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Patton Urges AFL to Aid in Getting A Food Program

Same Coalition of Big Farmers and Business Interests Is Fighting Labor and Small Farmers to Tighten Economic Controls During the War Period, He Tells Convention

Labor and small farmers are alike targets of a coalition of big agriculture, banks, insurance interests, processors, distributors and the U. S. Chamber of Commerce seeking to gain new and undemocratic economic powers in the United States during the war, President James G. Patton told a conference on Food and Nutrition at the annual convention of the American Federation of Labor in Boston, Mass., on October 9.

He urged labor to continue to assist working farmers in legislative affairs, as it has in the past.

"This coalition, which vetoes all-out food production and dictates piecemeal substitutes wholly inadequate to meet war and post-war food needs, will, if successful, weaken and destroy rural economic democracy and, in the cities, that is the history of fascism in other countries. That will be its history here unless this control over our government is broken.

Fight Labor's Ends

"This coalition does not limit itself to food production policies as such. It proposes to dictate prices, prohibit subsidies, freeze wages and increase the hours of work, before overtime begins, to 54 per week.

"This coalition was formed in September, 1942, for the immediate purpose of opposing the Economic Stabilization Bill. It was attended by members of every national farm organization except the Farmers Union and it was addressed by the President of the United States chamber of commerce who assured the conference that his organization would rally local chambers of commerce in opposition to the president's bill to avoid inflation.

"Enactment of this measure was not accepted by this coalition. It has continued to fight and sabotage this act at every step and in every manner possible. It is still fighting it. It has won important victories at the expense of the people's interest and the effective prosecution of the war."

Small Farmers
Are Counted Out
"While it is true that food pro-

Farmers, Labor Welfare Linked

In his address to the A. F. of L. food conference, President James C. Patton quoted a recent statement of Vice-President Wallace, in which the vice-president said:

"I have noticed that in the last 20 years farm income and labor income go up and down together. I have noticed that anything that cuts labor's income cuts the income of all farmers, except those on the export market. I have also noticed that agricultural legislation has been dependent upon the votes of Congressmen representing labor constituencies. . . . The important thing is that both of these great groups work together for their mutual welfare and in so doing they will serve the welfare of the whole nation."

duction has increased 25 per cent over 1939, the fundamental (Continued on Page 8)

Former NYA Administrator Joins NFU Staff

Aubrey Williams Receives Appointment NFU Director of Organization for Eastern and Southern States

WASHINGTON, October 15—James G. Patton, President of the National Farmers Union today announced the appointment of Aubrey Williams to be NFU Director of Organization for the eastern and southern states, effective immediately.

Williams' appointment will make it possible for the NFU to meet requests for assistance in the organization of local, county and regional Farmers Unions and affiliated cooperatives for the purchase of supplies, sales of products and other services, President Patton said, adding that an increasing number of such requests have been received during the past two years from working farmers wishing to join and receive the benefits of an organization dedicated to the interests of working farm families and their security on the land they cultivated.

In addition to directing NFU Organization work in the east and all the southern states, Williams will aid in the development of cooperative services and rural educational programs for members of the Farmers Union, coordinating his activities with the NFU's Cooperative and Educational Departments, President Patton said. He will represent the National Farmers Union in the New England states, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky, Arkansas, Louisiana, and Florida.

The text of President Patton's statement:

"I have, with the approval of the NFU's Board of Directors, engaged the full-time services of Aubrey Williams, former Administrator of the National Youth Administration, to be NFU Director of Organization (Continued on Page 8)

40,500 Affiliate With FU Through Southern Co-Ops

Statewide Co-Ops In Arkansas, Mississippi and Louisiana Affiliate With FU

The completion of a five-year educational contract between three state-wide co-operatives and payment of National Farmers Union dues of 40,500 members in Louisiana, Mississippi and Arkansas has been announced by President James G. Patton of NFU and Evon Ford of the Mid-South Farmers Union.

This affiliation permits employment of state organization and educational directors by Mid Southern Farmers Union in each of the three states to continue to build Farmers Union.

Charles Q. Kelly, a former national vice-commander of the American Legion and Little Rock attorney, has been appointed Arkansas director.

John M. Rigby of Jackson (Continued on Page 2)

FU Seed Corn De-Tasseled

St. Mary's Students Complete De-Tasseling Job— Father Conway Expresses Appreciation for Opportunity

Seventy-five young men studying for the priesthood at St. Mary's College, St. Mary's, Kansas, helped this year in de-tasseling Farmers Union hybrid Seed Corn, which has been planted in the vicinity of St. Mary's.

This year, because of the scarcity of labor, many corn growers had a great deal of difficulty in securing workers for the de-tasseling process. But for a period of two weeks, from 5 to 26 young men worked daily in the fields, with the result that the inspector from the State Department of Agriculture gave the group credit for one of the best jobs accomplished in the state. He also complimented the workers on the efficiency with which their work was completed. Julius Immenschuh of St. Mary's was field foreman.

The number of hours spent at the work were registered and a donation made to the college, covering the work done. The following letter was received from Father Conway, in acknowledgment of the check received:

"Dear Mr. Dean:
I want to thank you very

much for the check for \$300., which you sent through Mr. Immenschuh. I think you have been very kind. I was happy to have the young men studying for the priesthood to do some manual work. We deal with the poor all our lives and it is good to have known what it means to "earn your bread in the sweat of your brow."

I am sure it will make them better priests and more pleasing to God. I wish you a full measure of God's blessing in your work. Sincerely and Gratefully,
D. H. Conway, S. J."

This hybrid seed corn will be sold for seed by the Kansas Farmers Union. It is known that good hybrid corn is producing 20 to 25 bushels more per acre than some of the common open-pollinated varieties.

Farmers Union seed corn will be taken in about November 1st. It will then be hand picked, shelled and graded over both length and width graders. In this way the corn will be uniform in size and will give better results in planting.

Wait this year—order your corn from the Farmers Union Seed Corn salesman.

Farmers Union Directors' and Managers' Association Meets 1:30 P. M. October 27— Many Delegates' Credentials Are Being Received at State Office

The 1943 convention of the Kansas Farmers Union will convene at Clay Center on October 28. A meeting of the Farmers Union Directors' and Managers' Association will be on October 27, it has been announced by Don Wilcox of Bennington, president of the association.

Convention delegates will consider the building of food production programs which will help to win the war, as well as the peace, and will discuss the building of the Farmers Union and its cooperatives strong enough to provide post-war security for agriculture.

Delegates Credentials Being Received

Many delegates' credential blanks are being received at the State Office. All Locals are urged to see that their membership and their Farmers Union cooperatives, are represented by a delegate at this important Farmers Union convention.

Speakers from National Union Among out-of-state speakers at this convention and as representatives of the National Farmers Union, will be Emil Loricks, National Secretary and Berton Stong, Editor of the National Union Farmer. They will be accompanied by other representatives of the National Union, who will bring recommendations to the Kansas convention, covering legislature, organizational and educational work planned by the national Union.

Since there is no national convention this year, the plan of "bringing the national convention to the state conventions" has been evolved and it is believed that this will result in a closer understanding by the local members in the states.

Guest Speakers

Other speakers will include James F. Price, President of the State Teacher's College, Emporia. Mr. Price will discuss the post-war use of agricultural products in the manufacture of plastics and synthetic products. Formerly chairman of the Kansas Industrial Development Committee, Mr. Price was Dean of Washburn Law College at Topeka, before becoming president of the Emporia State Teachers' College.

Father J. T. White, S. J., St. Mary's College, St. Mary's, will speak to Convention delegates Thursday evening.

Another speaker of great interest to the membership will be A. V. Lundgren, President of the State Federation of Labor.

President's Message

President E. K. Dean's report and Message to convention delegates will be made at 3:00 p. m. on Thursday, the convention's opening day.

Co-op Managers Report

Managers of state-wide Farmers Union Cooperatives will report to convention delegates as to the progress of the various Farmers Union business activities. Among these will be H. E. Witham, General manager of the Farmers Union Jobbing Association, Kansas City; Paul Steele, Manager Farmers Union Livestock Commission Co., St. Joseph, Missouri; E. C. Broman, Manager Farmers Union Auditing Association, Salina; and Chauncey Michaelson, Manager of the Farmers Union Creamery at Fairbury, Nebraska.

State Department of Education The Educational department of the State Union, directed by Esther Ekblad, Salina, will be discussed in a report by Miss Ekblad on Friday morning. Ida Mae Olson, McPherson County Junior will give a Minuteman qualifying speech during the Thursday evening session and the Junior Torchbearer ceremony

will be presented Friday evening at the all-convention supper.

Program Committee Meets

October 25

A program committee has been appointed this year and the members will draft a state Farmers Union program, to be presented to convention delegates during the actual convention session. If approved by convention delegates, this committee will become the Convention committee. Its members meet on October 25 at Clay Center. The following have been chosen as members:

Cale Cochran, Ellsworth, Kansas;
Philip Young, Sr., Clay Center, Kansas;
Wm. Goeckler, Clay Center, Kansas;
Paul Lenherr, St. Marys, Kansas;
Joy Hammett, Manhattan, Kansas;
Mrs. Char. . . . son, McPherson, Kansas;
Lloyd Reed, Mankato, Kans.
Mrs. Rollo Henningsen, Jewell, Kansas;
John Frost, Abilene, Kans.
Louie Vernon, Pauline, Kansas.

A Five Dollar Door Prize

At each convention session, a door prize of five dollars will be awarded. Drawing for this prize will precede the sessions, and the time of drawing is announced on the program, which will be found on page 2 of this issue. The prizes are given by the Farmers Union state office.

An Important Convention

It is expected that this year's meeting will be one of the most important and worthwhile which the Kansas Farmers Union has had during its entire thirty-eight years. Sessions are all equally important as the program adopted by this year's delegates will be of importance to agriculture today, as well as to post-war agriculture.

Start War On Co-Ops

Large Retailers Form League to Battle Them Because They Save People Up to 30 Per Cent

Business interests, recovering from the days when they begged for government assistance to save themselves and re-build the nation's purchasing power, have now added co-operatives to the list of institutions on which they have organized to conduct a war.

