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FARMERS NATIONAL GRAIN A STRICTLY SEPARATE COMPANY

Opponents of Cooperative Marketing Try to Confuse Grain Producers

Operations of Grain Stabilization Corporation of Immense Benefit to Business Structure of Nation

CHICAGO— Operations of The Grain Stabilization Corporation, acting in a purely emergency situation to hold up the prices of grain, should not be confused with the merchandising program of Farmers National Grain Corporation, grain producers of the country were advised today in a statement issued at the Chicago offices of the latter corporation.

"It is apparent," said the statement, "that a more or less widespread effort is being made by opponents of co-operative marketing to cause confusion in the minds of grain producers as to the relationship between The Grain Stabilization Corporation and the Farmers National Grain Corporation. By citing possible losses in the operations of The Grain Stabilization Corporation critics of the Federal Farm Board seemingly are trying to make it appear that these losses, if they are incurred, will fall upon grain co-operatives and, in turn, will reflect weaknesses in the national co-operative grain marketing plan.

"As a matter of fact, the operations of The Grain Stabilization Corporation are in no way predicated upon or incidental to the grain merchandising program of Farmers National Grain Corporation, although it is quite clear to the grain producer that they have been of vast benefit, not only to agriculture but to the entire business structure of the nation as well. In the face of falling world wheat markets, the stabilization operations not only have benefited growers, who have sold millions of bushels of grain at prices well above world levels, but have undoubtedly protected scores of country banks from failure.

"But regardless of the final outcome of the stabilization operations under the provisions of the Agricultural Marketing Act, losses, if any, must be met either by previous profits from similar operations, or by an appropriation from the revolving fund. In no instance can it be charged against marketing operations. Thus Farmers National Grain Corporation, an entirely separate organization, will continue to be in position to offer grain growers the benefits of centralized marketing under their own control. These benefits, including, as they do, the advantages of large-scale terminal elevator operations, contact with buyers throughout the world, movement of grain by the shortest and, therefore, the least expensive route, and credit for orderly marketing to prevent terminal gluts with their consequent price depressions, will be fully appreciated by grain growers everywhere.

"Farmers recognize in the development of Farmers National Grain Corporation and the other national marketing agencies supported by the Federal Farm Board, a fruition of years of effort to gain control of their own marketing. For half a century producers have demonstrated their faith in group action, first locally, then regionally, and now under a national plan that is available to them all. The progress that has been made in the development of national co-operative grain marketing during the last year is indicative not only of their conviction that national and world-wide farmer marketing is their right and is within their reach, but of their determination to accept and make full use of it."

F. U. JOBBING HAS CHARGE OF WEEKLY FARMERS UNION HOUR

H. E. Witham, General Manager Farmers Union Jobbing Association, Kansas City, will arrange the program for Farmers Union Hour, which will be broadcast over station WIBW, Topeka, Friday night, February 27th, at eight o'clock.

THE WEEK WITH OUR STATE LEADERS

SALINA, Kans.—President C. A. Ward was in his office Monday and Tuesday of this week, where he was occupied in clearing his desk of the heavy correspondence which had accumulated during the week of his absence. Tuesday evening, February 24, he addressed a meeting of the men students of Kansas State Agricultural College at Manhattan. He spoke on the aims, purposes and accomplishments of various farm organizations.

Wednesday, Mr. Ward will be in Topeka on business connected with the legislative activities of the Committee of Kansas Farm Organizations. Thursday night, February 26 he plans to be in attendance at a Farmers Union meeting at Hackney and Friday, he will attend the Washington county Farmers Union meeting, at Barnes. President Ward will go to Kansas City Saturday, February 28 for a conference with leaders of the various state-wide business activities of the Kansas Farmers Union.

Secretary Kinney will spend the week of February 23rd in attending with Mr. A. W. Ricker, Editor Farmers Union Herald of St. Paul, the series of meetings which have been arranged for Mr. Ricker in the western part of the state. Mr. Kinney will be in Kansas City Saturday, where he will also attend the meeting which has been arranged.

FRANKFORT SETS THE PACE IN JANUARY HONOR CONTEST

Leader Had Fourteen Loads to Win, and Gothenburg Was Second With Thirteen

The Honor Roll contest among the shipping associations for January was featured by a close race for first honors. The Frankfort, Kansas, Farmers Union Shipping Association, managed by Glen Leupold, gained first place, but had to ship fourteen loads to do it. The Gothenburg, Nebraska, Shipping Association, Paul Poggendorf, manager, crowded mighty close with thirteen loads.

Two shipping associations tied for third place with eleven loads each for the month. The Ames, Kansas, Shipping Association, Edward Gepner, manager, shipping from Ames and Clyde, had eleven loads, as did the Randolph, Kansas, Farmers Union Coop. Association, managed by Emil Samuelson.

Next in line were four shipping associations with six loads each for the month. They were: Lyndon Shipping Association, Lyndon, Kansas, Wm. Lyons, manager; Farmers Union, Elevator Co., Lawrence, Nebr., H. J. Pohlmeier, manager; Farmers Union Co-op. Association, Page City, Kansas, Emil Gustafson, manager, and Farmers Co-op. Supply Co., Wakefield, Kansas, Chas. Seitz, manager.

Three associations were here with five loads each. They were as follows: Farmers Shipping Assn., Lowry City, Mo., L. C. Cleveland, manager; Osgood Shipping Assn., Osgood, Mo., R. H. Kent, manager, and Farmers Union Elevator, St. Marys, Kansas, George Hammarlund, manager.

Those with four loads for the month totaled nine, and were as follows: Farmers Co-op. Grain Co., Blue Rapids, Kansas, Dale Wanamaker, manager; Washington Co. Farmers Union, Barnes, Kansas, Ora Schofield, manager; Climax Shipping Assn., Climax, Kansas, Jim Cross, manager; Dunlap Shipping Assn., Dunlap, Mo., R. G. Mallett, manager; Erie, Kansas, Shipping Assn., George Lockwood, manager; Washington Co. Farmers Union, Greenleaf, Kansas, Dan McGrath, manager; Farmers Union Co-op. ssn., Holbrook, Nebr., C. L. Frack, manager; Laredo Farm Club, Laredo, Mo., Don Page, manager, and Schroyer Grain and Supply Co., Marysville, Kansas, Wm. M. Griffee, manager.—Cooperator.

KANSAS

Kansas, our home land, how strange is thy story;
Like Minerva full-armed into being you came;
Thy valor and justice have crowned thee with glory;
A halo of beauty encircles thy name.

The sword and the balance were left to thy keeping;
The spirit of freedom awoke at thy call;
Then millions arose from bondage and weeping
To join in the nation with freedom for all.

Kansas, our Kansas, thou leadest the nation;
Thy wisdom endureth, thy justice enthralls;
And many have learned of thy high inspiration,
Have followed thy footsteps, and heeded thy calls.

In thy romance, what beautiful rainbow hues blended;
What tragedies darkened the hour of thy dawn;
The pioneers' progress, the braves who contended,
Shall live in thy story while time journeys on.

No more the plumed Sioux rushes fiercely to plunder;
His bow has been broken, his valor was vain;
The bison whose hoof beats re-echoed like thunder,
Have passed like a dream from thy green, sunny plain.

The white man remains with his burden and scheming;
With restless ambition that scorns every chain;
He has found sunny Kansas the land of his dreaming;
An Eden, with verdure, and sunshine, and rain.

—Thomas Edward Fay, Harris, Kans.

A FARM BLOC IS PRODUCING RESULTS AT TOPEKA

For the First Time in Kansas History, Due to the Efforts of the Committee of Farm Organizations, the Friends of Agriculture in the Kansas Legislature are Working Constructively on Legislation Directly Concerning the Farmers of Kansas

Every Tuesday noon at a luncheon at the Y. M. C. A. at Topeka, the farmer members of the legislature and friends of the farmers in the Legislature, meet to discuss matters of interest to the farmers of Kansas. Out of this discussion are coming some laws which we believe will be of immense benefit to the farmers. We are giving below a brief history of some of the bills introduced at this session:

The State Institution Oleomargarine bill has passed both Houses and by this time probably has been signed by the Governor. This Bill prohibits the use of oleomargarine or butter substitute in any of the state institutions and will certainly have some effect on the butter situation. This is a step in the right direction in the protection of our dairy industry in Kansas.

Another oleomargarine law was introduced. This law, based on the Montana law, puts a license tax of $300.00 per year on each retailer of oleomargarine or butter substitute, and $1,000.00 per year on each wholesaler. This bill has not been reported out of the Agricultural Committee. A substitute bill also has been introduced and will probably be reported out favorably by the Agricultural Committee, soon. This Bill places a tax of five cents per pound on uncolored oleomargarine. At the present time it looks as if this Bill would be the one which will pass the Legislature.

A Resolution re-submitting the Income Tax Amendment was killed in the Senate Tuesday, by a vote of 24 for, to 15 against. This requires a two thirds majority, to pass. An identical resolution will no doubt pass the House and go to the Senate again. Below we are printing the vote on this Resolution in the Senate.

On the final roll call on submitting the amendment to a vote of the people the senators voted:

For the resolution—Arbuthnot, Archer, Barnes, Barrier, Behrens, Buehler, Butler, Finley, Frizell, Gehring, Gray, Hanson, Harris, Ireland, Mann, Nevitt, Potter, Prehn, Ratner, Rogler, Scott, Solander, Warren, Wilkins.

Against the resolution—Bond, Bradfield, Bradney, Carlson, Culp, Davis, Geddes, Immell, Knapp, Krehbiel, Lindsley, Pfouts, Smyth, Tripp, Whitman. Senator Baker was absent.

You should immediately write your Senators to support this Resolution when it comes over from the House.

The Cooperative Bill is on general orders in the House and should be reached and passed, soon. We do not think there will be much opposition to this Bill as it is intended mainly to clarify the Cooperative laws which are in force today.

