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We Can Purge Our Shame

## Let's Keep Lambertson Home

(AN EDITORIAL)

The voters of the First Congressional District can render a real service to the entire state when they go to the polls August 1 by retiring Congressman W. P. Lambertson. Congressman Lambertson has acquired the worst voting record, so far as PEOPLE are concerned, of any Kansas Congressman in many generations. His votes in Congress have almost invariably been in favor of the rich and against the poor.

Lambertson was against a \$25,000 limitation on the income of his rich friends.

Lambertson likewise fought an adequate tax bill which would levy heavily against war profiteers.

On the other hand, he has consistently voted against farmers and working people.

He opposed Farm Security Administration, which helps people in agriculture.

He helped kill crop insurance.

He has voted against increasing soil conservation funds.

He has voted against expansion of REA.

He voted against a federal soldiers' ballot.

Almost without exception, Lambertson has voted with Wall Street's interests and against the interests of the great mass of common people.

To cap it all, Lambertson got himself—and Kansas—highly undesirable national publicity when he made his belated attack on the President's sons in the armed services.

"It has been with mixed emotions of shame, disgust and nausea that we have witnessed the attacks by Mr. Lambertson on these fine American soldiers," the Marysville Legion Post said in a resolution adopted at the time. "We regret this attack upon these soldiers who are too far away to defend themselves as un-American, unsportsmanlike and indecent."

We sincerely hope the Republicans of the First District will purge themselves of any feeling of shame, disgust and nausea—as they can by disapproving at the polls next week of Mr. Lambertson, his voting record and his un-American, unsportsmanlike and indecent conduct.

Second only to Lambertson in voting against the People was Congressman Thomas D. Winter of the Third District, who managed to be absent on many crucial votes but as been against Farm Security, crop insurance, REA, soil conservation, soldiers voting, etc. He voted to over-ride the President's veto of the inadequate tax bill, to the delight of the war profiteers.

The Republicans of the Third District should retire him.

## 52 Candidates Take Stand In Co-operative Legislation

Only 52 of nearly 500 candidates for U. S. and state legislative posts in the coming primary have taken the time to reply to the Kansas Farmers Union's open letter concerning their position on co-operatives.

Of the 50, there were 29 favorable to co-operatives. The remainder ranged from lukewarm but indefinite, to hostile.

One candidate for the U. S. Senate replied to the letter—Chauncey Dewey, who wrote:

"There has been too much pussy-footing among our political representatives on this subject, but I have always had the courage of my convictions and am ready at all times to make a good two-fisted fight for them. I am unequivocally for the co-operative movement among farmers, and have been a member of a Farmers Co-operative Union for the last 40 years."

Edward H. Rees of the Fourth Congressional District wrote that "I am not in favor of levying excessive taxes against co-operatives or anybody else. Taxes ought to be levied and collected on just as suitable basis as is possible, and as near as can be done, on a basis of ability to pay." In separate letter he strongly endorsed National Farmers Union positions on postwar planning for abundance.

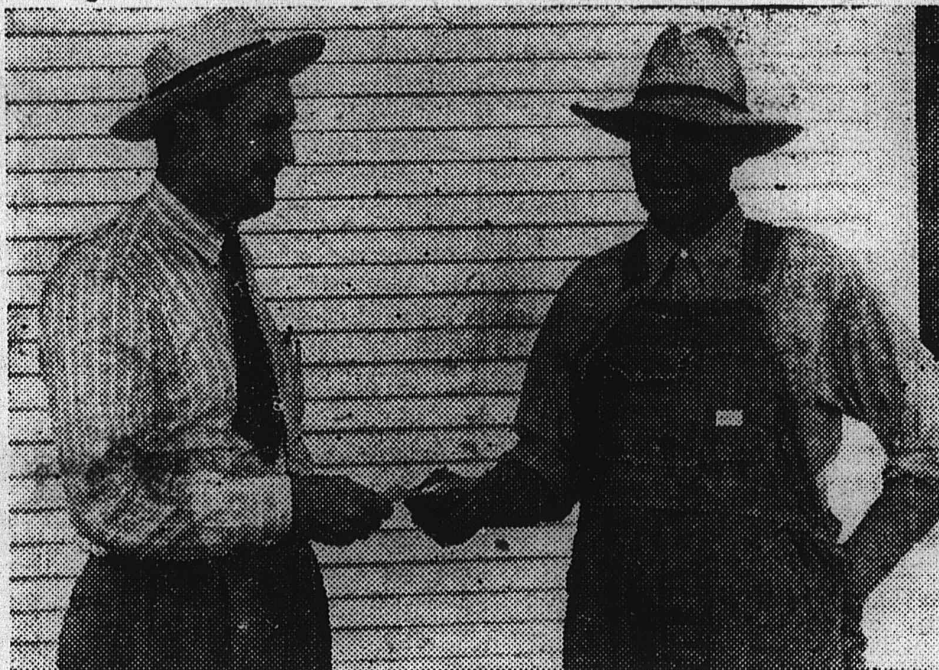
Renn Friendly

Oscar (Jack) Renn, candidate for Congress in the Third District against Thomas D. Winter, replied that he "help-organize and reorganize the Farmers Union Co-operative Ass'n., of Arkansas City and have had stock in it. I have been attorney for this association and other Farmers

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## K.F.U. Central Co-operative Earns \$5,140 During 1943-'44

Invests \$1000 In Co-operation



Henry Otto of St. Marys, Kansas, one of the growers of Kansas Farmers Union hybrid seed corn, is shown above giving President E. K. Dean of KFU his check for \$1000 for certificates of indebtedness of the KFU Central Co-operative. Mr. Otto was one of the first to pledge support to the new co-operative program, agreeing to invest \$1000 more than a month ago.

## KFU Central Co-operative Receives First \$2500 Of Capital Subscriptions

The Central Co-operative Exchange found was boosted \$500 at a meeting of the Fairview lodge near St. Marys last Friday night. The Fairview local, Albert Greishaber, Fred C. Greishaber, Clarence Yocum, William B. Simecka, Clara Greishaber, and Henry Pederson subscribed that total at the meeting. Others in attendance promised to make further subscriptions.

This was the first Farmers Union local to report to the state office on subscriptions to Central Co-op Certificates.

Ben Strong, editor of the National Union Farmer, in Salina to help with this edition of the paper, subscribed for \$50.

Finances for the new Kansas Farmers Union Central Co-operative, whose successful year in 1943-'44 is reported in another story on this page, are starting to come in. More than \$2000 has been subscribed to date for Certificates of Indebtedness.

Henry Otto, St. Marys, Kansas, farmer who raises some of the KFU hybrid seed corn and knows the potentialities and value of that service, has subscribed \$1000.

Directors of the Farmers Union Livestock Commission of St. Joseph voted at a meeting last week to buy \$500 of the certificates.

A. W. Ekblad of Leonardville, father of state educational director Esther Voorhies, was the first individual to mail in a subscription to the Certificates, sending his check for \$100 along with this note:

"Enclosed find my check for \$100 for the Central Co-operative fund. I wish to do my share for the co-op cause and hope for your great success."

Farmers Union locals, Farmers Union co-operatives and individuals can subscribe to the certificates, which will pay 6 percent per annum out of earnings.

A goal of \$25,000 has been set, the money to be used first to finance the hybrid seed corn operation which has been developed up to this time through bank borrowing.

A convenient subscription blank is printed below:

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Post Office Box 296

Salina, Kansas

Enclosed find \$..... for which please issue a Certificate of Indebtedness in the Central Co-operative to the undersigned, who is properly affiliated with the Kansas Farmers Union. (Member, local or Fu co-op.)

Name .....

Route ..... Town .....

## Reduces Cost Of Seed Corn And Helps FU

Hybrid Program Greatly Expanded In 1944; Audit Shows Earnings

The Kansas Farmers Union Central Co-operative Exchange completed this year's operation on June 30 with \$5,140.17 in surplus, or savings.

This is revealed in an audit completed July 19 by G. E. Creitz, secretary-manager of the Kansas Farmers Union Auditing Association. Of the total, \$4,743.11 in savings came from the hybrid seed corn program and the balance from sale of insurance.

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

The value of the co-operative to the Kansas Farmers Union and its members are only partially reflected in the balance sheets. KFU hybrid seed corns have been retailed to farmers during the past year at \$7.75 per bushel—a considerable cash savings for commercial seed corn was sold in the state at from \$9.50 to \$10.50 per bushel. As a result of the savings, even at the lowered price, a dividend of \$1 or more per bushel will be declared, payable this year to the co-operatives which handled the corn marketing. In future years it (Continued on Page 2)

## Patton Lauds Central Co-op

Now Is the Time to Finance Our Co-operatives, National President Says

A letter of congratulations on the results shown by the first annual audit of KFU Central Co-operative Exchange, which urges Kansans to finance and spread their co-operative movement rapidly, has been received from President James G. Patton of National Farmers Union.

Mr. Patton's letter says: "I have just looked over the audit of your year's operation of Kansas Farmers Union Central Co-operative Exchange and want to congratulate you both on the service you are performing and the savings. It is a splendid start, and I hope that both your seed and insurance services will expand rapidly."

