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## COOPERATIVES USE POOLING PRINCIPLE BUYING FEED, FLOUR

Jobbing Association Shipping Farmers Union Own Brands of Flour and Feed in Pooled Cars to Number of Cooperative Associations

### OTHERS MIGHT TRY IT

Blue Rapids, Frankfort, Beattie, Greenleaf, Waterville, Marysville and Randolph Get together in Real Cooperative Business

Up in the north part of the state, the cooperative managers have gotten together on some real cooperation of their own. They are extending the practice of cooperation to include cooperation among the different cooperatives and are making a real success of it. Real cooperators in other parts of the state will be interested in how they are doing it.

At a number of points in and around Washington and Marshall counties, there are cooperative Farmers Union business associations whose volume of business is not great enough to warrant carload shipments of merchandise except at infrequent intervals. So the managers of these cooperatives have applied the pooling principle to their business, and are clubbing together—combining their activities in a cooperative way—and are ordering their merchandise from the Farmers Union Jobbing Association in pooled cars.

The cooperative stations buying in this manner are located at Blue Rapids, Frankfort, Beattie, Greenleaf, Waterville, Marysville and Randolph. In the latter part of December the Jobbing Association merchandise department shipped out its first pooled car of flour and feeds to Blue Rapids. Since then, the Association has shipped one to Frankfort and another to Blue Rapids. Ted Belden of the Jobbing Association is authorized to state that in the last car shipped out to Blue Rapids, January 26, had 580 bags of commercial feeds in it, and 579 of them were KFU and Union Standard brands. All of the flour in the car was UNION GOLD and UNION STANDARD.

"Personally, I think this is mighty fine cooperation on the part of the managers in that territory," says Mr. Belden. He goes on to say, "They have a buying committee organized, and all get together and order out in pooled cars."

"These managers all have a lot of confidence in what we say about our KFU, UNION STANDARD, and other brands of feed and flour, and we turn have the utmost confidence in the mill that is making these brands for us—Washburn Crosby Company."

The merchandise department of the Jobbing Association has a large number of other accounts over the state, which have been going along with the pooling principle in a mighty fine way since that statewide cooperative has been merchandising feeds under its own brands. However, there is much cooperative business which the Jobbing Association should have but does not get it in. The Jobbing Association has as good a line of feeds as can be milled, and it is available to all cooperative business enterprises. As cooperatives develop and grow, increasing their business volumes on the basis of cooperation, it is expected that their managers and membership will extend the matter of cooperation to the extent that they will make use of that principle in the purchase of their supplies. The pooling of cars such as is being done in the north part of the state may open up new opportunities for cooperatives in other parts of Kansas.

## The Gag Rule Vote

(By E. E. Kennedy, National Farmers Union Secretary)

The House of Representatives adopted on the first day of the session of the 74th Congress a new rule to take the place of the one by which the signatures of 145 Congressmen on a petition to discharge a committee which is holding back a bill the people want enacted into law was required to accomplish the bringing out of such bill for consideration and vote on the floor of the House. The new rule requires the signatures of the majority of the Congressmen or 218.

What was the purpose of this change? Certainly not to protect the Democrats from the Republicans as there are 322 Democrats and only 102 Republicans. This was the excuse given for passage of the gag rule adopted in the closing days of the 73rd Congress last June. What was the gag rule of the 73rd Congress used for? To protect the Democrats from the Republicans? No. It was passed and used to prevent a vote and the passage of the Frazier-Lemke Refinancing bill.

No one need to fool himself or others. This rule was not passed to preserve the fundamental principle of democracy, the rule of the people through their elected representatives. It was passed to regiment the Congress and to secure the passage of only such laws as those in control of our Nation's affairs wanted passed. It was passed to protect the International bankers from the wrath of the people—yes, to keep them from being weaned from the public trust.

This rule was adopted because the President wanted it adopted. Speak-

## Kinney's New Book of Poems

The poet-laureate of the Farmers Union, no less a personage than our own Kansas Union Vice President, A. M. Kinney, has published a book of poems. They are all his own "home-spun" verses, and without doubt, they are the most human poems, taken as a group, ever written and published, having as their theme and principal subject the common barnyard variety of Kansas farmer.

Mr. Kinney gives his book the title of "Kansas Prairies and Other Poems." It is an attractive little book, well printed and contains something over fifty of his best poems. Most of these poems have been printed in the Kansas Union Farmer and other publications at some time or other. When Mr. Kinney was editor of the Kansas Union Farmer, he wrote and published a number of poems, and became famous as the poet of the Farmers Union. His verses have been picked up and published at many points all over the United States. Mr. Kinney has been writing verses nearly his life, and through all of them runs that deep-seated human element which ties his poetry close to the grass roots.

Mr. Kinney is serving the Farmers Union, not only as vice president of the state organization, but as field man for the Farmers Union Live Stock Commission Company. His book has been published in Kansas City, and copies are now available. The state office of the Farmers Union at Salina is arranging to have a supply on hand and will be glad to fill

## NEMAH COUNTY STARTS A DRIVE FOR MEMBERSHIP

President F. B. Roots Makes Plea for Membership and Backs Plea with Offer to Work with Members in Calling on Neighbor Farmers

### OTHERS DOING SAME

State Secretary Has Leaflets to Send to Workers, that They may Have Additional Copies Printed at Print Shops in Home Towns

The members of the Farmers Union in Nemaha County are starting on a thorough membership drive. This county has a good, live membership, and a good set of Local and county leaders. They are alive to the needs of farmers, and know that one of the principal needs is a strong class organization, of by and for farmers. Having this in mind, the Farmers Union folks in that county are determined to go out among their neighbors and build up their membership strength.