While bankers battle to kill off the farm credit agencies which helped rebuild farmers economically, a group of large retailers have formed a league to fight co-ops in the legislative field.

Formation of the League was reported in the Chicago Journal of Commerce for Sept. 9. The story was as follows:

"RETAILERS PLAN NATION-WIDE WAR ON CO-OPERATIVES"

"A nation-wide movement of protest against co-operative organizations was initiated at a closed meeting in the Morrison Hotel, and first steps taken to form an active organization, temporarily to be known as the League for Protection of Private Enterprise, it was learned yesterday.

CONVENTION PROGRAM

THIRTY-EIGHT ANNUAL CONVENTION

Clay Center, Kansas
Wednesday Through Friday
October 27, 28 and 29, 1943
Municipal Auditorium, City Hall

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1943

Directors' and Managers' Association Semi-Annual Meeting
1:30 p. m. Meeting Called to Order Don Wilcox, President
Minutes of Previous Meeting Alfred Rensmeyer, Secretary
Appointment of Committees.
Talk: Ben Stong, Editor of National Union Farmer—
"Benefits of Farmers Union Papers to Co-ops."
Talk: H. E. Witham, Manager Farmers Union Jobbing Assn., Kansas City.
Miscellaneous Business.
General Tax Discussion, Led by: E. C. Broman, Secretary Farmers Union Auditing Assn. and Auditing Staff, Ben C. Barr, Mart Gwinner and G. E. Creitz.
Adjournment

5:30 p. m. Announcements.

EVENING SESSION

7:30 p. m. Banquet.
8:30 p. m. Report of Committees.
Talk: Emil Loricks, Secretary, National Farmers Union
Adjournment

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28, 1943

MORNING SESSION

(Executive session admittance by membership card only)
9:00 a. m. Registration (Convention Hall)
9:30 a. m. Convention Called to Order E. K. Dean, President
Community Singing
9:45 a. m. Drawing for Door Prizes.
Invocation.....Rev. James S. Elliott, Presbyterian Church
Address of Welcome J. H. Kerby, President
Clay Center Chamber of Commerce.
Response Cale Cochran
Welcome to Clay County Harold Swanberg,
President Clay County Farmers Union
Response Ray Henry
11:00 a. m. Appointment of Committees:
Credentials, Order of Business, By-Laws, 1944 Program
Reading of Minutes of 1942 Convention.
Nominations:
State Officers: President, Vice-President, Con-
ductor, Doorkeeper.
Directors: Fourth and Fifth District.
Delegates to National Convention
1944 Convention City
12:00 Noon Adjournment.

AFTERNOON SESSION

1:15 p. m. Group Singing.
1:30 p. m. Drawing for Door Prize.
Report of Order of Business Committee.
Announcements by Committee Chairmen.
2:00 p. m. Auditor's Report E. C. Broman
Report of State Board Reuben E. Peterson, Chairman
3:00 p. m. President's Report and Message E. K. Dean
Group Singing
4:30 p. m. Reports of Farmers Union Cooperative Associations:
Farmers Union Auditing Association, Salina,
Kansas, E. C. Broman, Manager.
Farmers Union Jobbing Association, Kansas
City, H. E. Witham, General Manager.
Farmers Union Livestock Comm. Co., Kansas
City, Mo., W. G. Bernhardt, General Manager.
Farmers Union Livestock Comm. Co., St. Joseph,
Mo., Paul Steele, Manager.
Farmers Union Coop. Creamery, Fairbury, Neb.,
Chauncey Michaelson, Manager.
Announcements.
6:30 p. m. Adjournment.

EVENING SESSION

8:00 p. m. Group Singing.
8:15 p. m. Drawing for Door Prizes.
Awarding of 25 year membership badges
Minuteman Qualifying speech—"Looking Toward New
Horizons," Ida Mae Olson, Junior, McPherson Co.
9:00 p. m. Greetings and talks by visiting Farmers Union
officials.
Address—Father J. T. White, S. J., St. Marys, Kansas.
Address—A. V. Lundgren, President, State Federation
of Labor.
Announcements
Closing song by audience.
Adjournment.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29, 1943

MORNING SESSION

9:00 a. m. Call to Order E. K. Dean, President
Group Singing
9:15 a. m. Drawing for Door Prizes.
Invocation Rev. Ernest A. Hull, Methodist Church
9:30 a. m. National Farmers Union Program, by National of-
ficers and Board members.
11:15 a. m. Education Director's Report and Message—Esther Ek-
blad
Announcements.
12:00 Noon Adjournment.

NOON HOUR—POLLS OPEN FOR VOTING

AFTERNOON SESSION

1:30 p. m. Group Singing.
1:45 p. m. Drawing for Door Prizes.
Report of Committees:
Good of the Order Committee
1944 Program Committee
By-Laws Committee
Election Committee
Unfinished and Miscellaneous business.
6:00 p. m. Adjournment.

EVENING SESSION

7:30 p. m. All-Convention Supper.
Music.
Junior Torchbearer Ceremony Esther Ekblad
address—James F. Price, President, State Teachers College, Emporia
Installation of officers.
Convention Adjournment.

"American democracy has its roots deeply imbedded
in the farm families of the land; it cannot survive unless
those farm families are made secure on the land."

"We hold that the preservation of democracy and
the preservation of the farm family home are insepar-
able, and that neither can survive unless democracy is
extended to the economic sphere."

—National Farmers Union Program.

New Anti-Co-op Lobby
Loads Its GunsPlans to "Equalize Tax
Laws Between Co-Ops
and Private Enterprise"

Confirmation that the guess made in the last issue of the NDUF that the organization of private business interests for a united attack on the whole co-operative movement was largely inspired by the spectacular growth of the Farmers Union Grain Terminal Association, is contained in the following article from the Sept. 25 issue of Business Week, one of the most important business publications in the country. Under the title, "Girding for Co-ops," the magazine says: "Private enterprise loads its guns and aims at privileges of co-ops through a new lobby."

Following is the article:

"No. 1 aim of the new lobby is to 'equalize tax laws between co-ops and private enterprise.' Opponents attribute the spectacular growth of co-ops to the fact that patronage dividends, or rebates, are tax-exempt. Cooperatives admit that this is just about their biggest economic advantage, and they like to remind private entrepreneurs that they are free to follow co-op policy of turning profits back to consumers, which is essentially what the patronage dividend is—a division of profits in which co-op members share on the basis of their purchase of goods and services from the co-ops."

"Tax exemption isn't the only bone opponents have to pick with co-ops. In grain, lumber, and oil operations particularly, where co-op expansion has been especially lively in the last year or so, competitors say co-ops are prospering by legislative favoritism. For example, grain men brand as discriminatory the Commodity Credit Corp's purchase of all its feed wheat in the Minneapolis cash grain market through the Farmers Union Grain Terminal Assn., at commissions which run as high as \$7,500 a day. They are understandably irked that the co-op terminal has become the largest grain handlers in the country. In June, Farmers Union purchased from General Mills for about \$2,700,000 the Brown Grain Co., and St. Anthony & Dakota Elevator Co."

"Inroads in Gas and Oil
The oil industry, likewise, is becoming increasingly restive as coops make deeper and deeper inroads not only into gas and oil retailing, but more particularly into wholesale and producer operations. The National Cooperative Refinery Assn's purchase last summer of the big Globe Oil & Refining Co. of Kansas for about \$5,000,000 brought to five the number of refineries owned by N. C. R. A., and to eight the number of co-operatively owned refineries in the United States."

"Co-op leaders remember E. Wever Dobson, mainspring in the new Central Coordinating Group, as an old opponent and author of editorial attacks on the co-ops some time ago in the coal industry trade paper, 'Black Diamond.' Dobson is president of the Anderson Lumber & Fuel Co. of Minneapolis. President of the C. C. G. is Ben C. McCabe, head of a Minneapolis grain commission firm."

Lumber, Coal Invaded
"The lumber and coal trades find reason for joining the ranks of co-op foes in the fact that co-ops have bought four lumber mills in the past two years, and, more recently, the biggest coal yard in Indianapolis Ind."

"Most other trade groups which founders of the new organization hope to interest in membership are holding out until the C. C. G. can show a more definite program than it has so far in two or three closed meetings."

"Nevertheless the C. C. G. will measure its success in terms of how well its case can be presented to this session of Congress in order that it may eventually (1) induce Washington to slap taxes on co-op dividends, and (2) get private enterprise a share of the government bus-

iness now going to co-ops. Ultimately, C. C. G. can be expected to gun for such legislative protection as that afforded by the Robinson-Patman law which specifically exempts co-op dividends from its general ban on rebates and all other forms of price discrimination. C. C. G. members hope to have ex-Rep. John W. Boehne, Jr., of Indiana, represent them in Washington.

"Meanwhile, co-op members say they have not enjoyed such good publicity since the Assn., of Casualty & Surety Executives staged an all-out battle against insurance co-ops (whose volume runs well over a hundred million a year). Cooperators rate "The Road to Ruin," a pamphlet circulated by the association, as a major impetus to the growth of insurance co-ops."

—North Dakota Union Farmer

40,500 Affiliate
With FU

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Miss., an outstanding Mississippi educator, has been appointed director in that state.

The Louisiana director will be announced as quickly as he can arrange to take up the Farmers Union work.

Membership Records

The affiliation of the large groups in the Mid-South area brings total Farmers Union membership in the South past the 50,000 mark, and will bring National Farmers Union membership to new records in recent years, probably exceeding 160,000 dues-paying members.

The educational contracts, through which Mid-Southern Union becomes the educational agency for three statewide groups and receives annual educational allocations, are with the Farmers State Exchange of Pineville, La., the Farmers Central Co-operative of Jackson, Miss., and the Arkansas Central Farmers

Co-operative of Jackson, Miss. and the Arkansas Central Farmers Co-operative of Little Rock, Ark. Each of the three state co-operatives represents county Purchasing and Marketing Co-operatives in nearly every county in their states.

