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General Movement Toward Ellis By Kansas Farmers

LOOK FOR LARGE CROWDS TO MEET FOR CONVENTION

Convention is Further West than in any Previous Year; Goes to Southeast Kansas in 1935, with Selection by Ballot

IMPROVEMENTS MADE

Highlights Include Activity Reports and Talks by Everson, Farrell, Cowden, Sfranek, Cheek, Miller, Lawter and Others

This paper goes to press just as there is a general movement among Kansas Farmers Union folks toward Ellis, Kansas. If the number of delegates' credentials received ahead of time is any indication, this 1934 annual convention of the Kansas Farmers Union, being the twenty-ninth in number, will be attended by one of the largest crowds gathered for this occasion for several years.

The annual convention goes further west this year than at any previous year, according to old timers who have been attending year after year. However, at one time, several years ago, the convention met at Hays, which is in the same county—Ellis county.

It will be remembered that at the 1933 convention, held in Lawrence, the delegates voted to hold each succeeding convention in another district, progressing according to the numerical order of the five different districts. Ellis is in the second district, therefore the next convention will be in the third district, which lies in the southwestern part of the state. A referendum vote submitted following the Lawrence convention upheld this arrangement.

The same referendum vote provided that cities asking for the convention for the next year shall be voted on by ballot, and that the names of the contesting cities shall appear upon the ballot along with the names of the candidates for office.

Elsewhere in this issue of the paper will be found the names of the counties in the five different districts. It is thought this will be beneficial information for many delegates and members who may not be exactly clear in their minds as to just what counties constitute the various districts.

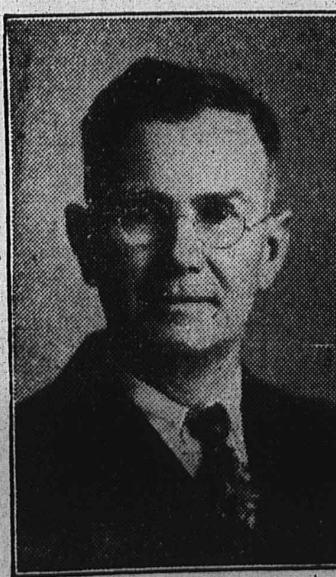
Improvements Evident

Reports of officials at the state convention will show a decided improvement in membership in the Kansas Farmers Union, comparing this year with last year. The reports will also show improvements in other ways, including the financial standing of the organization, and interest being taken by the members, Locals and other units of the Union.

One outstanding indication of the general improvement over 1933 is the fact that the "100 per cent Local" list, which shows all Locals reporting all of the previous year's total membership paid up this year, is greatly increased over the list at this time last year. The total number on the list this year, to date, is 150, whereas last year it was 98. Officials feel that there is no doubt but that this list will be materially increased by the first of the year, when a new list will be started. This list has been published from time to time in the Kansas Union Farmer throughout the year.

It will be remembered that at this time last year, the Kansas Farmers Union was just completing a statewide membership drive, in which a number of workers went into the various communities and started Local drives. In these Local drives, teams went out and made house to house canvasses. Earlier in the year of 1933, and in the late weeks of 1932,

Jobbing Association Manager



H. E. WITHAM

The National President



E. H. EVERSON

another drive had been put on in the form of a contest in which \$80 in prizes were offered, one cash prize to the county with the greatest percentage of its farm population signed up in the Farmers Union and another to the county with the greatest percentage increase in membership over the previous year.

This year, there has been no single membership drive conducted as such. However, many Local and county-wide drives have been carried on as a result of the organization and ground work laid last year.

Impressive Memorial Service

It is expected that one of the most impressive moments of the convention this year will come with the memorial service on Wednesday forenoon, which will be conducted by Congressman W. P. Lambertson of Fairview, a man who has been active in Kansas Farmers Union work for many years. The memorial service will be in memory of the late National Farmers Union president, John A. Simpson, who died in March this year, as well as commemorating the services and lives of others who have passed on during the year. Mr. Lambertson is especially well fitted to conduct such a service, for he was a close personal friend of Mr. Simpson as well as having been closely associated with him in Farmers Union work. Mr. Simpson was in Washington, D. C., fighting for the Farmers Union program, when he was fatally stricken.