At a meeting of the County Union last week at Bern, Kansas, the county president, Frank B. Roots, made a strong appeal for membership work among those whose names are now on the membership rolls. Mr. Roots did not stop with the appeal, however. He went ahead and backed his appeal with sincere offer to leave his own farm work and go with the members and membership teams of workers, and call on as many farmers as he could, and solicit their support for the Union.

Mr. Roots, it might be explained, is rather new in active Farmers Union leadership, having succeeded his brother, Tom Roots, as county president, after the death of that well-loved Farmers Union man. Mr. Roots is carrying on in a most worthy manner. The people of Nemaha county are responding to his leadership, and

er Byrns said the other day, "Practically every Democrat pledged himself in the last election to go along with the President. That is pretty generally true with regard to both houses, and as to some Republicans as well."

What has become of our Democratic form of Government? What is a more sacred pledge, a pledge to stand up and fight for principles and the interests of the people or the pledge to follow one man, who is human and who is bound to err when and if he listens to wrong advisors.

It is no secret that this rule was passed to stave off the day when the money changers will really be chased out of the temple. It was passed to delay the passage, if possible, of the Frazier-Lemke Refinancing bill, and the Farmers Union Cost of Production bill and other bills that definitely demand Government expansion of the currency and discontinuing the issuance of interest-bearing bonds by our Government.

This is the real reason, no matter how the Press is trying to camouflage it. It is a challenge from Wall Street to the Farmers Union. The Farmers Union's rapid increase in membership and our gain in strength in this session—despite the gag rule. Farmers Union members in 36 states understand this fully and are ready.

This is how the Kansas Congressmen voted on the gag rule passed on January 3, 1935.

FOR. Houston.

AGAINST. Lambertson, Guyer, Pat-

erson, Carpenter, Carlson, Hope.

all orders received.

The book is attractively bound in paper binding. Mr. Kinney has had it copyrighted, the date of the copyright being January 28, 1935. A full page photograph of Mr. Kinney appears on page three. The author, in his usual drill way recently said: "The picture looks too much like me to be good looking. It shows every wrinkle in my face."

Of particular interest is Mr. Kinney's dedication, which is printed on page two. He says:

"This book of rhymes is dedicated to those farmers, farm leaders and men connected with our Cooperative Institutions who have sacrificed their health, their time and their money to bring about a prosperous Agriculture. Single copies of the book are available for 25 cents postpaid. The cost in lots of 10 is 20 cents per copy postpaid. In lots of 100 or more, the books may be had for 15 cents postpaid."

Some of the poems are: "The Kansas Prairies," "God Give Us Men," "A New Version," "A Friend of Agriculture," "Christmas Thought," "Monkey Food and Monkey Business," "The Hilt Hiker," "Fisherman's Luck," "Confessions of an Outlaw," "Freedom of Farmers," "Tomcat Hour," and many others.

Every Farmers Union member should have a copy of this book. Locals and County Unions would do well to have copies. They will help enlighten any program.

the organization in that county will go forward.

The statement has often been made that the Kansas Farmers Union is indeed fortunate in its great wealth of leadership out in the county Unions and in the Locals. Nemaha county certainly is no exception.

Membership work and the membership drive planned for this county is on a firm and aggressive basis. The following paragraphs from a letter received this week from George F. Brien, secretary of the Eagle Star Local No. 928, Nemaha county, shows the determination to strengthen the membership.

"We are planning a membership campaign to begin at once. Mr. Roots has promised to come over and spend some time in this section of our county. Some of our members will accompany him each day."

"We feel there is no better time to build up our Local. We also realize that we need a larger membership to make the Union more effective. We hope to carry on. Yours for an increased membership in 1935."

Several other county Unions are beginning active membership campaigns, or are planning to. The state Farmers Union stands ready to assist in these drives in every way possible. The state Farmers Union secretary has a few copies of a leaflet which sets forth some of the things the Farmers Union stands for, some of its accomplishments, and some of the things it has in its program in a statewide way as well as nationally. This leaflet also mentions some of the developments in our cooperative marketing and business enterprises.

The Stafford County Union, in its recent successful drive, used a number of these leaflets very effectively. They are a real help to the membership workers, and may be left with prospective members for them to study over. The Nemaha County Union has indicated that it expects to use similar leaflets in its drive.

The state secretary will be glad to send without cost a copy of this leaflet to any Local or County Union, so that additional copies can be printed locally. He is, however, supplying these leaflets in volume, since it is more satisfactory for each community or Local to have its own local printers do the work. In that way, the leaflets can be made to conform with local conditions, and thus be most effective. The leaflets which the state secretary has on hands are meant only to serve as a guide in having them printed locally.

County Unions or Locals are urged to concentrate, within the next few weeks, on real aggressive membership work.

### WHEN TO SELL HOGS?

In a period of an upturn in hog prices, the January market is usually strong in comparison to the December one, and February is strong as compared to January, says Vance M. Rucker, Extension Marketing Specialist, Kansas State College. If the market slows down during February and stays below the January level during most of the month, then a good rally usually occurs in March or early April. On the other hand, if February prices are from 20 to 30 per cent above those of January, the spring peak tends to come in February or March, rather than in March or April.

The recent hog price advance will cause considerable unloading of 200-pound hogs on slight recessions, but the January market is as strong as it has been this year, there is a tendency for the breaks to be limited to less than 50 cents a hundredweight. The market rallies within four to six days' following such breaks.