The co-operatives were largely built by Farm Security Administration borrowers, but maintain open membership and include hundreds of non-borrower patrons taking advantage of the savings of co-operative purchasing and the increased return from co-operative marketing. The group reported total annual savings of nearly \$100,000 at their annual meetings this summer.

Welcome

The educational contracts were negotiated by President Evon Ford of Mid-Southern and President Patton of National Farmers Union at meetings with the co-operative boards and special committees during the summer months.

Ralph Herrin, president of the Mississippi co-operative, Jack Robertson of the Arkansas Co-operative board, and R. E. Mitchell of the Louisiana Board composed a committee for the co-operatives in the negotiations. "The National Farmers Union welcomes these co-operatives and this great group of new members, into a people's movement," said President James G. Patton of NFU said.

Helped Save FSA

"They have done much to assist in the fight for the security of working farmers on the land in the past. Their campaign for the Farm Security Administration during the last Congressional session was a tremendously effective contribution, and had a large share in saving that agency from the assassination plan-
ned for it by the commercial farmers' organization and a rival agency."

"Welded with working farmers in other sections of
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Official Call
for
THE STATE CONVENTION

By authority vested in me, I hereby issue the call for the Thirty-Eighth Annual Meeting of the Kansas Division, Farmers Educational and Cooperative Union of America, which will be held in Clay Center, Kansas, October 28-29, 1943.

The Farmers Union Directors' and Managers' Association will meet in Clay Center on Wednesday, October 27. E. K. Dean, State President

Basis of Representation

1. One delegate for each Local Union in good standing, for each 20 members or major fraction thereof, a Local with 31 members would be entitled to two delegates.
2. One delegate for each county Union in good standing. A County Union to be in good standing must have at least three Local Unions in the County, in good standing, and not less than a total of 60 paid up members in the County.
3. Each chartered bonafide Farmers Cooperative Business Association, which checks off the dues of its members into the Farmers Union, or pays 5 percent of its net earnings into the educational fund of the State Union, or a minimum equivalent to the state and national dues for five members, shall be entitled to one delegate to the State Union.
4. The State Managers' Association and the State Ladies' Auxiliary shall be entitled to one vote and one delegate each to be selected by those organizations.

Instructions to Delegates

A delegate must be a member in good standing on the records of the Secretary of the Kansas Farmers Union to participate in the annual convention. He must present his Farmers Union membership card before being permitted to participate in the convention.

Each delegate must have the credentials of the organization, he or she, claims to represent, and these credentials must be issued in the order and manner prescribed by the Constitution and By-Laws.

All delegates' Credentials MUST be mailed to the State Farmers Union Office, Box 296, Salina, Kansas, or filed with the Credentials Committee at the Annual State Convention. No credentials will be accepted by the Credentials Committee after 6:00 P. M., Thursday, October 28, 1943.

Notice to Members

Complying with the provisions of the Constitution and By-Laws, the Thirty-Eighth Annual Convention of the Farmers Educational and Cooperative Union of America, Kansas Division, will convene at Clay Center, Kansas, on Thursday, October 28th, 1943 at 10:00 A. M.

Friday, October 29, 1943, there will be nomination of candidates for officers and directors. One director will be elected from the Fourth and Fifth District. Names of Cities wishing to entertain the 1944 Convention will be presented.

Delegate's Credentials

For your convenience, copies of delegate's credentials are printed in this issue of the Kansas Union Farmer. These are to be clipped and used in sending the names of delegates elected for the coming convention.

Selection of Convention Committees

Local Unions, County Unions, and business organizations are requested to send to the State Office, Salina, Kansas, the names of those who are eligible and whom they would recommend to serve on the Convention Committees. Please forward these names as soon as possible.

PRESIDENT DEAN DENIES LAMBERTSON'S CHARGES

In Reply to Cong. Lambertson, Dean Charges That Administration and Congress Have Made Farmer the "Goat" Excerpts from Correspondence and Telegram to Senators and Congressmen Substantiate Dean's Reply

The Farmers Educational
And Cooperative
Union of America

GENERAL OFFICE
KANSAS DIVISION
BOX 296
SALINA, KANSAS

October 20, 1943

Mr. P. Lambertson, Representative
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Representative Lambertson:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter under date of October 5, in answer to my letter to all Representatives, dated September 29.

Using your own words, there seems to be "one prominent and dominating thing" that governs your position in everything you do. That "one thing" is your "against" attitude.

In your letter you accuse me of supporting or defending the price roll back program. In answer to that accusation I state emphatically, that you don't know what you are talking about. You had no more justification for that statement than you did for your attack on the Roosevelt boys while your own son was staying out of the army as a conscientious objector.

I am printing your letter in the next issue of the Kansas Union Farmer, even though you thought I wouldn't, and along with it I am printing this reply to your letter and also copy of a letter I sent to Senators Reed and Capper under the date of June 28, stating that the members of the Kansas Farmers Union, in my opinion, would not support the price roll back program.

In my letter to you of September 29 I stated our organization was opposed to the subsidy route to securing parity price. I also stated the Administration had not kept faith with the farmers by permitting ceilings to be placed on flour at a level that would not reflect parity price at the market place. I also stated the Congress had not kept faith with the farmers because they failed to correct the position of the Administration, and then refused to appropriate funds for parity payments. The course of the Administration and the Congress together, have made the farmer the goat.

Even though the Congress refused to over-ride the Administration's policy on flour ceilings, you continued to fight an appropriation for parity payments, knowing full well the farmer would be the goat. The farmers in your district will some day become acquainted with how you are letting your prejudices influence your vote regardless of the cost to farmers.

In your letter you charge the position of the Farmers Union, both State and National, is exactly what the New Deal wants it to be. I can say without fear of repudiation, that no one in the Farmers Union has made a more sincere effort to have reflected in our program, the views of our members than I have. The programs have been adopted by the duly elected delegates at both State and National conventions. I challenge you to point out any position of State or National officers in conflict with the duly adopted programs.

I am proud that our organization is such that it accepts the duly elected officers of our country as our leaders, and that we have character enough in our organization that we will work with them in every way we can. To my knowledge the Farmers Union has worked with past Administrations during their terms of office in the same manner as we have the present Administration, and that is by supporting them on the things our organization felt were good and opposing them on the things we felt were wrong. The Farmers Union couldn't have lived as an organization and maintained an "against" position such as you have. Your accusation is nothing new for you, nor does it surprise the leaders in the Farmers Union. You have accused them previously of going along with other Administrations.

I want to take this opportunity of informing you that this is the last time I shall bother myself to even answer a letter from you attacking our organization, or the leaders. I will continue to advise you as a member of Congress of the position of our organization and will be glad to discuss same with you by letter, but I am not going to waste my time answering, or waste space in our paper printing such letters as I have received from you in the past.

In answer to the first paragraph of your letter, stating you have been a member of the Farmers Union for thirty years, I want to say I can understand your bragging about this, but I assure you your actions and attitude make me ashamed of the fact. I am fully aware that your membership in the Farmers Union adds you in your relationships with the farmers in your district, which you convert to your own political advantage. I know, also, that your activity in the Farmers Union ceased when the organization in convention, refused to accept your services as state president of the organization, without salary. The democratic principles followed in the By-Laws of the Farmers Union make it impossible for us to get rid of you. Our By-Laws provide only one way to expel a member and that is through action by the local. Since you, personally, pay the dues for all five members in your local, and your son is the secretary, it is beyond question to expect any such action from your local. The fact that the dues for your local are mailed to the State Office by yourself from Washington, and your son is the secretary living at Fairview, and the other three members all live at Fairview, is in itself evidence that the dues are not paid by the individuals to your local secretary.

Very truly yours

KANSAS FARMERS UNION

E. K. Dean

E. K. Dean, President

(Excerpt from letter sent to Congressman Hope on June 28.)

June 28, 1943
Clifford Hope, Congressman
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman Hope:
While I have not had an opportunity to poll the membership of the Kansas Farmers Union on this question, I am confident from the meetings I have attended and the farmers I have talked with, that our members in Kansas would not support the subsidy program. In my telegram I stated, "The present policy of rolling back prices on processed farm products makes subsidies absolutely neces-

sary. prohibition by Congress of subsidies by Government will result in lower prices to farmers, which will mean the farmers are subsidizing the roll back program. If consumer prices are to be subsidized it must be done by government and not agriculture."

I believe if you will analyze this statement you will agree that it is correct. I, personally, am opposed to subsidizing consumers prices. I can't help but believe the consumer should expect to pay a fair and reasonable price for processed farm products at the market place. In view of the action Congress has taken on subsidies, representatives must now

accept the responsibility of seeing that ceiling prices are not placed on farm products at a level that will result in anything else than parity, or the minimum price previously established by Congress. In this respect I have reference to the minimum price established on livestock.

I believe one of the most important things to agriculture at the present time would be the establishment of floors under prices at parity or at minimum prices previously established on livestock, not only for the duration of the war but for a substantial length of time

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W. F. LAMBERTSON
1st Dist., Kansas
Fairview

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

Washington, D. C.
October 6, 1943

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

Dear Mr. Dean:

Your letter of September 29th, is before me. I have been a member of the Farmers Union in Kansas for thirty years and before coming to Congress was quite active in the organization.

There is one very prominent and dominating thing that governs the position of the State and National organizations today that ought to be interesting to all of our Farmers Union people. That one thing is that the Farmers Union's position, both State and National, is exactly what the New Deal wants it to be. It isn't anything that the rank and file of the Farmers Union Members of the State or the Nation have worked out and passed up to their leaders, but it is something that is being handed down to them. This is a very different position than the one that was taken before the Union allowed itself to be guided entirely by Mr. Thatcher.

Take, for instance, your attitude in defending the roll-back. Take that to your people. It is not defended by any other farm organization or any small group of farmers any place that I know of.

There may be some few instances where your position is not exactly with the Administration, but on the whole you are.

I'll bet that you, from time to time, will continue to tear me to pieces but that you will not print this letter.

Sincerely,
W. F. Lambertson
W. F. Lambertson

WFL:s

(Copy of complete letter sent to Senator Capper on June 28, and to which President Dean refers in his reply to Congressman Lambertson's charges.)

