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FOR "TROMBLE" CAMP

The North Dakota Farmers Union has more than a thousand dollars in donations towards the best memorial that they could possibly build in memory of Charley Talbott. Our North Dakota Union brothers and sisters are gathering the funds towards the building of a Junior Camp and Farmers Union headquarters. There is no way in which they could better perpetuate the memory of their immortal leader than by the building and equipping of a Farmers Union own camp and home.

If there was one phase of Union work that Charley Talbott was more interested in than any other it was the education of our Juniors. His unselfish work along that line has returned to North Dakota Farmers Union folks a thousand fold for all the money and effort expended in the fine intelligent understanding crop of young folks who are fast making their influence felt not only in the Farmers Union but in all phases of North Dakota rural life.

If North Dakota can do what they are doing for their young farm folks why cannot Kansas do likewise. Although we are far behind our sister state in Junior work, the need here is even greater than in North Dakota, largely because of the tardiness of the beginning. We, like North Dakota, have a martyred State Union President, whom we can honor. John Tromble, like C. C. Talbott, gave his life for the farmers' cause. "Uncle John" as every one who knew him called him, loved the young folks and gave his all that they might have a better chance of success. His greatest joy was to help some farm boy or girl over some rough place in the road through life. His was always the hope and aim to lead our young folks toward a better and a fuller life. How better could we honor his memory and that of the many unknown loyal privates in the Farmers Union ranks, who gave of their time unselfishly in the struggle for equality of opportunity for all our people, than by building a John Tromble Memorial Junior camp some place in Kansas.

We need a place for our Junior camps. We also need a place where our over-worked farmers and their families could go for a few days rest during the vacation season of the year, where they could rest from a year of toil, meet with their fellow farmers, and combine pleasure with profit by having summer cooperative institutes and Farmers Union revival camp meetings. Let us hear from you Farmers Union members and you Juniors. Can we do it? I bet a nickel against a token that we can, if only we once make up our minds to it. What do you say?

John Vesecky.

Interesting publicity is that of the business dealings between the Oklahoma grain co-op and the English Cooperative Wholesale Society. There should be real savings in this method of direct dealings between producer and consumer groups. But we have not learned whether any such sav-

ings went to the first or the latter. The ordinary Kansas farmer has no particular fancy toward a brand of business cooperation that stops short of the pocketbook.

We Get Sales

Promotion Ideas!

John B. Strange, Michigan commissioner of agriculture, asks his state legislature to support a sale campaign for Michigan apples, due to the success scored by Washington state apple growers. State Senator Arthur H. Wicks has introduced to the New York legislature a bill which would provide a \$5,000 appropriation for promotion of New York apples and other fruits through the conservation commission. Apple growers of the Hudson valley, the Senator's district, were staging a promotion of their own.

In March, the New York state legislature voted to continue the state milk campaign for the fifth year. The 1938 appropriation will be \$310,000, financed by a tax on producers and dealers. The sales promotion for Sunkist fruits of the cooperative, California Fruit Growers Exchange, is a favorite story of advertising enthusiasts.

Good salesmen get better incomes than laborers, and even production men of a higher type. It is still generally true that the farmer permits the middle-man to set the price of his products. If the farmer saw to it that city consumers kept the daily custom of forming meals about meat, for instance, demand for meat would rise, and also meat prices. The packer is interested in keeping a good market, of course, but no matter the price, as long as meat goes through the packer's hands, he will surely take a profit out of the handling. The farmer is not so sure of a profit when he undertakes to feed cattle. The packer is sure of his market before he buys them for butcher.

Wheat, traditionally the staff of life, does not maintain this title on many tables through the land. If wheat consumption were greater, the wheat surplus would no longer be such a problem.

But this discussion is theoretical. The American farmer needs first make sure of his having the American market. Both American millers and American packers have their foreign interests and are more interested in showing a profit for their corporation than for helping American Agriculture, despite the latter being of more lasting benefit for both.

The American farmer must also make progress in grading his products. Kansas wheat growers should limit their sowings in variety to protect its price from "mixed grain" discounts. The cattle raiser more generally should improve his stock to become owner of something a little better than just beef, something he can talk with pride. Other farmer producers have similar grading problems.