Unless the spring peak should be more than \$2 above the present price, the fall market probably offers the best prospects for bred gilts, brood sows, and stock pigs. Less corn will be required to finish them for that market, and the chance for the price advance will be greater.

For up-to-the-minute information on live stock market affairs, write to the Farmers Union Live Stock Commission Company, Live Stock Exchange Building, Kansas City, Mo.

### WARD ON WIBW

Hereafter, and until further notice, the regular Farmers Union period on WIBW, Topeka radio station, will be at 6:25 in evening, on the "Farm Supper Hour."

This week, Cal Ward, president of the Kansas Union, is scheduled to talk during the Farmers Union period. Farmers Union radio programs will be given from time to time at the time mentioned above.

## FARMERS UNION LIFE INSURANCE BUSINESS GOOD

Rex Lear, Kansas Manager, again Re-elected on Board of Directors in Annual Meeting Last Week in Des Moines

### STRONG COMPANY

Holds Assets for Ex-act Protection of Policyholders, over and above Policyholder Liability, Amounting to \$289,821.86

Rex Lear, Salina, Kansas manager for the Farmers Union Life Insurance Company, returned Saturday of last week from Des Moines, Iowa, where he attended the annual meeting of the company which was held January 24. Mr. Lear was re-elected on the board of directors to serve through 1935.

The Farmers Union Life Insurance Company, which has its headquarters in Des Moines, Iowa, had a very good year, reports Mr. Lear. Its volume of business is growing in Kansas as well as in other states.

The annual statement of the company shows over two million dollars of new business issued and reinstated during the past year. As extra protection for policyholders, the Farmers Union Life Insurance Company now holds assets amounting to \$289,821.86, over and above all policyholder liability. This places the Union members in an unusually strong position, and is absolute assurance of complete protection.

Directors of the company voted to continue the same dividend schedule which it has had in the past, says Mr. Lear.

With strong life insurance company doing so well, and carrying on under the banner of the Farmers Union, writing farmers' life insurance on a "cost of production" basis, it is pointed out that the Farmers Union members need not go out of their own class organization for the very best of insurance protection. Agents in various counties in Kansas are writing this insurance, and any farmer who is not knowing who his agent may be in his own community, are urged to write to Rex Lear, Kansas Manager, Farmers Union Life Insurance Company, Salina, Kansas.

## NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES

### DOING MIGHTY WELL IN DANE LOCAL UNION

Members Participate in 12 Per Cent Dividend from Farmers Union Store, and 12 1/2 Per Cent from Co-op Oil Company

The Dane Local No. 546 of Washington county held an exceptionally good meeting on January 18, even if it did rain, with a nice attendance. The Dane Local is doing very well, and is a real help to the membership workers, and may be left with prospective members for them to study over. The Dane Local has indicated that it expects to use similar leaflets in its drive.

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### LIVINGSTON LOCAL REPORTS

Floyd H. Lynn, Secretary, Salina, Kansas

I am sending you a report of the election of officers for Livingston Local No. 1984, held on December 28, 1934.

President—R. D. Beck, Byers, Kas. Vice-President—Ray Harter, St. John, Kas.

Secretary—Treasurer—W. W. Gillespie, St. John, Kas. Assistant Secretary—R. B. Jordan, St. John, Kas.

Doorkeeper—J. H. Suiter, St. John, Kas. Conductor—Guy Carter, St. John, Kas.

Exec. Com.—W. H. Cotton, St. John, Kas.; H. A. Harrison, St. John, Kas.; J. H. Suiter, St. John, Kas.

The above were installed January 4, 1935.

Our Local subscribed for the House Calendar and Journal, so as to keep informed on the proceedings of the State Legislature.

W. W. Gillespie, Secy-Treas.

## 36 PER CENT IS PATRON'S REFUND FROM ST. JOE FIRM

\$34,313.08 Net Earnings Available to Go Back to Customers Who are Paid Up Members of Farmers Union or Other Member Groups

### INCREASE IN VOLUME

Farmers Union Live Stock Commission, South St. Joe, Had Good Year in 1934; Paid Back 35 Per Cent on 1933 Business

Farmers who bought or sold live stock, in 1934, through the Farmers Union Live Stock Commission of South St. Joseph, Mo., stand to receive \$34,313.08 in the form of patronage refunds, according to action taken at the recent meeting of the Directors who voted to declare a 36 per cent patronage refund. The meeting of the Directors of the cooperative selling agency and of the Farmers Union Credit Association of South St. Joseph, was held in the company's offices January 18.

The directors of the live stock commission declared the 36 per cent patronage refund on all commissions collected for the year 1934. This means \$34,313.08 will be returned to the farmers who sold or purchased live stock through the commission during the past year, provided, of course, that they were members of the farm organizations comprising the live stock commission.

The commission handled 347,542 head of live stock during the year 1934, the total valuation of which was \$4,385,985.26, compared with 316,520 head valued at \$3,769,759.49 for the year 1933. The commission paid a 35 per cent patronage refund for the year 1933.

The Farmers Union Live Stock Commission is a cooperative live stock selling and purchasing agency, established on the South St. Joseph Stock Yards in 1917, and is owned and operated by the following state federations: The Farmers Union of Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri and Colorado; The Farm Bureau Federations of Missouri and Iowa; The Missouri Farmers' Association, and the Farmers Equity Union. During the past few years of operation, the commission has refunded to its shippers over one million dollars and has never failed to pay a yearly dividend.

