

# THE KANSAS UNION FARMER

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**Elect Patton President** 

who has been national president for three years.

ganizational activity, and through Cooperatives.

tion of these came by accla- Texas.

mation. Three of them—Tom

Cheek, Oklahoma; M. F. Dick-

inson, Arkansas; and Geo. A.

The new directors are H. C.

not run; and Mr. Patton has

of program. The convention people

divided into four groups-educa-

tion, organization, cooperation, and legislation. Each delegate and

member in registering indicated

the group to which he or she

wished to be assigned. These four

groups met separately Monday

and Tuesday afternoons, each to

Conference Plan Pleases

Each group discussed the pro-

by the members of the group. The

recommendations and proposals on which each group agreed were

brought the recommendations and posal."

proposals together, edited them,

and presented them to the con-

form the 1941 program of the or-

ganization. The content of each

conference report was rather gen-

erally known even before the read-

ing to the convention as a whole

for members of the different

groups were numerous enough and

had time enough for individual

program by the convention went

tle debate on Wednesday after-

Is Youthful and Aggressive

was selected on the avowed reason-

ing that a more youthful, aggres-

sive, militant leader was needed.

Mr. Patton was supported by those

who favor going along fully with

the present federal farm programs

and their administrators, and by

those most ardently in favor of

close affiliation with labor or-

Mr. Vesecky has gone along with

the federal farm programs and

has a social philosophy close to that of Mr. Patton, but as L. S.

Herron, editor of the Nebraska

Union Farmer described it, was

dependence by farmers and their

the method by which Mr. Vesecky

The balloting on president re-

sulted in 60 votes for Mr. Patton

motion by the latter to make Mr.

Patton's election unanimous was

adonted by a voice vote. The bal-

loting by states was not disclosed,

speeches gave some indication of

Mr. Patton was nominated by

Z. H. Lawton of Oklahoma, and

his nomination was seconded by

delegates from North Dakota and

ated by C. M. Yocum, St. Marys,

delegate from Kansas, and his nom-

ination was seconded b M. R. Mil-

Voting power at the national

ship in the home State Union, one

vote for every thousand members

is secured by member-

nominating and seconding

ing, and by those who objected to dispority."

ganizations in legislative action.

The new president, Mr. Patton,

consider its own subject.

eneral chairman.

H. D. Rolph, president of the Montana Farmers Union.

Nelson, Wisconsin—were re- ed in his talk, after giving his pre-

elected to succeed themselves. pared presidential report to the

Hansen, Nebraska; and Ole have fallen by the wayside have

Olson, North Dakota. Glen been ruined by domination of some

Talbott, North Dakota, did political group which used the

been the fifth director.

The 1940 Convention was distinguished by the conference plan of program The assument of program The

discussion between sessions. Be-cause of this, the adoption of the simply that Kansas must have

more

secretary.

Warning By Vesecky

ers Union become politically mind-

"Most farm organizations which

united farmers for its own bene-

fit," he said. "We must guard

own ends. If we do not, the wolves will get us and we will fall just

becoming a political football.

support from other farmer

M. W. Thatcher, St. Paul, Minn.,

plish what we set out to do."

Incentive to Membership

vage by states as they voted on

the presidential ballot was not

H. G. Keeney, Nebraska, report-

leave here it is not so important

considered strong.

our program.

tions have fallen.

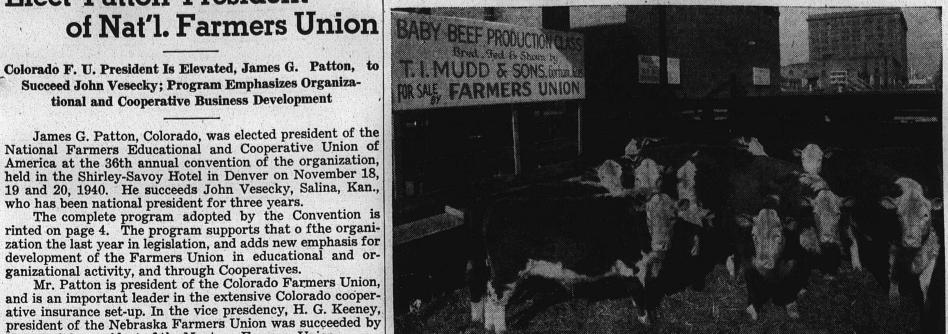
Colorado F. U. President Is Elevated, James G. Patton, to

Succeed John Vesecky; Program Emphasizes Organiza-

tional and Cooperative Business Development

SALINA, KANSAS, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5,

### WINNER AT AMERICAN ROYAL



Only five nominations were made for the five places on the board of directors, and elec-Pictured above are 15 head of choice Hereford Baby Beeves, bred, fed and shown in the 1940 American Royal by Tom I. Mudd and his sons, Bernard and Paul. This load took second place in the

John Vesecky warned the con-vention against letting the Farm-Tom I. Mudd of Gorham, Kansas, a good member of the Kansas Farmers Union, has formed a habit of showing prize winning loads of fed baby beeves and yearlings in the American Royal. This year was no exception for his load of choice baby beevse placed second in their class. However, at the sale these cattle sold higher than any others in their class. In addition to the load, Mr. Mudd and his sons,

in their class and the group of three placed 7th.

Bernard and Paul, fed and showed three prime steers which were entered in the open class in Paul's name. Two of these steers placed 5th and 6th it is really a job to make these calves ready for the show. It requires a real knowledge of handling and after watching the boys take care of their cattle durng Royal week it is easy to understand that they

Mr. Mudd received further honors during 1940 as he was adjudged "Champion Beef Producer" in the state of Kansas for the year 1939. All of this is being accomplished by Mr. Mudd and his sons with a rather small herd of cows in

vestern Kansas wheat country. Mr .Mudd's cattle are always shown through the Farmers Union Live Stock Commission Company or the Kansas City market and during the year when he has other cattle to sell his own firm represents

### 20 ATTEND FROM KANSAS

as many other similar organiza-Denver Trip to National Convention Taken by Strong Delegation "A great danger that besets all farm organizations is that of hav-Kansans in attendance at the ing somebody grab it for political purposes," he continued. "We must National F. U. Convention in Denver included the state delegate, C. M. Yocum, St. Marys; the officers, E. K. Dean, P. J. Nash, and Rex keep our organization from falling into the hands of those who should squeeze the juice out of it, Troutman; four of the five directors, Bert Harmon, Ellsworth; as out of an orange, and then George Reinhart, Parsons; Reuthrow it away like the rind. We ben E. Peterson, McPherson; and posals and suggestions made to it must keep our organization from Ray Henry, Stafford. W. E. Roesch. "We must always have legisla-tion to keep the rules fair. In the Quinter, was suffering from a bad cold and was unable to attend. H. E. Witham, T. C. Belden then turned over to the co-ordinat- first meeting of the Agricultural ing committee, consisting of Glad-ys Talbott Edwards, North Dakota, tives of farm organizations and of both of Kansas City, Homer Ter-

pening, Wakeeney, and A. T. Riley, Salina, were representatives there from the Farmers Union chairman of the education group; handlers and processors of farm James G. Patton, chairman of the products, an attempt was made to organization group; H. E. Witham, pass a proposal for self-regula-Jobbing Association. David Train, president of the Kansas, chairman of the cooper- tion in business. This would have McPherson county Farmers Un-ion and secretary of the state Faration group; and Tom Cheek, chair- meant that old-line business could man of the legislation group, with make rules to put the cooperatives mers Union Managerial Associa-Glen Talbott, North Dakota, as out of business. I succeeded in get-

ganization. Julius Gibson, Jr. coun-This co-ordinating committee representatives to kill the proy vice president, of McPherson, was sent by Scandia Local. Mr. Vesecky praised the work of The two Kansas torchbearers were Bernard Schafer, McPherson; vention Wednesday afternoon, to as chairman of the legislative and Orville Rawson, Marquette. committee of the National Union. Two other juniors, Ida Mae Carl-

but explained, "but because of son of the No. 8 Local at Marquette, and Velva Higgason, Quinwar conditions we did not accomter, attended the convention. Finally, there were Esther Ek-The reaction of the Kansas delblad, state director of education: egation to the convention after and John Vesecky, the retiring observing the swing of official president of the National Farmers

power in membership to SAVINGS AT ST. JOE ahead without delay and very lit- have greater influence in its own national organization as well as in Paul Steele Reports On Business the national government. The clea-

of Last 11 Months ed as vice president. "When we what we have adopted as the

said. "The strength of our organion." His letter continues: zation is in the men and women out on the farms who believe in "The danger to this country is from within more than from with-out," he added. "Unemployment is one of those dangers. Too often we do not go to the root of the problem. Disparity in prices is the reason for farm foreclosures. Mak- believe it highly to the advantage

supported for re-election "by those ing loans to tenants to buy farms of our members and readers to will not reduce tenancy if we do ship to us here at St. Joseph. not cure this disparity. We must cooperatives from too much gov- go on into processing. There is the new frontier, and the way to end Mrs. Gladys Talbott Edwards, in reporting as director of education. loans at the close

said "youth is a stage of life, not a career, and we do not want to and 30 votes for Mr. Vesecky. A make it a career. We do not want a separate organization for our youth. We do not want them to build themselves apart from the and rest of the organization. We went This is equivalent to a patronage to keep the Farmers Union a family organization, with men, wo- 21.48 per cent. men, and children all together, as

in the home.

Is Family Organization We have not neglected adult education in our attention to Colorado. Mr. Vesecky was nomin- youth," she continued. "We must recognize that we must get back to youth," she continued. "We must recognize that we must get ler, delegate from Missouri, and back to the things of the spirit, or also by delegates from Ohio, Califail in material things. Dictatorships give their youth something to die for. We must give them

something to live for. Geo. A. Nelson, Wisconsin, in reporting as chairman of the Namajor fraction thereof; plus tional board, made one of the best eight additional votes from the liked talks of the convention. He board of directors and officers. told no funny stories, but in Will There were 92 accredited votes; 90 Rogers fashion discovered humor votes were shown in the presiden- more closely in his surroundings.

"I think we are having the best convention this year we have ever was as follows: Arkansas, 2 votes; had," he said. "One man who has been in the Union 26 years says Alabama, 1; California, 1; Colorado, 5; Iowa, 2; Kansas, 4; Louisiana, 1; we are closer to unity than ever Missouri, 1; Michigan, 1; Montana, before." Mr. Nelson commented 6; Nebraska, 11; North Dakota, 14; that his memory was not so good, Ohio 1; Oklahoma, 21; Oregon, 2; but he found this an advantage in Pennsylvania, 1; South Dakota, his condition, that what he learned 5; Washington, Idaho, 1; and Wis-in the past did not handicap him consin 4. The three national offi- fro mthe future.

