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F. U. LIVESTOCK COMPANY IS IN THE FRONT RANKS

The Farmers Union Livestock Company Has Always Been in the Front Ranks in the Service to its Customers; and it is Always Striving to Put Itself in Position to Render Better Service--It is Your Own Company and Every Farmers Union Member Should be Proud of It

An announcement that has created a great deal of interest and which has brought out much favorable comment among Farmers Union live stock patrons is the announcement of the fact that Mr. Art H. Little is now associated with the Farmers Union Live Stock Commission Company of Kansas City, as steer salesman.

Mr. Little comes to the Farmers Union firm with a record of having handled and sold perhaps as many steers as any man who ever served in the capacity of steer salesman on the Kansas City stock yards. Some say he has sold more steers than any other man on the yards. Years of training and of studying market conditions, coupled with a full understanding of the farmer's problems from a producing and marketing standpoint, have equipped Mr. Little to give the very highest type of service possible. This training, together with his natural ability and his sincere desire to render efficient service, has had a great deal to do with the record Mr. Little has been able to establish.

Mr. Little is not a man who is prone to jump from one job to another. On the contrary, he has been associated with one firm continuously since 1908; and that firm, due largely to Mr. Little's efforts, has been one of the leading live stock firms on the Kansas City stock yards for a long span of years. He came to the Kansas City stock yards from a farm in Iowa, when he was but a boy. His first stock yard duties were those of a yard boy. After three years work as a yard boy he became a trader in the yards. He traded in cattle for eight or nine years, and thus was in a position to learn every angle of trading as it is carried on at the stock yards.

On January 1, 1928, when Mr. Little became associated with one of the leading live stock commission companies at Kansas City, he went to work as assistant butcher cattle salesman. In the course of a year or two, he was placed in charge of the butcher alleys for his firm. In 1928, he took charge of the steer alleys for his firm, and from that time until he elected to become associated with the Farmers Union firm he sold the fat steers for his firm.

Mr. Little is not taking any one's place in the Farmers Union Live Stock Commission Company force. The organization remains the same as before, as far as the sales force is concerned, with Mr. Little's services as an addition and not as a substitution. Mr. Little has a large following among the cattle producers in Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Colorado and Missouri. Naturally, a large portion of the business provided by his many friends in this territory will follow him to the Farmers Union firm. The shippers who already are patrons of the Farmers Union will continue to patronize their own firm. In addition to this, many new customers will be attracted by the improved service the firm is now able to render. In fact, the cattle business of the Farmers Union firm has been increasing right along, and now there are two steer salesmen, second to none, employed by the firm to take care of the ever increasing business, and to make doubly good the promise of the firm to give the very highest type of service possible.

Bob Lieurance, who has been the steer salesman for the Farmers Union Live Stock Commission Company for the past few years, will continue as in the past, associated with Mr. Little. Mr. Lieurance, like Mr. Little, has a large following among cattle men in this territory. He has had a great deal to do with building the trade up to its present high level. He is a conscientious worker, who keeps the best interests of the customer in mind at all times. He is thoroughly acquainted with the market conditions on the Kansas City market and on other markets, and is a true cooperator, believing in and practicing the principles of cooperative marketing.

Both Mr. Little and Mr. Lieurance extend their services further than the confines of the stock yards. They believe in keeping in personal touch with the farmers and feeders. They believe in being of all the service possible from the time the cattle go on grass or in the feed lots, up until they are weighed over the stock yards scales and the producer has his money in his pocket. They have a natural interest in the farmer, and feel a natural fellowship with them, for they both are originally from the farm. Mr. Lieurance was a farmer and a live stock shipper in Woodson county, Kansas, before becoming associated with the Farmers Union firm as a salesman some seven years ago.

With these two gentlemen in the Farmers Union steer alleys, and with the continued good services of Johnnie Hannon in the butcher alleys, and Freddie Seager still selling the calves, and with Frank Sparks in charge of the order buying department, the Farmers Union Live Stock Commission Company is in the best position it ever has been to offer super service to its ever-growing list of customers interested in marketing cattle. All of these men are glad to have men who are interested in marketing cattle to write to them for market advice. They are glad to keep their friends posted on market conditions, and want them to feel free to write at any time.

A. M. Kinney.

NO LETUP, LEGGE SAYS

Farm Board to Go Straight Ahead With Program for Agriculture.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—Chairman Legge today served notice upon critics of the farm board that that agency intends going "straight ahead" with the program it believes of most benefit to agriculture.

At the same time W. F. Schilling, board member for the dairy industry, said he would suggest to the American Warehouse Men's Association that it urge other members of its organization to follow the example of its New York chapter in condemning speculation in dairy products.

A third development came with the publication of a letter from Chester H. Gray, President of the American Farm Bureau Federation, saying that organization opposes any amendment of the farm board law at the present time.—Kansas City Times.

BOB LIEURANCE

I WENT, I SAW AND I AM CONVINCED

Mr. Garrod, President California Farmers Union, Tells of Some of His Observations On a Recent Trip to McPherson, Kansas.

AS OTHERS SEE US

It was recently my privilege and pleasure to attend the annual convention of the Kansas Farmers' Union, held at McPherson, Kansas, on October 28-29-30-31. I went as the representative of the California Farmers' Union and Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Farmers' Automobile Inter-Insurance Exchange of Los Angeles, California.

Before leaving San Jose, I conferred with E. N. Thayer, Sales Manager of our California Prune and Apricot Growers Association, as to how I might do some good for our cause while at the convention, and we decided that there would be an excellent opportunity to do some advertising of our organization and products. It was agreed that D. H. Hewitt, our western representative whose headquarters are at Kansas City, should attend the convention and provide samples of our various packs to acquaint both members and sales agencies of the Union with what we had to offer. The headquarters of the Kansas Farmers' Union are at Salina, where they have a splendid three-story brick building. The lower floor houses their newspaper and printing department; and the second and third floors provide offices for the President and Secretary, the Life and Fire insurance departments, the Jobbers' Association, the Royalty and Auditing and other affiliated activities.

I arrived at Salina on October 27th. At the depot I was met by A. M. Kinney, their General State Secretary. On being taken to the Union headquarters it was my privilege to meet the Kansas Union State President, C. A. Ward; C. A. Broom in charge of Fire Insurance; C. E. Creitz, Manager of the Royalty Company; Rex Lear, head of the Life Insurance Department; T. B. Dunn, Manager of the Auditing Department; A. W. Seaman of the Creamery Association; Harry Witham of the Jobbers' Association; G. W. Hobbs, Manager of the Livestock Commission, and many others, all of whom made me feel right at home by the hearty Kansas welcome which they extended to me.

My first day and evening were spent in conference with groups of these leaders, and we had an interesting time comparing the methods and accomplishments of the Kansas group with those of the California farmers, who are utilizing co-operation as the best way of solving the farm problem.

On the following morning I went across country by automobile with a Mr. McCully of the Royalty department of the Union, and upon my arrival at McPherson found that hotel accommodations had been arranged for my stay there. The town was gay with bunting and flags and presented an air of hospitality as it bade welcome to the Convention to which it was to play host.

Instructions to D. H. Hewitt, Association Representative, to co-operate with me at the convention in advertising the dried products of our Association had preceded me, and on my arrival he phoned to acquaint me with the situation. He had already arranged a tasty exhibit in the gymnasium which adjoined the convention hall. A prettily decorated table on which had been artistically arranged several dozen cartons placed in a prominent position so that all could see them. On the wall behind the table was a large sign, "California Prune and Apricot Growers' Association"—"Sunset Brand," the voice of a group of California co-operators informing them that a line of the best dried fruit, raised, processed and marketed by growers, with the same ideals and aspirations as the farmers of Kansas, were at their disposal.