"It is pleasing to know that you are raising capital for expansion. The more rapidly the co-operative movement is expanded today, the more likely we are to avoid another disastrous deflation and hard times brought on by the extraction of wealth from rural areas by monopolists. Farm people should, while their income is comparatively high, invest for the future in their own co-operatives. I hope your campaign to raise capital will succeed."



# Some Candidates Warmly Support Co-op Movement

## See Co-ops As Farmers Best Protection From Exploits

Many Farmers Union and other co-operative members and others who warmly support the co-operative movement to protect people from exploitation are revealed in legislative candidates in replies to the KFU's open letter to candidates on co-operatives.

Out of 50 replies, 28 have been favorable to co-operatives and given assurances of support of business interests attempt to hamstring the co-operative movement.

Excerpts from each of such letters are reproduced below:

"Will say I am very much in favor of such (co-operative) organizations, for in union there is strength. Surely you should know I am very strong for all co-operative unions."—Fred S. Beatty, Vermillion.

### "Our Few Hopes For Free America"

"If elected state representative of the 18th Kansas District, or if not elected, I shall be 100 percent in favor and back of the co-operative movement."

"Selfish interest groups threaten democracy and America today even more than Hitler and Tojo do. The co-operative movement is democratic. It helps the common man and his family. A co-operative movement motivated by Christian principles is one of the few possible hopes I see for the survival of a free America."

"I hope to have the great joy and privilege of battling for Co-operatives in the Kansas Legislature and later in the United States Congress. If denied such an honor, I would be happy to be directly associated with the co-operative movement as a member of it."—Francis F. Dietrich, Fort Scott.

### Remembers Old Time Exploitation

Very definitely I will vote for co-operatives. I have been very active all my mature life in Farm Bureau, Grange, co-operative elevators and am a director in the Producers Commission Association, Kansas City.

"I can distinctly remember when I was a boy the advantage the big companies took before we had the co-operatives. You can count on me to do all that is humanly possible for the co-operatives."—Herb J. Barr, Leoti.

### A Co-operator For 30 Years

I have been a member of the Farmers Union for 30 years and own stock in the elevator here at Ellsworth and I certainly would not vote to in any way injure the organization."—W. R. Flanders, Ellsworth.

### Oil Co-op Member

"I am a member of the Farmers Co-op Oil Co. at Emporia so that should show where I stand on any farmers cooperative."—Martin Pedersen, Emporia.

### "I Will Certainly Vote For Co-ops"

"... I will certainly vote for co-operatives if such a bill should come to the house."—Lucinda Casey, Topeka.

### A Co-operator For Sure

"I am now secretary and a director of the Haverhill Co-operative Elevator Company of Augusta. I helped to organize the Haverhill Co-operative Telephone Ass'n., also the Little Walnut Farmers Union of Lion, Kans. I am a member of the Butler County REA. So I must be a co-operator."—George T. Pickrell, Augusta.

### President of Co-op At Scott City

"We cannot exist without co-ops. ... I am a co-op booster and at present president of the Farmers Co-operative

store at Scott City."—C. T. Weishaar, Scott City.

### Can Support Beneficial Co-ops

"I can agree with you in most statements and can support any co-operative movement that will benefit the producer and consumer of Kansas as of all other states."—W. P. Noone, Jennings.

### Has Helped Build Several Co-ops

"As a charter member of a co-op oil company, grocery and locker company and a member of 2 farmers elevators I am a firm believer in the broad principles of agriculture working together. Rest assured that I am ready to do all I can in every way to further our organization."—Benj. O. Weaver, Mullinville.

### A Co op Official

"You will note I am secretary-treasurer of the Pioneer Co-op Ass'n. This is an REA project."—R. R. Bechtelheimer, Ulysses.

### Sympathy Goes To Co-operatives

"I was secretary of the At-tica Farmers Union Co-operative Association for many years. I am a member of 2 other co-operatives and my sympathy is with the co-operatives."—D. B. Heacock, Attica.

### "Time to Wake Up and Defend Selves

"The farmer and livestock man has been hamstrung from the beginning of this great world economic struggle. It is time to wake up and defend ourselves, if it is not already too late."—John Zimmerman, Eureka.

### Must Co-operate To Get Fair Share

"I most assuredly am for the co-operative organizations as sponsored by Farmers Union. It is through organization and co-operation that the working people of our state and our

nation must rely to secure their fair share of the wealth that belongs to all the people. I shall never cast a vote in favor of any bill that would be detrimental to your fine organization or co-operatives sponsored by it."—W. C. Stehman, Topeka.

### Backing Co-ops Runs In Family

"I have been for co-operatives for the last 40 years. So was my father before me."—Charles Bentsup, Deerfield.

### We Get Amazed Too, Sometimes!

"I am amazed that any one interested in the co-operative movement would address such a letter to me, as I have been known and recognized for a number of years as both an exponent of the co-operative movement and as an authority upon the law relating to co-operatives."—Steadman Ball, Atchison.

### Stockholder, Attorney—Okay

"I own stock in the refinery operated by CCA. ... own stock and am attorney for Goodland Equity Exchange. ... own stock and am attorney for Farmers Co-op Oil Co., at Goodland. ... sell my grain to the Equity Elevators. ... You can at least conclude I would be fair with co-operatives."—Elmer E. Euwer, Goodland.

### Founding Father

Evidently I am not opposed to co-operatives inasmuch as I was instrumental in organizing Farmers Union at Burdick a good many years ago and was one of three men designated to buy the local elevator."—E. T. Anderson, Emporia.

### "Should Bear Only Just Tax Share"

"I am expecting the Co-operation to continue as a part of the economic set up and prosper according to their merit. They should bear only a just share of the tax burden."—Jesse Carter, Jennings.

### Farmer, Granger And Co-operator

"I am a farmer, a member of the Grange. Also a member of the Jayhawk Co-op Creamery at Holton. I am first, last and always for the farmer."

### 100 Percent For Co-operatives

"I have always been interested in working for a farmers co-operative. We patronize the FU at Denison and Mayetta almost 100 percent. If elected, count on me for their support 100 per cent. We need more of them."—A. B. Haulbold, Holton.

### Will Vote For Common People

"It would be far from me to vote against the interests of the common people. So long as co-ops represent them they will certainly have my support."—A. E. Heckert, Topeka.

### Wouldn't Weaken Co-op Principles

"I would be opposed to legislation that would weaken the basic principles of co-operatives."—Alvin S. Wight, Antelope.

### "Farmers Must Co-operate

"As matters now stand, the farmer has little if any say as to the price he must pay for clothing, machinery and essentials, nor has he anything to say as to what he shall receive for his crops or cattle when he sells. Thus curbed at both ends, the buying and selling ends, he is indeed 'up against it' unless by means of co-operation he makes the great power of organization felt."—R. H. Thompson, Gove.

### Reduces Cost

(Continued from Page 1) will be payable directly to buyers.

In addition to the actual cash savings, the co-operative activity has helped the Kansas Farmers Union financially by paying a portion of the Presi-

dent's salary and attracting members to the Farmers Union movement.

Patrons of the co-operative 1943 will receive Certificates of Indebtedness from the co-operative to the extent of their dividends, permitting the money to be retained to help finance the 1944 seed corn program.

### Assets \$10,154.70

The current assets of the company, including \$3616 in cash and accounts receivable prepaid corn crop expense and such fixed assets as corn production equipment, total \$10,154.70. The liabilities are \$5,014.53 leaving the earned surplus of \$5,140.17.

The 1944 seed production program is being greatly expanded over the 1943 program, when approximately 4000 bushels were produced and sold. This year crop, if weather continues favorable, should yield 15,000 bushels.

This expansion of the seed program will require considerable additional capital, which is being raised by sale of Certificates of Indebtedness (see accompanying story).

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## CLYDE M. REED

Editorial Clipping from the Holton Record of July 6, 1944  
Edited by Will T. Beck, who supported Carl Friend in the last election.

We will stand by all the fine things we have said of Carl Friend as neighbor and citizen during the past campaigns he has made in Kansas, including his 1942 race for governor. But in his recent filing for United States Senator against Clyde M. Reed for the Republican nomination on the platform of "party unity," we must have some application of the term "unity." Party unity is generally not engendered by denying a Republican official a second term nomination, when his record has been good.



CLYDE M. REED

As to his present co-operation and unity with his party, we note that Senator Reed has heartily endorsed the Chicago nominees. He works well with his colleagues in congress, Senator Capper and the congressmen. He is esteemed and respected by all the Republican senators. He is fared by the New Dealers for his slashing attacks on the extravagances, the inequities, the faults and mistakes of the Roosevelt bureaucrats. He is in perfect harmony with the Republican program in Congress.

We all want unity, of course, but we can't see how it would be promoted in the party by retiring an experienced, studious, astute and forceful senator, such as Clyde Reed, whose searching mind is constantly uncovering the hidden fallacies of government, whose voice is ever crying for the right, the decent and the honest practices and policies of government rule.

The party and state can ill afford to spare such a useful legislator in these critical times, and replace him with a less experienced man.

Clyde Reed has always supported progressive farm legislation; he is too liberal a leader to be replaced by an old line conservative.

It is up to the farmers to vote in the primary as the Republican nominee will be Kansas' next senator.

**Vote In The Primary!**

## WILLAM S. NORRIS

Salina, Kansas

Candidate for Republican Nomination for Justice of the

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Position No. Seven

Mr. Norris is qualified by experience, ability and temperament for this office.