He praised the members of the cers and each director is entitled dues were received, but which the directors perhaps were not 1604. After a disastrous winter boys at White Deer are working gram as being inferior to the were not represented by delegates all gaited at the same pace and (Continued on Next Page)

No news of the St. Joe Farmers Union Live Stock Commission Company was in the last issue of the Kansas Union Farmer. The reason is explained by a letter from Paul Steele, manager of the showed promise of putting on good association. "We were too busy gains in weight. to tell you about what was going

"Our profit for the first eleven months of 1940 is \$17,971.78, which is equivalent to a patropage sayings for refund purposes of 32.78 per cent. So far this year we have handled 3.295 cars, of all species. both bought and sold. We are having one of the best years that we have had in a long time and we

"At the close of business on November 30, our outstanding loans in the Farmers Union Credit Association total \$192,030.01. This is an increase in loans from the same loans are past due. The profit from months' operation is \$1,011.59.

"In the serum jobbing account our gross sales now total \$3,505.31 the net profit to date is \$746. savings for refund purposes of

"Our profits for the first eleven months of 1940 can, therefore, be distributed as follows: Profit from operation of commission business \$17,971.78 Operating profits from loans. Profits from sale serum..

Total profits to Novem ber 30, 1940 all acti month of December holds in store

for us, but we are satisfied it will show a profit. "Our annual board meeting will be held January 17 and 18, 1941, at which time the patronage dividends for the year 1940 will be backers of the plan declare. It's declared by the directors. There is on a commercial basis and designone way in which you can share in the distribution of these prof- profit to offset risks of cattle its and that is this-pay your 1940 dues in a farm organization whose contract we hold and ship to uswe do the rest."

ORONO, Me., (A)-The earliest record of crops grown by Europeans in Maine soil is that of the tle handling in this territory than have been occasionally outcrop- ical order. gardens planted on St. Croix Is- under any plan I have seen used ping of jealousy and hard feelings land and grain seeded on the previously," the colony was abandoned in the under H. M. Howell, vocational ag- they offered the youth of the approximately 125. The toast mas- needed a hot bath and lots of spring of 1605.

## Farm Youth Feed Cattle for Profit, Not Prizes

Instead of trying to finish out cattle for market, a new type of project stresses low cost feeding, and the youth raises the animals to sell as feeders. The project in Texas is very similar to the one being developed in McPherson county by the McPherson county Farmers Union juniors in cooperation with the Farmers Union Live Stock Commission Company, Wichita. The following article is from the Amarilla Daily News.

Carson County youths last week naugurated a new plan for feeding beef cattle that may prove a pattern for club boys' projects in Instead of trying to finish out cattle for market, the Carson Four-

H and FFA boys are purchasing commercial steer calves, will stress weight gains on low cost feeding, and then next fall will sell the animals as feeders.

It's a plan that the boys and their leaders have had in the back of their heads for some time and that they are now launching after careful charting and considerable ground work.

A boys club committee composed of Ray Calliham of Conway, Marshall King and Carroll Purve ines of Panhandle have been scouting the entire Southwest for some time, and after inspecting many herds, located some in the Hondo Valley of New Mexico.

60 Calves Purchased They were not looking for outstanding show cattle but a good grade of commercial calves that

Fourteen of the youths purch ased approximately 60 head of the calves. Some of the boys paid for their animals at delivery while others bought theirs with loans obtained through Carson County

Averaging 375 pounds in weight,

each boy assumed his proportionate share of the shrink when the calves were received at the Minor Simms farm, east of Panhandle There for a day the Four-H and FFA lads turned ranchers as part of their education in handling commercial cattle. The animal were re-vaccinated, given shots of pine tar, cottonseed oil and cloroform for ear ticks and branded on the jaw with the Carson youths own distinctive brand, an open C. The boys are to grow and develop these calves, putting pounds on them as do many of the cattle men of this area. The animals will be run on grass, wheat pasture, sudan and stalk fields, and will be fed only what supplementary roughages and concentrates neces-

sary in order to keep them gain Prizes for Weight Gains Each boy will have the respon-sibility of using his own judgment in feeding and as to when will be regrouped into two carloads next fall and sold as feed-

At that time a calf show will be held with cash awards, given on the basis of pounds gained, raththe animals. There is to be nothing fancy

about the Carson feeding program, ed to allow a sufficient margin of feeding.

Chance for Profit good grade of commercial calves, county agent and vocational teaand I believe the boys have more chers. chances of a sure profit and of While in most counties that county organization to visit the learning a sound method of cat- same fine spirit is shown, there riculture teacher, while members county

of the Panhandle FFA chapter are under the leadership of J. P.

Besides the county club comnittee, other Carson County men who are helping in the project are Charles Lemons, J. H. O'Neal, Mr. Simms and others.

Four-H and FFA boys who are eeding out calves under the new ola nare Donald Hill, Raymond Hill, Earl Burum, Ruel Robinson, Harold Welsh, Esteene Ketchum, Robert Russ, Dellis Russ, Charles Kirkwood, W. D. Stalls, Romen Homen, Jack Powell, Melvin Walker and Bobby McGregor.

Following is a special column in the Amarilla Daily News writen by Raymond Holbrook There's a new project underway that will bear watching by club and vocational agricultural

boys and their dads, county agents and teachers. It's the commercial feeding plan that 14 Carson County youths this year are inaugurating. With 60 head of steer calves, they plan to feed these animals on pasture ,feed stubble, using concentrates only when necessary. They are shooting for show ribbons but they are for putting on the most pounds with the least cost. The calves won't be sold as finished beef but as feed-

er calves. There's 'nothing new in the idea itself—in fact commercial feeding along those lines have been the backbone of the cattle industry in this part of the country for decades. However, it is new for club and FFA boys, who up to now have placed emphasis on finishing out one or two calves, usually lot fed with a big expense bill for high-priced

For some time, many have felt that such finished feeding is not particularly practical in this area, especially in the non-irrigated areas where there is usually more pasture available than grain feeds. And many a club boy has had to depend on show premiums and fancy prices paid by civic organizations for the calf itself in order to show a profit on his project. Several years ago, the Plain-view Fat Stock Show tried to put the boys livestock feeding op tions on a more practical basis by doing away with the customary auction and the premium prices and replacing it wiht a trip to Kansas City where the boys saw their cattle and sheep sold on the open market for their true value and at the same time enabling them to get a closeup view of the nation's livestock marketing sys-

The Carson County plan goes even further. Many there are unconvinced that the agriculture of this immediate area has advanced to the point that it can finish out cattle as do the corn states of Iowa and Illinois. They believe is hoped that most of the calves country, running cattle on the range and then selling them for feeder calves to be shipped East to finish. By following a program which they believe best adapted was re-elected county Junior Leadto their own country, the Carson County Club and FFA leaders er than on the show condition of Agricultural Agent Frank Ford ant county Junior Leader. It was and Vocational Agriculture Tea- voted to appropriate \$30 to the national Farm Security Adminischers J. P. Smith and H. M. Howell-declare that the boys will be ing year. facing less risk in their feeding operations and will be able to real ize more profit on less capital out-

McPherson, were all re-elected to their offices of county president, vice president and secretary res An incidental but nevertheless important feature of the Carson "We did not try to buy out- County program is the smooth and standing show cattle, but just a friendly cooperation between the have monthly meetings through the year 1941, it was

## Managers and Directors to Managerial Meetings

President Nash Announces Two Week Schedule-Local Cooperative Leaders Should Select and Attend Closest **Meeting in Their Territory** 

### EIGHT MEETINGS ON SCHEDULE

No Speeches—Program Will Consist of Open Discussion to Develop Improved Efficiency and Methods in Cooperative Business Procedure

By P. J. Nash

Sometimes nothing seems to cause more detours on the

highway of life than the meeting with an obvious fact. The co-operative system of marketing and distribution in our national economy is an obvious fact. Some efficiency must be and will be built into this system bridging it into our life's highway. A great many people have progressed this far, and meeting this fact but here the detours begin.

Some would build from the top down—throw across some sort of a cable structure and construct a foundation later. Some would suspend the system from air-castles. Some would build the system as a whole and some would build units. Some feeding to get cattle in condition to stand the test of competition one meets at the Royal. However, build slowly and solidly—nay as they go. Others declare an build slowly and solidly—pay as they go. Others declare an emergency exists and would build with all haste, using every credit facility available. Perhaps some would tear down and destroy a little of whatever should be built.

Surely more efficiency will be built into the co-operative wind system democratically by the producers and consumers. Kansas seems to be the logical place in the nation to make a start toward correcting some of these detours democratically. City Hall, Clay Center, Thursday Therefore, space is being granted in the Kansas Union Farmer to issue an invitation to the co-operative engineers of Kansas to attend the most convenient of eight District meetings to be held in December throughout the state.

By co-operative engineers is meant directors and managers of co-operative stores, oil-stations, elevators, creameries, livestock, associations, etc.

PRESIDENT E. K. DEAN WILL ATTEND

The Farmers Union Managerial Association in co-operation with the Farmers Union Jobbing Association and the Kansas State Extension Service of Kansas State College is sponsoring these meetings. The sincere hope is to bring about education and understanding, an active out the state, and by the first of and participating membership, a pattern for future development and the year have a definite organizaexpansion and other tools necessary for efficient mass production of the co-operative movement. However regardless of the sincerity of the above named groups, nothing worthwhile can be accomplished without the individual assistance and cooperation of the engineers in shaping this program.

Open discussion will be conducted in all the meetings. A manager from each district will act as chairman of the meetings. Tom Hall will represent the Jobbing Association and Warren Mather will be in atendance for the Extention Service of Kansas State College.

The Kansas Farmers Union has pledged a more active support to the Kansas Co-operatives that year and the newly elected President E. K. Dean, has accepted an invitation to attend all the district meetings. Schedule, place and program of district meetings: Fuesday, Dec. 10—Menlo, Kan. | Tuesday, Dec. 17—Salina, Kan.

Wednesday, Dec. 11—Stockton, Kan Wednesday, Dec. 18—Robinson, Kan Thursday, Dec. 12—Green, Kan. Friday, Dec. 19—Richmond, Kan Friday, Dec. 13—Winfield, Kan. Friday, Dec. 20—St. Marys, Kan. Program: Open Discussion.

10:00 a. m .- Meeting called to order.

When gueried if he and the vo-

cational agricultural teacher co-

operated, one Plains county agent

declared "sure we do. I know some

us to do and lots left over, too."

Proof that cooperation pays

comes in the fact that in almost

every instance, the most outstand-

ing Four-H clubs and FFA chap-

ters are from counties where the

county agents and FFA teachers

are working for a common objec-

TWO McPHERSON MEETINGS

elects Officers and Mrs. Olson

McPherson county has had two

splendid Farmers Union meetings

the last week, first the second an-

annual meeting of the McPherson

er at the latter meeting, and Mrs.

Floyd Rawson, Marquette, assist-

county junior work for the com-

David Train, Lindsborg, Julius

Gibson, Jr., and Homer Spence,

County Monthly Meeting

Farmers Union Locals in alphabet-

voted.

The county organization

tive and not personal glory.

Suggested question for discussion: What are the advantages of membership to a local cooperative business organization?

2. Can a local farmers' business organization use cooperative principles without doing a major part of its business with members? If membership is desirable in a local farmers' business organi-

zation, how can it effectively be built and maintained? 4. How can the local cooperative and the Farmers Union work together on a cooperative educational program?

