

KFU Training Conference Set For January

Initial plans are being made at the State Office for a two- or three-day officers' training conference to be held in January. The purpose of the conference will be to give training in the mechanics of organization, and to give officers an opportunity to become familiar with the program aims for 1945.

There has been no opportunity to discuss the conference with local Farmers Union members, but St. Mary's has at the present date been selected as the conference site. St. Mary's has been chosen so that the officers' conference can close with a dedication program for the new corn plant being built there. This arrangement will give Farmers Union members from over the state an opportunity to attend and take part in this important event.

Any number can attend the conference from a Local or County Union. The State Union will pay the board and room expenses of three from each Local and County Union, the President, Secretary, and Education Director. However, to have these expenses checked off, the officer must be present and stay through the entire session.

Name Officers!

More definite announcements as to dates and schedule will be made later. The important thing now is for all locals to hold their annual elections in December, as the by-laws specify, and to begin soon to make necessary arrangements for sending officers to the conference. Every local and county also should have an Education Director, or Junior Leader, appointed before January.

It is well understood that farmers are busy, and that they experience difficulty in leaving home for even a few days. However, the Farmers Union is a part of our farming operations, and much of the hard work we put in at home may be futile if we don't keep and maintain a militant voice for agriculture—the Farmers Union. Officers who can carry out their duties with understanding and confidence are essential to a strong effective organization.

Prizes For Promptness

Door prizes at the Kansas Farmers Union convention—won only by those who got to convention sessions promptly—were won this year by George Reinhart of Parsons, Mrs. O. S. Payne of Winfield, C. A. Morrison of LaHarpe, John Vesecky of Kansas City and Keith Peterson of McPherson.

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KFU Convention Hears Reports On a Banner Year of Expansion



Three prominent Kansas Farmers Union Juniors. They are, left to right: Mary Pat Immenschuh, 1944 Torchbearer; Marjorie Tennant, who won her minuteman award at this year's convention; and Regina Lenherr, 1944 Torchbearer. All three of these Juniors participated in this year's convention program. Mary Pat Immenschuh and Regina Lenherr, 1944 Torchbearers, made talks at the all-convention supper on Friday night. Marjorie Tennant made her final minuteman speech on Thursday night's program, winning her minuteman award. In the background can be seen Julius Immenschuh, grandfather of Mary Pat, and a strong supporter of the Junior program in the Farmers Union. Marion Childs, director of the St. Marys Farmers Union Co-operative Association, can be seen in the background towering above the rest of the crowd.

State Union Shows Gains, Co-ops Grow

Membership, Financial Strength and Patronage of Co-ops All on Increase

The Kansas Farmers Union marked a year of membership growth, increased financial strength and expansion at its 39th annual convention in Topeka August 26-27 with an expression of its determination to continue "on the march."

The state Farmers Union, the National, FUJA, the Central Co-operative, the livestock houses—every Farmers Union activity—reported that 1944 had been a banner year in Farmers Union history and revealed plans to continue to build every phase of this people's movement during 1945.

KFU reported more than 800 increase in membership, a net worth of \$9,385, and a "surplus" for the year of \$6,965—financial strength which will make increased activity possible in 1945.

The Central Co-operative reported more than \$5,000 savings from seed corn and insurance.

FUJA reported \$198,500 undivided savings for 1944 as of Aug. 31, with a total volume of \$1,190,915 to the same date this year.

Each of the livestock houses reported increased patronage, while spokesmen of the National Farmers Union told of its gains in membership and financial strength.

The convention re-elected President E. K. Dean for another term and adopted a program calling for the continued development of the Farmers Union program. (See outline beginning at bottom of page 1.)

Hear Reports

The convention, preceded by the Directors and Managers Association meeting on Oct. 25, opened in the assembly room of the Municipal Auditorium with the usual formalities, appointment of committees and nominations for state officers. With the formalities quickly out of the way, more than an hour was devoted to greetings from visitors, talks by candidates and discussion of Farmers Union problems. The afternoon session was de-

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Chamber of Commerce Backs Expansion Program in Russia But Not in the Western U. S.

(This is the fourth of a series of articles by George Reinhart, Secretary of the Kansas Farmers Union, on river valley development.)

By GEORGE REINHART, Secretary Kansas Farmers Union

The power trust, the fertilizer trust and other business interests are determined to control the economic life of America are so opposed to a Missouri Valley Authority that they have the United States Chamber of Commerce fighting it.

The Chamber of Commerce almost rushed to the opposition after Senator Murray of Montana introduced an MVA bill.

The power trust doesn't want the TVA

power yardstick repeated in another section of America. TVA has already proved that millions can be cut off power bills, and more people served, with an abundance instead of scarcity electric power.

The fertilizer trust doesn't want its tremendous profits disturbed by government fertilizer developments.

Help Russia—Not U. S.

It is easy to understand why these selfish interests want the waters of the river devoted only to navigation, flood control and irrigation. They don't want the people to get advantages which they have, in the past, doled out at their own high prices.

It is not so easy to understand why the

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KFU 1945 Program a Charter for Development, Progress

A charter for a year of development and of progressive activity on behalf of world peace, improved agriculture, a high level of national economy, and the development of co-operatives was developed by the Kansas Farmers Union convention in Topeka, October 25-26, in its program for 1945.

Complete copies of the 1945 program are being mimeographed at the State Office and will be sent all county and local officials, or to any member on request.

Here, in brief form, are its principle points:

PREAMBLE

War stems from want, and economy and abundance must be established to end the cause of wars.

INTERNATIONAL

The U. S. must participate in a world organization with power to maintain and enforce peace and, beyond that, help overcome want and the basic causes of war.

NATIONAL AFFAIRS

Abundant production in war-

time for destruction must be maintained in peace to improve living.

Compensatory spending, proposed by the National Farmers Union to put a floor under our economy, should be adopted.

A Missouri Valley Authority and Arkansas Valley Authority should be established to develop the nation's resources as rapidly and beneficially as possible.

Projects to improve standard of living in rural areas—health,

schools, housing, etc.—should be given priority.

Social Security's program should be expanded to include rural people.

Food production should not be limited, but geared to meeting the needs of all people.

Farmers should be assisted in conserving the soil. The NFU proposal for voluntary production contracts, assuring farmers floor prices in consideration of their maintenance of the soil, is a proper conception of responsibility of

government and of farmers.

National farm programs should be co-ordinated and maintained. Credit agencies, FSA, REA, loan programs and crop insurance should be maintained.

National Farmers Union work with other groups, including labor, is approved.

RECONVERSION

Plants, supplies and other wealth created during war should not be destroyed but made available to people.

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KFU 1945 Program a Charter for Development, Progress

Directs Liberal Program for Coming Year

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Farm lands should be sold off in family units.

CO-OPERATIVES

Co-operatives help distribute wealth widely and thus strengthen democracy. They must not be undermined by selfish interests, represented in NTEA, nor by managerial interests in so-called co-operatives themselves.

STATE AFFAIRS

Archaic school laws hampering equal opportunity for equal education for all children should be abolished. (A KFU committee to work with other groups on the school problem was authorized.)

A graduated land tax should be adopted.

Extension Service should be divorced from Farm Bureau.

All agricultural agencies should have a basic policy of encouraging family-type farming.

Gasoline tax exemption for farm-used gas should be maintained.

More farm-to-market roads should be built in the future.

Work of Farm Labor Committee is commended.

KANSAS FARMERS UNION

Growth in membership and financial strength of KFU acknowledged with "gratification".

Co-operation of the co-operatives acknowledged with appreciation.

Membership control of the Central Co-operative directed.

EDUCATION

Training schools recommended. Employment of additional field-workers approved as finances permit.

Locals urged to appoint a full group of officials, including education director, program director and co-operative, legislative and membership secretaries.

Junior program expansion directed.

Recommend wider use of the Program Service.

Direct that education in 1945 concentrate on importance of co-operatives.