The Farmers Union Credit Association is operated in conjunction with the live stock commission and makes live stock loans through the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank of St. Louis, Missouri. During the year 1934, the credit association made live stock loans to feeders in the territory tributary to the South St. Joseph market in the total amount of \$208,618.39, at an interest rate of 5 per cent. The credit association was organized in 1924, to operate in accordance with the Federal Agricultural Loan Act of 1923. During the ten years of its existence, loans have

### STETINICH WERE WELCOME VISITORS

at our meeting. Mr. Nordquist wishes all Farmers Union members and friends in and around Waterville to know he now handles all CO-OP products. Mr. Stetinsch explained how you can get your dividends by buying from the local station as well as from the tank wagon.

Ludwig Musil presented us with the following program: Music—Gordon Brothers Reading—Louis Hedke Song—H. B. McCord and Bill King Readings by Imogene Tommer, Ottila Musil, Franklin Gordon and Catherine Tommer.

Music—Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Livergood. Dainty refreshments were served after the meeting.

Next meeting at the Star school house February 1, and at the Liberty school house Feb. 15. Eats committee, Mrs. Ben Organbright; program Norville Bettmer.

Mr. John I. Tommer, Reporter.

been made in the approximate amount of three million dollars.

The directors of the credit association declared a 5 per cent cash dividend on the outstanding capital stock.

Mr. H. G. Keeney, president of the Nebraska Farmers Union was re-elected president and chairman of the board of directors of the live stock commission. Mr. C. A. Ward, president of the Kansas Farmers Union, vice president, and Mr. J. R. Evans of Maryville, Missouri, secretary Mr. C. F. Schwab of St. Joseph, Missouri, who has been manager of the live stock commission since May, 1931, was reappointed as manager for the year 1935.

Mr. Keeney was also re-elected president and chairman of the board of directors of the credit association, treasurer. The following directors and Mr. C. F. Schwab, secretary and were also re-elected for the year of 1935:

Geo. Larsen, Superior, Neb. A. D. Whisler, Mt. Moriah, Mo. E. J. Willis, Cromwell, Ia. Wm. E. Allyn, Columbia, Mo. Wm. H. Hirth, Columbia, Mo. E. F. Overturf, Bird City, Ka.

### TRIPLE "A" FACTS

By H. Umberger, Director Kansas State College Extension Service

Q: Is there any wheat being imported into the United States at the present time?

A: Yes, a small amount of wheat has been imported this year. Some wheat is imported almost every year. Q: Is this an indication that there is a shortage of wheat in this country?

A: No. Federal figures show that there were approximately 485,000,000 bushels of wheat in the United States at the time of the December report. Present estimates are that we will have a carryover of 150,000,000 bushels at the beginning of 1935 harvest season.

Q: If there is no general shortage of wheat, why is wheat being imported?

A: Practically all of the wheat imported so far this year has been either durum or feed wheat. Quite often there is a shortage of durum wheat in this country, this variety being required in the manufacture of macaroni, spaghetti, and similar foods.

Q: What is meant by feed wheat?

A: Feed wheat is that which has been declared unfit for human consumption.

Q: Why is wheat being fed to live stock?

A: The short corn crop of 1934, along with a price generally out of proportion to the feeding value of the corn, has caused a considerable amount of wheat to be used as livestock feed. A 4-cent import tariff on food grades of wheat, along with a decreased surplus, has maintained the domestic price of such wheat on a comparatively high level. The import tariff on feed wheat, however, is 10 cents a bushel. Consequently, farmers can, in some cases, obtain imported feed wheat cheaper than they can purchase domestic wheat. In fact they may be able to secure the imported wheat for less than they receive for their own wheat on the local market. That situation is especially true in some sections near the Canadian border where transportation costs between the two countries are small.

Q: How much wheat has been imported recently?

A: Latest reports state that 10,000,000 bushels of durum and 8,000,000 bushels of hard red spring wheat have been imported since the 1934 harvest season. The red spring wheat was imported east of the Rockies.

Hundreds of Kansas farmers are going to sow oats and barley that have been shipped in from outside the state—a condition which makes seed treatment more urgent this spring than usual. E. H. Leker, Kansas State College extension service crop disease specialist, recommends treating seed oats by the formaldehyde mist method or with Ceresan, and barley by the 30-minute formaldehyde dip method or with Ceresan.

According to present-day estimates, a maximum United States population of from 35 to 140 million people will be reached in about 15 or 20 years. There now are approximately 126 million people in this country. The prospect of a stationary population and the possibility of a decrease in numbers after that point has been reached have certain implications which must be considered in framing an agricultural policy for the nation, it is pointed out.

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## Militant Voice of Agriculture

Readers of this paper will be especially interested in the book recently published by Mrs. John A. Simpson, Route 3, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, widow of the late president of the National Farmers Union. This book, "The Militant Voice of Agriculture," is a combination of writings by Mr. Simpson.

Here is what Mrs. Simpson says about the book in a recent letter: "It is strictly a Farmers Union book containing only the Farmers Union program save for a few philosophies in the back of the book."

"We published this book at the request of many Farmers Union members and leaders in the various states. We were also urged by members of Congress who are interested in our program to get out a book on Mr. Simpson's work. We felt it our duty to do so if it would further the cause of the Farmers Union."