June 28, 1943

Arthur Capper, Senator
Senate Building
Washington, D. C.
Dear Senator Capper:

Through the press, I notice both Houses of Congress have prohibited subsidy payments on agriculture products, as a part of the present price roll back program. I do not want to give you the opinion that our state organization is supporting the price roll back and subsidy program. I am confident it would not receive the support of the individual members of our state organization.

There is, however, one thing I want to call to your attention and that is, that if the present policy of rolling back prices is permitted to continue, it can only result in a subsidy to consumers by someone. If this policy of rolling back prices is not subsidized by government itself, it will automatically fall upon the shoulders of agriculture to subsidize the program. This is inevitable and will be brought about by a decrease in prices paid to farmers by processors at the market place.

Farmers have for years been subsidizing consumers prices; they have subsidized

them to the extent of the mortgage on farm land throughout the United States. These mortgages in the main are on farm land because of the fact that farm products could not demand a price at the market place equivalent to the cost of production, which resulted in more and more borrowing on the part of farm people. They have not only subsidized consumer prices to the extent of the mortgage on farm land, but they have subsidized them in untold millions of dollars through their personal sacrifices and through sacrificing the fertility of one of our most valuable resources, the land itself, by mining it in an effort to get all the cash out of it they could, so they could eke out an existence and stay on the farm, with the hopes that sometime they would be able to receive a decent price for their products and would thereby be able to rebuild their farms.

We are looking to you as our representative to see that previously agreed upon and established minimum prices or parity prices at the market place, whichever is higher, are not impaired by the present price roll back program. Agriculture will not accept without bitter protest the responsibility of financing the program of price roll backs. If the present price roll back program on meat is permitted to reduce the previously agreed

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(Telegram—Copy of wire sent to Congressman Lambertson on June 18, 1943.)

Wm. P. Lambertson, June 18, 1943.)

House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.
The Senate through their action on the Agricultural Appropriation bill has recognized the great contribution family-type agriculture is making to our war food production program. They have also recognized the necessity of farmer control of our farm programs. They have restored to the bill much of the funds and programs sorely needed by agriculture if we are to avert a drastic reduction in food production. We urge you to support in the House the Senate version of the Bill, plus a more liberal authorization for FSA, and to put back in the Bill the \$500 limit on benefit payments. Present policy of rolling back retail prices of processed farm products makes subsidies absolutely necessary. Prohibition by Congress of subsidies by Government will result in lower prices to farmers which will mean the farmers are subsidizing the roll back program. If consumer prices are to be subsidized it must be done by government and not by agriculture.

KANSAS FARMERS UNION
E. K. Dean, President

What the Locals Are Doing

"I Will Attend My Local Meetings"

Turkey Creek Has Regular Meeting

Turkey Creek's regular meeting was called to order by President Browne with 19 members answering roll call. The minutes were read and approved.

Clarence Yocum, guest speaker of the evening; his topic was "Food for Victory". It was very interesting and gave the group something to think of during this period of war.

Julius Immenschuh also gave a short talk.

Delegates were voted on to go to the State Convention; Ralph Struble and Elmer Hammarlund. Their alternates were John Browne and Fred Bernitter.

A short program was given.

Lunch was served.

Dorothy Bernitter, Secretary

Sandy Hook Local News

Sandy Hook Local chose its delegates for the State Convention at the monthly meeting, held October 6. Our representatives are Mr. John Pearl and Mr. William Gutschal, with Mr. Archille Ronse, Mrs. John Pearl, and Mrs. Jim Conley as alternates.

Mr. Immenschuh reported that the Elevator's Board of Directors was considering a Pig club for Junior members. After this the chairman called upon Mrs. Lenherr for a report of Junior activities. Mrs. Immenschuh sketched briefly the main ideas of the State Leaders' Conference.

After the men threshed the wheat proposition, the business meeting adjourned for lunch.

Regina Lenherr
Reporter

Jewell County News

The Jewell County Farmers Union had a very good meeting Thursday night at the Lamb schoolhouse. The meeting was opened by group singing. George Wharton was elected as a delegate to the state convention, with Clarence More as an alternate. The group discussed some current farm problems in preparation to sending resolutions to the state convention. Mr. Dean talked to us about his trip to Washington, D. C., pending farm legislation, farmer-labor disputes and post-war planning. He also gave us some information on the Farmers Union hybrid seed corn. A stunt was presented by Mrs. Elmer Alexander and Newell and Robert Olson. Mrs. Frank Zadina gave a reading. It was voted to have the next county meeting Saturday afternoon, January 15, at Manakato. Mrs. Lloyd Reed, the secretary, was unable to attend and Mr. Will Lagergren was appointed to act as secretary. A pot luck lunch was served after the meeting.

Lloyd Reed, county secretary, has been appointed by the Kansas Farmers Union to serve on the committee for advance planning of the convention program.

Many of the juveniles and Junior Reserves have finished their study topics and will receive awards for their year's work. They have done very well in earning these awards, as this county was about three months late in starting this year's work. A list of those receiving awards will be made later.

Mrs. Ruby Henningsen

In Riley County:

The Riley County Union No. 45 will meet at the Walsburg schoolhouse Saturday, November 13th, at one o'clock p. m. Election of officers and other important business. All Farmers Union Members and their families are cordially invited to attend.

Fairview FU Enjoys Educational Program

The Fairview Farmers Union in Allen County met at Fairview schoolhouse Thursday night, October 7. The meeting was called to order by President Clarence Morrison. Minutes and roll call by Secretary Mrs. George Teague. Interesting talks were given by our Cooperative, Legislative and Educational leaders, followed by a general discussion on cooperation and legislation. The Educational Leader, Opal Eisenbrandt, presented a short program which was enjoyed by all. Refreshments were served by the "eats" committee.

Vera Ulrich, Reporter

Four Mile Local

The 4-Mile Local of the Kansas Farmers Union met at the 4-Mile schoolhouse, Wednesday evening, Oct. 6. The meeting was called to order by the President, Roy Bumsted. Mrs. Clyde Tipping led the group in singing a number of songs, with JoReece Bumsted at the piano. JoReece and Janet Bumsted presented an original musical game with the audience completing the story with song titles. A vocal solo by Mrs. Clyde Tipping; a piano solo by Mrs. Sam Stewart, and a piano duet by JoReece and Janet Bumsted were pleasing program numbers.

The Juvenile class continued the study of "Birds Are Good Neighbors." Bruce Bumsted gave an interesting talk to the local on his chicken project he carried this past summer. Loen Stromire gave a short talk on the Eagle, and Frank Bumsted told of what he had learned of the Brown Thrasher during the summer months.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bumsted, Clyde Tipping, Floyd Smith, Jake Engert, Sam Stewart, and Mrs. Castle Stromire were elected delegates to attend the State Convention to be held in Clay Center. Castle Stromire and W. B. Chestnut were chosen to attend the convention also.

The meeting adjourned after singing the song, "Co-operation Is Our Aim," from the F. U. Program Service. Games and refreshments ended a pleasant evening. Mr. and Mrs. Sam Stewart are the program committee for the November meeting.

MRS. CASTLE STROMIRE,
Local Leader.

Ellsworth County Has Fine Program

The Ellsworth County Union met at the Farmers Union Hall in Ellsworth, October 12. The meeting was called to order by Cale Cochran. Delegates for the State Convention were chosen. A program was given by the Juniors. Everyone joined in group singing, which was followed by a recitation, "Robin Redbreast," by Patsy Nash. Hubertine Mog told of some of the aims of the F. U. education program. Charlene Cochran played a piano solo. Shirley Hunter sang "Coming in on a Wing and a Prayer."

A pantomime, "Aw, Come On, Cow Give" was presented by a group of Juniors. The union educational directors presented the play, "When the Boys Come Home," which tells of Mr. Patton's post-war plan for farm boys who are now in the service. A group of Juniors from the Black Wolf Local sang, "We Shall Not Be Moved." Franklin Steiner read a poem, "Sailor's Synonyms." Lloyd Schultz read a poem, too.

After the program 32 Juniors met. The County Leader explained the Unit, "Everyday Insects," and told about the Junior education program.

Refreshments were served after the meeting.

HUBERTINE MOG,
County Leader

FREE TO LOCALS

A simple request will put the name of a president, secretary, program chairman or education director on the mailing list for the Farmers Union Program Service, issued monthly.

Kansas Farmers Union
Box 296
Salina, Kansas

RESERVES MOUNT INSECTS

The Reserves of the Black Wolf Local have started the study of the Insect Unit with enthusiasm, writes Hubertine Mog. In her letter Hubertine says: "One of the Reserves has five insects mounted already; one of them a beautiful monarch butterfly—which I have wanted to catch all fall. Another tells me he has several butterflies too."

President Dean Denies Charges

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(From letter to Cong. Hope.)

in the post-war period. Unless this is done, agriculture will again face the same disastrous post-war readjustment that cause so many thousands of farm people to go broke and lose their homes after the last war. In answer to the last sentence of your letter, wish to advise we do not expect you to support the roll back and subsidy program. We do, however, expect you to do your part in seeing that agriculture is not placed in the position of having to finance the roll back program.

I would appreciate hearing from you as to what your ideas are in regard to who is going to finance the present program of price roll backs namely on butter and meat, if the present policy continues in effect and government subsidies are not available. I can't see any other place for it to come from than the farmer.

With best wishes, I am
Very truly yours
Kansas Farmers Union
E. K. Dean, President

(Letter to Senator Capper.)

upon minimum price for livestock it can only result in financial ruin for thousands of our livestock producers. These farmers at the request of the Department of Agriculture put their feeding stock in the lot and increased their foundation herds at prices based on the agreed upon price for fat and finished animals. Reduction in this price would automatically result in a loss to these producers. If this is permitted to happen the producer will lose his confidence in the Department of Agriculture and it will be extremely difficult to get them to continue to expand their production, if after they take this loss they are financially able to continue at all.

I would appreciate hearing from you regarding your ideas as to how this program is to be financed if subsidies are prohibited and roll back program permitted to continue.

