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## THATCHER REPORTS GOOD MAY COME OF WORLD WHEAT MEET

Terminal Association General Manager Studies European Conditions

International Bureau of Information Formed

M. W. Thatcher, general manager of the Farmers Union Terminal Association and a director and member of the executive committee of the Farmers National Grain Corporation, cables from London that the conference which ended late in May in London was extremely interesting.

"The conference was most interesting and educational," Mr. Thatcher cabled to the Farmers Union in St. Paul. "Much good may come from it. All eleven exporting countries, including Russia, have a friendly attitude. All agree that co-operatives are essential to any satisfactory solution of world trade distress. The principles of the Farmers Union business organizations have universal approval."

### Much of Confidential Nature

Much of what transpired at the International Wheat conference was of a confidential nature. Mr. Thatcher was seated as a confidential delegate of the United States, representing the Farmers National Grain Corporation and cooperative groups. Sam R. McKelvie of the Federal Farm Board and Nils Olson of the United States Department of Agriculture also attended as delegates. Following the London conference Mr. Thatcher visited in Glasgow and Liverpool and plans to continue a study of cooperatives and world wheat conditions in Europe.

The International Conference at London ended its labors after agreeing to establish an information bureau for the collection and distribution of accurate figures on all phases of the wheat industry.

Other articles in the agreement recommended reduction of wheat acreage, wherever possible.

Although not incorporated in the agreement, Chairman Howard Ferguson, of Canada, said all countries had been unanimous on the question of "orderly marketing."

Each country represented would appoint under the agreement a member on a "consulting committee" to establish the information clearing house, continue a study of wheat problems and draft an agenda for a future conference if an agreement on the major proposals is reached.

### Causes of Wheat Ills

The preamble to the agreement blamed the world's wheat ill on four factors:

Profitless overproduction  
World-wide economic depression  
Absence of adequate statistics  
Sensitiveness of the wheat market.

Although recommending acreage reductions, the agreement made no specific proposal as to how such restriction would be accomplished.

Chairman Ferguson, in describing the conference as a success, said harmony prevailed at all sessions and that concessions and modifications were made in the interest of unanimity.

After approving the final agreement, the conference adjourned sine die. The continuing committee plans to meet soon, but the date for its session so far is indefinite. The American delegation has held out firmly for a reduction in acreage as the best solution to the problem.

Called at the suggestion of Canada, the international conference opened in London May 18, attended by delegate of eleven wheat exporting

## "O WOMAN, IN OUR HOURS OF EASE, UNCERTAIN, COY, AND HARD TO PLEASE"

O woman, when we have the cash,  
And spread it round with gestures rash,  
You sure know how to coax and tease  
And you are not so hard to please;  
But when our pocketbooks are flat,  
You turn your back and holler "Scat".  
Then dig some other guy for gold,  
While we are left out in the cold.

When we can drive a limousine,  
You're always willing to be seen,  
All snuggled up close by our side,  
As down the boulevard we ride;  
But when we drive a flivver car,  
You drop us with a sickening jar;  
And as we fall, we watch you slip  
Into some other fellow's grip.

O woman, with the frazzled locks,  
With cute bare knees and rolled down socks,  
We love you, and we wish you well;  
Your end old Father Time can tell;  
We hope that you will settle down,  
And be a credit to the town;  
For when you smile, we walk on air;  
And when you frown, we're in despair.

O woman, with the scanty clothes,  
With lips and cheeks just like the rose,  
We hope you'll take an honest tip  
And not be so almighty flip;  
Some day you'll meet a working guy,  
Who'll glance at you and pass you by;  
And you'll be sorry all your life,  
That you are not that fellow's wife.

A. M. Kinney.

## DEATH CALLS E. L. BULLARD

The entire membership of the Kansas Farmers Union are grieved beyond that which may be expressed by words, to hear of the tragic death of Brother E. L. Bullard and his son.

As I sat in a great convention at Colorado Springs, a Western Union messenger boy brought a telegram, telling of the fatal accident which carried Mr. Bullard and his son, to death. At this writing, I am informed that another son is in a critical condition.

This office is not in possession of the details of the tragic accident, other than that carried by press reports, stating that it was an automobile accident which happened near St. Joseph, Missouri.

Brother Bullard was with me for several hours, on last Wednesday evening, June 10th, at Manhattan, Kansas. At this time we discussed the organization work of which Mr. Bullard was in charge.

On Thursday morning, Mr. Bullard, Secretary Kinney and myself had breakfast together and a little later, Mr. Bullard started for home, that he might be in attendance at the Osage County meeting, on Saturday. The writer started for Minneapolis, Ottawa County to speak at a Farmers' Union picnic on that day. As we had each other goodbye, my last words were, "I'll be seeing you!" Of course, never once did it enter our minds that this was our last meeting on earth.

I drove five hundred miles today, that I might be in attendance at the funeral, which will be held tomorrow, Tuesday, June 16th.

C. A. Ward

## GOT MORE FOR WHEAT

Kansas Farmers Received 15 Cents Above World Price

Head of Farm Board's Stabilization Corporation Describes Method Used to Avoid Effect of Conjunction

Marketing operations of the Farmers National Grain Corporation and the Grain Stabilization Corporation created for wheat producers in the 1930-31 season higher values by seven to fifteen cents a bushel, George S. Milnor, Chicago, general manager of the two agencies, said today.

The general manager of the federal farm board's stabilization corporation and the cooperative controlled farmers' national made the statement in an address prepared for delivery at the American Institute of Cooperation.

Sought to Avoid Conjunction  
Milnor said that during the summer of 1929, cash wheat sold at "ruinous discounts relative to options and paid tolls in millions of dollars of additional expense and demurrage on cars which had to be held on tracks for weeks and months before they could be unloaded" because of "deplorable congestion."

"In order to avoid a repetition of conditions surrounding the previous season," he said, "the Farmers National Grain Corporation, in conjunction with the Grain Stabilization Corporation, began to shift its huge holdings from every point that held the slightest indication of congestion. Thus in ample time millions of bushels of old crop wheat were gotten completely out of the way of the huge onrushing movement of new crop grains, and undeniably created a much higher level of values that otherwise could possibly have prevailed."

"Certainly no individual private agency could have accomplished this."

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## A GREAT COOPERATIVE MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the American Institute of Cooperation, Held at Manhattan Last Week, Marks a New Milestone in the History of Cooperation in This Country.

More than five hundred representatives of cooperative institutions in the United States, representing every phase of the cooperative movement, met at Manhattan last week in a series of meetings, which were of great educational value to all who attended.

This Institute of Cooperation, in its early years, if not looked upon with suspicion by western cooperators, at least, did not interest them very much. It was felt, during those first few years, that it was an organization composed of high-brows and theorists. But this meeting at Manhattan has proved that the men behind this movement are practical cooperators.

The men in charge of the various group meetings and the men who read papers before these meetings, "knew their stuff". Our Kansas cooperatives, especially, proved to the listeners that they were practical cooperatives.

The cooperative movement in this country has gotten far beyond the theoretical stage. One thing was very noticeable in these group meetings and that was, the unanimous support of the agricultural marketing act, and the Farm Board program.

We think that, without a single exception, there was not a false note to be heard in this cooperative marketing program, sponsored by our government. Possibly there were some criticisms of some of the policies of the Farm Board, but it was very friendly criticism. Anyone who attended these meetings, and listened to the splendid talks on practical cooperation, could not help but feel that there is some hope for agriculture.

Elsewhere in this paper will be found excerpts from speeches made by several of our Kansas cooperators.

Many words of commendation were heard from cooperative leaders, about our western cooperative marketing organizations.

A. M. Kinney.

## Death in Car Collision

E. L. Bullard and 12-Year Old Son Killed

St. Joseph, Mo., June 13.—The car driven by E. L. Bullard, of Vassar, Kansas in which were his son, Roal, 10 years old, and Arley, 12, collided with a truck near Cameron, Missouri, late yesterday. Bullard was killed instantly, his son, Arley, dying a few hours later. The other son, Roal, is unconscious in a hospital here, his skull having been fractured in the accident. There is a slight chance for his recovery.

Funeral services for E. L. Bullard and his son, Arley, will be held Tuesday afternoon at Lyndon, their home. President C. A. Ward, T. B. Dunn, Secretary-Manager Farmers Union Auditing Association and Charles Broom, Secretary-Manager of the Farmers Union Mutual Insurance Companies, of Salina, will attend the funeral. Many officials and managers of the Farmers' Union business activities in Kansas City and elsewhere, will also attend.

The offices of State Headquarters, Salina, will be closed Tuesday afternoon.

## Praises Farm Board

Seamans Severely Condemns Stock Selling Schemes by Co-operatives

Manhattan, Kan., June 9.—High-pressure stock selling schemes for the establishment of co-operative creameries were vigorously condemned and the work of the federal farm board here today by A. W. Seamans, general manager of the Farmers Union Co-operative Creamery, Kansas City, Mo.

"Promotion schemes fostered by persons selling stock in co-operative creamery projects on a commission basis have frequently been mistaken for honest co-operative effort by farmers and business men throughout the Middle West," he said. "Those who are called upon to join and assist new creamery enterprises would do well to solicit advice from authoritative sources as to when, where and how to establish creameries."

He declared that several regional agencies established under the direction of the farm board have brought about decided improvement in dairy marketing. These regional agencies, he said, "are set up to serve specific needs. They place co-operative service within reach of practically every co-operative creamery in the United States. This should tend to eliminate wasteful competition in selling and at the same time have a stabilizing effect upon the market."

Regarding the type of creamery best suited to the Middle West, Seamans declared:

"In Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa and parts of other states where conditions are favorable to dairying, co-operative creameries producing 250,000 to 400,000 pounds of butter annually have been very successful. This same type of creamery has not, however, proven so practical in general farming areas where dairying is a side line such as Kansas represents."

"The centralized type co-operative creamery manufacturing a million pounds or more has been found to be best adapted to general farming regions where dairying is a side line. This type of creamery in several instances has been productive of good results and produced profitable returns to producers. In the co-operative centralized field some of the most aggressive associations producing large quantities have established their own sales agencies which have proven very satisfactory."

## FARMERS UNION HOUR FEATURES F. U. CREAMERY

A. W. Seamans, Manager Farmers Union Co-operative Creamery, will have charge of the regular weekly Farmers Union Hour, which will be broadcast Friday night, June 19th, over station WIBW, Topeka.

## A LAST MESSAGE FROM E. L. BULLARD

(The following was received by State Headquarters, just one day before Mr. E. L. Bullard's death. It was written not forty-eight hours before and it thus becomes the last word which we members of the Farmers Union, who are left, ever will have from him.)

This article was originally sent to be used in the column, the "Ladies' Auxiliary," which Mr. Bullard conducted, but owing to the unusual circumstances surrounding it, we feel that we want every person who reads this paper to read it carefully.

The article referred to in the first paragraph, will be found on page 8, under the usual head, the "Ladies' Auxiliary."