Mrs. Simpson encloses a letter which she received a few days ago,

## A FULL PROGRAM FOR MEETINGS AT K. C. NEXT WEEK

"Farmers Union Week" in Kansas City to Witness Stockholders' Meetings of Jobbing Association, Auditing, Live Stock, and Union Oil

### EVENTS OF INTEREST

Hundreds of Farmers Union Members Interested in Welfare of Several State-wide Cooperatives Plan to Make Trip to City

The program for the annual stockholders meeting of the Farmers Union Jobbing Association, to be held in the Aladdin Hotel, Kansas City, on Friday, February 8, is complete with addresses by interesting speakers and with timely discussions on topics which are of deep interest to all cooperating stockholders. Among those appearing on the program are E. A. Crall of Erie, president of the Association; Cal Ward, Salina, president of the Kansas Farmers Union; H. E. Witham, Kansas City; secretary-manager of the Jobbing Association; Thos. B. Dunn, Salina, secretary-manager of the Farmers Union Auditing Association; Homer Terpening, Wakeney, vice president of the Jobbing Association; Clifford Miller of Brewster, C. E. Elder of Beloit and P. W. Blauer of Leonardville, directors.

The printed program shows as follows:

10:00 A.M. Meeting called to order by President E. A. Crall Appointment of Credential Committee Resolution Committee

1:30 P.M. Meeting called to order by President E. A. Crall Address by Cal A. Ward Report of Credential Committee Report of other Committees Reading of Minutes of the last Annual Meeting H. E. Witham Address—Vice President

Homer Terpening Auditor's Report Thos. B. Dunn Report of Secretary-Treasurer H. E. Witham Clifford Miller Address C. E. Elder Election of Directors Unfinished Business New Business Adjournment

Other state wide marketing and business activities connected with the Farmers Union, which will hold annual stockholders meeting in Kansas City next week, include Farmers Union Live Stock Commission Company, the Farmers Union Auditing Association and Union Oil Company Cooperative.

The live stock company, managed by G. W. Hobbs, will have its meeting in the Aladdin Hotel on Thursday afternoon, beginning at 1 o'clock. A large crowd of interested stockholder customers is expected to attend this meeting.

The auditing association, of which T. B. Dunn is manager, will share Friday afternoon with the Jobbing Association for its annual stockholders' meeting. This meeting will also be held in the Aladdin Hotel.

The Union Oil Company Cooperative, under the management of Howard Cowden, will have Tuesday and Wednesday, February 5 and 6, for its annual meeting. The sessions will all be held at North Kansas City, starting in the High School auditorium. Mr. Cowden and his corps of helpers are making preparations for entertaining hundreds of men and women interested in the welfare of that cooperative.

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FARMERS UNION MUTUAL INSURANCE CO.—Room 202 Farmers Union Bldg., Salina, Kans.; W. J. Spencer, President-Manager.

FARMERS UNION AUDITING ASSOCIATION—Room 205, Farmers Union Bldg., Kansas City, Mo.; Thomas B. Dunn, Secretary-Manager, Salina, Kansas.

KANSAS FARMERS UNION—Salina, Kansas, Room 208, Farmers Union Bldg., Kansas City, Mo.

FARMERS UNION MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE CO.—Room 200, Farmers Union Bldg., Salina, Kans.; Rex Lear, State Manager, Salina, Kansas.

THE KANSAS FARMERS UNION ROYALTY CO.—Room 215, Farmers Union Bldg., Salina, Kansas; G. E. Creitz, State Manager.

### FARMERS UNION MANAGERIAL ASSOCIATION

C. B. Thove.....President  
T. C. Belden.....Secretary

SALINA, KANSAS, THURSDAY, JANUARY 31, 1935

### ANOTHER PROGRESSIVE STEP

One of the most significant events in the history of cooperation in Kansas, or in the United States, for that matter, took place about a week ago in Topeka, when representatives of the labor organizations met with the leaders of the farm organizations, and got together on a united program of legislation.

This little meeting was unannounced and unheralded. Yet it marks a mile stone in the history of cooperation in Kansas.

The way was paved for this fortunate getting together of farmers and laborers in Kansas when the Committee of Kansas Farm Organizations met some weeks ago and drafted a program of legislation for which it is now fighting in Topeka. The labor groups, through their leaders and membership, read this program, and found it good. They drafted a program of their own, and as part of their program, endorsed the entire program of the farm organizations.

**Foe Helps Us Get Together**  
Of particular interest and significance is the next step toward a common program and a unity of effort involving the farmers and laborers. This next step was given the impetus it needed when a common enemy to both groups attacked them both and in doing so attempted to boost the stock of a sales tax law for Kansas people.

One of the labor leaders made the remark, during the informal meeting of the two groups, that a common enemy is constantly striving to drive a wedge between the farmers and laboring people. They do not want us to work together, he said, and thus they attempt to keep us fighting each other.

A representative of the farm groups remarked that a resolution should be drawn commending Lieutenant governor C. W. Thompson for saying the things that helped to bring the two groups together. He referred to Mr. Thompson's attack on the labor and farm leaders, and his attempt to foster sales tax legislation.

Thus we see another case in which the cause of the common people is advanced because of their common adversaries. A fight against the common enemy is what has caused the Farmers Union to develop and grow. It is proof that we must stand together in a strong class organization of our own.

This organization must be strong, and its entire strength must come from membership—numbers.

Which side are YOU helping?

If cooperation is good for your neighbor, it is good for you. On the other hand, if you are enjoying the fruits of cooperation through the Farmers Union, you should be cooperator enough to try to get your neighbor in the Union so he, too, can be benefited.

### NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES

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cordia on Friday, February 1, at 2 p. m. The annual election will be held and the new year's program will be discussed. All Locals please be represented.