Very truly yours
Kansas Farmers Union
E. K. Dean, President

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and (Alternate)
are members in good standing of Local Union
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President

Secretary

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ESTHER EKBLAD, DIRECTOR, Salina, Kansas

Juniors 16-21

Junior Reserves 8-15

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

Hidden Possibilities

There's more to a boy than his hats and shoes
And the things you buy for his hands to use;
There's more to learn than the slightest whim—
There's depth and breadth to the soul of him.

He is growing up, and unless you stay
Close at his side, he will grow away;
But in all that he does, if you watch to see,
You'll catch some hint of the man he'll be.

There's more to a boy than his meat and drink;
There's more to a lad than one would think;
You may read a book in a single day
And know the tale when it's laid away;

You may glance at a canvas wondrous fair
And see the skill of the painter there;
But you've got to stay close to the boy to know
The sort of a man that time will grow.

—EDGAR A. GUEST.
(From NDUF).

Awards in November

Achievement record reports are frequently a part of the mail these days, and the listing of each Junior and Reserve's points is an indication of fine and useful work done in the 1942-43 year. We are happy that, besides containing final reports, the letters we are getting tell of immediate beginnings with other Units.

Highlights for Juniors

The complete State Convention program is in this issue of the KUF. Study it, and know something of what to expect before you arrive in Clay Center. In reading the program you will notice that the usual Junior Night program, that has characterized Junior activities at the conventions, is not scheduled. Shortening the sessions by half a day does not give us time for the usual procedure. However, Juniors and Reserves will not be forgotten. Thursday evening will bring to the convention a Minuteman speech, and the Torchbearer Ceremony will

be featured on the Friday evening program. We expect the displays of scrapbooks and other Junior projects to be very good, and with the All-Convention Supper on Friday evening, and a possible chance for some folk dancing after sessions—for just what more could we ask?

The Story Of A Family

The October Ladies' Home Journal has in its "How America Lives" section the story of James Carey, his wife, Margie, and children, Jimmie and Patricia. James Carey is the youthful secretary of the CIO. We remember him as he addressed the National F. U. Convention held in Oklahoma City last year, and his name is one we frequently see in news of organized labor. You will enjoy reading this story of the Carey family. Many of us have grown up with the vague idea that labor leaders aren't quite normal human beings. This story and the pictures with it will help us blot out that unreal conception.

In the same Ladies' Home Journal issue is a debate between James Carey and the columnist, Westbrook Pegler. In that Mr. Carey holds his own against a notorious labor baiter.

The Songs We Sing

The new song "Soldiers of the Soil," will be on the convention song sheet, and will be on sale at the literature table. It may also be ordered from the State Office. The price is 35 cents. And while on the subject of songs, for sale now are the new Farmers Union songbooks, 25 cents with music, and 10 cents a copy for words only.

More New Things

Have you seen the new Farmers Union seals? And do you write notes to your friends on the Farmers Union postcards? Watch for the seals and cards at the convention literature table. We think it "pays to advertise."

enbrandt also reports that the Program Service is being used in their local meetings, and using her words, "I think it surely helps out."

Juvenile Classes Begin

Mrs. Wm. Wild, Juvenile teacher, Sandy Hook, St. Marys, reports:

We started our juvenile class work on our regular Local meeting night, October 6. There were nine Juveniles present, and there are four, possibly six, who will come, but were unable to attend that night. We are working on the Unit "Destroy Weeds." We will also use short stories from the "Everyday Insect" Unit and parts from "The Time Has Come." The children were quite interested and anxious to begin the new work.

"I want to thank you for the big 'Weeds in Kansas' bulletin. We spent quite a little time examining it, and the boys were especially interested, as they came upon familiar ones. It is going to be a great help."

"I am sending along the money for the book 'The Time Has Come.' I plan to work in quite a lot from it during the winter months."

"We are meeting Saturday evening to plan programs for November and December local meetings, plus an evening of just social fun. So the many issues of the Program Service you sent will surely come in handy. Thanks for them." . . .

Correction

In the list of Junior Reserve study units published in the October 7 issue, "Birds Are Good Neighbors," was omitted. The correct listing of Units II, III, and IV is: "Everyday Insects," "Birds Are Good Neighbors," and "Destroy Weeds."

1943 Torchbearers Elected

The election of 1943 Junior Torchbearers has been completed and the Junior Department announces the following results:

TORCHBEARERS:

Ralph Sjostrom, Smoky Hill Local, McPherson County (137 votes)

Ida Mae Olson, Johnstown Local, McPherson County, (123 votes)

ALTERNATES: (votes received in order listed) Mary Pat Immenschuh, Sandy Hook Local, Pottawatomie Co.; Regina Lenherr, Sandy Hook Local, Pottawatomie County; Vance Arnold, Smoky Hill Local, McPherson Co.

The votes were counted by proportional representation. Each voter marked 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th choices. In the tabulation 1st choices counted 4 points; 2nd choices, 3 points; 3rd, 2 points; and 4th, 1 point.

The Torchbearers will attend the State Convention at Clay Center, and there receive the Torch badge and \$25 war bonds. It is hoped that the bond can be used at some future date in a National Convention trip.

Ralph and Ida Mae have the hearty congratulations of all Kansas Juniors and members.

in the Farmers Union again, as I learned and enjoyed the camps and conventions very much.

PFC. BERNARD LEE GIBSON
93rd Headquarters Group,
Harlingen, Texas.

Juvenile Booth at County Fair

Mrs. John Heyen, Local Leader in the Corn Valley Local, Stafford county, reports that the Corn Valley Juveniles had a booth at the County Fair. "Destroy Weeds" was the theme with the decorations and object lessons of the booth told through the use of wild rose berries, sunflowers, goldenrod, Mexican sandburr, Russian thistle, and tumble weed. And the fodder shock with the pumpkins was not forgotten. In the center of the booth a fine young fellow, made by the Juveniles, held a sign which said: "You Can't Scare Weeds Out, You Have to do Something About Them."

The weed scrapbook that was used in the booth will be among the displays at the State Convention.

New Book In Library

"Yesterday's Children," by Lamar Warrick has just been added to the Farmers Union Library. This is a book of current interest values that every adult and Junior should read. Write and it will be sent to you for a period of three weeks.

The Weavers, Jim, Doris, and son, Randy, live on the right side of the tracks in a Chicago suburb. They are a modern family and Randy's high school experiences have the excitement, joys, and also the trials that many a young person learns to know. Then comes the war, and light-hearted youths become serious and thoughtful. "Yesterday's Children" is on the must list.

At Your Service

A Monthly Service To Farmers Union Papers from the National Farmers Union Education Service, Denver, Colorado.
GLADYS TALBOTT EDWARDS, Director

"Education . . . A Debt Due from the Present To Future Generations"

"SOLDIERS OF THE SOIL"

We have just received from the publishers, a supply of the sheet music for "Soldiers of the Soil" by James Thatcher. The commercial copies have an attractive red, white and blue cover page, with a picture of a farm scene on it. This composition has gained nation-wide popularity. Copies may be ordered from this office for 35 cents.

JUNIOR RESERVES

It has been the general opinion of the young people themselves and the Leaders, for some time, that having only two groups—Juniors and Junior Reserves—would be more satisfactory. The National Office has received many comments in favor of the change, which goes into effect immediately. One reason for the immediate change was the fact that several Units and Awards are in the process of being printed or reprinted and it was deemed advisable to have all new material for the under-sixteen age group properly identified as Junior Reserve material.

Since there is a Unit for each year of study, the Units and Awards will remain the same, merely being numbered Junior Reserve, one through eight.

"OVER ALL THE LAND"

The "Twin Dragons" will no longer appear under that title. It was felt by many that the title gave no indication of what the book was about, so the name of this conservation Unit has been changed to "Over All the Land." It is being printed and the printed edition will have thirty-five excellent pictures which graphically illustrate the

story of conservation. Another chapter has been added on co-operatives. This will be Unit VIII for reserves and it will sell for 25 cents.

"Farmers Union Highroad"

This is the new unit on Farmers Union co-operatives, written by Harold Knight. This Unit replaces the "Twin Pine Trail" and is a much more valuable study. This will be the Unit VII for Junior Reserves.

This Unit, too, is being printed and will sell for 25 cents.

"Working Together"

The new Unit I for Reserves is a work-book prepared by Frances Butts. The title is "Working Together" and the Unit is really exceptional. It is especially good for the young group but a good leader can make it most interesting to an older group, especially by using all of the reference material, such as Mrs. Garrison's "Banded With Our Brothers" and others.

BOOK MARKS

We have just had made up a new supply of Farmers Union Book Marks. They are printed on a white glossy finish paper, in either blue or black.

The price is 1 cent each.

SONG BOOKS

The new songbook, with words, matching the music of "Favorite Songs of the Farmers Union," is off the press. You will find this book attractive and easy to read. It sells for 10 cents. The "Favorite Songs of the Farmers Union"—words and music—is 25 cents.

New Fall Classes At Black Wolf

Mrs. Fred Mog, Local Leader, Black Wolf, Ellsworth Co., writes:

"We held our October Junior and Reserve class meetings in our new room at the lumber yard with 10 members present after a short business meeting in which Hubertine checked to see if all had returned their chickens, we had our classes. Hubertine had a test over the Unit, 'Birds Are Good Neighbors' for the Reserve. Then she assigned the lesson for the next month in the new Unit, 'Everyday Insects.'"

"I explained about the two Groups of Reserves and Juniors. Mrs. Shanalec had a lesson on the 'Twin Dragons' with her class of combined Reserves and Juniors. As they had just received their books, they read the material and then discussed."

"They seemed to be very much interested in the new Unit. Two of our local members stay in town this year, so I think they'll have to give written reports on the lessons. They may attend the county classes instead. We haven't decided yet."

"As we have only the two classes this year, I started reading 'We Sing America' to the whole group and then discussed what I read. I think in that way can use a lot of the material we have, but haven't had time or before."

"The only business transacted at the adult meeting was the electing of a delegate for the State Convention."