Last week we made several suggestions concerning the things that constitute "Leadership". After discussing these things, please write to me if there ever was a time when we needed leadership in our rural communities that time is now. Not that we haven't the talent and ability among our farm folk, but mostly our people are not more good than those we are trying to help. So let us spend some time in trying to develop some leadership in our local and we will all be benefited thereby.

Another thing that is a subject of interest is our Creative Ability. Unconsciously from childhood we are endowed with a desire to create something. Let this talent find expression in our Locals by bringing out those things that are worth while. Let us plan our programs constructively. Let us, instead of ignoring the facts that are confronting us relative to our farms and farm life, try to find a logical solution for those problems and then after we have found what to do, do it, and let nothing interfere. If you feel that your Farmers Union Local would better serve its purpose by having a program that would not only be entertaining, but instructive, we will be glad to help you. Let us feel that the menfolk in your local are too busy with harvest and general farm work at this time of the year to arrange such a program, why not give them a surprise by this matter up at your auxiliary meeting and with the help of the Juniors give the men a program that will not only be encouraging but because it is encouraging will in turn strengthen your Local, and that in turn strengthens the general morale of the Union and helps everyone.

Our Locals are not much better than we think they are, if we think they are dead and govern ourselves accordingly, then they are dead. If we think we have the best and most progressive Local in our county and govern ourselves accordingly, the chances are we will be nearly right and our Local will continue to grow and be a thing of deep interest in our community.

Sometimes it takes vision amounting to almost a living faith to carry on against contending influences but of one thing we are sure and that is, if we all were to give up to the fight we would all be lost but if we all keep doing we are bound to win, for like Brannigan's Pup we will never get licked because we'll never give up.

A lot of times in life it takes the help of that conference to win the battle but American women have never been known to shirk or fail to carry their share of the burden in any calamity. We have ever faced America and in the present crisis that confronts Agriculture the women have a part to play. Play it by helping in the greatest organization that ever took a stand for depressed Agriculture—The Farmers Union.

E. L. BULLARD.

## Two Types of Sales

Cash Grain at Futures Explained By H. E. Witham

Manhattan, Kan., June 9.—The man making cash sales of grain, must know what his wares are worth, must be a student of market conditions and must know what grades and varieties of grain the buyer will want.

Mr. H. E. Witham, secretary of the Farmers Union Auditing Association, Kansas City, Mo., in an address here this afternoon before the grain men of the American Institute of Cooperation.

There are two types of grain transactions on primary markets, Mr. Witham explained, cash sales, in which actual grain changes ownership, and sales of grain futures, or options, in which grain of specified grade is bought or sold for delivery at a deferred date. It is the sale of cash grain, however, that establishes values for producers, grain dealers, elevatorists and millers, he said, with a basis for sales either over, under, or equal to the current option price.

"In the matter of determining the grade of carlot country-run wheat," Mr. Witham said, "especially if the grade is not up to the expectation of the shipper, he may request re-inspection. The seller's rights in this regard are equal to those of the purchaser, although this fact may not be known generally among country grain dealers."

## Two Farm Board

Jobs are Open

Two positions on the Farm Board are available for men with good ideas about agriculture.

Samuel R. McKelvie, grain member, and C. C. Teague, vice chairman and fruits and vegetable specialist, are leaving.

A third, William F. Schilling of Minnesota, has been re-appointed. Several names have been advanced to President Hoover, but so far he has given no indication of who will fill the two vacancies.

Mr. Teague left June for his Santa Paula, California, home and citrus fruit business.

Samuel R. McKelvie, wheat representative on the farm board, on his return from the London wheat conference wrote President Hoover that he would retire from the board late next week. McKelvie's term will end June 15, but he expects to remain until he has taken care of unfinished business.

The former governor of Nebraska will return to the active management of his farm newspaper at Lincoln, but will spend a part of his time on his recently acquired 5,000-acre cattle ranch in Cherry County.

"I have no present intentions to return to public life," McKelvie said today. "The experience on the farm board has been very interesting. I am confident the program will prove successful."

McKelvie's successor on the board has not been chosen, it is understood, and the vacancy may not be filled for some time.

The departure of McKelvie and Teague means the third change on the board since its formation July 15, 1929. Alexander Legge, chairman, quit in March after serving beyond his term and went back to his \$100,000-a-year job as president of the International Harvester Company.

## N. B. C. CHANGES FARM AND HOME HOUR PERIOD

Farm and Home hour, which is broadcast over the NBC network, has been advanced one hour. The program to be given Wednesday, June 17th, will begin at 10:30 o'clock in the morning, Central Standard time, instead of 11:30 as formerly.

Milo Reno, President of the Farmers Union Life Insurance Company, of Des Moines, Iowa, will be the principal speaker on this program. Mr. Reno's subject will be "Democracy."

JOHN DUNN



## To Grain Corporation

John Dunn Takes Position On the Auditing Staff

Salina, Kan., June 13.—Mr. John Dunn has accepted a position on the auditing staff of the Farmers National Grain Corporation, Sales Agency for grain, under the supervision of the Federal Farm Board.

Mr. Dunn came to Salina from Scotland in 1919, graduated from the Washington high school and was employed with the Simond Shields Lonsdale Grain Company of Kansas City and the H. D. Lee Flour Mills of Salina, as assistant accountant, and later was employed on the auditing staff of the Farmers Union Auditing Association of this city.

He left Kansas City for Indianapolis, Ind., this morning on his first assignment.

Mr. Dunn is the son of T. B. Dunn, Secretary-Manager of the Farmers Union Auditing Association, and Mrs. Dunn.

## DEMAND TO STONE

Farm Board Chairman Asked For Assurance on Wheat Carryover

## POINT TO PRICE PERIL

TOPEKA, KAN., June 12.—After hearing a plea from Kansas farm leaders that the federal farm board announce a policy calling for withholding of its carry-over wheat from competition with the new crop, Chairman Stone said today the board would give its decision on the proposal in the near future.

Chairman Stone said he would take the proposal back to Washington and that it would be given consideration by the board. It was indicated the group would be informed of the board's decision before the movement of the Kansas wheat crop begins later in the month.

MANHATTAN, June 12 (AP)—A group of farm leaders planned today to submit to J. C. Stone, chairman of the farm board, a definite demand that the board remove its stock of carry-over wheat from competition with the new crop.

It was planned to submit the demand at a luncheon for Stone attended by Senator Arthur Chapin, former Senator Henry J. Allen, Thad Hoffman, chairman of the Southwestern Millers' League, Cal. A. Ward, state president of the Farmers Union and a score or more of others.

The plan drafted for presentation to Stone pointed out that impounding of the farm board wheat would give direct government aid to the new crop prices with the cost being only carrying charges for the old wheat.

Those formulating the plan said it had been estimated that the board now controls 200,000,000 bushels of old wheat and that the storage charge on 200,000,000 bushels would be about \$3,000,000 a month.

The plan as drafted did not contemplate the farm board withholding its stock regardless of price, but asked a definite statement that the wheat would not be sold until it reached 90 cents or \$1 in Chicago.

This action, it was contended, would tend to strengthen wheat prices and permit the tariff to become operative.

## THREE AS ONE ORGANIZATION

Wheat Marketing Association and Two Subsidiaries Under One Head

Kansas City, June 15 (A.P.)—John Vesceky, president of the Kansas Co-operative Wheat Marketing association, announced yesterday the association and its two subsidiaries, the Southwest Co-operative Wheat Growers association and the Kansas Pool Elevators, have been brought under one head with headquarters to be here.

Mr. Vesceky who now is general manager for all three groups, said the move, completed Saturday, at a meeting in Manhattan, Kan., was for more efficient operation. Ernest R. Downie will be assistant general manager, Mr. Vesceky said.

## DUMP COFFEE FAR AT SEA

Brazil Goes 17 Miles Out With Part of Its Surplus

San Paulo, Brazil, June 8.—The national coffee council at Rio Janeiro today destroyed 594,000 pounds of coffee by throwing it in the ocean seventeen miles from shore. This method has been approved as more satisfactory than burning it or dumping near the shore. The latter method has led to the coffee being retrieved by the poor.

## RESULTS OF WHEAT CONFERENCE ARE ENCOURAGING

Representatives from United States Were Unprejudiced in Their Views

The Farm Board today made public the following report submitted to it by Mr. Sam R. McKelvie, covering his participation in the recent conference of the wheat exporting countries of the world, held at Canada House, London, May 18 to 21, 1931.

The Conference of the Wheat Exporting Countries of the World, called by the Canadian High Commissioner, Mr. Ferguson, was held at Canada House, London, May 18th, 1931. Eleven countries, representing ninety-five per cent of the world exportable surplus of wheat, sent delegates.

The meetings of the Conference were held on camera. The reason for this as expressed by Chairman Ferguson was to develop a full and free discussion. No observers were admitted. Communications were given to the press from time to time.

The statement of the Federal Farm Board was presented on the second day. Interest was expressed in that part of our conclusion in which it was said that stabilization supplies will not be "dumped." That was seized upon and repeatedly "interpreted" to mean that the United States was prepared to enter into a quota agreement. Your delegation permitted no such impression to prevail. It was made clear that the Federal Farm Board would not be influenced by outside sources in determining its course in stabilization.

At this time, the countries advocating the quota plan would have been well content with a recognition of the principle; indeed, that was all they proposed. Having gotten that the next steps would have come along in logical form.

The discussions hinged about this throughout the conference. Russia gave hearty endorsement to it for the reasons: (1) they would demand a quota equal to their five-year pre-war average (164,000,000 bushels), (2) they would claim the right to so-called "orderly marketing," and (3) limited exports by other countries would enable them to sell more wheat for more money.

In course of the discussions, your representatives called for a statistical exposition of how the quota plan would work. What would be the quantities that each country might export; how would the periods of marketing quotas be determined; and by whom; and how would the "pool" be controlled? No effort was made to give the answer. In fact, this was the first time that if this information was insisted upon we had as well adjourn.

We then asked what authority the delegates had to pledge, or even propose a pledge of their various countries to the quota plan. Perhaps Russia alone could not give such a pledge. Several said they had no such authority. This again indicated that it was a recognition of the principle and not the plan that they wanted. In some instances it was a clear case of political face-saving.

Your representatives felt that we alone had made contributions to the solution of this problem. For months on end the United States had been out of the export market, and as a result of this we had helped every other exporting country. At no time had we dumped our wheat nor would we. It should not be construed to mean that we would continue to "hold the umbrella." Meanwhile we had urged our growers to reduce acreage and production. We had no intention of abandoning the world market, but we hoped to get back to a pre-war export basis. All of this had been done in the interests of our own growers and we asked no sympathy or commendation for it. We did hope other countries would do likewise. Meanwhile they were in a poor position to ask approval of a policy that was unsound in principle and wholly unworkable, except as it might come about through the organization and cooperation of growers themselves. Governments could not hope to do it.