The Warehouse Bill which is intended mostly to legalize the regulations put into effect by the different Warehouse Commissioners in the past on Kansas bonded warehouses will probably pass, as it has the support, not only of the farm organizations, but most of the grain trade, as well. We understand Mr. E. J. Smiley, of the Kansas Grain-Dealers Association, is opposed to this bill but the grain trade generally, seems to be favorable to it.

There is a chain store tax measure which has already passed the House and which is not sponsored by the Farm Organizations, which, if it becomes a law, will affect some of our farmers' cooperative institutions. This law, while it is aimed directly at the chain stores, placing a tax of fifty dollars on each branch or chain store where there are more than one, we believe, will also affect county organizations which have two or more elevators or stores. There was an attempt made in the House, when this Bill came up for passage, to have Cooperatives exempted, but we were not successful. This Bill will go to the Senate and if you are opposed to it, write your Senator immediately and tell him to have this Bill killed.

There is a very friendly attitude in both branches of the Legislature this winter, toward farmers and Farm Organizations. A great deal of credit for this feeling is due to Mr. L. E. Webb, our Legislative agent in Topeka.

Mr. Webb is on the job every day and is on very friendly terms with all of the members in both branches and is listened to with respect. Mr. Webb was a member of the Legislature for several terms, has a wide acquaintance and is a thorough going cooperator. We are very fortunate in being able to secure the services of Mr. Webb.

There is a very friendly feeling between the Committee of Farm Organizations and the members of the Legislature. That is due to the fact that the representatives of the Farm Organization are not asking for anything unreasonable.

The establishment of a legislative agent with permanent headquarters in Topeka marks a new era in legislation, for Kansas.

The average member of the Legislature is honest. He is no different in the Legislature than he was before he went there. He wants to do the right thing, as a rule. He wants to serve the people who elected him.

In these Tuesday noon meetings, he meets the members of the Committee of Farm Organizations, and gets the real slant on the questions affecting the farmers of Kansas.

The bill known as the Public Utility Bill which places a license tax on the Public Utilities to support the Public Service Commission was killed in the Senate Friday, by a vote of 13 to 24.

This Bill had passed the Senate before in the Committee of the Whole, without a dissenting vote but twenty-four hours later, when it came up for final passage, there seemed to be a change in the sentiment among some of the Senators. We are printing some comments on this action of the Senate, taken from the Kansas City Times. Also, a record of the votes.

"Regardless of the senate's application of ether to the public utility fees bill, the House worked the same measure over somewhat and sent it over to the east wing of the legislature.

This bill has invoked more opposition on the part of the public utility lobby than any other measure before the present session. When the senate passed it in committee of the whole without a dissenting vote, Governor Woodring believed that one of his administration proposals would get through. But something happened, and this something was designated by Senator Warren of Bourbon as "a sinister influence exerted by the most powerful lobby that ever attempted to thwart the legislature or the will of the people."

Senator Warren of Bourbon, administration spokesman, declared "that insidious influence had been at work to change the vote of the senate over night." Senator Ratner of Labette, a champion of the bill, declared that if this bill was turned down an even more stringent measure would be proposed through the public utilities committee.

Here's how the Senate voted:

For—Barnes, Barrier, Behrens, Buehler, Butler, Finley, Hanson, Mann, Pfouts, Ratner, Scott, Warren, Wilkins.

Against—Arbuthnot, Archer, Baker, Bond, Bradfield, Bradney, Carlson, Culp, Davis, Frizell, Geddes, Gray, Harris, Immel, Ireland, Knapp, Krehbiel, Lindsley, Nevitt, Prehn, Ragler, Smyth, Tripp, Whitman."

The same bill was immediately introduced into the House Saturday, and the House, declaring an emergency, rushed this bill through to final passage and it was passed by a vote of 81 to 15. This Bill will go to the Senate and you should wire your Senator to support this Bill. The Public Service Commission is the only Commission which is not self supporting from the fees charged to those who take advantage of it.

On another page we are printing an editorial from the Kansas City Times regarding this bill.

A. M. Kinney.

CONSUMERS PROFIT BY BEEF PRICE DECLINE

While recently considerable publicity has been given to the fact that some commodtiies have not reflected the price declines in raw products, there is no occasion for this being true of fresh beef, veal, pork or lamb as most wholesale prices are from 25 to 35 per cent under those of a year ago and consumers should be getting the advantage of them through reductions in retail prices.

A comparison of wholesale dressed meat prices at Chicago for the week ending February 14 with same week a year ago indicates substantial declines. Wholesale prices of fresh beef show declines of from 27 to 36 per cent with veal from 24 to 31 per cent. Fresh pork chops, loins andshoulders show declines of 28 to 36 per cent. Lamb which had already broken sharply a year ago showed additional losses of from 14 to 22 per cent this past week as compared with same week a year ago.

If the full benefit of these reduced wholesale prices are reflected to consumers by distributors, meat and meat products should be attractive to consumers. Housewives who are not now including at least one kind of meat in the daily menu ought to take advantage of these lowered prices to purchase such wholesome food.

SOME IMPORTANT LEGISLATIVE POINTS ARE EXPLAINED

Radio Speech by L. E. Webb, President Kansas Cooperative Grain Dealers, Over WIBW Feb. 6

RADIO ADDRESS OVER WIBW

Hello friends and Farmers Union folks.

Folks, you hear a great deal about the farm organizations in Kansas not being able to get along with each other. We either get along splendidly with each other or else we have a rather successful method of passing the buck. As has already been announced, this period is supposed to be filled by the Farmers Union and comes to you through the courtesy of Senator Capper. But the thing I would like to call to your attention is that Mr. Ward, who was supposed to address you this evening, called up from Kansas City and suggested that I say a few words in the interest of all Kansas Farm Organizations.

Inasmuch I have been very much interested in pending legislation and I hope you are equally interested, I shall tell you of some measures now pending. We should be able to get considerable constructive legislation through now that the members are to receive their postage, telegraph, and telephone money. They have voted themselves $75 for this purpose. Several members voted in opposition to this bill. In all seriousness, folks, I do not feel that any member should be criticized for voting for this expense money which we sometimes term a "salary grab." Several times a proposition has been submitted to you whereby the constitution could have been amended so that the members could receive as much salary as they are obliged to pay their clerks and hired hands at home. It seems that we cannot get the idea over to the people that they should give their legislators enough salary to pay their expenses at least while they are in Topeka during the legislative session. They never expected to get enough to cover their actual expenses during the balance of the two year period that they are elected to serve you. The thing that surprises me most in regard to this matter is that the farmers and working people are inclined to vote against this proposition. Let me assure you that it is the members who are here representing this class of voters who are obliged to return to their homes sometimes before the session has adjourned on account of their inability to get expenses for this work. Those who represent industrial districts no doubt are not handicapped in this respect, for it is my belief that ordinarily they have incomes large enough to care for their needs.

I am next going to call your attention to some bills which I feel are most important to the farmers of Kansas. I shall first tell you something of the weed law which we have introduced in the House by one of our farmer members. It provides for the eradication of the bindweed. It provides, as it is now drawn that each landowner must eradicate at least two per cent of all the infested areas of land owned. It provides further that the county commissioners shall eradicate at least two per cent of all infested areas in such county. It provides that the county commissioners must use such formula and ingredients as are recommended by the State

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SEAMANS TO BROADCAST OVER WCFL

A. W. Seamans, Manager Farmers Union Cooperative Produce Association will speak from station WCFL (970 k.), Chicago, on Saturday, Feb-28th, from 12:45 to 1 P. M.

DUNN IN CONFERENCE WITH FARMERS NATIONAL

Mr. T. B. Dunn, head of the Farmers Union Auditing Association at Salina, Kansas, has just returned from Chicago where he has been conferring with representatives of the Farmers National Grain Corporation on matters concerning the future policies of the Farmers Union Jobbing Association as they affect the relationship of the Jobbing Association with the Farmers National.—Cooperator.

FAT CATTLE PRICE HAS UNDERGONE A STEADY DECLINE

Unemployment in Industrial Centers is Chief Reason, Says Art Little of F. U. Livestock Co.

F. M. Lynn, Editor Cooperator, Gives Brief Hog Market Summary During Broadcast by F. U. Livestock Co., Over WIBW February 20th

Well, folks, here we are again, tryingto tell you something that might be of interest to you, relating to the Farmers Union Live Stock Commission Co. You know, every so often, through the courtesy of the Capper Publications and their radio station, this cooperative firm has the opportunity to speak to you. We certainly appreciate this opportunity, and we hope that in many farm homes, and other homes, too, for that matter, the radios are all set to receive WIBW and that you will leave the dials set just as they are and leave the juice turned on for a few minutes, while we say our little say.

The principal speaker who is to address you this evening, is here in the studio, and seems to be anxious to get in front of the microphone, so I am glad to step aside and let you listen to the salesman who handles our fat steer sales in the yards at Kansas City. This gentleman has more than twenty-five years of experience as cattle salesman behind the remarks he will make to you. He has sold perhaps as many cattle as any other man at the Kansas City stock yards. Although he has been with the Farmers Union firm only since the first of this year, he has caught the spirit of cooperation to the fullest extent, and is working mighty hard and mighty effectively to get the highest dollar possible out of your cattle. Ladies and gentlemen, I am glad to introduce to you, Art H. Little.

Mr. Little: For the past twenty odd years I have been behaving pretty well and have confined my efforts principally to selling cattle but tonight my feet are off the ground, my destiny is in the balance. If I find that instead of being a cattle man I am an orator I will probably trade my saddle horse for a soap box and a plug hat and become a candidate for the senate; but, I expect that tomorrow morning will find me back in the saddle with all of my delusions knocked into a cocked hat.

This opportunity made possible by the Capper Publications to greet my friends or at least those who are listening in, affords me great pleasure.