NEWS FROM LAHARPE

With the beginning of fall meetings a study of "Birds Are Good Neighbors" is planned for the Reserves in the Fairview Local, Allen county. Mrs. Opal Eis-

Day by Day with FUJA

by JOHN VESECKY

FUJA Convinced That Funds Spent For Co-Op Education Bring Returns

Several Wide-Awake Co-Ops Check Off Dues and Pay Education Funds to State Union

As time for holding annual stockholders meetings approaches, the management and stockholder members of our co-operatives should study their by-laws and charter to see, if in view of present day conditions, there may be some changes that should be made. It is always hard to get a quorum of members out to special meetings so any needed changes needing the assent of the member stockholders should be brought before the annual meeting for discussion and disposition.

Many of our co-operatives, in order to be exempt from filing income tax reports, have gone on what is known as the 100 per cent cooperative basis—all savings after setting up certain allowable reserves are set up on the books of the co-operative, to the credit of those who patronized the co-operative in that year, in proportion to the business done by the customer with the cooperative. A constantly increasing number of our co-operatives are on what is known as the "Deferred Dividend" basis, under which the dividends are paid in from one to five years after the close of the fiscal year in which they accrued. This in general is a good business practice and should be continued, but it has certain dangers which should be carefully considered at the annual meetings and necessary steps should be taken to see that in case of a recurrence of the forced deflation that followed World War I our co-operatives are not endangered by the necessity of paying out deferred dividends in years when no profits were made or when heavy losses were sustained.

Since all savings after reserves are to be set up to the credit of the patrons, some provision should be made in the By-Laws to prorate losses in the same way, to be deducted from the deferred dividend credits of the patron. At present many of our 100 per cent co-operatives have no way to absorb possible losses except the usually too meager reserves they have set up.

Other important matters that should be given consideration at the annual meetings are, the setting up of educational reserves, and a careful study of the amount of patronage given by our local co-operatives to the wholesale or regional co-operative of which they are members. Managers should be required to state in their reports the amount of business transacted with the wholesale or regional of which the co-operative is a shareholder, and show the membership why it was necessary to buy from outside old line firms. How can a local co-operative manager ask, or expect loyal support and full patronage from his member shareholders if he himself buys off, or sells to outside concerns farm products or supplies that he could and should buy from or sell to his own co-operative wholesale or regional.

Every co-operative should set up educational reserves. The time is coming when all wide awake co-operatives will set up a regular budget for education, because in hard times, when no profits or savings are made and no dividends can be paid, proper use of educational funds can turn disaster into victory. The Kansas Farmers Union has a well functioning educational department under the able direction of Miss Esther Ekblad. Educational funds turned over to the Farmers Union will bring returns a hundred fold in in-

creased loyal patronage.

The Farmers Union Jobbing Association was several times in its early beginning days saved by the loyalty of the Farmers Union members and officers. In return, since it has grown under the management of H. E. Witham, into one of the largest grain and farm supply wholesale in the state. The Jobbing Association has several times saved the state Farmers Union from disaster and is regularly setting aside five per cent of its net savings to be used for co-operative education.

Manager Witham and the board of directors are convinced that money spent for education in co-operation brings in results far greater than, the same amount of money spent in some other trade increase campaign. Several of our wide awake farmers co-operatives are either checking off dues or paying in education funds, or both, to the Kansas Farmers Union and every annual meeting of our farmers cooperative should give careful consideration to this method of insuring future patronage and support in the battle for existence that is now starting.

Quinter On Way To Become A Co-Op Town

A Fine Meeting of Quinter Local Is Attended By John Vesecky of FUJA

The Quinter local of the Kansas F. E. & C. U. of A. held its first after-harvest meeting in the community hall in Quinter the evening of October 7.

In accordance with the offer of the Farmers Union Jobbing Association to make their fieldman, John Vesecky, available for speaking dates at Farmers Union meetings, Bro. W. E. Roesch, secretary-treasurer of the Quinter local, requested that Mr. Vesecky speak to the meeting.

Mr. Vesecky reports a good fairly well attended meeting in spite of gasoline rationing and rush of fall work. The program was good. The discussions were good and needless to say the plate lunch served after the meeting by the lady members of the local was good. Homer Terpening of Wakeeney, vice president of the Farmers Union Jobbing Association, was there and upon request gave the meeting one of his usual peppy talks. Norman Flora, ex-vice president of the Kansas Farmers Union is president of the local and did a fine job of presiding. Brother Flora has been elected County Treasurer of Gove county and is starting on his official duties this month.

The Quinter folks are to be congratulated upon their co-operatives. They now have an elevator and hardware store in connection, an up-to-date oil station, a store that would be a credit to any community, and are completing a \$4,000 brick building across the street from the store that will soon house their cream, egg, and poultry business. Quinter is well on the way towards becoming a co-operative town. Co-operative education brought to Gove county by the Farmers Union is paying good dividends there the same as it does in many other Kansas communities.

A Letter From Australia

(Copy of letter from Alvin R. Dreiling who managed the elevator at Ogallah, Kan., before entering the service.)

Somewhere in Australia.
Sept. 13, 1943.

Mr. H. E. Witham,
Farmers Union Jobbing Assn.,
Kansas City, Mo.
U. S. A.

Dear Mr. Witham:

Have all the time I desire to write letters, being on a four-day pass which I am spending somewhere along the Ocean in Australia.

How is everything going with the Jobbing Association? Still doing a whale of a business? How is Roy Crawford?—fine I hope. Tell him to keep the price right up there.

Did you receive the letter I wrote you sometime ago?

Well, Mr. Witham, of all the jobs I have had since I got out of the grain business, and of all the places I have been since then, I still prefer the grain business and working for the Jobbing Association above anything else. I still like good old Kansas best of them all. You know Mr. Witham, I never realized how beautiful Kansas is until I got over here; and I hope the day will soon come around when I can again go back to Kansas and start working for the Jobbing association.

Give my best regards to all employees and members.

I remain,

A Loyal Member.

ALVIN R. DREILING

Kansas Agricultural Situation

A price forecast for October by the department of economics and the extension service of Kansas State College issued Oct. 4, 1943, gives the following summary of prospective prices for agricultural products:

"The best information available indicates higher wheat prices, gradual strengthening of the prices of feed grains, lower hog prices, steady prices for good to choice slaughter cattle, steady to lower prices for the lower grades of slaughter cattle and for stocker and feeder cattle, steady to slightly higher sheep and lamb prices, and dairy products, poultry, and egg prices at ceiling levels during October."

This summary is then supported by figures on supplies and estimates of probable price trends in October and the rest of 1943. Marketing advice intended to help farmers take advantage of the indicated price trends is also included.

While the information as to supply and demand is very valuable to our farmers, there is general skepticism among farmers as to the advantage of price trend forecasts. Farmers as a rule say that if an appreciable percentage of farmers followed the advice and either withheld or rushed their products to market in accordance with the forecast and advice the results would be disastrous. The products would either be rushed to the markets in a flood and this cause congestion and unwarranted breaks or would be withheld from the markets causing scarcity and abnormally high prices. Cotton growers demanded that statistics be published on cotton but no price trend forecasts. This question might well be discussed at our Farmers Union meetings and the College be given an opportunity to defend the price trend forecasts.

Every War Bond Sale
Is An Axis Coffin Nail

1943 State Convention Is Important

Every FU Co-Op Should Be Represented Throughout Entire Convention Period

The Kansas Farmers Union Managers and Directors Association will meet as usual on the day preceding the opening of the state convention of the Kansas Farmers Union. Since the state union meets in Clay Center, Kan., on October 28 and 29, the Managers and Directors association will meet on October 27 in Clay Center. The program will likely be elsewhere in this issue of the Kansas Union Farmer. In the evening, after the managers and directors meeting, the Farmers Union Jobbing association will serve a banquet to all the visiting managers, directors, and their wives.

There are so many pressing problems on which our co-operatives would like to have the advice of their fellow co-operators and so many new regulations and rules and forms to contend with, that no cooperative should fail to send its manager and at least one member of the board to the meeting with instructions to stay through the state convention. There is no way that money and time can be spent to better advantage than by sending a representative from your co-operative, elevator, store, oil station, or cream station to the managers and directors meeting and the State Farmers Union Convention this year. If the co-operative is entitled to a delegate to the State Farmers Union convention, according to the qualifications in the official call for the convention, designate your director or manager as delegate. If not qualified, send in dues or educational fund so you can be represented in this year's important convention, but be sure to have some one at the meeting.

Seed Wheat

It is already late to talk much about seed wheat for this year's seeding but not too early to start studying the varieties of wheat best suited to the different wheat producing sections of this state.

By writing to Dr. John H. Parker, director of the Kansas Wheat Improvement Assn., our readers can obtain information as to which varieties of wheat are best suited to their part of the state, and names of growers of the varieties in their locality. During the fall, winter, and spring inspections may be made of the progress of the various varieties of wheat, their resistance to winter, killing, insects, draught and smut, and at harvest time the final yield and quality. By starting now to select what variety of wheat we will plant next year, our farmers can make better comparison of the various recommended varieties and also make arrangements for next years seed.

If Kansas is to regain its standing as producer of the "best wheat in the world," our farmers must unite in carefully selecting the best adapted varieties for each locality both as to production results and as to milling and baking qualities, because wheat after all is produced to supply us with food and not only to brag about the yield or to look at.

Double Duty

The chief constable of a small town was also an expert veterinary surgeon. One night the telephone rang. The chief constable's wife answered.

"Is that Mr. Jenkins?" asked an agitated voice.

"Do you want my husband in his capacity as veterinary surgeon or as chief constable?"