Sfranek on Program

A late development with reference to the convention program came in the form of the announcement that Frank Sfranek, president of the Colorado Farmers Union, will be one of the speakers Thursday evening. Mr. Sfranek is an exceptionally forceful speaker and the convention is fortunate in being able to place him on the program.

State Union officials also announce that among the guest speakers will be Tom Cheek, president of the Oklahoma Farmers Union, and Zed Lawter, secretary of the Oklahoma organization. Mr. R. Miller, secretary of the Missouri Farmers Union and editor of the Missouri Farmers Union paper, will also speak. Other visitors of prominence are expected to come in from other states, although they cannot be definitely announced at the time this is being written.

Convention Highlights

Highlights of the convention, as far as the speaking is concerned, will come Wednesday and Thursday evenings. E. H. Everson, president of the National Farmers Union, speaks at 7:30 Wednesday evening. He will be followed by another man who has been much in the news of the United States for the last few years. This speaker is George E. Farrell, chief of the wheat section of the Agricultural Adjustment Act. The speakers Thursday evening will be Mr. Sfranek of Colorado and Howard A. Cowden, president of the Union Oil Company in North Kansas City.

Mr. Cowden returned only a few days ago from a world-wide cooperative conference in London. After the London conference, Mr. Cowden toured several European countries, gathering data on the development of cooperative purchasing and marketing. His report forms a most interesting lecture, which will be well worth hearing.

Other highlights, of course, will include the reports of the various cooperative business and marketing activities, including the Farmers Union Live Stock Commission Company, Jobbing Association, Cooperative Creamery Association, Auditing Association, insurance companies, Royalty Company, and others.

Dry mash feed for laying hens requires a certain amount of bulk for best results. In the absence of ground oats or barley, alfalfa meal and bran can be used as substitutes.

FARM INCOMES IN KANSAS INCREASE LAST TWO YEARS

In Spite of Lower Production of Live Stock and Principal Crops, Kansas Farmers Getting More for What They Have Produced

IN 1934, \$66,000,000

Benefits Coming to Kansans through AAA Benefit Payments Big Help; Not to Be Regarded as Gift, but as Fair Return

In spite of the fact that Kansas farmers have produced less this year than last, principally because of the tragic drought conditions, the gross incomes for Kansas farm products undoubtedly will be greater in 1934 than in 1933. Gross income from live stock and the principal crops in Kansas increased \$3,054,000 in 1933 over 1932. The probable increase this year is attributed generally to the continued upward progress of farm prices plus benefit payments which have come through the Agricultural Adjustment Administration.

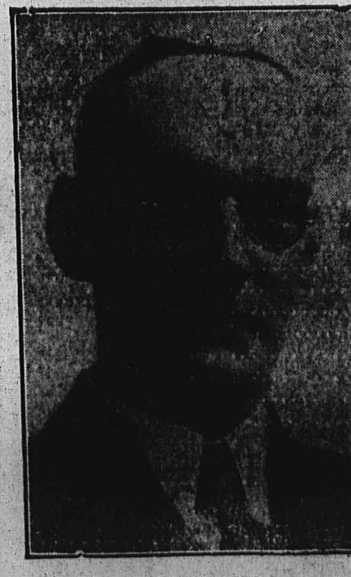
Reports from the AAA are to the effect that Kansas cooperators will have received a total of approximately \$66,000,000 in the form of benefit payments on wheat, corn, hog, tobacco and cotton, when these programs are completed. Of course, the tobacco and cotton payments do not amount to much in Kansas. This amount takes into consideration only those programs now in operation. It does not include the 1935 corn and hog program or the sugar beet program which will be launched soon. The remaining increase in farm income is due to the direct effects of the AAA, widespread drought, and other factors contributing to a better balance between supply and demand. It is pointed out that the AAA benefits are not gifts but are a part of the fair return that is made possible through adjusted production. Many farmers Union members see in these payments a definite step toward real cost of production, which the Farmers Union aims at.

KNOW YOUR DISTRICT

For the information of the delegates at the annual state convention, the various counties are here listed according to districts.