The exhibit was in charge of and under the personal direction of Mr. Hewitt. During the entire convention he was on hand to greet the thousands (Continued on page 4)

FARMERS UNION TO INVESTIGATE

Representatives of eleven Farmers Union States assembled at St. Paul January 2, and took action on statements made by John A. Simpson, National President of the Farmers Union concerning the Marketing Act and the Federal Farm Board.

Simpson alleges that Chairman Legge of the Farm Board made certain statements before the Senate Committee on Agriculture which Mr. Legge denies and has used the terms "unmitigated liar" in reply to Mr. Simpson. The controversy involves the fundamentals of the Marketing Act and the policy of the Farm Board.

The group of States appointed an investigating committee of five to visit Washington to determine the facts and make a report. The four members of the committee representing the 11 states which are cooperating with the Farm Board are C. A. Ward, President of the Kansas Farmers' Union; R. C. Callahan, President of the Illinois Farmers Union; A. M. Young, President of the Wisconsin Farmers Union; and M. W. Thatcher, General Manager of the Farmers Union Terminal Association. In addition to these four representatives T. E. Howard of Denver, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the National Union, also accepts position on the committee.

The committee will investigate all matters pertaining to the administration of the federal marketing act. We want to settle once and for all the facts in connection with the farm board's activities. Congressmen, senators, farm board members, and any others whom we feel might be able to assist in giving us the facts will be interviewed.

The Legge-Simpson controversy has brought to a head the determination for an investigation. Members of the group will meet in Chicago Wednesday and expect to reach Washington Thursday.

States represented at the conference were Minnesota, Montana, North and South Dakota, Kansas, Illinois, Missouri, Washington, Idaho, Oregon and Wisconsin.

Looking Ahead in Farm Marketing

By Vance Rucker
Extension Marketing Specialist,
K. S. A. C.

Since 1908, the livestock market after the holidays, in all but one year, has been weaker than the market before the holidays. Quite often the weakness just before and after Christmas is followed by recoveries in early January which provides an outlet for anything fat enough to be past the two-way market. The risks of holding after this period of recovery, which usually comes, are too great to warrant holding anything that is in killing shape.

The tendency after years of losses from cattle feeding is for a larger proportion of cattlemen to short feed rather than make good cattle. The fact that cattlemen tend to shift away from times when there were weak markets the year before and try to hit the times of good markets of the previous year strengthens the belief that more fat cattle may arrive on the market in January than the market can handle at early December prices.

Woodring Inaugural

TOPEKA, Kan., January 5.—(Special)—Topeka is dressing up for the Inaugural Ceremonies for Governor-elect Harry H. Woodring and other state officials, who will be sworn into office Monday, January 12.

Inaugural Ceremonies will take place in the city auditorium at high noon, followed by a grand reception at the State House in the evening.

Bands and drum corps from all parts of the state have arranged to take part in the massive parade from the State House to the City Auditorium for the Inaugural Service. During the afternoon concerts by all visiting music organizations will be broadcast over Topeka's radio station WIBW, which also will broadcast the evening reception.

Mayor W. O. Rigby is in charge of arrangements, and issues a cordial invitation to all fellow citizens of Kansas to attend the state wide Inaugural Services.

Attention

A number of our members, I am sure, already are subscribers of the Daily Drovers Telegram. It brings to you the direct United Press Wire Service—General Farm and Live Stock news—Accurate information on all markets, and in fact, is a daily newspaper especially for the farmer.

Those of you who are now subscribers, in renewing your subscriptions, I wish you would mention the Kansas Union Farmer; and to those of you who are not now subscribers, but are going to be, will you not mention the fact, in sending in your remittance, that you are a member of the Kansas Farmers Union.

The subscription price is \$5.00 for one year or \$9.00 for two years.

Should you wish, you can send your check in to us, giving your post office and rural route, and we will forward it on to their office.

The Largest Locals

We have gone over our records as of December 31, 1930 and find the ten largest locals of dues paying members as listed below. Many locals over the state have a larger membership, including the lady members, but this list is made up of 1930 dues paying members.

Thomas county	158 members
Fairdale local 927	158 members
Marshall county	149 members
Herkimer local 1002	149 members
Lane county	116 members
Healy local 1400	116 members
Gove county	84 members
Quinter local 1095	84 members
McPherson county	82 members
Northside local 1061	82 members
Cowley county	81 members
Udall local 1013	81 members

Rush county	79 members
Banner local 955	79 members
Marion county	77 members
Prairie View local 2105	77 members
Cowley county	76 members
Kellogg local 1809	76 members
Dickinson county	76 members
Carlton local 1911	76 members

January 9 Radio Program

The Farmers Union Mutual Insurance Company will have charge of the Broadcasting hour over WIBW next Friday evening at 8:00-8:30 P. M. Tune your radio to that station and listen to the fine program that will be given at that time.

The remedy is a wider distribution of the tax burden with taxes levied according to ability to pay.

That goes for all new forms of taxation which may be attempted. It is one way of lowering taxes for the individual.

The fairest of the state taxes for intangible wealth is an income tax, for it taxes the owner of such property according to his ability to pay. There can be no equality of taxation without such a tax.—Kansas Farmer.

NOTICE LOCAL SECRETARIES

The dues for 1931 are owing January 1st. You will collect from each adult dues paying member for 1931, dues \$2.75. Of this amount, remit \$1.95 to the State Office and retain in the local treasury 80 cents.

WE MUST MAKE TAXES FAIRER

Back East, in wealthy New York state, the state tax commissioner, Mark Graves, finds much the same situation we have out here and that matter in most of the United States.

Although New York state is the richest state in the union and has 2,800 millionaires and billionaires—in the last 12 years Mr. Graves finds the increase of taxes is 2 1/2 times greater in New York state's rural communities than in the wealthy populous counties.

That is the usual thing, quite customary everywhere.

The farmer makes his living from real property, right out where the assessor can see it and where he can see all the crops and livestock that the farmer produces. None of the farmer's living comes from untaxed coupons, from unseen, therefore untaxed wealth.

And because this is so, the law and the lawmakers are more to blame than anybody else.

Pretty soon they will be compelled to remedy this confiscation of farmer earnings. Some of the more progressive states have already done so.

I think it warranted to call this "confiscation" of farmer earnings when his taxes absorb 31 per cent of his net receipts less the value of his labor, and when his net income averages \$669 a farm family, as it did in the United States in the crop year 1929-29. This was ascertained by the United States Department of Agriculture.

If figures were available showing the shrinkage in farmers' incomes in 1930, that showing would be worse.

Taxes absorb the net rent of many individual farms and sometimes more. In 1924 the Federal Trade Commission declared in an official report that "nearly one-fourth of the farmers in Kansas and Iowa, nearly 3 out of every 10 in Nebraska, nearly 4 out of every 10 in South Dakota, over half of those in North Dakota, and 5 out of 8 in Montana lost their property through bankruptcy or foreclosure."

During this time taxes were rising and 80 per cent of all state and local revenues were obtained by a general property tax, also 80 per cent of local revenues were so obtained.

Let me quote here a statement made by the statisticians of the Rawleigh Foundation:

Probably never in the history of the United States has any industry or group been required for so long a time to pay a constantly increasing amount of taxes while its resources have been so constantly shrinking.

