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## Local Production Councils Are Asked Questions

**A Letter from Senator Gillette and Senator Aiken Asks for Farm Information—Answers Important to Effort to Increase Farm Production.**

The letter which is printed below, from Senator G. M. Gillette and Senator George D. Aiken, was received by the State Office too late for use at the Farm Mobilization Day meetings which were held on January 12.

Local Production Councils who were appointed on January 12 at Farm "M" Day meetings, are asked to answer the questions asked in this letter, in accordance with the discussions carried on at their meetings, and send these replies to State President E. K. Dean, Box 296, Salina, Kansas. Locals which were unable to have meetings on January 12, are asked to discuss the questions enumerated in the letter at their next meeting. A report of these discussions should be sent to the State Office, to be forwarded to Senator Gillette and Senator Aiken.

These questions must be answered before maximum farm production on the individual farm can be assured. The way these things are handled, is an important part of our war effort. Information obtained from these discussions will be used in making decisions on legislative matters, with reference to these subjects.

January 6, 1943.

Dear Friend:—

No doubt you read the other day the President's patriotic call to the farmers of America to meet in their respective communities, on January 12 to learn community production goals for 1943, and to determine upon the best methods of meeting these goals.

As Senators from agricultural states and member of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, we desire to express to you our support of the President's action in calling these meetings and to urge you, as a farm leader to attend the meeting in your community and to lend your support to any workable program.

In connection with the national effort to increase farm production there are several major questions, which are still unanswered, that may have to be answered before farmers

### HAS YOUR LOCAL APPOINTED A REPORTER?

Cards have been sent to every Kansas Local Secretary, with the request that a reporter be appointed for every local, whose duty it will be to report news of local meetings, so that it can be included in the Kansas Union Farmer.

The response to this request has been very gratifying this week. Many interesting reports have been received and are printed under the "Neighborhood Notes" heading. We are looking forward to an even larger number of contributions for the Kansas Union Farmer of February 4—remember, notices of meetings must be at the State Office not later than February 1, for use in this issue.

generally can obtain the maximum of production on their individual farms. These questions include:

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## Farmers Union Important In Wartime

By this time, it will be admitted by everyone, that while the maintenance of the Farmers Union, as an organization, is more necessary to its members during wartime than ever before—it has become more difficult. Gasoline rationing, new driving restrictions will mean fewer visits to Locals by state and national officials. This means that the work of local organization—the addition of new members and the retaining of the present membership, must become increasingly the duty and obligation of the officers of our Locals, and the members.

### Farmers Union a Valuable Organization

Perhaps we would appreciate more the valuable work which our Farmers Union has accomplished, when we consider the money paid by members of some other unions. When the place which the Farmers Union has filled in sponsoring cooperative activities—the benefits gained for agriculture through use of the Farmers Union national and state legislative committees—the educational program offered Farmers Union youth, are considered—the dues of \$2.75 seem inadequate. In a recent examination in initiation fees and dues paid by members of labor organizations last year, we find that the amounts seem excessive.

We do not mean that Farmers Union dues should be commensurate with those of labor. We are only pointing out that the members of these Unions undoubtedly receive benefits from the payment of their money; and that the Farmers Union membership also receives benefits which are surely out of all proportion to the amount charged.

In order to lessen bookwork this year at the office, we would like to ask Local Secretaries to collect 1943 dues as soon as possible, and remit to the State Office. Response from the Locals has been good so far—pay your dues at your next Local meeting and have your Local one hundred per cent paid up, before March 1st.

A recent report dated January 10, lists two one-hundred percent "paid-up" Locals—Hillside No. 511 and Lone Star No. 942. Which Locals will be the next to be included on the "One Hundred Percent" Honor Roll for 1943?

### Every Member an Organizer

As members of America's finest farm organization let's resolve this year on a "every-member-get-a-member" basis. If we do this, we can double the Kansas membership—now that it will be more difficult to send professional organizers to help increase the membership, we can all decide to make organization OUR personal business.

Ask your neighbor today—take him and his family to your next Local meeting.

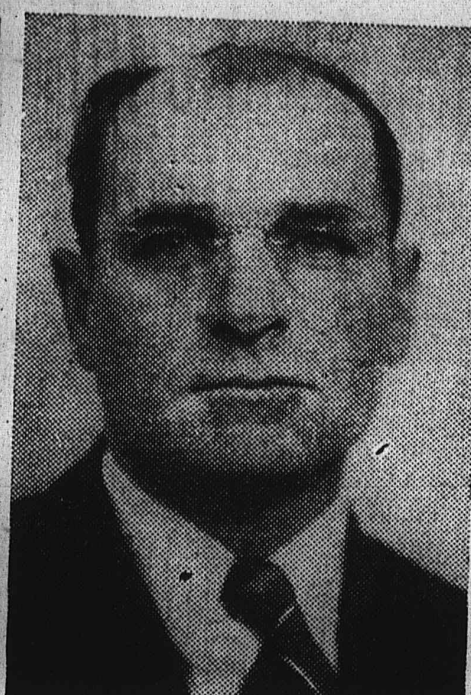
## Members Kansas Farmers Union State Production Council



W. G. DECKER

W. G. Decker, of Burr, Oak, O. A. Tennant, of Manhattan and Paul Lenherr, St. Mary's, have accepted appointments on the State Farmers Union Production Council. Mr. Lenherr's picture will appear at a later date, as it was not received in time for this issue of the Kansas Union Farmer.

War Production Councils, on a state, county and local level, are a necessity in aiding the farmers in the production of the war foods for the coming year. A local war production council should be appointed by every local and the names of the council members sent to the State Office without delay. Many locals appointed council members on Farm Mobilization Day. If your local has not already done so, see that the council is appointed at your next local meeting.



O. A. TENNANT

## State-Wide Box Social For Kansas Farmers Union

**Event Approved by State Board of Directors, to Be Held During Early Part of March—Definite Date Will Be Announced Later—Committees Should Be Appointed Now.**

The Board of Directors of the State Farmers Union, at a meeting at Beloit during the State Convention, approved plans for our annual state-wide Box Social, to be held, probably, during the early part of March. A definite date will be chosen at the State Board meeting in Kansas City, at the time of the annual meeting of the Farmers Union Jobbing Association, on February 5.

The Farmers Union Box Social has become an eagerly awaited event by those who have been present at these meetings in the past. Locals

have chosen various types of entertainment features—some sponsoring dances, carnivals, or pie socials. There has always been a state-wide radio broadcast upon which are heard speakers of state and national Farmers Union interest. This year, President E. K. Dean states that a decision has not been made about the broadcast, but that this matter will also be decided by the State Board.

Locals are asked to be thinking about their methods of celebrating this event, now. Publicity and program committees should be appointed, and their names given to the State Office at Salina, so that material in connection with the Box Socials can be sent directly to those who are chosen to be in charge of the event.

## GTA of St. Paul Begins Series of Radio Programs

**Fourteen Stations in Northwest to Carry Farm Broadcasts of Farmers Union Grain Terminal Association—Daily Broadcasts at 1:25 p. m., Monday-Friday.**

The Farmers Union Grain Terminal Association started on January 1, a series of radio programs, which will be carried through WLOL, Minneapolis, by fourteen local broadcasting stations in Minneapolis, Montana, North and South Dakota.

The programs are designed to "give the farmer the 'up and up' and the 'low down' on the actions of Federal bureaus and directors as they affect the welfare and fortunes of the farmers," according to information received from (Please Turn to Page Eight)

## KFU Members Meet for Farm "M" Day

**In Answer to Call by President Dean, Kansas Farmers Union Members Meet for Radio program and Discuss Food Production Plans.**

Kansas' greatest farm drive was started on January 12, as Farm Mobilization Day, proclaimed by (Please Turn to Page Eight)

## OPA Sets A Ceiling Price On Corn

**Announcement is Made on Farm Mobilization Day—Corn and Other Grains Immediately Affected and Prices Lowered.**

A recent order of the OPA, stating that corn levels would not be permitted to go above the highest levels of the January 8-12 period, immediately broke cash prices. This announcement, which was made January 12, resulted in a drop in the cash price of white corn of one to four and one half cents. Other classes of corn lost 3/4 to 2 3/4 cents. Wheat and other grains were also affected, to the extent of several cents per bushel.

This, in effect, places a ceiling price of \$1.00 per bushel on corn. If the order meant that the producer received \$1.00 per bushel, it might not be considered so unfair. But this is the terminal market price and from it is deducted freight, commissions and other charges, which sets the price the corn producer gets nearer to 75 cents than \$1.00.

Strangely enough, this order, was given on Farm Mobilization Day, at the same time the farmer was being lauded for his past efforts in the production of food, and the importance of his future crops was being commented upon by President Roosevelt, Russian and British officials and others of our Allies.

### MORALE LIFTER

From the Washington Post. The soldier simply wants regular letters, regular in every good meaning of the word. If reading makes a full man, writing a precise man and debate a ready man, then a steady stream of letters during wartime makes for men even more united and determined in the great task before us all.

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## NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

The annual meeting of stockholders of THE FARMERS UNION JOBBING ASSOCIATION will be held at its Central and Water Streets office, Kansas City, Kansas, on Friday, February 5, 1943, at 10:00 a. m. Immediately after the opening, the meeting will adjourn to the Continental Hotel, 11th and Baltimore, Kansas City, Missouri, for larger and more convenient quarters.

At this meeting, two directors will be elected for the terms expiring; the annual report of the general manager, together with the reports of the president and that of the auditor for the fiscal year 1942, will be given; and any and all business that may properly come before the meeting will be transacted.

Because of the war, we thought it would be well to cancel the annual meeting this year, but attorneys advise that this should not be done. Therefore, we will hold the meeting in Kansas City as usual where, while crowded, we are assured of hotel accommodations PROVIDING reservations are made with in the next week or ten days. Please let us have your reservations as soon as possible.

H. E. WITHAM,  
Secretary

J. C. GREGORY  
President

## CIRCULATION

January 21, 1943

12,040



## Complete Arrangements For Start of F. U. Livestock Cooperative

John Fiegenbaum, Higginsville, Mo., E. K. Dean, President Kansas Farmers Union, and Alva Stryker, Blue Rapids, Kans., are Officers of New Joint Livestock Marketing Sales Agency—Company Will Begin Operation under New Sales Agency Agreement, Feb. 1, 1943.

Those in attendance at the special stockholders meeting of the Farmers Union Livestock Cooperative, (formerly the Farmers Union Livestock Commission Company) on November 20, approved a plan to set up a joint livestock marketing sales agency, between the Kansas Farmers Union and the Missouri Farmers Association. In this way, it will be possible to operate the firm on a 100 percent cooperative basis, thus becoming eligible for income tax exemption.

Arrangements have been completed and on February 1, 1943, the company will be operated under the new sales agency agreement, which has been approved and signed by the Kansas Farmers Union and the Missouri Farmers Association. This arrangement includes the Wichita, Parsons and Kansas City branches of the Livestock Cooperative.

John Fiegenbaum, of Higginsville, Missouri, President of the Farmers Union Livestock Commission company, is chairman of the executive committee of the newly formed cooperative; E. K. Dean, Salina, president of the Kansas Farmers Union, is secretary. Two directors from Kansas are Alva Stryker, of Blue Rapids, who is vice-chairman of the executive committee, of the Livestock Cooperative, and Albert Clausen, of Girard.

Three directors from Missouri will represent the Missouri Farmers Association on the board of the new organization.

William G. Bernhardt, of Kansas City, Missouri, will continue as General Manager of the cooperative, in its new form as a joint livestock marketing sales agency.

## An Ozark Family Out of Debt After A Long Struggle

With Help from FSA, the Conners' Now Have Farm and Livestock.

HARRISON, Ark.—The county road leaves the state highway four miles west of Harrison and winds into the rolling clay hills. Then it begins to dodge along through boulder-strewn canyons and climbs timbered and rock-strewn hillsides. The landscape is uninviting since the glorious tints of autumn have faded from the foliage and a mantle of brown covers the ground and the gray trees are gaunt with their fire-scarred trunks and bare branches. Finally the tired road attains the broad mountain top where there are bare and eroded fields which were cleared 100 years ago, and the fertility washed away through the century.