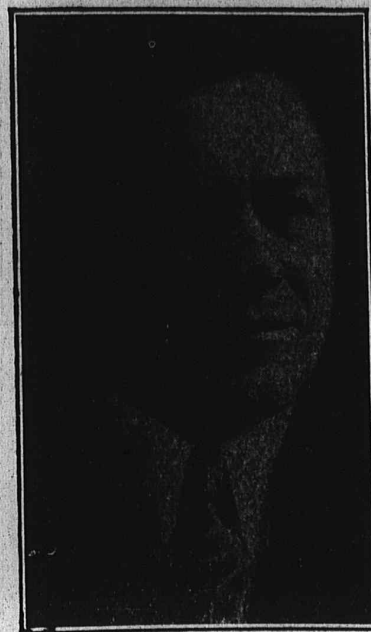
First District	Pottawatomie
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	Waukombe
	Ellsworth
	Republic
	Cloud
	Ottawa
	Saline
	Atchison
	Clay
	Jefferson
	Leavenworth
	Wyandotte
	Douglas
	Johnson
Second District	Decatur
	Sheridan
	Gove
	Rawlins
	Thomas
	Logan
	Cheyenne
	Sherman
	Wallace
Third District	Labette
	Osage
	Coffey
	Woodson
	Wilson
	Montgomery
	Greenwood
	Ellis
	Chautauqua
Fourth District	Sumner
	McPherson
	Rice
	Cowley
	Reno
	Kingman
	Harper
Fifth District	Finney
	Gray
	Meade
	Scott
	Barber
	Rush
	Pawnee
	Edwards
	Kiowa
	Comanche
	Ness
	Hodgeman
	Greeley
	Hamilton
	Stanton
	Clark
	Lane
	Morton

He Knows Auditing



T. B. DUNN

State President



CAL A. WARD

FIFTH BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY FOR FARMERS NATIONAL

Was Organized October 29 Five Years Ago and has been in Market Places for Four and a Half Years, and Handles about One-Fourth of Volume

AT LOW HANDLING COST

Farmers National Grain Corporation is five years old October 29, and has been in the market places four and a half years. Today it is handling about one bushel in every four that comes to terminal markets, and it has 37,000,000 bushels of terminal elevator space. Its operations require between 40 and 50 million dollars of operating capital a year, which factor fluctuates, depending on the volume handled and the price of grain. It is borrowing money in commercial channels for operations at an interest rate as favorable as that enjoyed by any competitor. It is in position at all times to handle a bushel of wheat at a cost as low as that of any other elevator, and it has the facilities to make the most of opportunities for enhancing the value of the grain handled.

Farmers National came into being as a result of farmer-demand for a national cooperative selling agency. Back of it stands the country elevator associations and the terminal associations that were built by these same country elevator groups. It is not only an influence in price determination, but it is an influence in making the rules of the game under which the great grain crops of this country find a market.

Born on the eve of the worst depression yet recorded, its business history will compare favorably with that of other corporations comparable in size and importance. The farmer is getting closer to terminal market prices today than ever before, as a result of its existence, not to mention the multitude of intangible benefits that accrue when 250,000 producers march abreast. It is the farmer's rock of defense against a selfish world. He is supporting it faithfully, and will continue to do so, without doubt. It is the farmer's ally who have any fear that he will go back to the conditions that once prevailed in the grain-handling industry—conditions so intolerable that farmers were forced to organize in self-defense.

DRILL TEAM IN DEMAND

The picture of the drill team of the Zephyr Farmers Union, Conway Springs, is shown elsewhere in this paper. Weir, secretary of the team, October 5, 1934, A. A. Reeside, secretary of the Local and captain of the team, said:

"I am sending you a picture of what we think is the first, if not the only Drill Team of the Farmers Union in Kansas.

"We feel proud of the team and of the fact that we were called upon to represent Conway Springs on their annual booster trip, advertising the Conway Springs Fair. On the 26th of September we were taken to Norwich, Kansas, and drilled there in the afternoon in the ball park, and in the evening of the same day we were taken to Caldwell, Kansas, where the Caldwell Fair was going on, drilling before a very large crowd.

"We drill again this evening, the 5th, at Conway Springs on the large dance platform erected in the center of the fair grounds. The boys get quite a kick out of this, and get quite a bit of free advertising for the Farmers Union.

"This picture was taken just before starting on our trip, and shows us in front of our Farmers Union service station."

There will be a shortage of seed of all adapted varieties of sorghums next year. That makes it imperative that every farmer not only save whatever seed he has left from last year's planting, but that he also save what seed has developed in his fields this year. Seed from the few heads which developed this year contains qualities of drought resistance needed in Kansas crops. The heads need not be mature; in fact, satisfactory seed can be secured from heads that have reached the hard dough stage if they are properly cured and stored.