H. J. Carr, county secretary.

### BUFFALO VALLEY LOCAL

At a meeting held early in January, Buffalo Valley Local No. 507, near Jamestown in Cloud county, elected as its new president, W. E. Carr. All the other officers were reelected to serve another year, writes H. J. Carr. The members voted to have a program and refreshments at their next regular meeting, which will be Thursday night, February 7.

### IN MEMORY OF FRANK ANDREWS

At our regular meeting of Eagle Star Local No. 928, in Nemaha county, following resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, God in his infinite wisdom has seen fit to remove from his earthly cares, Brother Frank Andrews, a loyal sincere and courageous charter member of Eagle Star Local 928.

We will feel the loss of our Brother, who was always faithful in attendance, loyal to our cause and had no fear.

Therefore be it resolved that we, the members of Eagle Star Local, extend our sincere sympathy to Mrs. Andrews and family. And be it further resolved that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved family, a copy be published in our Kansas Union Farmer, and a copy be placed on our local record.

George F. Brien, Secy.

### NOTES FROM ZEPHYR LOCAL

A small faithful crowd braved the cold Monday night, January 21, to attend the regular meeting of Zephyr Local near Conway Springs. In the absence of President Rice, George Pillsbury, vice president, called the meeting to order and presided for the evening.

After the usual preliminaries, motion was made and carried to appoint a standing membership committee, this committee to draw plans for a continuous drive. John Orr, Gale Hamilton, and Vance Clark were appointed.

It was decided with hearty unanimous approval to hold a box supper Monday night, February 11, at 8 o'clock in Spring Hill School House, the proceeds to be used for an oyster feed later on. Mesdames Hamilton, Orr, and Clark were chosen for the party committee.

John Orr was named entertainment chairman to furnish speakers and specialties for the Local meetings for the year '35.

There was some discussion on the Junior movement, but definite action withheld until more could be presented.

After a couple of songs the meeting adjourned.

Zephyr Local Ladies' Auxiliary please note that they are to meet at the home of Mrs. Ben Rice, Monday afternoon, February 4. All ladies of the Local Union must come out as plans are to be completed for the box supper and a coming oyster

spread. The Junior Movement will also be taken up.

Ben Rice, Rev. Hughes and John Orr attended a business meeting of the Farmers Union Local at Milan, Friday, January 15.

Members notice that the next regular meeting of Zephyr Local will be February 4, at the regular meeting place, Beacon Light, a special speaker to be provided to talk on the Junior program. The young people, themselves are urged to attend meeting and take part in the discussion. —Mrs. J. C. Orr, Corresponding Secretary.

### NOTICE TO WASHINGTON CO. LOCALS

President A. C. Hansen announces that his Washington County Booster club is organized and awaits invitations to visit all Locals, when it can be of service at your meeting. And it's free of charge.—Dan H. Combow, Co. Secy.

### ASHLAND LOCAL ELECTIONS

The Ashland Local No. 1660 of Riley County, held its annual election Friday evening. The following officers were elected:

President—Chester Yevawine.  
Vice President—Jesse May.  
Secy-Treas—Leona Dobson.  
Conductor—Emmett Williams.  
Door-keeper—Dan Seigle.  
Executive board—Chas Scott, John Toy, Arthur Cederberg.

### FAIRMOUNT LOCAL MEETING

The regular meeting of Fairmount Local No. 967 in Marshall county, was held January 18, Friday. The meeting was called to order by Bro. W. J. Cochill, acting as president. First in order was roll call of officers, and then the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Brother Alf Morton gave a report on the state convention. After this report, vice-president, August Wempe came in and the chair was turned over to him by Brother Cochill. A bill for expenses of the delegate to the state convention was allowed.

The Local was entertained by students of the Frankfort high school. Mrs. Howard Stow and Mrs. Alf Morton were appointed on the audit committee, and Harry Feldhausen on the entertainment committee. W. J. Cochill and August Wempe were placed on the good of the order committee.

A lunch of strawberries, cake with whipped cream, sandwiches and coffee, was served.

It was decided during the social hour to call a special business meeting for Friday night, February 1, 1935, and the meeting was then adjourned.—W. E. Knudsen, Secretary-Treasurer.

### PLAN OTTAWA COUNTY MEETING

The Ottawa County Farmers Union will hold its regular monthly meeting Friday night, February 1, in the Odd Fellows Hall in Minneapolis.

The regular business session will be followed by a luncheon, and the usual dance and good time meeting will be held following the lunch.

All Locals in the county are asked to be represented by as many delegates and members as possible. Let us show our real interest in the Farmers Union. A worthwhile meeting and a good social time awaits all who come.

Abe Pickering, Pres.

John Myers, Secretary.

### EUREKA LOCAL NEWS

The Eureka Local No. 2199 of Stafford county, met for their regular meeting, January 25.

A very interesting business meeting was held. Harold Minks, as chairman of the Legislative committee made a short talk.

Mrs. Clarence Fritzemeier, sponsor of the Junior Farmers Union, had charge of the Junior Lesson on "A Study of Money," which was and should be very interesting and educational to both Juniors and adults.

Harden Newell was appointed to represent our local at the next county meeting to be held at Lamoreux.

The membership drive committee presented 38 old and new paid up members with the promise of several more.

It was voted to have a box and pie supper at our next regular meeting, February 8, for benefit of Local.

A short program besides the regular business meeting will be given, and everyone is invited.

After the business meeting the program committee, composed of Bruce Newell, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Newell, Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Newell, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Newell took charge, giving a very interesting program composed of a colored farce comedy, readings, songs and music, and old time music, after which we were invited to the basement to refreshments of cake and coffee.