On January first of this year I took charge of the selling end of the fat cattle department for the Farmers Union Live Stock Commission Company, and probably could not have chosen a more difficult time to introduce my talents to new friends. Since that date we have had an almost continual decline in fat cattle prices, the cause of which can be laid directly to the door of unemployment.

We have had no unusual large supply of beef cattle marketed since January first, but with the great Eastern labor employment centers harboring thousands of unemployed people, a great many of whom are standing in line each day for a bowl of soup, the demand for beef has naturally been greatly curtailed and prices have declined.

Other foods that compete with beef, such as pork, mutton and particularly eggs have been very cheap. The mild weather has kept the hens laying, and eggs, as you all know, are selling cheaper now than most of us ever saw before. The great masses of laboring people in the big Eastern manufacturing centers have always been the principal consumers of the farmers' produce, and when that laborer is unemployed the producer shares his misfortune.

Very fortunately for us all, the winter season is about over. Spring work is at hand and beside the usual work our cities, our state and our government have made contracts for public improvements, the erection of public buildings, river channel improvements, road constructions and many other projects that will furnish work for thousands of men now idle.

The continual decline in fat cattle prices has been very discouraging to both the present and the prospective

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MOVEMENT AWAY FROM FARMS DECLINES; FARM POPULATION SHOWS INCREASE

Fewer people are leaving the farms. More people are moving to farms. The net result, adding the surplus of births over deaths on farms, is that the farm population has increased for the first time in ten years.

The number of persons who left farms for towns and cities in 1930 was 1,543,000 compared with 1,876,000 persons in 1929, and a peak movement of 2,155,000 persons in 1926, according to estimates by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, U. S. Department of Agriculture.

The movement from cities to farms in 1930 was the largest since 1924. Last year, 1,392,000 persons moved from cities to farms, compared with a peak movement of 1,396,000 persons in 1924. The trek farmward is considered a reflection of the industrial employment situation.

This is the first gain in farm population in the ten years for which annual estimates have been made, says the bureau. The tendency to leave farms appears to have received a decided check, the bureau points out, in the Middle Atlantic.

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IT IS THE UTILITIES' EXPENSE

The utilities bill defeated by the Kansas senate yesterday was intended to compel the public utility corporations to pay, in the way of certain license fees, the expense of maintaining the public service commission.

It has been the settled policy of the state for thirty years or more to compel the industries and the various interests that require a separate department of the government for the administration of their operations, to meet the expenses of such department. The bankers pay for the banking department through fees, the insurance companies for the insurance department, the oil industry for the oil inspection department.

Only the utilities corporations have been exempted from this duty and they by reason of the fact that the public service commission, in its various forms, was created long before the other departments were created and it was then established at state expense.

Governor Woodring made the issue in his message to the legislature for compelling the public service corporations to pay the expense of the commission in line with all other such departments.

The vote in the senate yesterday was a direct issue between Governor Woodring and the Republican senate. The Republicans should think twice before they become the champion of the public service corporations as against the public policy. If the Republican legislature desires to become the party of the Doherty gas combine, the party of the Bell Telephone Company, the party of all the other public service corporations, Governor Woodring can well afford to permit it to take that choice. He could ask nothing better from the standpoint of a political issue.

But if the Republican senate thinks it is pleasing the vast majority of the Republicans of Kansas by voluntarily branding itself and the party with the branding iron of the corporations then the senate has something to learn in the matter of public sentiment in Kansas. And the house has checked up to the senate full responsibility for failure to pass the law, for the house voted it through yesterday after the senate had rejected it.—K. C. Times.

THE TAX YARDSTICK

Taxes should be levied in proportion to ability to pay. But how may we measure ability to pay? Here are 100 families in a township or village, and the budget of necessary expenses is $2500. How is the $2500 to be apportioned among the 100 families? The ancient rule was to apportion it in proportion to the amount of property held by each family. But long experience has shown that the amount of property held by taxpayers is not an equitable measure of their ability to pay, for the following reasons:

1. Property is not all equally profitable—a $15,000 farm and a $15,000 garage, for instance.
2. Some of the property is mortgaged and some is unencumbered.
3. Some of the property is out in the open for assessment. Other property is secreted from assessment.
4. Drouth or panic or pestilence may bring adversity to some of the property, while other property may be enjoying prosperity.
5. Many people have considerable income or salary, but have very little property that can be found and taxed.
6. Much property, such as public bonds and registered mortgages, is tax exempt.

Hence property is not an equitable yardstick to measure ability to pay taxes. Investigation and experience have scientifically demonstrated the correctness of the modern rule that net income is the true measure of ability to pay taxes, for the following reasons:

1. Ability to pay taxes is measured by prosperity.
2. But prosperity is measured by profits, or rather net profits.
3. But net profits is the same as net income.
4. Hence ability to pay taxes is measured by net income.

There is an adjustment of net income, generally recognized by all political economists as bringing the net income tax more exactly into conformity to the rule of ability to pay. An equal exemption of something like $1000 is allowed every family for a reasonable minimum allowance for family, or personal expenses. It is clear that every family must have money to buy necessary food, clothing, and shelter, and to pay minimum expenses for transportation, education, and health, before that family has any ability to pay taxes. The tax on property ignores this necessary allowance to bring the tax into line with ability to pay.

With this exemption—equal to all families—net income is the true yardstick to measure ability to pay taxes.

—John Frost.

PARAGRAPHS FROM WASHINGTON

By W. P. LAMBERTSON

Sen. Keyes' wife is better known by her pen name, Frances Parkinson Keyes.

Rep. W. R. Johnson, of Illinois, is 6 ft. 4 in. tall and weighs 240 pounds. He previously had served several years as a Capitol policeman.

Eighteen army planes flew just after dark from Michigan to Washington in 2½ hours, making 170 miles an hour. This was part of an army problem resisting a supposed air attack on the Capitol.

Down in the Navy Yard there are two bronze cannon which Capt. Stephen Decatur took from the Tripolitans August 3, 1804.

On the floor under Statuary Hall, carved out of the top of one 6 ft. cube stone, are the busts of three great suffragist leaders: Susan B. Anthony, Lucretia Mott and Elizabeth Stanton Cady. It was beside this that memorial services for Miss Anthony were held last Sunday.

Nine members of the House have died in the last twelve months. The annual memorial service was held for one hour last Thursday. Meade of Buffalo from the Minority spoke and also Luce of Massachusetts from the Majority. The latter, scholar and statesman from the old school, spoke eloquently in eulogy without a note.

THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

C. A. WARD

A BUSY WEEK

Monday and Tuesday of las week, the writer was in Chicago, attending a meeting, in conference with Mr. William F. Schilling, Dairy Member of the Federal Farm Board and representatives of several of the dairy and poultry products cooperative concerns, of this section of the country.

The purpose of the meeting was to consider the advisability of setting up a regional sales agency, in order to more efficiently and economically sell our products. Considerable progress was made at this meeting and in the near future representatives from the various cooperative groups will meet in Washington to further formulate plans and work out the program.

Those in attendance at the meeting seemed to possess constructive minds and throughout the sessions harmony prevailed. When once this program is completed and set in motion, our Creamery, as well as the others, should be in a position to render a greater and more worthwhile service to our producers, as well as being in a position to handle the products more economically.

Included in the Kansas party which visited Chicago, were: Mr. E. F. Schiefelbusch, President, Farmers Union Produce Association, Mr. A. W. Seamans, Manager, Farmers Union Produce Association, Mr. Thomas B. Dunn, Secretary-Manager, Farmers Union Auditing Association and the writer.

Upon my return to Kansas City Wednesday, I met Mr. A. W. Ricker, Editor of the Farmers Union Herald of St. Paul, who was to accompany me for the balance of the week, in making a series of meetings. We drove immediately to Ottawa for an afternoon meeting.

Upon arrival, we found an enthusiastic group who were just finishing their dinner. This meeting had been well advertised and even though the roads were muddy, a splendid crowd was in attendance. Mr. A. R. Carpenter is County President of Franklin County and Mrs. Harry Morgan is County Secretary. Together with their loyal supporters, they are carrying on the work of this county in a comemndable way. I understand they are holding County meetings, once each month. Splendid entertainment was furnished at this meeting and Mr. Ricker and I spoke.

I was informed by many of our friends, that in Franklin County, their determination is to go forward with our Farmers Union program, which, as all know at the present time, is very much worthwhile.

The night meeting was held in Anderson County, in Garnett. Roads were bad and the crowd was not very large. C. A. Watkinson, the newly elected County President, presided at the meeting. The group seemed much interested in the discussion of our work and program and we are sure that Anderson County will run true to form and will carry on the work in a worthwhile manner. It is my hope to get into Anderson County sometime this spring, hold some meetings and meet our many friends.

On Thursday afternoon, a meeting was held at Erie, Neosho County. Judge E. A. Crall had arranged a meeting which was a very splendid one. I had the opportunity of discussing with members of their county, some of their problems and I find that they are of constructive desires and are interested in building up the enthusiasm and membership in this County. Mr. F. J. Gouvion is County President and Charles Norris is County Secretary.

Mr. Ricker gave a masterful address, stressing, primarily, the support due the agricultural marketing act and the farm board program. He is a clear thinker and is able, in a convincing way, to inform his hearers of the possibilities we now have because of this national legislation and stresses the necessity of organization and especially the maintainance of our local and county units and our support to them.

On this trip, I drove Mr. Ricker over to his old home at Girard and here during our short stay, he met several of his old friends and noted the changes that have taken place since he resided there, some twelve years ago.

The night meeting was at Parsons. W. R. Detmer, who is the new County President, had arranged for the meeting. We find that Labette County is taking on new life and additional leadership is being developed and I am confident that we can expect an enlarged membership in this County, as well as increased loyalty. The High School Orchestra furnished splendid and appropriate music and I am sure that it was a joy for both Mr. Ricker and myself to address this audience.