It was over this route that Oscar F. Conner and his family slowly plodded in 1933 on their return from another state where they had spent four unprofitable years during the early part of the depression. They returned to the home on the mountain in which they still had an equity and where they might "squat down" and exist—they hoped. They continued to struggle along for two years and then they aspired to rise above the plane of bare existence. The children were growing up and asking for better things. They turned to the Farm Security Administration.

Now they can look back to that time with considerable satisfaction for they have just "settled in full" with the FSA, and have a farm and livestock appraised at \$2,812. With all debts paid, they still own 265 hens, a sow, two pigs, twenty sheep, four cows, five young cattle, two horses, two mule colts, and a goat herd. They have a home and five farm buildings of log construction.

The ledger account of their borrowing and repaying tells an interesting story.

The first borrowing was in the spring of 1936 when the Conners obtained \$125 for garden seed, potatoes, sustenance and livestock feed. That was a drought year, so in the spring of 1937 another loan

was necessary, this time for \$284.25 with which they bought seed, feed, sheep, a sow and wire for fencing. In 1938 the amount borrowed for sustenance, feed and seed was \$166. In 1939 the family decided that the sale of cream would be profitable and skim milk would be fed to the chickens and pigs, so they borrowed \$226 with which to buy three cows, fruit jars, seed and fertilizer. The only borrowing in 1940 was for garden and crop seed. In 1941 Mr. Conner says they were able to carry through on their own. In 1942 they borrowed \$35 to complete a chicken house and that was the last.

**Repaid in Small Installments**  
Every cent of these loans has now been repaid together with the 5 percent interest. The method of payment follows: In 1936 only \$34 could be repaid. In 1937 five different payments were made of \$34, \$39.18, \$15, \$45 and \$60. These payments were from the sale of a smooth mouth mare, increase from cattle, a hog and a colt. In 1938 wool, lambs and tomatoes which they sold enabled them to make four payments at \$18, \$70, \$12.66 and \$100. In 1939 seven payments totaling in all \$103.95 were made from the proceeds of diversified farming including wool, lambs, calves and tomatoes. The cows and sheep made the payments in 1940 which were in four installments of \$20, \$17.50, \$50 and \$23.50, representing the sale of foal, calves, sheep and lambs. In 1941 seven sales of wool, lambs, pigs and calves provided payments for a total of \$121.97. In 1942 by the culling of cows and ewes, and the selling of lambs and wool the Conners "cleared the slate" with payments of \$50, \$55, \$35, \$100 and \$86.45.

During the years under FSA the family larder has been well stocked. Mrs. Conner and the children have annually canned about 800 quarts of fruits and vegetables, they have fattened hogs for butchering each year, while the products of their dairy and poultry are never absent from the dining table.

**Eggs Get Hatching Premium**  
Just now the interest of the Conner family is centered in their fine flock of chickens. There are 265 blood-tested and culled White Wyandottes and the winter production of eggs is now around 60 per cent. A premium of 12 cents a dozen is being paid by a hatchery for all hatching eggs, while the others go on the com-

## Chairman Executive Committee and Secretary of New Farmers Union Livestock Cooperative



JOHN FIEGENBAUM,  
Higginsville, Mo., Chairman  
Executive Committee



E. K. DEAN  
Salina, Kan., Secretary

mercial market. The 14x10 house of logs and lumber, built last spring for a brooder house, is now a laying house. In the spring they bought 1,000 baby chicks and sold more than 600 at brooder size. The laying flock is composed of those culled after the broilers were sold.

Materials on the farm have been utilized to the utmost, as a look at the farm buildings, pens and rail fences will prove.

There are 117 acres in the Conner farm, and all of this is in grasses and clovers, except twenty-five acres of rough pasture and woodlands. The barns are now full of hay—enough to winter all the livestock well.

Mr. and Mrs. Conner are well past middle age. There are two children now at home, a boy 10 and a daughter 14. There are three sons in the armed service. Freeman Conner volunteered for the navy last February and is in a radio school. Arden Conner is in the army aircraft division. Oliver K. Conner was inducted into the service in August. Another son is in the School of the Ozarks at Branson, Mo.

### PRICE OF LIBERTY

Liberty is the only thing you cannot have unless you are willing to give to others.—William Allen White.

### PROTEST

Warning against the dangers of carrying the military and economic unity of Europe too far, the Nazi Institute of Racial Policy protested the marriage of Germans to Italians and Scandinavians and other "lower" races.

### War Bill Nearly Equal All Previous Federal Spending

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11—President Roosevelt's 100-billion-dollar budget brought the estimated cost to America of World War II to 196 billion dollars from Pearl Harbor to June 30, 1944.

Here are some comparisons of past American costs:

Revolutionary war	150,000,000
War of 1812	133,700,000
Mexican war	166,000,000
Civil war,	
(North only)	15,097,082,784
Spanish-	
Amer. war	1,921,504,307
World war I	41,765,000,000
Total	
Previous wars	59,233,287,091
Total of all	
Federal spending, including	
Wars from 1789 to	
Pearl Harbor	\$197,180,000,000

## Would Help Small Farmer Produce More

President Roosevelt Would Continue FSA Appropriations.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12—President Roosevelt, in his budget message, threw his strength behind those officials in the Department of Agriculture who are trying to fight the farm lobby and reorganize farm production to get the maximum supply of food.

While he cut appropriations for the big farmers, the President said that he wanted to continue appropriations for the small farmer, through the Farm Security Administration, at about the same level as this year. Braving a fight with the Byrd economy group, which already has an axe out for FSA, the President said:

"Small farms, like other small war plants, must be encouraged to make maximum contributions to the war. I hope the Congress will give as much sympathetic consideration to these smaller and poorer farmers as it has given to the smaller and poorer industrial concerns."

The President recommended \$36,607,000 for the administration of FSA's program of operating loans to small farmers, plus a loaning fund of \$97,500,000 to finance these advances. He also recommended \$30,000,000 for loans to tenants to enable them to purchase their farms.

Hitting directly at the farm bloc, FDR warned that stabilization of the cost of living required control of all elements of the population.—PM.

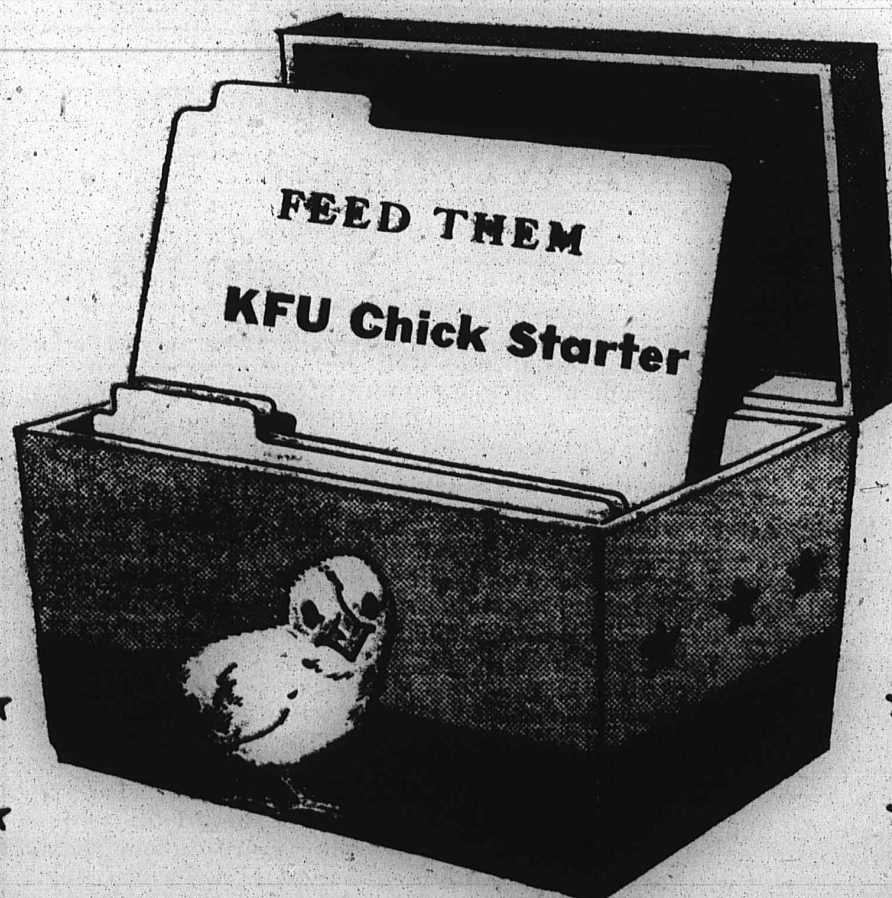
### THE HARD YEARS

From the Toronto Globe and Mail.

"Yest, I've seen a few bad crop years in my time, too. One year our string beans were so poor that the crop didn't even pay for the string."

"That's nothing. In 1915 our corn crop was so bad that my dad, who had a small appetite, ate up fourteen acres of corn at a single meal."

## RECIPE for a SUCCESSFUL POULTRY SEASON



### Buy Only Quality Chicks

- Have brooder house clean and all equipment sterilized.
- Provide at least 160 square feet of floor space for 500 chicks.
- Keep brooder house temperature at 95 degrees for first four days.
- Provide 10 feet of hopper space and 2 fruit-jar fountains for each 100 chicks.
- Keep hoppers filled at all times with

### KFU Chick Starter

Manufactured cooperatively at your own feed mill in Topeka by

FARMERS UNION JOBBING ASSOCIATION

### BUTTER FOR THE HOME FOLKS—OLEO ABROAD

A major threat to the dairy industry, it is felt, is the policy of encouraging the use of butter substitutes in the United States, while we send a large part of our butter production abroad on lend-lease. According to a recent order by Secretary Wickard, directing creameries to reserve 30 percent of their butter production for war purposes, it is expected that the government will export to foreign nations this year about 170 million pounds of butter under the lend-lease program.

No one is objecting to the use of all of the butter necessary by our armed forces but as pointed out by Senator La Follette of Wisconsin in a letter to Secretary Wickard, oleomargarine can be substituted for export on the lend-lease program, reserving butter at home for domestic consumption. The use of butter substitutes has been consistently discouraged in the United States through newspaper advertising and other sources, "as a matter of public policy—the

fruits of all these past efforts will be threatened with complete destruction, if now, in a period of shortage, we send our butter abroad and force our own people to use butter substitutes."

Taking into consideration that 30 percent of production each month is now set aside for military and lend-lease needs, dairymen believe it unlikely that the total available for civilians would be sufficient, even in the heaviest production months. In May and June of last year, output was not one-third greater than actual demand for those months.

The production of oleomargarine has jumped from an average of 200,000-300,000 pounds a month, to 12 million pounds in October, 1942.

The dairy industry's after-war butter market will surely be a domestic one—and if it has been destroyed by forcing the use of inferior and cheaper butter substitutes, our dairy industry will feel the effect in no uncertain manner.



## Neighborhood Notes

## HERMAN W. KOHLS DIES

Board Director of Ellsworth County Co-op Is Mourned by Ellsworth Community.

Herman W. Kohls, Ellsworth, well-known director of the board of the Ellsworth County Farmers Co-operative Union, died at the Ellsworth Hospital on Wednesday morning, January 13, after a short illness.

Mr. Kohls was prominent in Farmers Union activities of Ellsworth County. He was one of the first members of the Ellsworth County Farmers Co-operative Union and he was also proud of his twenty-five year membership badge in the Kansas Farmers Union. A member of Summit Local, he served his local as president for several years.

Mr. Kohls was elected a director of the Ellsworth County Farmers Cooperative Union in 1936 and was serving his third consecutive three-year term at the time of his death. In a letter received from Pat Nash, manager of the Ellsworth County Farmers Cooperative Union, Mr. Nash states:

"In his work as a director of the board of the Ellsworth organization, as in all his other offices, Mr. Kohls was thorough and efficient. He compiled a history of the cooperative at the time of its 25th anniversary, that recorded events from its humble beginning until at that time, 1939, it had reached a sales volume of over one-half million dollars. This history, so highly prized and preserved by the organization and which required so much patience and research, is only one of the many things performed by him that distinguished and endeared him to this community. He was a friend and counsellor to all the employees of the co-operative as well as a director with outstanding judgment."

