signs. The association offers a standing reward for identification of guilty marksmen.

TREE NOTE FOR TODAY

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK. (AP)—The historic President Arthur tree near Old Faithful Inn in Yellowstone National park has been turned into firewood. It was felled by high winds recently. President Chester Arthur camped near the tree when he visited the park in 1883.

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J. P. Fengel, Lincolnville, Kansas.

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JUST A WHIM
AUBURN, Me., (AP)—Motorist Gilbert B. Caron of Lewiston told Auburn police that a passing car horse reared, swerved toward his car and raked one side of the machine from front fender to door with his forelegs. The car was dented badly. The horse, unharmed, placidly went his way.

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