The Committee then prepared the resolutions where substantial recognition was given to principles that were in accord with what the United States Department of Agriculture and the Federal Farm Board have been trying to accomplish.

All in all the Conference may be regarded as having been worth while. Largely speaking each country will have to approach the question in its own way. This is facilitated and expedited.

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## ORGANIZATION MEETINGS AT QUINTER A SUCCESS

Quinter, Kans., June 13, 1931.  
Mr. A. M. Kinney, State Sec., Salina, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Kinney:  
I am writing to let you know how much this community enjoyed the meetings of Mr. Bullard, Mr. Shippy, Mr. Wells and Mr. Shooks. We had two meetings, the last on the 10th at which we served ice cream after the speaking. The meeting was a great success, the attendance was 150 people.

The sound reasoning and forceful remarks of these speakers will long be remembered here.

Very truly yours,  
J. M. TUTTLE, Sec. Treas.  
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## The President's Column

By CAL A. WARD

### A LIFE OF SERVICE

The passing of Brother E. L. Bullard marks a life of service.

I have known Mr. Bullard ever since I became a member of the Farmers' Union, which dates back some six years and since my becoming president of the state organization, I have been very intimately associated with him. Many times we have sat together until the wee hours of the morning and discussed the Farmers' Union and its program and I can truthfully say that such discussions were always of a constructive nature, planning and working out that which, we thought, would be best for the problems under consideration.

In the passing of Mr. Bullard, the Farmers' Union has lost a loyal and true friend. I can truthfully say that in our organization, there were none who were more interested and conscientious in the work that he loved above all other. No job was too hard, no task too difficult, for Mr. Bullard to approach.

We went to him frequently with our problems and he was always able, ready and willing to help out, in any event. Mr. Bullard's anxiety, determination and love for his work often caused him to draw on his reserve of physical strength and, many times, he worked and forged ahead, far in advance of that which was best for his strength and health. Mr. Bullard was tolerant of anyone who was honest and had noble purposes, even though such would differ with him, but he had no time nor patience with those who were insincere and those who would discredit and destroy.

He was charitable, with a lovable disposition and yet, militant and courageous. In this day of high tension, when economic conditions are so tragic, we need more men, such as E. L. Bullard, to CARRY ON.

Mr. Bullard has served the Farmers' Union in almost every official capacity, from an officer in the Local, to the vice-presidency of the state organization. Of all the various activities of the organization, with which Mr. Bullard was connected, he took special interest in the Creamery and its program. He was one of the few men who planned the Creamery program from its beginning and was a director on its Board until his health failed and he refused to stand for re-election.

At the time of Uncle John Tromble's death, he became president of the Creamery and remained such as long as he was on the Board. He served the state organization as vice-president one year and at the time of his death he was a director on the Insurance Board. Last fall he was a delegate to the national convention, which was held at St. Paul. About the first of the year, he was employed by the state organization as contact man and field representative. His work was so effective that he was made head of the organization staff, some two months ago.

His passing cannot be understood now. We will miss him as we face our problems and as the days and years come and go. We are sure that were Mr. Bullard here today, his words would be, "Think not so much of the past but look ahead, go forward, and CARRY ON with the program of organizing farmers and establishing cooperatives, that agricultural conditions may be improved."

Every member of the Kansas Farmers' Union will sympathize with the bereaved family who are left. We cannot understand. Man's ways are not always God's ways. He knoweth best and we, who are left, are inspired by the noble and courageous life of E. L. Bullard, to carry on the work for which he was always ready and willing to make any sacrifice.

CAL A. WARD.

### IMMEDIATE STATEMENT IMPERATIVE

Chairman Stone, of the Farm Board, made a very favorable impression on everyone who attended the meeting at Manhattan Friday noon, called by Cal Ward, president of the Farmers Union. There seemed to be no question as to Mr. Stone's sincerity and willingness to help. The meeting was called for the purpose of learning whether the Farm Board would clarify the statement it made in March that the corporation's wheat would be marketed in a way that would impose the minimum burden on domestic and world prices.

Senator Capper, Senator Allen, Jess B. Smith, representatives of the Journal, and Mr. Ward impressed upon Chairman Stone that their March statement was so indefinite that they were unable to tell just what the Farm

Board meant by it. They suggested as a remedy that the Farm Board made a statement that would be more explicit and give a definite minimum price at which it would sell its wheat. Chairman Stone promised to call a meeting of the Farm Board upon his return to Washington and agreed to present the suggestion to the board and promised it would decide whether a future statement is deemed necessary. That answer will be published before the new crop moves, he stated. This promise is all that could be expected from Mr. Stone, as he, of course, would have to have the approval of the board before he could go any further.

In his speech Mr. Stone gave facts which justified the operations of the stabilization corporation. He said that because of the acuteness of the situation last November, at which time the Farm Board re-entered the market, if they had not stabilized the price of wheat the responsibility for the crash in the market and also for the serious injury that would have been done to business on account of the drop in wheat prices would have been on their shoulders. We believe as serious a crisis is now at hand, and there is just as much justification for the Farm Board to help keep the price of wheat from dropping as there was at that time. If the Farm Board should make a definite statement that it would not sell any of its old crop on the domestic market in competition with the new crop coming on, until after wheat reached 85c or 90c at Chicago we believe wheat would bring 55c to 65c at the shipping stations in the middle west. This price is low enough to force curtailment of acreage. Probably a lower price would force curtailment of acreage to a greater extent, but it would also result in breaking a good many farmers, and in prolonging the depression.

An immediate, definite statement is imperative, and to create confidence with the farmers, as well as the grain trade, should come from no less an authority than Chairman Stone himself.—Salina Journal.

### A COFFEE SURPLUS IN BRAZIL

In a very few historic instances farmers with a tremendous overstock of corn have used, or more often merely threatened to use, the carry-over of their crop for stove fuel. But usually when the worst comes to the worst, in the grain belt, bread cereals may be fed to stock so that at least a fraction of their value may be retrieved. This is not true of coffee, which fact makes the Brazilian situation the more serious economically. If man doesn't consume the coffee he grows no other creature will, and when Brazil has to fall back on burning her coffee, the stuff is not useful in giving warmth, for even the smell of burned coffee is far from being the pleasant odor of the bean as parched for the roaster's market.

So it is just too bad for the coffee states of the big South American republic, and we can't help feeling deeply sorry for that long-tried land. How will she escape her present distress and how will she escape similar trials in the future, even though she carry out her present intention of tossing into the furnace from 12 to 14 million sacks of the beverage bean? The one redeeming feature, for the outside world though it has little comfort for Brazil herself, is that the low-grade coffees will be the first to go and that consequently there will be a raising of the general level of coffee quality throughout the world.

Official promulgation of an export duty on coffee amounting to 10 shillings gold as had been agreed on by the coffee states in conference has, it is believed, cleared the way for the first coffee auto-da-fé. The tax returns will be used by the government to buy up surplus stocks for further coffee holocausts. The estimate made by the Brazilian government is that proceeds of the duty will enable the authorities to destroy by fire from 12 million to 14 million bags, sacrificed to the Moloch of overproduction, to human lack of foresight and co-operation.

The big danger of the whole scheme, however, like that of other restrictive schemes, is that Brazil's forced reduction of output will serve as a bonus for competitive lands to speed their own production. There are at present several new and enthusiastic coffee-growing regions, mostly in Africa, that must not be overlooked in estimating the future of the coffee production.

### THE LEONARD WOOD MEMORIAL

Leonard Wood, while governor-general of the Philippines, began raising a fund to wipe out leprosy in the islands. After his death, the work was carried on with the idea of making the fund a memorial to Wood. The goal set was \$2,000,000. It was reached—with a little to spare—last week. About a quarter of the fund will go into buildings and equipment, and the rest will be spent over a period of 15 years in fighting this deadly and disgusting disease.

There is one phase of our adventure in tropical colonization which Americans can view with unimpaired pride. That is the war which American army doctors—with civilian help wherever needed—have waged against tropical diseases. In the matter of freedom from human tyranny, Cuba is not so much better off under Machado than under Weyler; but Cubans no longer die by tens of thousands of yellow fever. That disease has been well banished from the earth by American doctors. Leprosy may be the next to go.

Labor did not often agree with General Wood as a politician or as an administrator; but with General Wood as a promoter of health, it had the fullest sympathy. No man could ask a finer monument than the one which is being prepared for him.—Labor.

### A WORD OF CHEER

To see the united, and militant spirit of farm organizations, is a source of great gratification. Then to expose the false statements by the outside crowd, holding them up to the gaze of a disturbed world, seems the last straw needed to convince any fair-minded citizen of the righteousness of our cause. The dose being dished up to our enemies seems to be difficult of digestion, judging by the spleen they are belching up, in fact they have no argument, but substitute straw men for argument. To be plain they haven't a single prop to stand on, when simmered down to cold fact. So we want to congratulate the editor and managers of the Union paper, and only wish it were still larger; for The Lord knows those who need enlightenment, fail to tap the stream that more than satisfies.

Just recently we were talking to our neighbor about joining the union—a young married man, who is quite intelligent, but has been soured on the union because he knew some others who proved traitors to the cause, and did some questionable tricks, and still others who were dishonest and a dozen other things I might mention. So I tried to line him up with facts; showed him the accomplishment of the Union and other organizations, and finally asked him if he read the Union paper. He said, "No," so I asked him if he would read the paper if I would get him one. He agreed to read it, so I gave him a copy of the last Farmers Union paper, and also a Wheat Growers Journal of last issue, and told him to read both of them through and then weigh the matter. So please send the K. U. F. to Daryl Kirkpatrick, Winfield, Kansas, R. R. 4, for I feel he is fair enough to render a just verdict. Some objectors are disappointed because they did not get a dollar out of the machine when their nickel was dropped in. The kick did not come soon enough, so we have not only believed farmers were not reading their own paper, or else like the other fellow, who viewed the giraffe, "There ain't no such animal."

In the May 28th issue is enough of fact to convince any fair-minded man of the justice and fairness of our course. You know, "Reading makes a full man," but so many seem to be quite empty, at least of mental food, for the complete development of a normal manhood, but go through life half starved, when a splendid satisfying surplus of the very mental food lies all about them. "The lack of time" is no excuse for this neglect. If many of such starved specimens would leave the pipe or cigarette wrapping out, this wasted time would afford a whole of recreation for a neglected mind. If the F. U. organization were well enough financed to place a copy of the K. U. F. in every home in the country, there would be some movement of "Dry Bones," for no man or woman can read the paper without being convinced of its fairness and the justice of its cause.