While in Parsons, we met several of the Farmers Union members, personally, and talked over their various problems. We are planning to go into southerst Kansas sometime this spring, call the leaders together and work out definite plans of organization.

We drove from Parsons to Hackney for the afternoon meeting on Friday but because of a misunderstanding, the meeting had been announced for Friday night. However, Mr. George McGinn was very anxious that they be given a meeting and the meeting at Hackney will be held Thursday night of this week, February 26th. We are sure that a large attendance will be at that meeting because from past experience we know of the ability and determination of the group at this place, in doing things.

Mr. Ricker, because of his strenuous work, had developed a case of the "flu" and after consulting a doctor he remained at the hotel, in Eldorado and I proceeded to continue the trip to Burns for the Friday night meeting. When I arrived, I found a very large group of men, women and children who had congregated for the occasion, several hundred of them, all anxious and earnestly concerned about our program.

I enjoyed this splendid meeting a lot, and if, perchance, I might have been discouraged when going into this meeting, I certainly was not when I left at a late hour that night. Mr. Dave Thomas and the splendid group of workers at Burns certainly know how to carry on a worthwhile program in the interests of the Farmers Union.

On Saturday morning, we found Mr. Ricker feeling better but the weather quite bad. It was raining and we dove to McPheson for an afternoon meeting. Because of weather conditions, the crowd was not large but much interested. Mr. Ricker made the principal speech and questions were asked and answered, which most usually is profitable. Among others who were in attendance, were Carl Clark, member of our State Board, and Reuben Peterson, County Secretary of McPherson County.

I am sure that these meetings have done a lot of good and we may expect definite results because of them. After all, the primary part of our program in Kansas, as I see it, is education and information and loyalty to the organization and its business activities, will be in proportion to the extent to which our members are informed and educated.

Mr. Kinney, State Secretary, will accompany Mr. Ricker this week as they take a whirl out through the wheat belt of western Kansas. More will be said later relative to these meetings.

THE INSURANCE CORNER

By CHARLES A. BROOM, Secretary

There seems to be considerable confusion regarding the varoius classes of risks we write and the rates charged for the different classes.

First, we write all classes of farm risks, schools, churches and halls located in the country, on the classified rates established January 1st, 1931. Next, we write dwellings, courthouses, churches and schools or other public buildings located in cities and towns, that are detached risks, at the board rate less 10%. All these are written in the Farmers Union Mutual Insurance Company.

We also have the general agency for the Lumberman's Mutual Casualty Company and the National Retailers Mutual Insurance Company. Under the National Retailers, we write fire, theft and tornado on automobiles, and fire and wind on mercantile risks in towns that have water protection; and on brick or stone buildings and contents in towns without water protection. The Lumberman's Mutual Casualty Company carries the Public Liability, property damage, and personal accident insurance. These two companies bear the same relation to each other as our fire and hail companies in that they are managed by the same directors and officers.

We wish to call your attention to the personal accident policies. This is a new line just being established. There are three forms of policies: the $5.00 Special, the $10.00 Special, and the General Personal accident policy.

The $5.00 policy pays $1000.00 for death and double this amount for loss of both eyes or hands or feet, or one hand and one foot, and $500.00 for loss of either one hand, foot or eye.

The $10.00 policy pays $2500.00 for life, $3500.00 for both eyes, both hands or feet, or one hand and one foot, $1000.00 for one hand or one foot, and $750.00 for an eye.

The General Policy pays the face of the policy for whatever the amount written for loss of life, both hands, both feet, one hand and one foot, both eyes; one half of face of the policy for one hand or one foot, and one third of the face of the policy for one eye, or loss of thumb and index finger of either hand.

Farmers Union Jobbing Association Grain and Merchandising News

Our Union Gold car of canned fruit is in transit and will soon be ready for delivery to those who have orders and anyone who might use these goods. They are packed by a cooperative concern in California and are of first class quality, and you will save money by buying these.

Our volume of grain has been most unusual for this time of year. The farmers seem to be selling freely. The price has been stabilized by the Stabilization Corporation and has remained the same for sometime.

The Farmers National Grain Corporation has an appraiser in Kansas at this time. Mr. Neath who is in charge of our loan department is making as many as twenty appraisals this week.

We had a very enjoyable visit with Mr. Stumpp and Mr. Austin yesterday on business in connection with their cooperative elevator at Wilson. These are two very hig hclass men and we know that the cooperative movement in the vicinity of Wilson will succeed with such men as these at the head.

Mr. C. S. Gerberick is now in charge of our elevator at Lebanon having succeeded Mr. Schofield as manager. The Miltonvale Elevator has furnished us a very satisfactory volumn since taking it over the first of January. This is being operated at the present by Mr. Wallace. Mr. Wallace will probably be in charge of it for another month at least.

An analysis of our business last year shows that more than ninety percent was done with members which more than qualifies us under the Agricultural Marketing Act.

H. E. Witham, Mgr.

F. U. LIVESTOCK MARKETING NOTES

Summary of Cattle Market for the Week

By John R. Hannon, Butcher Salesman, Kansas City

With a moderate supply of fat cattle here the first end of the week the fat steer market showed a little improvement and prices generally were 15 to 25c higher than last week's close, but with heavy receipts and a 25 to 50c lower market in Chicago Wednesday trading slowed up considerably and at the close of the week prices were back to last week's level.

No strictly prime cattle here, but choice steers sold up to $10.00 with weighty steers, 1300 and up, in the best demand. While there were no strictly choice yearlings shown, there was considerable inquiry for them and choice quality and well finished yearling steers would have sold readily at from $10.00 to $10.50.

The fat steer receipts continue to run mostly to the fair to good kind. Choice quality cattle showing finish are very scarce. Declining markets and not too favorable outlook for the future have caused the feeders to market their cattle on a shorter feed than usual and consequently we are getting more than a normal supply of shortfed cattle.

With only a moderate supply of fed heifers here Monday, the outsiders entered the trading and cleaned the yards of this class of cattle at around 25c higher prices. However, Tuesday, due to all Eastern markets reporting sharply lower prices, we were forced back to a strictly packer market, which resulted in losing Monday's advance. The bulk of the fat heifers weighing under 750 pounds are selling from $6.50 to $7.00, with tops at $7.50. Fed heifers weighing over 800 pounds are hard to move from $6.25 to $6.75. Fed cattle light enough to sell as baby beef are in better demand than the heavier weights at prices ranging from $7.00 to $8.00. We topped the market this week on two loads at 632 pound mixed steers and heifers at $8.60. These cattle were prime quality but not carrying choice flesh.

All other classes of butcher cattle—cows, calves, etc.—are closing about steady with last week. Stock cows and heifers steady to weak.

Herewith is a list of a few representative sales of cattle in the Farmers Union pens for the week:

	Weight	Price
Lewis Olson, Lyon Co., Kans., load steers	1047	$9.50
C. E. Gates, Jewell Co., Kans., 45 steers	1177	8.75
C. E. Gates, Jewell Co., Kans, 43 steers	1057	8.25
Elias Halvorson, Pottawatomie Co., Kans., 22 steers	1108	8.25
Elias Halvorson, Pottawatomie Co., Kans., 29 steers	907	8.00
Frank Graham, Marshall Co., Kans., steers	1048	8.35
Joe Coffman, Osage Co., Kans., 30 steers	906	7.25
Earl Dundon, Geary Co., Kans., 2 cars steers	1018	7.10
J. E. Cornwell, Osborne Co., Kans., 2 cars steers	995	7.00
S. E. Beck, Edgar, Nebraska, 18 steers	884	7.00
Mrs. L. C. Kimport, Norton Co., Kans., 12 steers	720	7.00
J. J. Klenda, Marion Co., Kans., load steers	1058	7.00
A. M. Roney & Sons, Osage Co., Kans., load steers	960	7.00
F. B. Hudson, Kingman, Co., Kans., 2 cars steers	1014	6.80
W. B. Hazen, Coffey Co., Kans., 22 steers	856	6.80
Wm. Shaffer, Geary Co., Kans., 24 steers	993	6.65
F. A. Rudiger, McPherson Co., Kans., car steers	771	6.00
J. E. Stout & Son, Chase Co., Kans., 52 mixed yearlings	632	8.60
Fred Tilley, Marshall Co., Kans., Baby Beeves	648	7.75
Frank Graham, Marshall Co., Kans., Mixed yearlings	760	7.00
Olsburg, S. A., Pottawatomie Co., Kans., yearlings	764	7.00
W. P. Kent, Crowley Co., Kansas, mixed yearlings	612	7.00
R. C. Young, Tokio, Texas, heifers	535	7.00
W. R. Patterson, Tokio, Texas, heifers	517	6.75
O. W. Brenneis, Washington Co., Kans., mixed yearlings	738	6.50
John Fisher, Chase Co., Kans., heifers	685	6.50
John Bright, Alexandria, Nebr., mixed yearlings	663	6.50
J. W. Falk, Pottawatomie Co., Kans., heifers	685	6.25
A. G. Schneider, Rooks Co., Kans., 2 cars cows and heifers	932	6.00
E. W. Thoes, Pottowatomie Co., car cutter cows	813	4.50

-:- NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES -:-

Farmers Union,
Salina, Kansas;
Dear Sirs:

I wonder if you could help me locate my father. He is a farmer and farmed near Great Bend for a while. If you can't, is there any way you know of to help me?

His name is Raymond Woodard.

Thanking you,
Mrs. H. J. Byrd,
Clarendon Hills, Ill.

NORTH STAR FARMERS UNION

The North Star Farmers Union met in regular session Friday night, Feb. 13 at the North Star school house, when North Star was also hosts to all the county locals of Stafford county. There was a packed house with five locals well represented from over the county.