Left to right, sitting down: Clifford Steele, St. Marys; Julius Immenschuh, St. Marys; and E. Soelter, Wamego. Mr. Steele, Mr. Immenschuh and Mr. Soelter are all enthusiastic members of the Farmers Union in Pottawatomie and Wabaunsee counties. It can be easily seen in this picture how proud Mr. Immenschuh was at this year's convention. He has often been referred to in Pottawatomie County as the "Father of the Junior movement in their organization," and he could hardly contain himself at this year's convention when his granddaughter, Mary Pat, appeared as one of the 1944 Torchbearers to the National Convention from Kansas.

Convention Reports Heard At Scandia

Convention reports by Homer Spence and Reuben Peterson were on top of the list at the regular meeting of the Scandia Local, McPherson county, Thursday evening, Nov. 2. Scheduled for the next meeting is another convention report by Charlie Swick, and a study of the Constitution and By-Laws being sent out for referendum vote.

During the business meeting of the Local Mrs. Voorhies of the State Office assisted Local Leaders, Audrey Spence and Dorothy Larson, organize a Reserve class. There will also be a Junior class started at the next meeting. The latter will take up the Junior study of recreation, and the Reserves have chosen the unit, "Working Together."

When the Leaders and Reserves again joined with the Local group Mrs. Voorhies gave a

brief talk on youth work in the Farmers Union and called to the attention of the members attacks being made on the Union today, such as the vicious article in the October Farm Journal.

Oldtime musical entertainment was furnished by the Hall's and Mrs. Clara Gibson read an Edgar Guest poem. An impromptu program number was a vocal trio by three convention delegates, Charlie Swick, Pete Hall and Homer Spence.

Pie and coffee was served by the refreshment committee, Mrs. Home Spence and Mrs. Carl Larson.

Annual Supper At Center Hill

The Center Hill Local in Riley county held an annual covered dish supper Monday evening, Oct. 30.

Mrs. Esther Voorhies was the

speaker of the evening, giving a resume of the convention, and outlining the activities that make for a functioning local. Emil Samuelson, manager of the Randolph Farmers Union Elevator, reported on the convention, and Mr. Klocke entertained with a bass solo. The next regular meeting will be held the first Monday in December.

Big Business Real Danger

According to a recent report of the U. S. Department of Commerce, independent retailers in 34 states included in the survey, scored average sales increases in September of 8 per cent over the dollar volume of September, 1943, and 5 per cent over August this year. Department stores increased in dollar volume 14 per cent over September a year ago and had a gain of 13 per cent over the month of August this year.

If the small individual businessman will only take the time to study figures like the above, it should not take him long to see where the real danger to his future lies. It will not take many years for the chain and factory outlet stores to push the individual business man out of all the better locations and leave to him only such locations as will not give him a chance to make a livelihood. If the independent country elevator operator will take time to see how in the last decade big grain firms have been gobbling up all the elevators they can, both independent and co-operative, he should realize that unless the co-operatives can stop the grain combines from gobbling up more and more country elevators, his time as an independent business man will soon be up.

Men from 17 to 23 years old are admitted on a state quota basis to the merchant marine academy at Kings Point, N. Y., which has trained and commissioned 3,600 men for executive duty in the merchant marine, the war shipping administration says.

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We Must Prepare for Peace, Dean Tells Delegates

Surplus Goods Must Be Used, Not Destroyed

The conclusion of President E. K. Dean's annual message to the KFU convention was inadvertently omitted from the last issue. It follows:

"We are beginning to hear a great deal about the necessity for some plan to keep surplus war materials out of competition with peace time production by outright destruction or by dump-it abroad at any prices. Such proposals for the disposition of war surpluses can only serve the special interests of selfish, monopolistic advocates of scarcity.

"Our war surpluses are a part and must remain a part of the real wealth of this nation; they can and must be distributed to serve our people.

Land Depleted

"Agriculture has been unavoidably but none the less seriously depleted by the war. Lands have been taken, soil, forests, and machinery resources depleted, medical services have been drafted away, and many schools left unable to operate in the emergency. These must be restored in the interest of people and our military surpluses can be used in that restoration.

"War lands can become family farms, offering opportunity for war veterans and farmers dispossessed by war necessity, or they can become factories of the few. All lands acquired for war purposes and suitable for agriculture, should be offered in such a manner that war veterans and farm families dispossessed by their acquisition who will move on to the land, can and will acquire them in economic family-type farm units. The United States Department of Agriculture should be placed in charge of such land disposition and instructed by the congress to dispose of it in such a manner, at prices equal to the productive value of the land, providing credit at reasonable rates on a long-term variable payments plan, technical assistance, and other necessities to successful farm operations.

Supplies Low

"The farmers' equipment and supplies have been depleted by the war in spite of continued unparalleled demands upon them for increased production. They, along with public agencies and institutions, including non-profit associations performing public benefits, should be given priorities in the purchase of war materials and equipment. The manner of offering should permit individuals, singly or through their co-operatives, to purchase whatever they desire in the quantities they desire from the government, reclamation, and conservation districts and similar organizations. A re-sale ceiling price should be placed on all articles. No materials or equipment should be junked or destroyed until conclusively determined by the federal agency responsible for its disposal that it is of no value.

"Ammonia and other chemical war plants producing materials suitable for agricultural fertilizers, insecticides, and fungicides should be sold or leased to farmer-owned and controlled co-operatives—as soon as they are no longer needed for producing military supplies—so their operation at full capacity for the restoration of depleted land resources, control of pests, and for other agricultural uses will be assured. Other plants should be offered for sale or lease in such a manner and such subdivisions that co-operatives, small businessmen



In this picture is William Wild of Rossville, Kansas; his daughter, Carlina, and Bert Wilson of Maple Hill, Kansas, the newly elected conductor of the state organization. Both Mr. Wild and Mr. Wilson are active, enthusiastic members of the Farmers Union in Wabaunsee County. Carlina is an active Farmers Union Junior and took part in the all-convention supper program in the co-operative pageant. Bert Wilson is president of the Kaw Valley Local in Wabaunsee County and also served as a member of the credentials committee at this year's convention.

and small businesses can acquire practical, economic units for production of goods.

Abundance Here

These are all objectives that can and must be attained. Abundance is upon us now. We have only to accept it and not be worked into a frenzy of fear by the multi-million dollar propaganda campaign of selfish interests and scarcity advocates.

"While we are assembled here in this 39th annual convention, our fighting men and women throughout the world, are entering the final stages of this terrible war, yet we on the home front, have hardly entered the opening stages of planning for the peace, through the democratic processes of our government. There has been planning done all right, but not by and for the great masses of the people. The planning thus far has been largely done by those selfish interests, and their stooges in the Congress, who through their selfishness and greed, with the aid of national and international monopoly and cartel agreements brought on this ghastly conflict with its mass destruction of property and human lives.

"The entire resources of our country have been thrown into this life and death struggle to protect the freedom of our people, we have not spared on costs in equipping our armed forces for the military battle. Our soldiers have been furnished the best in equipment, food and clothing, certainly, not one of us would have wanted to do less.

Prepare for Peace

"We, at home, can well afford to be proud of the magnificent job our fighting men and women have done. I am wondering though, if they are going to be so proud and boastful of the job we have done on the home front, in preparing for their security in the peace to follow their military victory.

"That question will be decided by how active and influential such organizations as the Farmers Union are in planning for peace.

"We must not sit idly by and see the future of these heroic young men and women planned in such a manner that it will fall as a yoke around their necks as soon as they return home. We owe our freedom to plan, for them; we must do our part intelligently and wisely."

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voted to reports from the state education director and state president, and of co-operatives, which have been printed in this or the previous issue of the Kansas Union Farmer.

In the evening session, Chairman Tom W. Cheek of the National Farmers Union Board of Directors, Director Hans C. Hansen of Nebraska, Ben Stong of National Union Farmer and Esther Erickson Sizer made reports for the National Farmers Union after award of 25-year membership badges to sixteen members of KFU.