A tribute from Bert Harmon of Ellsworth, Kansas, Farmers Union State Director:

"He had one trait which made him outstanding in our organization. When there was friction among our employees or a patron was dissatisfied, Herman could always talk to them in such a friendly way, and was so fair and just, that often he could get the trouble settled and everybody satisfied."

"He had served two terms of three years each, and last fall was elected to another term. He had good judgment and was one of the most likable men that I ever worked with."

Herman W. Kohls was born in Sherman township September 18, 1894, and passed away at the Ellsworth hospital, following a brief illness, on Wednesday morning, January 13, 1943, at the age of 48 years, 3 months and 25 days. The deceased was united in marriage to Hilda Haase on December 15, 1918, and seven children were born to this union. Surviving are the wife; the following children, Melvin, Dennis, Wilma, Erma and Doris, of the home; and Mrs. Arthur Schaefer of Lincoln county. Other surviving relatives are two sisters, Mrs. Bertha Bohl and Mrs. Augusta Bohl, both of Sherman township, and two brothers, Carl Kohls of Lincoln county and Reinhold Kohls of this county. The deceased was prominent in the affairs of his community, and held offices of high honor in St. Paul's Lutheran church and was prominently identified with Farmers Union activities. He was a man of sound judgment and his advice was sought by a large circle of acquaintances. He will be greatly missed by his family and former associates. Funeral services will be held at St. Paul's Lutheran church Friday afternoon, January 15, at three o'clock, conducted by the pastor, Rev. A. H. Schroeder. Interment will be in the church cemetery.

## GROVELAND LOCAL ELECTS OFFICERS

At the special meeting held Thursday evening, January 14, the Groveland Local, McPherson County, elected the following officers:

President, Harold Spencer; Vice-President, Chester Murrey, Secretary-Treasurer, P. W. Seidel, Lecturer, James Walker.

The Executive Committee was empowered to appoint an Education Committee of three members. The Lecturer, James Walker, was named Legislative Chairman. He will bring in legislative news at each meeting. The following

were named as members of the Local's Production Council: Chester Murrey, Chairman, James Walker, and Joe Bukey.

Esther Ekblad, State Education Director, was present to direct the evening's program.

## ELLSWORTH COUNTY FARMERS UNION PLANS FAMILY NIGHT MEETING

At the regular meeting of the Ellsworth County Farmers Union, January 12, it was voted to hold a family night meeting at the next meeting, February 9. A committee was appointed to work out details for a supper (possibly an oyster supper, if rationing permits), also a committee was appointed to arrange for a discussion of the collaboration of our National Farmers Union and the C. I. O.

Members please watch for further announcements to appear in this paper, regarding the plans for the February meeting.

It was also voted at this meeting for the County Local to provide service flags for the various business places of the Ellsworth County Farmers Cooperative Union, showing the number of employees now in the service of their country.

Cale Cochran is the new president of the Ellsworth County organization, Frank Holecsek is the secretary treasurer, and Chester Chapman is vice president.

## ELLSWORTH F. U. BOYS IN SERVICE

Below are the names of some of the boys in the service, who are eligible for honorary membership in the state and national Farmers Union:

Austin Huggins, Elmer Schneider, Bernard Haase, Gilbert Suelter, William Hysell, Jr., Bert Harmon, Jr., Henry Scheuch, Jr., Gilbert Hysell, are Ellsworth Local No. 2099 members.

Fred Toman of Black Wolf local is also in the service. These are but a few of the names of the boys. If the folks and relatives will leave the names of others eligible with P. J. Nash at the Ellsworth Elevator, or send them to the State Office at Salina, they will be added to this list. The present addresses of these boys should be given to Mr. Nash, or to the State Office.

## JOHNSTOWN LOCAL LISTS NEW OFFICERS

Johnstown Local No. 749, McPherson, whose official meeting place in the Morning Star schoolhouse, on the second and fourth Monday of each month, has sent in names of its new Local officers:

President, Walter Z. Eaton, Vice-president B. G. Schafer, Secretary-Treasurer, Elmer Peterson. Mrs. R. W. Peterson is chairman of the Educational Committee, of which Mrs. Charlie Olson and Mrs. Art Pauls are members.

Members of the Production Council are: Walter Z. Eaton, Philip Christopher, Carl Larson.

Adel Peterson is Chairman of the Organization Committee, and members of the Organization Committee are: Charlie Olson, Oscar Lidell and Carl Larson. Legislative Committee members are: Gust G. Olson, Floyd Palmer, Henry Goertzen.

Art Pauls and B. G. Schafer, are members of the cooperative committee of this Local.

## MANKATO LOCAL 1848 HAS "M" DAY MEETING

Mankato Local No. 1848 held a "Pot Luck" dinner January 12, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Wharton. All members were present except two families.

Members present were: Mr. and Mrs. Will Pair, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Howell, Mr. and Mrs. James McKenzie, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Proctor and sons, Gene and Max, Mr. and Mrs. Bryon McNabb, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Heiman, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Peterouk and the visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Rollo Henningson from Iona Local, Mrs. Art Schuster and Mr. Dick Eilers.

After dinner the house was called to order by President Proctor and election was called, with the new officers being elected: President, Will Pair; Vice President, Paul Heiman; Secretary-Treasurer and Reporter, Mrs. George Wharton. We are pleased to know and have with us a member, Helen McMullin, who is our Farmers Union Cream Station buyer. She is liked by everyone and we know she will build up a big trade.

President Proctor called the house to order again to listen in on the radio to the Mobilization Day program. It was very clear

## RIDE HORSEBACK TO FARMERS UNION MEETING

We find in a department well named "The Department of Practical Co-operation," in the Kansas Union Farmer of March 20, 1922, the following item:

"At a Farmers Union meeting at Scott City, Brother O. M. Lippert stood on his tip-toes and talked to those present from the 'shoulder-blades,' giving them the co-operative laws and explaining the great advantage of co-operation."

"We had about one hundred fellows out for this meeting, which made a good showing, since they all had to come in from 2 to 20 miles on horseback. They had a very wet snow and rain the Saturday night preceding, which gave the earth a good soaking and many think that the prospects for a good wheat crop are encouraging."

and we all enjoyed it. The next meeting will be at the Farmers Union Cream Station at Mankato, January 28. Sandwiches, cookies and coffee will be served for lunch.

Mrs. George Wharton, Reporter.

## EAST WOLF LOCAL ADDS NEW MEMBERS

East Wolf Local No. 726 was called to order by its president, C. W. Minear. Reading of the minutes of the last meeting was approved. The letter from the State Secretary was next discussed.

Officers elected for 1943:

Harry O. Chard, President  
Lawrence Tilzey, Vice-president  
N. D. McGuire, Secretary-Treasurer.

Elmer A. Brichacek, Conductor.  
Henry Kvasnicka, Doorkeeper.  
Viola Pickett, Reporter.

Three new members were added to the Local: Stanley Novak, Elmer A. Brichacek and Harry O. Chard.

We will have a program put on by the schools and a pie supper, on Friday night, January 27, 1943.  
N. D. McGuire, Secretary.

## ELEVATION LOCAL ELECTS PRODUCTION COUNCIL

A very interesting meeting was held Tuesday night, January 12, at the Elevation School for Farm Mobilization Day. There was a nice crowd and some very interesting discussions. There seemed to be a great deal of interest displayed and everyone was more than willing to cooperate in any way possible.

One member brought a radio, and as most of the men had had no chance to listen in the afternoon, they listened to the re-broadcast of the program given earlier for Farm Mobilization Day.

The following men were elected as our Production Council: T. G. Hill, Route 9, Topeka; Mr. Frank Lukert, Route 9, Topeka; and Robert Palmer, Route 7, Topeka.  
Elwyn Engler, Secretary Pro-tem.

## TURKEY CREEK LOCAL APPOINTS A REPORTER

The meeting of Turkey Creek Local No. 1868 was called to order by President A. Struble and the new officers were installed. A new reporter was appointed and Mrs. Child was retained as our Educational leader.

Farming problems and getting a produce store in St. Mary's were the topics of discussion.

Our County President Mr. Wilson, and Mrs. Wilson, were our guests for the evening. Mr. Wilson gave us many interesting ideas.

The business meeting was brought to a close and lunch was served.

Dorothy Bernitter, Reporter.

## FINE LOCAL MEETING

Pleasant View Local No. 1843 at St. Marys met Wednesday evening, December 16—a large crowd was present for a covered dish supper. Afterwards the business session was held. Several problems were discussed and the election of officers was held.

Mr. Albert Grieshaber was elected President; Mr. Clifford Steele was elected Vice president; Miss Clara Grieshaber was re-elected Secretary-treasurer.

All departed for home at a late

## RESOLUTION FOR AMERICA



This year the tide of war must turn.

This year, all over the world, America fights:

Our farms and factories must produce as never before.

There must be food in quantity—and ships, planes, tanks and guns in numbers to outmatch the world.

And all these things must get to where they're needed—swiftly, on time, without fail or falter.

The railroads have a part in that job—a big part.

They accept it.

They could do with more engines, more cars, more

everything when materials can be spared for them.

Until then and after, railroads and railroad men will continue to work as they never worked before to get the big job done.

The guiding rule of our lives—and of yours—must be right of way for the U. S. A.

"It is now estimated that the railroads are moving more than a million troops a month. This is war movement, and must come first... Pleasure travelers crowding into passenger train seats may easily deprive a soldier or an essential traveler, who must board a train at the last minute, of necessary accommodation."

JOSEPH B. EASTMAN, Director  
Office of Defense Transportation



hour, having spent a very pleasant evening.

Clara Grieshaber, Secretary-Treasurer.

## BURR OAK FARMERS UNION LOCAL MEETS ON "M" DAY

Farmers Mobilization Day was observed in the evening in our Local. Everyone who could, listened to the broadcast and for the benefit of the ones who failed to listen, the president reviewed the talks and then it was discussed. We elected Mr. W. G. Decker our purchasing agent. The President appointed the executive committee, the auditing committee to audit the books of the treasurer and agent every quarter.

The Production Council was appointed by the president. Chairman George Fogo, helpers, Lloyd Ogellane, Chas. Auerman. The president also appointed a

new committee which we called a Trade and Sale Committee (Their work is to find buyers for farmers products and the commission goes into our treasury.) Chairman, Derald Decker, helpers, Glenn Paul, Everett Reed.

We paid dividends from our feed and twine sales amounting to \$15.34 and have some yet to pay. Most members turned this on their dues for the coming year. We have eleven members paid in so far. We had 18 adults present who left at a late hour after enjoying pie and coffee together. We are planning to meet February 9th with Mrs. Paul Johnson, Mrs. Derald Decker and Mrs. Everett Reed as program committee.

Members will be notified of meeting place by means of postcards sent by the secretary.

Mrs. Glenn Paul.

"FOR 'INSURANCE'—BUY BONDS"



# Day by Day with F U J A

By HELEN DENNEY

## Big Job Still Ahead For Co-Ops

Address by Ole L. Olson, President, Farmers Union Grain Terminal Association, at Fifth Annual Stockholders' Meeting.

The stockholders of the Farmers Union Grain Terminal Association are meeting to consider the business of the largest cooperative grain marketing organization in the nation.

What we, the grain growers of the Northwest, have built, we have accomplished in the last four years. This is only the fifth Annual Meeting of the Farmers Union GTA.

Every year has seen new expansion and new developments—co-operatives should always seek to expand continuously—and the past year has been no exception, in spite of new conditions and new difficulties created by the war.

While war brings great dangers and real difficulties in cooperative grain marketing, it also brings new opportunities. Grain is a powerful weapon when hope of bread is held out to the starving millions in occupied Nazified Europe. Our warehouses and elevators bulge with this weapon of the ever-normal granary. If the Grain Terminal and its affiliated elevators served only as a means of efficiently distributing the grain we raise, every grain producer would find it worth while to patronize his own organization. How much more deserving of our patronage, our understanding, and our effort is our organization when we consider the many things it has accomplished beyond the realm of marketing—particularly in influencing decisions concerning wartime controls of agriculture that are a necessary part of total war. Of these, you will hear more in the next two days.