Since the old line men and their devotees are so wise, why do they keep throwing up the argument that the marketing act of the farmers, is a subsidized affair; that it, like other subsidies, is a clear gift by Uncle Sam, while at the same time they know better, or can find the real status of the matter. Already several millions of dollars have been returned to the government, and the last cent will be turned back into the government treasury; besides, farmers are paying interest on this loan, for that is what it is, pure and simple. It happens to be this way, for private banks were not inclined to put up the dough. Too much risk, we infer. So the five hundred million is just a loan, as any other loan is made, but with a security that is absolute. This is secured much as the Old Greenback was secured, largely by the combined wealth of all the organized farmers in the United States, and we now are wondering why the government did not issue a lot more of good money for the present depression, instead of borrowing seven hundred millions, and issuing bonds, bearing interest to add to the load. There are no doubt some smart financiers, but having to borrow when the government has the power to coin or create money as its needs suggest. Yes the green back has been discussed and "cussed" but with no fonded afterglow to care for afterward.

It seems Kansas is assuming quite a risky proposition when its Chamber of Commerce endorses cooperative marketing. We wonder what put this in their heads—but just the same we wish to congratulate this intelligent body of Kansans. Among the good things said, was this, by Mr. Breidenthal of Kansas City, where he referred to those who sigh for "the good old times" as "business lobsters." "Business is justified only when it serves human wants." "Business is not an end. It is only a means to an end." This change of sentiment in the realm of economics, and the men who are eminent in the world of thought as to what is the sane and reasonable attitude to assume. The time is here for the best thought and those who are now in position to suggest the best course to pursue, are voicing the merits of cooperation; and these have no pecuniary motive to serve, but see the justice of the matter. Even our highest courts are lining up with this same idea. Outside of all this array of fact and accomplished cooperative lines, those who fought for the few liberties we, as a whole enjoy, have not been forgotten, neither has the world conflict for justice been any less intense, although without bloodshed. We sometimes wonder if the Kings of Wealth wish to hoard a few more millions of our best life in order that still greater mountains of wealth may be accumulated. Never in our history has there been such a clamor of the high-ups to romp over the tolling armies of industry, who now are wandering around seeking the marks of opportunity when there are no such doors open to them. No, the line is drawn, and the gamut of civil revolution has been taken up, and the conflict grows a pace. Starvation against opulence. What a picture!

Although slow to resent, in times of militant action, the determination to perish on this sort of battlefield, to sit down and starve, Brother Kinney has touched a responsive cord in the poem in the last Union issue, and while the march may be slow, it is no less determined. The worldly motives of our arrogant rich have been the underlying cause of this uprising of an outraged populace, and now nothing shall be permitted to obscure the vision toward which our eyes are fixed.

There our Irish friend, Jimmy O'Shea, with his Eric wit and cutting sallies, serves at a fine cheer leader, and as well nails a few pertinent facts to the scoundrel. Yes, the whole bunch from Stone down to the least menial, in his humble but needed service have enlisted for "Duration of War," and the hosts of agriculture and industry have never failed in their effort. Close by the lines, and standing as a general, Uncle Andy is noting the attitude of the inner circle, and his loud speaker is turned toward the waiting hosts at home and in the battle line, for reports of the activities of the enemy on the inside. Then Labor sings out its accomplishments and its comments on the activities of the closest legislators. So, we keep quite well advised as to the activities of the enemy as well as our friend too. We thank you, the machine is working on all six, and the batteries are working overtime; besides new and better equipment, with larger caliber is constantly being added. In fact the whole array of our set-up is somewhat terrifying to the enemy. It seems some of these hornet nests have been punctured, and the inmates are a-swarm. Too bad to disturb such a cozy household, but many precious things must be sacrificed when matters of national importance are at stake. So the thing to do is to disband gracefully to other realms where uncivilized humans still may be found. The exploiting of such will be much more simple than to subdue the hordes now in the field, but on justice and righteousness, which cannot fail. "So 'on with the dance," FRANK A. CHAPIN, Winfield, Kan., R. R. 4.

### THE FARMER SHOULD READ MORE AND PRODUCE LESS, SAYS J. D. STOSZ

Beattie, Kans., June 15, 1931.

Dear Editor:

Just finished Brother Roth's article in The Farmers Union paper of June 11 and cannot possibly agree with it. If the farmers would devote more time to reading and not to producing more crops at a loss, we farmers would be better off.

Now I cannot exactly figure out whether it is over-production or better culture methods or lack of consumption that has caused these hard times for the farmers. No matter how much a farmer may be in need of help, he cannot afford to hire it. The wages are too high and the price on farm products too low. I live on Highway No. 11, 1 mile off of Highway No. 36, the two most traversed highways in America. Every day from 12 to 15 good honest men travel these highways looking for work. These men are barbers, painters, printers and teamsters—men from all walks of life. Seventy per cent of these travelers are married and are anxiously looking for work but not for charity.

Some people think that the autos and consumption of gas have caused this depression. At the present time we have too much wheat and yet thousands of people are begging for bread. We have too much milk and butter although the President says that there are 600,000 under-nourished children in America. Cold storage houses are packed to the roof with sides bulging out with meat and eggs while at the same time the markets see a lessened supply of slaughter animals. Cotton and wool are hardly worth the picking and shearing, while people are going in tatters and rags. Hides are hardly worth taking off the animals while people are going with their toes out.

Houses and homes are being deserted. The highways are lined with people begging rides, having no definite destination—just going any place.

Although we have spent neat sums of money showing the farmer how to make two blades of grass grow where one only grew; also, we have developed a cow that will produce ten tons of milk per year, a hen that will lay 358 eggs per year, a hog that is ready for market in six months at the weight of 300 pounds and a sheep that will shear 30 pounds of wool per year, also the farmer has caused one acre of farm land to yield 40 bushels of wheat and 75 bushels of oats—yet there is some question concerning over-production being the cause of our depression.

It may be transportation facilities are contributing to the depression. Strawberries at the strawberry center, Wathena, Kansas, are selling at \$2.00 a crate. Beattie is 100 miles west of Wathena and strawberries are selling here for 35c for two quart boxes. Eggs are selling at 9c a dozen, but those same eggs are 20c each on the plate in the cities. The farmer is still the "goat." They told us farmers that highways were to be constructed to get us out of the mud. The highways were constructed but the farmers landed in the middle of the puddle.

The Marshall County Farmers Union held a wonderful meeting at Marysville last week. They surely started the "ball a-rolling." Some seemed to think that the Farmers Union was dead—but it took on new life at this meeting and is wide-awake and moving along.

J. D. STOSZ, Local No. 859, Beattie, Kansas.

## The Insurance Corner

By CHARLES A. BROOM, Secretary

Overbrook, Kansas, June 11, 1931.

Farmers Union Insurance Company, Salina, Kansas.

Kind Sirs:

I want to thank you for the \$218.75 check I received for my barn which was destroyed by fire on the night of May 23, 1931.

I should have written sooner but I have been busy and could not get to it. I want to say you were very prompt with your check, as you mailed my check to me on May 23rd. My loss was pretty heavy on me, but the insurance I had will help a whole lot. I think every farmer ought to have their buildings insured in the Farmers Union.

Again, I thank you.

Respectfully,

C. E. HASLETT.

Mr. Haslett's loss no doubt was very heavy on him, yet as he says, the insurance money helps.

We wish we could do something to prevent such losses, yet we do feel grateful that we are in a position to relieve the burden so far as possible.

We, as officers of this insurance company, are in a rather peculiar position as we represent both the persons sustaining the loss as well as the great mass of policy holders who carry the burden of the unfortunate few. Our object at all times is to see that every person gets the exact amount due him, but no more, because if we did not pay all that was due it would be unfair to the member sustaining the loss, and if too much it would be unfair to the others who pay the loss.

All insurance is mutual in principle, regardless of the manner of operation of the carrier. Every insurance company, whether mutual, stock or reciprocal, intends that the premiums received should pay the losses and operating expenses, and they do not expect to use any capital stock to pay losses.

### KANSAS UNION FARMER WEEKLY EXCHANGE

If members of the Union have anything to sell or exchange, they should advertise in this department. Rate: 3¢ per word per issue. If run 4 times 12¢ per word for the four issues. Count words as heading, as "For Sale," or "Wanted to Buy," and each initial or figure in the address. Compound words count as two words. CASH MUST ACCOMPANY ORDER. TRY THIS DEPARTMENT—IT WILL PAY YOU.

### CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

#### SEEDS AND PLANTS

FOR SALE—1 LaCrosse 4-bottom tractor plow, 3 breaker bottoms extra.—Frank Plaugher, Quinter, Kansas.

O. L. C. Brad glits, pigs, Peterson and Sons, Osage City, Kans.

#### WANTED

POSITION WANTED—As Manager of Farmers Elevator. Have had experience and success as manager of Farmers Union elevator. Can give good reference. Address K. E. L., Kansas Union Farmer, Salina, Kans.

SAY that you saw their advertisement in The Kansas Union Farmer when you write our advertiser. That protects you and helps us.

### THEODORE HAMMATT TO JOIN THE GRAIN FUTURE ADMINISTRATION

Appointment of Theodore D. Hammatt as senior marketing specialist in the Grain Futures Administration, U. S. Department of Agriculture, is announced by Dr. J. W. T. Duvel, Chief of the Administration, effective June 16.

Mr. Hammatt is a graduate of Williams College. He was president of the Crosby Roller Milling Co., Topeka, Kansas, for several years, and since 1914 has been engaged continuously in public work. From 1919 to 1923 he served as chief statistician and special assistant secretary to the Kansas State Board of Agriculture. In 1923 he was appointed by the Secretary of Commerce, Herbert Hoover, to assist in the "Survey of World Trade in Agricultural Products." Following the completion of the survey, he was placed in charge of the Grain and Flour section of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, which position he leaves to join the Grain Futures Administration.

He is author of several bulletins and publications dealing with grain marketing and export trade. His duties in the Grain Futures Administration will be to handle and to be responsible for the statistical and analytical work of the Administration, as it pertains to future trading and the grain markets in general.

### RECALLS LINCOLN TRAGEDY

Strange Juxtaposition of Two Notes in Theatre Man's Trunk

William Lyon Phelps in "Scribners."

The well-beloved Daniel Frohman sends the following interesting information:

"The late Leonard Grover, a widely known theatrical manager of the early '70s, was the manager of the theater in Washington in 1895 wherein Abraham Lincoln was shot."

"He told me the following curious story in connection with that event. 'It was the custom of the President to send word to Mr. Grover to say when it would be convenient for him and his family to attend a performance at Ford's theater.'

"One day previous to the memorable tragedy, he drove down Pennsylvania avenue and stopped in front of the theater. He tore off a margin from the newspaper in his possession, and wrote on it that he and his family would be happy to attend the evening. The play was 'Our American Cousin.'"

"About this time Mr. Grover was negotiating with J. Wilkes Booth for a continuance of his contract as an actor in the Ford theater company. Booth wrote Mr. Grover a note on a sheet of paper folded in two sections, saying he would accept the renewal. 'Mr. Grover tossed Lincoln's script into a receptacle, and he also put by Mr. Booth's letter.'