He has wide experience in legal matters of all kinds, in cases before the District Courts and Supreme Court, and is highly recommended by those in a position to know of his qualifications.

He is asking for support only on a basis of his experience, ability and integrity.

For several years he has served as attorney for the Kansas Farmers Union.



## Non-Committal Letters From Candidates Promises Fairness But Withhold Final Answer

A majority of letters from candidates for the Kansas State Legislature which are non-committal on the candidate's position on co-operative measure express a basic belief in co-ops but decline a final answer to the question of further study, or presentation of specific bills. Excerpts from all such letters received, indicating the candidate's position, are reprinted below:

### Have Not Studied Co-op Question

"Your letter is the first time I have been approached on the subject of co-operatives, consequently I have not studied the matter and would be reluctant to state my opinions without further study, or presentation of specific bills."—L. C. Long, Abilene.

### All Weigh the Evidence

"I am studying co-operatives but making no long range promises. I shall weigh the argument and evidence."—W. E. Chisholm, Roxbury.

### Must Not Break Economic System

"I am heartily in accord with co-operatives and small business and am opposed to many of the principles of big business and trusts in the United States, and I feel that our Trusts should be rigidly enforced against anyone violating the provisions thereof. I believe at every enterprise should be given fair treatment and consideration so long as they do not attempt to destroy individual initiative or to break down the economic system established in this country."—V. Nelson, Hiawatha.

### Limited Information

"My information in regard to this subject is very limited and would like to have more. It has always been my theory that competition, if operated on a fair basis, is the life of business and that at this time would be against any legislation to eliminate such."—E. C. Crofoot, Matfield.

### Will Do What Right on Taxes

"It seems the general complaint by business that you don't pay Federal income taxes. This is taken up by State I expect to do what is right by all parties concerned."—W. P. Arkman, Wallace.

### Wants To Hear Arguments

"I would like to hear arguments on both sides before giving my answer."—T. R. Gauthers, Ashland.

### For Kansas

"Will use my own head and vote for the interest of the people and represent and will be against anything that enfeebles or curtails the welfare of Kansas."—W. S. Robinson, Topeka.

### Wants To Study Plans First

"I have always been friendly to certain co-operative movements but before I would definitely commit myself on any plan I certainly should have the privilege of studying such plan."—E. H. Couch, Parsons.

### Some Good; Some Unworthy

"I can not tell you whether I am for or against any proposition to which you refer. Some co-operatives of which I have been familiar are doing exceptionally fine work for the farmers of Kansas, and other interested parties. Other types of co-operatives in my opinion, do not justify their existence. You would be doing a number of legislators an injustice if you stated that we would vote for or against all co-operatives."—John H. Homan, Abilene.

### Wants Co-ops, But Wants More Detail

"That is a blunt question. It

cannot be answered in advance of information concerning specific measures. While I have always believed in the benefits of co-operatives nevertheless I decline to commit myself in any way until I receive specific and detailed information on proposed measures."—Herman W. Cramer, LaCrosse.

"I am not as familiar with the co-operative movement as I would have to be to give a categorical answer."—Ralph M. Hope, Atchison.

### Lacks Detail

"As I do not have before me any further information concerning such proposed legislation, I do not feel that I should definitely not discuss the same further at this time."—Jas. F. Swoyer, Oskaloosa.

### "Don't Know Enough"

"I may not know enough about the specific matters you have in mind to give you a yes or no answer. I believe in co-operatives, and I believe in farm organizations."—Charles C. Calkin, Kingman.

### Reserves Answer

"I would not want to support a measure that would have the effect of destroying co-operatives, nevertheless I feel that judgment on any question should be reserved until one is fully informed on the subject and has a chance to hear both sides."—R. C. Woodward, El Dorado.

### No Promises

"It has been my practice, not to promise to vote for or against a bill before I have had time to see it and know its contents."—F. H. Cron, El Dorado.

### We Must Control Big Business

"I feel that big business in the East should be controlled so that the middle west can prosper without being bled to death as in the past."—Walter F. McGinnis, El Dorado.

"I have never been in favor of Big Business control. I went through the depression back in 1907 and as I saw the cause of it, it was strictly because of Big Business in the East which had control of our financial situation and withdrew the money from us locally. We have a number of co-operatives in my territory which are doing a nice job and are managed by good clean local men."—F. C. Reeves, Parsons.



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## Meet A Good Neighbor

### CO-OPERATIVE DOLLAR

A new advertising character, "Co-operative Dollar", who stays home instead of wandering off East to consort with the monopolists, is being introduced by the new National Farmers Union public relations Service for co-operatives.

The character is used in ads suggested for co-op use.



"Tax", shown at the left, represents the tax dollars paid into community treasuries to build schools, roads and support other public services. (Co-operatives DO pay taxes.)

Other illustrations of "Co-operative Dollar" illustrate the payrolls he brings into local communities, and bills that are paid through co-operative dividends.

The advertisements suggested for Co-Ops point out that co-operatives keep dollars in rural communities—or send them back to rural communities from the regional level, while monopolists draw money OUT of the grass roots and reduce their economic resources and economic well being.

Samples of the National Farmers Union Services public relations kit can be obtained from "Kansas Farmers Union," Box 296, Salina, Kansas.



## Co-ops Help Save Family Farmers

NEW YORK—"It is part of our nation's tradition that rural economy be based on the small farm," the New York Times declared in one of its chief editorials Monday July 10. Then it pointed out the current fear that large corporation type of agriculture with a 'factories in the fields philosophy' might replace the family size farm.

"But four factors are already in operation which will help family farming hold its own," the Times said. The four factors cited were: The creation of small powered machines to fit the average farm, electrification of the nation's farms; new industrial uses of farm crops; and the increase of cooperative buying and selling. Speaking directly on the growth of the co-ops the Times said:

"The third reason for optimism is the increase of cooperative buying and selling. Farmers are individual-

istic by nature, but in the last twenty years notable progress in cooperation has been achieved. When farmers learn how to handle cooperatives it will remove a major part of the worst economic handicap American agriculture has faced: that is, buying at retail and selling at wholesale. American industry has proved that mass production at small profit per unit is a sound basis of economy.

## Patton Insists Demos Keep Their Pledges

**Tells Platform Committee  
1940 Promises Unfilled;  
Submits FU Program**

By Benton J. Storg, Editor  
National Union Farmer  
(Special to the Kansas Union Farmer)

Chicago—President James G. Patton of National Farmers Union called on the Democrat Platform Committee here July 17 to make and KEEP specific pledges to family farmers.

Recalling that the 1940 Democrat platform promised to protect the family farm, to expand the rehabilitation and tenant purchase programs, and to maintain crop insurance, Patton reviewed the record.

Both the rehabilitation and tenant purchase programs have been drastically cut back.

Crop insurance has been abolished.

Benefit payment programs (Continued on Page 4.)

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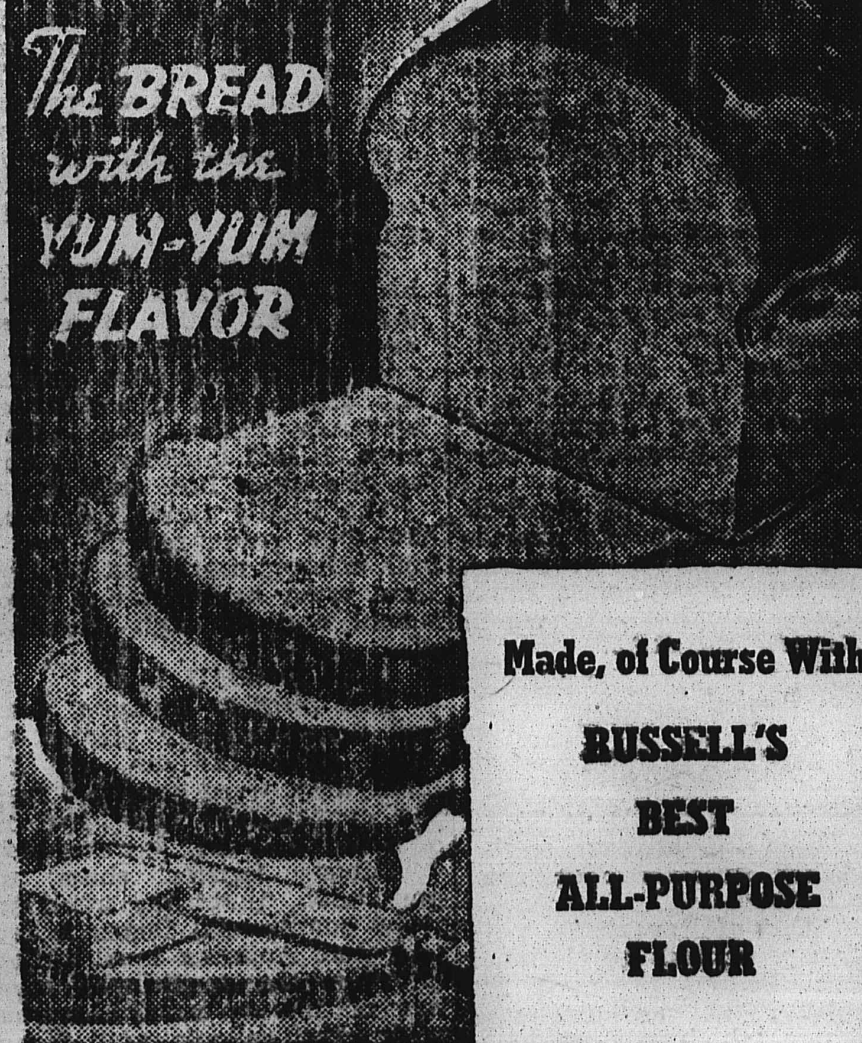
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# RFC To Auction 45,000 Acre Camp In Oregon

## Military Gives Up The First War Location

NFU Has Protested Handling: Disposal Will Be Watched As a Precedent

Washington—The Army has surrendered 45,000-acre Camp Adair, in Oregon, which presumably will be turned back into farm land—and will furnish the first test of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation's Policy and administration in disposing of such lands.