The Farmers Union Grain Terminal Association does not stand alone. It is a member of the great Farmers Union family. It is one of the instrumentalities that farmers have organized to do a better total job of making life better for families on the farm. We must never forget that.

A year ago, in accepting the

presidency of this organization, I stated that we must move on the whole broad front of agriculture. The revolutionary nature of the present conflict, as it has developed over this year, only emphasizes the need for us, as farmers, to coordinate all our efforts and to work with other like-minded groups to seek the kind of world we want.

Our Farmers Union elevators, our purchasing associations, our livestock and poultry associations, credit unions and insurance co-operative, our local county, state and national organizations all must work together for the common end. Now is no time for petty bickering. Much has been accomplished in co-ordinating our efforts the past year, more remains to be done. Our cause is too great for us to fail to use all of our resources in the Farmers Union, in building a movement which will play a part in providing a share for the common men of agriculture in the "century for the common man."

### Review the Accomplishments

Now for a brief statement on the activities of the GTA the past year:

We have an excellent record of accomplishment for the past year. But bigger jobs lie ahead. If we are to keep on growing and serving a useful function, not only in the war effort but in the post-war period as well, we must ask ourselves two questions:

"What are we doing?"

"What more can we do?"

This means that we must look at our shortcomings, as well as point with pride to our achievements.

I have served out my first year as President of your Association, therefore, I shall review briefly what has been accomplished during this past year, as expressed in the actions of the management and a majority of the board. Your General Manager, Mr. Thatcher, will report these later in more detail.

These achievements have been:

1. Establishment of a processing plant in Minneapolis for the distribution of feeds, minerals and concentrates, under our own GTA cooperative label.

2. Operation of the big Durum mill at Rush City, Minnesota, and the acquisition of its 200,000-bushel elevator space.

3. Bringing together into a single institution the Williston and Minot cooperative activities into a stronger and larger organization, the Farmers Union Grain and Supply Company. This new \$100,000.00 institution will better serve all patrons in these two areas.

4. Establishment of a general insurance agency, managed by Farmers Union Grain Terminal Association but with stock owned by the state Farmers Union of North Dakota and Montana, for the handling of all our confidential insurance matters. The stock paid healthy dividends this year.

These decisions have a direct bearing on the welfare of your organization. Your President and a majority of the board of directors have vigorously supported the management in the carrying out of these greatly expanded activities. I believe these activities merit the full and unqualified support of all stockholders.

### Give Credit for Success

Their success has been reflected in the fact that we have, during the past twelve months, shown our greatest financial gain and our most successful expansion. What is more important, however, that places us in a strongly entrenched position for the days ahead.

I believe that is what you de-



Ole L. Olson, Opens Stockholders' Fifth Annual Meeting

mand of this organization — a course of action which is in the best interests of not only the stockholders, but all of the farmers in this great Northwest area, for we will all prosper or decline, just as agriculture in this region prospers or declines.

When directors do a good job, they are entitled to the full support of the stockholders, so should the management have the full support and confidence of the board when the institution is making excellent progress. Our directors can differ over issues within the board room and keep these differences within the family.

### Loyal and Efficient Help

For instance, I am glad to report that after one of our most vigorous debates, the board of directors gave the management its unanimous support and expressed full confidence in its actions by a rising vote. That is where problems should be aired. It is not good to take our differences outside of our council chamber.

That is why we adopted a resolution last spring, declaring that "no director or employee shall criticize the administration of the affairs of our Association until such criticism shall have first been filed in writing with proper officials of our Association, or at a meeting of the Board, or at any regular or special meeting of the stockholders."

In addition to the quarterly meetings of our Board, there are meetings of the executive committee, usually each month, and more often when we feel it is necessary. At these meetings, with the General Manager we consider everything that affects the welfare of our institution. We are in full possession of all the information. Our financial record is a good one, as your General Manager will show you in his annual report, but I do not believe we should overemphasize finances—except to make certain we are moving along on a sound basis.

The board of directors and the management are not responsible for all of the success of this organization. The patronage of farmers is basic. We should also remember the loyal and efficient services of our employees. In our general office here and in the terminal warehouses and branch offices, we have hundreds of them—some of them new and some of them old. All are essential to the efficient operation of our organization; many of them are specialists. I am glad to say that I find that most of them have a sense of responsibility to the Association which one seldom sees in any organization. We want them to feel that they are working with us, as well as for us.

Rather than show how our net worth has grown, we should take pride in how we have been able to expand our cooperative services and in how they have been able to contribute to the producer's welfare.

This points to the future. What are we going to do? And how are we going to do it?

### GTA Helps to Win War

We must, of course, make certain that everything we do helps to win the war. This means that we must continue to assist in the orderly handling of the great volume of grain which moves out of this area to the market places. We must gear our services to encourage production of needed farm products. The part we played in getting floors under certain crops and in boosting flax to \$2.70 is an example. Our feed program is designed to help farmers increase their dairy, poultry and livestock production.

Our whole economy now is geared to war production. We must be prepared to make drastic changes, on a moment's notice from the Government, and we must be in a position to do it with the least possible dislocation of our normal efforts.

And when the war is over, there are certain to be great changes.

### NOTICE CHANGE IN MEETING PLACE

Since the "WAACS" have just about taken over the Aladdin Hotel where most former annual meetings of the Farmers Union Jobbing Association, Farmers Union Livestock Commission Company and Farmers Union Auditing Association have been held, FUJA announces that the meeting this year will be held at the CONTINENTAL HOTEL on the northeast corner of Baltimore and Eleventh in Kansas City. The date—remember it, is FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1943. Kansas City hotels, as they are in other cities where there are a number of war industries and army training schools, are quite crowded. Everyone who plans to stay over night in Kansas City either on Thursday or Friday nights is urged to send in their reservations IMMEDIATELY. We will be glad to make reservations for you if you will write us at once. "Doubling-up" will be appreciated and will save money, too, so share your room if you can.

Mere financial solvency alone will not be enough to survive this period. We must be aware of what these anticipated changes will bring about, what new marketing methods will do to our present economic structure, how

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A TISKET, A TASKET, A GREEN AND YELLOW BASKET

...full of eggs



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In the game of war, food supply is as essential as bullets. Uncle Sam wants eggs and more eggs for his own fighting forces and for his Allies as well. For constant, heavy laying to produce your share of "Food For Freedom," at greater profit to yourself, it's necessary to give your flock balanced rations. Keep 'Em Laying with...

### KFU LAYING MASH OR PELLETS

Manufactured cooperatively by your own

Farmers Union Jobbing Association

Kansas City Topeka



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TURN UP THEIR  
NOSES at

## KFU HOG SUPPLEMENT

Hogs like it because it tastes good and is good for them. It has just the right proportion of proteins, vitamins, and minerals, when fed with your farm-grown grains, to keep your hogs contented while they're putting on those extra pounds that mean extra profits.

KFU Hog Supplement is manufactured at your own cooperative FEED MILL by FARMERS UNION JOBBING ASSOCIATION

Topeka Kansas City



# THE JUNIOR DEPARTMENT

Juniors 16-21

ESTHER EKBLAD, DIRECTOR, Salina, Kansas  
Junior Reserves 13-15

Juveniles 8-12

"He Loves His Country Best Who Strives to Make It Best"—Junior Motto.

## THIS IS THE LAND

This is the land that should supply  
Enough for a starving world to eat.  
Sharp on the air comes the wail, the cry  
Of Nations sunk in dark defeat.  
Ah, wise is the man who tills his field  
And garners not for himself alone;  
Who thanks his God and who shares his yield  
In the bitterest want the world has known.  
—Grace Noll Crowell

## Guest Editorial

### YOUTH IS THE HOPE OF DEMOCRACY

(The following is a talk given by Marjorie Tennant, Manhattan, at the Farmers Union Junior Camp Banquet, Abilene, August 21.)  
What is democracy? The word democracy comes from the Greek word, "demo," meaning many. In a democracy many people take part in the running of the government. The youth are the hope of all democracies because they must, in the future, head the government of our country and all democracies of the world. That is in the future, but at present we, as youth, must train ourselves in citizenship and learn to understand the people around us.

The youth of the Farmers Union have a wonderful opportunity to learn these things in their work. We can learn about the social and economic problems of farmers and all people. We know that to help the farmer we must help to improve the conditions of all working men.

The cooperative movement is another phase of the Farmers Union that helps us understand the problems of the economic and social world around us.

The farmer's greatest need is leadership and or-

ganization. The farmers need leaders and organizers whose true interest is the betterment of all farm conditions.

We youth have been criticized for our impulsive actions in many instances. To be a true benefit to democracy, we must guard against this. There is no better way for us to learn to be competent citizens than to learn to use our voices and the pen effectively for a good cause. The Farmers Union Junior program offers us opportunity to work in these fields.

This (camp) is an example of youth and democracy. It is well to our credit and our leaders' credit that we can gather in a free and peaceful camp to show our initiative and character in working together for the betterment of all. May we all appreciate this opportunity.

We have been allowed to choose our officers, approve our schedule and choose some of our activities. A student council was elected to help the staff make the camp more enjoyable. In some of the countries, if we were allowed to meet; our activities would all be planned to the last detail. We should be handed speeches to read, and no two sided discussions could be held. There would be no opportunity to show our initiative and leadership, only a chance to be puppets nodding our heads in agreement to certain views.

We have been criticized for taking all of our opportunities for granted. It is up to us to prove that we understand and appreciate the wonderful advantages of a democracy.

I believe that we in the Farmers Union Junior work should feel that we have an added opportunity to become the hope of democracy.

## ALONG THE F. U. TRAIL

—with—  
Esther Ekblad

The new year has brought with it many plans for field trips out to Locals and County Unions. The first trip began January 5 when the Chevy and I started for Downs, Osborne County. With us were samples of Junior Reserve and Juvenile study units, issues of the Program Service, the F. U. Movies, and songbooks. The latter gave us many pleasant thoughts of much group singing.

At Downs the Chevy was first parked in front of the Farmers Union Co-op Store, the popular grocery store of that community. The afternoon took us to a meeting of the Farm Women's Club. This, a club of long standing in the community, has taken as its program the furtherance of farm organizations. The Farmers Union has been high on its list. We met at the Bohner home and enjoyed an informal discussion of Junior education, and of the women's place in the Farmers Union. Late in the afternoon Mrs. Bohner served refreshments of tea and cookies, and then the conversation continued with rationing, farm labor problems, and boys in Service as the popular subjects.

In the evening of the 5th the Rose Valley Local at Downs met. We had a good evening with much singing, a dandy discussion of F. U. organization mechanics, Junior work, and just before refreshments, singing games caused much hilarity.

An invitation from the Ed Worley's, gave me the privilege of spending the night at their home. Mr. Worley is president of the Local. Around the supper and breakfast table there was much opportunity for discussion of local F. U. problems and general farm opinion. The Worleys, are very close to the war with a son in Canada, a daughter who has been working in a defense factory, and themselves who are working hard to maintain production on a good sized farm.

Wednesday Jean Kniken, a Rose Valley Junior, and I had opportunity to get acquainted. Jean is a clerk at the Farmers Union Store in Downs, and also a loyal F. U. Junior. She has promised to start a Juvenile class. Much luck to you Jean.

Wednesday also brought a visit to the F. U. Store at Osborne, which has just recently been remodeled and modernized. While I was there the place was really humming. Folks seemed to know it was a good place to trade. While in the county I enjoyed meeting several F. U. managers, Mr. Killinger of the Osborne Store, Mr. Roy Hoover, Manager of the Downs Store, Mr. Chester Fink, Manager of the Downs Elevator, Mr. C. E. Tetlow of the Portis Elevator, and Mr. R. D. Wyckoff,

General Manager of the County Farmers Union Cooperative Association. I was lucky to meet Mr. Wyckoff at Downs, since he was out for the day visiting co-ops in the county. I would have missed him at Osborne.