Work Day

Friday was a work day. After reports of the Auditing Association and Farmers Union Creameries of Superior, Neb., the convention considered reports of the by-laws committee, which has completely revised the constitution and by-laws, and of the program committee. The proposed revised constitution and by-laws were amended and approved for submission to the membership in a referendum. The program, after amendment, was adopted.

A meeting of the membership of the Central Co-operative, including all FU members, re-elected the board of directors.

Excerpts from the talks of many speakers and other convention details will be found in the convention stories and reports throughout this edition.

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Livestock Commission Having Banner Year

By PAUL STEELE, Manager

The commission business of the Farmers Union Live Stock Commission of South St. Joseph, Missouri, shows a considerable increase over 1943, which, in itself, was a banner year for this firm.

As of September 30, 1944, savings for this year amount to \$19,887.46, which represents a patronage savings of 35.72%. This savings is an increase of \$7,413.08 over 1943, and a percentage gain of 7.82 percentage points. Cattle, calves and hog receipts show heavy increases on the market, while sheep receipts show an equally heavy decline. The income from selling one average carload of stock for the year 1944 amounts to \$16.44. The expense of handling one average car is \$10.57, which leaves an average savings per car so far this year of \$5.87. Of all the truck receipts on the South St. Joseph market, the Farmers Union Live Stock Commission handled the following percentages:

Cattle	10.01%
Calves	16.34%
Hogs	8.86%
Sheep	8.91%

This house was organized in August, 1917, by the Farmers Union of Nebraska. A few years thereafter the business had grown to such an extent that other farm organizations desired admittance to the Joint Market Agency Agreement. Today, the business is owned, operated and controlled by the following farm organizations:

Kansas Farmers Union
Missouri Farmers Union
Missouri Farmers Association, Inc.
Iowa Farmers Union
Nebraska Farmers Union
Colorado Farmers Union
Missouri Farm Bureau Federation

During the period of its existence the business has paid well over one million dollars in cash refunds to member shippers as well as making substantial contributions to the state organizations supporting them in the form of non-members savings.

In 1924 a corporation was formed for the purpose of financing feeders and breeders in the St. Joseph market territory, loaning money as a rule at a lower rate of interest than could be obtained elsewhere. Many million dollars have been loaned with an exceedingly low loss rate. Substantial financial assistance has been rendered by the Farmers Union Credit Association over a period of twenty years.

In 1940 the directors authorized the handling of serum and associated products of the Anchor Serum Company. Thousands of dollars of supplies have been handled for member patrons at a considerable savings. For the year 1943 members who purchased serum from us received a patronage savings amounting to 20% of the cost of the supplies purchased. While a decreased number of hogs on hand during 1944 has resulted in decreased serum sales, yet attractive savings are being accumulated for distribution to member patrons at the close of the year.

The Kansas Farmers Union is represented on the board of directors covering all the activities of this firm by Mr. E. K. Dean, State President. Mr. Dean also serves on the executive committee of the board.

You are invited to participate in the sales, service and patronage savings we afford members of the Kansas Farmers Union. Ship us your live stock or purchase your serum supplies through us and we do all the rest.

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Livestock Co-Operative Has

Handled 4,800 Cars to Date
The Farmers Union Live Stock Co-operative operates on the Kansas City, Wichita and Parsons stockyards, under the management of W. G. Bernhardt at Kansas City, W. L. Acuff, Wichita and Roy Mitchell, Parsons. Members of the Executive Board are: John Fiegenbaum, President, Hig-

ginsville, Mo.; A. B. Stryker, Vice-President, Blue Rapids, Kan.; E. K. Dean, Secretary-Treasurer, Salina, Kan.; F. V. Heinkel, Columbia, Mo.; R. D. Hatcher, Shelbyville, Mo., and J. A. Claussen, Girard, Kan.

This Co-operative for the nine months of 1944 has handled approximately 4,800 cars of cattle, hogs and sheep and has operated at a net profit of \$13,309.70. This is your organization. Support it. A rebate of 10% was paid on the 1943 business and a substantial refund will be paid in 1945 on this year's business.

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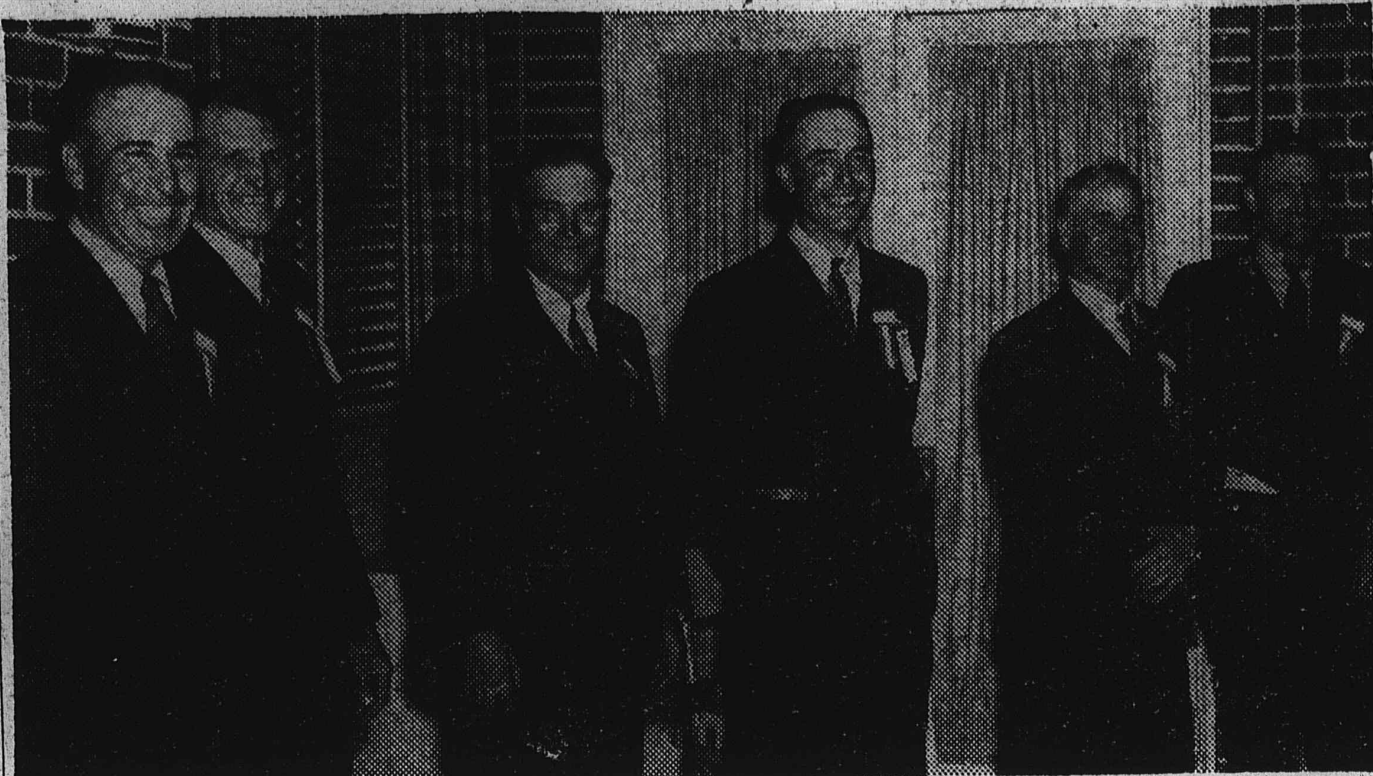
Esther E. Voorheis as she started to deliver her annual report to the convention.



A group caught in the hotel lobby waiting for the all-convention supper program to begin Friday night. In the background unaware that her picture was being taken is Miss Soelter, an active Farmers Union Junior member. Mr. Charles Richards was explaining to John Frost the fight that is being waged against co-operatives. Next to Mr. Richards is his wife, Mrs. Richards, and next to Mr. Frost is Mrs. John Frost. Mrs. Joy Hammett is seen between Mrs. Richards and Mrs. Frost.