The session was opened by singing. A great deal of business was transacted at this meeting and a number of committees appointed. Mr. Ray Harter reported on the late activities of the Livingston Local, Ray Henry on that of Liberty, Charles Kendel on Union Local, Mr. Harrison on Rose Valley and B. E. Winchester on those of North Star. After the business session a one act play was presented, "You're a Cuckoo," directed by Miss Aletha Vice. Those taking part in the play were, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Jenkins, Miss Elizabeth Hibbs, Miss Bernita Vive, Wayne Reed, and William Buckle.

After this splendid entertainment the meeting was adjourned, when all passed to the basement where refreshments were served during the social hour.

The next regular meeting will be Feb. 27.

Mrs. Herve Prentice, Reporter.

BLANCHVILLE LOCAL NO. 796

The regular monthly meeting will be held March 3rd. A program com-

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KANSAS UNION FARMER WEEKLY EXCHANGE

If members of the Union have anything to Sell or Exchange, they should advertise in this department. Rate: 3 cents a word per issue. If run 4 times 10c per word for the four issues. Count words in heading, as "For Sale," or "Wanted to Buy," and each initial or figure in the address. Compound words count as two words. CASH MUST ACCOMPANY ORDER—TRY THIS DEPARTMENT—IT WILL PAY YOU.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

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FOR SALE—Newfoundland Puppies. Write at once. Virgil Fullmer, Randolph, Kansas.

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MISCELLANEOUS

Red Clover $10.00; Alsike $10.00; Alfalfa $8.00; White Sweet Clover $3.90; Timothy $4.50; Mixed Alsike and Timothy $5.50; All per bushel. Bags free. Samples and catalog upon request. Standard Seed Co. 21 East Fifth St., Kansas City, Mo.

BARRON ENGLISH SINGLE COMB WHITE Leghorn Chicks, hatching eggs. Low prices, best quality. Circular free.—FOURLEAF POULTRY FARM, BEVIER, MO.

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NATURAL LEAF TOBACCO. Mild Sweet Smoking 5 lbs. Postpaid $1.00. Homespun Pool, Cottage Grove, Tenn.

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Frost-Proof Cabbage and Bermuda Onion Plants. Open field grown, well rooted, strong. Treated Seeds. Cabbage each bunch fifty, mossed, labeled with variety name. Early Jersey Wakefield, Charleston Wakefield. Succession, Copenhagen, Early Dutch, Late Dutch. Postpaid: 200, 75c; 300, $1.00; 500, $1.25; 1,000, $2.00; 2500, $4.50. Express Collect: 2500, $2.50. Onions Prizetaker, Crystal Wax and Yellow Bermuda, Postpaid, 500, 75c; 1,000, $1.25; 6,000, $6.00. Express Collect: 6,000, $4.50. Full count, prompt shipment, safe arrival, satisfaction guaranteed. Write for Catalogue. UNION PLANT COMPANY, TEXARKANA, ARKANSAS.

CERTIFIED KANOTA SEED OATS recleaned and graded. Extra fine seed. Write for sample and price. Warren Watts, Clay Center, Kans.

SEED CORN, Graded, $1 to $1.25. Clyde Abbott, Long Island, Kansas.

PLANTS—Write for beautiful catalog of Cabbage, Onion, Tomato, Lettuce and Pepper plants. Davis Plant Co., Tifton, Ga.

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Hardy Type Common Variety Per bushel $6.50, $8.40, $10.20, $11.40. Grimm Variety Alfalfa Seed, $14.00, $16.80, $18.00; Unhulled White Sweet Clover Seed, $1.90; Hulled or Scarified, $3.30, $4.50, $5.40; Medium Red Clover, $11.40; Alsike Clover, $10.80. Bags Free. Write today for Samples, 40 Page Catalogue. Lowest Prices. All Kinds Farm and Garden Seeds. KANSAS SEED CO., SALINA, KANS.

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NOTICE

Any Farm Organizations expecting to handle gasoline in any way, please write me in Regard to Our Serve Yourself Gasoline Pump. This pump is mechanically perfect and a money maker and will Stand Investigation. The more the better. —G. W. Joy, Franklin, Nebr.

We Pay Up to $10 a pound for medicinal roots, herbs, barks and seeds. Dandelion, burdock, parsley, lettuce leaves, cherry bark, clover tops, rose buds etc. Over 500 varieties. Illustrated instruction book and price list 10c. LUFT HERB CO., Box 72, Hermansville, Michigan.

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY

Whereas God in His infinte wisdom has called from us the beloved grandmother of our brothers and sisters, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Brucker and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brucker, we, the members of Cottonwood Local No. 1985, wish to extend to the bereaved family our sincere sympathy.

Be it further resolved that a copy of the resolutions be sent to the Kansas Union Farmer, a copy to the bereaved families and a copy to be spread on the minutes of our Local.

Stella Geis
Amelia Hagar

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY

Whereas Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has seen fit to remove by death fro our midst, Mrs. Katharine Meyer, the wife of Brother Diedrech Meyer, whereby he has lost a true and faithful wife, the family a kind ad loving mother, the community a peaceful citizen, and the Farmers Union a loyal friend,

Therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of Fair Oak Local No. 450 extend to him and family our sincere sympathy in his bereavement,

Be it further resolved that a copy of these resolutions be sent to Brother Meyer and family, a copy be spread on our minutes, and a copy be sent to the Kansas Union Farmer for publication.

W. W. Coester
George H. Hamm
Maggie Hamm.

Patronage Dividends Ready For Livestock Distribution

Work of Mailing Out to Thousands of Stockholder Customers to Begin

DIVIDEND TO BE 20 PERCENT

Stockholder customers of the Farmers Union Live Stock Commission Co. soon will begin receiving their patronage dividend checks, announces Geo. W. Hobbs, manager of the firm. The patronage dividend is based on 20 per cent of the commissions collected during 1930.

The board of directors of the Farmers Union Live Stock Commission firm voted in their regular meeting preceding the annual stockholders' meeting to pay a 20 per cent dividend. This is in addition to a substantial amount placed in surplus. In addition to the patronage dividend the stock holders will receive the 8 per cent stock dividend, commonly referred to as interest on the face value of their certificates.

Preparations are just about completed to begin mailing out the dividend checks. These checks will be mailed in alphabetical order, and it will require several days to get them all in the mails. However, the office force will make all the speed possible, and will get the checks all out as rapidly as possible.

As stated last month, the Farmers Union Live Stock Commission Co. had a very satisfactory year in 1930. Net earnings amounted to $26,369.44. The firm finished among the five doing the largest business on the Kansas City yards. Total valuation of all live stock handled during the year amounted to $8,664,142.67. A total of 5,372 car loads of live stock were handled, including car lot shipments and truck shipments reduced to a car lot basis.—The Cooperator.

Junior Co-operators by Aunt Patience

HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THIS DEPARTMENT

Any boy or girl between the ages of six and sixteen, whose father is a member in good standing of the Farmers' Union, who writes a letter for publication, can be a member of this department, and is entitled to a pin. In order to receive a book, he must signify his intentions to study the lessons and send them in. We cannot send out books to those who do not intend to send their lessons. The address to which all Juniors should send their letters is: Aunt Patience in care of the KANSAS UNION FARMER, Salina, Kansas.

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Dear Junior Cooperators:

It has been some time since I wrote you—but you have been busy and so have I.

I was glad to see so many letters in the paper this week and also note the names of several new members. I have received several personal letters from the Juniors and have tried to answer all of them. I am always glad to get letters from the Juniors.

Now listen, I have something to propose instead of the lesson this month.

Let us have an essay contest, with the subject "How can the Juniors best help their Local Unions?" For instance, if your parents are members of a certain local, and you are a Junior how can you help to get new members, keep up the interest, etc. The essays to contain not more than three hundred words, or thereabout.

These essays will count as a lesson and be graded the same, and the five best essays will be published in the paper.

The writers of the three best essays will receive small prizes, and the names of all those who write essays will be published in the paper. The judges will be chosen to decide the winners in the essay contest. Now let's all get busy and do our level best. Ask your parents to help you, or any one else, but do all the writing yourself and in your own words.

We will have the grades published in the paper soon now, perhaps next week. You were slow in getting in the last lesson as we were slow getting it to you, but all good things come to those who patiently wait, and so the grades are being made ready and you will have them soon.

Let's all try the essay for it really is the February lesson, you know.

Very sincerely,
Mary Campbell,
Junior Instructor.

Dear Junior Cooperators: At last—we're printing our Membership Roll once more! I know you thought you were never going to see it again. If any of you find your names are misspelled, or if any of you should have "stars" and do not, please write me so I can have it absolutely right next time.

Our list is getting quite long, isn't it? Just think—we have 580 members now. Let's try to have at least one hundred more by the next time we publish the names.

You'll find the lesson a little different this time—I think you'll like the change. Now be sure—all of you—to write the Essay our Junior Instructor has given and send it in—soon.

AUNT PATIENCE.

Alma, Kans., Feb. 18, 1931.

Dear Aunt Patience: I am sending mine and my brother's lesson in. I haven't some of the papers in which they are in but am sending those that I have. We had a valentine box last Friday. I got 25 valentines.

I have found my twin, her name is Ruth Beaman, she lives in Lyndon. She is 15 and I am twelve.

I have a pet dog, his name is Trixie. He is a large Collie dog. Also have five cats. I go to Alma grade school. I am in the seventh grade. I take ten subjects. My teacher's name is Mr. Mack Little. My music teacher's name is Miss Helen Rust. She is also our orchestra director. I like both of the teachers very much. Will try to get some new members.

Your niece,
Helen Louise Herren, Rt. 3.

Ransom, Kans., Jan. 16.

Dear Aunt Patience: How are you? I am fine. I will write a few lines before bedtime. I would like to join your club. My father is a member of the Farmers Union. I have five brothers and three sisters, Joseph, Willie, Carl, Hubert, Leonard, Gertrude, Anna and Martha. My birthday is May 1. I am nine years old and in the 5th grade. Five of us go to school. We go to Bethel school. We have three miles to go to school. Please send me a book and pin. I will try to keep sending my lesson in. My letter is getting long. I will close. Truly yours,
Elfrieda Lutters.
In Care of Joseph Lutters.