5. What will be the effects of probable changes in economic conditions on cooperative organizations? All directors and managers of cooperative associations are urged

Farmers Union Managerial Association

P. J. Nash, President.

Actually both the Four-H and now attending Bethany college. across the state to attend scatter-

Future Farmers of America are There were two featured speakers, Each has its own specialties and ciation, Kansas City; and Rex the same, they each have their ers Union Life Insurance com- their meetings. own field. If there were only Four- pany. H Clubs in the county, many a boy Miss Gloy Belton, Lincolnville, who is now being reached by FFA gave an entertaining reading; clubs would be left out in the cold. Keith Peterson played some of his Likewise, if there were only FHA chapters, many a boy now receiving valuable aid in 4-H work would be unable to participate.

ever-popular accordian selections. The two Kansas torchbearers to the National convention, Orville Rawson and Bernard Schafer, made their reports. John P. Fengel, former president of the Kansas Farmers Unplaces the two don't get along so ion, and Mrs. Fengel were guests tend some of the annual meetings well but instead of helping them- at the banquet. Mr. Fengel gave a being held by the northwest terplaces the two don't get along so

selves they are just defeating their brief speech, encouraging the jun- minal agencies there at that time own purposes. There's no reason lors in their organizational acti- also. She expected to return into for any rivalry in our county. vity, and emphasizing the impor- Kansas December 10. There's plenty of work for both of tance of holding a straight course to their goals.

John Vesecky, former National Locals in Clay county, December Farmers Union president, was al- 3 and 4. so a special guest at the banquet After the program, folk games were played, lead by Esther Excation.

New FSA Appointment

of the Farm Security Administra- suffering the highest insurance tion in Nebraska, Kansas, North losses covered by the company and South Dakota, has announced the appointment of L. A. White, terville; J. E. Romick, Maple Hill: Nebraska FSA director, as assishe will dispose of his calves, but it that it's still a commercial cattle nual banquet by the Farmers Un- tant regional director in charge ion county juniors; second ,the of resettlement activities in the four states.

White succeeds Raub Snyder. who has been transferred from the Savage River dam, was having a FSA Region 7 office in Lincoln, Nebraska, to Washington, D. C., where he will be assistant director of rural rehabilitation for the

tration. Ward announced simultaneously the appointment of L. R. Leonard of Lincoln, the FSA's farm debt adjustment specialist for Nebras-

ka, as the new state director. WRONG PLACE DIVISION

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C. (A)-Fayetteville police are well pleas ed with the cooperation drunks have accorded them of late. One unsteady fellow dropped in for a chat, another staggered in to de-The Farmers Union Junior ban- mand satisfaction for a traffic housed, and given pocket money. says County Agent resulting from a fear that one quet, held in the McPherson Com- ticket and another pulled wearily national board. He compared them to a five-horse team, and said to a stop in front of headquarters and ordered an officer to take indeed a success. Attendance was his bags for he was "tired and

### Pres. Dean Into Heavy Schedule -Organization

Pottawatomie Tonight; Ellsworth, Friday; Clay,

December 12

Ernest K. Dean, president of the Kansas Farmers Union, reached Salina early Monday morning, December 2, just in advance of his furniture. That evening he attended the annual meeting of the McPherson county Farmers Union,

McPherson. An hour or two in the State Office Tuesday morning, and then Mr. Dean was on the road to Beattie where the all-day Marshall county Farmers Union

The Pottawatomie county Farmers Union meeting at Osoburg, Thursday, 1 p. m., was his next en-gagement, permitting some time for him to renew acquaintances throughout this territory. The Elisworth county Farmers Union will meet Friday evening, Ellsworth, and Mr. Dean is scheduled to speak. Headquarters Local will have a meeting Saturday evening.

The new state president plans to attend every one of the dis-trict Farmers Union Managerial Meetings: Menlo, Stockton, Green,

mond and St. Marys.

The Clay County Farmers Union annual meeting will be held in the Dean will attend the Managerial district meeting that day at Green, and drive over to Clay Center to

he county meeting that evening. Study Organized Campaign There are a number of other engagements that are tentatively on the schedule, but it is the general plan of President Dean to attend the many December meetings of Farmers Union organizations, confer with loyal members throughtional program to present to the local territories. There will likey be a number of conferences in Salina the latter part of the month that a strong and practical program may be mapped out. Interested leaders are asked to

study carefully the report of the Organization committee, a section of the National Farmers Union program printed on page four of this issue. The Kansas schedule of action will likely follow many of the suggestions brought out in the National Convention conferences on organization, education and co-

Mr. Dean is firmly of the opinready for renewed interest in the Farmers Union organization. He believes a forceful and resultful organizational drive needs be carefully planned and should be carwith good cooperation from local Farmers Union members.

To Make Planned Schedule He plans to develop the organizational work by conference with local and district and state leaders, first; then intensive work in each territory.

Economy will be practiced in

scheduling speaking engagements, and local people are asked to consider substitute datings in cases where much mileage and time can be saved b avoiding great skips ed Farmers Union meetings. Careinvaluable to the agricultural H. E. Witham, general manager of the country's youth. The Farmers Union Jobbing Assotion and the acquaintance of as many Farmers Union people as though their general subject is Lear, state manager of the Farm- possible, and to attend as many of

## TO ST. PAUL MEETINGS

Esther Ekblad Will Leave Friday for Nat'l Council Meet Miss Esther Ekblad, director of the state junior department, plans to leave Friday for St. Paul, Minn. to attend a meeting of the National Far - Union Junior Council, called by the national leader. Mrs. Gladys T. Edwards. She will at-

Miss Ekblad planned to meet with the Four Mile and Lincoln

On Honor Roll in Insurance Union Mutual Insurance Company n November were P. H. Heidecker. Harry Heim: Easton: John Slingsby, Clay Center; and Frank Mc-Cal A. Ward, regional director Lean, Concordia. The territories were those of Harold Fagan, Cenand J. C. Graves, Eureka.

> MOTORO MYSTERY CUMBERLAND, Md., (A)-Charles M. Fisher, blacksmith at giet evening of it until dots and dashes sounded from an electric

motor in the forge shop. Troubleshooters explained the mystery: The motor somehow was picking up orders sent by a Baltimore & Ohio railroad telegraph dispatcher.

DENMARK LABOR CAMPS COPENHAGEN (AP) - Denmark has decided to spend eight million kroners for the erection of labor camps for young people. Any youth in pursuit of gainful

occupation who has been without

employment for 100 days or more will be sent to such a labor camp. He will be fed, clothed and

are still in operation in Florida.

The great Salt lake is 30 miles

wide and 70 miles long.

## The Kansas Union Farmer

Rex H. Troutman .....

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### SALINA, KANSAS, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1940

The Open Discussion Meeting religious freedom. Certainly it was Every person who can possibly unkind fate that brought this right changed at 70 cents and should get away from his duties at home of religious freedom to be on the get away from his duties at home should attend one of the district meetings of the Farmers Union Managerial Association, December 20. There are eight to December 20. The Decemb tance an important reason for non- he might be called.

quainted with cooperative managers of neighboring communities, rive at a solution, understanding official court ruling or two sup- of the problem's complexity, or ported the members of the school This has made it impossible for mers Union. discover simply a problem-child that he will enjoy nursing so that identifying characteristics can be analyzed by another of religious freedom.

The cooperative director will find that open discussion is a simplest patriotic gesture! Memsplendid method of education into bers of the religious sect have ernment's report that a parity world thinks." his own local cooperative busi-ness. He will find new viewpoints, been turned forcibly from the lim-tits of country towns, but the high-farmers have to pay for the things time and again, that will give new understanding to new and old situations upon which he must pass judgment: and on which he must give guidance to his fellow cooperative members as well as their hired man, the manager.

Members and prospective members of cooperatives will likewise find the discussions instructive. The great majority of cooperators agree to that principle of "con- consideration before Congress of something for the farmer's labor. tinued expansion" by cooperatives, the Logan Walter Bill. Passage of There is a vast difference from and frank discussion among friends of the movement should deter- an appeal to be taken from the demine whether the signal should judgment of the member class is in recent years by the govern- and the consumer's side. The proespecially important in consideration of the addition of new "lines" sions often have extensive powers, get together when the grain profby the farmers' association, or the and persons and companies have iteer and speculator are replaced organization of a new cooperative

ment. These boards and commis-

legislative committee, headed by M. W. Thatcher, St. Paul have

should allow many important ac-

party in practice.

The National Farmers Union erative Farmer.

their case has been reached.

The important attraction to these Managerial Meetings, to the minds of many, will be that they are not too well planned, that the discussions are not given a marked path before they start. There is a general question to get conversation started, and interesting scenic ideas are more desired than dusplanned to be for the farm cooperative-the farmer, the director and the manager. They should be supported-by attendance.

Double-Barreled Problems

Thanksgiving day is not the only complication offered this season to the student of government and national policy. And these other subjects perhaps have more permanent importance than the one of when to eat turkey, if you can

Our nation was built on a deepour nation was built on a deep rooted philosophy that our people should have freedom of speech, not see eye to eye on such complete that our leadership do not see eye to eye on such complete the might to assemble, freedom plicated legislation and law. in religion, and freedom of the press. These rights are not dependent one on the other, but are popularly regarded with equal status. Infringement on the one might be expected to be followed

by infringement on another. Again, it often agreed by those who discuss the subject, that Democratic Government faces its surd to have two telephone comgreatest enemy within itself. An outside philosophy could not combat the forces of Democracy, for bat the forces of Democracy, for when people under a democratic government unite to fight, their strength and spirit are unbeatable. secure good service and contact with his neighbors, or there would sees that every eligible honorary need be coordination at the top and junior member receives a card. Only when such a people are dis-heartened, divided in loyalty and might be connected with subscrib-the whole local. strength of democracy tend to dis- companies.

tates too much duplication and in- Farmer.

Editor efficiency. It is like reasoning that deter- **ELECT PATTON** mines the multiplication of cooperative business associations. Few are the cooperative organizations that would not welcome a bigger volume of business, a new increase in the number of patrons and members. There is a limit to how far size can efficiently and satisfactorily develop, but it the exceptional cooperative today which is bothered by its own bigness. The efficiency of central management seems to out-weigh the important characteristic of the small cooperative in that its members and its management are close in understanding, loyalty and friend-

> But expansion into the efficiency of modern big-business may develop by reaching into depth as well as breadth. A compactly or-ganized cooperative with a hundred members within a small com-munity can operate with profit and satisfaction, although a membership of three hundred or more does not necessarily spell success if they are spread out over the entire countryside.

There are just immediate two ways to increase volume by a cooperative: increased business by more patronage of present mem-bers, which means that some of the members have been giving their trade partly elsewhere, or perhaps the addition of a new line y the cooperative; or secondly, increased business by an increased membership, and more members closer home are more desirable than those distant and difficult to serve satisfactorily.