This picture was taken just before the all-convention supper on Friday night. Beginning second from the left, the group includes Frank Seele, St. Marys; John Haase, St. Marys; and George Seele, St. Marys, Kansas.



Ellsworth County group caught while waiting for the all-convention supper. They are, left to right: Charles Wanek, Frank Urbanek, A. A. Svoboda, Alvin Kalzenmeier, Dick Rathbun, and Charles Dolezal, manager of the Kanapolis elevator which is operated by the Ellsworth County business organization.

16 Get Badges For 25 Years Of Membership

Sixteen "old-timers" in the Kansas Farmers Union were awarded 25-year badges at the KFUF convention, each having been a member for a quarter century or longer.

Congratulated for their loyalty to the Farmers Union movement, by President E. K. Dean, they were given their badges by Education Director Esther Ekblad Voorhies.

The group included:

Clyde Coffman, Overbrook
Mrs. A. R. Swan, Topeka, Kan.
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SPEAKERS' TABLE AT THE ALL-CONVENTION SUPPER
jorie Tennant, who won her minuteman award at this year's convention; Regina Lenherr, 1944 Torchbearer; President E. K. Dean, 1944 Torchbearer; Homer Spence, newly elected state vice president of Elbow Local, Pottawatomie County.

Farmers Union is Building Father Conway

Basic Principle Of Family Farm, Co-ops Endorsed

(1941) which I would like to make again to you folks:

"It is all right for our writers and speakers and our public men of every kind to get us all excited about democracy and tell us the wonderful benefits that flower in a democratic country but unless you give the rank and file a stake in democracy, and unless you can make them in some sense property owners then in vain will they wave the flag of democracy."

"It is unfortunate the farmers do not have some good publicity agents," Father Conway said.

"They frequently magnify the great part the production people are doing in our factories and that is true but they are not doing any better job than the farmers are. Their work is no more essential. If we did not have the farmers working so hard to keep the production line they would not stay there very long."

"While it is certainly very important we should send our air men, our soldiers, and our sailors off to the battle equipped with

"The basic principle of the Farmers Union, that of family-type farm ownership, is the finest kind of constructive democracy," Father Conway of St. Marys declared in an address opening the Kansas Farmers Union convention in Topeka Sept. 26-27.

"If we allow our country to go into a great mass production era on the land," he told the convention, "then we have nothing but a nation of slaves. There is no need to be radical about mass production on the land—there are a lot of good land owners who are large land owners. But where we have a major portion of the people in a country dispossessed and propertyless, we have an unhealthy proposition."

"I made one remark at the National Convention in Topeka

of the Kansas Farmers Union in Topeka, Oct. 26-27



Participants in a panel discussion at the Managers and Directors Association meeting held on Wednesday, preceding the opening of the state convention, are shown in this picture. They are, left to right: John Schulte, manager of the Mitchell County Farmers Union Co-operative Association, Beloit, Kansas, who led the panel discussion; Verle Moyer, manager of the Farmers Union Elevator at Clifton, Kansas; Dave Train, manager of the Farmers Union Elevator, Lindsborg; Harold Westgate, manager of the Farmers Union Elevator, Manhattan; P. J. Nash, manager of the Ellsworth County Farmers Co-op Union, Ellsworth, Kansas; and Charles Richards, executive secretary of the Kansas Co-operative Council, Topeka, Kansas.



R. They are, left to right: George Reinhart, state secretary; Marvention; Esther Erickson Sizer, from the National Education Department; Esther E. Voorhies, education director; Mary Pat Immenschuh, dent; Mrs. E. K. Dean; and Mrs. Joy Hammett, education director

ig Democracy vay Tells KFU Convention

everything necessary for them to protect themselves, it is equally important that we give them something to eat. It is no small job the farmers have undertaken in endeavoring to feed the world. I think it is a good thing for the people to recognize the work the farmer has done. I am glad to do this, upon the farmers at least in our own little community.

"God has been very wonderful to the farmers in our territory. I think it is a good thing for the farmers themselves to recognize that God has been good to us. He has given us a wonderful country, that is most likely at least 50 per cent better than any other country in the world in regard to our physical conditions. In addition to that we had ideal weather conditions. It is good for us to have a green memory on a lot of these things.

"I am glad to speak a few words to the Farmers Union because I am heartily in accord with the principles they stand for. Every organization must be tested on the basic principle and

in particular the basic ideal; which in the Farmers Union is the aim to conserve the family type farm.

"I very thoroughly endorse the idea of co-operatives. It is all right to tell the farmers to get together and work together, but we have to adopt the means that will enable us to put forth our program in the competition we meet. If the farmers unite and stand together as a man and put their purchasing power into one hand, then they have some strength and it is something you can't laugh off. That, fundamentally, is the idea of the co-operatives. Working together we can purchase in the markets and make a decent living.

"The co-operatives are not in favor everywhere. That should not deter anyone.

"The co-operatives idea is fundamentally a good American ideal. One of the ways and means the ordinary man has is to organize with his fellow man and get some strength so he can overcome some of the competition he meets. The co-operatives

Most Officers Of KFU Held Another Year

Dean Re-elected; Homer Spence Is New Vice-President

Two changes in the official family of the Kansas Farmers Union was made by the KFU convention. Homer Spence was elected vice president and Bert Wilson, conductor.

President E. K. Dean, Doorkeeper John Scheel, and Directors Bert Harmon, C. L. Hance and George Reinhart were all re-elected.

Pat Nash, Homer Spence, E. K. Dean and George Reinhart were elected delegates to the National Farmers Union convention in Denver November 20-22, being the four highest among nine nominees.

Homer Spence, the new vice president, succeeds William Goekler. Bert Wilson of Wabaunsee County, replaces John Tommer of Marshall County as conductor.

Two directors, Reuben Peterson of the fourth district and Ray Henry of the fifth district, hold office until next year and were not up for re-election.

Juniors Give Surprise Party

The Reserves of the Bunker Hill Local, Mitchell county, had a surprise party for the local members at the October meeting. The Reserves had games planned and served refreshments of cookies and ice tea. Mrs. Rominger, the Education Director, writes: "I never saw anything arouse enthusiasm in a Local like the Junior and Reserve work has."

have to be built on the basis of self-sacrifice.

"If the Farmers Union ever forgets the common interests of the common man in the organization, they will defeat the purpose for which they were constituted. Always try to work for the good of the whole organization. On these great points of the Farmers Union program I hope we will all be united, trying to work and see that people are on the land, that they own the land, and the family size farm is conserved and creased; that the co-operatives which are the arm that will enable us to meet all the opposition against us will be strengthened and will be co-operated with in the greatest extent."



President E. K. Dean as he started to make his annual report.



A group caught waiting for the all-convention supper program to get under way. They are, left to right: P. J. Nash, Ellsworth; Fred Schults, Ellsworth; W. E. Danner, Ellsworth, and George Mauch, manager of the Farmers Union Co-operative Association, Clay Center.



This group is shown visiting informally before the all-convention supper on Friday night. Left to right are: President E. K. Dean, Charles Swick, an employee of the Farmers Union Co-operative Association at McPherson; Orville Tennant, director of the Farmers Union Co-op Elevator at Manhattan, and a member of this year's by-laws committee; and Reuben Peterson, state director from the fourth district and president of the Farmers Union Co-op Association at McPherson.



AROUND THE TRIANGLE

By Esther E. Voorhies
KFU Education Director

Adroitness in Art

Sketches by Mary Pat Immenschuh for the Farm Family Living Project centered the Junior and Reserve convention exhibit. All, from the lovely iris, drawn and painted from one that grew in a neighbor's yard, to the liveoak tree that gives such a definite sense of action, the sketches are attractive and meaningful. They show genuine skill. Mary Pat, who is a Sandy Hook Local Junior in Pottawatomie County and who is this year a Torchbearer, has one more sketch to make in order to complete the project. These entries for the project will be taken to the National Convention in Denver.