We wonder why so many bakers in the corporation class try so hard to imply that bread is a manufactured

product which only incidentally uses some wheat flour. We have often noted that the price of bread is little influenced by the price of wheat; however we have just noted the fact, being no authority on bakeries, grain, labor or cost accounting. Bread is featured, interestingly enough, for vitamin and milk content. If an expansive scene of ripening Kansas golden grain were more often featured, we would hold a better opinion of advertised bread vitamins.

About the Railroads

Somehow we cannot become greatly sympathetic or alarmed by the stories of financial difficulties of the railroads. At the worst, they are in no position to be begging from the farmers, or ask from them higher freight rates if you please. And without our hearing more of the financial difficulties of the big steel corporations and their manufacturing plants who make locomotives and other heavy railway necessities, we cannot properly absorb the tales from the big financiers. Somehow we suspect there are still interlocking financial holdings and that perhaps heavy losses are not just what they seem.

Advertising Supervision

The recently enacted Federal Amendments Act, S. 1077, will have wholesome and beneficial effect on American advertising. The size and nature of American business advertising demands regulation by law to assure the American consumer its truthfulness. The American consumer includes everyone. What is everybody's business in America becomes the Government's business.

Elections are in the air. Democratic government rests on a foundation of representative control. Farmers should choose candidates for office who truly represent farmers' interests. If more candidates were actually "drafted," better government would result. The primary merits the interest of every voter, and the farmer should see that names of suitable candidates appear.

Well, the billion or so dollars for the super-navy program—if an appropriation goes through—ought to help appease some of the ship-building boys having trouble for lack of business. Also the investors in the companies. Politics is a great game if most of the voters keep still and on the farthest bleachers.

When the Farmers Union is no longer of real value to farmers there will no longer be the Farmers Union. Think it over.

The President's Column

—By JOHN FROST

Biting The Bait

There is a fab of Mother Mouse and her brood of little ones snooping around in the cellar to find something to eat. They came upon a nice little box with some chunks of delicious cheese daintily arranged for handy consumption. One of the little mice men have prepared for us. The little mice scampered for the cheese. "No, no," commanded the Mother Mouse, and she sternly ordered them back. "The cruel men," she said, have put this nice cheese out, not to feed you, but to trap you and kill you." Being wiser than we farmers, the little mice obeyed their mother and saved their lives.

Thirty-five years ago the old line grain dealers and livestock buyers and cream purchasers, as a customary general rule, bought the farmers' products at as wide a margin as possible between the local buying point and the terminal market, much to their profit and to the loss of the helpless farmers. Then the Farmers Union began establishing hundreds of cooperative elevators and cream stations and livestock shipping associations, where farmers could market their products at actual cost and get all the profits for themselves.

Then the old line dealers began to put out some farmer bait. They offered the farmers for their grain and livestock and cream, more than the market price, and more than the cooperatives could pay. The old line dealers, out of their greedy profits of the past, could spend a lot of money for bait to kill off the cooperatives, for they were considering peevish over the prospect of losing their fat patronage of the farmers' trade.

Now did the farmers bite the bait of the cunning old line dealers? The Farmers Union, with true motherly instincts, warned the farmers that the high market prices offered by the old line dealers was not a love offering, but a trap to kill off the farmers own cooperative marketing machine to get for them a fair price for their products. Sorry to report that some of our farmers, particularly the unorganized ones, fell for the bait, and swallowed it hook, line, and sinker.

Short Sighted

Even if the old line dealers would pay a fair price for our products, and honestly agree to keep it up, still our farmers should patronize their own cooperatives. We hear somebody say, "Well, if the old line dealers will pay as much as the cooperatives, why should we bother about sustaining the cooperatives?"

A few years ago the railroads started a fight to increase the freight rates on our farm products. The Farmers Cooperative Grain Dealers

Association contributed money and girded for the battle, along with Farmers Union and other farm organizations. So the farmers from paying higher freight rates, which meant getting that much less for their products. But did the old line Grain Dealers Association come to the rescue of the farmers? Not much. It made no difference to them whether the freight was low or high, for they merely subtracted freight from terminal prices, and the farmers had to stand for the freight, so why should they contribute good money for a cause in which they had nothing to gain?

But the Farmers Cooperative Grain Dealers were lined up at once to battle for the farmers. Why? Because the cooperative elevators were not established to make money for the elevators, but to give service and make money for the farmers—just the opposite of the old line elevators. The way with all other cooperatives. They were not motivated by greed to make money for the cooperatives. All the cooperatives are built for is to give service to the farmers and make money for them. Hence in all the battles for Agriculture and there have been many, the cooperatives have lined up for justice for the farmers, and the old line dealers have lined up with the greedy middlemen seeking to rob the farmers. That is one compelling reason why we farmers should faithfully patronize our own cooperative institutions.