And this includes land values. There is one form of farm relief that couldn't possibly miss fire. It is equalization of taxes. This can't come from Washington, it must come from the legislation and the assessor.

If you would like to know who pays the taxes and how much he pays, take a look at this little list. It shows how crude and unfair our present system of taxation is:

The farmer and lot owner pays.....65.3 per cent

Mining industry pays.....45.4 per cent

Railroads and utilities pay.....29.4 per cent

Hotels and professions pay.....28.0 per cent

MAMMON

Some preachers take their tainted hire;
And from their pulpits never tire
In sounding praises of the rich;
Nor hear, arising from the ditch
Of poverty, the dying shriek
Of victims clutched in mammon's beak;
Or if the cries become too loud,
They mingle with the struggling crowd,
To soften Mammon's crushing blow,
By telling them, "God meant it so."

'Tis false. As false as Satan's guile;
False as the cringing, fawning smile
This tribe of Pharisees bestow
Upon some rich man's vulgar show.
Preachers forget that olden tale,
That wealthy men would surely fail
To enter with the chosen few,
'Till needle's eye let camel through.

Forget the truths the Master taught;
Forget, His every act and thought
Was for the poor; forget his wrath,
Aroused by seeing in His path
Money changers ply their trade
In God's Temple; in furious raid,
Like fierce tornado's raging gales,
Wielding His lash of scorpions' tails,
He scourged them off the Temple floor,
And drove them from the Temple door.
—A. M. Kinney.



A. H. LITTLE

A LEGGE REPLY TO CRITICS

Farm Board Chairman Invites Attention of Union Head to the Price of Wheat in Answering His Charges.

Washington Bureau
The Kansas City Star
610 Albee Building
(By The Star's Correspondent)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—Alexander Legge, chairman of the federal farm board, in his reply to John A. Simpson of Oklahoma, President of the Farmers Union, made public today, follows the advice that the "soft answer turneth away wrath."

Instead of repeating the charge that Simpson was an "unmitigated liar," Legge merely branded the quotation made by the farm board leader of Legge's testimony before the senate committee on agriculture as "a wholly untrue statement." The farm board passed without comment Simpson's assertion that Legge "strutted like a 2-cent Mussolini."

"I can see no good resulting to the farmers from a further exchange of personalities between us," Legge wrote. "It would be highly improper for me to enter into any discussion of what was said in an executive session of a senate committee, but I do want to repeat most emphatically that the statements you have been using as having been made by me at this hearing are absolutely untrue."

Points to Wheat Price.
"Entirely aside from anything which happened at this meeting, isn't it rather absurd to accuse us of trying to depress the price of wheat at a time when the domestic markets are 25 to 35 cents a bushel above what it would be if exported today? Don't you realize that in taking this position you are aligning yourself with the interests which are so bitterly opposing all efforts to aid agriculture in an effective way?"

"So far as I know no resolution has been introduced in congress asking for an investigation of the farm board, but have been informed that the private traders in grain and cotton have been trying to have such a resolution introduced. Do you wish to place yourself in the position of supporting their activities? So far as the board is concerned we have nothing to conceal and have always tried to furnish to the various committees of congress such information as they have asked for. Should they wish to make a special investigation they will receive the fullest co-operation from us."

Invites Test of Success

"Of course we would be sorry to see the administration of the agricultural marketing act drawn into partisan politics. This act was passed by the friends of agriculture without regard to party lines. The board has taken no part in political activities of any kind. The job assigned us is to assist the farmer in building and operating his own marketing system so that he will get the full market value for his products and to aid him in other ways to place the industry of agriculture on a permanently sound financial basis. Our work is being done the way we believe to be in the best interests of the producer and we are (Continued on page 4)

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SALINA, KANSAS, THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 1931

SEE YOUR MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATURE

There will be an attempt made in the Legislature this winter to raise the price of gasoline one cent per gallon. We believe that with the great depression in every line of business activity, and especially in Agriculture, that it is a very poor time to raise taxes. If the gasoline tax is increased, the increase should go back to the counties and townships, and be used as a replacement tax to take the place of property taxes now levied to build township and county roads. Any attempt to put an added tax on the people of Kansas this year, should be fought to a finish.

There will also be an attempt made to do away with the refund on gasoline used for Agricultural purposes. This is one of the most unfair proposals in taxation we have ever heard of. The whole theory of the gasoline tax is to make the people who use the roads build them and pay for the upkeep; but here farmers who use gasoline in their farming operations are asked to pay a tax to build roads which they do not use in these operations. The only argument that is offered in defense of this proposal is that some farmers abuse this privilege. Some people abuse other laws like the prohibition law, but we do not hear in Kansas at least, any loud cries for its repeal. See your members of the legislature and ask them how they stand on these questions.

28-CENT MACHINE GROWN WHEAT WILL DESTROY AMERICAN FARMER

Wichita, Kans.—Corporation farming in this State can produce wheat at less than 28 cents a bushel, and this price will pauperize the American farmer, declared Harold McGugin, Kansas congressman-elect in a radio address.

"Unless corporation farming is stopped all national agitation for farm relief will have been in vain," said Mr. McGugin. "Corporation farming, not bearing the expense of maintaining families, produces its wheat very cheaply. These corporations are breaking up thousands of acres of new land. They increase acreage thereby increase the wheat surplus. They will continue to do so as long as the price of wheat will permit a profit over 28 cents a bushel. "Corporation farming will solve the farm problem, but it will impoverish the individual American farmer and drive millions of them into the labor centers of America only to increase the present economic chaos.

"If corporation farming is permitted, no individual farmer east of Wichita will ever produce a bushel of wheat at a profit. It will be impossible for government to extend any aid to the individual farmer without extending aid to these organizations which are destroying American civilization, and which need no aid."

Mr. McGugin declared that corporation dairying in the South is driving individual dairymen into bankruptcy.

"The merging and monopolizing of all lines of business, industrial and commercial, have greatly destroyed the economic opportunities of the individual American citizen," he said.

"As corporation farming decentralizes the rural district it will bring economic ruin to every agricultural town and community. The local banker, business man, professional man and editor will all trail along with the vanishing farmer into bankruptcy and distress."

The congressman-elect said States can prohibit corporation farming by making it illegal for corporations to own real estate beyond the corporate limits of cities.—Kansas Labor Weekly.

PARAGRAPHS FROM WASHINGTON

By W. P. LAMBERTSON

Near midnight, just before Christmas, hundreds of people were carrying their packages into the big city post office by the depot. Inscribed on one corner, in its white marble, are the words, "Messenger of sympathy and love, servant of parted friends, consoler of the lonely, bond of the scattered family, enlarger of common life."

We visited with the deaf and dumb boy student from California who was fourth in line at the White House New Years Day. He stood at the gate five hours, in low temperature, without his breakfast, to shake hands with the President, and was well pleased with his exploit.

The old Central Market quit business at midnight December 31. It yields its place for a new government building. Marshall and Webster did their marketing there in person.

The Key Memorial Bridge across the Potomac at Georgetown was named for the author of "The Star Spangled Banner." Near the District end of the bridge formerly stood the house in which the young lawyer lived.

The passenger concourse of the Union Depot is 760 feet long. It is the largest room in the world under one roof. An army of 50,000 men could stand on its floor.

The Norris-Lucas and the Couzens-Pess fracas are simply new emphases of the old contention which has been so often expressed, as to whether this nation is built up from the bottom or whether it hangs from the top.

The silver lining to the cloud of chaos which threatens party organization of the next Senate and House is that we will be Americans first.