Stockton was on the schedule for Thursday. The town on this my first visit did not seem strange for long. The F. U. Store, Produce Station, Oil Company, and Elevator had their welcome signs out. Who of us need to feel lost in a town that has F. U. Cooperatives? Stockton also has a modern grocery store, now managed by an employee of long standing, Mrs. Oyer.

In the afternoon of the 7th there was a discussion with local F. U. officers. President of the Stockton Local is C. L. Hance, our new State Board Member. Secretary is Paul Zillinger, whom we also met at the Beloit convention. The Stockton Local has over 200 members.

The supper hour that day at Mr. and Mrs. Zillinger's home was an enjoyable one. There is nothing that makes a person like a community better than to visit in the homes of the folks who live in the community.

The return trip on Friday brought me through Lucas, Russell County. There I received good reports of continued interest and activity. Mrs. Lindsay Pickett, busy with the school she is teaching, finds time for F. U. Junior work, so does the Kvasnickes, who are experiencing some of the busiest months the Lucas Elevator has ever had. The Lucas meeting had to be cancelled because of bad conditions. We hope for better luck in that respect next time.

The next field schedule looked toward McPherson county. Wednesday evening, January 13, the North Union and Scandia Local members met at the North Union schoolhouse. We had a busy evening with a F. U. Quiz, that challenged our memories and thinking, a discussion of Production Councils, and with the showing of the Movies. There was singing too, and refreshments of coffee and rolls.

Thursday noon the Chevy and I nosed toward the Chas. Olson home near McPherson. Can you guess what happened? Of course, we got stuck in the mud. However, getting out of the mud hole didn't take long with the aid of Mr. Olson, and corn fodder from the Olson fields. Thursday afternoon Mrs. Olson and I visited with the Groveland Secretary, P. W. Seidel. We stopped at the home and enjoyed meeting and visiting with Mrs. Seidel too. The evening Groveland meeting was well attended and discussion of Committees, Production Councils, and the Movies made for busy hours.

The No. 8 Local Marquette, was listed for Friday. The afternoon was spent in the No. 8 schoolhouse basement with a few ladies of the Local. In the evening our F. U. Quiz was the popular part of the program. Production Coun-

## SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

for

### CLAY COUNTY

January 25, Pleasant View  
January 26, Wheeler  
January 27, Lincoln, with  
Ross and Swanson Locals  
as guests.  
January 28, Sherwood  
Esther Ekblad, Education  
Director, will be in charge  
of the meetings. Afternoon  
sessions will be held with  
officers and wives of mem-  
bers, and local meetings  
with entire families invited  
will be held evenings. Farm-  
ers Union educational  
work and other organiza-  
tion activities for 1943 will  
be discussed.

cils also received much attention. That meeting ended the week and Saturday morning I said goodbye to the Olsons, with whom I had made my home. Thanks Mr. and Mrs. Olson and Ida Mae for your kind hospitality.

## FORMER F. U. LEADER WRITES

From "Sunny California"  
Battery "B" 69th C. A. (A.A.)  
San Diego, Calif.  
Nov. 1, 1942

Dear Esther:  
I received your most welcome letter and also the camper's letter, as well as my membership card. Thanks a lot.

I guess by now the State Convention is over, and I know you have been busy with this and everything else, here's hoping it was a big success. I sure wish I could have been there, because I still remember the swell time I had at Parsons two years ago...

The weather has been swell out here, and it has been real warm. I suppose Kansas is getting regular cold spells by now.

I don't know any more to write just now so will close.

Sincerely,  
Verner Johnson,  
McPherson.

## JUNIORS IN OUR ARMED FORCES

Address Changed—

Pvt. Bernard Schafer Jr.  
207 Signal Depot Co.  
San Bernardino, Calif.  
Other Junior Addresses  
K/s C Curtis Wilson  
U. S. N. R. Towers Hall  
Room 1123  
Chicago, Ill.

Pvt. Millard D. Kittelson  
825th B. F. T. S.  
A. A. F. B. F. S.  
Coffeyville, Kans.

## NEW PROJECT

### "Farm Family Living"

At the National Education Council meeting in St. Paul, Minn., early in December plans were developed for a new Junior Reserve and Junior Project. The idea for it originally came from Mrs. Jerome Evanson, North Dakota Education Director. She has been working on a project for her own state, and when she told us about it, we were enthusiastic and asked permission to make it national. Here is the project:

#### Division I—PHOTOGRAPHY

Two pictures in each class are to be submitted, showing  
1. Farm and rural scenes  
2. Working together—on the farm (harvesting, bees, etc.), Local F. U. meetings, camps, etc.  
3. Cooperatives

#### Division II—SKETCHING

Two sketches in each class are to be submitted, showing  
1. Farm and rural scenes  
2. Working together  
3. Cooperatives

#### Division III—WRITING

Two pieces of writing in each class are to be submitted, as follows:

1. Prose (very short story or feature written around a central farm figure or theme)  
2. Poetry  
3. Drama (reading or short dialogues)

Points may be given on achievement records for all work submitted to the Local Leader. All work sent to the State Director of Education will be judged and suitable awards (such as subscriptions to photography magazines) will be given for outstanding work. Judging will not be on a contest basis. There may be several accepted entries in a Division.

The "Farm Family Living" project should emphasize farm family living in beauty and fellowship. Even if a submitted picture may portray farm slums, the pictures and sketching can help people to appreciate rural life, and to create a better realization of what must be done to bring more loveliness to farm living. The pictures of cooperatives tie the farm home to the cooperatively owned services through which we endeavor to raise the standard of living on the farm.

Our camps have proved to us that we have young people in the Kansas Farmers Union who can sketch, write, and take good pictures. Let us give this talent a chance to unfold and attain a polish.

## INTRODUCING NEW LEADER

Miss Jean Kniken, new Local Leader, Rose Valley Local, Osborne County, is the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Kniken, F. U. members of long standing. And to Jean the Farmers Union is no stranger. She is one of those young persons who was born into the Union, and not only that, she has faithfully attended local meetings and taken part in many Farmers Union activities. Jean is now employed at the Downs Farmers Union Store. She reports enjoying the work very much, especially the meeting and talking with folks as they come in to trade. Of course there isn't much time for chatting; as in every place the Downs Store is experiencing a shortage of help.

The Rose Valley Local has a number of Juveniles and Reserves. Jean has promised to take over leadership in the local, and she will soon have the boys and girls of the local busy with a Farmers Union Study Unit. Jean has a brother doing his bit in North Africa and she will have every minute of her time filled with worthwhile activities on the home front.

The Amazon river empties water into the Atlantic at the rate of 5 million gallons a second.

## JUNIORS ENJOY GAMES

January 12 after the Mobilization Day meeting, held in the evening at the Four Mile Local, Clay County, the Juniors of the Local had a party. All had a good time, and especially enjoyed the singing games led by one of the members. It is expected that another party will be held soon.

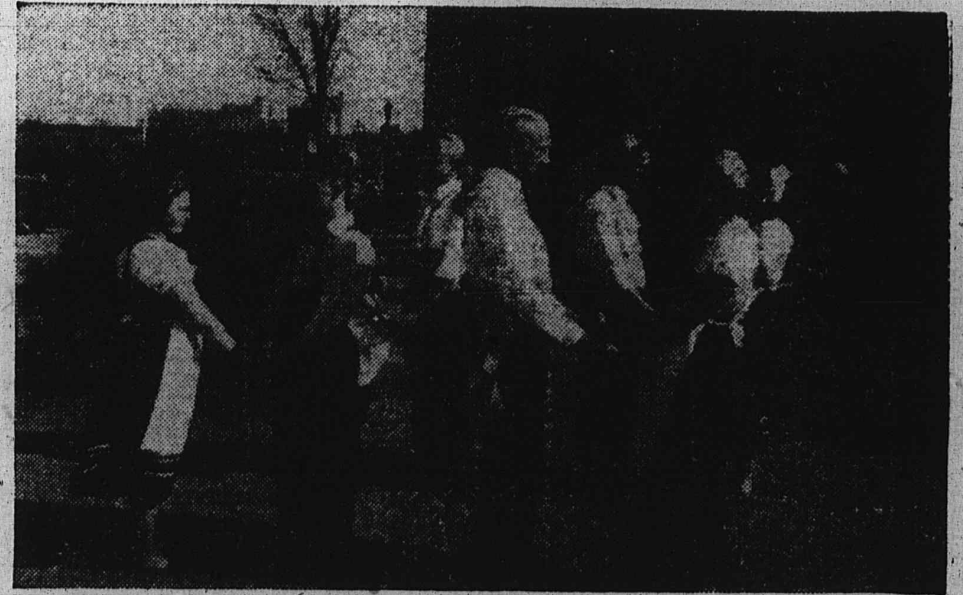
"My work, even while it furnished me food and shelter, would have been of no value whatever if it has not made me one of something—pilot of the line, gardener of the garden, builder of the cathedral, soldier of France."  
—Antoine De Saint Exupery, famed French flier.

DO YOU KNOW THAT Kansas produces more wheat than any other state and ranks first in milling? One loaf of bread in every ten that is baked in the United States is from Kansas milled flour.—"The Torch."

Though as large as Pennsylvania, Honduras has a population of little more than a million.

Ninety-five percent of the inhabitants of Honduras are a mixture of Spanish and Indian.

## A FOLK DANCING DEMONSTRATION AT NATIONAL FARMERS UNION CONVENTION.



At the National Convention in Oklahoma City this group of Juniors and Torchbearers provided many minutes of entertainment with their folk dancing demonstrations.



## Neighborhood Notes

### HAS FIRST MEETING OF YEAR

Elevation Local No. 1916 of Shawnee County held its first meeting of the new year at the schoolhouse on January 8. While waiting for time for the meeting we played several games popular in Farmers Union circles, led by Mrs. Elwyn Engler.

The meeting was called to order by our President, F. H. Lukert and opened by reading the Farmers Union creed. Roll call showed 24 members present. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Brother Frank Lukert, the retiring President then installed the officers for the coming year with Mrs. Eva Lukert and A. R. Swan serving as conductors. Brother W. E. Corbett was installed as President, Mrs. Elwyn Engler as Secretary-Treasurer, Wm. Corbett as doorkeeper. Eva Lukert as conductor. Then the new President installed the executive committee; Frank Lukert, A. R. Swan and Louis Vernon. Albert Swan will act as business and publicity agent.

The initiation ceremony was then read by the President for Mr. and Mrs. Harold Cox.

The secretary read the special message from the state President, urging all locals to hold a special meeting on farm Mobilization Day. We decided the press of farm work was too great for an afternoon meeting so voted to hold a meeting at night on Jan. 12.

Howard Hoffmeister thanked the Union in behalf of his wife and her mother for the plant sent Mrs. Moore during her illness.

We then sang several songs from the Farmers Union song books. After that we had a report on the new cooperative grocery store being set up in Pauline by the Oil Co-op. The report was given by M. D. Sebring who will be manager of the store.

We then adjourned to a bountiful oyster supper, served to about 40, including the youngsters. While supper was being served eleven members came forward and paid their dues for the new year. About midnight we left for our homes full of oysters and good Farmers Union Fellowship.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mrs. Elwyn Engler, Sec.

### JEWELL COUNTY TO MEET JANUARY 23

The American Legion Hall at Mankato, Kansas, will be the meeting place for the Farmers Union of Jewell County on Saturday night, January 23.

President E. K. Dean plans to be present at this meeting and will address those present. Moving pictures of Farmers Union Junior camps and other scenes of interest to Farmers Union members, will be shown by President Dean at this meeting.

Lloyd Reed,  
Sec'y-Treas.

### KAW VALLEY ANNOUNCES IMPORTANT MEETING ON FEB. 2

State President E. K. Dean to Speak—Year's First Meeting Well Attended

The Kaw Valley Local No. 1935 held their first meeting of the year at the Greenwood schoolhouse, January 8, 1943.

The meeting was called to order by our president, Mr. Bert Wilson. The meeting was opened with two songs.

Roll call was answered by those present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as read. Our Secretary Mr. Clawitter read a letter from our state president, Mr. E. K. Dean about the Farm Mobilization Day which was to be held Tuesday, January 12, 1943. The Kaw Valley Local and four other locals around St. Mary's will gather in the K. C. Hall in St. Mary's Kansas for that special meeting.