Evidence of Reserve Achievement

Interesting Reserve exhibits certainly demonstrated the popularity of the nature units. Outstanding scrapbooks and notebooks on "Everyday Insects" came from Reserves of the Black Wolf Local, Ellsworth county, and the Elbow Local Reserves in Pottawatomie county. Also from Elbow were Myron Parry and Bonnie Hoffman's mounted insects—everything from Swallowtail Butterflies to huge vicious looking grasshoppers. "Destroy Weeds" scrapbooks were sent by the Sandy Hook Local, Pottawatomie County; "Birds Are Good Neighbors" scrapbooks from Fairview, Allen county; Fourmile, Clay County, and Mankato, Jewell county. The cause of much curiosity, and also the prompter of admiration for the skill of birds was the collection of bird nests sent by Bruce and Bryce Bumsted and Leon Stromire of Fourmile, Clay county.

Department Displays

To demonstrate the services of the Farmers Union Education Department Mrs. Ruby Henningsen prepared for the convention a series of posters on such topics as the "Lending Library," "Recreation," "Let's Talk it Over" (adult discussion material), "Expansion Fund Socials," "Over All the Land," "Nature Units," and "Co-operatives." The posters were decorated with crepe paper streamers and were very attractive. Literature appropriate to the themes mentioned above was displayed with the posters.

National Education Visitor

It was surely a pleasure to have Mrs. Esther Erickson Sizer, a representative of the National Education Department at the convention. On a program with other national officials she brought an inspiring message of educational work throughout the Farmers Union. Friday evening she was the principal speaker at the convention banquet. There in speaking of "The Farmers Union—A Builder of Co-operatives" Mrs. Sizer urged delegates to expand co-operatives to take in more and more needed services. She further suggested that savings, usually given out as patronage refunds, be used as investments toward a more complete co-operative movement in every community. At a brief Leaders' conference Mrs. Sizer led a discussion of study units and the new age grouping for Juniors and Reserves.

Minuteman Award Presented

Marjorie Tennant, Junior of the Elbow Local, Pottawatomie County gave a Minuteman qualifying speech Thursday evening on the topic, "Co-operation, A Way of Life." Marjorie handled her material masterfully, and took down the house on her skill at answering the questions asked from the audience. At the convention banquet Mr. Dean presented Marjorie with the Minuteman award badge which carries the emblem of the lighted lantern—"Once in America's history, a man, at the signal of a lantern in a church tower, rode through the night arousing the sleeping farmers to the danger that menaced the newly declared democracy. . . . That democracy is again endangered by economic forces. The countryside sleeps. . . . The minutemen strive to bring the light of education to awaken those who sleep in the midst of danger." (Quoted from Local Leaders Manual)

Also in recognition of completing the speech project, the Education Department gave Marjorie the books, "Treasury of American Folklore" and "The Tree of Liberty." The latter is a story of early American history and the struggle for democracy.

Centennial Banquet

1944 gives us the 100th year anniversary of the co-operative movement. To pay our respects we had a Co-operative Centennial commemoration program at the convention banquet. The Torchbearers, Mary Pat Immenschuh and Regina Lenherr, set the tone of the program with talks on "Co-operation, Youth's Door of Opportunity." Mary Pat developed the topic's relationship to her own community, and Regina brought out the opportunities of co-operation in relationship to our nation and world.

The Co-operative Centennial Pageant, "The Rochdale Light" given by Reserves of Pottawatomie, Wabaunsee and Shawnee counties impressively told the co-operative story. Reserves in costumes representing the Rochdale Weavers, the Danish, Swedish, Finnish, Swiss, Russian, Chinese and American co-operators depicted the movement of co-operatives from one country to another. And as the pageant closed all were gathered on the stage with lighted candles casting a brightness that gave emphasis to the Readers' last words:

"What was a tiny spark of light only 100 years ago now circles the globe with a strong and steady flame that promised to dispel the shadows of poverty, disease, and ignorance. The many lights that were kindled from the candle of Rochdale have become one light—the beacon of ordinary people around the world who seek economic security through co-operative action."

(The pageant was written by H. C. Fledderjohn of Indiana.) Readers for the pageant as given at Topeka were Irma Jean Haase, Maple Hill, and Mary C. Lenher, St. Marys.

Fellowship Hour

A little fun is always frosting to a good meeting. As a cake, it is good without the frosting, but not quite so special. The banquet and the program Friday evening of the convention was almost enough to happily end the convention, but the party with dancing, squares and folk games made the finish just right.

THE JUNIOR PAGE

ESTHER EKBLAD VOORHIES, DIRECTOR, Salina, Kansas

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1944

Education Director Urges Better Trained Leadership in Counties and FU Locals

The conclusion of the annual report of Educational Director Esther Ekblad Voorhies, which was started in the last edition of the Kansas Union Farmer, is printed herewith:

The "Fall Special"

In September we tried something new in mailed service. We prepared and sent to Presidents, Secretaries, and Education Directors what we titled the "Fall Special." It contained reminders of business pertinent to the early fall, questionnaires and local score sheets, a sample meeting schedule, a discussion packet on "Farms for Veterans," and other miscellaneous material. If the bulletin is used, several interesting and informative Local meetings can be planned from its pages.

Education Dept. Assistant

We are happy to announce that late summer brought an assistant to the Education Department. Mrs. Ruby Henningsen, Jewell County Leader, is working as an office and field assistant. Mrs. Henningsen's understanding of farm life has been gained through being a farmer's wife, and her loyal and worthy contributions of leadership to the Jewell County Farmers Union assured her qualifications for Farmers Union educational work in the state.

Thank You

Words are never adequate to express thanks for the many contributions of service made to education in the Farmers Union. It is never possible to include all who should be given special mention. Leaders, class teachers and officers are most deserving. Leaders put in many hours that others in the Local or County never know about or appreciate. They do it because they are sold on the program and want to see it move forward. They don't work for praise. They work because they believe in their job.

Local co-operatives are among the most loyal supporters of the education program. They are contributors of funds for literature, projects, trips and treats, and many times they provide splendid leadership.

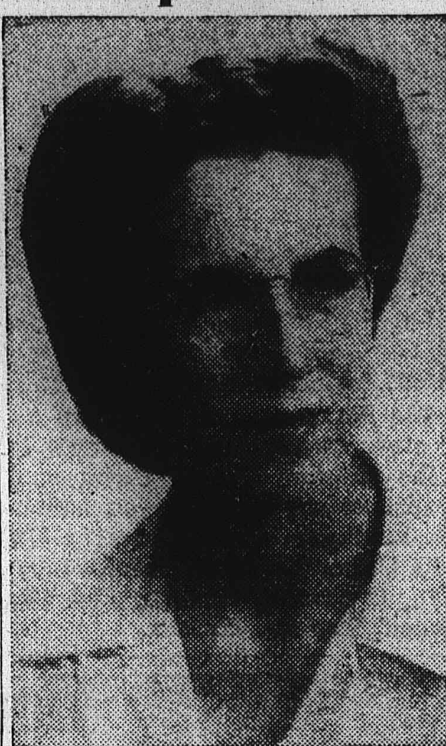
Much appreciation is due the Farmers Union Jobbing Association. Its loyalty financially and its confidence in the program has through the years made Junior work possible. We are grateful and proud that the Jobbing Association deems this a profitable way to spend educational funds.

Recommendations

The most important phase of a report of this kind is what comes in the future. What will be the program after the close of the 39th annual convention?

For the ensuing year my first recommendation is that we hold a State Conference for County and Local officers. I recommend that it be held in November or December and that the State Union pay a portion of the expenses of local people who attend. I have in mind that the conference should give intensive training in leadership methods, and should provide opportunity

Speaker



Mrs. Esther Erickson Sizer, National Education Department representative of the F. U. N. was principal speaker at the convention banquet, Friday evening, Oct. 27. The banquet program had as a theme, the Co-operative Centennial. Mrs. Sizer's topic was "The Farmers Union, a Builder of Co-operatives."

for thorough study of the program adopted at this convention.