There is yet another way to increase patronage, but results are generally not so immediate. That way is to increase the financial ability of the cooperator, so that he has more purchasing power and more returns from his market-ings, that greater individual volume by the member will increase volume of his association. This way brings another relationship of the association to the Farmers the family owned home, and as Union. Its importance cannot be they step, so goes Democracy." over-emphasized.

The Wheat Price

Recently we read an article by ne stated wheat was selling in our markets for 30 cents per bushel el, so according to this commenta- ed. for he should be getting around 40 cents per bushel. We have been under the impression all the time that the farmer was being short-

distributed throughout the state proudly shows his loyalty be it so that no Kansan could make dis- army service, or whatever field standpoint of the private grain of directors meeting the week-end firm that wants to handle a large But there arises a religious sect, volume of business so as to col-On the other hand, there are called by the noncommittal title of lect more commissions. As comvarious good reasons for the attendance of those interested in the development of cooperative business activity. The manager will be a something the first large transfer of the result of the result is a something the first large transfer of the result is a something the first large transfer of the result is a something transfer of the ness activity. The manager will fusal is explained as on religious providing he can move the volume. Iution," said Benjamin Stapleton, of Directors decided to amend the not only meet and become ac- grounds. Children of the sect have Well, it happens that because of mayor of Denver, in welcoming charter and split up the \$100 been turned away from public the government loan enabling far- the convention at the opening sesbeen turned away from public the government that the beat instead schools, for local school board mers to store their wheat instead school, for local school board mers to store their wheat instead school, for local school board mers to store their wheat instead school, for local school board mers to store their wheat instead school bear the school board mers to store their wheat instead school bear the school bear gers of neighboring communities, schools, for local school board members have gone far only in a developing a market that the price has been forced up some 30 cents per bushbefore multiplied minds and arborad min the grain men to handle any exboard: then a supreme court rul-

> so as to collect commissions. est law of the land gives the sect they buy. This parity price is above its legal blessing. \$1.00 per bushel. Second, we don't so the letter of the law is upbelieve a farmer can produce held, despite the misunderstand- wheat for less than \$1.00 per bush- atives. ing of those who see their country el if he takes the average 10-year undermined by the strict enforce- yield and figures all the costs ment of its most sacred princi- such as preparing the land, seeding, cost of seed, harvesting, inter-Farmers Union people, especial- est and depreciation on equiply in Kansas, are somewhat con- ment, interest on land investment, cision of the various executive the producer's side, the grain boards and administrations set up handler's and speculator's side, ducer and consumer will be able to had no appeal after a decision in by a cooperative system for distri-

> > A Good Local Secretary What are the qualifications of a

bution.-M. R. Miller in The Coop-

fought the Walter-Logan bill on grounds that if legal technicalities good local secretary? This is the time of year when tions of the mentioned commis- many locals are electing officers, sions and administrations to be and there is no more important thrown into court, and injunctions office in the Farmers Union than ty detours-but the meetings are and such be permitted, the entire the local secretary. A business-like New Deal program would be jeppresident and capable Junior leadardized, if not voided in many in- er, to be sure, are assets to the progress of any local. All Congressmen from Kansas A dead secretary, however, support the Walter Logan bill on means a dead local, for the secre-

grounds that it is democratic in tary is the link between the local principle and non-Democratic and the state organization. The secretary receives the com-Such complications for a fair munications from the state union. judgment by American citizens If he—or perhaps more often, she seem to come more and more fre—sees that the instructions from quent. Complications are no long- the state office are carried out it er existent after their solution means another smooth functioning perhaps, for nothing appears very unit in the organization—and it is omplicated after a correct analy- hundreds of such units functioning

sis has been completed. It is un-fortunate that our leadership do that make the Farmers Union pow-The secretary remits the dues and reports changes in local offi-

have become partisan along any argumentative line, then does the strength of democracy tend to dis
strength of democracy tend to dis-For instance, the American peo-ple proudly hold to their right of uneconomical; in fact, most extra-Local secretaries should be elect-

PRESIDENT OF NAT'L FRAMERS UNION

they were working more and more harmoniously. "It takes time to get teamwork." he said.

Mr. Nelson is not a great believcome reputedly radical or red. Speaking of one so-called "red," Mr. Nelson said he was only thankful that the person was not "yel-

(Continued from Page One)

Would Cooperate With Labor "Farmers are only 25 per cent of the population now. Politicians want votes. They cannot carry elections with 25 per cent of the votes. Labor has about 25 per cent of the votes, so together we have about 50 per cent. Why fight the folks in the cities who labor? They came from the farms. Why

level. Mr. Nelson was pleased with the conference set-up of the convention, but spoke of the difficulty of dividing the conference into groups. "In our cooperative con-ference we could not keep on cooperation alone, but had to discuss the necessity of organization and education. They didn't do much better in the other sections. In one room they got so far from the subject that they elected offi-

The latter remark referring to a brought much and continuing laughter.

He stressed the need of organization. "Santa Claus isn't coming," he said frankly. "If we want things to happen we have to make them happen. Others may do things to us, but not for us.

Robert Handschin, resident secretary of the legislative committee of the National Farmers Union, stationed in Washington, D. market commentator in which contact wheat was selling in our the need of more Farmers Union membership for greater legislative more than it should be. The farm- influence, "The Farmers Union is er at his local shipping point was on the map in Washington better getting around 70 cents per bush- now than ever before," he declar-

> "But we have a long ways to go. understand our program. We must cent of the members consisted of educate them. We want effective tenants in 1939 support from the membership for

preceding Mayor Gives Welcome

"I hope we can work on our problems until we can find a so-

ing vetoed the decision and placed port business and to otherwise one of the oldest Farmers Union chief importance on the civil right trade in wheat as they would like states, chronologically, ane one of the newest in its program," said What a nation to permit a civil Our reason for believing the James G. Patton. "We have a proright to take preeminence over the wheat price should be \$1.00 or gram with punch, and we are for it

> In responding, Tom Cheek commented on the friendly spirit in Denver, and Ole Olson, North Dakota urged unity between our state unions and between our cooper-

Labor Representatives Speak "The organization I represent is 100 per cent behind the farmers," declared Reid Robinson, head of the Colorado CIO. This attitude was reiterated by Geo. Brassfield, president of the Colorado State Federation of Labor, and Bert Chipman of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen.

"We realize that farm prices are too low," said Mr. Brassfield, "and that the country can prosper only when the farmer prospers." "Farmers and the railroad bronerhoods should work together in legislation," said Mr. Chipman. "You can be assured that the Far-mers Union of Colorado and the

At the suggestion of President Vesecky, the convention voted to send greeting by wire to the CIO, A. F. of L., and the Grange, all in session at the same time as the National Farmers Union. memorial service for Farmers Un-ion leaders lost by death in the year 1940 was held at the begin- spite of difficulties it can be done. said.

ning of the evening session, Man-day. Outstanding in national leaders lost was Morris Erickson, North Dakota. A plea for support of efforts to maintain civil liberties was made by Chas. Graham, Denver.

must have this education in econlards keeping benefit checks that omics and cooperation. Private belonged to the tenants. Urges the Cooperative Way

Problem and the Case for Cooperation as the Cure." "Let us use our political power to get a free and fair field. Beyond that, let us carfy cooperation clear through to commercial entertainment. In our stop extortion and checkmate mo- program, we are training the peonopoly. Let us cease to feed the trusts with our patronage, and provide their own recreation. use it to build our own system. les are generally agreed to rate a separate category from other business interests, and are called utilor or a middle initial left out may ities, public utilities if public mean that some member is not ple in the carrive and ecological work at nomic well-being with freedom."

A plea to feed the starving peodeclared. "Every summer a lot of ple in the carrive are willing to do it," Mr. Graham declared. "Every summer a lot of ple in the carrive are willing to do it," are willing to do it, are willing to do it." This is the way to justice and ecople in the captive countries of cheap carnival outfits visit coun-Europe was made by Edwin C. try towns and take away thous-Johnson, United States senator ands of dollars spent with them

> State Presidents Have Panel Why we need an organization, and how to build it, were the sub-

convention.

vagant. The theory that competition is the life of trade breaks down if such competition necessition of his efforts.—N. D. Union Members by Changing Stock Value

By Warren Mather, Extension Service, Kansas State College miles south of Topeka. And from June 1 to September 15, 1940, another 21 new members were obspeed, but that as time went along,

June 1, 1939. this fine "accomplishment" story tive. is based:

bers became inactive during this time. Some 6 years ago, about 50 a share from an old stockholder per cent of the business was com- with the understanding that a about 15 per cent of the stock-

had increased to 29 per cent. original members become non-proevident that they were not being as they contracted his office. replaced by the younger farmers and the new ones which moved in-Many members of Congress do not to the community. Only 10 per

tenants in 1939. our 1941 program."

M. W. Thatcher, chairman of M. W. Thatcher, chairman of Cause of the high par value of the per cent of the total. Non-producclining each year, which meant tuted 22 per cent of all members the Convention and heavier income taxes and a trend dinary stock company.

Make Change in 1939 the annual meeting. Assistance on cooperative owned and operated by "I welcome you in the name of the proposed changes was given active members.

farm products, power to direct af- in tion of cooperatives. On the question of how to build the membership of the Farmers

presidents also varied widely. Some of them emphasized solicitation by trained organizers. Others urged that the people in the locals must do the job by going out to see their neighbors. Quite a few contended that a permanent organiza-tion cannot be built without cooperatives as a rollying point.

Ten Years of Junior Work The Tuesday evening session was given to a program commemorating 10 years of junior work in the National Farmers Union. Participating in this program were state junior leaders and torch-bearer juniors attending the convention. The address of the evening was given by Chester Graham, former director of education in

mers Union of Colorado and the nation will get the support of the railroad brotherhoods just as far as possible."

Fourth, the United States has men, machinery and labor to have an economy of abundance. He Charlie Talbott urged the National organization to give junior work a chance has come through

Great Need for Education "The trend of the Educational power companies are going to take "Let us choose the cooperative way, urged L. S. Herron, Nebraseka, in speaking on "The Farm Problem and the Cooperative way."

I never had a suit of clothes until I began to work for the Farmers Union," he related. "When of their cost, just because the particles and the Cooperative way." trons of these lines did not know

"We can pay the cost of greatfrom Colorado. This, he urged, by farm people. I once attended would not only help to solve our a Farmers Union meeting where surplus problem, but it would cre- the members insisted that they ate good will, and this good will could not afford to pay over \$1.50 would be an effective step toward a year in dues, but after the meeting they went downstairs and spent \$30.00 for drinks."