We want to urge all of our members to attend our next meeting which will be February 2, 1943. Our State President Mr. Dean will be our guest. President Dean will also show some of his moving picture. Some of the pictures will be of the Junior Camps and also of the south.

Everyone is invited to attend. Bring your friends and neighbors. The Secretary read a card of thanks from Mrs. Otto Grieshaber who has been sick the past month. The message to the local was read by Marcia Mae Erickson.

We got our Junior Classes start-

### IMPORTANT DATES IN RATIONING

January 21—Last day gasoline coupons No. 3 are good.

January 22—Gasoline coupons No. 4 are valid.

January 31—Last day sugar stamp No. 10, good for three pounds of sugar, is valid.

January 31—Last day commercial motor vehicles may operate on temporary transport rations. After that date "T" rations will be issued on the basis of ODT certificates of war necessity.

February 1—Stamp No. 11 becomes valid for sugar—the amount to be set later.

February 1—Typewriter rationing begins.

February 8—Last day to use stamp No. 28 for the purchase of one pound of coffee.

February 28—Last day for passenger car tire inspection for those having B or C books. After this, inspections for B bookholders will be once every four months. For C bookholders and bulk coupon operators, inspections must be made every three months.

March 31—Last day for passenger car tire inspection for those having "A" coupons. Subsequent inspections will be once in each six months instead of the former requirements of once every four months.

No gasoline or tires will be sold after the deadlines to drivers without the tire inspection certificate.

ed at this meeting. Mrs. George Seele is teaching the Juniors and Junior Reserves. Mrs. Henry Holtz is teaching the Juvenile classes.

The Juniors elected officers for their class, which will hold for three months. President, Marcia May Erickson; Vice President, Erma Jane Hasse; Secretary-Treasurer, Irene Soelter.

Irene Soelter,  
Local Reporter.

### ELEVATION LOCAL NO. 1916 HAS ANNUAL INSTALLATION OFFICERS

To Kansas Union Farmer:  
We of Elevation Union Local No. 1916 held our annual installation of officers Friday evening, January 8.

Our Junior Leader organized the group for about an hour of games and exercise after which the following officers were installed:

President—W. E. Corbett.  
Vice President—Elwyn Engler.  
Sec-Treas.—Leora Engler.  
Executive Committee—Louis Vernon, A. R. Swan, F. H. Lukert.

Conductor—Mrs. Eva Lukert.  
Doorkeeper—William Corbett.  
Business Manager—Albert Swan.  
Next we had the regular business meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Cox of Pauline community were initiated as members.

A letter was presented by the Secretary in regard to "M" day. We decided to hold a community meeting on the evening of January 12th. It was thought by some that these community meetings should be held in the evenings because of daytime being valuable time to farmers' action just now.

Next we sang several Farmers Union songs and adjourned to consume about five gallons of oyster soup.

About fifty people were present and all seemed to enjoy the evening.

Albert Swan,  
Reporter,  
Topeka, Kans.  
Route 9.

### ADVANCED FIRST AID

Johnstown Local Ladies, McPherson County, are ready to start an advanced First Aid class soon. In addition to the names given in the last KUF, the following were members of the first class: Mrs. Adel Peterson, Mrs. Allen Rhoads, and Mrs. R. W. Peterson.

### FUJA TERMINAL ELEVATOR EMPLOYEES ARE INDUCTED

Former Mill Superintendent and Feed Mill Employee Enter Army on January 5.

TOPEKA, Kans., Jan. 15—Roy H. Jensen, former Superintendent at the Farmers Union Terminal Elevator at Topeka, was inducted into the army on January 5, 1943, at Fort Leavenworth. He is located at Camp Swift, thirty miles east of Austin, Texas.

Virgil Myers, who has been em-

ployed in the feed mill and as truck driver, was also inducted on January 5, at Ft. Leavenworth. He is now stationed at Ft. Ord, near Monterey, California.

Ray Towne, who enlisted in the U. S. Naval Reserve in July, 1942, is still located at the Olathe Naval Air Base, at Olathe, Kansas, and is in the Mechanical Transport Repair Division.

### NATIONWIDE CO-OP RADIO PROGRAM GOES ON AIR IN FEBRUARY

NEW YORK—The first nationwide co-op radio program, originally scheduled for October, will go on the air beginning some time in February, the Cooperative League announced this week following conference with radio executives.

The series will run for 13 weeks over about thirty key radio stations from coast to coast. The delay in going on the air has made it possible to work out program features which should make the co-op series even more effective than originally planned.

### F. U. OFFICIALS PROTEST DRAFT

Ask Relief From County Quotas; 16-Unit Revision

WASHINGTON — President James G. Patton of NFU, Glenn Talbott, President of the North Dakota Farmers Union, and Mrs. Gladys Talbott Edwards, NFU Education Director, here for a meeting of the National Executive Council as Congress opened, conferred with War Manpower Commission Chairman McNutt on Selective Service problems affecting working farm families. They stressed particularly the need of levying draft quotas on region incurring an entire state or region instead of counties; exempting essential farm operators and employees of Farmers Unions and affiliated enterprises.

Talbott and Paul Sifton of the NFU Washington office conferred with the Selective Service officials and representatives of other farm organizations on January 11 regarding revision of the 16 war unit rule which the NFU Executive Council denounced on December 14 as unworkable. Sifton, who is President Patton's alternate on the War Manpower Commission's Management-Labor Advisory Committee, had previously brought this matter to the attention of the Committee.

Mrs. Edwards is here to attend a meeting of the Women's Advisory Committee of the War Manpower Commission.

On January 8, President Patton attended the regular meeting of the National Economic Stabilization Board, at which inflation controls were discussed with a Canadian official. The meetings of this Board are executive.

### LIGHTEN TURKEY LOSSES

An electric light, lantern or roadflares may lighten turkey losses this fall since light not only will keep predatory animals away from the flock but will help prevent the turkeys from stampeding. Joe C. Scott, president of the State Board of Agriculture, points out that foxes, coyotes, dogs and other animals sometimes make life miserable for both the turkeys and the turkey growers. Light will keep them away and give the turkeys a feeling of safety, which is conducive to their health.

### Food Prices at Retail Up 16 Per Cent in Past Year

By Associated Press  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 12—Retail food prices rose 16 per cent in the past year and in the twelve months ended November 15 stood 31 per cent above the 1935-39 average, the Federal Reserve board reported today.

For the most part, the board said, increases were much greater in commodities not subject to maximum retail prices and most of the increases shown by individual items occurred before they were subject to direct control.

Retail prices of livestock products, including meats, poultry and dairy products, and of fruits and vegetables have risen more since last spring than prices of any other foods, the board reported.

The earth completes one rotation on its axis in 23 hours, 56 minutes and 4.09 seconds.

### WITHAM VISITS MITCHELL COUNTY BOARD MEETING

Happening through Beloit on a day when the board of directors of the Mitchell County Farmers Union Cooperative Association was in session, H. E. Witham, manager of Farmers Union Jobbing Association, was invited to sit in with them at the meeting.

"It was pleasant indeed to realize that a cooperative with which I had such close connections during its early history is so successful today," reported Mr. Witham. He commented further on the capable management of the Association under John Schulte, and said that the splendid report of that Association's activities during 1942 was evidence of the loyal support of many members.

Mr. Schulte will be one of the speakers at FUJA's annual meeting on Friday, February 5, in Kansas City.

### BIG JOB STILL AHEAD FOR CO-OPS

(Continued From Page Four)

changing world demands and manufacture of synthetic products will affect production of farm products and their processing and distribution.

Created by Producers

We must never forget here that the Farmers Union Grain Terminal Association was first set up by the producers to help them market their grain so they would get a decent price for their products. This is what we must keep in mind at all times.

Is what we are doing helping the farmer back home on the land?

How will he like what we are doing?

So long as we truly represent the farmer, we will continue to forge ahead. We must be quick, on the business side, to represent the changes which are bound to come, but that is only half our task. We must also be able to interpret these changes to the farmers who built this organization, so that they and their neighbors will benefit. As an ac-

### A "HOME FOLKS" MEETING

Because of the transportation situation," says H. E. Witham, general manager of the Farmers Union Jobbing Association, "we will not have any out-state speakers with us at our regular annual meeting as has been the custom during the last several years. We expect to build up a strong, interesting program using some of the strong, interesting leaders we have among our own cooperative members.

"The report our auditor will present to the delegates attending the meeting will show what fine progress your regional cooperative has made during this past year. This report will later be mailed to all stockholders, and it will be one that will make every member proud that through FUJA he had a hand in the growth in numbers, facilities, and services of the cooperative movement here in the United States."

tual working farmer, I believe that is what you want of your cooperative.

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# LIVESTOCK MARKET NEWS

by the FARMERS UNION LIVESTOCK COMMISSION COMPANY, KANSAS CITY

## Kansas City Livestock Markets

### Hog Market

W. F. O'Neal, Salesman. Hog receipts continue under expectations and day-to-day receipts have quite a bearing on each day's market. Although prices have fluctuated sharply at times, the general price level does not show much change from two weeks ago. Extreme top today \$14.85 paid for best medium weight butchers. All weights selling within a very narrow range as desirable kinds of 190 to 300 pound weights are selling from \$14.75 to \$14.85. Underweight lights, 140 to 180 pounds, both killing kinds and those in just feeder flesh selling at \$14.25 to \$14.65. Bulk of the sows \$13.75 to \$14. Hardly enough stock pigs coming in to test values. Strictly choice kinds quotable around \$14.00.

Light receipts have continued to strengthen the hog market and prices have been selling near the high level for quite some time past but we are of the opinion that if any time in the near future hog receipts would increase to any extent that the hog market would undoubtedly receive a set-back in prices. We feel as though that hogs that are ready should be sold rather than held back for any advance in prices.

### Sheep Market

Fred Grantham, Salesman. Market 25c higher. Top Western fed lambs \$15.85. Majority around \$15.50. Top native truck-ins \$15.25. Medium fleshed natives \$13.50 to \$14.50. Cull natives \$10.50 to \$11.50. Fat ewes \$8 to \$8.25. Cull ewes \$6.50 to \$7.50. Fat yearling wethers \$13 to \$13.25.

### Butcher Market

Johnnie Hannon, Salesman. We have been having pretty active butcher cattle markets the past two weeks except on cows which ran into trouble last week. Our bull market has been exceptionally active with a top today of \$13.00 which shows just a little loss from last week's close. Beef cows showed a loss last week of 50c per cwt. but have regained some of this today. Canners and cutters selling from \$6.50 to \$9.00 with beef cows going over the scales mostly from \$9.50 to \$10.50 although outstanding killing cows are bringing up to \$11.75. Fed heifers and mixed yearlings 25c to 40c higher than two weeks ago with a prime load of heifers

selling at \$15.50. The bulk of the shorted yearlings, either mixed or straight heifers, \$12.75 to \$13.75. Stock cows and heifers active sellers.

Killing calf market has held about steady for the past two weeks. Extreme top on veals \$15. Fat 300 to 400 pound calves \$12.00 to \$13.00 with fair to good kinds \$10.00 to \$11.00. Stock calves very scarce and 25c to 5c higher for the two weeks.

### Fat Steer Market

L. O. Martin, Salesman. Our fat steer market is probably anywhere around 25c higher than it was 10 days ago, especially on the better kinds of cattle. Cattle selling from \$14 to \$15 are fully 25c higher. Inbetween kinds of cattle are practically steady. Most of the good cattle selling from \$14 to \$15, with the plainer kinds from \$13.25 to \$14. Stockers and feeders about steady with 10 days ago. Most of the good Whiteface steers selling from \$13 to \$13.50, with the plain kinds from \$12 to \$12.50. Red cattle up to \$13 for the choice kind, most of them selling from \$12 to \$12.50. Dogies and Holstein around \$10 to \$10.50.

The total value of goods destroyed by rats in the United States equals 2 billion dollars a year.

### NAM HAS BIG VOICE IN AFFAIRS

Old "Back to Normal" Plea Will Be Heard Again; Former Pledge Recalled.