JOBBING ASSOCIATION NEWS

In spite of the fact that this has been a very mild winter, so far, The Farmers Union Jobbing Association reports a very nice volume of coal shipped since Sept. 1st, 1930. Sales on Colorado coal and Standard Briquettes show a very substantial increase over last year.

Many Farmers Union Elevators and Stores are finding Briquettes very satisfactory to merchandise and The Jobbing Association has opened sixteen new accounts during the past four months. The Mitchell County Farmers Union has ordered and shipped nine cars so far this season. One station in Osborne County has handled five cars of Briquettes since the season opened.

During the first two days of this new year the Jobbing Association Office booked six cars, all to be shipped on or before January 10th.

Sales on cottonseed products have also made a substantial gain over previous years. At this particular time cottonseed meal is \$13.50 per ton cheaper than it was last year at this same time.

Among other commodities they are jobbers of tankage, meat scraps, concentrates, a complete line of stock and poultry feeds, oil and gasoline, stock tanks, grain bins, etc.

The Farmers Union Jobbing Ass'n believes that the consumer is entitled to quality merchandise at a fair price and their Merchandise Department is making every effort possible to furnish Farmers Union members with satisfactory products.

THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

C. A. WARD

I regret very much that it has been necessary to cancel some of my engagements for this and next week. I hope it will be possible for me to meet with you at some future time. It seemed quite imperative and necessary that I be in Washington for the balance of this week.

Not long ago the Committee of Kansas Farm organizations composed of the following groups, the Kansas Farm Bureau, Kansas State Grange, Kansas Farmers Union, Kansas Co-operative Wheat Marketing Association, Farmers Co-operative Grain Dealers Association and The Farmers Co-operative Commission Company met in session at Topeka.

At this meeting there were in attendance several members of these various organizations. We discussed several matters of proposed legislation and it was the unanimous opinion of the groups represented that we should be in a position at the coming session of the Legislature to effectively defend the various propositions we were backing.

The Committee of Farm Organizations has established headquarters at the Jayhawk Hotel, room 800. We have designated L. E. Webb, President of the Farmers Co-operative Commission Company as our Legislative Representative. Mr. Webb will be on the job all the time. We sincerely request that all matters of inquiry relative to proposed legislation should be addressed to L. E. Webb, Room 800, Jayhawk Hotel, Topeka, Kansas.

The officers of the various groups purpose to be in Topeka as much as possible or necessary, during this coming session. Time forbids me just now discussing the various topics of proposed legislation but we do want our folks to feel free in giving suggestions relative to this whole affair.

Elsewhere in the columns of this paper notice is given to the effect that I, along with other members of a committee, am going to Washington to investigate all controversial matters relative to the program and policies of the Farm Board and the apparent controversy existing between Chairman Legge, President John Simpson and others.

It is not at all pleasant to enter into such matters, but duty compels action of this kind at the present time, in face of all prevailing conditions.

The facts are what is wanted. Tangled and warped publicity is most assuredly ruinous and we have had altogether too much of this sort recently relative to this whole affair.

It is evident that there is a difference of opinion relative to the supporting of the Farm Board program among the members and leadership of the Farmers Union of the various states. For that reason it occurs to me that this question should not have been made an open issue. Rather than any publicity of that sort, the question should have been dealt with more diplomatically. But now, in as much as the minds of our membership are crowded and befuddled because of contradictory statements, it is quite essential and necessary that the facts are arrived at and that the public be given the benefit of the facts in this whole affair. With this as a basis, the Committee of five was named to make this investigation and file a report.

The enemies of the Co-operative movement and the Farmers Union program are making capital out of the above referred to publicity which is very harmful and detrimental. Reports have gone out that there is a nation-wide split in the ranks of the Farmers Union. This is far from the truth in the matter. We are not questioning the motives of each other but rather, it is a matter of difference of opinion. Therefore, let us not rock the boat but think seriously and cautiously relative to the matter and what our attitude should be.

From time to time we will inform our members as to the progress made in our whole program and we ask your co-operation to the extent that Kansas may be a red letter state among the states that have associated themselves into the National Union.

THE INSURANCE CORNER

By CHARLES A. BROOM, Secretary

The year 1930 has passed into history and the new year has begun. In a few days we will announce the winners of the contests held through the year and within the next two months we will outline the contests for the year 1931. Do not wait for us to announce the prizes but begin NOW. We are sure all solicitors can materially increase their business if proper attention is given to the insurance work.

We ask all agents who have secured more than fifteen new members in the Farmers Union to furnish us with a list of these new members to check against our list here as we want the good watch and other prizes given for this work to go to the proper parties.

We have just finished with our meetings with agents and have had wonderful response from most agents. In the nine meetings we have had about 200 agents which is nearly two-thirds of our total agency force. The new classified rates seem to be very satisfactory in most cases and we feel that with a little study any agent can become proficient in their use.

+ NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES +

FARMERS' UNION MEETS

Believes Cooperation of Existing Organizations Best Road to Form. Aid. Elect Officers.

Thomas Roots of Kelly was elected Nemaha County Farmers Union President for the coming year in the annual county meeting Saturday. He succeeds C. H. Wempe, L. A. Spencer, Sabetha, was elected vice-president and Elton Harden, Centralia, secretary. Time was short before the speaking program and it was voted to re-elect other officers from last year.

Two statements might be said to summarize the speech of C. A. Ward, Kansas Farmers Union President, at the annual meeting of the Nemaha Farmers Union at Seneca Saturday. The first is that Mr. Ward does not see any bright immediate future for the farmer; the second that he believes farm relief will come through the working of farm organizations which already exist, including the federal farm board.

Mr. Ward said it was hard to vision immediate farm relief. He spoke of increased freight rates, high taxes and other factors making a heavy burden on the farmer. This coupled with the low commodity prices make the times extremely difficult.

Further, Mr. Ward was convinced farmers are attempting to carry out a 1930 standard of living on what amounts to practically pre-war commodity prices.

The speaker offered no radical ideas for aid to farmers. He stressed mainly cooperative movements and backing of the government farm board.

The speaker discussed the farm board at considerable length, stating the Farmers Union should favor it but at the same time offer constructive criticism. He believes in farm legislation and thinks although the board has had rough going it will eventually prove more beneficial. The price of wheat in America is 18 to 20c above the price in other world markets, Mr. Ward said. He attributed this largely to working of the board.

Mr. Ward touched on the question of a subsidy for farming. He cited the protection the government gives railroads in rate fixing so as to guarantee the payment of a farm mortgage when the world is already suffering from overproduction.

The Kansas Farmers Union heard made one unusual omission in his talk. He did not place the blame for the farm situation on President Hoover, although he did say it might prove interesting to sit down and read some of the things the President said he intended to do in his speech of acceptance.

E. J. Barnes, as President of the Seneca Chamber of Commerce, gave a short address before the talk by Mr. Ward. Mr. Barnes, in addition to extending a welcome to the farm group, told the members that Seneca would not be any better town than the farmers make it. He said town and community interests are vitally interested in farm welfare as it is in the city.

A resolution committee consisting of L. A. Spencer, Alice Gray Williams and O. W. Newman, submitted four resolutions. They were adopted by the Union. The resolutions are as follows:

Resolved, That we thank the city of Seneca for the use of the City Hall and for courtesies extended us while in this city.

Be it Resolved, That we petition the Federal Farm Board to use the power vested in it to bring the prices of farm implements in line with the prices of farm products.

We, the members of the Farmers Union of the State of Kansas, are opposed to the plan of the Kansas State Highway League, whereby the counties vote bonds for hard surfaced roads to be paid for by the state.