Scarcity for Price the Fashion "One of the explanations of the success of organized labor is that sion participated in by all the state they know what they want-high-Basically, however, the existence the cog that makes the local and Union presidents attending the er wages and shorter hours," said convention. Roy M. Green, the new president of the Colorado Agricultural Col-

by the Extension Service and the Yes, that's the record of the cooperative elevator association at cussion and some contended that Pauline, Kansas, located about six new members should have to put

tained, thus making a total of 113 important need of the cooperative new stockholders the first 15 now was not more capital, but er in tags, either in merchandise months after they split up their of which sometimes the tag fools him, or in persons who have become reputedly radical or red. shares is now required for members with their volume of business. There was plenty of capital stock outstanding but it shares is now required for members with their volume of business. There was plenty of capital stock outstanding but it needed to be redistributed among bership. During this time, 6 non-resident shareholders have been many more farmers. The proposal retired through transfer to local and everyone with one share of active farmers, thus leaving a net \$100 now had three extra shares increase of 107 members since at \$25, which he was encouraged to sell or trade to neighbors who Here are a few facts on which were not members of the coopera-

> May 31 May 31 May 31 1932 1939 1940 (Only 1 share required for membership) Per cent of members who were non-29% 9% 4% producers of farm products...... 15% Per cent of members who were tenants ..... 10%

Louis Vernon Is Manager
During the past twelve years, the business and finances of this local farmer's elevator association

Immediately this made every member a salesman for his cooperative elevator association. Sine of the older members transferred have been built up under manage-ment of Mr. Louis Vernon and the Board of Directors until it has be-neighbors for various things. Some come one of the most successful sold shares and took a note in companies in Kansas. While the payment for them. One other involume of business increased teresting method of selling stock The latter remark referring to a greatly, the number of mem-caucus held to name the slate of National officers and directors brought much and continuing fact, several of the original mem-latter remark referring to a greatly, the number of mem-bers remained about steady. In fact, several of the original mem-and the cooperative.

ing from the 94 stockholders of record of earnings and prorations the company. By the end of the 1938-39 year, only 25 per cent of the manager of the cooperative, the business came from 98 mem-bers. Of course, part of this was due to the fact that more of the from the old member and reissue members were inactive or had it to this new member. This was moved away by this time. In 1932, a plan similar to that used by companies on the "100 per cent holders were non-producers of cooperative" basis, but it required farm products while by 1939, this more educational and membership work to get the non-members to It was evident a company that Join in this manner, and it was was almost 20 years old would not used with everyone. Much Join in this manner, and it was have an increasing number of its credit also goes to the manager who placed many shares into the ducers in the near future. It was hands of prospective stockholders Membership Has Increased

One year later, we find this company with 184 members, compared to 98 in May, 1939. Three months after that, there were 205 One of the reasons they were members. Member-business had made his legislative report, but did not stay for the convention.

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> "Why do we need an organization? lege. "We get along better when ran through the entire range, from we work with the tide, rather than getting power to fix 'prices on against it. Things have a price proportion to their scarcity fairs, and power to secure legis-lation to the building and protecproducts will not be worth much. This may not be right, but it is Union, the answers of these state true, and we must recognize that some things are true, whether

right or not." He spoke of four aspects of the farm problem. First, it is more difficult in agriculture than most industries to control production. Second, prices for agricultural products are not elastic, and increasing prices stretch production like chewing gum, rather than rub ber, for production does not gen-

erally reduce itself easily. Third, the consumption of agricultural products does not expand proportionately as the national income goes up, for as individual in-comes increase a lower proportion goes for food and clothing. He emphasized the need of the export market for American farmers.

spoke of old rules of money and banking being thrown into discard; Germany was thought to be struggle," Mr. Graham said. "Much bankrupt and weak, but turned of it has been done in unattractive, into one of the strongest despite poorly-lighted halls, with inade- its financial condition and lack of A very beautiful and impressive demorial service for Farmers Union leaders lost by death in the

Loosen Landlord Grip Clinton Clark, colored delegate Department now is toward a com- from Louisiana, told how they orprehensive educational program, ganized and carried to Washingnot just a junior program . We tin their protest against the land-

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checks, they chipped in enough to buy me this suit." Mr. Clark also told of organizing tenant farmers to buy staple food supplies cooperatively, instead of old, was made in 1759. The tombpatronizing the "robissaries" of stone, now almost illegible, states the landlords. The landlords tried that the departed was 218 years to stop this activity. "But they old when he died. While this couldn't do anything to Clinton Clark," he said, "because he was solid in Washington, and if they messed with him their benefit checks would be stopped." Following the completion of the

election of officers, Retiring President Vesecky, in a fitting cere-mony, installed the new officers and directors. And then while the cameras of the newspapers were flashing and clicking, getting pictures of the new officers, the con vention adjourned at 5:20, p. m.

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### The Torch Bearer

The God of High Endeavor gave me a torch to bear, I lifted it high above me in the dark and murky air; And straightway with glad hosannas, The crowd proclaimed its light And followed me as I carried my torch Through the starless night. Till drunk with peoples' praises, and mad with vanity, I fotgot 'twas the torch they followed And I fancied they followed me. Upholding the shining load, And my tired feet went stumbling over the dusty road And I fell with the torch beneath me.

In a moment the light was out. When lo! from the throng a stripling Sprang with a mighty shout, Caught up the torch as it smoldered, and lifted it high again, Till fanned by the winds of heaven

It fired the souls of men.
And as I lay in the darkness, The feet of the trampling crowd Passed over and far beyond me, its paens proclaimed aloud, And I learned in the deepening twilight,

The glorious Verity;
'Tis the Torch that the people follow Whoever the bearer be -Author Unknown.

### McPherson Co. Juniors Enjoy Banquet

Second Annual Banquet "Forever Onward" was the theme of the second annual McPherson county Junior Banquet, held Friday evening, November 29, at McPherson. It was a festive occasion with a touch of seriousness but also with tint of a family reunion spirit. Last year the banquet was very pleasant but we would say, more formal. Can you guess why?

We think it because the diners were not so well acquainted. The banquet last year marked the beginning of a series of county Juniors Parties. Now through these social gatherings community lines have been erased and the Juniors of the county have become as one family. Here is surely one secret in the building of a strong farm organization. Torch Bearers Take Pledge "I accept my responsibility as a Torch Bearer of the Farmers Union and I pledge myself to bear that torch with clean hands and a

courageous heart . . . . " So read the Torch Bearer pledge taken by the al wherever they can be of mutual fourteen Juniors of seven states at the National Convention, Denver. This is a pledge we would all profitably take in whatever we do. If a job is worth doing, it is worth doing well, honestly, and

A Uniform Pattern

The sessions of the Education Conference at the National Cdnvention were crowded with discussions of Farmers Union education in all most fifty-seven varieties. A film library for visual education, county state and national leadership training schools, exchange of representatives and meetings with other organizations and agencies, study material and a stand on the ever puzzling problem of world peace were all among the things considered at length. Receiving most attention, however, were the pro and cons of a uniform pattern of Junior and adult

It was the final conclusion of the conference group that the pattern which has been developed for Junior membership, study topics, achievement records, speech and writer's projects, and Torch Bearer selection are good and should be the basis for the development of the educational program in all states. A pattern does not need to be a rigid thing. In dressmaking a pattern often has to be altered but still it is a guide to a better fitting garment. Our Junior educational pattern is not set in design; it too can be frequently altered for better adaptation

"We Sing To Our Brothers . . ."

Long to be remembered from the National Convention was the "Friendship Bracelet 'Round the World" banquet which was the entertainment of the final convention session. With black war headlines glaring in the news of the world about us, it was comforting and inglaring in the news of the world about us, it was comforting and inglaring in the news of the world about us, it was comforting and inglaring in the news of the world about us, it was comforting and inglaring in the news of the world about us, it was comforting and inglaring in the news of the world about us, it was comforting and inglaring in the news of the world about us, it was comforting and inglaring in the news of the world about us, it was comforting and inglaring in the news of the world about us, it was comforting and inglaring in the news of the world about us, it was comforting and inglaring in the news of the world about us, it was comforting and inglaring in the news of the world about us, it was comforting and inglaring in the news of the world about us, it was comforting and inglaring in the news of the world about us, it was comforting and inglaring in the news of the world about us, it was comforting and inglaring in the news of the world about us, it was comforting and inglaring in the news of the world about us, it was comforting and inglaring in the news of the world about us, it was comforting and inglaring in the news of the world about us, it was comforting and inglar and also when we left Salina and also when we left Sal spiring to get a taste of the beauties and the cultures of the Old World nations. Especially when these were brought to us by Americans who have close kinships with the peoples in foreign lands. The folk dances and songs danced and sung by people of Spanish, Italian, Polish and Swedish descent were beautiful. We all immediately loved the Chinese children who acted a Chinese play in a very charming manner and who then thrilled us by singing very enthusiastically, "God Bless America." And who wouldn't be stirred by the challenges of Langston Hughes poem, "America For Me," read by a Negro.
"Now wider and wider our circle expands

Viva La Compagnie' We sing to our brothers in far away lands, Viva La Compagnie.

### Torch Bearers Report On the Denver National Convention blad, of Kansas, then repeated the

(Note: These reports are being | ion. Three Torch Bearers, Dick

Bernard Schafer, Torch Bearer, Johnstown Local, McPherson County:

1. Bernard, we understand that you are to send Mrs. Edwards a report on the Legislative Conference: will you tell us something about the Con-

port on the Legislative Confer- work in the Union, and also givence. The chairman of the Con- ing advice as to the future. ference was Tom Cheek, President of the Oklahoma Farmers Union. Dr. Dickinson of Arkansas was vice-chairman. The conference was very interesting to me, so interesting in fact that I forgot to take vention met by themselves on down notes. The conference cov- Tuesday afternoon. During this ered the discussion of bills that meeting we discussed the idea of the Farmers Union is proposing giving up our Torch Bearer badgin their legislative work. I was received their Torch Bearer badges ervone was vitally interested in that if we would give our pins the legislative work of the Farm-ers Union. The Legislative Con-ference adopted many of the we would be sure that we were measures for 1941 that have al- worthy of the Torch Bearer Award ready been before Congress for before receiving the badge. consideration. I would like to say

4. We are interested in consideration. I would like to say in closing my remarks, that I believe legislative work is one of the most important of the Farmers

Union activities. I really enjoyed 2. Tell something about the

Junior Program, Tuesday evening, November 19. Who took part in it: Those takthe group in singing a few songs; made in the last ten years. Richard Joyce, a Junior grown-up, now secretary of the North Dakota Farmers Union, and Ralph Parker, a Torch Bearer from Montana, each spoke on the subject—"What the Farmers Union Means to Me." Both were very enthusiastic in their praise for the Un-

given in the form of questions Axtell, Colorado, Murry Warner, and answers.)