How the disposal of surplus U. S. lands to farmers ended up in the arms of the RFC, the unlikely place in the government for it, and one most likely to arouse the suspicion of family farmers, is no mystery.

### Job Done on Farmers

It was a job done by Secretary of Commerce Jesse Jones, and Will Clayton, administrator of surplus property disposal—with the National Association of Real Estate Boards in the background.

The NAREB's wanted to be sure they would get their profit from any war-lands disposal. Their isn't any place for this profit to come, except from ex-service men and family farmers who would like to bid for the land.

Colonel M. J. O'Byrne, Cincinnati real estate operator and close friend and associate of John W. Galbraith, president of NAREB, will handle the land disposal for REC.

As a matter of fact, Clayton knew farmers would raise Cain about RFC's being put in charge of surplus land disposal and withheld the news as long as he could.

It was smoked out by President Jim Patton, of National Farmers Union, and Russell Smith, NFU's legislative secretary. When Clayton did admit it, he accompanied the admission that the land would be divided into family size farm parcels and preference would be given to former owners and veterans.

But there was no denial that sale will be by auction, not by disposal to veterans and other family-type farmers at "fair appraisal" prices they can pay.

### Patton's Position

"Farmers who remember the record of the RFC, as it has touched upon agriculture, natural resources, and small business, would find this assignment laughable, if it were not so dangerous," President James G. Patton said.

"There is every indication that the reason for the action and the attendant secrecy is that the powerful financial interests represented in and associated with the National Association of Real Estate Boards and its affiliated organization are dominating land disposal programs of the government."

The Department of Agriculture, the government's arm is dealing with farm problems, will be represented on a small "advisory committee" which will "assist" the RFC.

### Patton Insist Demos Keep Their Pledges

(Continued from Page 3.) still favor the already well-fixed big farmers over the little farmer.

### "Out of Poverty"

Patton presented the National Farmers Union proposals for agriculture, in an economy abundance, which had previously been submitted to the Republican National Committee on agriculture.

"We are running out of poverty in America," he told the Democrat platform com-

mittee. "We have proved the nation's capacity to produce and proved that there is no real need for want or poverty anywhere in the land."

We have got to learn to live with abundance, and like it—and national policy must be directed to bring about that abundance which the people now know is attainable."

### Preliminary Remarks

President's Patton's preliminary remarks to the Democratic platform committee follow:

"Speaking for members of the National Farmers Union, who are exclusively people whose living is derived from farming, I want first to thank you for this opportunity to present their views and the views of family type farmers on agricultural policy."

"We are meeting in the midst of a war, yet we must look ahead to peace. In agriculture that is not difficult, for the very measures which need to complete our victory at arms are measures which we need to insure a People's peace, and an opportunity in agriculture for farmers and their sons and daughters now fighting this war to achieve economic as well as political democracy."

### Pledges Made

"We are deeply concerned in the National Farmers Union about the continuation of family type farming in the United States. The Democratic party has for many years committed itself to the continuation of that American pattern of agricultural life. In your 1940 platform the party pledged itself to 'safeguard the family-sized farms in all our programs', 'to continue the program of rehabilitation of farmers who need and merit aid' and 'to extend and enlarge the tenant purchase program until every deserving tenant farmer has had a real opportunity to have a farm of his own.'"

These things, and much more, must actually be carried out or we face an entirely new pattern of life in rural America—not just on the farms, but in the rural communities of the nation."

### Tale of 2 Towns

"The Bureau of Agricultural Economics recently made, and submitted to a U. S. Senate subcommittee, a study of two towns in California which confirms and graphically pictures a situation which will occur throughout what happens, and the destruction of the whole nation to our manner of life if family-type farming is not maintained."

"One of these towns was in a typical American, family farmer area. It has 7800 population. The other was in the midst of large industrial farms and had 6300 population. The land resources, the basic productive facilities of the two areas were comparable. But there was a vast difference in the social, economic and political pattern of the two."

"The family type farm town had 156 business places—more than 2 1-2 times as many as the other, which had only 60. It had two banks, the other none. It has seven women's clubs, the other none. It had fourteen churches, the other had only six."

"The family type farm town had four grade schools and a high school; the industrial type farm town had just one grade school and no high school at all."

### Trend Is Real

"The family farmers' town had democratically elected officials—the citizens of the other town were governed from the county seat and had no democratic local government."

"Census figures show us, gentlemen, that the trend toward commercial farms is real and that America must choose between the traditional manner of life in rural America, with good schools and decent social, economic and political institutions, or the commissary town people by folk who have lost most of their economic and political democracy and, having lost most of their economic and

political democracy and, having lost those, retrogress educationally and socially."

"In the last four years, when hundreds of thousands of family type farmers might have been aided by being helped into full production of foodstuffs for war, we have actually turned away from the family type farmer."

### FSA Cut

The Farm Security Administration has been nullified and misrepresented, and its program of rehabilitation loans to farmers which might have been expanded to enormously increase our food production has been cut from a \$120,000,000 level in 1942 to \$67.5 millions. The tenant purchase program has been reduced to \$15 million a year from \$50 million. The morale of its capable, devoted personnel has been badly shaken and its brilliant innovations of co-operative medical care systems and small facilities have been badly damaged."

The distribution of farm income within agriculture has steadily become more inequitable. The rich have become richer and the poor have become relatively poorer. There is no doubt that the commercial farm programs of the Department of Agriculture and the War Food Administration not only have not stopped this trend but have actually increased its speed."

### Rich Get Richer

In 1935-36, for instance, corn belt farmers with money income less than \$1000 received about \$100 from AAA benefit payments. Farmers who had an income of \$3000 or more received more than \$400 in payments."

This situation was even worse in the cotton country. In Mississippi, as in example, operators whose incomes were under \$1000 received an average of \$55 in the 1935-36 crop year. Those who already had incomes of \$3000 or more averaged more than \$100 in cash from the AAA benefit payments."

In general, the effect of commodity loans upon farmers' income has been the same. Whenever the loan rate has gone above market prices, those farmers in the best position, who had the most land and crops, have gained a great deal more from the loans than have farmers who already were disadvantaged because of inadequate incomes."

### Insurance Dropped

"Instead of a revision of policy and practice toward rectifying this condition, we have seen in the recent past a drive by selfish pressure groups to remove any governmental direction of benefit payments. In place of efforts to strengthen the family farmer, we have seen a ruthless drive to force prices of farm products up and up and to enable the rich and powerful to reap a harvest thereby that would further entrench them, while small farmers were even denied assistance to get into full production."

"Crop insurance, which is most needed by the small farmer who has little or no reserve, has been wiped out instead of being strengthened. The plans to get surplus commodities to the needy through school lunch programs, the stamp plan, low cost milk, etc., have all been abolished with the sole exception of the school lunch program—although all of these programs were en-

dorsed for expansion by the voters of America in 1940. Danger Ahead

"As I have said, we are deeply concerned about the trend away from family farming in this nation for, unchecked, we see towns without schools, without business houses except commissaries, without churches, without newspapers—without the things that make America a great, strong land."

"American family farmers want more than generalizations, they want and they insist that in this dangerous period those who ask their support give them in detail far greater than can be written on a postal card, a program to sustain family type farming for which every candidate of your party can be held accountable."

"I do not wish to imply that the picture is all bad."

### TVA Record Good

"It is wholly true that we are engaged in a great war for survival, and other considerations must be subordinated to winning that war. It is also true that the past four years have witnessed some notable successes on the domestic front, as well as the brilliant successes on the military front. The magnificent war record of the Tennessee Valley Authority, the increased food production brought about as the result of our first great national rehabilitation and conservation programs, the maintenance of a favorable balance between incomes received by farmers and the prices they must pay—all of these are important achievements. And there have been others."

The failure on the domestic front are not the failures of any one party. The damage to national farm programs has been accomplished at the instigation, and with the connivance, of some members of both parties."

We hope, therefore, not only that the Democratic party will adopt a program of true democracy for farmers at this time, but that in the course of the next four years, members of the party will be reminded that campaign pledges are not merely sentences printed to attract votes but are solemn promises to be put to work in the real world of performance."

It is with the hope that the Democratic party will hew to the line of abundance for all in its every action during the campaign in the years that follow, that the National Farmers Union lays before you members of the platform and resolutions sub-committee its suggestions."