We recommend that the members of the Farmers Union be more faithful to their business associations.—Tribune.

ARKANSAS CITY STARTS CREAM STATION

The Arkansas City Farmers Union Business Association has been giving its members a very good service. Realizing the need of further co-operation and help to its membership, they have arranged for a series of meetings in that territory with the thought in mind of organizing a Cream and Produce Station.

E. L. Bullard and H. B. Whitaker will be in that territory the week of January 12th and will hold meetings at the following places:

I. X. L. Local—January 13.
Shiloh Local—January 14.
Martha Washington—January 15.
Thacker—January 16.

All meetings to start at 8:00 o'clock P. M.

We want all the Farmers Union members in these localities to come out to the meetings, and bring along a neighbor who is not now a member but who should be.

F. H. LEMERT.

THE NORTH STAR FARMERS UNION NO. 1979

The North Star Farmers Union met in regular session Friday evening Dec. 26 with a nice crowd present.

The meeting was opened by singing "America." President B. E. Winchester and Secretary L. B. Amend gave report of the officers.

The work outlined for the Union for the coming year.

The captains chosen for the membership drive are Tom Vice and T. J. McConaughy. The program committee, they took charge.

Reading by Janice Winchester, "Grandma's Christmas."

Piano solo by Adella Hargett, "Kitten on the Keys."

Reading by John Sherman Gagey, "Harp solo by Jerrold McElmney, "Jingle Bells."

Solo by Florene Dole, "In An Old Fashioned Garden," accompanied at the piano by Adella Hargett.

Delegates for the County Union

meeting to be held at New Hope are Mr. and Mrs. Fred Byer, Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Garey, Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. E. Reed and W. M. H. Buckle, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Hawver, and Mr. and Mrs. Harve Crawford.

Our lecturer, W. T. Buckle, next gave one of his clever talks. We were then favored by a speech from the State Manager of the Farmers Union Mutual Life Insurance Company, Rex Lear of Salina, former resident and member of North Star. We were indeed glad to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Lear to this meeting and enjoyed the talks they both gave us. This was followed by the installation of the 1931 officers.

The entertainment and refreshment committee for the month of January are: Charles Kirkpatrick, chairman, O. W. Hern, E. E. Gord, Chester Asher, R. E. Burkhal, Earl McCune, Melvin Terrent and their wives.

The Union had a number of guests present at this meeting. Those from a distance were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kirkpatrick and children of Hutchinson, Mrs. Frank Ira of Greensburg, Mr. and Mrs. Will Harlan of Wichita, Mr. and Mrs. Rex Lear of Salina, and Mr. and Mrs. Harve Crawford. The meeting adjourned and all refreshed to the basement where refreshments were served during the social hour to those present.

Let's all go to meeting will be Herve Prentice, Reporter.

STATE OFFICIALS' ITINERARY

Your state President and Secretary have been busy the past week attending meetings.

Secretary Kinney attended the wolf hunt and oyster supper at Palco on December 26th. They had a very interesting program and meeting. This local is in a new territory and adding new members to the Farmers Union.

On Monday, December 29th he attended a Board of Directors meeting of the North Star Elevator Association. That evening he met with a group in that locality. They are anxious to get the Farmers Union going in that vicinity and will hold another meeting Tuesday, January 6th.

Friday, President Ward was called to St. Paul to meet with a group of progressive Farmers Union leaders, and to consider the program for the coming months.

Monday, January 5 President Ward and Secretary Kinney will be in St. Joseph, Missouri attending a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Farmers Union Live Stock Commission there. A number of our North-east Kansas members ship their stock to that House and we have representation on the Board of Directors.

Mr. Ward will attend the annual meeting of the Kansas Chamber of Commerce in Topeka on Tuesday, and Mr. Kinney will endeavor to be at the meeting of the group at Narka in Republic county.

Wednesday, January 7 President Ward will address the Kansas State Farm Bureau in their annual meeting at Wichita.

Thursday, January 8 is the regular quarterly meeting of Republic county and President Ward will be in attendance at that meeting.

Monday, January 12 the Farmers Union Live Stock Commission of Kansas City will hold their regular Board of Directors meeting and have invited Secretary Kinney and President Ward to meet with them.

IDEAS AND SUGGESTIONS FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

Arnold, Kans., Dec. 16, 1930.

Dear Friend Mr. Ward: Have read your speeches and like your attitude towards the farm program. And to help the farm work along I have a few personal ideas that I think will work. I have studied the question of legislation very thoroughly and I find that all large industrial and corporations have been granted legislation before they have accomplished their present efficient commercial system.

Now Mr. Ward, this question arises in my mind, Why can't the Farmers Union put on a program, and advertise it through their present organizing system. To put up their own men for the offices of our legislative bodies. Then all get behind these men and elect them to office. After they are elected, then insist them standing for a set price on all farm products. If we had a set price on all farm products this would eliminate the grain gamblers and give the Pool and other crooks a chance to handle wheat as a commodity and give the thing they set out to do.

Now the Farm Board has spent millions of dollars to accomplish what Congress could have accomplished in twenty four hours if they would. They could have passed a law saying that wheat would be a dollar and a half on the wheat that is consumed in the U. S. and the surplus could have been dumped on the world market at what it would bring. We have a tariff to protect invasion of foreign wheat, why couldn't we use it under this plan. It would work if we had men in congress that were in sympathy with the farm cause.

The farmers of this nation are not wanting a hand out of the laboring man. All the farmers ask is cost of production plus a profit. This thing cannot be accomplished as long as the Farm Board lets the board of trade set the price of wheat. And the Coop's handling wheat are a chance to fail.

The railroads of this nation do not set the freight rates, the government does it for them, and allows them cost of production plus a profit which they are entitled to. And they gained this farmer get this same thing through organization. We have the Farmers Union Educational Association well organized and this could be accomplished if the hands of these crooks would get behind this thing and do some real fighting for our rights.

I don't think there is a farmer in the U. S. that wouldn't verify this statement and back it up with his vote in 1932.

The Cooperative move has helped our conditions some but they have missed the big chance to accomplish the thing that will remedy the farmers' cause. Congress set the price of wheat during the war and the grain gamblers closed their doors until the government withdrew its set price on

KANSAS UNION FARMER WEEKLY EXCHANGE

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WANTED—Position as Mr. of Elevator or Store. Address Holton Grain Co., Holton, Kansas.

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Purebred Spotted Poland China Boar. East of Breeding, weighing 250 pounds and up. Immunized and guaranteed to please. Please write describing the type you want.—George Roepke, Waterville, Kansas.

WE SELL Daily new-caught head-on and salted Lake Superior herring in lots of 50 and 100 lbs. Prices respectively \$2.50 and \$2.25. Ref. Commercial State Bank, J. Kharvich's Fishery, Box 864, Two Harbors, Minn.

MISCELLANEOUS

Red Clover \$11.00; Alsike \$11.00; Alfalfa \$8.00; White Sweet Clover \$4.00; Timothy \$3.75; Mixed Alsike and Timothy \$5.00; All per bushel. Bags free. Samples and catalog upon request. Standard Seed Co., 26 East Fifth St., Kansas City, Mo.

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RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY

Whereas it has pleased Almighty God in His divine wisdom to remove from our midst our faithful brother, William Schulte of Fair Oak Local No. 400, Therefore, we, the members of said local, extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family. Be it also resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Kansas Union farmer, one to the bereaved family, also spread on the minutes.