"Many years afterward (Mr. Grover told me) in looking through an old trunk to get letters and material for a book he was writing, he came across Mr. Booth's old letter, folded. Inside the fold of the letter was the strip of newspaper Lincoln had used to write on."

### A "CRISIS" TO CAPITALISM

Alfred M. Landon Warns of Concentration of Wealth  
Pittsburg Kan., June 9.—Alfred M. Landon, a member of the oil states' executive committee to study the oil situation in America, speaking today before the annual convention of the Lions Club here, said:

"If our present capitalist system is to continue, there must be cessation of the centralization of all business in a few hands to the elimination of the individual business man. There must be a policy of live and let live on the part of these large monopolies if they themselves expect to live."

"Secretary Mellon, in a recent statement, calls attention to the unhealthy condition of the country in the respect that too few persons pay the federal income taxes. That is the inevitable outcome of the economic trend."

"That is the concentration of too much wealth and too much power into a few hands, and if leaders of business and finance will take the lead in finding an orderly way out of such an unhealthy situation they will be dealing with the cause instead of the effect. The leaders of business and thought in this country are challenged by this situation."—K. C. Star.

### FELL RIGHT IN

"Yes," said Freeman, to his friend, "I started out in life with the theory that the world had an opening for me."

"And did you find it?" asked his friend.

"I certainly did. I'm in a fearful hole now."—Answers.

## Junior Cooperators by Aunt Patience

### HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THIS DEPARTMENT

Any boy or girl between the ages of six and sixteen, whose father is a member in good standing of the Farmers Union, who writes a letter for publication, can be a member of this department, and is entitled to a pin. In order to receive a book, he must signify his intentions to study the lessons and send them in. We cannot send out books to those who do not intend to send their lessons. The address to which all Juniors should send their letters is: Aunt Patience in care of the KANSAS UNION FARMER, Salina, Kansas.

Girard, Kans., May 8, 1931.  
Dear Aunt Patience:

I have read many letters of the Farmers Union paper and I finally decided to join. I am 12 years old and in the 7th grade. My father is a member of the Farmers Union. My birthday is April 25th. Have I a book? Please send me a book and pin.

Your friend,  
Mary Hammerbacher  
Care of F. P. Hammerbacher  
Dear Mary: We're awfully glad that you're joining the Junior Cooperators. I'll send your book and pin this week. You must watch the paper for your twin—write again.  
Aunt Patience.

Pfeifer, Kans., May 7, 1931.  
Dear Aunt Patience:

I have not written a letter for so long but I think I am still in time. I received a letter from Elsie Forslund two weeks ago. I answered her letter and told her to join the club because she is not a member yet.

When are you going to have the next lesson? School will be over with the 9th. We have our final examination tomorrow and Saturday. After school I will send in all the lessons. I must close.

Your niece,  
Adelaide Roth.

Dear Adelaide: I've missed your letters, too. We had a lesson May 21st and will have another one soon. Alright—I'll expect to hear from you often this summer—and don't forget to send the lessons.  
Aunt Patience.

Overbrook, Kans., May 7, 1931.  
Dear Aunt Patience:

How are you? I am well. I hope you are the same. I want to join the club. I like to read the letters. My daddy belongs to the Farmers Union. I have a little kitten. Their names are Fluffy, Patches and Spotty. I am 8 years old. I will be in the fourth grade next year. My birthday is November 2. Have I a twin?

I want you to send me a book and pin. My address is Overbrook, Kansas, Route 2. I have wanted to join your club for a long time and now I have decided to join. I think I have several friends that would like to join your club. I'll ask them some time when I see them.

Answer my letter soon. If I can get my friends to join will I earn a star? I will try to answer all of the lessons I can. I want you to put my letter in the paper. My letter is getting kind of long so I guess I had better close.

Lots of love,  
Opal May Talley.

Dear Opal: I like the names you've given your kittens. Do ask your friends to join—you'll get a star on the Membership Roll, you know. For each new member I'll send your book and pin this week—if you can find the Kansas Union Farmer of May 21st and send in the lesson which we had in that paper. Please write again soon.  
Aunt Patience.

Park, Kans., May 8, 1931.  
Dear Aunt Patience:

I am 8 years old and in the 4th grade. My birthday is May 11, 1931. I go to South Park school. I want to join your club so please send me your pin and book. I will try to get my lessons in.

Your truly,  
Clara Wildeman.  
Dear Clara: We're very glad that you've decided to join your father and become a member of our Club—your pin and book will be sent very soon. I know you will get the lessons. Write again.  
Aunt Patience.

Park, Kans., May 8, 1931.  
Dear Aunt Patience:

I have read many of the letters in your paper and I finally decided to join. I am 10 years old and in the 4th grade. My birthday is January 6. I have a little pet dog. His name is Rover. He likes to run after my cat. Please send me a book and a pin.

Your truly,  
Emma Wildeman.  
Dear Emma: Welcome to the Club—I'll send your book and pin this week. I wonder why all dogs like to chase cats? I have a little dog that likes to chase them, too. Be sure to watch for the lessons and study them carefully.  
Aunt Patience.

Garrison, Kans., May 8, 1931.  
Dear Aunt Patience:

I haven't written to you for a long time. How are you? I have been having a cold. I took the county examinations at the end of the year. I took three subjects which were, Kansas History, geography and physiology. I will be in the eighth grade next year. I sent in my essay quite a while ago but I didn't send a letter with it so I thought I would write to you. Our school was out April 23.

Your truly,  
Eleanor C. Hanson.  
Dear Eleanor: I was so glad to get your letter and I hope your cold is cured by this time. There have been so many this spring, and they seem to last so long. Your school was out early wasn't it? Please don't wait so long to write again.  
Aunt Patience.

Schoenchen, Kans., May 7, 1931  
Dear Aunt Patience:

How are you since I wrote to you last time? I am fine. I have been very busy with my school studies every day and never thought about it. I took my examinations at the end of the year and I think I got along fine in them. Some were hard and one or two were easy. I took four subjects. They were: Kansas history, geography, writing and health habits. Our school closed last Saturday. I am glad too. I found my twin already. I wish I would get my book and pin. I am waiting a long time for it. Well, I had better stop, for my letter is getting long. I'll try to get my lessons in.

Your truly,  
Julia Werth.  
Dear Julia: I've been very well, thanks. You have your book and pin by this time.

I know, as I sent it a long time ago. I'm glad you got along so well with the examinations. Did you save the lesson in the paper of May 21st? Write me soon.  
Aunt Patience.

Walnut, Kans., May 11, 1931.  
Dear Aunt Patience:

How are you? I'm fine. I heard from your examination Friday. I got 90 per cent in geography, 90 per cent in Kansas history, 96 per cent in physiology.  
My birthday is August 11th instead of February 11.  
Well I must close.

Your friend,  
Margaret Westhoff.

Care of Leo Westhoff.  
P. S. I have not received my book and pin.

Dear Margaret: I can't think what happens to all of these books and pins—yours was sent several weeks ago. Write at once if you don't have them by this time. Those are splendid grades—congratulations!  
Aunt Patience.

Clyde, Kans., May 11, 1931.  
Dear Aunt Patience:

I would like to join the club. Ruth joined the club. She likes her book and pin. I want a pin and a book. I will be in the 2nd grade next year. I can't think of any more to write.

Your truly,  
Florence Paulson.

Dear Florence: I'm glad that you wish to join the club—your pin and book will be sent this week. I hope you'll like them—write me again.  
Aunt Patience.

Clyde, Kans., May 11, 1931.  
Dear Aunt Patience:

How are you? I am fine. Thank you for the pin and book. It was nice. I have found my twin. Her name is Helen Carlson. Her birthday is April 30th. She was 10 years old. And I was 10 April 30th. I had a nice birthday. I got two pens. I can't think of any more to write.

Your truly,  
Ruth Paulson.  
Dear Ruth: I'm glad you liked the pin and book and that you've found your twin so soon. You really are twins, aren't you? You're even the same age. I'll send you a letter to join the Club. If she did, she should have a star on the Membership Roll.  
Aunt Patience.

Scott City, Kans., May 6, 1931.  
Dear Aunt Patience:

I have read your column so much that I thought I would join as I like it so well. I was in the seventh grade last year. My birthday is May 21st. Our school was out April 17. I am 13 years old and my birthday is July 26. I have a twin. Her name is Ressa. Will you please send me a book and pin. I will try to answer all the lessons.

Miss Tressa A. Conline.  
Dear Tressa: It makes me happy to know that you read our Club letters and that you like the Club well enough to join it. I'll send you a book and pin very soon—have you written your twin yet? I wonder if you saved the last lesson, which was in the paper May 21st. Please write me again.  
Aunt Patience.

Grainfield, Kans., May 11, 1931.  
Dear Aunt Patience:

Will let you know that I got my book and pin and I am pleased with them. My sister, Irene, told me to join the Club, so I did. How are you, I hope fine. I am the same. Will tell you that I have two dogs for pets, one Teddy and one Missie. I am 9 years old, my birthday is June 16. Will get my lesson in.

I close with love, your friend,  
Robert Dreher.  
Dear Robert: I'm glad to know that you liked your book and pin—I think the pins are awfully pretty. Irene will have a star after her name, won't she? Have you found your twin?  
Aunt Patience.

Grainfield, Kans., May 11, 1931.  
Dear Aunt Patience:

How are you? I am fine and hope you are the same. My sister, Irene, asked me to join your Club. My father is a member of the Farmers Union. Please send me a book and pin. I will try to get my lesson in every month. I am 7 years old, my birthday is October 8.

For pets I have a kitten, her name is Lovie.  
Your friend,  
Leonard Dreher.  
Dear Leonard: I think it's fine that Irene asked you to join the Club—I'll send your book and pin right away. We certainly have a good many October birthdays this week! Write to some of them—and to me soon.

Grainfield, Kans., May 11, 1931.  
Dear Aunt Patience:

I will let you know that I am fine and hope you are the same. It was kind of nice today. I hope it will be nice again. I am 12 years old, my birthday is April 19. I haven't found my twin yet. I will watch the paper closely every week. I have four little baby chicks.

Well, it is getting late, I must go to bed.  
Your niece,  
Irene Dreher.  
Aunt Patience.

Dear Irene: Congratulations on winning two stars—one for Robert and one for Leonard. Don't wait until you find a twin to write one of the Juniors. Choose someone who has a birthday in the same month, or someone whose letter interests you.  
Aunt Patience.

Garrison, Kans., May 6, 1931.  
Dear Aunt Patience:

How are you? I am just fine. I have been reading your letters and want to join the club. Will you please send me the book and pin? I have not found my twin yet. What are the lessons they speak about in here. Well I must close.

Your friend,  
Aldo Burkman.  
Dear Aldo: I'm glad you have decided to join our Club. The lessons are published in the paper, from time to time. The last one was on May 21st.

Dear Aldo: I've been very well, thanks. You have your book and pin by this time.

should save them and study them carefully—do the written work required and send in to me. Your book and pin will be sent this week.  
Aunt Patience.