FARMERS NATIONAL FINANCE AGREEMENT GROWING IN FAVOR

Started by Farmers National in 1932, Used by 29 Cooperative Elevators that Year, and by 82 During Past Season

TELLS HOW IT WORKS

H. E. Witham in Statement Points out Advantages of Plan for Co-operators; Has Been Big Help in Every Instance

"The man who shows me how to escape a loss, and who, at the same time, shows me how I can make money, wins my friendship on two counts," says H. E. Witham, manager of the Farmers Union Jobbing Association, in a recent statement. He goes on to say: "That is exactly what the finance agreement of Farmers National Grain Corporation is doing for farmer-elevator associations. The present finance contract is an outgrowth and improvement of the plan that terminal cooperative sales agencies used to use in financing member-stockholders that were without sufficient operating capital. It was instituted by Farmers National on June 27, 1932, and was used that season by 29 farmer-cooperative elevators. This past season, 82 elevators in this territory were using this means of financing themselves. With a good crop in 1935, the number no doubt will be increased to 100 or more.

"The finance agreement is a contract between Farmers National Grain Corporation and the farmers' elevator association. Farmers National merely furnishes its check book to the association for use in purchasing grain. All grain purchased becomes the property of Farmers National at time of purchase. The manager, who is bonded, reports daily to Farmers National by mail. When his purchases total 500 bushels or more a day, he wires in the amount, and it is hedged immediately. Farmers National bids the price it will pay for grain, based on the market. At whatever price below the bid price the elevator is able to buy grain from farmers, that constitutes its handling margin. If the bid to the elevator is \$1 a bushel, and the elevator can buy wheat at 97 cents, that three-cent difference belongs to the elevator association.

"Under such a plan, the managers find it easy to keep their purchases hedged and their buying margin cinched. In off seasons, when the movement is light, the elevator association operating on its own account used to have difficulty in keeping a profit while accumulating a carload. The market, between the time the manager bought his first 100 bushels and the last 100 bushels in a carload, might have slipped enough to wipe out any profit he may have had in his early purchases. Under the finance plan, in periods of light movement, it is easy to aggregate the purchases made at 32 cents per bushel and sell that volume of futures, thus making safe any margin of profit the associations may have had in the grain.

"The finance agreement, we have found, works equally well in reverse. To help these elevators keep their doors open, and continue to give service to farmers, Farmers National is shipping corn to those stations where it will move at competitive rates, to be resold by the elevators to their farmer-patrons. Managers report to Farmers National as and when the corn is sold. It is providing a service to farmers at a time when corn is scarce at any price, and is giving the participating elevators a chance to pay their way.

"In addition to these factors, the finance agreement is tending to improve the quality of management at many points. In the old days, when a farmer drove his wagon on the scales, if he happened to be a good fellow, and his wheat tested almost 57 pounds to the bushel, the elevator manager would grade it No. 2 and pay him for it on that basis. That was common practice in those days with all the grades, and may be even now with some managers, but it cannot be regarded as good business.

"If the manager came to the end of the year with a profit, in spite of careless grading, he patted himself on the back. If he came to the end of the year with a loss, too often he didn't know how the loss had been made.

"The farmer is entitled to credit for every pound of wheat he brings

Live Stock Firm Manager



G. W. HOBBS

However, it should be remembered that there is a shrinkage in grain-handling that must be considered by every elevator manager, amounting usually to 1 per cent, or a fraction of 1 per cent, of the grain handled. Under the finance agreement, the shrinkage is known at the end of every month, rather than at the end of the year, as was the case when the elevator was buying on its own account. This fact has tended to minimize losses from shrinkage by inducing more careful weighing of each load handled.

"Under the finance agreement, the manager is checked on an average of every 30 days. If he has a loss from over-grading, shrinkage, or for any other reason, the loss is paid then. He paid the loss in the old days, of course, but he didn't know about it until the end of the year, and then frequently blamed it on the wrong factor. This way he knows how he stands every 30 days. That fact keeps him 'on his toes' all the time, on a basis that will take care of shrinkage, and that will stand up as to grade in the terminal markets, without in any way penalizing the producer.