### Homer Spence In Primary Race

Homer R. Spence, president of the Scandia Farmers Union local and secretary-treasurer of the McPherson county Farmers Union, is a candidate for the Republican nomination for county treasurer in the August primary.

Mr. Spence has been active in the business, civic and local affairs of his township, town and county for many years. For the past 26 years he has lived on a farm north of McPherson. Many friends both in and out of Farmers Union urged him to make the race.

## Kansas C of C Will Sponsor Farm Measure

Business Men's "Agricultural Council" Votes To Present Marketing Act To Next Legislature

The Kansas State Chamber of Commerce has entered the agricultural field and has voted to present an agricultural marketing act at the next session of the Legislature.

At a meeting at the Jayhaw Hotel in Topeka July 6 the "Agricultural Council" of the Chamber of Commerce redrafted and approved a bill presented by J. C. Mohler of Topeka, secretary of the State Board of Agriculture.

The committee of Kansas Farm Organizations has previously declined to back legislation.

The measure sets up a new bureau or "division of markets" within the State Board of Agriculture to inspect, grade, classify, adopt rules and regulations, and "promulgate standards, both for receptacles and for the grade and classification of agricultural products."

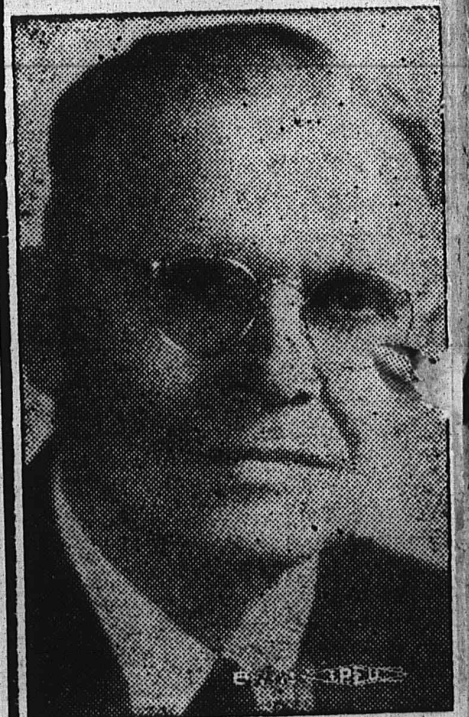
An analysis of the measure will be carried in the next Kansas Union Farmer.

### How To Get Full NFU Farm Plan

You can obtain a pamphlet containing the National Farmers Union's complete proposals to the major political parties either from Kansas Farmers Union National Farmers Union sending a postal card requesting it.

(Political Announcement)

### Candidate For State Superintendent



L. W. Brooks

of Wichita is a candidate for the Republican nomination for State Superintendent of Public Instruction in the August 1 primary. Brooks is well qualified for this important office having had experience in all types of schools from one teacher rural schools to the larger city systems. He is now Director of Secondary Education in the Wichita Public Schools. He has held important positions in both State and National Teachers associations.

Farmers Union Members Will Vote For

**HOMER R. SPENCE**

For

**COUNTY TREASURER**

Of McPherson County

Long active in Farmers Union Work, and in Other Civic and Business Affairs.



# THE JUNIOR PAGE

ESTHER EKBLAD VOORHIES, DIRECTOR, Salina, Kansas

"He Loves His Country Best Who Strives to Make It Best"

## McPherson Reserve Campers



Pictured above are the thirty two campers from five locals that attended the McPherson County Reserve Camp, July 19, 20 and 21. To the left in the back row are Ralph Sjoström, County Education Director, and Mrs. Esther Voorhies, State Director. At the right is Mrs. Walter Arnold (outside), Smoky Hill Leader, and Bonnie Peterson, Johnstown Junior. Mrs. Chas. Olson, Camp manager, could not be present when the picture was taken.

## Outdoor Folk Dancing At Camp



McPherson campers are seen in a Heel and Toe Schottische dance with Keith Peterson, a Junior furnishing music on his accordion.

## 32 Enjoy Reserve Camp At McPherson City Park

The Scout Cottage in the McPherson City Park hummed with activity when the second annual Reserve Camp of the county opened Wednesday afternoon, July 19. Thirty-two boys and girls arrived for the afternoon swim that gave the camp a good start.

The first evening was spent in getting acquainted and in putting up tents, which later that night had to be abandoned because of rain. By Thursday evening the skies were clear and campers enjoyed a full night of tent life.

The day's study program consisted of discussions in the nature study unit, "Destroy Weeds," "Working Together," and the "Farmers Union Highway." Mrs. Charles Olson, former County Education Director, who was manager of the camp, assisted Mrs. Esther Voorhies with class instruction.

Folk dancing, singing, croquet, darts, softball and swimming, with emphasis on the latter, were the play hour activities. Except for one morning swimming was enjoyed morning and afternoon at the City Pool. On the closing evening, Friday, the 21st the pool was exclusively the Farmers Union's between the hours of 10:00 and 1:00. That was a treat of the day.

Thursday afternoon, Mr. Hyman, manager of the swimming pool, and his son, Tommy, came to the Cottage with "Lustralace" and helped the group.

make colorful bracelets. Both boys and girls found the bracelets fun to wear and a nice souvenir of the camp.

Many interested Farmers Union members, parents, and brothers and sisters, some former campers, came the last evening for the picnic supper and program. The entertainment by campers began with a group of songs and a quiz that demonstrated a day at camp. The play, "The Jones Go Apic-nicing," and the dramatization of "Soldiers of the Soil" were well done. State President and Mrs. Dean's daughter, Diane, with two other campers, Mary Lou and Inez Bengtson, highlighted the program by winning the Creed Contest. The County Union offered a prize to every camper who could appear before the last evening guests and recite the Farmers Union Creed for memory. These three campers won the prize—a twenty-five cent defense stamp each.

Assisting Mrs. Olson with management, cooking, and general camp duties were Ralph Sjoström, County Education Director, Mrs. Walter Arnold, Smoky Hill Leader, Niles Gibson, County President, Bonnie Peterson, Johnstown Junior, Mrs. Julius Gibson, and Mrs. Homer Spence.

The second county camp for McPherson is over. Tired but happy Reserves went home feeling that the Farmers Union is a very important organization.

## Two Kansans Win NFU Cash

Virginia Pearl and Hubertine Snog Write Winning Letters On Age Question

Recently Mrs. Edwards, National Education Director, asked leaders and young people to write letters for the NFU on the proposed lowering of the Junior age to 14.

Virginia Pearl, a St. Marys Junior wrote a winning Reserve letter, and now we learn that Hubertine Mog, our Ellsworth County Leader, wrote a winning letter for the Leaders. She shares honors with Mrs. Adolph Bong of South Dakota and has received half of the five dollar award.

Quotes from Hubertine's letter follow:

"It would be a very good idea to lower the age of Juniors to 14 for several reasons. First, it would give Juniors time to complete a more thorough study of the Farmers Union, as suggested in the five-year plan, since so many Juniors graduate from high school when they are 17 or 18 and go into jobs that take them away from the Farmers Union. Then, it would also give the 14-year-olds an opportunity to start thinking about what is going on around them, which I believe will make for better youths and a better world."

Since this letter was written, the National Education Council has met and decided that begin-

## AT YOUR SERVICE

A Monthly Service To Farmers Union Papers from the National Farmers Union Education Service, Denver, Colorado.

GLADYS TALBOTT EDWARDS, Director

"Education . . . A Debt Due from the Present To Future Generations"

### Looking To 1945

Many new plans were made for the study year of 1945 (beginning in October 1944) at the last meeting of the National Education Council, held in Denver over the May-June month end.

These new plans necessitate work in the Education Service. New Manuals are under way . . . new leaflets which will be helpful to both new and old leaders . . . new studies for Juniors and new awards for Reserves. All of this begins with 1945.

New Torchbearer Plan Torchbearers are asked to send in their ideas on a change in the selection of Torchbearers. Leaders and Juniors are asked to write their reaction to a new plan of selection for the Torchbearers.

This would also begin in 1945.

Briefly, the plan proposed by a group of Montana Juniors and Leaders, including Torchbearers, is that any Junior who completes the full five years of Junior study shall become a Torchbearer. This would give an incentive to Juniors to complete the work and would ensure that Torchbearers were well informed when they become dues paying members.

It also eliminates the hazards and heartaches of elections. Yes, it will eliminate the chance of the boy or girl who starts Junior work too late to complete five years, to become Torchbearers, but they have only two chances out of all the number of Juniors in the state anyway. This is small in comparison to the number who will be able to earn the Torchbearer rank thru the five years of work.

Write the National Office your opinion on this new plan for 1945.

### Don't Fire Until You See The Whites Of Their Eyes

The caption of this paragraph is well-known quotation. We want to paraphrase it and say "Don't order until you see the price listed". Some of the State Directors of Education tell us that orders come into their office for material which is not yet ready for distribution because readers have seen in mention-

We often tell you of material which will be available to you so that you many plan on it, but it is not ready to be mailed out until we list the prices with it.

We are preparing for distribution this fall, probably at convention time:

NEW CAR WINDSHIELD STICKERS. A beautiful design with the triangle within the shield as it is on the National banner.