Grainfield, Kans., May 7, 1931.  
Dear Aunt Patience:

I am 9 years old and in the third grade. I would like to join the Farmers Union club. My father has joined the Farmers Union. I have three sisters and four brothers. Their names are Clementine, Magdalena and Susie; boys are John, George, Henry, and Stephen. My teacher's name is Miss Appel. She likes me. I will get my lesson. My birthday is March 12. I want a pin and a book this week and hope you will send it. One of my sisters is married. So good bye,

Yours truly,  
Rosemary Maurath.  
Dear Rosemary: We're glad to have you as a member. You have your book and pin and book at once. Perhaps some of your sisters or brothers would like to join the Farmers Union. Write to me for a star after your name on the Membership Roll, for each new member. Please write me soon.  
Aunt Patience.

Grainfield, Kans., May 15, 1931.  
Dear Aunt Patience:

How are you? I hope fine. I am O. K. Dear Patience, I would like for you to send my book and pin. I sent it off in March already and haven't got it yet. Have I a twin. This is the third time I have written to the Kansas Union Farmer. I told one of my friends to join the Farmers Union, Kate Wolf, and she did.

Sincerely yours,  
Seraphine Engel.

Care of John Engel.  
Dear Seraphine: I'm sorry to be a month late in answering your letter, but I'm awfully behind. You have your book and pin by this time, don't you? Who was the friend who said you would like to join the Farmers Union? Write to me for a star for that, you know.  
Aunt Patience.

Grainfield, Kans., May 15, 1931.  
Dear Aunt Patience:

How are you? I hope fine. I am O. K. We had a picnic eight miles from town Thursday, May 14. Our school was out May 13. I was in the 4th grade and passed to the 5th grade. Next year I am going in the new schoolhouse. My teacher will be Miss Highley. We got some company tonight. Our picnic was so nice. We were out in the country. There was a river and some fishes. We climbed mountains.

I have to close because this letter is getting long. Today is windy and yesterday was hot.  
Your niece,  
Irene Engle.

Dear Irene: I enjoyed your letter. I know you must have fun on the picnic. Did you catch any fish in the river? Congratulations on passing to the 5th grade. Please write me again.  
Aunt Patience.

Quinter, Kans., May 20, 1931.  
Dear Aunt Patience:

I would like to become a member of the club. My father is a member of the Farmers Union. Will you send a book and pin. I will try to get the lessons. I am 8 years old.

Willietta Blickenstaff.  
Dear Willietta: Welcome to our Club. We're glad you've decided to join. I'll send your book and pin very soon. Please give us your birthday date, so you can find your "twin."  
Aunt Patience.

Rydal, Kans., May 20, 1931.  
Dear Aunt Patience:

I have sat down to write to you. My birthday is May 12. Have I a twin? I wish if anyone's birthday is the same as mine she would write to me.

I asked my cousin, Geraldine Ames, to join. Would I get a star? I have been watching in the paper for our essays.  
Your niece,  
Maxine Ames.

Dear Maxine: You must watch for your twin. You must write to someone whose letter is printed this time—it isn't absolutely necessary that your birthday dates be the same. You can have a sort of substitute twin, until you find your real one. Did Geraldine Ames join? If she did, you get a star, of course.  
Aunt Patience.

Hoxie, Kans., May 12, 1931.  
Dear Aunt Patience:

How are you this time? I suppose you thought I was never going to send in my essay. Well, I have thought of it lots of times but have been so busy since school was out the 18th of April. I sure was glad it was out. I have joined the 4-H club, also. I wonder how many boys and girls in our club have joined the 4-H club. I got my book and pin. They sure are lovely. Well, since my letter is getting quite long, I will close.

Your truly,  
Louise Schlicher.  
Dear Louise: I certainly did think you'd never send your essay. I'm glad you've joined the 4-H club. I'll send your book and pin right away. I'm so glad you like the book and pin—write again.  
Aunt Patience.

Collyer, Kans., May 12, 1931.  
Aunt Patience,

Salina, Kansas.  
I would like to join the junior club. Ma father is a Farmers Union member. I would like to join the club. I would like to be one of your club members. I am 10 years old and in the fifth grade. I went to school every day this winter without being absent or tardy. Quentin Stradal is sending in my membership. Send me a book and pin. Thanks.

Yours truly,  
Frank Adair Stradal.  
Dear Frank: My—that's a wonderful record—to go to school every day last winter without being absent or tardy. Alright—we'll give Quentin a star and we'll send you a book and pin. Your book and pin will be sent this week. Write me again.  
Aunt Patience.

Burns, Kans., May 17, 1931.  
Dear Aunt Patience:

I have read your page of the paper for a long time, but have never written to you. My father is a member of the Farmers Union. I would like to join the Junior Cooperators. I am 11 years old. My birthday is October 12th. I am in the 7th grade next year. I will study my lessons if I will send me a book and pin. I will watch for a twin.

I will close as my letter is getting long. My sister may join too, if she does she will send it with me.  
Yours truly,  
Miss Fern McIntosh.  
Rural Route 2.

Care of Olen McIntosh.  
Dear Fern: We're glad you've been reading our page and that you've decided to become a member of our Club. Your book and pin will be sent this week. Let me know when you find your twin and watch for the lessons.  
Aunt Patience.

Grainfield, Kans., May 17, 1931.  
Dear Aunt Patience:

I have read your part of the paper for a long time, but have never written to you. My father is a member of the Farmers Union. I am in the 5th grade and I am 9 years old. My birthday is Dec. 9.

Will you please send me a book and pin. I will send my lessons in every month. I will watch for a twin. I hope I will see my name in the paper. I will close, hoping to join your club.  
Yours truly,  
Rosalie McIntosh.

R. F. D. 2.  
Care of Olen McIntosh.  
Dear Rosalie: Yes, indeed, your book and pin will be sent this week. Welcome to the Club. We're glad to have you as a member. Please write again.  
Aunt Patience.

## Ladies' Auxiliary

By E. L. BULLARD

We wonder how many of you have been to the suggestions made in this department for programs to be used in your meetings? Here are a few suggestions to use for discussion and papers:

1. Can you exercise self-control when things go wrong?
2. Are you cheerful and free from grouchy spells?
3. Do you keep your head in an emergency?
4. Do others respect and cooperate with you? If not, why?
5. Can you maintain discipline without using authority?
6. Can you stand being opposed without saying things you will regret later?
7. Have you the cooperative and not the competitive spirit?

Have you vision?  
A frank discussion of these will help you to develop leadership in your local and community and no doubt will help some to eliminate some of their bad habits from their makeup that here-not until then, are we really a good tofore has hindered them from being cooperators."

"Mrs. John Anderson."

untill frothy, add salt and cream of tartar, and continue beating until eggs are just stiff enough to hold their shape.

Add the remaining cup of sugar gradually, one tablespoon at a time, to the eggs, beating it in with the egg beater. Add vanilla and continue beating two minutes longer. Fold in the flour-sugar mixture lightly. It, too, should be added gradually. Continue folding two minutes after all is in. This latter part is very important, as it has much to do with producing a fine, even grain in the cake. Pour batter into an ungreased angel food cake pan. Tap on table several times to remove air. Bake in a moderate oven (325 degrees F.) from 45 to 55 minutes. Remove from oven and invert pan until cool.

The right baking temperature is important. The one suggested gives a tender cake with a delicate brown crust. An extra size pan will be needed for this cake, since it is larger than the usual one.

### RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY

Whereas: It has pleased our Heavenly Father to send our dear sister, Sister, Viola Holiday.

Be it Therefore Resolved, that we the members of Baldwin Creek Local Union No. 1389, extend to the bereaved family our heartfelt sympathy in this their hour of sorrow.

And Be it Further Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, a copy spread on the minutes of this meeting and a copy be sent to the Kansas Union Farmer for publication.

Mrs. Hannah Anderson  
Mrs. Dollie Nelson  
Gust Larson  
Committee.

### RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCE

Whereas our Dear Sister, Mrs. Mary Allen, has been called from our midst we realize the loss to the community, and to Spring Hill Local No. 1570 of Minneapolis, Kans.

Resolved, therefore we extend the sincere sympathy of the members of Spring Hill Local to the bereaved husband and family.

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved husband and family, and to the Union Farmer, and one be spread on the minutes.

Mrs. Lola Cline,  
Mrs. Grace Schmidt,  
Mrs. Jennie Tompkins,  
Committee.

### RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCE

Whereas our Heavenly Father in His Infinite Wisdom has called from our midst Harold Adams, son of Brother and Sister Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Adams.

Now be it therefore resolved that we members of the Piqua Union Local 2151 of the Kansas Farmers Union herewith respectfully pay tribute to the bereaved family our heartfelt sympathy.

Be it furthermore resolved that we cause copies of these resolutions to be sent to the family of the deceased, that they be spread on the minutes of the Local.

and a copy printed in the Kansas Union Farmer.

G. A. Westermann,  
C. A. Adams,  
H. L. Habiger,  
Committee.

### RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY

Whereas: It has pleased an all-wise God to remove from our midst the mother of our honorable Secretary-Treasurer, Earl Larson.

Be it Resolved, that the members of Baldwin Creek Local Union No. 1389 extend their sympathy to the bereaved family.

And Be it Further Resolved, that a copy be spread on the minutes of this meeting, and a copy be sent to the Kansas Union Farmer for publication.

Signed:  
Joel Nilson  
Albert Isaacson  
Chas. Larson  
Committee.

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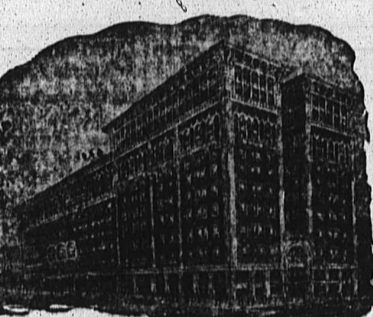
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## THATCHER REPORTS GOOD MAY COME OF WORLD WHEAT MEET

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countries. Those represented besides Canada were the United States, Australia, Argentina, Bulgaria, Hungary, India, Poland, Rumania, Yugoslavia, and Soviet Russia.

The following cable has been received from Mr. Thatcher:

"Berlin, Germany, June 4, 1931  
"Farmers Union Herald,  
"St. Paul, Minnesota.

"Capitalists on trial all over Europe. Severe unemployment and strikes. Tariffs built on greed are the cure of the world. Nordic countries with clean government and sound cooperatives on a national basis have an enviable national economy.

"The Nordics in spring wheat region must be the cornerstone of producer and consumer co-operatives as a pattern for mass production if worse conditions in America are to be averted. Farmers Union program is sound and the real hope.

"My survey of the cooperative movement in Europe is proving beneficial and encouraging. I look forward to my return to my comrades and our membership with greater desire and determination to carry on Farmers Union program to complete the task."

—From F. U. Herald.