J. C. Rosacker, Cor. Secy.

### RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY

(Riley County)

Whereas it has pleased our Heavenly Father to remove by death, Charles Isaacson, brother of our Vice-President, Albert Isaacson.

Be it therefore resolved that we the members of Baldwin Creek Local Union No. 1380 extend to our bereaved brother and family our heartfelt sympathy in this their time of sorrow.

And be it further resolved that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved family and a copy be sent to The Kansas Union Farmer for publication.

Signed,  
C. E. Larson, President.  
Gust Larson, Secretary.

### RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY

(Riley County)

Whereas it has pleased our Heavenly Father to remove by death, our midst our brother, George Buss,

Be it therefore resolved that we the members of Baldwin Creek Local, No. 1380 extend to the bereaved family our heartfelt sympathy in this their hour of sorrow.

And be it further resolved that a copy be sent to The Kansas Union Farmer for publication.

Signed,

C. E. Larson, President.  
Gust Larson, Secretary.

### REPORT FROM ODIN LOCAL

Alois Birzer, who is one of the old standbys of Odin Local No. 233, in Barton county, sends in a report along with his answer to the Junior questionnaire and referendum ballot. "Our Local is still alive," says Mr. Birzer, "but our old standby president, Nick A. Mans, says he wants someone else to lead us; so we elected Frank Koester of Redwing in his place. The rest of the officers stayed on duty."

Mr. Birzer reports that the farmers in Odin Local are circulating petitions to present to state senator Russell of Great Bend, and state representative Smith of Hoisington, against the sales tax and against the automobile driver's license in connection with the police bill.

Odin Local wants all the information possible about the Junior program. They have a man who will be a good leader, and they are ready to go forward on the program. Odin Local is a live Local, with quite a number already paid up for 1935.

### ANOTHER GOOD LETTER FROM ANTON PETERSON

Greenleaf, Kansas, 1-27-35.

Mr. Floyd Lynn,

Dear Sir and Brother:

Just a line to let you know that the Dane Local is still going strong, although we are not in the 100 per cent list. We probably never will be this year.

Just a reason that some of the old members don't pay their dues until just before the store declares a dividend. But we are steadily taking in new members.

Dan McGrath says to me the other day, "Let's double our membership this year."

"All right," I say; "What's your scheme?"

"Simple enough. Each member GET A MEMBER."

We have ours; now let each of the other sixty members, not of the Dane Local alone, but of the whole county, do likewise.

We have had some mighty interesting meetings lately. Last but not least was our meeting Friday night, January 25. On that occasion we had a debate on the question, "The present spending policy of the Government will bring prosperity."

The negative won. But the big event of the evening was Jimmy Dean. That pleasant young man works for the Farmers National Grain Corporation. Jimmy not only interested me, but everybody else with his explanation of the national setup, which was right to the point and comprehensive. Other Locals will do well to have Mr. Dean meet with them.

Will see you in Kansas City.

—Anton.

### LOYAL LOCAL MEETING

Loyal Local No. 1234 held its January meeting at Spring Creek school house in Franklin county.

A supper, pie and covered dish, was enjoyed by ten members and their families, although the thermometer stood at zero.

Following the 7:30 supper the 1935 officers were installed: President, A. R. Carpenter; vice president, Elson Thayer; secretary-treasurer, Alwilda Thayer; Conductor, A. J. Brady; door-keeper, Mrs. Elizabeth Carpenter; County Delegates, A. J. Brady, Geo. Kyle, J. T. Floyd Bishop.

The subject of the Junior Department was considered and Elson Thayer was selected for Junior Director.

Loyal Local voted to invite the County Union for its February meeting and prepared to give them a hearty welcome and an invitation to come and eat pie a la mode.

A short program of songs and readings concluded an enjoyable evening.

A. R. Carpenter, Pres.

Alwilda Thayer, Secy-Treas.

The new year brings brighter prospects, from the price standpoint, for the producers of cattle, hogs, sheep, dairy products, and poultry. The outlook for wheat and corn is less hopeful, particularly when one considers these commodities from the standpoint of prospective supplies. Considering farm commodities as a whole, the outlook is brighter than it was a year ago with promise of continued improvement during 1935.

More pasture ponds were built in Kansas during 1934 than have been constructed for a number of years, according to information gathered. The increase is attributed to the aid given by the Kansas Emergency Relief Committee together with the increased need for such ponds because of the severe drought.

### "ORGANIZATION FOR MARKETING IMPERATIVE"

Agriculture is and will probably continue to be largely individualistic in the field of production. In the field of distribution farmers must join together, and with nation and world-wide organization and reasonably adequate finances, exercise intelligent control over the distribution and sale of all major agricultural commodities. No industry could long endure if its product found its way to market in a haphazard manner; if those who traded in the commodity were free to do so without effective influence on the part of the producing industry; if neither the price nor the reputation of the commodity were of concern to those who handled it. . . . only the profit upon a given transaction being considered as an actuating force. Industry long since devoted itself to the marketing of its commodity with concern equal to that of the producer. Agriculture has wholly depended upon agencies outside itself for its markets and marketing. The disparity between agriculture and industry has its major foundation in this very fact.

C. E. HUFF, President,  
Farmers National Grain Corporation.

## The Cloak Room

W. P. Lambertson

January 26, 1935

The Securities and Exchange Commission, I have a feeling, will function about like the NRA. This is not my hope but my prophecy. The Board faces a thousand intricacies.