1945 CALENDERS for purses and billfolds, such as we had for 1944. There was great demand for these.

Order Now

Packets of Farmers

Union Postcards . . . . . 10c

One Night Discussion

Outlines . . . . . 10c

"Farms for Veterans"

"Economy of Abundance"

New Pamphlets

"The Insect Parade" "Animal Travels"

These are two excellent pamphlets for the Reserves who are studying the Bird and Insect Unit. They are illustrated with excellent color photographs and the text is most interesting to young folks.

Price . . . . . 32c

Our Job In The Pacific

This pamphlet by Vice-President Henry A. Wallace, is the first statement dealing with American postwar policy in the Far East, made by a high American Government official.

This pamphlet is a must for discussion groups and people interested in post-war plans.

Price . . . . . 25c

More Discussion

Two one-night Discussion Outlines have just been completed on rural health needs and plans. There is too much material on this subject to be covered in a single evening. Hence, the two outlines.

They are now available for 10 cents each.

Welcome

We are happy to welcome and announce to you here two new directors of education. Mrs. Evelyn Witt of Wisconsin will be assistant to Harry Miller, director of education for the Wisconsin Farmers Union. Mrs. Dora Barney has just been appointed director of education for the Oklahoma Farmers Union.

ning with 1945 Farmers Union young people will be known as Juniors when they enter high school, or upon reaching the age of 14. Voting privileges in the local will continue to be granted Juniors at the age of 16.

### MORE CAMPS

At this writing the Stafford County Reserve Camp is scheduled to begin session at the Lulu Valley Schoolhouse northwest of Stafford, Tuesday, July 25, through Thursday, July 27. Mrs. John Heyen, Corn Valley Local Leader and camp manager, writes that some thirty campers are expected.

The dates for the Jewell-Mitchell and Pottawatomie-Wabaunsee camps have been changed from earlier announcements. Mrs. Ruby Henningsen, Jewell County Leader, announces that their camp will definitely be held August 8, 9 and 10. Campers are to arrive by 5:00 p. m. Tuesday.

Leaders of Pottawatomie and Wabaunsee counties met last Saturday evening and set their camp dates for Sunday evening, August 20 to Tuesday evening, August 22. The camp will open at 5:00 p. m. Sunday evening and on Tuesday evening there

will be a general Farmers Union picnic and a program by campers to close the camp session. The places of the two above camps will be announced later.

## St. Marys Plans 25 Year Celebration

The St. Mary Farmers Union Cooperative Business Association will hold a 25th Anniversary picnic at the St. Marys Park August 3. The entire community is invited for the basket dinner at 12:00 noon, and the afternoon activities that follow. The program will begin at 2:00 p. m. with entertainment furnished by the F. U. Locals around St. Marys. Speakers have not been announced at this writing, but it is known that a famous Kansas organizer of twenty-five years ago, Wm. S. "Wild Swede" Swanson, will be a special guest.

For the late afternoon hours contests, races, horseshoe games and swimming is planned. Those musically inclined are urged to bring fiddles for the Old Fiddler's Contest.

In the evening a Farmers Union dance will be held at the Armory.

## County Camp Schedule

Jewell-Mitchell	August 8, 9, 10
Pottawatomie-Wabaunsee	August 20, 21, 22



## Day by Day with FUJA

by JOHN VESECKY

### Good Advice To Co-operatives: Keep Your Members Informed Through Farmers Union Locals

Dwight S. Tolle, Extension economist in marketing, Kansas State College, Manhattan, has done some outstanding work in furthering the interests of Farmers Cooperatives. The following extracts from some of the leaflets prepared under Mr. Tolle's direction are well worth reading and careful consideration.

1. Cooperative employees and Directors, being the organization's front, should, by all means, understand cooperative principles and the mechanics of their particular organization.

2. Stockholders should be kept well-informed concerning their association's mechanics and its progress and growth. An informed and satisfied stockholder is an important cog in the mechanics of a cooperative.

3. The general public should be kept reminded that cooperatives do play an important role as a balance wheel in our national economy; that they will have an even greater post-war role in furnishing patterns in margin, service, and quality standards; that cooperatives are not socialistic, communistic, or fascistic, but are 100 per cent democratic; that cooperatives are not a threat to free enterprise and capitalism, but are a part of it.

Cooperatives are Democratic in contrast to:  
Socialism—An economic system wherein capital and land for large scale production or service, in which labor is hired, is owned by

some level of government.

Communism—Covers socialism and a step further—not only producers but consumers' property is owned by government.

Fascism—An economic system wherein productive enterprise is privately owned but controlled by a totalitarian state.

Cooperatives are Capitalistic—Capitalism is an economic system wherein all property is owned by one, two, several or many individuals who have the right to use their property as they please within the limitations of the law.

There is no better medium through which cooperative employees may get cooperative education and information and in turn give to their members and patrons information as to the progress and needs of their cooperative, than through the Farmers Union Local. There should be a Farmers Union local organized and actively functioning in the territory of every local farmers cooperative. The manager and all the directors and employees of the cooperative should not only belong to the local but should regularly attend the meetings, take part in the discussions and bring to the local information as to the progress and needs of the farmers cooperative with which they are connected. A special part of the program might be set aside for cooperative education and for the discussion of cooperative subjects. Funds should regularly be set up in the annual budget for cooperative education.

### Vesacky Attends Box Car Parley

The Farmers Union Jobbing Assn. was represented by John Vesacky at the conference on the car situation, which met in Kansas City, July 12th. The conference was attended by Railroad Representatives, grain men, federal government officials and a representative of the Army.

Senator Clyde M. Reed, who has in the past represented the farmers in many freight rate cases, called the conference in order to try to find out just how acute the car situation is and what can be done to relieve present car shortages. It was the consensus of the Railroad representatives present that if cars can be unloaded promptly and returned to the western lines, all distressed wheat can be moved to terminals by August 1st to 15th. Santa Fe, and Rock Island have the greatest

number of closed elevators on their lines. The MOP and UP reported no elevators closed and plenty of cars on hand to load all the wheat that can be unloaded at terminals. Most of the terminals reported that they have help to operate not over 75 percent of capacity.

The Army reported that no prisoners of war are at present available to be used in unloading wheat cars, and Ft. Worth, Texas, reported that German Prisoners of war tried out there were not satisfactory. It was recommended that farmers store as much wheat at home and in the government bins as possible and so help keep terminal congestion to the minimum.

Los Angeles—Because of increased worker efficiency, the cost of B-24 Liberator bombers has been reduced \$100,000 each, officials of Consolidated Aircraft announce.

### Here's How A Labor Man Feels About Farmers

Patrick L. Patterson, Wichita, a member of the Brotherhood of Railway Carmen of America, has written in reply to our open letter to candidates:

"The preamble of our Constitution reads as follows:

"To co-operate with all trade, labor and farmer organizations;

"To secure passage of such laws as are beneficial to the working class.

"So I can answer all of your questions in your favor. If elected I will vote for the co-operatives. I will vote for higher taxes on co-operatives. I will vote to strengthen co-operatives.

"Labor unions consider you one of us and are glad whenever the opportunity affords itself for us to co-operate with you."

Mr. Patterson is Democratic candidate for state representative from the 68th District.

## Central Co-op Has Prospect of Large Seed Corn Crop



Kansas Farmers Union Central Co-operative has prospects for a record-breaking crop of hybrid seed corn this year. A total of 700 acres is in, with a prospective average yield of 30 bushels. About one-fourth is graded out, so that from 15,000 to 17,000 bushels of seed will be available if weather continues favorable. Last year, Central Co-operative sold seed corn at \$1.75 to \$2.75 under the commercial hybrid price and made savings of more than \$1 per bushel. This year's costs may be even more favorable.

In the picture above are Henry Pederson, KFU fieldman, and Leon Lytle, who have been directing detassling. Standing by the KFU pickup truck near the Oehlschlager field. German prisoners of war are among the workers helping to detassel the large crop.

### Your Sharpest Critic May Be A Real Friend

The following clipping from "The Firemans Fund Record," one of the oldest Fire Ins. Co. house organs, is so applicable to the needs of all those having to do with farm organization management and especially the managers of our farmers cooperatives, who are criticized by both friends and foes and for both the things they do and the things they do not do, that the philosophy expressed in the clipping may help them to turn a curse into a blessing.

"I've built my career on criticism!"

This startling statement was made by a man who has achieved a full measure of success in the business world.

"Starting from scratch, he has climbed the ladder, rung by rung, until he stands today in a very enviable position.

Into his office one day came one of his assistants, complaining bitterly of criticism he was getting from an associate.

"Criticism!" replied the chief, with a gleam in his eye. "I've built my career on criticism!"

"When I started out there was plenty I didn't know, of course, but I made up my mind that when anybody criticized me I wouldn't resent it; I'd learn from the critic what was wrong with me, and I'd improve myself on the point he was finding fault with.

"I determined to do this every time. I ate up criticism; welcomed it eagerly.

"This reaction to criticism changed my whole attitude to people.

"Realizing that my critic was in reality my benefactor I had a warm feeling of gratitude to him, and as a result I've made many staunch friends that I might have missed if I'd been resentful.

"I am convinced that this attitude gave me a tremendous boost in my struggle to get ahead.

"If people hadn't criticized me I might have thought I was pretty good, and stayed in the same spot indefinitely.

"So, if somebody is criticizing you, turn it to good account."

How many of us have the

vision to see in harsh criticism the opportunity to improve ourselves?