"The finance agreement is about the safest course for an elevator association that it is possible to devise. There is no speculation on the grain handled. If it is purchased at a profit that margin is hedged. It brings the hedging facilities of the terminal markets to the door of the country elevator in 50 and 100 bushel lots, where, without it, the manager would be forced to go unhedged or lapse into speculation by selling more futures than he had in the way of cash grain on hand. It has proved so

for us continuing their operation under it even though they have money enough, with small borrowings, to finance themselves.

"While it may be possible to find instances where our bids were out of line with the market, I think it is safe to say that, taking a whole season under consideration, our bids are in line with those of competitors. Not only that, but when one weighs the services that Farmers National is giving under the plan, and the improvement in elevator operations that has been brought about under it, there is no wonder that our financed list has been and is increasing from year to year. It can be recommended to every elevator that needs financial assistance, to every elevator that wants to get away from speculation in its handlings, and to every elevator that wants its operations checked every 30 days, with a few suggestions on management methods."

KINNEY WRITES JONAS AGAIN

Hon. Jonas Slicker, M. C.
House of Representatives Office Bldg.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Jonas:

I saw by the papers the other day that you are going back to the old home town to make a speech in opposition to the "New Deal," and to the A.A.A. in particular. I have not been back there for a good many years, but have kept in rather close touch with conditions there, and I am afraid you will be disappointed with your reception as an apostle of liberty.

Something like four hundred thousand dollars in wheat allotment checks has just been distributed in the old home county, and they will soon receive half as much again in corn and hog checks; I feel sure that those hard-headed farmers out there will be able to figure out some connection between those checks and the "New Deal."

I hope, Jonas, that some time during your speech, you will tell those old friends of ours something about your connections in the world of finance and industry. For instance, it might be interesting news to them to learn of your connection with one of the large packing companies, your ownership of a large block of stock, your handsome salary as attorney for the company, and the second salary which you receive as a member of the board of directors.

You might also explain to them how it was that last year, in spite of the fact that the farmers received the lowest price on record for their livestock, that the packers made the largest net profit they had made for years.

I hope, Jonas, that no one in the old home town twits you about the Merchants and Farmers Club which you organized soon after you hung out your shingle to practice law. In those days we did not know anything about chambers of commerce, and commercial clubs, but you called a meeting of the merchants and farmers and told them what a good thing it would be if they would all get together and organize a club where they could meet and discuss the welfare of the town and country. Well, we organized, and raised a fund of five hundred dollars, and pledged a

CHINCH BUGS ARE READY TO START SPRING CAMPAIGN

Farmers Can Curb Next Year's Damage Now by Taking Care of Winter Chinch Bug Headquarters on the Farms

BURN GRASS CLUMPS

Bugs Did Great Deal of Damage Last Summer, and Number in Air Now Indicates Large Number to Contend with Next Year

While Kansas Farmers Union folks are in Ellis attending a convention in which they are making plans for another year's work, our old acquaintances, the chinch bugs, are holding conventions back home and making plans for their spring and summer campaigns.

The bugs are flying now, and are moving from the sorghum fields to their winter headquarters, which they will take up in tall clumps of grass. They will spend the winter in neglected fields, in fence rows and in tall bunches of grass out in the pastures, where the cattle did not eat them off.

Cleaning up these harboring places for chinch bugs and burning the tall grass clumps in the pastures will pay big dividends in next year's wheat, corn and other crops, say those who make a study of the actions of the lowly chinch bugs.

Chinch bugs did serious damage in the wheat and corn fields in the eastern part of Kansas, beginning in May this year. They moved from the small grain earlier than usual because of the dry weather. Farmers got busy and built barriers, but some of the bugs crossed even the best of barriers to reach the corn. In some cases, the corn died out before the first generation of bugs matured, but in other fields the first generation reached maturity and moved to sorghum fields to raise another family. Some cane and kafir fields have been infested since the first of August. The number of the little pests now winging their way toward their winter headquarters indicates that Kansas farmers will face a serious chinch bug problem next spring, unless the wintering places of the bugs are destroyed now.

HOPEWELL MEETING

A nice crowd attended the regular meeting of the Hopewell Farmer's Union held last week. The meeting was opened with the usual song and reading of the minutes, and the program consisted of talks by A. D. Fitch and Will Mangus on the good of the order; a reading on the live stock and feed situation by A. P. Shinneman, a report of the Manhattan meeting by B. F. Kooser and G. F. Tagarden, and other interesting talks.