## RESULTS OF WHEAT CONFERENCE ARE ENCOURAGING

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pedited by convulsions that lay bare the underlying facts. Acreage reduction is coming about in Australia, Argentina and Canada through sheer necessity. It will be hastened by a realization that there is no legerdemain by which such abnormal quantities of wheat can be produced at a profit to the grower. It is apparent that Russia is not so happy with her situation, and some of the Balkan States are looking to other crops than wheat. These are encouraging signs.

The proposal to develop a clearing house of information for the possibilities of the Olsen will serve on the committee that will study this question. It looks to the development of more accurate information regarding acreage, crop conditions, old-turn and unloadings in import markets. Russia's approval of this proposal should mean that important information needed from that country will now become available, and if it is, one of the most highly speculative elements in the market will have been removed. The form that the clearing house may take remains for Committee to recommend to the several governments.

The conversations were spirited at times, but good feeling prevailed throughout. At the close, Russia was inclined to be critical of the United States and gave out a statement blaming us for having caused the failure of Russia to get the commitments she wanted did not signify the failure of the Conference. Rather the reverse was true. We had no favors to ask and could be unprejudiced in our views.

## GOT MORE FOR WHEAT

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ency or any group of private agencies could have accomplished these results. Only an agency of nation-wide importance and which had uppermost in mind the interests of the producer could have done so.

"The result actually achieved by creating this space and permitting new wheat to be properly merchandised and housed actually made a difference in value to the producer of anywhere from seven to fifteen cents a bushel."

## Success Despite Handicap

Minors said the agencies in the past year in which they "actually started functioning" had been beset by economic and political conditions which had drawn from Alexander Legge, former chairman of the Federal Farm Board, a statement to the effect that he could conceive of no combination of circumstances that "could prove inimical to the launching of a successful cooperative marketing program than has militated against our first year's endeavor."

In spite of their untoward conditions," Minors said, "the active antagonism of the great bulk of our vested grain interests and their exchanges of boards of trade, we have pursued our course and can, we think, point to a record of many achievements which bid fair ultimately to encompass the purpose of the marketing act; namely, to place agriculture on a basis of economic equality with other industries."

The Farmers National, he said, has handled "much more than 100,000,000 bushels of the producers grain during the present crop season, necessitating establishment of merchandising agencies at points strategically located with reference to consuming territories."

"To some extent," he said, "our program might be said to be in its embryonic state, as naturally much additional expansion confronts us."

We are not telling the farmer anything they have to do, he said, for we have no desire or authority to do that; but are just passing on to them the information we have gathered of world conditions, with our recommendations, made as a result of our best judgment, for their best interests.

Mr. Stone referred with apparent feeling to misinterpretations and misrepresentations of former statements as to policy made by the board, and intimated its reluctance to make such statements in the future, because of such misrepresentation on the part of some of those who are opposed to the farm board act.

Prevented Bank Failures  
He pointed out to the credit of the farm board operations that while by buying wheat in the past the board may lose some of the funds appropriated for its operations, yet, by maintaining a price for domestic wheat of 25 cents a bushel above the world price the past year, \$100,000,000 had been made for wheat producers in this country. In addition, by so doing he declared, the board has prevented reductions in price that would

## NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES

## COOPERATIVE MARKETING MUST GO FORWARD

Quinter, Kans., June 12, 1931  
Dear Cooperators:

Today finds this section just singing in the rain. Had ripping meetings everywhere this week. A keener interest being shown as time wears along—real people out here, and they are becoming more cooperative minded each week. The answer was found when the Farm Board stepped out of the wheat market—a 13c tumble on Minneapolis was that answer as to whether or not the farmers of this country are to abide by the Agricultural Marketing Act and work with the Farm Board or not. It is to be the victims of the self-centered interests. More has been done to stimulate Cooperative Marketing in the past fortnight than has been done in several times that time in our history. Mr. Smiley's auto stickers, "Get the Gov. Out of Private Business," will be the most welcome thing I know of. He will have that amount of investment against this year's business.

He states Kansas farmers are against the Act and do not want government interference. I feel he is not responsible because farmers do not express their true mind when talking to their arch enemies. Anyway I would like to know where he gets this brand of farmers. I have found none in Kansas who love the old line grain trade. Mr. Smiley must have gotten most of his information from G. E. Engle of Abilene, Kansas, as I know the Kansas Farmer this gentleman says he is the oldest live stock auctioneer in Kansas. This has been my game for 21 years and it surprises me that he knows me so well.

One of my profession take the attitude he does. I never believed in biting the hand that fed me. Possibly his age has caused this. His arguments are childish. He says 90 per cent of the successful farmers of Dickinson Co. are against the Board, if they do not heed the times. If they listen to his version they will be up against more than the Board. They will be against the wall, praying for any kind of a board to speak those who forced them back. He says Mr. Farmer is the most independent person on earth. I disagree again. I say Mr. Farmer is the most dependent, and will be until he has a voice in what he shall receive for the products of the farm. Old line institutions say: Cooperative Marketing must go. I agree they must go forward. I hope to see the day when the farmers can present those of the destructive type with nice shiny padlocks. This is a man's job and most farmers are good men, and they have the best helpmates on earth. These good farm wives and mothers. My mother is still out there on the farm 66 years old and it has not made her look like a modern flapper either. I know your trials, I know your hardships, ladies. I feel a great deal of concern during these times when after your drudgery with milk, pails, separators, chick raising, egg production, with present markets it's most disheartening. A word from you to your neighbor will help. I ask for your valuable assistance.

Think it over.  
Cooperatively,  
J. E. SHIPPS,  
Belleville, Kans.

## OTTAWA COUNTY FARMERS UNION PICNIC JUNE 11

The Ottawa County Farmers Union picnic was held on June 11, as we had advertised.

As usual, we had a rainy day. But a greater part of the program was carried out.

While it had rained some the night before, and was still threatening rain, the members and their friends, began to assemble at about 10 o'clock, and by time for the races, there was quite a large crowd assembled.

It had also begun to rain again by this time, but we had a few races and as it continued to rain arrangements were made so that those that had brought their dinners could go to the basement of the I. O. O. F. hall and enjoy their lunch out of the rain.

After lunch, the Minneapolis high school band gave us several selections, with their band under their director, Mr. Doll, that was enjoyed by all.

As the rain had made the grounds and equipment too wet to be pleasant in the park, the officials of the I. O. O. F. lodge of Minneapolis, offered us a beautiful dining room for the balance of our program which was accepted by us very thankfully under the condition.

After the music by the band, the congregation assembled in the lodge room, and was called to order by County President, Mr. A. D. Rice, who introduced Mr. Coudis, president of the Chamber of Commerce, who gave us the welcome address for the city of Minneapolis and the Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. A. R. Reafsynder of Mt. Pleasant Local gave the response to the welcome address. As we had had to change our arrangements of program on account of the weather conditions, and our State President, Mr. Cal A. Ward, who was to address us, was in Manhattan attending the Institute of Cooperation, and had to drive from there to Minneapolis in the rain to make the address, arrived at this time. He was given the opportunity to address the audience at once, which he did. He gave one of his forceful and intelligent addresses of which he is capable of doing at any and all times, without having to resort to a prepared address written out ahead of time.

have caused the failure of many banks which with the train of losses that would have followed, would have cost the people of this country billions of dollars.

He pointed out that crop conditions in several foreign countries are such as to lend hope for better prices for wheat here, stating that he thought the chances were three or four to one for the wheat price to advance rather than to decline further.

Mr. Ward was attending the Co-operative Conference at Manhattan, and drove all the way to Minneapolis in the rain and mud, and we certainly appreciate the strenuous effort he made to be with us.

Mr. Rex Lear, manager of the Farmers Union Life Insurance Co., also gave a short snappy talk on farm conditions and Life Insurance.

Mr. Lear shoots straight from the shoulder and there can be no doubt as to his belief on the subjects which he discusses.

His talk was well received by the audience and he also made many friends during his visit to our city.

## as a great many of our public speakers have to do.

The audience listened with intense interest to what he had to say. After the address of Mr. Ward, a program by the locals was presented. The locals taking part and furnishing numbers, were:

Lake Side Local—A selection of music by Miss Nettie Bates Grover; music by its young people's orchestra, and a reading by Miss Clela Morton.

Spring Hill Local—a song by its members and a reading by Miss Helen Roy.

There were to be numbers by other locals but owing to the rain the ones to take part did not get to come.

Mr. Rex Lear, of the Farmers Union Life Insurance Co. gave a short talk after the program of the locals, that was very interesting and to the point.

As this completed the program as far as it could be carried out, the meeting was dismissed and all seemed to be well pleased to think they had come, even if it had rained and caused much inconvenience. All hoped that we might have a better day next year.

We wish to take this opportunity to thank The Chamber of Commerce and City Council for their able assistance in helping to carry out our picnic and program; also the Minneapolis High School band and all who helped with the music. We also wish to thank the members of the different committees for the part they took in helping along with the locals that took part, by putting on the different numbers on the program.

Corresponding Secretary.

## ANDERSON COUNTY

The Anderson County Farmers Union will meet in regular session Saturday evening, June 20 at Lone Elm, Kansas.

There will be a program and speaker. Ice cream will be served. Ladies bring cakes. Every local should be represented.

County Correspondent.

## L. E. WEBB ADDRESSES COUNTY UNION

The regular June meeting of the Stafford county Farmers Union met in the community room at the court house Tuesday evening, June 2, at eight o'clock.

All the locals were represented. Activities were reported by the locals. It was reported that the appropriation for the fair booth was granted by the county commissioners, thus assuring the booth at the fair this fall. Mr. O'Connor was retained to see if the appropriation for last year could not be secured.

The annual picnic was discussed. Plans committee reported general plans for the day. Athletic events, picnic dinner, program and speaker. Committees on grounds, concessions, athletics, and program were appointed. The place of holding the picnic was again changed, thinking to interest others who have never attended. It will be staged at the Geo. Honner grove five miles west and two north of St. John, August 19.

L. E. Webb, of Dodge City was present and spoke to an interested bunch of listeners about the doing of the farm organizations in Kansas during the last legislature. He spoke of those who opposed farm legislation and urged us to acquaint ourselves with their stands on things of interest to us that we might influence them to see our side.

The next county meeting will be held the evening of August 4.

Chas. Kendall, correspondent.

## OTTAWA COUNTY PICNIC

Minneapolis, Kan., June 11.  
The Ottawa County Farmers Union held their annual picnic at Minneapolis on June 11.

The crowd began to arrive at the beautiful Markley Grove at an early hour and by eleven o'clock the park was well filled with many people from all parts of the county.

The races were just well started when it began to rain and the rest of the morning program had to be abandoned.

We then adjourned to the I. O. O. F. dining room for dinner, and what a beautiful dinner it was.

There seemed to be a decided overproduction of good things to eat and you may rest assured that the Ottawa County farm ladies are most excellent cooks.

At one o'clock Prof. Doll and his High School band entertained us for about an hour with some splendid music.