Can we see in a critic a potential friend?

After all, it's not the condemnation that matters—it's what we do with it when we hear it.

Back the Attack!

BUY MORE THAN BEFORE

### These are signs of trouble on your farm telephone line



"SIZZLING" A sound like frying bacon in your telephone receiver usually means a loose joint or splice in the wire.

#### "CAN'T RING OTHERS ON THE LINE"

Tree branches or vines probably are stealing current from the wire. Clear them away, and service should be better.

#### "CAN'T HEAR WELL"

The trouble maybe is in the receiver or the wires of the receiver circuit. Take your telephone to our office for free testing. But if you hear well on most calls, poorly on calls to only one or two parties, the trouble is more likely to be weak batteries in the other telephones.

#### "TELEPHONE HARD TO CRANK"

The wire may be short-circuited somewhere. The harder to turn, the nearer the short to your telephone.

Most troubles are easy to prevent if you and your neighbors will work together on the line just a few hours every two or three months.

SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE CO.





# LIVESTOCK MARKET NEWS

by the FARMERS UNION LIVESTOCK CO-OPERATIVE, KANSAS CITY

and

FARMERS UNION LIVE STOCK COMMISSION, SOUTH ST. JOSEPH, MO.

## Live Stock Sales

Of Farmers Union Livestock Co-operative  
KANSAS CITY

### CATTLE

an Adams, Anderson Co., Kansas, 17 steers	1052	15.00
F. Leckron, Dickinson Co., Kansas, 60 steers	1050	13.60
J. Moss, Ray Co., Missouri, 14 heifers	787	13.50
over & Cook, Platte Co., Missouri, 72 steers	845	12.00
ward Beetch, Dickinson Co., Kans., 30 steers	843	12.40
R. Head, Browning Co., Mo., 10 heifers	708	11.00
Brandon, Coffey Co., Missouri, 13 heifers	865	10.50
R. Falk, Wabunsee Co., Kansas, 15 cows	965	10.00
I. Evans, Coffey Co., Kansas, 15 steers	732	10.00
ert Piper, Avard Co., Oklahoma, 17 heifers	852	9.60
d Bangs, Greenwood Co., Kansas, 19 cows	990	9.00
as. Burton, Johnson Co., Kansas, 57 cows	992	8.75
E. Force, Wyandotte Co., Kansas, 41 cows	817	8.65
J. Price, Clay Co., Missouri, 37 cows	852	8.50
s. Burton, Johnson Co., Kansas, 57 cows	792	7.50
E. Force, Wyandotte Co., Kansas, 22 cows	787	7.35
as. Burton, Johnson Co., Kansas, 66 cows	671	6.25

### HOGS

d Alpert, Miami Co., Kan., 23	203	14.25
over Bros., Clinton Co., Mo., 26	239	14.15
E. Swicgood, Hickory Co., Mo., 18	221	13.85
as. H. Kohlenberg, Miami Co., Kan., 10	211	13.85
as. Kohlenberg, Miami Co., Kan., 10	197	13.85
oeplin & B., Osage Co., Kan., 31	223	13.85
E. Oman, Riley Co., Kan., 21	234	13.85
as. H. Kohlenberg, Miami Co., Kan., 12	262	13.75
E. Oman, Riley Co., Kan., 12	266	13.75
ward Clark, Sullivan Co., Mo., 20	225	13.75
J. Bischoff, Lafayette Co., Mo., 27	225	13.60
is O'Hara, Bourbon Co., Kan., 18	207	13.60
L. Newman, Daviess Co., Mo., 25	209	13.55
nk Meinershagen, Lafayette Co., Mo., 20	129	11.75

### SHEEP

fford Co., Wool Growers, Stafford Co., Kan., 115	80	13.50
T. Howard, Douglas Co., Kan., 13	94	13.50
G. E. Blockolsky, Riley Co., Kan., 32	89	13.50
T. Lyons, Osage Co., Kan., 15	82	13.25
Sauer, Morgan Co., Mo., 12	82	13.25
Minix, Johnson Co., Mo., 18	74	13.25
fford Co., Wool Growers, Stafford Co., Kan., 65	77	12.00
an McCallum, Sullivan Co., Mo., 11	66	12.00
s. Banning, Douglas Co., Kan., 12	67	11.50
ie Homrighausen, Miami Co., Kan., 52	56	10.75

## Market Letter

Farmers Union Livestock Commission

South St. Joseph, Mo.

marked deterioration in quality featured the week's low and top cattle dropped to lowest point in 7 weeks. Under 4 loads of good and choice 792-810-lb. steers at \$16.25; medium to good short-horned and native grassers mostly \$13.00-14.50. Two loads of fleshy whitefaced 1170-lb. Kansas grass steers secured \$13.85, bulk grass steers \$12.50-13.75; common to medium loads \$9.65-12.25; and yearlings sold at \$15.00 to \$16.25, including 2 loads of choice 792-810-lb. heifers at \$16.25; medium to good short-horned and native grassers mostly \$13.00-14.50. Two loads of fleshy whitefaced 1170-lb. Kansas grass steers secured \$13.85, bulk grass steers \$12.50-13.75; common to medium loads \$9.65-12.25.

### Candidates Take Stand

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on Associations. At least half of my clients are farmers. As background should convince you that I am sympathetic to the farmers' problems and needs."

Congressman Frank Carlson of the Sixth District sent friendly reply.

Wm. J. Kropp, candidate for Congress in the Fourth District, said: "I am 100 percent for 100 percent co-ops."

No other candidate for Congress replied.

### Favorable Replies

The candidates for the Kansas Legislature who wrote letters supporting co-operatives were: Fred S. Beatty, million; Francis S. Deitrich, Fort Scott; Herb J. Barr, Atchison; W. R. Flanders, Ellsworth; George M. Pickrell, Augusta; Lucinda Casey, Topeka; Martin Pedersen, Emporia; T. Weishaar, Scott City;

Benj. O. Weaver, Mullinville; R. R. Bechtelheimer, Emporia; D. B. Heacock, Attica; John R. Zimmerman, Emporia; Charles Bentrup, Deerfield; W. C. Stethem, Topeka; Adman Ball, Atchison;

Chauncey Dewey, Brewster; Elmer E. Euwer, Goodland; E. T. Anderson, Emporia; R. H. Thompson, Gove; Jack L. Patterson, Wichita; Alvin S. Wight, Antelope; George M. Klusmire, Holton; Jesse Carter, Jennings; A. E. Bert, Tescott; A. B. Haulbold, Holton; Emmett R. White, Emporia.

Many of the letters revealed Farmers Union members in legislative races. Excerpts from each of the letters printed on Page 2 and 3 to indicate more exactly where candidates stood.

25; several loads light Oklahoma and Kansas yearlings \$8.50-10.00; some Texas canners down to \$6.00; low grade Oklahoma and Texas calf weights \$6.75-7.75.

Good cows ranged up to \$12.50, bulk common and medium beef cows \$8.00-11.25; canners and cutters mostly \$6.00-7.50; shelly light canners down to \$5.00; most sausage bulls \$9.00-11.00, a few best \$11.50; top beef bulls \$12.75. Bulk of good and choice vealers moved at \$13.00-13.50, top \$13.50. A load of good 794-lb. Texas stock steers scaled at \$12.00, a part load of medium 886-lb. feeder steers \$11.25; most common and medium replacements \$8.65-10.50.

Hog receipts at 12 major markets totaled only 330,000 this week to mark, with the single exception of the Independence Day Holiday week, the lightest movement since last October. Prices have moved higher, reaching the ceiling level on butchers 240-275-lbs. Good and choice 180-240-lb. barrows and gilts advanced \$25 at 40c; 240-270-lbs. mostly 25c; over 270-lbs. 40 at 50c; under 180-lbs. 50c sows 40 at 75c, mostly 60 at 75c; stags 50 at 75c.

Thursday's top of \$13.95 marked a new high since the last week of March and was only 35c under the \$14.30 high mark since last October. Bulk of good and choice 200-240-lb. weights cleared at \$13.85-13.90; 240-275-lbs. \$13.75; scattered odd lots of 300-360-lbs. \$13.00-13.50; some 405-pounders \$12.75; most 180-200-lbs. \$13.75-13.90; a sprinkling of 150-170 lbs. \$12.25-13.65; bulk under 550-lb. sows \$12.00-12.25; stags largely \$10.00-12.25; extreme heavies quotable as low as \$9.25.

Slaughter sheep and lamb prices broke sharply this week, with daily trade working consistently lower, and prices now stand \$1.00-1.50 below last week's close, with low grades showing most of the decline. Good and choice spring lambs brought \$13.00-13.50 Thursday with the \$13.50 top paid rather sparingly; medium and good natives sold at \$11.00-12.75, with a few cull and common kinds at \$8.00-10.75.

### PATTON GETS RESULTS

The Surplus War Property Administration, W. L. Clayton, announces in Washington that the government will follow a policy of selling its surplus real estate in family size parcels

and to farm purchasers who will cultivate the land themselves. The statement comes as a reply in part to criticism of the surplus farm land disposal program by President James G. Patton of the National Farmers Union.



A CENTURY AGO Uncle Sam had nearly 1,500 million acres of unsettled land.