Schoenchen, Kans., Feb. 18, 1931.

Dear Aunt Patience: How are you feeling? I hope fine. I am feeling fine. I saw in the Farmers Union that some of the Schoenchen children are sending letters to join the club. Will you please send me a book and pin? I am fourteen years old and I am in the seventh grade. My birthday was Feb. 1, 1931. My papa is a member of the Farmars Union. Well, I must close my letter for it is late.

So goodbye. Yours truly,
Mary Windholz.

Schoenchen, Kans., Feb. 18, 1931.

Dear Aunt Patience: How are you feeling? I hope fine. I am feeling fine. I saw in the Farmers Union that some of the Schoenchen children are sending letters to join the club. Will you please send me a book and pin? I am thirteen years old and am in the seventh grade. My birthday was Feb. 18, 1931. My paper is a member of the Farmers Union.

Well, I must close my letter for it is late.

So goodbye. Yours truly,
Hilda Dinges.
Care of Peter Dinges.

Hill City, Kans., Feb. 17, 1931.

Dear Aunt Patience: How are you? I am just fine. I thought I would write to the paper tonight. I have not received my book and pin. It is eight weeks ago when I wrote last. Try to send the book and pin as quickly as you can. I am 10, and my birthday is April 27. I will close.

Cyrille Fountain.

Schoenchen, Kans., Feb. 19, 1931.

Dear Aunt Patience: While I have nothing to do I will write to you that I would like to be in that club. My father is a member of the Farmers Union. I am 10 years old. Please send me a book and a pin. I'm in the fifth grade. Your niece,
Mary Dinges.

Rose Schmidt said it would be nice to go in that membership, so I went in.
Care of Paul P. Dinges.

Geneseo, Kans., Feb. 13, 1931.

Dear Aunt Patience: I am rather late with my lesson but I am sending it now.

How are you? I am fine. I haven't written to you for a long time.

From your niece,
Sarah Crowl.

P. S.: I have never found my twin yet, but I hope I will soon.

Centralia, Kans., Jan. 2, 1931.

Dear Aunt Patience: Just to let you know I am sending in my lesson. Do you send back the papers with the grades on it? Well, I wish you a very, very happy New Year.

Your niece,
Rita Gaughan.

I have never learned the song and do not know the tune to it.

Dear Aunt Patience: How are you this fine day? It is St. Valentine's Day. Surely doesn't seem like it though. I am sending you a valentine but it is awful late. "Better late than never," folks say. I hope you will like it. I have some funny ones I got at school. One is a Negro with a red paper hat. I got seven valentines at school and that is all I have yet. Say, Aunt Patience, may I drop out on the lessons until after school? I am in the eighth grade and have but little time to get them. I have to get my lessons in school and I want to pass. I hope I may keep my pin and book for I will get your lessons after my school is out in April. I never have heard from any of my twins. I wrote Thelma a long letter, then sent her a birthday present and never heard from her. I did the same with Jennie but she answered and sent me a present for our birthdays are Jan. 10. Rita never has said anything about getting what I sent her. Well, Aunt Patience, I guess I will close. I save all my papers and try to look them over. Your niece,
Ferna Wood.

P. S.: You never did put Marie Hildebrand on the roll or send her a book and pin. I got her to join. Please send her one.

Winona, Kans., Jan. 26, 1931.

Dear Aunt Patience: I am sorry that I haven't gotten my lessons in. I am writing to tell you that I am sending back my book. I never got any pin with the book.

How are you? I am feeling fine. I have been so busy with my school work so that I couldn't get my lessons in. I hope you are feeling fine.

Yours truly,
Keela Irene Jones
Rt. 1.

COOPERATIVE OIL NEWS

BY

HOWARD A. COWDEN,

PRESIDENT

Dale Goddard from Imperial, Nebraska visited the Union Oil Company recently. He was well pleased with the way Union Certified is made, and is enthusiastic about the service it has given his customers. Mr. Goddard is one of the best truck salesmen in his part of Nebraska, and expects to sell a very large volume of Union Certified this spring.

During his visit he placed an order for a carload of Union Certified oils and greases for prompt shipment.

Art Shannon, manager of the Farmers Union Oil Company, at Ellsworth, Kansas has just written the Union Oil Company, asking for information about painting their tanks and warehouses in the colors of the National Chain. When this station "gets all dressed up" in the orange and blue colors of the National Chain it will be one of the most attractive stations in that part of the country.

COMPLETE EQUIPMENT GOES TO BRUSH, COLO.

The Morgan County Oil Company at Brush, Colorado have sent in their order for complete bulk station equipment. The consumers who have organized this company are anxious to get it operating so that they can begin saving money on their gasoline, kerosene and oil. They have put a "rush" on their order, and will receive their equipment within a few days.

LEOTI, KANSAS PLACES BIG ORDER

When U. C. Breithaupt, manager of the Cooperative Union Oil and Supply Company at Leoti, Kansas sent in an order for Union Certified Oil and grease last week he called it "a carload." It developed, however, that the order was too big for a carload, and it had to be shipped in two cars. In placing the order Mr. Breithaupt said "All of this oil and grease has been sold, and is to be removed from our warehouse and paid for within fifteen days after it arrives at Leoti."

Not long ago we heard him make the statement that all the oil and grease which his company had bought was Union Certified, and that so far as he and his board of directors could find out, there hadn't been a single complaint on it. If Mr. Breithaupt and his board don't make a record-breaker during 1931 for their Cooperative Oil Company we will be very much surprised.

PLEASED WITH ANNUAL MEETING

In writing us about our annual meeting, J. E. Rise of Scranton, North Dakota, said "Our meeting was certainly a fine one. Only it was too short. There is so much we can learn from each other, a company the size of the Union Oil Company should have at least two days' meeting." Mr. Rise was elected on the board of directors of the Union Oil Company.

M'PHERSON, KANSAS MAKES SPLENDID RECORD

The financial staement of the Union Cooperative Oil Company at McPherson, Kansas for 1930 shows that their net profit is approximately 3½ times as much as their paid in capital. We doubt if the consumers in the McPherson territory could find any other place to invest their money where it would make them 350 per cent. Their manager, R. D. Tunnell, states that they are looking forward to a much bigger business during 1931.

STOCKHOLDERS APPRECIATE SERVICE

Manager VanHousen at Peetz, Colorado reports at their annual meeting the stockholders voted an expression of their thanks in appreciation of the fine support given them by the Union Oil Company since their company was organized at Peetz. The big increase in the volume of Union Certified would indicate that the members of the National Chain appreciate the service we give, and the quality of Union Certified. We are very grateful for the action taken by the stockholders at Peetz.

MISSOURT COOPERATIVE PAYS 16%

At Columbia, Missouri the Boone County Oil Company has paid a patronage dividend of 16%. They paid 8% interest on their stock. This company has been an exclusive distributor of Union Certified products since it was organized about two years ago. They report that their volume has shown a nice increase, and that this is due largely to the splendid satisfaction which these products have given their customers. The company operates both a bulk and service station, and has made a good record under a management of Luther Cunningham, in cooperation with his board of directors. The members of the board are J. A. Gilbert, W. T. Crane, L. A. Ferguson, F. M. Quisenberry, Geo. Smarr, and Geo. Borkwell.

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G. W. Hobbs, Mgr.

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FAT CATTLE PRICE HAS UNDERGONE STEADY DECLINE

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cattle feeders, and consequently there has not been the usual amount of cattle put back into the feed lots in the last two or three months; notwithstanding the fact that feeder cattle prices are much lower and feed prices such as corn, cotton and linseed meal, hay and all other feeds have been unusually cheap.

The government reports show a material shortage of cattle in the feed lots now as compared to this time a year ago, and with less replacements being made we are almost sure to have a small supply of beef cattle marketed during the late spring and early summer months S.o with just a reasonable improvement in the general business conditions and a fair amount of the present idle labor employed we have a right to expect some improvement in the fat cattle prices.

Compared to this period a year ago fat cattle prices are from three to four dollars a hundred lower. At that time we were selling choice cattle at from thirteen to fifteen dollars per hundred. These prices at that time, however, were somewhat out of line with other food commodities and it looked then as though we were due for lower prices; but no one, of course, could foresee the sharp decline that started last March and continued into August, at which time we had added to our many other troubles, a drought.

Both fat and stock cattle prices declined to the lowest level since 1924. With the rains in the latter part of August came a renewed confidence in the future and our fat cattle market reacted sharply. Prices advanced to a point where the cattle bought and put on feed during the dry period were marketed at a reasonable profit. It was impossible, however, to maintain the price levels reached in October and due to the conditions I have mentioned before the fat cattle market has been on an almost continual decline since November first and up until the present date.

Since January first a period of almost continual lower markets, I have had the pleasure of meeting a great many of the old customers of the Farmers Union and their attitude has indeed been a pleasure to me because when their cattle were being sold at prices that were disappointing they seemed not only to appreciate the troubles I was having and the effort it took to get the market values, but they were able to sense the market conditions themselves, and realize the fact that they were getting the market prices for their cattle.

Prior to January first I had been connected with one old line commission company for twenty-two years, as a stockholder, cattle salesman and director; and the manner in which my friends, which I gained in that association, have transferred both their moral and material support to me, has not only given me a very deep feeling of appreciation toward them but has made me feel that my time and efforts during that period were not entirely wasted; and every friend and customer of mine that has had his first shipment to the Farmers Union Live Stock Commission Company since January first has either bought a share of stock in the Farmers Union firm or has signified his intention of so doing. So to my friends who are listening in, who do not own stock and are not familiar to the system under which we are operating, I want to take this time to give you a brief outline of our organization. The only difference between the Farmers Union Live Stock Commission Company and the old line firm is: the Farmers Union stock is owned entirely by farmers and feeders of live stock, and at the end of each year the profits are prorated back to the stockholders according to the amount of commissions paid by them during that year and not according to the amount of stock owned.