Pearl Anderson was in charge of the entertainment program, which consisted of the following: Readings and recitations were given by Marion Shinneman, Delores Anderson, Merle Tagarden, George Tellook, David Mangus and Miss Ruth Tidwell; Rachel Mangus, Nava Tagarden, David Mangus, Alva Tagarden and Maurice Kooser presented a short dialogue; a piano-clarinete duet was played by Pearl Anderson and Glen Leupold; the audience sang a special prohibition song; and H. A. Tidwell and T. H. Farrar closed the program with some piano and violin music.

A resolution was presented later in the evening which read as follows: "Resolved that the Hopewell Local No. 809 go on record as being opposed to any corn-hog plan for 1935 and for our debate to offer same resolution at the State meeting."

Following the usual social hour a delicious lunch was served. The next meeting will be held November 2nd, with pumpkin pie and doughnuts as refreshments.

like sum each year. You were elected secretary-treasurer to serve without pay. (This was your suggestion.)

I would not say that there were no benefits derived from this club, but it dragged along for five years and then you resigned to go east to enter upon your real career as corporation attorney. When your books were audited, we found them in perfect balance; you had charged twenty dollars per year for office supplies and miscellaneous expense, and four hundred and eighty dollars per year for legal services.

Your old school mate,
A. M. Kinney.

At World Co-op. Congress



HOWARD A. COWDEN

State Vice President



A. M. KINNEY

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SALINA, KANSAS, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 1934

WHY WE MAKE PROGRESS

Whatever real progress has been made, in the efforts of the Farmers Union to accomplish its program and to attain its objectives, must be credited to the spirit of cooperation as manifested by the membership. When we meet in Ellis this week in our annual meeting, we will review things that have been done, and we will make plans for carrying on an active, aggressive and militant campaign for the coming year.

In this review and in making these plans, we shall keep in mind that our actions as a group are based on certain underlying principles which are older than our organization. Every farmer who joins our organization subscribes to these principles and agrees—voluntarily—to do what he can to put these principles into effect. It is because several thousand Kansas farmers are thinking and acting as a group, with certain well defined objectives in view, that we are able to adopt a unified program with a good chance to carry it to completion. It is not because they select certain leaders; rather, it is because all believe in the same principles and all get behind a certain program.

We as a Farmers Union have been able to make our influence felt, and have been able to make our program effective for good to our class, during the past year. This has been possible because our program lines up with the basic principles mentioned in our National Farmers Union preamble. Let us keep it that way.

Our Basic Principles

Just to refresh our memories, let us see what these basic principles are:

"To establish justice; to secure equity; to apply the Golden Rule.

"To discharge the credit and mortgage system.

"To assist our members in buying and selling. To educate the agricultural classes in scientific farming. To teach farmers the classification of crops, domestic economy, and the process of marketing.

"To systematize methods of production and distribution.

"To eliminate gambling in farm products by boards of trade and other speculators.

"To bring farming up to the standard of other industries and business enterprises. To secure and maintain profitable and uniform prices for cotton, grain and live stock and other products of the farm.

"To strive for harmony and good will among all mankind, and brotherly love among ourselves.

"To garner the tears of the distressed, the blood of martyrs, the laugh of innocent childhood, the sweat of honest labor and the virtue of a happy home, as the brightest jewels known."

COOPERATIVE PACKING PLANT?

A Farmers Union cooperative packing plant, to be farmer-owned and

Secretary-Treasurer



FLOYD H. LYNN

THE LADIES AUXILIARY TO THE F. E. & C. U. OF A.

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Vice Pres. Mrs. C. Y. Johnson.....Garnet, Kans.
Sec'y-Treas. Mrs. Everett Alquist.....Clay Center, Kans.
Junior Organizer, Mrs. Wm. Campbell.....Kincaid, Kans.
Chaplain Miss Emma Mall.....Clay Center, Kans.

Any one wishing help or information on organizing a Ladies Auxiliary, please write Mrs. Walter Hammel.

operated, is being considered by a group of Farmers Union members near Norfolk, Nebraska, according to a recent issue of the Norfolk Press. The project was discussed at a county Farmers Union meeting held in Norfolk.