It wasn't worth much. What could be sold at all brought an average price of only 97¢ an acre.

It took weeks to get to it. It cost a young fortune to bring in supplies. There was no way to market crops profitably.

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To help finance the construction of some of the pioneer railroads into this virgin territory, the government turned over to them 130 million acres of land.

In return, most government traffic was to be carried at 50% off.

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For nearly a hundred years, the government has reaped an additional and ever-growing advantage from greatly reduced rates. Not alone from the few railroads which received land grants (about 9% of the track-age), but from competing roads as well.

Through these reductions alone the government has been repaid many, many times. At the rate of government shipping today, the deductions amount in a single year to just about twice the value of the grants when made.

Under present conditions, these land-grant deductions are both discriminating and unfair to shippers who do business with the government but who cannot use land-grant railroads.

This is one reason shippers, farmers, the Interstate Commerce Commission, the Office of Defense Transportation and the National Association of Railroad and Utilities Commissioners join with transportation agencies in recommending that land-grant deductions be ended.

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## It's Bad in Any Eye

The luxury magazine, "Fortune" (\$10 per year for 12 issues) has recently published a study of the American Farm Bureau Federation which it calls unique because it is "a private lobby sponsored by the government it seeks to influence."

"In several states farmers must still organize a bureau to obtain the services of a county agent and a corps of specialists backing him up. The Farm Bureau works closely with Extension Service even in states where there is no official tie between the two. . . . The tie with the Extension Service keeps the local or county farm bureaus alive and strong—and on these the strength of the national organization depends. . . .

"The special privileges of the Bureau have not gone unchallenged. . . . The liberal Farmers Union, which is built on co-operative elevators and liberal ideas, vigorously assails the Farm Bureau-Extension Axis. State legislatures, under this pressure, have occasionally considered separating the two. It has also been suggested that federal funds be withdrawn from states that allow these funds to strengthen so potent a federal lobby."

In an editorial note, the magazine says: "The Farm Bureau, with which this article deals, is not only a lobby but is ex-

ceedingly proud of being one. Like all lobbies, it high pressures legislators into voting as they might not otherwise vote. . . . The citizen who believes that lobbies are too strong, cannot. . . . hope to abolish them."

"THE CAN PROPERLY OBJECT TO THE QUASI-PUBLIC SPONSORSHIP THAT THE FARM BUREAU ENJOYS. (Capitals ours). Certainly nothing in the Bill of Rights suggests that petitioners should be aided with public funds; PLAIN COMMON SENSE RECOMMENDS AGAINST IT."

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The magazine analyzes some of the lobbying activities of the Bureau sharply.

"... Others have been puzzled at the vigor with which the Bureau has opposed consumer subsidies," it comments. "The principle of using such subsidies is surely debatable, but the Farm Bureau is hardly their natural foe on grounds of principle; IT HAS SPONSORED FARM SUBSIDIES BY THE BILLIONS. Part of the answer is that the Bureau, because it is a farm organization, must do battle over something. . . ."

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Fortune magazine has no particular stake in the farm field. Its \$10 price, and its editorial content, is designed for big business people.

But Fortune's writers, from an impartial observation point, see that the illicit relationship between a lobby and an educational agency (Extension is a part of the Land Grant College system) is a serious wrong.

This wrongful system exists in Kansas. The Farm Bureau-Extension pattern is legalized in this state. Kansas county agents, because of this legal marriage, spend time selling Farm Bureau insurance in competition with private insurance, conducting membership campaigns for the super-lobby, handling publicity and helping to build an organization which, at the national level, looks with a glass eye at the great mass of small farmers—and goes to banquets with the U. S. Chamber of Commerce and Big Business.

The Kansas legislature should correct the wrong.

The U. S. Congress should prohibit use of any federal aid funds by a state Extension service engaged in building and maintaining this lobby.

The U. S. Administration should begin tomorrow to clean it up just as far as existing authority goes—as should our own state college. There are rules, frequently violated in Kansas, which would end many of the abuses.

The Extension Service, serving this private master, cannot long continue its present course, with the increasing publicity and attention it is receiving, without dragging our Land Grant college down into the mud in which it is now wallowing.

## Paper Will Be Printed In National Plant In Future

## FSA Health Plan Continues

Rooks County Group Have Annual Member Fee Of \$30

The same health program for Farm Security families that has been in effect will continue during the 1945 fiscal year, Walter C. Winget, FSA Supervisor of Rooks County, said this week. This program was started in 1939 and has continued to serve the people in Rooks County.

The program remains in effect because Congress saw fit to keep it as a part of the FSA program of rehabilitation and farmer self help. Mr. Winget explained that, under this program, membership in a county health association entitles the whole family to the full benefits of the association. It is a "prepayment" plan, and the family pays for any ordinary medical and hospital expense that may come up during the year when it pays for its annual membership. The annual membership cost in the Rooks County Health Service Association is \$30.00.

FSA loans are available for families in order to permit them to join the health Association, and are budgeted in with the balance of their FSA loans. Mr. Winget explained that membership in the association is not restricted to FSA families only, but any low income family is eligible to join by making application and paying the \$30.00 membership fee.

FSA encourages establishment of such health service associations, but will not lend money for membership or otherwise take part unless the local county association of medical men endorses the association and takes an active part in es-

Copy Will Be Prepared In Salina; Ben Strong To Contribute and Assist

Beginning with the August 10 issue, the Kansas Union Farmer will be printed at Denver. Content of the paper will be continued to be prepared in the Kansas Farmers Union offices in Salina. They will then be forwarded to Denver for technical editorial handling, make-up and printing.

Benion J. Strong, editor of the National Union Farmer, will supervise publication in Denver and become a contributing editor. President E. K. Dean will remain editor-in-chief.

The change in places of publication is being made to make editorial services available because of the resignation of our own managing editor, to improve the quality of the paper and to obtain a lower cost schedule which may permit expansion of circulation.

Mr. Strong has assisted in editing the July editions of the paper in Salina and is familiar with Kansas Farmers Union affairs. He has attended numerous board meetings and was an attendant and speaker at the last state convention, giving the program and platform committee professional assistance in the job of writing up their report.

Establishing it. Each family has its free choice of any physician connected with the association.

FSA's endorsement of the prepayment plan is in line with its program of rehabilitation of farm families who for one reason or another need self-help opportunities. Protection from diseases and correction of health deficiencies are found to be most important factors in making greater food production possible in the average farm family set-up, Mr. Winget said.

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## Senator Reed Answers Dean's Letter By Telegram

Senator Reed in a telegram too late to include in story regarding candidates answers to Deans letter, states his past record on important agricultural issues.

Kansas Farmers Union,  
Ernest K. Dean, President  
Salina, Kansas.

Your letter July 14 and 20 reached my attention only when I arrived home last Saturday. Time did not permit covering details as requested for mailing to reach you yesterday. Surely that should not be necessary for Farmers Union and everybody else familiar with my life record of active support for agriculture and farm organizations in General and Farmers Union in particular. As chairman Kansas Public Utilities commission I filed first effort to reduce farmers grain and hay freight rates in 1921. Won that case saving Kansas farmers seven million dollars annually, all western farmers thirty-eight million annually. I represented Kansas organizations in general grain rate case which resulted in another adjustment down ward, Kansas farmers rates amounting three million to five million annually. While governor I took steps to help Farmers Union save their banks from collapse and continually worked with farm organizations including Farmers Union. As member senate appropriations committee helped Farmers Union preserve Farm Security Administration and

led fight on senate floor to continue crop insurance. Beginning with John Tromble and continuing with every president state Farmers Union up to yourself have always cooperated and had their confidence. A record like this ought to be sufficient evidence of reasonable understanding of and devotion to best interest of farmers in general.

Clyde M. Reed.

## Teachers Back Albert Cole

The Kansas State Teachers Association is backing Albert M. Cole to beat W. P. (Bill) Lambertson for Congress.

In a recent news bulletin analyzing candidates it referred crisply to Lambertson's record as "well known by all in his district" and said of Cole:

"Has actively and consistently worked for better schools in Kansas. As Chairman of the Education Committee of the Legislative Council and the Senate, he has been active in preparing and working for progressive school legislation. He has helped bring about school equalization, re-nodification of school laws, and teacher retirement legislation. Senator Cole has been an outstanding friend to education in Kansas."

## Elevators Should Protect Grain

With the probability that a considerable part of the 1944 Kansas wheat crop will be stored in local or terminal warehouses or farm storage, our farm folks should take every precaution to safeguard themselves against possible loss by fire, flood or by speculation by the management of the terminal or local elevator where they may have their wheat stored.

The Farmers Union Jobbing Ass'n. has its Terminal Elevator in Topeka and all its country elevators fully covered by insurance and by fidelity bonds and licensed under the Kansas Warehouse act. All the terminal elevators other than those owned by FUJA, in which it stores its customers' wheat are also fully covered by insurance and federally or state licensed, but we are informed that many Kansas elevators have failed to renew their state warehouse license, and many others never were licensed.

All our farmers elevator members should see to it that their elevator is licensed as a warehouse and that all risks to stored or owned grain are covered as fully as possible by insurance, bonds etc. This precaution will cost a little money but it will be fully worth all that it costs in the additional sense of security the manager, officers, and patrons will have if the wheat entrusted to their care is as fully protected as possible.