W. D. Koester, Chairman
R. D. Meyer, Committee.

wheat. Congress today could set the price of wheat just as easy as then if it was composed of farm people.

In concluding will ask you as President of the Kansas Farmers Union, of which I am a member, to print this statement or a similar one, and submit it to the members of our organization. To find out their attitude, also to find out whether they would back up this program with their vote in 1932.

Thanking you for your attention and cooperation in this matter, I am, Yours truly, G. W. Jesse.

TREGO COUNTY MEETING

Trego County Farmers Union held their annual meeting at Wakeeney and a good sized crowd was in attendance.

All the old officers were unanimously re-elected.

Among matters of interest which were discussed was the oil and gas proposition. The reaction for a project of this kind seems very favorable. It is hoped that some of the members in Trego County will soon have in operation an oil and gas station. S. M. Babb, Pres.

WILL FARMER DISAPPEAR?

Mark Van Doren in Harper's Magazine. The future of the farmer is the most interesting subject I can think about. There are so many possibilities.

Will he continue as he is now, suspended between two worlds, one old and one new? Will he disappear completely, or at least, as a class, cog in the great food-raising machinery which some day may roll from one end of our great countryside to the other—machinery owned and operated for profit by half a dozen Henry Fords and using a half dozen

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 study their lessons. The address to which all Juniors should send their letters is: Aunt Patience in care of the KANSAS UNION FARMER, Salina, Kansas.

Dear Juniors:
This is the beginning of a New Year. I am sure we have all had a Happy Christmas. How many of you thought what you want to do in this coming year? Of course, there are so many things we all want to do. I wonder if it wouldn't be nice to make as our first and biggest Resolution to do a kind deed for some one every day of this year. There are so many things one can do to make life just a little happier for our fathers and mothers and brothers and sisters and relatives and friends.

I've had so many nice Christmas greetings and cards from you and I enjoyed getting them so much and hearing from you.
This week I am printing your letters, and not making a personal reply to each of them. I know this is not a nice way to do, but there are quite a few on hand and in this way you will get to hear from each other, and I promise next week I will have a nice long letter, telling you all the news.
Happy New Year.

AUNT PATIENCE.

Dear Aunt Patience:
It sure is nice weather here. It seems like in summer. You will have to excuse me for not sending my lesson in sooner. You ask me who sent my name in. Esther Byram sent it in and does she get a star for it? That sure is nice. She is my cousin. It won't be long till Santa Claus comes, will it? Well, I had better close for dinner and my letter is getting pretty long. I hope it misses the waste paper basket.

With love, a member,
Jean Aughrade.
P. S.: I haven't found my twin yet. My birthday is July 22. Will you please help me find it?

Conway, Kans.
Dear Aunt Patience:
Am writing to tell you that I didn't get to see you at the Farmers' Union convention. I go to high school at McPherson, so I thought that I would surely get to see you but I was disappointed. Perhaps you were there on Thursday on which evening I did not get to go down to the community building.
I thought that the last "Junior Lesson" was a very interesting lesson. Didn't you?
I must close, your niece,
Lela Siebert.

Oswego, Kans.
Dec. 5, 1930.
Dear Aunt Patience:
I am sending in my November lesson. I hope it is right. I never have found my twin. My birthday is Sept. 8. I will be fifteen. You never did give me a star for getting my brother to join.
The last membership roll didn't have the number of members at the top.
Well, I had better quit for this time.
Your friend,
Mable Schmidt.
Ellis, Kansas,
Dec. 16, 1930.
Dear Aunt Patience:
We wish you a Merry Christmas and "A Happy New Year."
We just finished our lessons.
We are well yet and hope you are the same.
My daddy was elected treasurer and secretary of Excelsior Local No. 606. The next meeting will be at our home the first Monday of the new year 1931.
From your nieces,
Helen and Theresa Weber.

Oak Hill, Kans.
Dear Aunt Patience:
I have read the Junior Co-operators page for a long time and enjoyed it very much. But I never could find time to write to you. I would like very much to be a member of the club and please send me a book and pin. I will try and get my lessons.
I am a little girl 4 feet 10 inches and weigh 84 pounds. I have dark brown hair and brown eyes. I am twelve years of age and my birthday is February the twelfth on A. Lincoln's birthday. "Have I a twin?"
I would like very much to hear from the members. I must close for this time.
With love, a friend,
Arlene M. Cain.

Codell, Kans.,
October 31, 1930.
Dear Aunt Patience:
I sure like to write letters. I forgot to tell you in what grade I am. So I thought I would write to you and tell you. I am in the 4th grade. I did not send in my lessons yet. But I like send them in as soon as I can. I like to go to school and I like my teacher. She is Clara Weigel. I received my pin and book and sure think it is nice. I want to ask you how you are. I am fine. I study five subjects. They are reading, arithmetic, English, geography and spelling. Please send me a picture of yourself. I will have to close because it is getting late.
Yours truly,
Lorraine Rohleder.

Scott, Kansas,
Dear Aunt Patience:
Well, it has been a long time since I wrote, but you see I have been busy with my studies.
I sure think the pin and book are nice. I haven't sent in my lessons yet either but I am sending this time.

think the lessons are easy. Those questions from Sept. I do not have the paper. I am sending the papers now though.

Say, when are you going to put your picture in the paper?
Well, as I have some things I want to do for school, I had better close.
Your niece, Virginia.

Bison, Kans.
Dear Aunt Patience:
I am 8 years old, my father, grandfather and great grandfather were old members of local 794. I want to join the Junior Co-operators. I am in the 4th grade. I have two sisters, Frances and Jessie. I like school and my books. I like to read the letters of the friends all over the state.
Respectfully, Clarissa Lippert.

Oswatimie, Kans.
Dear Aunt Patience:
How are you? I am fine! Will write a few lines for I am sending in my lesson. Am quite late about sending it in. I expect there will be a lesson in this week's paper, won't there?
My teacher, Mrs. Bonner, and the pupils and I went on a "winter-quest" yesterday afternoon. My teacher also went to the teacher's meeting Thursday and Friday of this week. Well, I will close before the mail man comes.
Your niece, Evelyn Barrett.

Victoria, Kans.
Dear Aunt Patience:
Just a few minutes time so I thought I am going to write a letter to you. Are you well yet? Hope so, I am well. I am in the third grade, 7 years old but I am going to be 8 next month. My birthday is November 18, 1930. My pets are four little kittens, their names are Betty, Inkey, Samey and Herby. I like them very well because when I call their names they come running and jumping to me. Say Aunt Patience, I want to ask you if you would please send my book and pin by next week. I would like to have it. I have to close for tonight because I am tired. Goodbye.
Yours truly,
Edna Meis.

Victoria, Kans.
Dear Aunt Patience:
As I was thinking of my book and pin that I didn't get it and it is three weeks ago, so I thought I am going to sit down and write. I am in the fourth grade, 10 years old, my birthday is April 26, 1930. My pet is a dog, his name is Perry. I like him very well because he does so many tricks. Aunt Patience, I want to ask you if you will send my book and pin. Would like to have it by next week. I have to close for it is getting late. Goodbye.
Yours truly,
Cyrilla Meis.

Victoria, Kans.
Dear Aunt Patience:
Just a few minutes' time so I will write a letter and see if you would send my book and pin. I would like to have it by next week. I am in the first grade, 6 years old, my birthday was January 22, 1930. I have five sisters and three brothers. My pets are five rabbits, their names are Barney, Sussy, Katie, Jack and Jim. I built a house for them to make them tame. After school when I come home I go to the field and pick some green wheat and give them water each morning when I get up. The first thing I am going to do is feed my five little rabbits. I call every one by their name. They come out of their nests and run up to the water. I have to close for I am sleepy. Goodbye.
Yours truly,
Sybilla Meis.