By JOE STORM

Editor Spade

Just before the old Congress wound up and went home for Christmas, a tall, soft-spoken Representative from Canton, Ohio, got up and called a shot. Said he:

"The solemn and binding promise of some thirty outstanding Republicans in 1920—that the election of Senator Harding to the Presidency would assure the people of the creation of an association or society of nations to stabilize the peace—was, after the votes were counted, repudiated as if it were a meaningless scrap of paper."

This was out-going Representative William R. Thom's way of saying that forces much like those which put Harding in the saddle are getting set to pull another fast one.

Most historians agree that Harding's administration paved the way to Depression and World War II.

The G. O. P. Today

Since the GOP has gained control of Congress (counting in the assured support of enough anti-New Deal Democrats for a majority, and since it seems to have the '44 election by the tail, many people have asked for an unprejudiced analysis of what is more or less apparent about present Republican plans.

The success or failure of these plans may determine "what we are fighting for" in the way of a post war economic system.

It is hard to understand politics by simply watching and reading the politicians. Too often their

statements necessarily are meant to cover something up.

### NAM Money Talks

The same applies to a political party, though more true of the party out of power (in this case the GOP) than of the one in power. The one in power is forced to show its hand—state its case, and then make it stick.

The minority party naturally says a lot of things it doesn't mean. To best determine what a party really intends to do is to study the motives of its biggest campaign contributors.

That simplifies the guesswork. In this case it is commonly known that most of the money which talks to the GOP comes from sources which express their views most often through the National Association of Manufacturers.

### Want "Old Deal"

Everybody knows about the NAM. It clarified its intentions at its recent annual convention in New York. In brief, they can be summarized by one line from the farewell speech of the retiring president, Witherow, who said:

"I don't want any modified free enterprise." Read that over several times.

Mr. Witherow drew thunderous applause from fellow members; so obviously he spoke for them. What he and other key speakers said, more or less guardedly, is essentially just what they have said ever since the New Deal came to power: "Let's get back to normal."

"Normal" means the 'twenties. NAM's leaders make no bones about that. It is simply the business world's standard definition of "normal."

### Their Program

To "get back to normal" it is necessary to do the following things, among others:

1. Throw off high profit limitations.
2. Raise interest rates back to pre-New Deal levels.
3. Raise tariffs back to where Hull started whittling on them.
4. Shift more taxes off of corporations and back onto wage earners, farmers and white collar workers.
5. Take the teeth out of Labor legislation and break the power of unions.
6. Abolish anything such as AAA which gives farmers a means of planning production according to needs.
7. Give organized industry complete freedom to lay off workers and cut production whenever it takes the notion.

The last time industry took such a notion in a big way was in the years just before the Depression—when in order to bolster the price of manufactured goods, it cut production so drastically that 20 million people lost their jobs and the farmers and ranchers lost so much of their American market that they all went broke.

### Will Go Easy

Just because the GOP controls Congress doesn't necessarily mean it will pass all the measures NAM wants passed to implement its backward-looking post-war program. Besides the fact that FDR can veto much of what Congress passes, the Republicans will be wary of attempting to swing some of its most cherished plans. It doesn't want to make any enemies for '44 if it can help it—and that applies to workers as well as farmers.

The main function of GOP's membership in Congress will not be to pass laws or wreck them. Main job will be to make votes for '44, when the whole question of what comes after the war will be at stake in the presidential election.

To win in '44, GOP's strategy is simple and practical. Main points of it are to:

1. Encourage people to feel angry about rationing and other unavoidable discomforts of war.
2. Blame these discomforts wholly on the Administration—not on the monopoly prac-

## RECENT REPRESENTATIVE Live Stock Sales

Of Farmers Union Live Stock Commission Company  
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### CATTLE

I. H. Davies, Coffey County, Kan., 14 steers.....	1229	\$14.25
Lawrence Davis, Osage County, Kan., 2 steers.....	1145	14.20
Pete Bocquin, Lyon County, Kan., 59 steers.....	1047	14.20
L. E. Michaels, Osage County, Kan., 24 steers.....	1282	14.15
Noble Jones, Lyon County, Kan., 18 heifers.....	936	14.00
L. E. Michaels, Osage County, Kan., 23 steers.....	1162	14.00
James Smith, Lyon County, Kan., 28 steers.....	1325	13.75
Noble Jones, Lyon County, Kan., 25 heifers.....	808	13.85
Herbert Niles, Coffey County, Kan., 28 heifers.....	941	13.65
Mrs. Blanch Davis, Osage County, Kan., 31 steers.....	1044	13.50
James Smith, Lyon County, Kan., 34 steers.....	1132	13.50
R. D. Mochamer, Osage County, Kan., 31 heifers.....	733	13.40
G. H. Anderson, Lyon County, Kan., 25 steers.....	770	13.25
Schoepflin & Butell, Osage County, Kan., 25 steers.....	1024	13.25
Clarence Wilson, Shawnee County, Kan., 18 heifers.....	890	13.15
Walter Johns, Lyon County, Kan., 31 steers.....	1090	13.00
A. A. Shehan, Elk County, Kan., 26 steers.....	1110	13.00
Hugh Jones, Lyon County, Kan., 22 heifers.....	835	13.00
John L. Davis, Osage County, Kan., 25 heifers.....	765	13.00
Hugh Jones, Lyon County, Kan., 27 steers.....	981	13.00
Trvin Clubine, Montgomery County, Kan., 36 steers.....	888	12.85
S. A. Fields, McPherson County, Kan., 28 steers.....	1152	12.75
M. E. Whaner, Lyon County, Kan., 29 steers.....	1090	12.50
Stanley Duncan, Osage County, Kan., 19 heifers.....	787	12.50
A. J. Tyson, Osage County, Kan., 22 heifers.....	881	12.50
J. H. Cooling, Lane County, Kan., 24 calves.....	514	12.25
J. H. Cooling, Lane County, Kan., 30 calves.....	461	11.50
R. E. Wright, Jackson County, Mo., 19 cows.....	1017	10.35
C. M. McDaniels, Saline County, Kan., 14 cows.....	960	8.75

### HOGS

R. E. Bucknell, Republic County, Kan., 20 hogs.....	317	14.90
J. F. Norton, Grundy County, Mo., 12 hogs.....	298	14.90
Everett O. Sweet, Republic County, Kan., 28 hogs.....	245	14.90
G. M. Anderson, Grundy County, Mo., 20 hogs.....	246	14.90
Ed L. Montgomery, Sullivan County, Mo., 10 hogs.....	232	14.85
W. H. Doberer, Clay County, Kan., 20 hogs.....	278	14.80
Ted Turner, Johnson County, Kan., 25 hogs.....	266	14.75
J. F. Stockhoff, Linn County, Kan., 32 hogs.....	238	14.75
R. R. Glenn, Miami County, Kan., 13 hogs.....	358	14.70
Roy Pettit, Grundy County, Mo., 25 hogs.....	231	14.70
Mont Howe, Grundy County, Mo., 30 hogs.....	241	14.70
Belle Schmitz, Clay County, Mo., 19 hogs.....	255	14.65
E. E. Davis, Saline County, Mo., 32 hogs.....	263	14.65
Ernest Wiley, Lafayette County, Mo., 27 hogs.....	211	14.65
Jim Williams, Leavenworth County, Kan., 19 hogs.....	277	14.65
Arthur Cragan, Greenwood County, Kan., 10 hogs.....	198	14.65
Gus Arzberger, Miami County, Kan., 13 hogs.....	219	14.65
Aug. Ziebell, Dickinson County, Kan., 15 hogs.....	197	14.60
Mary Armstrong, Sullivan County, Mo., 12 hogs.....	187	14.55
S. A. Pierpont, Nodaway County, Mo., 29 hogs.....	188	14.55
Geo. Koeding, Lafayette County, Mo., 20 hogs.....	221	14.55
L. C. Briggs, Anderson County, Kan., 11 hogs.....	300	14.55
H. W. Neth, Clinton County, Mo., 24 hogs.....	270	14.55
H. B. Worley, Daviess County, Mo., 21 hogs.....	221	14.40
Frank Sholtz, Franklin County, Kan., 15 hogs.....	163	14.35
Aug. Ziebell, Dickinson County, Kan., 11 hogs.....	149	14.15
Oral Carver, Sullivan County, Mo., 10 hogs.....	170	14.15

### PARSONS

#### CATTLE

C. W. Richardson, Neosho County, Kan., 2 steers.....	1402	14.25
C. W. Richardson, Neosho County, Kan., 3 steers.....	1121	13.25
Labette County High School, Labette Co., Kan., 4 steers.....	922	13.25
Robert W. Price, Labette County, Kan., 17 steers.....	958	13.10
August Tersinar, Crawford County, Kan., 2 steers.....	845	13.00
E. H. Gladson, Crawford County, Kan., 5 steers.....	903	13.00
Ernest Herlocker, Crawford County, Kan., 6 steers.....	682	12.25
R. A. Neher, Crawford County, Kan., 11 steers.....	940	12.50
F. E. Misch, Labette County, Kan., 12 steers.....	1006	12.30
John Tersinar, Crawford County, Kan., 8 steers.....	616	12.10
Ed Janssen, Crawford County, Kan., 5 steers.....	749	12.00
R. E. Grannemann, Crawford County, Kan., 4 steers.....	757	11.75
E. H. Gladson, Crawford County, Kan., 7 steers.....	495	11.50
E. F. Hashagen, Crawford County, Kan., 3 steers.....	466	11.50
Albert Clausen, Crawford County, Kan., 6 steers.....	900	11.50
Gus LaForge, Crawford County, Kan., 5 steers.....	623	11.00
R. E. Frannemann, Crawford County, Kan., 16 steers.....	621	11.00

#### HOGS

Jay Canfield, Labette County, Kan., 5 hogs.....	210	14.80
Albert Grannemann, Neosho County, Kan., 56 hogs.....	232	14.80
Chas. Mitchell, Labette County, Kan., 4 hogs.....	213	14.75
Roger Elliott, Neosho County, Kan., 5 hogs.....	222	14.75
Robert W. Price, Labette County, Kan., 8 hogs.....	235	14.70
John J. Vitt, Neosho County, Kan., 6 hogs.....	180	14.70
Geo. Kenyon, Labette County, Kan., 6 hogs.....	185	14.65
Fred Hummer, Neosho County, Kan., 12 hogs.....	225	14.60
J. T. Mitchell, Crawford County, Kan., 18 hogs.....	209	14.55
Bert Darling, Wilson County, Kan., 14 hogs.....	193	14.55
S. C. Hudson, Neosho County, Kan., 14 hogs.....	250	14.55
G. J. David, Crawford County, Kan., 16 hogs.....	248	14.55
M. A. Attebery, Labette County, Kan., 14 hogs.....	241	14.55
Floyd Rubie, Neosho County, Kan., 19 hogs.....	246	14.55
Henry Kreibel, Montgomery County, Kan., 11 hogs.....	225	14.55
Willard Peak, Crawford County, Kan., 15 hogs.....	229	14.55
F. O. Geier, Crawford County, Kan., 10 hogs.....	224	14.55
E. E. Brookshire, Neosho County, Kan., 12 hogs.....	222	14.55
Frank Hobbler, Labette County, Kan., 31 hogs.....	229	14.45
Geo. Winans, Neosho County, Kan., 23 hogs.....	237	14.45
L. A. Wagner, Montgomery County, Kan., 17 hogs.....	224	14.45
Hollis Jackson, Montgomery County, Kan., 11 hogs.....	209	14.35
Lee Herrin, Neosho County, Kan., 14 hogs.....	211	14.25

ties of basic industries which problems; That is the shortages of steel, aluminum, rubber, and the rest of the monopoly-caused shortages.

3. Talk much, as the Harding backers did, about the theory of international cooperation, but discredit and fight Roosevelt measures designed to lay the real groundwork of international unity. (Attacks have already been made by Republican senators on the Atlantic Charter, on the grounds that it wasn't taken up with Congress.)

4. Promise immediate relief from the discounts of war as soon as it ends.

GOP has already moved to get people aroused against the idea of enduring certain food shortages in order to feed starving people in Europe and Asia for a while after the war.