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RECENT REPRESENTATIVE

Live Stock Sales

Of Farmers Union Live Stock Commission Company

WICHITA

CATTLE

Robbert Fincham, Kingman Co., Kans., 44 steers	1030
Clarence Parker, Harper Co., Kans., 13 steers	565
Vance Clark, Harvey Co., Kans., 7 steers	400
H. A. Barbee, Roger Mills Co., Okla., 28 steers	650
B. W. DeWitt, Meade Co., Kans., 13 dogs	600
Orr & Hindman, Cowley Co., Kans., 141 dog steers	750
Ben J. Graber, Kingman Co., Kans., 1 B	1350
H. E. Berry, Lambert Co., Okla., 14 steers	700
W. J. Halstead, Grant Co., Okla., 12 steers	880
Halstead & Bruner, Alfalfa Co., Okla., 15 calves	300
H. A. Hale, Meade Co., Kans., 17 calves	1050
H. A. Blankenship, Barber Co., Kans., 11 str & hfs	500
Ray Thurman, Barber Co., Kans., 11 hfs	800
Kjellin & Son, Kingman Co., Kans., 20 steers	1001

HOGS

H. A. & Glen Klinkerman, McPherson Co., 25 hogs	200
Ed Davis, Cowley Co., Kans., 19 hogs	185
O. O. Vieux, Stafford Co., Kans., 22 hogs	200
Wm. Ure, Greenwood Co., Kans., 14 hogs	200
Herman Schmidt, Sedgewick Co., Kans., 15 hogs	205
John Bally, Sedgewick Co., Kans., 14 hogs	230
Ralph Gfeller, Butler Co., Kans., 14 hogs	200
Len Baggerley, Beaver Co., Okla., 10 hogs	230
C. L. Smotherman, Beaver Co., Okla., 10 hogs	201
O. A. Dauphin, Alfalfa Co., Okla., 18 hogs	190
F. B. Mayfield, Rush Co., Kans., 21 hogs	200
Augusta Ravenstein, Harvey Co., Kans., 17 hogs	240
Harold Beam, McPherson Co., Kans., 10 hogs	195
I. A. Hale, Meade Co., Kans., 20 sows	300
Fred Blackburn, Barber Co., Kans., 23 hogs	190
Lawrence Graver, Kingman Co., Kans., 13 hogs	200
Beard & Hill, Meade Co., Kans., 22 sows	290

SHEEP

H. O. Lauppe, Cowley Co., Kans., 10 sheep	100
Herb Hurley, Ellsworth Co., Kans., 13 sheep	90
A. Sundbye, Sedgewick Co., Kans., 14 sheep	95
Orville Holman, Cowley Co., Kans., 11 sheep	97

KANSAS CITY

CATTLE

J. A. Hannah, Lafayette Co., Mo., 13 heifers	860
Howard Wamser, Lyon Co., Kans., 19 steers	1167
Henry Anderson, Lyon Co., Kans., 30 heifers	775
H. H. Edwards, Coffey Co., Kans., 18 heifers	915
Herbert Niles, Coffey Co., Kans., 15 heifers	852
Clarence Wamser, Lyon Co., Kans., 10 heifers	796
Arnold Thowe, Wabunsee Co., Kans., 17 steers	1078
Garad & Son, Coffey Co., Kans., 57 heifers	763
V. E. Smith, Clay Co., Missouri, 29 steers	1118
Henry Anderson, Lyon Co., Kans., 14 heifers	797
Paul Evans, Anderson Co., Kans., 17 heifers	650
John Davis, Osage Co., Kans., 17 heifers	667
Frank Geraghty, Lyon Co., Kans., 18 heifers	752
John Davis, Coffey Co., Kans., 16 heifers	728
V. E. Smith, Clay Co., Missouri, 77 steers	1052
Wm. Johnson, Ellis Co., Kans., 48 calves	320
W. M. Rakes, Lane Co., Kans., 44 heifers	735
W. M. Rakes, Lane Co., Kans., 30 steers	735
Henry Dietz, Russell Co., Kans., 68 steers	765
E. L. McCormick, Thomas Co., Kans., 40 heifers	563
E. L. McCormick, Thomas Co., Kans., 11 cows	1060
J. T. Copeland, Kiowa Co., Kans., 13 steers	575
T. E. Olds, Wyandotte Co., Kans., 23 cows	1007
Mrs. Anna Nudson, Clay Co., Kans., 14 cows	1125
Chester Steawalt, Lane Co., Kans., 34 steers	713
Wm. Sales, Clay Co., Missouri, 52 heifers	760
T. W. Cummings, Ford Co., Kans., 26 heifers	680
J. T. Copeland, Kiowa Co., Kans., 10 cows	905
M. Boone, Greenwood Co., Kans., 10 cows	944
H. M. Boone, Greenwood Co., Kans., 29 cows	870
W. A. & L. M. Weddle, Lane Co., Kans., 20 cows	822
R. M. Boone, Greenwood Co., Kans., 29 cows	870
Chas. Burton, Johnson Co., Kansas, 87 cows	781

HOGS

Will Kohlenberg, Miami Co., Kan., 29 hogs	220
George Kent, Sullivan Co., Mo., 67 hogs	213
J. W. Springsteen, Vernon Co., Mo., 15 hogs	192
Mont Howe, Grundy Co., Mo., 36 hogs	184
D. E. Jackson, Graham Co., Kans., 50 hogs	188
A. F. Fishburn, Douglas Co., Kans., 19 hogs	225
W. J. Meyers, Osage Co., Kans., 28 hogs	225
Earl Jennings, Henry Co., Mo., 30 hogs	240
L. E. Dodder, Osage Co., Kans., 31 hogs	230
Herbert Kohlenberg, Miami Co., Kan., 20 hogs	244
Ellis Webb, Jackson Co., Mo., 12 hogs	277
W. T. Armstrong, Lafayette Co., Mo., 12 hogs	211
C. B. Evans, Lafayette Co., Mo., 24 hogs	228
R. J. Barrett, Chase Co., Kans., 22 hogs	214
D. E. Jackson, Graham Co., Kans., 19 hogs	140

SHEEP

W. H. Miller, Bates Co., Mo., 23 sheep	85
John Striegel, Leavenworth Co., Kans., 9 sheep	84
D. A. Lody, Dickinson Co., Kans., 12 sheep	91
Clarence Wiley, Leavenworth Co., Kans., 19 sheep	88
C. S. Mack, Grundy Co., Mo., 46 sheep	80
Doon Siegel, Morgan Co., Mo., 18 sheep	91
M. E. Ralls, Sullivan Co., Mo., 31 sheep	81
Boyd Cannon, Gentry Co., Mo., 12 sheep	77
Oscar Mack, Grundy Co., Mo., 29 sheep	81
L. C. Bagby, Jackson Co., Mo., 22 sheep	84
J. S. Hannah, Lafayette Co., Mo., 15 sheep	96
C. L. Todd, Cedar Co., Mo., 47 sheep	82
C. C. Collins, Grundy Co., Mo., 12 sheep	75
Donley Harmon, Lafayette Co., Mo., 41 sheep	83
C. E. Hitzeman, Leavenworth Co., Kans., 14 sheep	76

Kansas City Livestock Markets

Farmers Union Livestock
Comm. Co., Kansas City, Mo.

October 16, 1943

Cattle receipts were 51,000. Fed cattle about steady. Stockers and feeders slow 25c lower. We have been having a very uneven butcher cattle market the past two weeks, however, for 10 days the trend has been decidedly downward. Receipts have been heavy and outside orders very limited. Killing cows and heifer market today was fully 25c lower than last week's mean close. There were practically no fed heifers among the offerings. Canner cows selling mostly from \$5.50 to \$6.50. Cutters up to \$8.00. Beef cows \$8.50 to \$10.00. Stock cows and heifers draggy, but, about steady with last week's mean close. Bull market 25c lower again today. Stock calves fully steady on best kinds. Choice steer calves \$13.25. Good to choice ones \$10.50 to \$13.00. White face heifer calves \$1.00 lower than steers. Killing calves lower. Choice veals \$14.00. Good and choice veals \$12.00 to \$13.50. Heavy calves 75c to \$1.00 lower, mostly from \$9.00 to \$11.00. Canner calves \$6.00 to \$7.50 with junk down to \$5.50.

Hog receipts were 4,500. Market fairly active. Good and choice kinds of 180 lb. averages and up steady at ceiling level of \$14.50. Some weaknesses shown on underweight lights, packing sows and medium finished kinds of all weights. Underweight lights weighting 140 to 170 lbs., selling mostly at \$13.65 to \$14.40. Bulk of the better grade packing sows \$14.25 to \$14.40.

Sheep receipts were 16,000. Range lambs 15c to 25c lower, natives 25c to 50c off; ewes around 25c lower. Choice range lambs \$14.35 to \$14.50. Good and choice lots downward to \$14.00. Bulk good and choice truck ins, natives, \$13.50. Early top ewes \$5.50, many loads \$4.50 to \$4.75.

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Market Letter

Farmers Union Livestock Commission
South St. Joseph, Mo.

October 16, 1943

All classes of slaughter steers are closing mostly 25c lower, the better grain fed steers showing the least decline, bulk of good to choice grain fed steers selling \$14@15.50, with medium to good \$12.25@13.75, some common kinds \$9@12.

Good and choice yearlings are around 25c lower, common to medium kinds 25c and spots 50c lower, best heifers \$15, mixed yearlings \$15.50, bulk of good to choice kinds \$13.50@14.65, common to mediums \$9@12. Cows are weak, 25c and spots 50c lower, a few good cows \$11@12, bulk of beef cows \$3.25@10.50, canners and cutters \$6@8, with some plain beg bellied kinds \$5@5.50. Bulls are steady to 25c lower, bulk of sausage bulls \$8.50@10.50, with a few beef bulls \$11@11.50 to the shipper, some lightweight common kinds down to \$7.

There was a good supply of stockers and feeders here this

week, the market weak to 25c lower.

Veal calf market is steady, top \$14, bulk \$12@14, heavy calves a shade lower, good to choice \$11@12.50.

Hog market steady on 170 lbs. and up, bulk bringing \$14.50, unfinished, common and light hogs showing a decline. Sows are steady to weak, \$14.40@14.50, few \$14.35; stags \$14@14.50.

The sheep market for the week is 75c@\$1 higher, choice native lambs today bringing \$14.25. Good ewes are up to \$6.25. Clip lambs are selling as high as \$14 if extra fancy and No. 1 fleece, out lambs very draggy.

We urge our customers to have their live stock, particularly cattle and calves, on the market as early in the day as possible. Except in the stocker and feeder division, there can be no trading after 3 p. m., and better service can be given on live stock received early.