Codell, Kans., Dec. 4, 1930.
Dear Aunt Patience:
I am sending in my November lesson and hope I got them all correct. I would like to tell you that I didn't have all my stars behind my name, only one, and I ought to have 7. Please correct it.
I sure had a fine time on Thanksgiving. We went to take a Thanksgiving dinner to one of our friends' places. It sure was a good dinner. What did you do on Thanksgiving? I hope you had a fine time, too.
We didn't have any school on Thanksgiving and also the day after. I still like it in school. Well, Christmas will soon be here and I hope I will get a pretty present from Santa Claus.
Please send me some paper to answer my next lesson. So I have to close, wishing you best regards. Goodbye.
Amelia Miller.

Densmore, Kans., Dec. 6, 1930.
Aunt Patience:
Hi! Everyone!
How was it? I'm sorry to say I'm not very good as I have some many tiny sores and one boil on my chin and sores on my neck and they're surely sore.
I'm writing to you to tell U that I'm very sorry I can't get November's lessons in as I never knew U had to save back issues to get the lessons until when November came.
We've surely been having some gloomy weather, haven't we?
Well, I must close as it is going to be bedtime soon. Sincerely yours,
Miss Marjorie Sullivan.

P. S.: Please give me full detail of your lessons.
Macksville, Kans., Dec. 4, 1930.
Dear Aunt Patience:
How are you? I am just fine. I thought I would write a few lines. I haven't received my book and pin.

Dear Aunt Patience:
Well, it has been a long time since I wrote, but you see I have been busy with my studies.
I sure think the pin and book are nice. I haven't sent in my lessons yet either but I am sending this time.

extra time I would write a few lines. I can't send my lesson this month on account of not having the papers. But I'll try my best to get the next one in. I am at school writing this but that's about the only place I have time enough to write. It's awful cloudy today and has been raining for a while. I stayed home all day on Christmas day and made some Christmas presents. It sure won't be long till Christmas now, will it? I haven't found my twin yet, but I'll keep looking. Well, as my letter is getting a little long I will close.
A loving friend,
Ruth Johnson.

P. S.: Do you want the lessons in ink or pencil?
Ransom, Kans.

Dear Aunt Patience:
How are you? I am all right. I received my book and pin, many thanks for them. I like them very much. I would like to know where to get the lessons. I noticed in the last paper you misspelled my last name. I should have a "P" in it should not be. I have found my twin. She is Ada McCoy, Penokee, Kansas. I will close for this time.
Your friend,
Mildred Stutzman.

Bison, Kans.
Dear Aunt Patience:
Just a few lines to let you know that I am well and hope you are the same. I haven't written to you for a long time. I was going to ask you if you will send me a book and a pin. I would be glad to have it. I am going to school, I have to drive 2-1/2 miles to school in a buggy. I am in the 8th grade. I hope I will pass this year. It is getting pretty cold again and Christmas is coming pretty close. I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. My birthday is Aug. 26. Have I a twin? I hope I have one. I am 14 years old. So please send me a book and a pin. It is getting late. I have some other books to study yet so this is all for this time.
Yours truly,
Dominic A. Stremel.

Scott City, Kans., Dec. 27, 1930.
Dear Aunt Patience:
I have sent in all the lessons of this year now. Did you have a nice Christmas? I sure did. I am very sorry couldn't send you a present, but I thought I would just write. I sure think this year has gone fast, don't you? I haven't found my twin yet. I read the paper every time, and enjoy reading the letters.
Yours truly,
Kathie Rudolph.
P. S.: Happy New Year. My birthday is February 26. I will be 14 years old.

Pleasanton, Kans., Dec. 26, 1930.
Dear Aunt Patience:
How are you? I am all right but I have a cold. I got my finger hurt. We started to town Wednesday, but we didn't get to town, our car broke. It was the axle broke. I got a comb for Christmas and a box of stationery. I have been going to school every day. We are going down to my grandma's today. That is all for this time.
Your niece,
Susie Shaffer.

P. S.: I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
Goff, Kans., Dec. 27, 1930.
Dear Aunt Patience:
I would like to join your club. I am eleven years old and in the sixth grade. My father takes the Kansas Union Farmer. Will you please send me a pin and a book? I will try to get my lessons if possible. I read the junior's page every week. Yours truly,
Dorothy Gruetzl.

Hill City, Kans., Dec. 26, 1930.
Dear Aunt Patience:
I saw my name in the paper. My brother is going to write too. He is 9 years old. His birthday is April 23. I will get a star. Send my book and pin as quick as you can. I will close.
Your friend,
Cyrille Fountain.

Hill City, Kans., Dec. 26, 1930.
Dear Aunt Patience:
I would like to join your club. I will try to study my lessons if you will send my pin and book as soon as you can. I am 9 years old and in the 3rd grade. My birthday is the 23rd of April. I had a good time on Christmas and I hope you did. I will close.
Your friend,
Gordon Fountain.

Morland, Kans., Dec. 28, 1930.
Dear Aunt Patience:
I wish you a prosperous and happy New Year. How are you feeling? I am feeling very fine.
I am spending my Christmas vacation at home, helping my mother, brother and sisters. How did you enjoy Christmas? For a Christmas present my mother gave me a pair of garters and from my god-mother I got a fruit dish, breast-pin and a hankie.
I will close, wishing you success with your club members this coming year. Your faithful member,
Molla Riedel.

Garrison, Kans., Dec. 29, 1930.
Dear Aunt Patience:
I'm rather late with my lesson. I am sending in the November lesson. We had a nice Christmas. I received several presents. I wish you a Happy New Year.
Yours truly,
Eleanor C. Hanson.

Minneapolis, Kans., Dec. 27, 1930.
Dear Aunt Patience:
How are you? My mother and dad are both members of the Farmers Union so we get the union paper. And I get to read the letters. I would like to know what kind of lessons are in these books. Write and tell me, will you please? Then after you have written and told me maybe I can join the club. After I have found out I will write and tell you whether or not I can join. I must stop now. In my next letter I will tell you how old I am and other things you want to know.
Lovingly yours,
Corinne Walker.

Piqua, Kans., Dec. 27, 1930.
Dear Aunt Patience:
How are you? I am just fine. I thought I would write a few lines. I haven't received my book and pin.

Did you send it? I got for Christmas some nuts, candy, paints, stencils, stationery, handkerchiefs, tablet and pencils. What did you get for Christmas? I have not found my twin yet. I wish you a Happy New Year.
P. S. Please give me a star for my little brother, Kenneth is writing too. Lovingly, Violet Bux.

Piqua, Kans., Dec. 27, 1930.
Dear Aunt Patience:
I am in the first grade. I want to join the Junior Co-operators. Please send me a book and pin. I am 6 years old. My birthday is May 10. Have I a twin? When I am big I am going to be a member of the Farmers Union. For Christmas I got lots of nuts and candy, a truck, colors, pencils and tablet. I wish you a Happy New Year.
Yours truly, Kenneth Bux.

Morland, Kans., Dec. 23, 1930.
Dear Aunt Patience:
My papa belongs to the Farmers Union. I am glad too. For pets I have two pigs, their names are Ed and Felix. I am eight years old and in the second grade. I like to go to school. Please send me a pin and a book. Goodbye. From Mr. Jonas Rome, Morland, Kansas.