This is earlier in the season than we've ever suggested a training program along these lines before, but this is one year when we have the funds to move out on an expansion program immediately following the convention. That is as it should be. Time after time we've had to wait for funds, only then to find that the best months for promotional programs in organization and education are past.

I further recommend that the statewide conference be followed by county conferences or schools. These should be planned to fit the particular needs of the county or area involved. Where assistance from the State can be effectively given to Locals on the county level that should be done with the responsibility of relay to Locals in the hands of the County Unions. Where that ideal situation does not exist, I feel that the State must spend whatever time is needed to give individual Locals educational assistance. Work with Locals, one by one, has and is being done now, but not adequately. The State has long lacked the funds to get needed fieldworkers to do an overall job in local leadership training. Now with a growing education fund in the State Union, we feel that it will be possible to develop a Department equipped to provide the services it is expected to give.

I recommend that County Unions study their organizational setup and carefully follow it. Explaining further, I believe County Unions should take seriously the delegate system of representation at county meetings in order to assure equality among Locals, and every possible effort should be made by the County Union to get all the Locals to participate in county activities.

County quarterly and special meetings should be thoughtfully planned. Many people drive long distances to attend county meetings, and if they don't get their gasoline and tires worth, they won't be returning often. There should be education, business and entertainment, and the meetings

should be for families. In addition to regular meetings countywide rally days, picnics, camps, banquets, and special discussion and recreation meetings are activities that can bring abundant pep and enthusiasm.

I wish to urge that every Local and County Union appoint an Education Director, a Program Director, Co-operative, Legislative and Membership Secretaries, and a Business Agent. In the report of the By-Laws Committee to this convention these action officials are listed as a part of an active Local. I sincerely hope you will vote to make them a part of the Local and County official families. The more members we have working; the more we'll get done. A working member is an interested member.

It is of course my special concern that Education Directors or Junior Leaders be appointed. If you should have only one Reserve in your Local, it is important that he should be given a special part in the Farmers Union. The child may be the one who, if interested in the Farmers Union now, could some day be outstanding as a Farmers Union leader. It isn't for us to choose to have or not to have a Junior program. It is that we know for our own sakes, for the sake of our rural youth, and for the future of the organization we love, we must have an active Junior program.

It is my recommendation that the monthly Farmers Union Program Service be widely used, and that members and officers become acquainted with the many types of educational materials available through the Farmers Union.

I urge you to keep the books off the shelves of our Lending Library. Few rural communities have adequate library service, and if a community does have a small library, the book of most interest to Farmers Union members are often missing from the shelves. The books we have are yours to read, and not one has any value collecting dust on the shelves.

I recommend that Locals continue to encourage the Farmers Union as a family organization and that we put on a campaign to get a membership card in the hands of every Junior and Honorary member.

I recommend the continuance of a summer camp program. I feel that the county camps are extremely worthwhile and should be continued, and a state camp program should be resumed as soon as war conditions permit.

I recommend that members, and especially you who are delegates at this convention, thoughtfully study the 1945 Program you adopt here. This is certainly not the year to place well put and impressive resolutions on the shelf to mean nothing more than a record of a convention held. We are farm people united for action with the all important objective to protect the homes and living standards of farm families on the land, and to contribute our share as farm people to the security, peace and happiness of all people.

We are organized to be articulate. We, to the extent that our knowledge permits us to know the truth, are spokesmen for government, business, and civil liberties that will give all people, and not only a fortunate few, the good fruits of this earth.

NEWS FROM K. F. U. CO-OPERATIVES

Day by Day with FUJA

By JOHN VESECKY

Co-operatives Must Practice Teamwork If Attack on Them By Selfish Foes Is Defeated

There is much good common sense in the forward written by E. A. Syftestad for the October issue of the Central Exchange Messenger, House organ of the Farmers Union Central Exchange of St. Paul, Minn.

Mr. Syftestad is general manager of the Farmers Union Central Exchange and one of the foremost co-operative leaders in the United States. The Central Exchange has developed under Mr. Syftestad's management into one of the largest farmers supply co-operatives in the U. S. Its assets as of the close of the 1943 fiscal year totaled over \$3,000,000 with a net worth of more than \$2,500,000. Besides managing this large business, Mr. Syftestad has always taken an active part in whatever movement was started for the good of the farmers and their co-operatives and is active in the fight co-operatives are now waging for their right to engage in whatever services their members may need, because we feel sure our readers will be interested we are reprinting the forward in full:

Now is the time for all CO-OPS to come to the aid of the entire co-operative movement. When you consider the magnitude of the organized attack which is being made on the co-operative way of transacting business it is plain that every CO-OP regardless of type or name must become associated on a state and national basis to ward off these organized attacks and in addition thereto take proper means to thoroughly inform the general public concerning the history, development and growth of co-operatives, their functions, rights, uses, practices and their contributions to the welfare of the American people.

In addition to the general attack upon all types of co-operatives and the co-operative way of transacting business, a concerted campaign is under way to have co-operatives taxed on savings which are distributed to the patrons on a patronage basis. This type of campaign can and will be met by the co-operatives in a united manner. Regardless of name, type or affiliation this is one FRONT on which the co-operatives can fight on a united basis because they have a common interest.

"Give and take ideas" between co-operatives, coupled with resources built up through savings of thirty or more years, the fighting spirit of co-operative leadership and millions of people associated with the co-operative movement have built a sound pattern of transacting business to the benefit of the people. This cannot be taken away from them easily.

Let us not be fooled by listening to the opposition's "soft words" for one co-operative and "harsh words" for others. That is the old story of building up prejudices and using the "divide and conquer" tactics so familiar to all of you. To win this fight there must be "TEAMWORK" between the co-operatives. After "winning the fight" there will be need for continuance of "TEAMWORK" in order to build and render a greater serv-

ice to the people on a co-operative basis.

Let us consider for a moment the simplest manner in which the organized opponents can be effective in destroying the co-operatives.

They may say to the local co-operative, "We're not opposed to you operating here locally. We like your farmer members. Many of them even patronize us at times. But! we don't think you fellows should reach out any further and set up your own regional marketing or wholesale agencies or get into the processing of your own farm products or manufacturing your farm supplies. We can do that for you and there is no need for you fellows to get into that." They may even say that this end of the business is not so good anyway.

They may praise some Regional Co-ops and condemn others just to create a rivalry between them.

A misstep by the co-operatives in "fallin'" for that type of propaganda would have a tendency to defeat the "TEAMWORK" which is needed to build soundly so that a greater service can be rendered to a greater number of people.

Sincerely,
E. A. Syftestad,
General Manager, Farmers Union Central Exchange, Inc.

Co-operatives Must Watch Regulations

All our co-operative managers and officers should take time this fall to carefully study their Articles of Incorporation and by-laws to make sure that they conform to the requirements of Federal and state laws and regulations.

Co-operatives which are exempt from filing income tax returns should be especially careful in reviewing not only their articles, and by-laws but also their method of operation, of keeping records and of patronage refund distribution and payment. It should be remembered that in order to remain exempt from filing income tax returns a co-operative must have substantially all its voting stock held by producer members, who are patrons of the co-operative. It must do at least half of its business with members. It must not sell more than 15% of its supplies to non-members, non-producers, and must keep such records that all its reserves could upon dissolution be distributed among the patrons of the co-operative in accordance with their sales to or purchases from the Association.

When one considers that heavy penalties can and often are imposed on co-operatives for failure to comply with all the requirements, and that the U. S. Treasury will be in need of all the income it can get after this war is over, and will have an excess of personnel which it can use to check up on all tax payers, and that there may be much new management personnel in the In-

NOTICE Riley County Meeting

The Riley County Farmers Union No. 45 will meet at the Strong school house about one mile north of Manhattan, Kans., on Saturday, Nov. 18, at 1 o'clock p. m. Election of officers and other business. All Farmers Union members and their families are cordially invited to attend this meeting.
J. A. AMNELL, Sec'y,
Randolph, Kans.

ternal Revenue Department after the fall election, which will be unfamiliar with practices followed during the past decade, it behooves us all to see that our house is in order, and our practices are strictly according to Hoyle.