Another reason—important and vital—why we must stay by our local cooperatives is that these local cooperatives are the foundation upon which a complete cooperative marketing machine must be built. We must eventually have terminal cooperatives. We must eventually have processing cooperatives. Hence we must maintain our local cooperatives.

The Cloak Room

W. P. Lambertson

This is the age of experimentation. For this the Department of Agriculture alone spent 27 million last year. The first big spending bill they called pump priming; its floor leader called it one blood transfusion; the one next winter may be the oxygen tent; then, a white lily. Members were seeking consent to extend their remarks in the Record. One, confused, asked the Speaker that he be allowed to extend his "Record" in his remarks.

Mrs. Roosevelt's restful week-ends are those when she goes to the tenant house on the farm at Hyde Park, taking with her a secretary and having but one maid.

Barkley's friends in the Senate hiked tobacco inspection 235 thousand dollars. Of course it will stick but My Dear Alben is intended to profit from the gesture, as against Gov. Chandler. This is hood-winking the people.

Maryland farmers get a hundred dollars an acre for the blue grass. This is selling your farm and still having it. The strippers cut only about two inches deep. Producing a good sod here requires more care than in our section.

You remember the legend about the cliff road. The question that perplexed the community was whether to build a fence on the cliff or to maintain an ambulance in the valley. The administration has decided to continue the ambulance.

Fries, of Ill., was elected from a sheriff's office to Congress, and O'Brien of the same state leaves Congress to become the sheriff of Cook County.

Speaker Bankhead hit his foot the wrong way in the dark and is hobbling around on crutches. Far be it from me to say that any one else in Washington has stubbed his toe.

At a luncheon recently Gov. Huxman was asked to give us the last word from home. Looking around the table he said that he thought Sen. Capper would make it all right this year, Omar Ketchum was running ahead, Charles Miller was already in the lead, and that Clifton Stratton might even make the grade.

The essence of the Wage-Hour fight is Northern Industry trying to stop the trend South. The workers are the innocent excuse. Yes, the Hare will give the trend a life, and the Senate probably chloroform it at last as they did the Anti-Lynching Bill.

Cong. Gasque, of S. C., says the Civil War was fought because the North couldn't compete with slave labor, and that the North can't compete now with the warmer South in the cost of living, so they are fighting for the Wage-Hour Bill with no differentials. If this passes, he says, he favors secession again.

Warren F. Zerba, of Atlanta, but until recently of Leavenworth will soon retire. He started his Federal service as a guard there, carrying his lunch, walking two miles each way in the dark, working twelve hours a day, and getting \$35 a month.

After fifty years of active business life, M. S. Eyal, of Denton and New York, will retire next year to his birthplace, his ranch on the Doniphan-Atchison line. He has made 100 trips to Europe, selling typewriters and adding machines. His father landed at the old town of Doniphan, in '54.

Washington Impressions

(By C. W. H.)

No fault is to be found with the bill which a representative from Ohio has introduced, asking the army horses and mules which are too old for further use, be either destroyed or put out to pasture instead of being sold at auction. But as we think of humane treatment for horses and mules that have served faithfully and are now too old to pull a load, what about the adequacy of pensions for people who have served and are now too old to pull society's load?

Because a witness from California, who was appearing before a House Judiciary Sub-Committee, said that the government of the Lincoln County and a number of young ladies from the Sherwood local. M. L. Beckman presided.

Following the regular order of business the meeting was addressed by E. W. Katka, manager of the grocery department of Consumers Cooperative Association, North Kansas City Mo. Cooperation is the consumers only protection against exploitation by the giant foodstuffs monopolies, he said. "Four milling companies buy 45 per cent of all the wheat consumed in the United States. Three baking companies sold more dollars worth of wheat in 1937 than the farmers received for their entire wheat crop," Mr. Katka continued.

"No one will lose his job because of his vote in any election or his failure to contribute to any campaign funds," says WPA Administrator Harry L. Hopkins in a letter which he is mailing to 2,600,000 persons now on the relief rolls. "What's more," Mr. Hopkins added, "I want you to let me know if anybody tries to tell you anything different."