Quinter, Kans., Dec. 22, 1930.
Dear Aunt Patience:
Since so many write to you I think I will write also. My Dad belongs to the Farmers Union. I am nine years old and in the 4th grade. I like my teacher and like to go to school. For pets I have a donkey, its name is Jonas.

Please send me a pin and a book. I will try and send my lesson in every week. Goodbye. Edgar Kuhn, Quinter, Kansas.

Elmdale, Kansas.
Dear Aunt Patience:
This is the lesson for September. Am I too late? I didn't think it was very hard. I didn't have a back paper and couldn't get the rest of the lesson. I couldn't finish the lesson because I lost the paper.

We had examinations at school about three weeks ago. None of us failed. We also had a Halloween program at school.
My brother, Hermie, has a dog, we call him "Pooch." We have a new calf. I call him Red and White. I will close for this time. Sincerely yours,
Mary Elizabeth Hazel.

P. S.: Are we supposed to write with pencil or ink?—M. E. H.

St. Peter, Kans., Dec. 26, 1930.
Dear Aunt Patience:
While I have a few minutes time, I will write you a letter. I want a book and pin. I am 7 years old and in the second grade. My birthday is on Dec. 21. I guess I will have to close.
Sincerely yours,
Lucina Billinger.

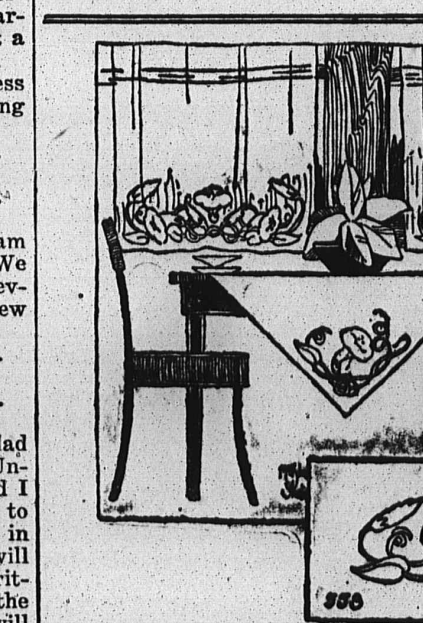
St. Peter, Kans.
Dec. 26, 1930
Dear Aunt Patience:
I will write a letter to you, telling you that I want a book and pin. I am in the third grade. I am 8 years old. My birthday is on July 14.
Sincerely yours,
Bridget Billinger.

Kincaid, Kans., Dec. 27, 1930.
Dear Aunt Patience:
I have been reading letters in The Kansas Union Farmer.

I wish to become a member of the Junior Co-operators department. Please send my book and pin and I will study my lessons as soon as I get them.
My birthday is November 28. I am ten years old and in the fifth grade. My teacher's name is Miss Nester. I like her very much.
My daddy is a member of the Farmers Union at McPherson.
Your friend,
Ruth Swender.

WHO MADE 'EM HUNGRY?
A writer for a national grain journal in attendance at the recent convention of the South Dakota farmers' elevators commented in his paper that seated near him "were a number of hungry-looking farmers."
Which we assume is another compliment to the existing marketing system we hear so much about in old-line circles.

TRY AND GET 'EM!
An old-line creamery in northwest Kansas displayed the following sign the other day:
"We Pay Cash for Cream, Eggs, Poultry and Fur. Cream Today 19 Cents."
"We Want Your Hides."



MORNING GLORY DESIGNS
FOR CURTAINS OR FOR LINENS
White dimity curtains embroidered in long Morning Glory motifs are very attractive. We have Morning Glory pattern, number 558, that includes six flower designs for breakfast cloth corner, chair seat, or curtains, six smaller corners for the napkins and two long horizontal patterns for sash curtains, valances or table runner.

FARMERS PLANNING TO FEED MUCH MORE WHEAT

Farmers, feed manufacturers, and commercial poultrymen, are reducing the surplus of wheat considerably in the United States this year by feeding large amounts of it to livestock, according to information received by W. P. Schmidt, marketing specialist of the State College Extension Service, from the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

This information indicates that a total of 235 million bushels will be fed to livestock this crop year as compared to 90 million last year. Figures of the U. S. Department are based on answers received from 190,000 questionnaires sent to farmers and 63,000 sent to mills and elevators, commercial poultrymen, and users of wheat.

Wheat growers intend to feed 182,400,000 bushels compared with 57,800,000 last year. Other farmers, commercial poultrymen, and manufacturers of feed, who used a total of 32,100,000 bushels last year, expect to feed a total of 53,600,000 bushels this crop year.

The extent to which farmers and others will carry out their intentions to use wheat for feed will be determined by the relationship of wheat prices to feed grain prices, especially corn. The increased use of wheat for feed this year will amount to about 4 million tons if 236,000,000 bushels of wheat are fed.

AGRICULTURAL BRIEFS

Cold storage holdings of creamery butter, frozen poultry, frozen meats, and lard on Dec. 1 were considerably less than at the same time last year.

Rectangular or small fields require more feeding per acre than square or large fields. A 10-acre square field takes 160 rods of fence while a 10-acre rectangular field, 80 by 80, requires 200 rods of fence.

By providing themselves with simple fire-fighting equipment and organizing community fire companies, and by using more forethought in building, farmers could cut the nation's farm fire loss of \$100,000,000 in half says the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

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Send 12c in silver or stamps for o.p. UP-TO-DATE FALL AND WINTER 1930-31 BOOK OF FASHIONS.

The average mature ewe needs about three pounds of good legume hay a day if she is to keep in good condition during the winter.

According to government estimates we have 22,500,000 milk cows in the United States with an average yearly production of 4,600 pounds per cow, containing 180 pounds of butterfat. In commercial dairying this production is not high enough to leave any profit.

CHILDREN STILL LIKE "NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS"

The old tale of a night before Christmas when all through the house, not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse, by Clement C. Moore, still holds as much fascination for kiddies of the present day as it did for those of 20 and 30 years ago.

In selecting stories for the children to read between Christmas and New Years don't overlook Dickens' "Christmas Carols" of Bob Cratchit and Tiny Tim. The "Bird's Christmas Carol," by Kate Douglas Wiggin is another favorite, telling of the experiences of children in a large family in such a way that old as well as young are interested.

Stories of Christmas in other lands will always interest the youngsters. They want to know how Christmas is observed, how the little boys and girls hang up their stockings, whether Santa does or does not drive his reindeer way down South. Stories of Christmas in other lands may be found in the December number of "Child Life."

"The First Christmas Tree," by Henry Van Dyke has Germany as its setting during the time of the middle ages when Christianity was in its infancy. Bible stories of the first Christmas form a part of Christmas that every child should know.

FARMERS NATIONAL GRAIN CORPORATION

Al Swanson, manager of the Copeland, Kan., farmers' elevator, the largest co-operative elevator in the United States, expresses the opinion that the Sunflower state will feed not less than 40,000,000 bushels of wheat to livestock this season. At Highland, Kan., up to the middle of December, a dozen carloads of wheat had been shipped in for livestock, feeding, a situation unique in that part of the country. One feeder, with headquarters at Wichita, is feeding 60,000 bushels of wheat in his feed lots. Secretary Mohler, of the Kansas Board of Agriculture, had estimated that Kansas would feed 22,000,000 bushels of wheat, but it is Mr. Swanson's studied conviction that this amount already has been exceeded.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual meeting of the Stockholders of The Healy Co-operative Elevator Co. will be held in the I. O. O. F. hall in Healy Wednesday, January 14th, 1931, at 10 A. M.
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