For the year 1930, 20 per cent of the commissions are now being returned to the stockholders. This is no unusual dividend. The preceding year about the same amount was returned and in the last eleven years a total of $195,000.00 has been rebated back to the stockholders of this company. We enjoy the same privileges as any other firm, have the same buyers to sell to, and are operating under the rules of the Live Stock Exchange.

This is a live organization under the splendid management of Mr. George W. Hobbs, whose efforts are responsible for a competent man being at the head of each department. We have the most complete, keen and competent organization with which I ever had the pleasure of being associated. Now, of course, I am very anxious to have all of my friends get acquainted with my organization, and to become members thereof, I am very happy I made this change and am anxious not only to have my friends take advantage of this chance to become stockholders but to see all of the vast number of Farmers Union members in this territory who are not already stockholders get in and help us who are here working for your interests, make the Farmers Union Live Stock Commission Company not only the best but the biggest live stock commission company on the Missouri River.

Mr. Lynn will now have a few more remarks to make to you.

Mr. Lynn: Not long ago—the night after Christmas, to be exact—I was accorded the privilege of speaking to you over this station. Many of my friends from over the state have written to me and have talked to me since, and have told me that they heard the talk. Many were kind enough to say they liked it; but one man, who is more honest than tactful, said the speech was fair, but that he liked my singing lots better. I had to tell him that I had nothing to do with the musical part of the Farmers' Union program. I will say here, however, that I have had considerable vocal training, although this training was not necessarily along musical lines. In fact, I developed my voice calling hogs on my father's farm near Neosho Falls, in Woodson county, Kansas.

In this connection, I want to say it is wonderful what training along any certain line will do. For instance, following my talk referred to, I received a letter from a young lady away out in Ford county, Kansas. This lady had gone to school to me during my extremely short career as a country school teacher. She told me she had heard the talk, and was having her husband send a load of hogs to the Farmers Union at Kansas City. That's long distance hog calling. I hope my voice continues to have that effect, and that not only hogs, but cattle and sheep as well, will come rolling into Kansas City consigned to the Farmers Union firm.

The Farmers Union Live Stock Commission Co. is glad to report to its thousands of customers that the patronage dividend checks applying to 1930 business are now being prepared, and that in a very short time, they will be in the mails. As we announced in The Co-Operator this week, these checks will be mailed out according to the alphabetical arrangeemnt of the names. Those with names beginning with A will get theirs first. Then follow the Bs and Cs, and so on down the line. Announcement already has been made, through The Co-Operator and through the Kansas Union Farmer, that the patronage dividend for 1930 business is based on 20 per cent of commissions collected. In other words, the farmer or shipper who owns a share of stock in the Farmers Union Live Stock Commission Co., and who patronized his own firm during 1930, is paying 80 per cent for marketing expense while his neighbor, who failed to take advantage of cooperative marketing, is paying $1.

Mr. Little has told you something about the cattle market, and right now I want to take just a little time to mention the hog market. What I shall tell you is information I have received from the Farmers Union hog salesmen, Harold W. Garrson, better known as "Snapper."

Right now there is a strong tendency to eliminate the spread between the prices of light hogs and the lower prices being received for heavy hogs. Light hogs are tending lower to a greater extent than are the heavy hogs. On the break Wednesday of this week, light hogs declined around 40 cents, while the heavies lost only 15 to 20 cents. Again on Thursday—yesterday—the light hogs were steady with Wednesday's close, while the heavy hogs were strong to mostly 10 cents higher.

One factor contributing to this condition is the fact that we have not received as many heavy hogs this past week as we had been getting for the past several weeks. It appears that within another two or three weeks the supply of heavy hogs will be pretty well cleaned up. On the other hand, the receipts of light hogs are showing an increase.

If your hogs are fat and show a finish, and weigh 200 pounds or better, there is not much reason to hold them for a higher market. However, if they are thin, or if they lack finish, we would advise you not to ship them. Above all, do not become panicky and dump a lot of unfinished hogs on the market. Just sit steady in the boat, for there is a good chance for the market to show some improvement a little later on.

SOME IMPORTANT LEGISLATIVE POINTS ARE EXPLAINED

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Agricultural College. We feel that two per cent of this bind weed eradicated each year is not a very great amount, but on the other hand, we feel that it is a start and after the counties who are badly damaged by this weed have gotten their necessary equipment, they can eradicate as much each year as they desire. Some of our counties have no bind weed at all, but some counties in the Central West are very badly infested. It is reputed that in one county farther west the bind weed is gaining as much as three hundred acres per year. It has become so serious in some sections that loan companies have refused to make loans on badly infested farm land. In addition to this bill, it occured to us that possibly we should endeavor to put a greater check on the sale of commercial seed which contains bind weed seed. So we have drafted a bill, and it is now in the House, which provides that no commercial seed shall be sold for seed purposes containing bind weed.

In reading up on our weed law, we find some other things that are rather amusing. In the third section of this article, it provides that every overseer of a highway of every township shall destroy all noxious weeds along the highway, on right of ways, and on all unoccupied land, and the overseer is authorized to employ a man at the rate of $1.50 per day or $3.50 per day for man and team. This provision, we feel, is almost as ridiculous as the pay for the legislators. A gentleman introduced a bill which came up Friday on general orders to amend this section, placing the salary somewhat higher, but the bill was defeated. We feel that inasmuch as this entire article is obsolete, it having been enacted in 1895, and that it has also been ignored and is entirely unworkable, that it should be stricken from our statute books.

House Bill 195, by the gentleman from Cowley county provides for more complete record for the purchasers of poultry. This bill is of no great importance to a great many of us, but I feel that a good many of our farmer ladies certainly approved of this measure, as it is designed to aid in the detection and conviction of chicken thieves. There was a little incident which came up in the presentation of this bill which we thought was rather amusing. The bill itself is referred to quite commonly as the "chicken bill". When the author called the bill up for consideration, some member inquired if this bill pertained to the feathered variety, and he assured the questioner that it might be amended to include both. The bill has passed the house, and is now in the senate.

Substitute House Bill No. 22 is considered by a great many of us as quite an important measure to the farmers of Kansas. This bill is a gasoline tax mesure. It provides that instead of the gasoline tax on agricultural gasoline being collected, sent to Topeka, and several months later refunded to the farmer, that the purchaser of agricultural gasoline will be exempt from the payment of this tax. It provides that the driver of oil trucks or the salesmen of gasoline shall be bonded to the state in the sum of $1,000. It provides further that the farmer shall sign a statement of facts setting out that the gasoline thus purchased is to be used for agricultural purposes. This bill came out of the assessment taxation committee in the House as a committee bill, and we feel that it will possibly be considered as one of the most important bills enacted this winter of state-wide importance, should it pass the Senate and be properly signed by the Governor. If you farmer folks really feel that this is a good measure, we would appreciate your cooperation in writing your senator and telling him that you feel this measure will be helpful to you. One of the most surprising things that occurred during the discussion of this bill was the motion made by the representative of Pratt county to strike out the enacting clause, which, if the motion had passed, meant the defeat of the bill. If this motion should have come from some representative representing some city district, we would not have been in the least surprised or questioned the man's motive, but it is hard for us to understand what would cause a representative from as highly a developed agricultural district as Pratt county to oppose this measure. I feel quite sure that he considered the bill was not what we wanted, or that a better measure could be enacted.

Another measure which most of our farm folks are interested in is the oleo bills. One has to do with state institutions using butter instead of oleomargarine, which is Senate Bill 33. This bill has passed the Senate and has been recommended for passage by the house agricultural committee. It is very amusing, folks, to hear the absurd statements that some people make for or against a measure when it is up for consideration. One house member told me tody that he had been reliably informed that this bill, if enacted into a law, will cost the state of Kansas $75,000 more annually in maintaining our state institutions. The absurdity of this statement will be readily seen when I tell you that the total amount of oleomargarine used in these institutions last year was something less than a quarter of a million pounds, and figured on the present price of butter, would amount to less than $50,000 for the entire cost of the butter consumed.

A remark that I heard one of the Topeka business men make to his friend on an elevator in the Kansan hotel a few days ago is worth repeting to you, I believe. He questioned the motive of the authors of this bill, suggesting that perhaps it originated with the butter manufacturing trust. This bill was drafted here in Topeka by a farmer senator at the suggestion nd assistance of the frm organiztions. Perhaps we farmers and dairymen should feel complimented that someone thinks us as being a trust. This man went ahead to say that the bill was all frmed before the session and was railroaded through the house and committees. This was news to us and clearly demonstrated to us tht this gentleman knew nothing of what he was talking about, for the bill has not as yet passed the house. Folks, this old idea of calling your members of the legislature crooks or at least insinuating that they are not honest, should be discontinued. I will state to you that it is my honest belief that these members are no different than they were when they left home. If you people elected a crook, he no doubt is still one, so if you admit that we have dishonest legislators, you are admitting that you made a grave error. You might be surprised to learn that the branches of the legislature are opened each morning by prayer and song.

Another very important measure to the western section of the state is the reapportionment bill which passed the house yesterday. This bill reapportions the state senatorially. The western one-third of Kansas is represented today by, I believe, less than five senators of our forty members of the senate. The persons living in the western part of the state feel that they should have more representation. Our constitution provides that every five years there shall be a reapportionment made. The eastern section of the state sometimes claims that the western section, especially in the extreme western counties, has more state representatives than they are entitled to. One of the largest senatorial districts has 18 counties with a total population of over 80,000 inhabitants. If the senate this session could see their way clear to reduce our senatorial districts somewhat in the western part of the state, the west would greatly appreciate it. In Friday's paper our governor mde a brief statement relative to constructive tax legislation. There are some 30 bills in the assessment and taxation committee in the house and several in the senate, but true there is no outstanding statewide tax reform measures. You may rest assured, however, that the assessment and taxation committees in both the house and senate are exerting an honest effort to recommend out for passage some outstanding tax reform measure.