"I'm going home and run for Congress," said a staid House gallery spinster after seeing Representative Daly (D-Pa.) grab and hug Congresswoman Mary T. Norton, following the completion of the signing of the wages and hours petition. However, in all fairness to the lady aspirants, we wish to say that such demonstrations occur only once in a blue moon. In other words, it's a long time between hugs.

The Home Owners Loan Corporation, with loans on a million pieces of property, has resorted to foreclosure on thousands of properties in every state in the union, and has therefore had a chance to study the foreclosure laws. As a result of this study, it has urged the adoption of a Uniform Mortgage Act for all states. The Corporation has found that Texas has one of the cheapest and quickest foreclosures. Average cost per property was only \$5.18 and it took but 22 days to complete the proceedings. Highest cost is in Illinois where the average foreclosure totaled \$54.30 and took 19 months and 16 days to complete.

Neighborhood Notes

Call Riley Co. Meeting

The second quarterly meeting of Riley County Farmers Union Local No. 45 will be held at Center Hill schoolhouse, Friday, June 3, at 11 o'clock.

George Hobbs, manager of the Livestock Commission Co. will be with us.

There will be a basket dinner at noon. Coffee will be served by the Center Hill local.

Gust Larson, Secretary.

Mother McCune is Dead

Resolution of sympathy by North Star Local, No. 1979. In humble submission to the will of our Heavenly Father in removing from our midst our beloved Mrs. Milton McCune, mother of Mrs. Deslin Cline, Wilbur McCune and Ray McCune, be it therefore resolved that we give expression of our deepest sympathy to the bereaved children and grandchildren and their families. Committee.

Center Hill Activity

The Center Hill Local No. 1147 met at the Center Hill schoolhouse, May 2, for its regular monthly meeting. The following program was given: piano solo, Mrs. Elmer Johnson's recitation, Marilyn Detmer; playlet, "Farmer Boy's Chance," Vernal and Arlene Anderson; and a vocal solo by Emil Samuelson.

The business meeting was in charge of the vice-president, Rudolph Samuelson. The secretary's report was read and approved. The main discussion of the evening was the Junior work, it being decided to have Miss Esther Ekblad meet with the young people Monday evening, May 9, to try and organize.

County delegates were appointed for the next quarterly Farmers Union meeting which will be held at the Center Hill schoolhouse June 3. The following were elected: Hiram Johnson, Mrs. Merle Isaacson, Vernal Anderson, Anna Mae Toburen, Mrs. Fred Potts, Mrs. Elmer Johnson and Nelan Swenson.

Our next Farmers Union meeting will be held Monday evening, June 6. The meeting was then adjourned, after which delicious refreshments were served by the ladies.

Vernal Anderson, Reporter.

La Harpe, Kan.

Fair View Local No. 2154 met Thursday evening, May 5, and was fairly well attended. In the absence of the president, Charles Gerdson, Clifton McGuire took charge of the business meeting, with the assistance of the secretary, Mrs. Willard McGuire.

Following the business meeting a program was had. Then Ralph Chapman gave a very interesting talk which everyone enjoyed. The next regular meeting will be June 2.

Opal Larson, Reporter.

Plan Marshall County Meeting

The quarterly meeting of the Marshall Farmers Union will be held at Blue Rapids on Tuesday, June 7. Members of the committees who have charge of this meeting are: Hall, A. G. Waters; Diner, Mrs. A. G. Waters, Mrs. Chas. Musil and Mrs. William Fincham; Good of the Order, Mrs. George Scholz and Mrs. J. C. Chase; Resolutions, Louis Leseberg, Joe Holly and H. L. Feldhausen.

All Locals are requested to send delegates. The meeting will start at 11 a. m. Basket dinner at noon. F. C. Pralle, Secretary.