Norfolk was suggested as a location for the plant, in case it is started. It was declared at the meeting that a cooperative packing plant would give the farmer his share of the profits which are now poured into the hands of the middleman and the big packers. It was pointed out by the members that other enterprises in the cooperative field, sponsored by the Farmers Union, have been successful. It was agreed that money for the venture could be raised from among the members.

The cooperative packing plant idea is not new in the middle west. Anton Peterson of Greenleaf, Kansas, has advanced the idea several times. It is generally conceded that the venture would pay in many ways, especially if there could be found a sufficient number of farmers who are as good cooperators as is Anton Peterson.

At any rate, we shall watch the Norfolk developments with a great deal of interest.

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

CAL A. WARD

President Kansas Farmers Union

ANOTHER MILESTONE

We have reached another milestone in the history of the Kansas Farmers Union. Our successes, failures and mistakes are a matter of record. By the time this issue of the paper reaches our readers we will be assembled in our twenty-ninth annual convention. Hundreds of Farmers Union members from over the state will meet together in Ellis and enjoy a good time for a few days. Folks will renew old acquaintances and make new ones. They will discuss the past, present and future of the Farmers Union.

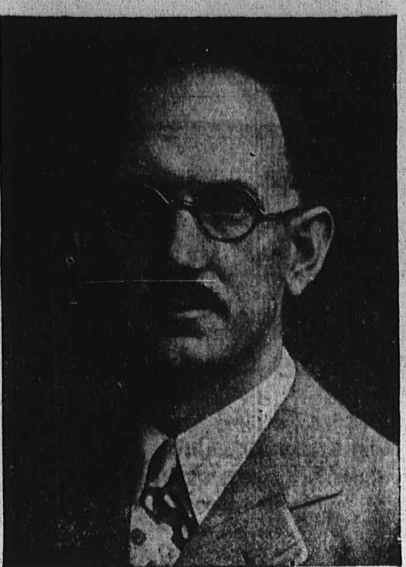
All of this is timely and in place, for that is the reason for which we are brought together. Every citizen of this country is challenged to do his best, at the present time. The patriotism and loyalty of the American people in general are to be commended. From the depths of our souls, we want better times, more happiness and continued security. We are agreed on principle but many times we face conflict as we differ on methods. These fundamentals are applicable to every class of society, all units of government and, in fact, all types of progressive endeavor.

The Farmers Union of Kansas is meeting together at Ellis to analyze the results which have come from our program of last year. Based upon our past experiences, we will develop a program for the ensuing year. There will be differences of opinion. Arguments will be presented before the committees and from the floor of the convention. The delegates will be the jurors in the case and the minority will subscribe to the majority. Then we will go forward for another year.

Leadership of the Kansas Farmers Union, as well as in other collective bodies, are constantly put on the spot. Many times we have to give a definite answer, yes or no, within a few moments' time. It is humanly impossible for any leader always to take the right step, or to give the right opinion on every occasion.

The militancy of the Farmers Union, over a period of years has developed a type of leadership within our organization who most usually readily give an answer, and reasons

Creamery Manager



O. W. SCHELL

for so doing, to our many perplexing problems.

The reports of the state officials and the business managers will conclusively show that the Kansas Farmers Union has made progress the past year. We ask our members to study these reports carefully. The Kansas Farmers Union is respected for its sanity and the future constructive progress of our organization will depend upon a type of leadership, both within the counties and the state, which will not be led astray or brushed off our forward march by

Property Insurance Mgr.



W. J. SPENCER



FRANK CARLSON

R. F. D. No. 1, Concordia, Kansas

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W. P. LAMBERTSON

for

CONGRESS—FIRST DISTRICT

Lambertson has fought for Farmers Union principles straight through his years of service in Congress.

His record includes vice presidency of Kansas Farmers Union and member National Union board. A real "dirt farmer" Congressman from Kansas. (Political Advertising)

every 'fly-by-night' scheme which is here today and gone tomorrow. The constructive program of the Kansas Farmers Union is being observed throughout many of our states.

I plead for even a greater degree of loyalty and cooperation on the part of our members, that the benefits derived, both visible and invisible, shall always stand as a living monument of our eternal desire to be helpful.

LAMOREAUX LOCAL MEETING
Lamoreaux Local met Oct. 19. The meeting was conducted by Vice-President Irtis Ward, the president, R. C. Syplard, being ill.