In closing, let me say to you that as you read each day in your daily newspaper articles relating to legislative measures which you are vitally interested in, you should sit down and write your members in the legislature and give them the benefit of your suggestions.

NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES

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mittee was appointed at the last meeting and a good program is assured. So let's have all members present, and make the meeting a success.

At our last meeting on Feb. 3 we had several interesting numbers on the program. Mr. John Ellenbecker gave a very interesting talk on The Oregan Trail. The trail passed through nearby where the Blanchville schoolhouse now stands, so the people of the local enjoyed his talk greatly.

An orchestra also played several selections, which were appreciated very much.

REPORT OF BIG SPRINGS LOCAL NO. 2166, FEBRUARY 12, 1931

The meeting was called to order by Vica President Harvey Wulfkhule.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

A good sized crowd was present and an interesting discussion for the good of the Union was carried on.

President G. W. Cashman told of the promise by State President Ward of a peppy speaker for a week's speaking tour in the near future to get more members for the Union so they can do a more profitable business. G. W. Cashman, S. S. Holloway and Arthur Holloway were appointed as a committee to arrange a program for the speaker, other business was disposed of and the meeting was adjourned.

D. V. NOE, Reporter.

F. U. COOP. CO. OF MADISON SENDS REPORT

Mr. A. M. Kinney,
Salina, Kansas;
Dear Brother Kinney:

Am sending you report on the store for 9 months. Also would say that S. Verdigris Local No. 1498 met at the home of Brother and Sister G. G. May February 13 with 25 members present. A fine time was enjoyed by all present. Our next meeting will be at the home of Brother and Sister J. T. Martin February 27.

GEO. M. PEET, President.

ASSETS

Buildings	$15,492.85
Furniture and fixtures	2,863.30
Truck	648.50
Real Estate	700.00
Bill received	1,196.46
Invested	6,458.00
Cash in Bank	732.17
Cash in store	447.00
Total	$28,539.28

LIABILITIES

Goods not due	637.19
Notes	901.65
Capital Stock	6,955.00
Interest on stock	536.40
Depreciation	2,334.41
Surplus	14,635.72
Wages unpaid	470.00
Total	$26,490.37
Net gain for 9 months	2,048.91
	$28,539.28

H. L. SOULE, President.
H. F. HORTON, Sec'y.
GEO. M. PEET, Manager.

LINN CO. MEETING

The regular meeting of the Linn Co. Farmers Union will be held at Pleasant Home school house three miles east of Parker and one mile south on Saturday, Feb. 21st.

This is an all-day meeting. As this is the first meeting for 1931 various committees will be appointed for the coming year. Also reports of the annual meetings at Kansas City. Come out and enjoy the day with us. Basket dinner at noon.

We cordially invite Farmers Union folks from this and other counties.

F. C. GERSTENBERGER, Pres.
V. F. CARRICO, Sec.-Treas.

WASHINGTON CO. MEETING

Washington County Farmers Union will hold their quarterly meeting at the Doric Theater, Barnes, Kansas, Friday, Feb. 27, at 11 o'clock.

President Ward will speak at 2 p. m.

Everybody is welcome and invited to attend as Mr. Ward has a lot of valuable information for us.

H. F. Wesche, Co. Pres.
J. T. Poland, Co. Sec'y.

FARM MEETING AT PHILLIPSBURG

Mr. C. A. Ward,
Salina, Kans.
Dear Mr. Ward:

This is a copy of the ad I put in our paper relative to the meeting to be held here Monday Feb. 23rd:

"Farm meeting is scheduled Monday night.

"Problems of agriculturalists to be discussed at the old Farmers Union Hall here at 8:00 o'clock.

"A meeting of farmers of this county has been called for next Monday night, February 23, and they will listen to a discussion of problems which now confront the farming industry. Mr. A. W. Ricker of St. Paul, Minn., a nationally known agriculturalist, will give the principal address of the evening, and he will be accompanied here by Mr. C. A. Ward, President of the Kansas Farmers Union, and A. M. Kinney, secretary of the state organization. J. B. Edwards, manager of the Farmers Elevator here, is in charge of the arrangements, and the meeting has been called for 8:00 o'clock at the old Farmers Union hall. Refreshments will be served after the speaking. Mr. Ricker is a fine talker and is an authority on farming conditions. He will have a message which every farmer should hear. A good turn-out is expected to hear him discuss present day farming conditions.

—J. B. Edwards

FRANKLIN CO. UNION NO. 72

In spite of a little hard luck as to changing the date of our meeting and having the side roads quite muddy we had a good crowd and a nice time at our meeting Wednesday, Feb. 18th held in the Masonic hall at Ottawa with a basket dinner.

We felt we would like to show our appreciation of the program of the Future Farmers club of the Ottawa high school so we invited them to be our dinner guests. And it was indeed a pleasure to have the thirty-five members with their instructor, Prof. C. O. Banta, who have the courage and desire to cast their lot for agriculture, file in to dinner.

Perhaps it is as true of a boy as a man "The way to their hearts is through their stomachs." If so, we are in hopes we fed them all well enough to get somewhere near their hearts at least. When the boys had finished their dinner, Emory Morgan, president of the club, made a few remarks and extended their thanks to the Union for the privilege of being with us and for the good dinner.

President C. A. Ward, who had just arrived, talked to the boys a few minutes before they had to return to school. He stressed the point of making the most of their opportunities for an education, as no matter where their work in life might take them they would have use for it.

Mr. A. W. Ricker of St. Paul, Minnesota accompanied Pres. Ward to Ottawa. After everyone had done justice to the dinner and the remains were cleared away, President Albert Carpenter asked the house to come to order and Zerbe's Orchestra would play us another tune. Mr. Geo. Hamilton also sang two numbers for us. Mr. A. W. Ricker was introduced and he told us he was making a visit to Kansas for information and had acquired some already as he had read the sign across the street which said, "The Quisenberry Way Makes the Hen Pay." Now that is sure information at the present time as even the once helpful hen is being criticized for over-production. Mr. Ricker made a fine talk in regard to "Marketing," and there was not a doubt left in any one's mind but he had given the subject much study. We are in hopes we made as good an impression with Mr. Ricker as he left with us.

President Ward was called on next and he must have been thinking hard while Mr. Ricker was talking as he said a whole lot in a little while. It is a real plesure to have Mr. Ward talk to us as he always leaves such unselfish thoughts.

It seemed nice to have leaders of the Grange and Farm Bureau meet with us as we are all working for the same goal. It might be of interest to some to know the farm organizations of the county recently sent a petition to our Congressmen asking their support of the Townsend-Brigham Oleo Bill.

I feel sure the results from our meeting will be worth all our efforts. Our next meeting is to be with Salem Hall Monday evening, March 16th. We want you all to come as we have a "cherry pie" story to tell you.

Mrs. Harry L. Morgan, Sec.

HILL CITY LOCAL HAS OYSTER SUPPER

We had an oyster supper last nigth, February 18. Had quite a nice crowd out. Had with us J. E. Oppliger and Ernest Augustine. They all made a nice talk.

That Mr. Shipps is sure of a great worker. We need more like him with us. We could use him to a great advantage here for quite a while.

Fred Cassel, Secy.-Treas.

TEMPLIN LOCAL NO. 1891

Meeting was held February 6th. The business meeting was opened by singing songs Nos. 36 and 8 in our Union song book.

There were no special discussions or business, so the business was conducted according to our regular procedure.

Mrs. Wm. Fink was ably assisted in serving refreshments by Mrs. Ernest Adams and Mrs. Otto Fink. Other members of the committee were not present.

Mrs. Otto Fink, Mrs. Ed Bock and Mrs. H. E. Kietzman were named as the entertainment and serving committee for the March meeting.

Our refreshments for the evening were sandwiches, cake and coffee.

Mrs. L. H. JOHNSON, Reporter.

FEBRUARY MEETING OF THE STAFFORD CO. FARMERS UNION

The North Star Union Local entertained the county unoin at the North Star school house Friday evening, Feb. 13. Representatives were present from Livingston, Liberty, Union, and Rose Valley locals. A member of each local responded to subject, local activities, telling what had transpired in the local since the last county meeting. A resolutions committee was appointed, J. E. Guyer, North Star; Mrs. Wm. Holmer, Union; Mrs. Robert Richardson, Libtrty; R. W. Goodham, Livingston; and Edd Harrison, Rose Valley.

It was announced that the State Union had a man in the state making a speaking tour who would be in Stafford county Feb. 25. Bert Winchester, Guy Carter, and Wm. Hohner were appointed as committee on arrangements for this meeting. Mrs. Carter presented the petition in opposition to house bill No. 403 for open Sunday, and senate bills 38 and 39 child labor amendments. A booth at the state fair was discussed, Ira Amand was selected as chairman of a committee to interview county commissioners with regard to county aid for the fair booth, he to name the other members of the committee. North Star presented a one act play which furnished a splendid evening of entertainment. J. E. Guyer presented doings of the legislature. The resolutions committee reported. The next meeting will be with Valley Center for the March meeting. We were then conducted to the basement where North Star put on a bountiful feed.

CHAS. KENDALL, Co. Corres.

FACTS NOBODY KNOWS

The week's grist of unusual news facts includes the following: At a cigar store in Times Square, New York, a telephone book is worn out every three days. Four out of every ten chain stores are groceries. Illiteracy among women is decreasing faster than among men. Heart disease kills twice as many Americans as any other cause of moretality. Eleven states now have old-age pensions. The average union wage for time work, according to Collier's Weekly, is now $1.25 an hour, the highest in history.

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