Axtell, Colorado, Murry Warner, North Dakota; and John Torgerby Mrs. Edwards. She asked them hands and a courageous heart. questions about the work that

hey were doing in their home lo-Then the Torch Bearers gave a

3. The Torch Bearers met by themselves one afternoon, what did they discuss in that

meeting? The Torch Bearers of the con-

knowing something about the Torch Bearers from other states. Would you mind sharing a little of your acquaint-anceship with them? Where were they from? What are

they doing at home? Seven states sent Torch Bearers to the National Convention. From ing part in the Junior program Colorado were Betty Williams of were Mildred K. Stoltz, who led Echert and Dick Axtell, Fort Collins. Both are ardent workers for John Torgerson, a Torch Bearer the Farmers Union in their comfrom Wisconsin, who read the munities. Montana sent Ralph Par-Farmers Union Creed. Mrs. Ed. ker, Great Falls, and Billy Siphers, wards then introduced a lady who st. Ignatius. Ralph is a Minuteman; ten years ago was one of the first he attends college in Montana and Juniors in the Junior educational program, Mrs. Mary Jo Uphoff, Junior grown-up, now Director of Education in Wisconsta. Mary Jo

Fargo, and Vernon Carlson, Glenspoke on the subject of "Ten Years of Junior Work." The program was in commemoration of the Dakota and is a member of the was in commemoration of the tenth anniversary of Junior education in the Farmers Union. Mary Jo in her speech outlined the progress that the Farmers Union has made in the last ten years. Richard Juyce a Lunion grown in the Junion Object worker in the Junion Grown in the Junion Object was represented.

nior work ahead. John Torgerson,
Menomotive, and Leon Luick, Stetssonville, were the Torch Bearers
from Wisconsin. John is County
Junior Leader in his home state.
Leon is a strong believer in Junior
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H. E. Witham, general mangrandfather, help the strong believer in Junior

Reger Farmers Union Johning

Back in 1916 W work. Last but not least was Or-ville Rawson and myself about which you probably know too much already.

5. We'd also like to know something significant that you remember from one or more of the speeches given at the con-

experience for me. Orville Rawson, Torch Bearer, No. 8 Local, McPherson Coun-

1. Your Torch Bearer report to Mrs. Edwards is to be on the Education Conference; will you tell us something about what took place in that

group?
The Education Conference which I attended was my first conference to take part in. I like it very much. The conference began Mon-day at 1:00 p. m. and closed for the day at 5:30 p. m. The chairman of the conference was Mrs. Gladys T. Edwards. She explained that the first day was to bring up all suggestions and ideas for the 1941 educational program. The second day we were to discuss and vote on these suggestions as to whether they were to be sent to the Drafting Committee where they would put them into a well-coordinated and carefully written program for the Educational Department of the National Farmers Union for 1941. Mrs. Mildred Stoltz then gave a summary of the Educational Department for 1940. The meeting as then turned into open discussion. Some of the suggestions and ideas were: We should have more training for our state, county and leaders. Study material local should be uniform in all states and ocals. All leaders should cooperate with county, state, and nationso that Juniors can feel more at Farmers Union for some time should be in different classes than those Juniors who have just joined as they have more background than newcomers.

These were some of the many suggestions brought up on Monday. On Tuesday we discusseed and voted on these suggestions and sent the ones which we agreed to be of importance to the drafting committee who put them into a program for 1941 to be adopted by the convention on Wednesday afternoon.

2. Orville, tell us something about the trip to and from

The trip to Denver was not my member, is we had a good many card games on the trip.

3. The Torch Bearer Ceremony was an outstanding part of the Junior Program; would you describe it?

The Torch Bearer Ceremony took place Tuesday evening which was Junior Night. First in the Ceremony was the poem "The Torch Bearer" read by Mrs. Mar-guerite Bredehoft of Ohio. Next which your father, or perhaps your and build them up into successful monuments of your efforts, Mrs. Edwards presented the Torch Bearers to the audience and Mr. John' Vesecky, who presented us with our Torch Bearer badges. The Juniors, led by Esther Ek-Torch Bearer pledge in unison. (The pledge: "I accept my responsibility as a Torch Bearer of the Farmers Union and I pledge myson, Wisconsin, were interviewed self to bear that torch with clean

"I unite with my fellow Junior in a pledge to work unceasingly for the cooperative movement to practice tolerance and brother-

I'm afraid it is a little difficult very interesting address comforme to give a very definite remending the Juniors on their past rendered by Katherine Carlson, a Torch Bearer for Wisconsin in 1937. The Torch Bearers then sang "Hail Our Union." The ceremony was closed with everyone

singing "March of Youth." 4. We heard many fine speeches during the convention days, tell us of something expressed by speakers that very definitely impressed you.

The idea or statement which for Congress in Washington. The es for another year. Many of the impressed me very much was one Farmers Union is getting results. Torch Bearers in the past have I heard in the Education Confering their legislature. ence. It was: "We must teach our responded in the discussion, ev-duty to the Union. We decided not what to think." 5. Did you like the "Friend-

ship Bracelet 'Round the World" banquet? What about it made it interesting to you? I enjoyed the banquet very muc as it showed that most every country has their kind of recreation The amazing thing was that mos every country's recreation is similar with the United States and

every other country.
6. Just what does being a Torch Bearer mean to you? Being a Torch Bearer does not make me think I am any better than anyone else. It means I have worked for the last two years and 2. Did attendance at the conmake me think I am any better I am going to continue to work for the Farmers Union.

Velma Higgason, Junior, Quinter, Gove county:

1. How did you happen to ideas and ing.

It has always been one of my

greatest aims to attend a National Convention of the Farmers Union, to meet Juniors and Leaders of our brother states and most of all to meet our National Junior Leader, Mrs. Gladys T. Edwards.

2. You paid your own way,
was the trip worth the cost?
This year I paid my own way
and I shall never forget my first National Convention. I have attended state camps, state conven-

## of Today and Tomorrow of thirty or forty minutes. Now unless young people have changed a lot in the last forty

H. E. Witham, general manager, Farmers Union Jobbing Association, Kansas City, Mo., at the annual McPherson County Farmers Union Ju-nior Banquet, November 29

A meeting such as this is a realinspiration to me. It exemplifies the changes on our way of life

Yes, you heard me right, I meant, "all the fun of being a farmer." You might not believe that now, but you will. It is said said said state organization can help you get your neighbor boy or girl into the group that has, we know, meant much to you. \*

Always Need of Diplomacy

which to earn a living.

Because you plant wheat—millions of homes have fresh bread

our member dividends.

Another on their dinner tables tonight. Because you milked your cows, people in those homes and hospitals and schools have improved health. Because you fed and fattened your calf and pig, and maybe got blue ribbons on them at the County Fair, those same homes have roast beef and bacon. They have shoes to wear when tramping streets ing services for yourself that will have learned how to join to-in search of work, or when at work or school or play, because you raised the cow or horse or assistance. Leaders should plan a balanced program for meetings, shoes, Because you sheared a sheep, those boys and girls and so that Juniors can feel more at men and women have warm ed themselves "sea-worthy," and sin to use it, though, for it was though we can't expect to have all written by St. Paul, and the Book cause some southern farm boy or smooth sailing and clear weather belongs

but it also carries on effectual organizational and legislative work, instead of visionary possibilities. in its 36 years, sponsor-business cooperatives You will have your elevators, your stores, your feed mills, your creamand has, in its 36 years, sponsorfirst but was my first time to ride through which its members market eries, and your filling stations. the methods of operations of cooperative creameries, elevators, coton gins, stores, oil stations, poulother service cooperatives. These farm cooperatives have become a part of farm life.

Farmers Union Jobbing Association is one of the cooperatives

working together in one group sharing with all his ideas, and experiences is a picture one will never forget.

3. Would you mind telling us a little about the convention banquet?

What could have been a more fellowship than a "Friendship Bracelet 'Round the World" banquet on the last night of the convention. We were cordially welcomed upon sitting at our tables ation in your group activities. You by a host or hostess dressed in the even set up the State Junior camp folk dance demonstration after which Chester Graham, former National Junior Leader, gave a to demonstration after which chester Graham, former National Junior Leader, gave a to demonstration after hood—to keep my torch ever one costume of some foreign country. Before and during the banquet the WPA Peoples orchestra entertainsented by the Denver International Folk Festival Council. This was in your own right and become one of the most interesting and of my 35,000 bosses! picturesque programs I have ever seen. Men, women and children all dressed in their native costumes of practically every foreign country contributed toward the dance, orchestra, or something from their native land. After the program the performers mixed with the auidence and many joined in the folk dances. I don't think anyone will forget the Na-tional Convention as for me, I hope that I might attend many

Ida Mae Carlson, Junior Leader, No. 8 Local, McPherson county: 1. Didn't you decide rather suddenly to attend the con-

vention? Yes, I did decide suddenly to attend the convention. I have al-ways wanted to attend a National Convention and thought this was a chance to attend the convention and to see my sister Ruth who is working in Denver. The Juniors

vention help you in your position as a Junior Leader? Attendance at the convention has helped me as a leader. I got ideas from leaders of other states and found out what they were do-

3. Will you share with us one thing about the conven-tion that was of outstanding interest and value to you? Mrs. Edwards' talk was a great aspiration to me. It gave me a eal rounded outlook on Junior

4. Would you advise other leaders to attend conventions

whenever they can? Yes, I would advise other lead-

Handling Grain by 1918
Then, in 19918, because the need To me so many things were significant. The thing most significant to me was the way in which the representatives from which the representatives from the country of the cou was so very apparent, we began which the representatives from labor unions and other organizations congratulated the work of the Farmers Union.

I wish to thank the Farmers Union for sending me to the National Convention. It was a great union automobiles in those days, there were not automobiles in those days, there were roads!

have all of the social and many we have three warehouses, one in the entire group. Each of you of the educational advantages of Kansas City, one in Wakeeney, and should try to determine how you your city brothers and sisters, and besides that, you have all the fun of being a farmer!

one in Topeka, where we have an up-to-date feed mill to manufacturity or ture our KFU and Union Standard state organization can help you

that now, but you will. It is said Pherson nearly to Dodge City. I realize that it requires a lot that most young farmers spend From that wheat enough flour of diplomacy to work with the

Another \$30,000 This Week the Farmers Union member to patilies, instead of having neighbors ronize his own cooperative. You on each side of you, you'll have more elsewhere.

Cooperatives have stood the test of time, along with a series of depressions, recessions, and just Book that is the world's best selplain hard times! They have prov- ler. I didn't have to ask permisgirl picked cotton, they have soft comfortable cotton clothing to wear during the summer.

The fact that the farmer feeds and clothes the world is an old the tip to make the world is an old the tip the components. You might say that, like Columbus, we earlier of belongs to you as it does to me and all the world. It is found in Philippians 3:13-14:

"This one thing I do: forgetting that, like Columbus, we earlier of and all the world. It is found in the components of the compo makes the hardest or lowliest job stead of flat—that we wouldn't worth while.