Mankato Has Good Attendance

A meeting of the Mankato Local No. 1848 was held at the Rebekah Hall in Mankato with a good attendance. Mr. Pair was elected as delegate to the state convention held in Topeka, Oct. 26 and 27. Mr. Henry Pedersen, fieldman for the Kansas Farmers Union will be present at the next meeting to be held Nov. 1. Mrs. Pair and Mr. Bolinger were elected to serve as the refreshments committee and they asked each one to bring something for a pot luck supper. A lunch of pie, sandwiches and coffee was served.—Mrs. Geo. Wharton, Reporter.

Broman Attends Grinnell Meeting

E. C. Broman, chief of the Accounting Division of the FUJA, attended the annual stockholders meeting of the Farmers Union Co-operative Assn. of Grinnell, Kan., held Tuesday evening, Oct. 31. He reports about 250 were present at the meeting, which is a very good turnout these busy days.

C. W. Hoover, Richard Brown and Joe Gassman were elected directors. The fiscal year of the Grinnell Ass'n closed May 31, 1944, but because of the press of work the annual meeting was postponed until this date.

The Grinnell Ass'n closed one of its best years with a net savings of over \$14,000 and to celebrate that event the ladies of the Co-op. furnished a fine supper to all those present. FUJA wishes the Grinnell folks many more such successful years and assures them of its desire to serve them in every way possible.

Ecuadorian Studies F. U. Co-operatives

Dr. Juan Sevilla, representing the Agricultural Department of the Republic of Ecuador, is one of a team of three South Americans who are studying agricultural production and marketing in the United States.

Dr. Sevilla, accompanied by Dwight Tolle of the Marketing Department of the Kansas State College, stopped for a short visit at the state convention of the Kansas Farmers Union in Topeka on Thursday, Oct. 26, and the next day they visited the Farmers Union offices in Kansas City. Dr. Sevilla is much interested in Co-operative marketing associations. He says that despite of its location on the equator, Ecuador produces practically all the products we produce here in the United States. There is such a variation in the altitude of his country that they have a climate ranging from arctic to torrid, depending on how high up in the mountains one goes.

LIVE STOCK SALES

KANSAS CITY, MO.

November 3, 1944

Howard Wamser.....Lyon Co., Kan.	27 steers	1,078	15.75
John Adams.....Anderson Co., Kan.	22 steers	1,085	15.75
John Oman.....Riley Co., Kan.	31 steers	1,100	15.50
John Smith.....Lyon Co., Kan.	54 heifers	850	15.50
Mrs. Grace Siebuhl.....Coffey Co., Kan.	12 steers	990	15.25
C. F. Wamser.....Lyon Co., Kan.	12 heifers	735	15.10
E. A. Morse.....Lyon Co., Kan.	19 heifers	848	15.00
Tom Gaughan.....Lyon Co., Kan.	17 steers	808	15.00
Jess Breicheisen.....Douglas Co., Kan.	12 steers & heifers	854	15.00
William Smith.....Lyon Co., Kan.	22 steers	1,172	14.75
Lawrence Oman.....Riley Co., Kan.	21 steers	1,017	14.75
John Meyer.....Wabaunsee Co., Kan.	17 steers	1,110	14.60
A. J. Collins.....Lyon Co., Kan.	25 steers	1,146	14.50
G. H. Anderson.....Lyon Co., Kan.	25 heifers	775	14.00
Chas. Shaver.....Clinton Co., Mo.	35 heifers	804	14.00
Schoepflin & Buttel.....Osage Co., Kan.	49 steers	946	13.75
H. R. Falk.....Wabaunsee Co., Kan.	29 calves	290	12.50
H. J. Wren.....Clay Co., Mo.	37 heifers	780	12.40
Albert W. Krug.....Russell Co., Kan.	39 steers	692	11.00
Herbert Krug.....Russell Co., Kan.	35 steers	717	11.00
T. K. Tholen.....Ellis Co., Kan.	10 cows	972	11.00
Ben Brungardt.....Ellis Co., Kan.	49 steers	855	10.75
C. J. Chambers.....Geary Co., Kan.	32 heifers	664	10.25
Gilmore Bros.....Greenwood Co., Kan.	26 heifers	660	10.00
Chas. Burton.....Johnson Co., Kan.	32 cows	1,115	10.00
G. E. Force.....Wyandotte Co., Kan.	29 cows	1,062	9.85
Chas. Burton.....Johnson Co., Kan.	66 cows	817	8.75
E. J. George.....Jackson Co., Kan.	31 cows	780	7.65
Chas. Burton.....Johnson Co., Kan.	37 cows	606	5.25

HOGS

Harold Wilcoxson.....Lafayette Co., Mo.	14	226	14.25
H. M. Donham.....Johnson Co., Kan.	26	230	14.25
C. D. Hull.....Henry Co., Mo.	14	220	14.25
Gus Bratzler.....Henry Co., Mo.	10	187	14.15
William Hull.....Henry Co., Mo.	12	208	14.15
Joe Liser.....Lyon Co., Kan.	19	214	13.85
Geo. Milligan.....Johnson Co., Kan.	19	207	13.85
Russell Stoker.....Miami Co., Kan.	19	215	13.85
W. T. Armstrong.....Lafayette Co., Mo.	28	234	13.85
D. C. Gwin & Son.....Livingston Co., Mo.	37	225	13.85
Edwin Hughes.....Johnson Co., Kan.	30	234	13.75
J. C. Eckart.....Miami Co., Kan.	18	220	13.75
Chester Proett.....Lafayette Co., Mo.	88	239	13.75
Albert Hephrey.....Henry Co., Mo.	10	143	13.50
J. B. Bysor.....Henry Co., Mo.	12	231	13.60

SHEEP

G. J. Parks.....Douglas Co., Kan.	25	82	14.00
Coon Siegel.....Morgan Co., Mo.	24	86	13.75
M. M. Mann.....Anderson Co., Kan.	20	85	13.75
R. P. Ralston.....Cass Co., Mo.	36	76	13.65
Roy Browning.....Grundy Co., Mo.	10	82	13.50
Hester Ohlhausen.....Leavenworth Co., Kan.	10	93	13.50
A. L. Kingery.....Franklin Co., Kan.	10	81	13.50
Howard Morrison.....Allen Co., Kan.	24	80	12.50
Delbert Anderson.....Franklin Co., Kan.	39	65	12.00

Livestock Market News

by the

Farmers Union Livestock Co-operative,
Kansas City,

and the

Farmers Union Live Stock Commission,
South St. Joseph, Mo.South St. Joseph, Mo.
November 3, 1944.

The slaughter steer market was very slow and uneven and closed dull on practically all classes. Choice steers, yearlings and heifers, as well as common to medium kinds were marketed in less numbers than the previous week and sold steady to 25c lower. Mediums and good grades which comprised the bulk of the run are 25@50c, with extremes 75c off.

Good grades of cows suitable for shipper trade were little changed, but common and medium beef cows are 25@50c lower, canners and cutters about steady. Bulls were steady. Heavy calves are weak to 50c lower. Stockers and feeders were slow and closed around 25c lower.

Best steers this week were Iowa fed steers and sold at the top of \$17; good and choice steers selling wit in a range of \$16@16.25, bulk of low choice steers, yearlings and heifers \$13.75@15.50, several loads of medium short-feds \$12@13.50, with common kinds \$9.50@12, some low cutters down to \$7.25. Good cows sold from \$11@12.50, common to

medium beef cows \$7.50@9.50 and a few at \$10; canners and cutters \$5@7, with shelly kinds down to \$4.50; medium to good sausage bulls \$8.50@10.50; top vealers \$13, some common to good heavy calves \$7.50@11.50 and a few good and choice \$12.25@12.75, common kinds at \$7. Good grades of stockers and feeders selling \$11@12.50, a few loads of good feeder steers \$11@12, medium to good stockers \$10@11, some common kinds down to \$8. Stock heifers brought \$11.75, some good stock cows \$7.50.