In order to keep its solemn pledges of helping the rest of the world get on its feet, Administration would have to call on U. S. citizens to keep on doing without certain things for a while after the war.

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## CONGRESSIONAL "ECONOMY BLOC" ATTACKS FSA

According to recent news releases, the so-called "economy bloc" in Congress is centering its fire on two governmental agencies, the National Youth Administration and the Farm Security Administration. This last named organization, particularly, is one which has been defended and aided by the Farmers Union, since its inception. A story entitled "An Ozark Family Out of Debt After a Long Struggle," on page two of this issue, is just one illustration of the benefit which FSA has proved itself to be, to the family farm operators of the nation.

The economy bloc professes to have in mind a drastic curtailment of non-defense government spending. President Roosevelt has challenged the members of the "bloc" to show where differentiation can be made between war and non-war activities. Surely it has been firmly established by this time, that the production of farm products is as surely a "war activity" as is the production of guns and armament. If FSA aids in the production of food for our fighting forces, our allies and our civilian population, then this is the only yardstick that should be used as to the value and necessity of this agency.

The fact that FSA has been the means through which the family-type farm operator has been enabled to stay on the farm has been proved in thousands of cases—well authenticated and on file where they may be consulted.

### FSA Is Often Attacked

Vicious attacks have been made on FSA through various sources. One of the most recent was that of Oscar O. Johnston, manager of a large, foreign-owned cotton plantation, and President of the National Cotton Council. Speaking before Farm Bureau meetings, Johnston has been reported as declaring that the Farmers Union and Farm Security Administration are "subversive and communistic." Surprisingly enough, in 1941 the same man told a conference of social workers in Memphis:

"There are many things about the Farm Security Administration that I do not like. In my opinion, however, the FSA is rendering a valuable service to a vast segment of the population that has not heretofore been served by any agency."

Another reply to Johnston's accusation has been made by the Rev. W. J. Labbe, a Catholic priest and "devotee of the Farmers Union" in Louisiana.

"I am a Catholic priest and by the very tenets of my religion and my beliefs have always been antagonistic to do anything that smacks

of any isms," Father Labbe wrote to Johnston. "I pride myself in the fact that I am interested in the welfare of the little man be he farmer or merchant and not a thief...."

"I am enclosing a copy of the tenets of the Farmers Union which I will implore one of your mentality to read with preciseness and open-mindedness and should that smack of anything Communistic... then, I say, brand me as a Communist. At least I would then be a man, in the eyes of an ever-seeing God, honest to my fellowman who is not a slave. I would be a man straightforward with my neighbor and not a capitalistic gourmet of the indigent. I would be an AMERICAN CITIZEN fighting for the rights of the little man who is ready to defend a country that harbors within the confines of its ocean bounded borders men of your type and mentality—men who look not for the betterment of the poor, but who look for the surging tide that brings in bloated pocket books and disgusting class domination.

If you ask me the type that is bringing on Communism and Socialism in this country, they are those that follow your line of thought. We who are working for betterment of those people are endeavoring to stem the tide that would engulf men of your type and mentality."

### Another Charge Answered

In reply to a charge that the FSA is backed by liberals who in order to further their own ideals are electing congressmen and senators over the nation," FSA Regional Director Stewart has replied:

"The Farm Security Administration is not affiliated with any organization in America except the United States Department of Agriculture. The administration is appreciative of support from individuals, corporations, churches, civic clubs, fraternities, and other institutions in sympathy with an extension of opportunity to the underprivileged and struggling rural masses in this country whom the Farm Security Administration is endeavoring to assist. It is difficult for me to understand why you and others who have given releases to the press did not take cognizance of the numerous other organizations and individuals that gave support to the Farm Security Administration when the appropriations were being considered by Congress. I mention as some of these, the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, the National Catholic Rural Life Association, the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation, the American Federation of Labor, the American Railway Labor Executives Association, women's missionary societies, independent Christian churches and other church organizations, civic clubs, Chambers of Commerce and many others too numerous to mention. For the same reason, why not charge that the Farm Security Administration is affiliated with all those other organizations?"

### A Letter From a Young Farm Family

The following letter was received recently from a young Kansas farm family, by the National Farmers Union, and illustrates the special place which FSA has, in aiding the small farmer:

"Several weeks ago I was listening to the regular Saturday "Farm Journal" program and heard the talk about production of meat, wool, eggs, milk, etc., for the U. S. and her Allies, and the effort that was being made to help the farmer produce all he was humanly able to produce.

"I was very interested. My husband and I are both young and able bodied. Both of us have been brought up on the farm and want to do all we can to help. We have prospects of good wheat pasture and abundant dry feed for cattle, sheep, etc., and the pasture space in the spring for them. We both are able to work with animals so no extra help would be necessary, but as we started out on a shoestring we have never been able to stock our farm amply with animals.

"At present we are living on a rented quarter of ground and lease 10 acres of feed ground but have some prospects of getting more this coming year.

"The speaker on this program said to write to you so I have. If you could tell us whether we could get a Government loan for livestock and if so where? We would appreciate it very much. We listen to "Farm Journal" whenever we can and both enjoy it a lot."

### A Case for FSA

The County FSA Supervisor should be consulted in a case of this kind, for Farm Security Administration will finance the small farmer, to enable him to increase production. Many farmers would be enabled to increase their production with a small loan—and increased production means victory for the United Nations.

### FSA Repayment on Loans

Repayment of FSA rehabilitation loans jumped to 92.0 percent of maturities on December 1, 1942, compared to 75.4 percent on the same date in 1941. In addition, since the beginning of the program, \$42,527,738 in interest has been paid up to December 1 this year. These payments on principal include \$16,238,625 paid in advance of maturities. Exclusive of these payments, collections on loan maturities were 87.4 percent on December 1, 1942, compared to 71.7 percent on December 1, 1941. Collections are showing heavy increases this year, over the same months last year.

Since the outbreak of the war, and for several months previously, FSA loans have been made primarily for increased production of food and more efficient use of manpower on small farms. Advance production reports for 1942 show that borrowers have made large percentage increases in milk, eggs, oil crops and other foods and fibers for which war goals are set.

### FSA Must Be Retained for Victory

On the Farm Mobilization Day broadcast on January 12, it was stated briefly by one of the speakers: "The farmer feeds the men who feed the guns."

For this reason we believe that the retention of Farm Security Administration—the agency which is doing much to further "all-out" agricultural production—is more important to a nation at war, than in the years past, during which it has functioned so successfully.

## Backs Continued Use of Food Stamps

### President Patton Says Failure to Properly Divide Supply of Food at Home Can Injure War Effort.

Discontinuance of the Food Stamp plan by Secretary of Agriculture Wickard, is discussed in an article in the magazine PM, January 12. The article is a picture of National President James Patton, who has backed the continued use of food stamps.

Stating that one third of the nation can't afford full food rations, even under the announced rationing system, the article states:

"Failure to handle the supply of food for civilians as a national resource pool for the home job of winning the war can hurt our plans for sending food abroad. To make sure our food can do its utmost in direct war uses, we should insist that what's kept at home is tightly managed, divided according to need with no family left to go hungry. The Food Stamp plan could have been converted quickly to this war job. Turned into Victory Food Shares, the stamps could have been tied to the rationing program, to enable every deficit family to secure at least a minimum diet adequate for health and hard work.

"Something like this was suggested to Wickard early last November by National Farmers Union President James Patton. A month later he received a reply from the Acting Secretary, saying, "It seems to me that the suggestion you make is an important part of a well-rounded food program." Legal difficulties to the idea were cited in the latter, but the Secretary's announcement three weeks later killing the Stamp Plan and extending the school lunch program gave no such reason for the first step and showed by the second the difficulties had been overcome.

"The answer looks simpler, and more discouraging. Big farmers always did hate anything called relief. The Stamp Plan could be called relief."

## LOCAL PRODUCTION COUNCILS ARE ASKED QUESTIONS

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1. The present comparative low level of farm prices in agricultural industries essential to the war effort which make it difficult for farmers to carry on and to retain sufficient farm labor to prevent production declines.

2. The question as to whether these levels should be raised on the basis of minimum price and market guarantees for necessary production on all of the war-essential farm products rather than to hold down farm price levels and add government subsidies from tax monies at a time when America's buying power, particularly that in the cities, is at the highest point in history.

3. Whether more farm machinery should at once be made available to farm people so that they may efficiently plant, cultivate and harvest their crops.

4. Whether the present method of computing parity prices for farm products should have included in it the full element of all agricultural labor including the hired hand, the farm operator, and the members of the farm operator's family.

5. The extent to which restrictive regulations on farm transportation, such as certificates of necessity, are hindering farm production.

6. Whether farmers are being discouraged in their production efforts by the public attitude of the city press, radio commentators and spokesmen of the federal government.

In our capacity as members of the Senate Committee on agriculture, we would like very much to know the sentiment of your community, and we feel that reports of the discussions which take place at these meetings will indeed be helpful in shaping the requisite legislation.

We are confident that every Senator and every member of the lower House would also like to hear from the communi-

ties they represent with regard to these issues which we have outlined and the way in which they should be settled in order that it may be possible to achieve the necessary production goals as long as this war lasts. Such expression is of particular importance at this time since some of these questions will undoubtedly be taken up by the Seventy-eighth Congress shortly after it convenes.

Sincerely yours,

G. M. Gillette,  
U. S. Senator from Iowa.  
George D. Aiken,  
U. S. Senator from Vermont.

## KFU MEMBERS MEET FOR FARM "M" DAY

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The President of the United States, was observed. In answer to the proclamation of President Roosevelt, E. K. Dean, President of the Kansas Farmers Union, issued a call for all local and county Farmers Union organizations to plan meetings for this day.

Kansas Farmers Union families met in groups throughout the state, to listen to the national radio program which was broadcast during the afternoon, and to discuss 1943 food production plans, goals, and methods of meeting them. They were told by President Roosevelt and other administration leaders that victory for the Allied forces would rest largely upon the efforts of the farmer this year to "step up" production.

Reports received at the State Office in regard to plans for this meeting included announcement of a community meeting to be held by Elevation Local, Topeka on the date announced, and a large meeting in the St. Mary's vicinity, in which Kaw Valley Local and four other Locals in the St. Mary's neighborhood, planned to meet at the K. C. Hall. Many other Locals, and Farmers Union committee, had meetings on this day.

Food Production goals, as set up by the Department of Agriculture, were printed in the Kansas Union Farmer of January 7.

### A Gigantic Task

The attainment of these goals will be a gigantic task for the farmers of Kansas. Each farm operator will be asked to fill out an individual farm plan, listing crop plans for next year, enumerating livestock production, surveying labor requirements, machinery and other needs of each farm. In this way, the plans will represent the share of each farm in the amount of food and fiber required in 1943.

## GTA OF ST. PAUL BEGINS SERIES OF RADIO PROGRAMS

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FUGTA. These radio broadcasts go on the air, Mondays to Fridays, at 1:25 p. m. CST. On Sundays they are broadcast at 5:30 p. m. WLWL, Minneapolis-St. Paul, is 1330 on your dial.

These radio programs will serve to keep the Farmers Union members in the states serviced, closely in touch with their Terminal Association. They are not planned as publicity—nor for "commercial" results. Program material will be intended only for the farmer, with reference to his interest in affairs in Washington, D. C., and in the markets. It is felt that it is to the farmer's advantage, to be enabled to get an advance tip on some of the moves that are being made and contemplated. This service—one of many—is one that a farmer-owned co-operative renders its members and patrons and, in addition, broadcasts to all farmers who care to listen.

As stated in the "Co-optimist of FUGTA: "The radio 'mike' is set up in our St. Paul office, so there is no delay in transmittal. The message comes right from GTA headquarters, where the news breaks first, because of telephonic and wire communications direct with Washington and the markets. The Minneapolis markets close at 1:15 p. m., and 10 minutes later the GTA reporter is on the air, talking to the whole Northwest. For close connections, that can't be beat. As the days go by, the need of just such a service will be increasingly felt by every farmer. It is a service that costs the farmer nothing—and it can easily save him some money, now that agricultural affairs are so topsy-turvy."

In World War I nited States airmen shot down 491 enemy planes.