"fall of into space" just because You well know that the Kansas we changed our way of doing bus-Farmers Union, membership in iness. In your work with or for which makes your presence here cooperatives. you may not have possible, not only has its educational and recreational activities, but it also carries on effectual or-

your Junior classes, understand You will know how your coopera- nean crevices and thunder down tives work for you, providing you to the bottom of a cave. The so-use them. It won't be such stale going, either, for while we older try cooperatives, insurance and other service cooperatives. These "new world," there are hundreds of "ports" that have never even been visited-hundreds of ways in which cooperative services have never been tried. You'll find them,

The Part Youth Have Probably not many of voungsters here are old enough to be members or patrons of a cooperative. Yet, you can be very val-uable to us. Through your Junior classes you get an understanding of the value of cooperatives and how they operate. You talk to one perfect ending to three days of another about them, and to other young people about them. In doing that you become "good-will am-bassadors" of your Farmers Union cooperatives. You practice cooperas a cooperative last summer. You Before and during the banquet the attend and often take part in meet-WPA Peoples orchestra entertain- ings of your cooperative. You ed us with a concert. After the speeches came the program pre-bers of cooperatives. Then, first thing you know, you are farmers

Or perhaps you complete a business training and become an efficient employee of a cooperative. Your Junior training and farm life give you advantages over the program by presenting a song, folk city employee because you understand the principles of the cooperative and its methods of opera

When Mrs. Olson wrote me about your banquet, she said

something about me talking to years, a speaker would have to be much more inspiring than I in orback in 1916. We started out as a der to hold your attention volunobbing association, and by that tarily for anything like that length mean that we bought supplies of time. I would not want to close in "job" lots, carloads, etc., and though, without commenting on then resold them to Farmers Union Locals, elevators, and stores, ganization and leadership you have here in McPherson County. It is one of the best, and you should be very proud to be a part of it. I'd

there weren't even roads!

Young people in the country were really isolated then. Now you

lion-bushel Farmers Union that goal. Such plans would not the formula that goal. Such plans would not the formula that goal. Such plans would not the formula that goal that goal. Such plans would not the formula that goal tha

their first thirty years trying to get away from the farm, and the next thirty trying to get back to the farm to get away from the farm, and the next thirty trying to get back to the farm to get away from the farm to get back to the farm to get back to the farm to get away from the farm to get away from the farm, and the get away from the farm to get away from the farm to get back to next thirty trying to get back to it! Of course, if you consider each task just a "chore"—something you do simply because it HAS to be done, farm life is apt to become a series of unpleasant duties.

But if you look at it in its true of third its small as a savings of well something to business home town." Gone is the excitement of seeing new faces and finding out what people do and how they do it, and what they grain, as well as to make savings to yourself. Since 1927, this one cooperative of think of it another way, there is something especially nice about perspective, you're bound to see yours has made a savings of well that farming is one of the most over a half-million dollars, and it, too. You get to have a sort of since 1930 we have returned to "family feeling for one another." something especially nice about our members \$130,000 in patronage You may know the other fellow's faults, but you also know how many fine things he does. You Next week, checks for about \$30,000 additional patronage dividends, are being mailed out to our members. So you can see it pays grow up and marry and have fam-

biuld facilities for yourself—you them all over the county! You'll make savings for yourself, and at have common backgrounds, comthe same time you are perform- mon aims, common needs, and you your common problems. The thought I'd like to leave

to you as it does to me

story—but it is this realization of operators went sailing and discovthings which are before, I PRESS the importance of our work that ered that the world was round in TOWARD THE MARK FOR THE

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## Program Adopted at 1940 Farmers Union National Convention at Denver

at Denver Solorado, November 18, ic causes of war; promotion of the study of civil rights, and methods and 20, 1940, having rechecked the study of civil rights, and methods are signed to prevent discrimination the paths by which we have come, ods of their maintenance; study against cooperatives. and having considered the grave of the effects of war profits and present conditions and future prospects for agriculture in a torn and chaotic be world—a world which method of building a peaceful lowing:

We reaffirm our adherance to the historic first principles of the Farmers Educational and Cooperative Union of America, namely, that we can only establish equal- committee take up the matter of and sound methods for the estabity and justice by maintenaning a women and juniors voting in the sound political democracy and es- National organization. tablishing a democratic economic system through the application of

Must Have Income Parity

We believe that present conditions require concerted action and than ever in the past, and that in successful operation in some of the choice now is less whether our states. These schools are held organized than it is whether we ing state conventions, and are atidly under plans of choosing, or be organized by force al directors, and others, and usual-of circumstances supported by run for a week during which

of commodity and service cooper-atives and an increased study of Following the state to provide distributed abundance conducted. for all, and to maintain our civil

educational, organizational, coop- all of our organized states. erative, and legislative activities for the year 1941:

#### EDUCATION

assures an understanding of co- ship building. operative economics is basic to the of the National Union.

Union, the present program de- taining basis and asks for such the Department of help. Education and set forth by the Junior Manual, Local, Leaders' which each state department be modeled. We reaffirm our historic stand

that there be no separation of the junior members from the activities of the adult members in local, county, and state Unions, nor in the National organization. Recommend Leadership Schools

We recommend that leadership training schools be adopted as a definite part of the educational program in all units of the organzation-local, county, state and national.

We recommend the use of films charts, exhibits, and other like types of visual education as a means of promoting and expanding our educational program. To this end, we urge that local, county, and state organizations contribute to the development of this type of material, and that an exwhich such materials can be ex-

stateline barriers, and would contribute to the development of a many coordination may result. broader and more uniform program in our organization.

Work With Other Groups and national organizations. In this proved service for their members. connection, we specifically recommend Future Farmers and Parentation with federal and state agen-

We recommend that our Educational Department put special atives build their own capital re-emphasis upon the development sources as rapidly as possible, and of planned and balanced programs that full use be made of available within the local, such programs to funds from federal lending agen-include participation of all age cies to meet financial needs durgroups in business meetings, and in entertainment, recreational and adequate capital and for the handsocial acttivities.

Based upon the reaction of the listening audience in many localities, we recommend that the Farments of fee set addresses formerly used. shall be operated upon sound bus-We recommend that in the field iness principles.

of formal education, leaders of the ence to direct the formation of tive insurance services, so educational patterns and curricula, with a view toward making
them of maximum value to farm
youth.

Need Education for Democracy
In view of the present internaline insurance services, so that
they may more adequately meet
the insurance needs of farm people, develop cooperative needs of
farm people, develop cooperative
control over substantial pools of
gram of low-cost rural housing to

arising therefrom, we recognize the increasing importance of education for citizenship in a demo-

#### ORGANIZATION

1. Organization work in all the states should be done in accord-We declare our conviction that ance with the total program of the neither our agriculture nor Amer- Farmers Union-namely, educaica are safe while income dispar- tion, legislation, and cooperation, ity to farm families continues: that as adopted as the foundation of our farms are our first line of na- the Farmers Educational and Cotional defense against foes with- operative Union of America, and in and without, and that parity as amplified by succeeding nationfarm income is in the sound inter- al conventions of the organiza-

Endorse Organization Schools
2. We recommend the institute cooperation to a greater degree school in organization work now we shall organize or remain un- at the state headquarters followshall organize voluntary and rap- tended by county presidents, counour own ty secretaries, fieldmen, educationtime the program of the Farmers We, therefore, urge upon our people a more rapid development of the program of the program of the program of the program of the program, including meth-

vital domestic and world cond.- county schools are held for the tions. We offer our cooperation to benefit of local officers, junior other organized groups who also leaders, and managers of cooperseek to provide economic security, atives. Following these schools, to preserve democratic processes, county-membership campaigns are 3. In our more-active states,

membership building in organiz-To attain our objectives, we pro- ed territory is carried on by the pose through cooperative action to means of trained organizers, and carry out the following program of we recommend this procedure to 4. We recommend that the Edu-

ature to be used in training offi-5. We recommend that the Na-

development of unity that is tional board of directors continue needed to effectuate our coopera- to provide a department of organtive and legislative programs, we ization, and that this department pledge our organization to con-tinue and expand the work carried fund to be used solely for organi-Farmers Union organization now We recommend the adoption of exists, or where the state organia uniform plan of education zanigation is so weak that it must throughout the National Farmers have help to get on a self- sus-

> Would Increase National Dues 6. We recommend that memberorganize be fixed at not less than

\$3.50 per year.
7. We recommend a gradual increase in National dues to a point where the National organization will have adequate finance properly to conduct the work great national farm organization. Specifically, we recommend an increase in the 1942 National dues to 40 cents, and that the increased income from dues be earmarked for organization work.

#### COOPERATION We recommend:

'That a closer working relationship be established between cooperatives, whether local or regional, and the educational program of the Farmers Union organization. Without such closeness, there cannot be adequate understanding of the principles of cooperation or change of visual education service of the best methods for the probe established within the Nation- motion, development, and protecal Educational Department through tion of cooperatives. The greatest which such materials can be ex-changed among and within Farm-tween cooperatives and the parent organization is necessary to of needed supplies, and surpluswe recommended that national conference be constructed for state officials and board members. We believe that the pooling of experbelieve that the pooling of experiences and discussion of problems would tend to eliminate ever possible in connection with the meetings of county and local unions and the National union, in order that better understanding order that better understanding stabilization bill. That closer operating relation-

ships be created between local and regional cooperatives, so that the flow of commodities in coop-As a means of developing wider contacts and broader influence, we recommend the cooperation producer and consumer. Such opshall give more time to the discus-tion of the state unions and the will increase their operating effi-National Union with other state ciency, and will provide an im-

Oppose Governmental Marketing That we insistently demand that Teachers Associations. We further farm products acquired by federal recommend a like type of cooper- agencies in liquidation of commodity loans shall, when marketed, cies, such as NYA; Workers' Ser-vice; REA; extension divisions, and keting facilities, including in parsocial-service agencies, wherever ticular those under cooperative we can be of mutual assistance, and where the identity of the Farthrough the establishment of marmers Union may be at all times keting mechanisms by the federal government.

That all Farmers Union coopering the period of accumulation of ling of unusual and peak-load re-

That we insist that the require-ments of federal lending agencies mers Union broadcast over NBC in connection with loans to coop shall gove more time to the discus- eratives shall not deny local and sion and interview type of human- democratic control of the borrowinterest programs, rather than the ing cooperatives so long as they

That Farmers Union organiza-Farmers Union in local, county, tions support the development and and state should exert every influence expansion of our present cooperation or adequate funds for adding rural volume records. that

In view of the present interna-tional crisis and the problems finance, and assist in the growth clear our rural slums, with credit and expansion of the entire Far- at the cost to the government, and

The Farmers Educational and cracy. We, therefore, recommend of paying the Farmers Union dues basis of age and citizenship. We favor the improvement and exvended in the 36th annual session gram of education on the econm-

That the National Union create whether in local, state, or nation-

guidance, and submit to all farmers as a basis for an effective farm organizationu, our program for 1941.

We reaffirm our adherance to world.

As, furtherance of the democrating open disstorage locker plants for processing and distributing means, fruits, and vegetables as a means of bringing producer and consumer effectively together within communications. nities and between areas.

2. The possibilities of cooperalishment and operation of such 3. The use of marketing agree-

ments, their benefits and defects, and their ultimate possibilities in the distribution of agricultural commodities. 4. The cost and value of a co-

### operative twine plant.

LEGISLATION 1. To provide assurance of full income-certificate plan must be adopted for all commodities for which it is practicable, and fully adequate federal payments must be continued on other commodities until permanent, self-financing programs can be developed for

2. Further to provide assurance of an annual parity income, federal crop insurance must be extended to all possible commodities, and especially to cotton.