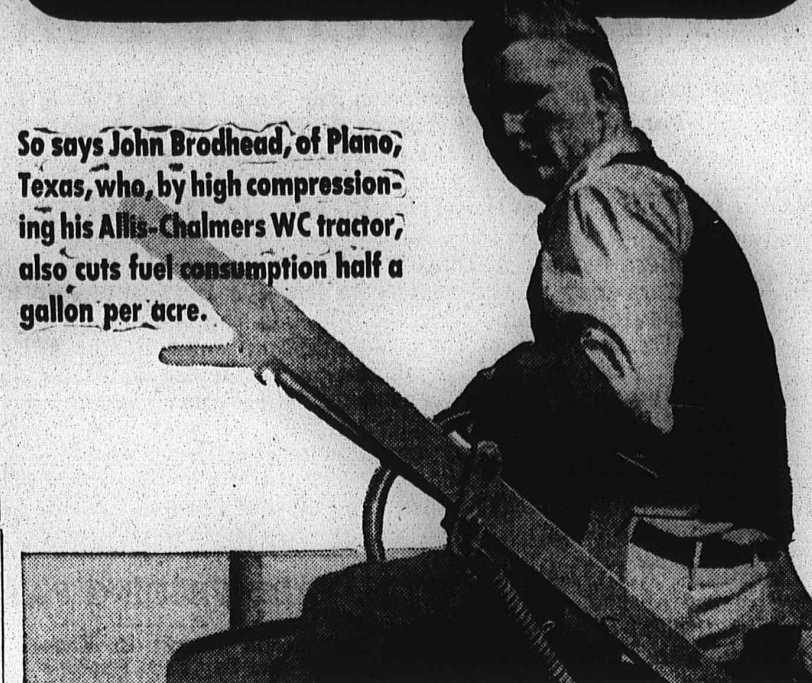
Clay County Meeting

The first quarterly meeting of the Clay County Farmers Union Local No. 40, was held April 2 with a large crowd in attendance. Entertainment was furnished by Mr. and Mrs. Harold Crawford of Young, and a number of young ladies from the Sherwood local. M. L. Beckman presided.

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7-disk plow in a 12-hour day on 30 gallons of regular-grade gasoline."

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Pass Resolutions

Resolutions passed by the Clay County organization at the meeting follow:

"So that the membership may know where the real Farmers Union business associations in Kansas are located, we ask that the editor of Kansas Farmers Union print the names of the business associations and also the name of delegate representing same at the last state convention."

"We ask that the directors of our business association and the officers of the county Farmers Union, investigate what benefit if any a Credit Union would be to our members in Clay county."

"We the Clay County Farmers Union, are opposed to any candidate, up for election, as county commissioner, that doesn't own real estate in Clay county."

"Whereas the members of the Kansas Farmers Union have organized and supported a strong insurance company, we recommend that the members continue to support our present set-up of insurance and discourage an other insurance sponsored by the Farmers Union."

"Whereas some of the trucking laws now in force almost eliminate local trucking, we hereby respectfully request our senators and representatives to repeal such laws at the next session of the legislature."

"We are in favor of a graduated land tax making the lowest possible rates to the family sized farm, farmed by the owner."

"We the members of the Clay County Farmers Union condemn the last regular session of the Kansas legislature for raising the salaries of the state officials."

"Whereas, national President Vesecky recently joined with the presidents of eight Farmers Union states, and officers of the National Farmers Process Recovery Assn. and others, testifying before a sub-committee of the House Agricultural Committee in support of H. J. Resolution 474. This measure is intended to give the farmers equal treatment by congress, making every hog producing farmer eligible to file claims with the Internal Revenue Commission for restitution of the illegally collected processing tax—thus giving the hog producing farmer equal treatment with the packers and other hog processors; and, whereas, the Kansas Union farmer on March 3, 1938 published blue ribbons on a bunch of master producers every year."

Alexander Legge told the farmers what this policy of making two blades of grass grow where one grew before would do to agriculture; but he didn't get much encouragement from the administration he was working under so resigned his membership on the Farm Board.

He probably wasn't as much interested in the farmers' welfare as the International Harvester Co., but was able to see that uncontrolled production would send agriculture to the west doors of our Court Houses (continued on page 3)

By John Vesecky

"Later, the technocrats took over their wing and assured in their religion is our only solution, and now we are being given a double dose. We are being asked to produce less and less while being Chemurkized into developing nations, even for the little that we are able to sell, or permitted to sell."

"I hope that we who are here gathered, will dedicate ourselves to the task of bringing not only socialism but also industry and agriculture into realization that the purpose of the revolution is to build a better world for all."

The plan does not include charges are defrayed.

E RIGHT DIRECTION

The hospitalization will not be sold to individuals. The percentage employees that must join is gauged by the number his firm employs, the larger the number, the smaller the percentage.

Study Breeding Methods

Better breeding methods are promoted by the association to its members through a house organ, "Norbest News," in which the problems of mating, feeding and packing are discussed. That the stimulation given to improvement of turkey quality really means something is suggested by the fact that Norbest was referred to in highly complimentary terms by Ray Giles in his book, "How to Beat the High cost of Living."

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