Representative P. L. Cassaway, of Coalgate, Okla., is the only member of the House who wears boots and a ten-gallon hat. He was trained in the law but lives on a ranch.

One of the arguments for the repeal of the 8th Amendment was the high cost of federal enforcement. That part of federal at least is a flop for the government is spending more now than ever chasing bootleggers.

Texas has six important chairmanships in the House but Fritz Lanham, of Ft. Worth, is a greater New Dealer than any of them. He entertained a committee, while it waited for the chairman, by making a deck of cards do more funny things than was ever done by Houdini.

Pedro Guevara, one of the Resident Commissioners from the Philippines, a soldier with Aguinaldo, has the privilege to speak on the floor of the House but cannot vote. His English is not understandable. We suggest that the rule be reversed—that he be permitted to vote but not talk.

Rep. Louis C. Rabaut, 48, Democrat of Detroit, not of French Canadian stock but Franco-Belgian, has nine children between the ages of seven and twenty-two. He also had the largest majority of the Michigan delegation, in his election.

We will probably be here till the hot days of July but with only two days discussion and one roll call we passed the biggest appropriation bill in the history of the country. It contained 4,880 millions of dollars. We hope in the next fifty years no such record will be equalled.

After an impassioned speech, Blanton, of Texas, in the Appropriations Committee, made a motion to amend the nearly five billion dollar bill. About ten Democrats voted with him and suddenly the eleven Republicans did also. When he saw that his motion was going to carry and before the negative was put, he withdrew it. He called that loyalty to his chairman while the Republicans enjoyed a "horse laugh."

### THE OPTIMISTIC FARMER

By Charles W. Kellogg  
Lebanon, Kansas

Last summer was dry  
And we raised nothing at all;  
Don't do any good to sigh  
Nor sit around and bawl.

Christmas has come and gone  
With its usual cheer;  
And now, we are facing  
A brand new year.

Let us look to the future  
With a great big grin;  
And say, "We won't give up  
For we're going to win."

When winter leaves us  
As it always does;  
And spring sets in  
And things begin to buzz;

We'll plow our fields  
And plant our grain  
And trust in God  
To send us the rain.

So we can raise good crops  
Of rye, corn and wheat;  
And have plenty to sell  
And keep lots for to eat.

If we get our wish  
Everything will be fine;  
But if it's dry again  
We won't sit and whine,

Nor give up the ghost  
And say "We can't win";  
We'll just hitch up our belts  
And try it all over again.

What's the use to get panicky  
Like some people do;  
And tie up business in general  
The whole year through?

When things don't go right  
And the sun isn't shining;  
Just keep on searching  
For the silver lining.

For there's just one thing to do  
If we expect to win;  
And that is just get busy  
And start all over again.

If we farmers get panicky  
Like some people do;  
And parked our machinery  
And said "we're through,"

The whole world would go hungry  
For something to eat;  
They'd have no clothes to wear  
Nor shoes on their feet.

So there's just one thing to do  
When spring comes again;  
And that is prepare your fields  
And plant more feed and grain.

There are two requirements for plant disease control in potato production. The first is the purchase of good seed—preferably certified—to eliminate such troubles as spindle tuber, mosaic, and other virus diseases. The second requirement is seed treatment to help in controlling rhizoctonia, scab, and other diseases of that type.

### Find Napoleon Letters Lost 120 Years



For 120 years more than 300 of Napoleon's letters to his second wife, Marie Louise, proud daughter of the Emperor of Austria, have been kept secret. But the secret is out now. These historically and humanly priceless letters have been sold to the French government for \$75,000 and publication rights have been bought by the United Feature Syndicate, which in turn has sold to the Kansas City Journal-Post exclusive rights to publish these amazing letters in the Kansas City territory beginning about February 1. There are 318 of these "lost"

letters and they will be printed daily in the Kansas City Journal-Post with accompanying illustrations and explanatory comment. These letters represent the greatest Napoleonic find in modern history. They were written from the heart of the soldier, when he was weary from battle and while still in the saddle resting on a long march. In these letters Napoleon poured out his woes and told his innermost secrets. They are humanly letters. They are informative letters. They are human and fascinating letters. They are truly a gold mine to the historian and a delight to the lover of humanity.

### NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the members of the Kansas Farmers Union Auditing Association will be held in Aladdin Hotel, Kansas City, Missouri, at ten A. M. on Friday, February 8, 1935.

### KANSAS FARMERS UNION COOPERATIVE AUDITING ASSOCIATION

### NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS

The 21st regular Annual Stockholders' meeting of the Farmers Union Jobbing Association will be held on Friday, February 8th 1935, commencing at 10 o'clock a. m., at the Aladdin Hotel, Kansas City, Mo.

The meeting is called for the purpose of electing two directors whose terms expire, and transact any and all business that may properly come before the meeting.

Your presence is earnestly requested. If you are not able to attend please fill out the following proxy to someone that you know will be the meeting and mail it to the secretary's office.

Very truly yours,

FARMERS UNION JOBBING ASSOCIATION

H. E. Witham, Secretary-Manager.

TEAR OFF HERE

### PROXY

I hereby appoint \_\_\_\_\_ as my proxy, and do hereby authorize him with power of attorney to vote for me in the Annual Stockholders' Meeting of the Farmers Union Jobbing Association to be held at 10 o'clock a. m., Friday, February 8th, 1935 Kansas City, Mo.

Sign here \_\_\_\_\_

Post Office \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

### THE ANNUAL MEETING

of the stockholders of the Farmers Union