3. To provide assurance of security in farm homes, the Farmers Union debt-adjustment bill must be enacted into law without compromising its provisions for scaling down of debts, for credit at the cost of the government, and for keeping the farmer on the farm. 4. To provide an opportunity to our millions of low-income farm-ers, funds must be appropriated for a many-fold expansion and extension of the Farm Security Administration programs, together with such further special aids as are necessary.

Federal Support for Cooperatives cational Division prepare an or- for farmers democratically to orcational Division prepare an or-ganization booklet and other liter-ganization booklet and other litertive participation in our national Believing that education which cers and organizers in member- life, the declared intention of Conoperatives must be implemented with realistic financial support where necessary, and with emphaby the government in promoting soil conservation. Discrimination on by the department of Education zation work in states where no against such organizations, either in favor of private-profit enterprise or of government-conducted operations must be stopped.

Guide, and other types of study ship dues in unorganized states that the National undertakes to the pattern upon that the National undertakes to the though greatly increased funds for distributing our farm surplus-

endorse the following legislative proposals and administrative principles as needed for the full participation of farm people in the common defense:

#### Oppose Assignment of Benefit **Payments**

1. Payments to farmers for preservation of our soil and natural resources should be fully maintained, but should be made on the bas- ance. is of needed conservation practieral farm programs, except for factory. the purpose of paying crop-insurance premiums as provided in the law. We recommend a reduction in minimum size of benefit payments, and further, increases in the smallest payments.

2. We support the commodity loan program, except as elsewhere noted; the ever-normal inventory

for in the Farmers Union dairy 4. We favor the extension of the federal sugar program, with ap-

propriate changes to give needed protection to family-sized growers and field labor. 5. We favor increased marketing information services, contin-ued research for new uses for

farm products, continued efforts to remove interstate trade barriers, Farm Credit Administration away and from its present status within the Department of Agriculture to its former position as an independ-

ent agency.
7. We especially urge that approto enable low-income farmers to become members of cooperatives.

Pany, be it.

Resolved. That the proper fed become members of cooperatives, thereby both aiding their own re-habilitation and strengthening the congressmen be adised of said self-organization of farmers who practice and urged to do all things need these most. We continue to possible to correct said practice, support the government-insured loan as the most practicable method of funding a large-scale pro-gram to make owners out of ten-

8. We shall continue to support adequate appropriations for the extension of cooperative rural electrification.

9. We wholeheartedly suppor legislation to provide federal aid for rural health services, urging especially that cooperative hospitals be approved agencies for securing financial aid.

10. We shall continue to support aiding rural young people, both

ments for the payment of poll taxes as a condition for voting, al elections, and support federal legislation to outlaw poll taxes as franchise requirement for voting in federal elections.

14. We reaffirm our position that

13. We strongly oppose require-

pay, as based upon net income, and are unalterably opposed to any system of taxation not based on this principle. Since a sales tax tive medical and hospital services has historically been the method used to exort revenue from those least able to pay, we reiterate our continued and consistent opposition to that tax. We favor abolishing ion. ing tax exemption on government

15. We urge the restoration to regulate the value of money. Farmers Should Run Farm Pro-

grams

16. We reaffirm our position that the administrative personnel parity prices, the Farmers Union of federal farm programs should be farmers democratically elected insofar as legally possible; all other administrative personnel should be persons who understand, participate in, and are sympathetic to farm organizations and the cooperative movement. 17. We affirm again that protec-

tion of the family-sized farm shall families in five eastern Ohio counbe a constant and primary policy and aim in the formulation, amendment, and adminstration of all farm legislation. 18. We are most vigorously op-

its defeat. 19. We reassert our historic position as opposed to the sending farms in 45 States.)

of American boys to fight on for-eign soil, and demand that the Land" film began in the summer Congress of the United States lim- of 1939 under the U. S. Film Serlive and to remain on the land to it military action of this country vice. All photography was comto a strictly-defensive policy, de- pleted in the summer and fall. dicated only to the preserva- Local exhibitors are making their Government Marketing Destroys ter in the country can obtain the Co-ops

poration has accumulated large shipping charges. "Power and the Land," producstocks of cotton, corn, and wheat. 5. To provide the opportunity In all the federal laws dealing ed for the REA, was directed by encies to use producers' coopergress toward bona fide farmer cotive associations wherever practiphotography, Edwin Locke the entered the field of warehousing sis and zeal equal to that shown and direct handling of cotton and in creating the film. With a cast these fields of marketing.

save our cooperatives from des-

truction. Pledge Support to Labor ed labor and organized agriculture becomes of the greatest import-

We, therefore, reaffirm our his ces, and should be separated from toric position toward organized latoric ment made under the various fed- ized workers in mine, mill and

We express our deep apprecia tion for labor's support in the Congress of the United tSates. We organized farmers recognize that except for the faithful support of those members of Congress who represent labor districts, our na tional farm program would have been whitled down or wiped off the law books of the nation for lack of support in Congress.

Organized labor may count on the Farmers Union for the fullest products be made a basic commod- support in the fight for legislative for in the Farmers Union dairy position we shall not retreat. We ask labor's support of our legislative program.
Undermining Mutual Insurance

Whereas, The Home Owners' Loan Corporation has adopted a practice of extending loans, and in said practice undertakes to pay both the taxes and insurance on the property concerned, and Whereas, the FHA is in the prac-

to remove interstate trade barriers, and the protection of our domestic whereby the borrower repays on market for American agriculture.
6. We oppose the transfer of the and insurance on said property, Whereas the effect of said prac-

tice excludes and terminates the business of mutual fire insurance companies which have insured said property, and is to the financial priations for the Farm Security detriment of both the policyhold-Administration be made available er and the mutual insurance com-

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so that the policyholder in mutual fire insurance companies may be permitted to elect the approved insurance company, as he did before such practice became opera-

### Commend Protection of Civil

Liberties

Be it Resolved That we commend the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties for its effective aid in securing the civil liberties of our Farmers Union officers in the south.

To Count Women and Youth By an amendment to the by-laws adopted by the convention, wo-men and youth between 16 and 21 years of age, in the families of federal taxation should be levied after be counted as members in on the basis of the ability to reporting the membership of Naafter be counted as members in tional Union Representation in National conventions, however, will still be based on duespaying mem

Another amendment to the bylaws outline the procedure by which the National president may

A long amendment to the constitution clears up the nature of the national as a fraternal and Congress of the power to coin and educational organization. The text of these amendments was not available when the convention

#### REA RELEASES A FREE NEW DOCUMENTARY FILM

By DeWitt C. Wing The Rural Electrification Administration of the Department has Land," a 36-minute documentary film, with an original score and commentary. Nearly 2,000 farm ties now receive electricity from their farmer-owned and controlled cooperative, known as the Belmont Electric Cooperative, Inc. Clairs with headquarters at St. posed to the principles contained ville, Ohio. "Power and the Land," in the Walter-Logan bill, and urge is based on one of these families (At present the REA has 600 elec tric cooperatives serving 600,000

bookings. Any motion picture theafilm on request to Radio-Keith-Or-20. The Commodity Credit Cor- pheum at no expense other than

with warehousing and distribution Joris Ivens; the poet Stephen Vincent Benet did the commentary. gress has directed all federal ag- Douglas Moore the music, Floyd Crosby and Arthur Ormitz cable. In wanton disregard, the commodity Credit Corporation has eleven other persons participated corn. It now proposes the same of real farm people—the William operation for wheat. This program Parkinson family and other memif continued will destroy the co-operative associations engaged in erative, Inc.,—"Power and the Land" depicts two typical days of We demand that the governthe dawn-to-dusk activities on an
ment withdraw from the field of
Merican farm. Mother, father,

As the sun rises, the picture opens, and pastoral music sets the 21. In the emergency that confirmed as the farm wakes up. Before for electricity. Discussing the fact their faces deep thankfulness for the camera lens, the day's work better that the REA will help them get that the REA will help them get that the REA will help them get that the average use is constantly the modern way of living brought to by electricity. Parkinson and his increasing. mood as the farm wakes up. Before tive cooperation between organiz- dark. The mother pumps water

## REFERENDUM BALLOT

### Instructions

The following amendments to the constitution and by-laws of the Kansas Farmers Union were approved by the delegates at the state convention in Parsons, Kansas, November 1, 1940, and are hereby submitted to the membership for their approval or rejection.

These amendments should be voted on immediately, by the Local Unions, and returns forwarded to Rex Troutman, State Secretary, Salina, not later than January 1, 1941.

The total number of votes FOR, and the total number of votes AGAINST each amendment must be recorded in the squares at the right of each amendment.

#### Amendment No. 1

Page 6, Division B, Article 1, Section 2 (Election of Delegates). To amend by striking out the following: "Each chartered Cooperative Votes Business Association conducted in the name of the Farmers Union, For providing such associations must have at least 51 per cent of all stockholders in good standing as paid up members in the Kansas Farmers Union, and in conformity with regulations and condition prescribed by the Board of Directors of the State Union shall be entitled to one delegate to the State Union, who shall be appointed by the Board of Directors of the Association eligible to represen-

Page 7, same division and article as above To amend by striking out the following: (line 4) "and chartered cooperative association." Votes

Amendment No. 2—Dues

Page 35, Division C, Article 4, Section 1, Line 4. To amend to read as follows: "The dues of the adult male members shall be divided Votes as follows: 80c to the local union, 15c to the county union, 75 cents For to the publishing account of the Kansas Union Farmer, 30 cents to the National Union and 75 cents to the State Union . . . .

Page 35, line 10, to amend to read as follows: "The State Secretary-treasurer shall remit quarterly to the National Secretary-Treasurer Votes 30 cents and to the County Secretary-Treasurer 15 cents for each No adult male member as such annual dues are received by him."

Votes

Amendment No. 3

Page 38, Division D, Article 1, Section 1. To amend to read as follows: A County Union may be instituted in any county having not fewer than three chartered Local Unions with a total membership Votes of not less than sixty members. After a . . . ."

proposed amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Kansas Farmers Union.

The above is a true and correct return of the vote of .....

Local President

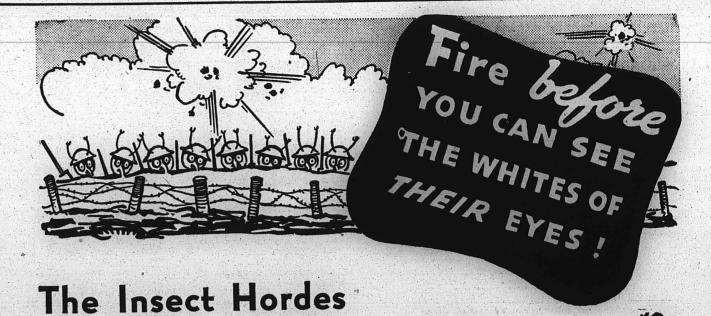
(SEAL) Local Secretary from the well and starts the wood hold a meeting. Finally they or- sons, according to their neighbors,

6. The health and strength of America, including rural America, includi

organized labor in this fight to organized labor in this fight to save our cooperatives from desghbor men the next day help the Parkinsons cut corn. As they go at a meal brought from a new electo dinner they talk of their need

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