The rest of the afternoon program was held in the large assembly room of the I. O. O. F. hall, which was filled to capacity with many more from the outside who could not get in.

Mr. A. D. Rice presided and the program was opened by an address of welcome by Price Carliss, president of the Chamber of Commerce.

Ralph Reafsynder responded with a short talk which was of much interest to all present.

President Cal A. Ward was the principal speaker of the afternoon and it was a most interesting and instructive plea for cooperation, loyalty and fair dealing.

There can be no doubt that Mr. Ward has the truest interests at heart and he made many friends at this meeting, and we hope we may have the pleasure of having him with us again soon.

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## and we hope he will visit us often.

Several excellent numbers were presented by the Locals.

The last event of the afternoon was a ball game between the Brewer and Bennington Farmers Union teams. Brewer won the game by a score of 3 to 2.

Montgomery Ward & Co. and Sears Roebuck & Co. donated balls for the ball game. If you are going to patronize mail order houses, we suggest that you trade the above named stores.

The dance in the evening was well attended and all reported having a good time.

We heartily endorse the splendid cooperation of the City of Minneapolis and thank them for the courtesies shown us in carrying out our picnic.

We also thank each and every one of our Farmers Union members who so loyally assisted in making the picnic a success in the face of bad weather conditions. Let all boost for the Farmers Union and have a still better picnic next year.

I. E. Sewell, Secretary.

## WOODSON COUNTY LOCAL TO MEET JUNE 18

The Woodson county Farmers Union will hold their regular monthly meeting at Toronto Thursday evening June 19.

We extend all in this county and surrounding community a welcome invitation to be present at this meeting.

Henry C. Burkle, Secretary.  
Toronto Local 2183.

## GREENWOOD CO. UNION MEETS

Local Union 1498 of Greenwood Co. met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Sheets Friday evening June 12th. After the regular business meeting, we enjoyed a short program of music and contests, then our entertainer, Mrs. May announced that a shower was approaching, and Misses Edythe Sheets and Laura Greenwood entered under umbrellas, carrying between them a large basket of gifts which were presented to Miss Violet Peet in honor of her birthday.

There were about forty people present and all united in wishing Miss Violet much happiness in her future life.

Refreshments were served by the hostess and her daughter. The next meeting will be June 25 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Culver.

## MAUD BANGS, Cor. Sec.

## ANDERSON COUNTY F. U. PLANS TWO MEETINGS

The meeting of Anderson Co. Farmers Union will be held in Lone Elm Kansas June 20, in the evening. Mr. Howard Cowden is the speaker and we will have a 4th of July picnic at Lone Elm, Kansas and Mr. C. A. Ward will be our speaker.

C. A. WATKINSON, Pres.,  
Garnett, Kans.

## SPRING HILL LOCAL HOLDS MEETING

Minneapolis, Kans., June 13, 1931.

The Spring Hill Local 1570, Minneapolis, Kan., held their regular meeting June 12, with a house full of members and their families. Besides having the regular business, we initiated one new member.

Our local made a good representation at the county picnic held June 11 at the Markley grove. It began to rain about 11:30 and we had to eat our dinner and listen to the program in the Odd Fellows hall. Everyone enjoyed the speakers, who were Cal Ward and Rex Lear. Several of the locals put on some good numbers. Our Local is planning a picnic at Lake Goodwin next Sunday.

Mrs. Chas. E. Blades, Reporter.

## WHEAT MARKET UNSETTLED; FEED, GRAIN BARELY STEADY

Domestic wheat markets were unsettled during the week ending June 13. New crop deliveries remained weak but old crop cash wheat advanced sharply with current arrivals at most markets below grade requirements, according to the Weekly Grain Market Review of the United States Bureau of Agricultural Economics. Rye held generally steady under the strengthening influence of unfavorable prospects for the new crop. Feed grain markets were not materially changed from a week ago, with moderate offerings generally equal to trade needs. Flax held about unchanged with the influence of unfavorable prospects for the domestic crop largely offset by a weak market situation in Argentina.

WHEAT—Harvesting of the new domestic winter crop is in progress in the Southwest and has extended to northern Texas. A crop of 649,115,000 bushels of winter wheat was indicated by the June 1 condition of 84.3 per cent. This is a reduction of about 3,000,000 bushels from the amount indicated by the May 1 condition but is about 45,000,000 bushels over last year's crop. Of the total amount approximately 402,000,000 bushels will be hard wheat, 208,000,000 bushels soft winter and the remainder fall-sown types of white wheat. The condition of spring wheat at the first of June was the lowest ever reported on that date and was only 67.9 per cent of normal. Lowest conditions were reported in the important spring wheat areas of the Dakotas, Montana and the Pacific Northwest where lack of moisture has caused serious deterioration but there has been no material relief from drought in the large central wheat producing area from Brandon, Manitoba, through central Alberta. Light rainfall over widespread areas since the first of June has temporarily checked further deterioration but more moisture is urgently needed in most areas.

European crop conditions outside of Russia held mostly unchanged during the week. German crop conditions continued above average although winter killing was slightly heavier than earlier reports indicated with a

loss of 3.8 per cent indicated June 1 for winter wheat. Harvesting in France is being delayed by rainy weather but trade estimates place the harvest at 276,000,000 bushels, or about 45,000,000 bushels over last year's output. The Italian crop is unofficially placed at 240,000,000 bushels. The quality of the new crop is reported generally good. Russian spring wheat seedings to June 1 were placed at 55,000,000 acres as against 48,000,000 seeded to the same date a year ago.

Domestic cash wheat markets advanced sharply during the week for old crop grain with current arrivals below trade requirements at the principal markets. Heavy marketings during May reduced farm and country stocks so that present offerings are unusually light. Receipts at the principal winter wheat markets totaled only 1,296 cars, or only about one-third of those of the previous week. Competition among mill buyers advanced prices 7 to 8 cents per bushel at Kansas City, Omaha, St. Louis, Fort Worth and other markets in that area. At the close of the market June 12, No. 2 hard winter ordinary protein was quoted at Kansas City at 75 1-2 and 12.50 per cent. protein at 76c per bushel; No. 1 hard winter ordinary protein at Omaha at 72 1-2 c. at St. Louis at 82c and at Fort Worth delivered Texas common points at 79-80c per bushel. No. 2 hard winter was quoted 74-75c shipping points in Colorado at 40-45c per bushel. Quotations on new wheat did not follow the advance of old crop grain. The first crop of the season was quoted at 82c at St. Louis, 82c at Omaha, 82c at Kansas City, 82c at St. Louis and 82c at Cincinnati at 82c per bushel.

Big game animals in the National Forests now number more than a million head. A gain of approximately 9 per cent in 12 months is shown by the annual wild game census of the Forest Service, U. S. Department of Agriculture, just announced.

The total big game population of 1,073,111 is an approximation of the number in the 151 National Forests as of the first of this year, the figures being based partly on counts, partly on estimates by experienced local forest officers. Game animals on public and privately owned range outside the National Forests were not included in the estimates. The National Forests, however, include the greatest total area of big game range now remaining in Government ownership.

This year's increase is chiefly in deer, but elk also have gained considerably. Moose, mountain sheep, mountain goats, and antelope, none of which is very numerous, show better prospects for existence in fair numbers, although the great grizzly gave ground in many of the National Forests and black and brown bears suffered in some localities.

Big game hunters, naturalists and the nature-loving public may thank the better protection, systematic control of predatory animals, and better range conditions for the preservation and improved status of game, according to the Forest Service.

## FARMERS ORGANIZE COMPANY

Bismarck, N. D., June 10.—The Farmers Union of North Dakota has organized a company here to write automobile, fire and tornado insurance. W. E. Matthaei, Fessenden, is Secretary and Manager.

The company has been incorporated and application has been made to the insurance department for a license to operate in North Dakota. C. C. Talbot, Jamestown, president North Dakota Farmers Union was elected president of the company. Other officers are D. L. O'Connor, New Rockford, Vice-President; E. H. Burke, Edmore, Treasurer; E. P. Christian, Minot; William Suckert, Beach; George Schwartz, Mott; and J. M. Lloyd, Fessenden, are directors.—National Underwriter.

KANSAS CROP REPORT FOR JUNE, 1931

Kansas winter wheat prospects declined during May. The forecast of production is 167,776,000 bushels compared with 173,768,000 bushels forecast a month ago, 158,422,000 bushels produced last year and 130,748,000 bushels the 1925-29 five year average production. This report was released by F. K. Reed of the United States Department of Agriculture and J. C. Mohler of the State Board of Agriculture. The condition of the crop on June 1 is reported as 83 per cent of normal. This compares with 92 per cent a month ago, 69 per cent on June 1 average of 69 per cent. The June 1 condition of this year indicates a probable average yield of 14.0 bushels per acre. The average yield last year was 13.5 bushels and the ten year average 13.1 bushels per acre. The crop deteriorated rapidly during May in north central, northwest, and some central counties due to lack of moisture, lack of nitrates in the soil, frost injury, insect damage, and shallow rooting. Moisture supplies during May were below normal in most sections of the state, however, eastern, south central and southwestern areas received rains at the close of the month which were very beneficial.

Present prospects are for yields about average in north central and northwestern areas but below those realized last year, especially in the northwest. Yields equal to last year and above average are indicated in west central Kansas while the central area has prospects for about average yields but below those of a year ago. Yields in the southwest and south central areas promise to be above last

## year and above the average. The crop in south central Kansas is especially promising. In the eastern third of the state yields equivalent to those of last year and well above average are expected. The crop is slightly late in the principal wheat areas and harvest is not expected to get under way till the close of the month with little wheat moving in June. The crop needs moderate temperatures at the maximum of present possibilities is to be realized. Additional moisture is needed in the western third and the central and north central portions of the state.

Crop prospects for the United States are: Winter wheat 84.3 per cent and production 649,115,000 bushels against 649,000,000 last year and the 1925-29 average of 547,000,000 bushels. Rye production this year 43,766,000 bushels, last year 50,200,000 bushels. Condition all spring wheat 67.9 per cent, oats 84.7 per cent, peach production this year 78,091,000 bushels, last year 53,300,000 bushels. Pears this year 23,572,000 bushels, last year 25,700,000 bushels.

ASK ME ANOTHER

Vance Rucker  
Marketing Specialist K. S. C.

1. What constitutes a quorum of directors of a corporation?  
A majority of the directors shall constitute a quorum.

2. Must annual meetings be held?  
An annual election of directors shall be held at such time and place as the by-laws of the corporation may require.

3. Who may be directors?  
No, not necessarily. The directors shall choose one of their number president and shall appoint a secretary and treasurer of the corporation, who may or may not be directors of the corporation.

4. Do all officers come from the board of directors?  
Yes. The law says before entering on their duties they shall each take an oath or affirmation faithfully to discharge the duties of his office.

5. Do directors take oath of office?  
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6. Who adopts the by-laws?

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