The hog market today was 10@20c lower on 200 to 240 pound average and steady to 10c lower on over 240 pound. Packing sow top is \$13.90 early, and \$13.85 late, packing sows selling mostly at \$13.50.

Top on native lambs \$14, good to choice \$13.75@14, medium to good \$12@13.50, culls to mediums \$10@12, few choice fall clipped lambs \$13.50, bulk good to choice clips \$13@13.25. Light fat ewes up to \$5.50.

FARMERS UNION LIVE STOCK COMMISSION,
South St. Joseph, Mo.

Central Co-op On Way to Another Successful Year

Made \$5,140 Savings During 1943-'44 Year

President Dean Reveals Corn Orders Already Doubled; Discusses Future Plans

Reports on the Kansas Farmers Union Central Co-operative Exchange, presented to the KFU convention in Topeka, revealed that the new co-operative made \$5,140 in savings in its 1943-44 fiscal year and is already well on its way to increased earnings from seed corn in 1945.

Orders for seed to date are more than double the quantity sold last year, President E. K. Dean, who is secretary-manager of the co-op, revealed.

The report of G. E. Creitz, of the FU Auditing Association, showed last year's earnings and added:

"Starting from 'scratch' the business has made very creditable progress besides furnishing its customers high-quality seed corn which in itself is a very worthwhile contribution."

President Dean, in his report to the convention, announced that more than \$18,000 of Certificates in Investment in the Central Co-op have been sold. Excerpts from his report follow:

"I am confident the Central Co-operative has tremendous possibilities and that we can look forward to increased activity and success in the organization with each succeeding report."

"The Central Co-operative got its start as the Farmers Union Service Company in 1942. The Farmers Union Service Company was organized by the State Board of the Farmers Union for the purpose of handling an insurance agency in connection with the Kansas Farmers Union. While this program has by no means been given up, it has by virtue of the rapid development in the seed program taken a secondary position. The insurance field is naturally slow in its development, but we have made satisfactory and definite progress in our agency. This field can and should be further developed in the Central Co-operative."

"The same year the Service Company was organized and took over the insurance agency, the president of the Iowa Farmers Union suggested that the Farmers Union in Kansas start the development of a seed program, beginning with the production of hybrid seed corn."

Start Program

"After talking to Mr. Witham, I got in touch with Donald VanVleet and we worked out a program. The first year the sale of what little seed we had took very little time. It did, however, provide an opportunity for us to talk with several co-operative managers and Farmers Union members in regard to the development of a total seed program. After this first year's operations we were convinced that we were developing a very worthwhile project in a complete co-operative seed program. We began to make our plans for substantially increasing the acreage planted for seed the following spring."

"At this time last year we had made no sales from the 1943 crop. This year, we now have almost twice our total sales last year booked for spring delivery."

"The Central Co-operative is, I am sure, well on its way toward being one of the outstanding co-operative developments in the Farmers Union."

Mr. Dean's report on the Central Co-op will be carried in greater detail in the next issue of KUF.



All-convention supper picture. Part of the tables are not shown in the picture. It was impossible to get them all in the one picture because of the way they were arranged.

C of C Wants Russia, Not U. S. Development

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president of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce, Eric Johnston, is opposed to developing western America when he only recently visited Russia and came back whooping it up for the United States government to advance long-term credit to develop Russia!

At about the same time the U. S. Chamber of Commerce came out in opposition to a Missouri Valley Authority, or an Arkansas Valley Authority, Johnston came out for U. S. financial backing for development of Russia's resources!

Perhaps nothing more completely demonstrates the sheer selfishness of American Big Business.

"Shackle West"

They want the western half of the United States shackled, and denied regional resources development through a government corporation, and at the same time urge the U. S. government to help develop Russia because they believe that American industrialists can glean high profits from trade with Russia!

The opposition to an MVA and an AVA will undoubtedly be just as bitter as the fight to put the great Muscle Shoals dam and chemical plant to work for the people.

It is well to know who is in the background—the play of selfish interests who, while trying to conceal their real motives, shout "state's rights," "bureaucracy," "regimentation," and all the other epithets they can call to mind.

Eric for Russia Only
Eric Johnston wants the U. S. to back Russian development! But

he will probably call it "communist" for the U. S. to back our own development!

The position the United States Chamber of Commerce and its president have gotten into is completely selfish — and completely absurd.

David E. Lilienthal, chairman of the TVA, commenting on the absurd position which the U.S.C. of C. has taken, recently said in a column:

"If industrial development is in our interest in undeveloped Russia, why isn't it good for the under-developed regions of the United States?"

Why Not in U. S.?

"Why is it good business to risk our money on the Volga and the Dnieper, but 'wasteful and extravagant' to develop the Missouri Valley, the Arkansas and the St. Lawrence?"

"If these men can see so clearly (and rightly so) the advantage of building up business in Russia, etc., why don't more of them and the national organizations for which they speak give the industrially undeveloped regions a boost in their fight for freight rate equality?"

"The policy of extending credit to bring electricity to American farms and thereby build farm income has had a hard uphill fight in the past 20 years, and still has a tough time. The opposition has come chiefly from some business men and business organizations. That doesn't make sense—"

"Interlarded with tours of Russia, South America and so on, why not also organize a businessmen's tour of America's still unelectrified millions of farms and her undeveloped but potentially rich river valleys to dramatize the advantage of developing those markets, too, along with the Russian, the Chinese, and the Latin-American, for the products of American factories?"

Managers Assn. Holds Over Its 1944 Officials

By John Vesecky

The Farmers Union Managers and Directors Association meeting held at Topeka, Oct. 25, was better attended than was expected. Because of the rush of soy beans to market in the soy bean territory and the shortage of help in most of our co-operative elevators it was feared that only a small number would attend the meeting.

The good attendance testifies to the understanding our F. U. co-operative directors and managers of the importance of the problems facing our co-ops and of the necessity of concerted intelligent action on their part if the problems are to be solved and the co-operative movement kept from suffering a serious set-back.

Don Wilcox of Bennington, president of the Managers and Directors Association, and the program committee, provided an interesting program. The highlights of the program were the panel discussion on "What Can or Should Co-operative Managers Do About the Attack Being Made on the Co-operatives by Trade Organizations and Publications?" A talk on the same subject by Chas. A. Richards, Executive Secretary of the Kansas Co-

operative Council; a talk by H. E. Witham, general manager of the FUJA, and a talk by Vance Rucker of the Wichita Bank for Co-operatives.

The panel members were: John Schulte, manager, Mitchell County F. U. Co-op. Association, moderator; with Harold Westgate, manager, Manhattan; P. J. Nash, manager, Ellsworth; David Train, manager, Lindsborg, and Verle Moyer, manager, Clifton, as panel members.

The banquet was, as usual, provided by the Farmers Union Jobbing Association and was a very enjoyable affair.

The election of officers was dispensed with, since the present officers have already served half of the time for which any new officers would have been elected. In conformity with the decision, Don Wilcox, President and Jay Newbrey (Appointed) secretary, will serve until the regular annual meeting of the Association which will be held in May of next year. All those attending the meeting, with whom your reporter has had a chance to talk, were unanimous in voting the meeting one of the best ever held by the Farmers Union Managers and Directors Association.

The East Wolf Local No. 726 held a dance at the Lodge Hall in Lucas, September 29th. A large crowd enjoyed the evening. At a late hour a lunch of sandwiches and coffee was served. The Local plans to have another dance sometime around Halloween.—Viola Pickett, Reporter.



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Thanksgiving Day

The production and processing of food has played and will continue to play a most important part in the war effort. So let us stop a moment and give thanks—then dig in and keep up our part of the task of reaching the goal our boys are fighting for!

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