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Corporations Are in Clover

WASHINGTON.—Profits keep creeping up on the big corporation, altho you wouldn't guess it from the front pages or the radio com-

mentators, many of whom are sponsored by said corporations. Randolph Paul, the fighting bantam who is Treasury Department's General Counsel, estimates that corporation profits this year, AFTER TAXES, will more than double the 1939 figure, the last pre-war year. Estimated 1943 corporate profits, before taxes stand at \$26 billions, nearly four times the 1939 level. Profits are running far ahead of taxes. Government and the public are carrying the war tax burden. Paul proposes to do something about this in the next tax bill, saying "the huge and increasing volume of wartime profits offers an obvious point of attack on the problem of inflation." He warns that if profits are not taxed more heavily, "workers would undoubtedly insist upon a share of these 'windfalls,' which would mean higher wages and additional pressure on the price ceilings." By "windfalls," Paul means that the profits are made on sales to the government. As in past years, Paul is trying to head off a sales tax. Unless public opinion supports him, and more strongly than ever before he will be licked.

Capital's Wage Has Escaped Freezing

Evidence that wage "freezing" does not apply to the wages of capital can be found on the financial page of any newspaper.

On a single day last week the record of disbursements of 1942 earnings showed these increases in payments to stockholders:

National Dairy Product, 25 per cent; Beatrice Creamery, 40 per cent; Ward Baking Company, 20 per cent; B. F. Goodrich, 100 per cent; Humble Oil and Refining, 40 per cent; American Agricultural Chemical, 60 per cent; Twentieth Century-Fox, 100 per cent; McKesson & Robbins, 30 per cent; National Enameling, 50 per cent.

Doubtless directors of these companies were surprised at their moderation, since profits, after payment of taxes, were more than double those of the previous year.

Former NYA Administrator Joins NFU Staff

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tion for the eastern and southern states. I am proud and happy to make this announcement. The National Farmers Union can now proceed to meet the increasing number of requests for assistance in organization of Farmers Unions and affiliated cooperatives. These requests have come from many parts of the south and east where working farmers feel the need for an organization that will represent their interests at the local, county, state regional and national levels and provide necessary services in the establishment of cooperatives for the purchase of supplies, sales of their products and other functions. Such requests have been increasing during the past two years.

Mr. Williams will assist in the development of cooperatives and rural educational program for members of the Farmers Union, in line with policies and methods developed by the NFU's Cooperative and Educational Departments. He will represent the National Union Farmers in the New England states, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, West Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky, Arkansas, Louisiana, Alabama, Mississippi, Georgia, and Florida.

"During recent years, the National Farmers Union has developed principally in the Central and North Central grain and livestock regions, extending northward from Oklahoma where it still has the largest state membership, owning, for example, more than 100 cooperative cotton gins. In the past two years, preliminary development work has been under way in the south, where the NFU today has approximately 50,000 members in the states of Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas, Texas and Georgia. In recent months membership has grown rapidly among poultry and dairy farmers on the Eastern seaboard.

"Appointment of Mr. Williams will promote the NFU's basic purpose, the secur-

ity of the working farm family on the land in an economy of abundance brought about by a free exchange of goods and services. He knows our kind of people because he is one of them. His deep sympathy, understanding and practical work for the common man and his years of service to the youth of his country, proved by his years as deputy WPA Administrator and NYA Administrator, equip him for the job of aiding in the development of service for small farmers and an educational program of their own. This must go along with the organization to promote needed agricultural legislation and to defeat other legislation and administrative action aimed at the destruction of family type farming and rural democracy. As a veteran of World War I and the father of three boys engaged in this one, he knows what the People's War is being fought for and what to do about it.

"Mr. Williams will, for the time being, have his headquarters in Washington, D. C., later determining the location of his field headquarters." Williams made the following statement:

"I am joining the staff of the National Farmers Union because its purpose and work are concerned with the welfare and betterment of people. I feel I can do more there than in any other place. I appreciate the President's saying he would like to have me remain in Government, but I feel I can do more for the things the President stands for outside of Government than I can inside."

"I believe the program of the NFU to be economically sound. I have great respect for and faith in its national leader, James Patton and am very happy over the prospect of working with him. I am more than ever impressed with the economic and social soundness of organized cooperatives. I feel that their spread can only result in good on all fronts. They are in line with and will without doubt, strengthen our form of democratic government. They will increase the spread of ownership among people and lengthen the line of credit, as well as pur-

chasing power, of working people. In addition, the educational and social values are of great importance in a country trying to make democracy work—against substantial odds."

Patton Urges AFL

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fact is that today, 22 months after Pearl Harbor, American agriculture still is not converted, mobilized and expanded to meet the war and post-war food needs that confront us," President Patton said. "The basic pattern in agriculture is still farming-as-usual."

"Why is it that agriculture, unlike industry, has not been put on an all-out war basis?"

"The reason is that the Administration is intimidated by, and the Congress is under the domination, of this bi-partisan coalition."

"This coalition has fought to exclude small farmers from participation in maximum food production, attempting to kill the Farm Security Administration."

Subsidy Fight Continues

"A wartime reorganization and streamlining of the U. S. department of agriculture . . . which would have made possible an integrated production engineering job comparable to WPB's job in industrial production, was halted 45 days after it was started and has never been resumed."

"OPA has been investigated, harassed, hobbled, purged and perverted by this coalition, with the result that prices rose, black markets flourished, and now business men are being asked to man OPA and be their own policemen."

"Although the administration won the fight for subsidies last June when the congress did not override the president's veto of the Commodity Credit Bill containing a prohibition against subsidies, the coalition is now engaged in fighting this battle over again."

Try to Embitter Farmers and Labor

"In the past year we have seen efforts to inflame farmers against labor, labor against farmers, fixed income people against both and all of them against government. Government has been smeared indiscriminately as 'bureaucracy.' Only this past week, we have seen a parade of witnesses before Congressional Committees proposing higher farm prices supported by the government, but with a prohibition against

Convention Speaker



A. V. LUNDGREN
President of State Federation of Labor

the use of subsidies to prevent the passing on of higher prices to consumers. Proposals have been made that, instead of a tax program based on ability to pay, a 10 per cent sales tax be imposed.

"Support prices are necessary to get war foods in the kinds and quantities needed. Our current tax yield should be increased. But the price and tax proposals that have been made by some farm and business spokesmen amount to a program for loading the burden of higher prices and higher taxes on wage earners and fixed income people."

Excessive Profits Hushed

"The advocates of such a program include the most ferocious opponents of wage adjustments to meet higher living costs. In the battle of statistics, figures are being thrown back and forth showing that labor has improved its position more than farmers and that farmers have made larger gains than labor. Strangely enough, figures showing that profits, after taxes, in the first half of 1943 ran 18 per cent above the same period in 1942, are lost and receive little or no circulation or public attention. The war profiteers, who for the most part are treated with great respect by the press and the radio, stay in the shadows, saying to farmers and to labor, 'Let's you and him fight.' All of this follows the pattern laid out in Hitler's strategy of terror. It is a formula for the atomization of the masses. Once a people are split and pounded to powder, each atom hating and mistrusting the others, the way is clear for inflation, chaos and dictatorship."

Urges Labor to Help Get Food Program

Labor can assist small farmers in maintaining their economic position, and in producing food to win the war and the peace that follows, President Patton told the conference, by assisting in the passage of several pieces of legislation which he outlined.

"Most important and fundamental is the proposal of the National Farmers Union first made immediately after Pearl Harbor that all farmers be counted in to maximum food production . . ."

"We propose a loan authorization of \$1,000,000,000 as the first step in a three-year program to bring 1,300,000 under-financed, under-equipped and therefore under-employed working farm families up to maximum production that would increase food production 2 per cent."

"This proposal is now more valid than when it was first made. The billion dollars, equal to the money cost of running the war for four days, will get \$1.50 in food for every \$1 invested. FSA experience shows that more than 90 per cent of it will be paid back on time or ahead of time."

"Only strong public demand will compel the administration and the congress to override the coalition's opposition to any such counting in of all our farm people."

Outlines Program

supported by the government, but with a prohibition against Immediate legislative matters

on which President Patton urged labor to co-operate included:

Passage of the administration sponsored bill to extend the life of Commodity Credit Corporation.

Restoration of crop insurance. Passage of the House Bill assuring farmers parity on all war food crops, without any prohibition against subsidies.

Enactment of parity guarantee to wheat farmers to get needed additional acreage planted.

Repeal of Public Law No. 45 which, instead of mobilizing farm labor, freezes it in one of the 3,000 counties of the nation and its replacement by bill appropriating \$11,000,000 for real mobilization of a farm labor force that can be used wherever and whenever needed at fair wages under decent living conditions.

Immediate restoration of FSA to last year's levels. (Its administrative and loan authorization were cut one-third by the last Congress.)

Farmer-Labor Welfare Linked

"We ask your help in our efforts to produce more food for you and your families, for the armed services, for our allies and for the starving millions, are pledged to help feed where they are freed."

"In agriculture, small working farmers are now, in the war period, in daily competition—often with forces that, if they succeed in their march toward monopoly, will establish rural fascism. If they succeed, labor turn may come after the war when the demands for labor slack off."

"I have said, and I repeat that, if organizations of working farm families are weakened and destroyed during or after this war, labor organizations will go down, too. With the fall of free organizations of farmers and labor would go American democracy. Labor's destiny and ours are linked. In my judgment both are threatened; neither can survive and prosper without the other. Together we can win the war and, co-operating with our brothers in other lands, can make a decent, lasting peace for free men."—National Farmer.

40,500 Affiliate With FU

(Continued from Page 2) the nation, they will have an even stronger and more effective voice in the direction of national affairs.

Strength In South

"Within the Mid-South, the are building a movement that can raise small farmers from virtual economic peonage to the secure and independent status which they should have. The three great state co-operative have welded them together into economic units which can provide them greater economic independence. We trust we may help them build that movement."

"The Mid-Southern Farmers Union and the National Farmers Union are very pleased that in the educational and legislative fields these groups have joined with us to carry on the fight for security of working farm families on the land everywhere in the nation."

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