After the business session in which several items of importance were taken care of, the following program was given:

Music: Mr. Millington and sons; reading, Everett Dykes; violin solo, Della Titus with Mrs. Roy Beagley accompanying; reading, Jesse Dye; song, Edna Webb; musical duet, Mrs. Roy Beagley and Mr. Thompson. Refreshments were then served.

The next meeting night is to be Nov. 2.

Leota Burns, Reporter, Stafford, Kansas.

RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY

Whereas God in His all wise providence has seen fit to remove from our midst Mr. J. M. Miller, a member of Center local 2132.

Therefore be it resolved that we, the members extend our sincere sympathy to the bereaved family in their time of sorrow.

Be it further resolved that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, a copy sent to the Kansas Union Farmer for publication and a copy spread upon the minutes at our next local meeting.

J. T. Watson
Floyd L. Zuker.
Sam Gard

FOR A SECOND TERM



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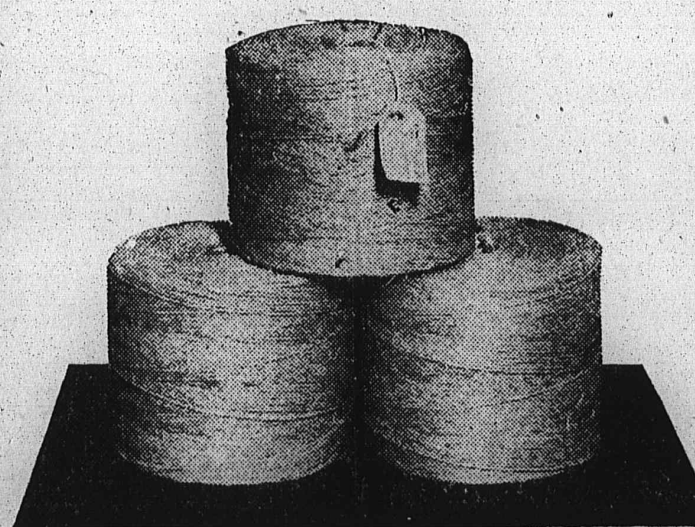
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A VOTE against the AAA was a vote against you, Mr. Citizen of the Seventh District.

Your present Congressman voted against the Agricultural Adjustment Act. The provisions for the Wheat Allotment plan were included in the Adjustment Bill when Mr. Hope voted against it, as shown on page 682 of the Congressional Record.

In his speech against that Bill, he said: "There are no two ways about it; if the farmer gets a higher price for his products, some one has to pay for it."

He also said, "You are simply going to put a tax on the American people which will be of no benefit in any way to the farmer."

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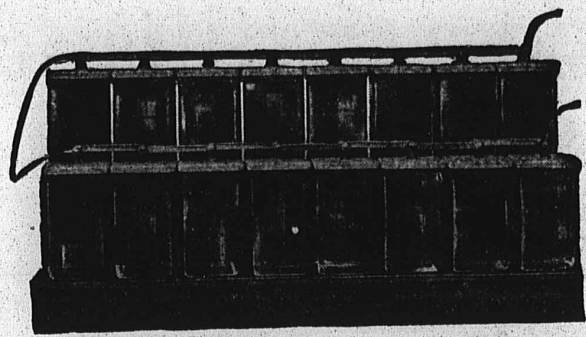
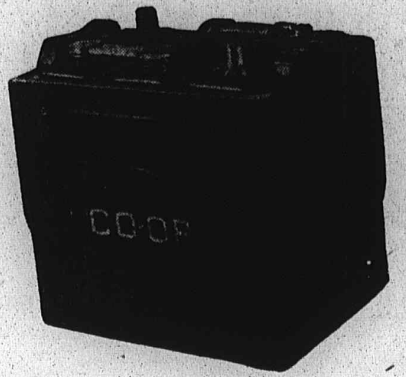
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Stanley Sedgwick, Coffey co, 14 h 680	6.35
Pete Boquin, Lyon co, 20 st 1000	6.25
Peter Thome Jr, Wab. co 42 st 1142	6.25
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Fred Bangs, Greenwood co 30 hf 779	6.10
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Schringer Bros, McPh. co 50 st 1136	5.60
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Gaughan Bros, Lyon co, 24 st, 967	4.75
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Let us restore confidence in state government in Kansas by electing an honest leader who knows the problems of the common citizen of Kansas.